



February 2026

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Meeting: Foundry United Methodist Church.

When: February 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church

2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

1/30 – 2/01 – Mid-Atlantic Boat Show.

2/5 General Meeting – Soup Cook Off, Flea Market, Roulette Drawing, & Drawing for Ocracoke Tournament.

2/19 – Board Meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church.

2/21 – Awards Banquet. Bob Burstein is still looking for prizes for the banquet. Gift cards, New Items, or cash donations would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers for set-up & take-down needed.

Please come prepared to settle your dues and, if you wish, to enter the fishing roulette contest.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2025 Final

<u>Species</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Tautog	Randy Whitman	4# 2oz.
Black Drum	Kelly Hoggard	14# 15oz.
Spade Fish	Michael Anderson	6# 8 oz.
Round Head	Randy Whitman	1# 9oz.
Black Sea Bass	David Smith	4# 7oz.

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

Catch -A- Ride

See Page 17.

The President's Message

Some hearty souls are still going out in the Ocean for Black Sea Bass, Tautog, and of course catch and release Bluefins. Too cold for me but more power to em if they are tough enough to give this a try. We have the First annual soup cookoff at our February meeting. This is a change up from the Chili cookoff, just for some variety. I'm making Brunswick Stew, South Carolina style with Okra. Make your best soup and join the competition. Tom Morgan will go over the results of the club survey and we will have tables for a flea market if you have some gear you want to find a good home in the club. The Banquet is on the 21st, and will feature some great Italian food and the usual awards and raffles for some very nice items and gift cards. I hope to see everyone at the Greenwood center in south Va Beach. We will start at 6 and plan to eat at 7. The Crappie tournament will be in early March so do your planning for that. Russel and company organized a great presence at the Boat Show for the club. The prize wheel thought up by Mary B was a huge hit with the kids and the Charter Raffle, plus the Boater Safety course kept the booth busy. Remember we are about Fishing, Fellowship, and Fun.

Tight Lines,
Rich

VBAC Banquet

Virginia Beach Angler's Club

P.O. Box 8602

Virginia Beach, VA 23450



Virginia Beach Anglers Club 2025 Annual Awards Banquet

Our 2025 annual awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 21st.

5PM – 8PM

It will be held at the same location as last year:

Glenwood Community Association

2097 Round Hill Drive

Virginia Beach

The facility is on the right, at the traffic light, on Independence Blvd and Round Hill Drive.

Our eats will be provided by Mannino's Italian Bistro.

\$25.00 per guest, payable at the door.

Volunteers for set-up and take down needed.

VBAC Banquet Continued

MENU

Starters

Antipasto

Fruit

Entrees

Caesars Salad

Shrimp Scampi with rice

Chicken Piccata

Baked Ziti

Meatballs in sauce

Desserts

Cannoli

Cake

Italian cookies

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	OCRACOKE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
MAY	1-2	OCRACOKE 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

