



April 2026

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Meeting: Foundry United Methodist Church.

When: April 2, 2026 at 6:30 P M.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church

2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

4/2 General Meeting.

Speaker: Joe Grist the VMRC commissioner as been tentatively scheduled.

Subject: The cold stun from this past winter and the possible closing of Speckled trout season until July.

Seller proceeds will be distributed for those that sold items at the GBFA that haven't already received them.

4/11 Crab Creek Cleanup.

If you would like to help, please meet Ronnie at the Crab Creek boat ramp on Saturday morning at 9:30. There will be food afterward for the participants.

4/16 Board Meeting – Foundry United Methodist Church.

4/18 Lead Pouring Party.

4/25 Fish Fry.

4/30 Ocracoke Invitational Fishing Tournament.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2026

Species

Angler

Weight

Bowfin

Spot

Sheepshead

Cobia

Tautog

Roulette Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:
vbangersclub@gmail.com
Ike Eisenhower –
email:Jeisenhower2@cox.net
Cell: 757-373-6051

Want-to-go-fishing?

See Page 22.

The President's Message

I just got home from the Boaters safety course, which went very well. Very nice people who appreciated the club sponsoring the event. One guy even donated 50 bucks to the club. We have a busy month ahead as temps rise and fishing opportunities start to get rolling after the nasty cold we have experienced this winter. The crappie tournament was a big success, with approximately 40 anglers participating and noted fish killer Micki Walsh taking the top prize with a 14.25-inch fish. We have the first Crab Creek clean up, followed by the lead pouring party, and the fish fry on successive Saturdays. I will be sending out an email in regard to participation in the Frisco Woods camping trip in June. We may decide to have a less formally club supported event this year and reassess next year. There is talk of a trip on Miss Hatteras one of the days of the weekend in question. More to follow on this. I'm still formulating the charter trip plan for this year. I was thrown a bit of a curve ball with Havoc charter boat being sold by Brandon, our boat for the last two years for the Black Sea Bass Bash. I do think we will do a puppy drum trip with Eric Meyers on Chasin Tails charters in the Lynnhaven river. It's warming up, go get 'em.

Rich

March Meeting



Pics by Rick Kerns



Thanks to Bill Sugg!

VBAC FISH FRY SAT, APRIL 25



Time: 1:00 to 4:00

Cost: Members - Free; Guests - \$10

Location: CBF Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Drive, Virginia Beach

VBAC will provide fried fish, hush puppies, Italian sausage w/peppers, sides, deserts, and water/sodas.

There will be a 50/50 cash prize raffle.

**RSVP your number of members and guests to
vbangersclub@gmail.com**

Surf Anglers Needed

**Surf Anglers and
Alternates
Needed!**

Hatteras Village Tournament

September 10 – 12

&

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club

Tournament November 5-7

Fishing Tackle Estate Sale

The Great Bridge Fisherman's Association is inviting your club to the first ever Fishing Tackle Estate Sale on April 4 @10 AM at MY Storage Unit, 1115 Whittamore Rd Chesapeake Va 23322.

The GBFA has been donated a large amount of Excellent Fishing merchandise from a deceased avid Fisherman. It is excellent condition and looks like it has been used very little.

50% of the merchandise is Fly Fishing equipment and the balance is salt or fresh water. It will be priced right to sell.

We acquired the merchandise the week after the Flea Market. Rather wait til next March's Flea Market we think it's best to get it to the Fishing community now.

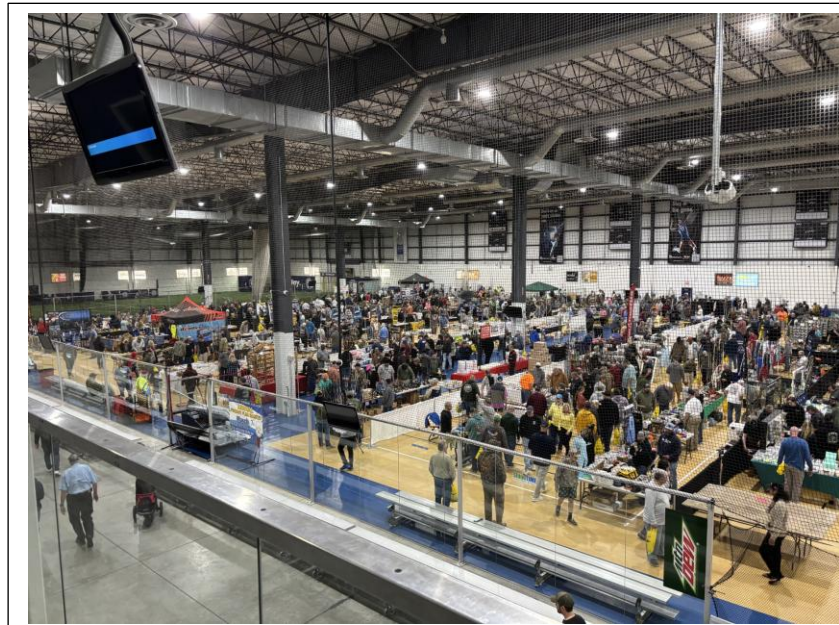
I promise you, "you will not be disappointed."