Prize Fish 2025

2025 Prize Fish Leaders for December

Saltwater Release

Species	Angler	Division	Date	Length	Location
Cobia	David J. Smith	Adult	6/3/2025	46.25 in	VB Ocean Front
Speckled Trout	David J. Smith	Adult	3/4/2025	28.5"	Rudee Inlet
Red Drum	Liam Schramm	Junior	10/14/2025	47 in	False Cape
Bluefish	Liam Schramm	Guppy	5/24/2025	34 in	Ocracoke Ramp 59
Red Drum	Shannon Ferguson	Adult	9/24/2025	51 in	Falae Cape WLR, N
Bluefish	Matt Taylor	Adult	5/1/2025	34 in	Ocracoke
Striped Bass	Shannon Ferguson	Adult	5/7/2025	33 in	Chincoteague
Spanish Mackerel	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/11/2025	18 in	Back Bay WLR
Tautog	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/11/2025	18 in	CBBT
Black Sea Bass	Liam Schramm	Junior	7/29/2025	17.75 in	Offshore VB
Dolphin (Mahi)	Liam Schramm	Junior	7/29/2025	28 in	Offshore VB
Sailfish	Liam Schramm	Junior	7/29/2025	Release Only	Offshore VB
Pompano	Silas Workman	Guppy	8/22/2025	10 in.	Assateague Is.
Flounder	Silas Workman	Guppy	9/14/2025	13.25 in	Assateague Is.
Bluefish	Silas Workman	Guppy	8/30/2025	22 in.	Assateague Is.
Roundhead	Silas Workman	Guppy	8/30/2025	13 in	Ramp 55, NC
Roundhead	Randy Whitman	Adult	9/18/2025	14.25 in	Back Bay WLR
Shark	Shannon Ferguson	Adult	9/26/2025	96 in	False Cape
Roundhead	Liam Schramm	Junior	8/16/2025	16 in	BBWR
Pompano	Kelly Schramm	Adult	8/6/2025	13 in	BBWR
Pompano	Liam Schramm	Junior	8/6/2025	16.5 in	BBWR
Striped Bass	Liam Schramm	Junior	11/3/2025	25.5"	Elizabeth River

Roulette Leaders

Species	Angler	Division	Date	Weight	Location
Black Seabass	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Offshore VB
Roundhead	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/24/2025	1 lb. 9 oz.	False Cape WR.
Tautog	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/11/2025	4 lbs. 2 oz.	CBBT
Black Drum	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/25	14 lbs. 15 oz.	Ocracoke
Spadefish	Michael Anderson	Adult	6/11/2025	6 lbs. 8 oz.	CLT



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.

For the February Meeting Soups On!!



**Remember to come hungry to our
February meeting!**

**There will be all sorts of soups for
you to try and vote your favorite!**

Good Luck to our chefs!!



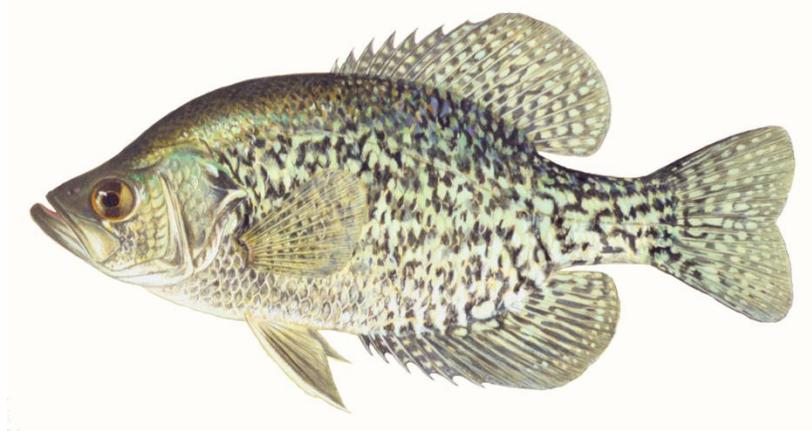
Virginia Beach Angler's Club



Spring Crappie Tournament

Lake Smith Shore or Boat

Saturday, March 21, 2026



Entry Fee: \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per child under 16

Early registration contact Preston (info below) or register on March 21st at ramp.

Location: Lake Smith

Lines In: 8:00 AM

Final turn-in time: 4:00 PM

Crappie tournament prize paid on the longest single crappie fish.

→ Special Prize awarded to top angler under 16. ←

\$150 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize, 2nd Place Prize Guaranteed \$75.00

Shore Anglers Only: Longest fish of any species wins rod/reel combo

Early Registration & Questions: Phone or email entry name(s) and number of anglers to: Preston Mangum 757-582-1450 or preston@birsch.com

Virginia Beach Anglers Club

Lake Smith Crappie Tournament Rules

Time: Lines in 8:00AM. **Final turn-in for fish 4:00 PM.** Prizes will be awarded after entry tabulation is complete.

Location: Lake Smith - 5323 Shell Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Gates open at 7:00 AM.