Thank you

Butch Pierce President GBFA

757-287-0330

GBFA Flea Market



We sold quite a bit of merchandise during the GBFA Flea Market. Almost all the people that submitted items sold something. If you didn't participate this year, be sure to go through your fishing items next year for unwanted items. It's a good opportunity to reduce your fishing equipment footprint with a huge audience!

Our Crappie Tournament



This was the largest turn out ever! We had 8 youth and 30 adults fishing a combination of shore and boats. The weather could not have been better but for most, the fish just didn't cooperate very well. The winning shore angler, Kevin Meyer, was given rod & reel and \$20 for first place, with Weston Bruce, a youth, winning a hat, tackle box and VBAC hat, and \$20 for second place with a 8 ¾" crappie. For the first time we gave three prizes to the boat side with cash prizes awarded to first and second place The first-place boat angler was Micki Walsh, part of the Melanie/Walsh team, with a 14.25" crappie for a prize of \$320, and the second place fell to Preston Mangum of the Mangum/Whittman team with a 12.75" fish for \$220. Randy Whittman's fish came in late to lose the 3rd place tie to John Twyford who took home an electric scaler. Both had 12" fish.

Crappie Tournament Continued

First Place - Boat



Second Place - Boat



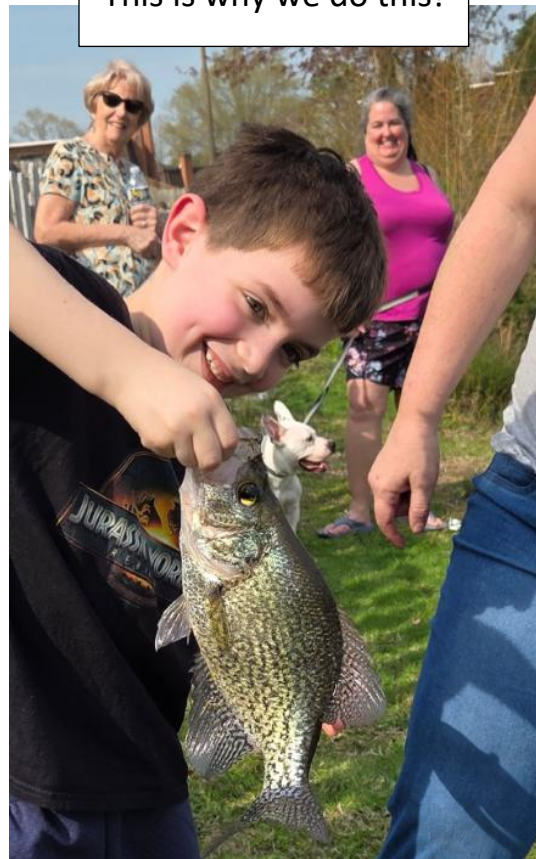
Third Place - Boat



First Place - Shore



This is why we do this!



Second Place - Shore



Thanks to our intrepid volunteers.

**Bob Burstein, Mary Bradley, John Stout, Jennie Braithwaite,
Patty Searby, Gary Doerhoff, & Rich Califf**

Boater's Safety Course

We held the Boaters Safety Course at the Church Saturday 28 March. The course was taught by Mindy Tucker. It was a full day going from 9 am right up to our 5 o'clock deadline for the church space. Almost everyone passed the test and seemed to get into the spirit of safety. This course covered the basics of boat terminology and how to tell port from starboard, as well as rules of the road, light placement and meaning, boating emergencies, and safe operation of your boat. There were several interactive group exercises, as well as tips for enjoying your time on the water safely.

Gary kept the coffee flowing and Bob supplied 3 dozen doughnuts for sustenance until the excellent hot dog lunch was served up. Mary brought lots of sodas and water. The participants seemed to really appreciate the club and several said they would come to a meeting and check out the club.



Offshore Wind Project



On January 16, 2026, a preliminary injunction was issued allowing the CVOW project to resume construction while Dominion Energy's lawsuit challenging the agency's action proceeds.

WTG installations at J03 and F03 have been recently completed.

Informing the maritime community is important to CVOW, and we are committed to providing timely updates to those who may be impacted by construction activities in the vicinity of the project area.

Ongoing and planned near-term construction activities scheduled to occur through March 31 are summarized below. You can find full details in our linked March Mariner Update.

March Current and Planned Operations

- **Lease Area Activities:**
 - The Wind Turbine Installation Vessel (WTIV) Charybdis will conduct WTG installation in the western third of the Lease Area.
 - The Orion will continue TP installations.
 - Installation and commissioning activities for offshore substations (OSSs) continue.
 - TP Feeder Barges and tugs will make repeated transits between the marshaling port and the offshore Project site throughout March and into April.
 - The M/V Yellowstone will continue scour (rock) protection installation at the foundation bases.
- **Deepwater OEC Activities:**
 - Cable #9 will be Omega Jointed by the CLV Living Stone.
 - Living Stone will perform additional cable work on Cable #4 and #5.
- **Shallow Water OEC Activities:**
 - Cable #1 is expected to be installed in early March. The Ulisse will install cable #8 after.
 - The Curo will be conducting cable remediation work and jointing of Cable #4 and #5 along the cable corridor between 1-2 nm offshore.
- **Other Activities:**
 - Safety vessels of F/V Noreen Marie, F/V Pontos and tug Washington will support project activities.
 - Large project components will continue to arrive and be staged at Portsmouth Marine Terminal (PMT).

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VBAC 2026 Club Calendar



VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 2026 PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY	8	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	22	BOARD MEETING
	30-31	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW
FEBRUARY	1	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW
	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	19	BOARD MEETING
	21	VBAC AWARDS BANQUET
MARCH	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7	GREAT BRIDGE FISHERNAM'S FLEA MARKET
	21	VBAC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
	19	BOARD MEETING
	28	US COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY COURSE
APRIL	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	11	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	LEAD POURING PARTY
	25	ANNUAL FISH FRY
	30	OCRACOCKE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
MAY	1-2	OCRACOCKE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
	2	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TABLE
	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	21	BOARD MEETING
	23	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING - QUALIFER - SANDBRIDGE
	30	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TABLE
JUNE	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	5-6-7	OBX RETREAT AND MARK WRAY TOURNAMENT
	13	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	SETON YOUTH FISHING TRIP

VBAC 2026 Club Calendar

JUNE CONT.	25	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	27	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TABLE
JULY	9	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	11	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER - BACK BAY
	23	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
AUGUST	1	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TABLE
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	8	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	20	BOARD MEETING FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	29	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TABLE
	SEPTEMBER	3
10-11-12		HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
12		CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
17		BOARD MEETING
19		STAN SUTLIFF 6th ANNUAL MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	15-16-17	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	15	BOARD MEETING
	24	FALL OYSTER ROAST
NOVEMBER	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	5-6-7	CAPE HATERAS ANGLERS CLUB INVITATIONAL - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	19	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOLIDAY PARTY GENERAL ELECTIONS
	17	BOARD MEETING



Now is your chance to win an offshore charter for six anglers aboard the 33ft Contender, Tail Chaser Charters. Captain Joe Guffey will pilot his boat for a day of offshore and wreck fishing. His 30+ years of experience are sure to put you on the fish.

DETAILS:

Date: Saturday July 11, 2026

Departing time: 6:00 am

Location: Owl Creek Boat Ramp, Virginia Beach

Returning Time: approx 3:00 pm

Price of a ticket \$10.00.

Full value of this charter \$2,200.00

**Customary gratuity of \$240.00 is the responsibility of the anglers.

**Drawing will be held at the General Membership meeting on April 2, 2026.

**ONLY 250 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

Bring lunch, snacks and beverages with you.

Dress appropriately for the weather, jacket, rain gear, sunglasses, etc.

Be prepared to clean your own fish.

New Photo Submission Site

To add photos, go to the top of the page and click the "Add photos" icon (shown below) Click "Select from your computer" and find the photo you want to upload. Click on it, click "Open" and it will upload to the site.