Weather cancellation information 3/20 (if necessary) after 5PM via phone (757-582-1450).

Entry Fees: \$20.00 per Angler, \$10.00 for children under 16.

Registration: Register on day of tournament at judge's table before fishing.

Boat check before entering water.

Prize paid on the longest single fish. Length measurement rounded off to nearest 1/4".

Early catch submission is permitted either in person or by text photo submission (photo instructions, ruler and verification item will be given to each angler at registration on March 21st at ramp). Verification item must appear in all submissions. If possible, please wait and submit the two largest fish caught. All others may submit as fish as caught.

Please return verification item and ruler when finished fishing.

Except for shore anglers, an angler may win only one prize.

\$150.00 guaranteed 1st place, \$75.00 guaranteed 2nd place. Shore anglers may win both shore & crappie tournament prize. (see below).

Shore anglers may enter any fish caught during competition regardless of species. A single prize will be awarded to the longest fish caught from shore irrespective of species. Should a crappie be caught by a shore angler, it may be entered in the tournament as a crappie catch in addition to entering for the shore prize.

Use of all nets (except landing net) will disqualify angler.

Ties will be decided by the earliest fish entered. Decision of the judge is final.

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.

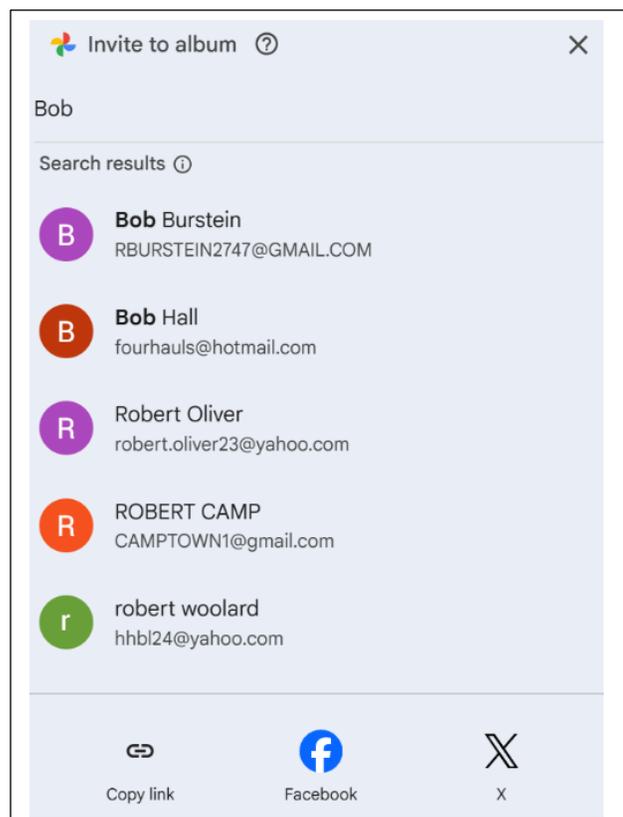


Subject: New google site
To:

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.