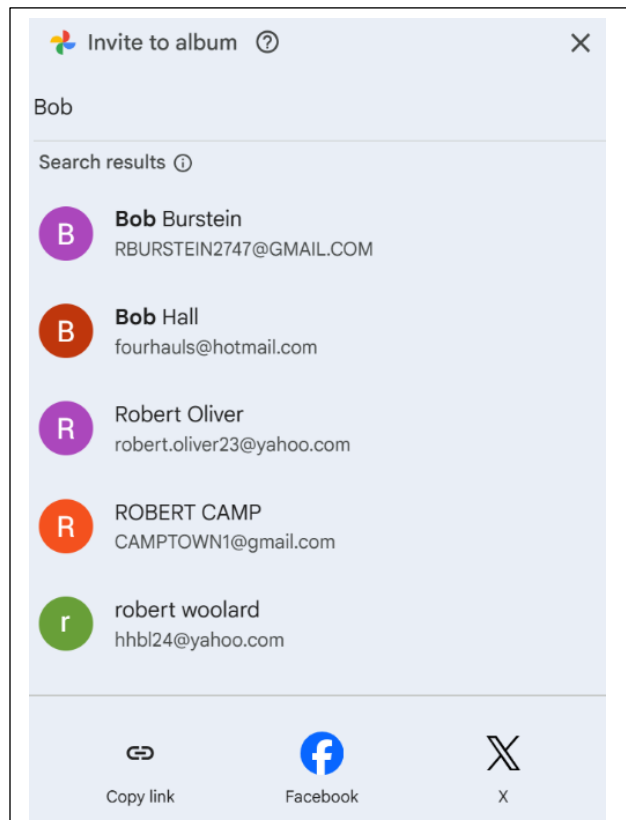


Subject: New google site
To:

We have started a Google photo album for all members to join and upload their photos of fish. This will help us with the new website, social media posts and newsletters.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xKU2ii3AnEjioupX5>

Click the link above. When the page opens, click the + sign and in the "Search Box" start typing your name. When it populates, click on your name and then click the Blue arrow at the top to add yourself to the page.



For Sale

My neighbor has a 9' kayak she would like to sell. It comes with paddle, seat cushion, and storage cover.

She is asking \$300.00 for it. Kelly McClane 757-288-4140.



Fresh Water

Randy Whittman has been fishing of the shore in Virginia Beach this past month when the weather was decent. Here are a few of his catches.



Want to Go Fishing?

Anyone wanting to go Fishing

Well, being a new person in the club, there have been many times i have wanted to go fishing but no one to go with. I learned of this way to post a questing or an invite last year, but didn't really use it, my fault. Just wanted to bring this Facebook Group back to the forefront for any new people or old-time members that may have forgotten about it.

This Facebook Group is a member's only group where we can be free to post when and where we are going fishing and invite other members to join us. Also, it allows members who have boats looking for someone to join them on a trip and share the costs. It's a free and easy way to communicate with members and maybe make some new friends!

Once the weather warms up and the snow stops coming every weekend, I intend to hit the waters and start fishing. I intend to post when/where i am going in hopes that other members may reach out and join me. I figure someone has to start the process and be the guinea pig, so Im going to try and be religious about posting on this group.

Below are the instructions for joining the group:

- 1) Sing into your Facebook page
- 2) On your Homepage, go to Groups
- 3) Go to the "Search Groups" section of your Facebook page
- 4) Type in "VBAC Fishing Crew"
- 5) When the site comes up, click "Join" button.
- 6) Site Administrator will approve your request within 24 hours
- 7) Thereafter, the site will be listed in your Groups section so you can easily reach the group when you want to see what's happening. You can answer another members' post or post your own message about when/where you plan to go fishing.
- 8) Feel free to also post your availability as an angler or boat captain; i.e. days of the week, times during the day, etc...

Hope to see some posts on the Group this year!

Submitted by Randy Whittman

Prize Fish Catch Form

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

Prize Fish Contest



Official Entry Form

AGE DIVISION

Fry 1-6
 Guppy 7-12
 Junior 13-17
 Adult

Mail to: Virginia Beach Angler's Club
 % Prize Fish Contest
 P. O. Box 8602
 Virginia Beach, VA 23450

CATEGORY

Surf/Pier/Shore Saltwater
 Boat Saltwater
 Freshwater
 Ladies

Angler: _____
(Please Print)

Species: _____

1.	Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz.	Length _____	Girth _____
2.	Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz.	Length _____	Girth _____
3.	Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz.	Length _____	Girth _____
4.	Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz.	Length _____	Girth _____
5.	Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz.	Length _____	Girth _____
6.	Weight _____ lbs. _____ oz.	Length _____	Girth _____

Date of Catch: _____ Location: _____

Where Weighed: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____

"I hereby certify that the statements above are true and I have complied with the rules of the contest"

Anglers Signature

Phone #



- The contest will run from January 1 through December 31. All entries from the previous year must be turned in by the regular January business meeting.
- To be eligible for monthly awards, entries may be mailed to the VBAC Post Office Box, the Prize fish chairperson or placed in the hands of the Prize Fish Committee before the regular business meeting begins, following the month the fish was caught. To be eligible for the annual awards, all entries must be submitted no later than the second meeting following the catch. Catches made in December must be turned in by the following January meeting to be eligible for the previous year's awards.
- The contest is free and open to all members in good standing whose dues have been paid before the catch, according to the club bylaws. There is no entry fee to participate.
- The territorial limits for the contest shall be the waters of Virginia and North Carolina and their coasts.
- To be accepted for entry, fish must be taken on hook and line and must follow all recreational fishing regulations as determined by the state to which it was caught. Only fish caught in waters open to public fishing may be submitted for entry to the Prize Fish Committee.
- To qualify for entry as a catch, all fish must be weighed on certified scales.
- In order to qualify for a club record, the fish must be weighed at an official state weigh station.
- Weights should be converted to pounds and ounces. A witness must be present and must sign the form. If the fish qualifies for a VA or NC state tournament citation, that receipt will meet these requirements.
- Entries in the monthly contest must meet "minimum club weight requirements" and will be considered for the annual contest. Minimum acceptable weights and lengths are set by the Prize Fish Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Acceptability of entries will be at the discretion of the Prize Fish Committee whose decision will be final.
- In the case of a tie in the catch category, length, then girth will be used to determine the winner.

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Prize Fish Release Form

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

Prize Fish Contest



Official Release Entry Form

AGE DIVISION
____ Fry 1-6
____ Guppy 7-12
____ Junior 13-17
____ Adult

Mail to: Virginia Beach Angler's Club
% Prize Fish Contest
P. O. Box 8602
Virginia Beach, VA 23450

CATEGORY
____ Surf/Pier/Shore Saltwater
____ Boat Saltwater
____ Freshwater
____ Ladies

Angler: _____ Species*: _____
(Please Print) Only One Species per Form

1. Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ Length: _____ Tagged? Yes No
Bait: _____ Location: _____
Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____
2. Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ Length: _____ Tagged? Yes No
Bait: _____ Location: _____
Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____
3. Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ Length: _____ Tagged? Yes No
Bait: _____ Location: _____
Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____
4. Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ Length: _____ Tagged? Yes No
Bait: _____ Location: _____
Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____
5. Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ Length: _____ Tagged? Yes No
Bait: _____ Location: _____
Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____
6. Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ Length: _____ Tagged? Yes No
Bait: _____ Location: _____
Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Angler's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

"I hereby certify that the statements above are true and I have complied with the rules of the contest"

All fish submitted to the VBAC prize fish committee must meet the rules of the prize fish contest

Contest rules are part of the VBAC Functions and Activities Manual, available online at VirginiaBeachAnglersClub.org



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Crappie Fishing Tips

Here is a short film. The angler shows off some new items and gives the viewer a look at his forward facing sonar and it's benefits



Committees

2026 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show: Chair - Russell Willoughby

Calendar: Chair – Ronnie Nixon

Co-Chairs – Mary Bradley & Bob Burstein

Crab Creek Clean-Up: Chair – Ronnie Nixon

Great Bridge Flea Market: Chair – Preston Mangum

Co-Chair – Rick Kerns

Banquet/Oyster Roast: Chair – Patty Searby

Seton Youth: Chair – Mary Bradley

Co-Chair – Bob Burstein

Raffle: Chair – Mike Muller

Audit Committee: Chair – Mike Anderson

Surf Tournaments: Chair – Shannon Ferguson

Club Tournaments: Chair – Bob Burstein

Prize Fish: Chair – Ike Eisenhower

Nomination Committee: Chair – Russell Willoughby

Co-Chair – Patty Searby

Conservation and Regulations: Chair – Butch Eason

Co-Chair – Kelly Hoggard

T-Shirt Committee: Chair – Patty Searby

If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,
Please Speak to the Chair. Help is Appreciated!



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CURRENT ISSUE

See What's New in the 2026 Fishing Regulations

Click the link below.

https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_content=header

The board of directors of the Virginia Beach Anglers Club (VBAC) is pleased to offer you an advertising opportunity.

VBAC will advertise your business in both it's monthly newsletter as well as on their website, which we invite you to visit. Advertising costs as follows;

Business Card size ad: \$10.00 per month, Yearly cost \$120.00 with 13th month free.

¼ Page ad: \$15.00 per month, Yearly cost \$180.00 with 13th month free.

½ Page ad: \$20.00 per month, Yearly cost \$240.00 with 13th month free.

Full Page ad: \$25.00 per month, Yearly cost \$300.00 with 13th month free.

You must provide the artwork to be used. A business card can suffice.

Your remittance to the club can be in the form of cash, check, or by donation of goods or services in the amount of your advertising cost.

VBAC Advertising Form

- Business card size ad
- ¼ Page ad
- ½ Page ad
- Full Page ad

Payment will be: Cash Check or Donation Amount _____

Vendor name: _____ Company: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Web: _____

Email: _____

VBAC Board member receiving form: _____

2026 Advertisements

Each advertisement is linked to their associated website.
Please check them all out by clicking on their ads!

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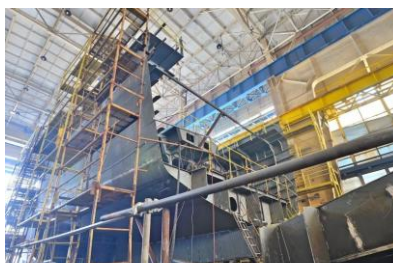

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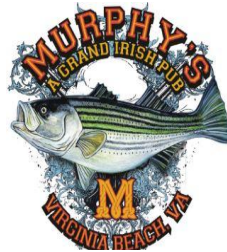
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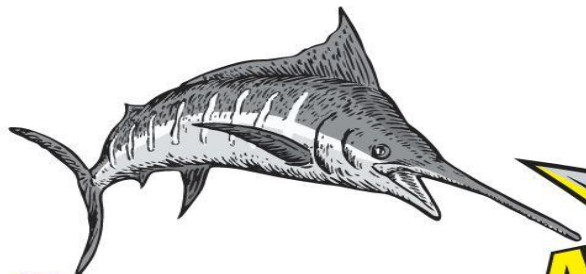
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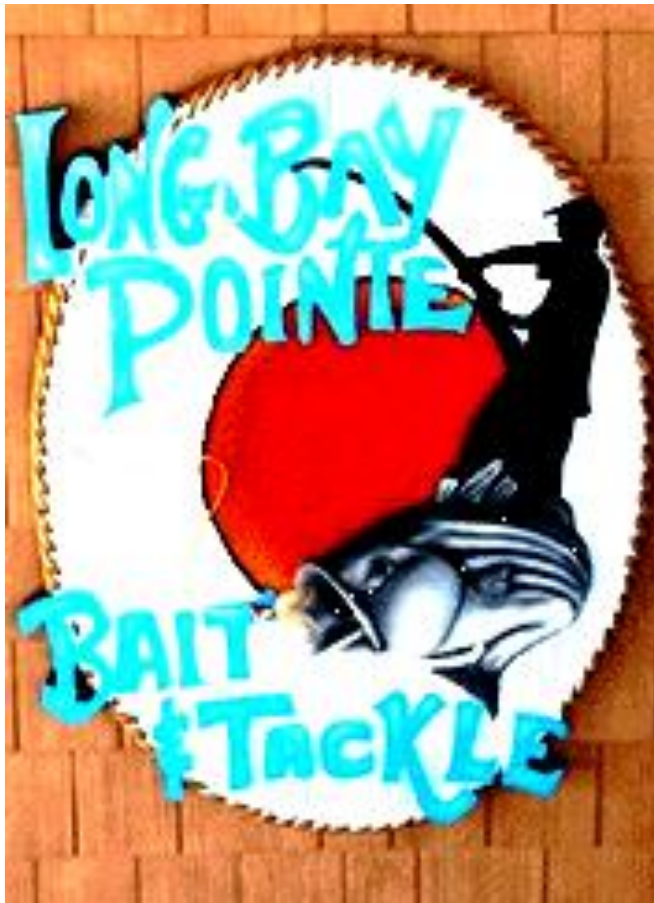
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

Our Objectives:

- ❖ Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.
- ❖ Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- ❖ Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- ❖ Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.
- ❖ Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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