January Meeting

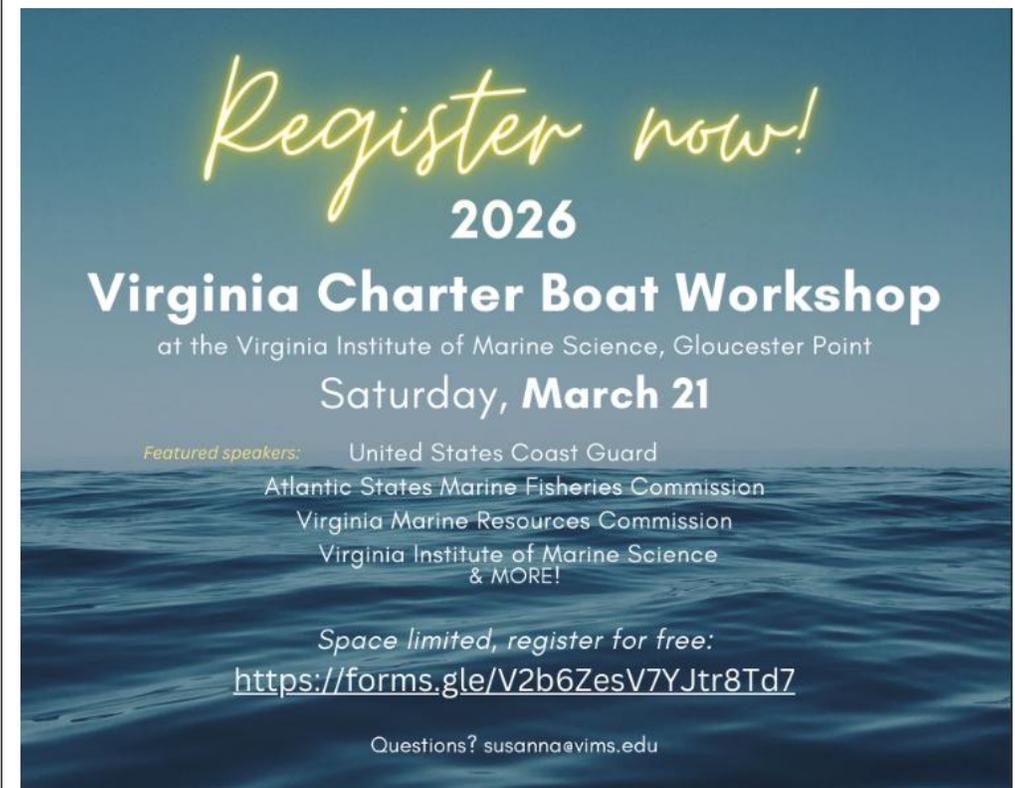
Pictures by Rick Kerns



January Meeting Continued



Virginia Charter Boat Workshop

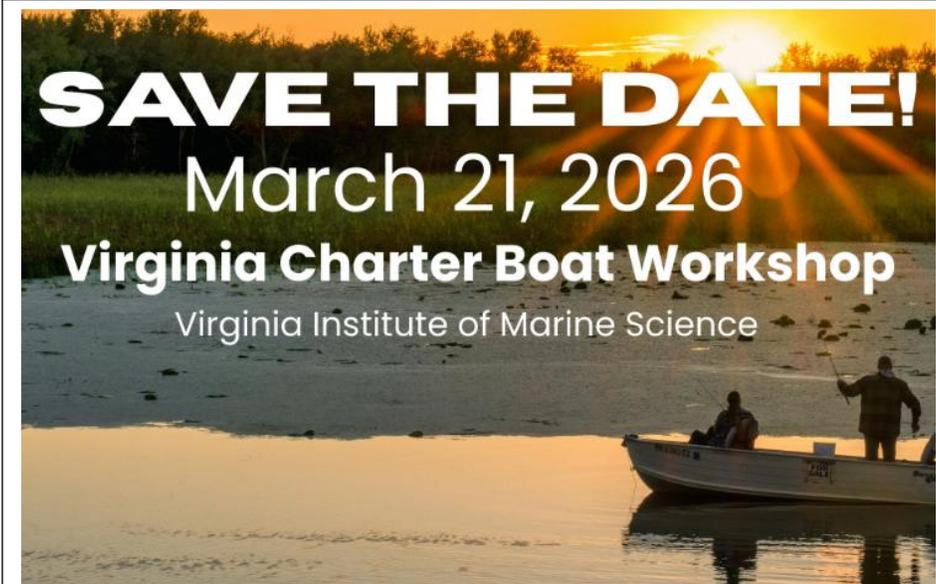


Register now!
2026
Virginia Charter Boat Workshop
at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point
Saturday, March 21

Featured speakers: United States Coast Guard
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Virginia Institute of Marine Science
& MORE!

Space limited, register for free:
<https://forms.gle/V2b6ZesV7YJtr8Td7>

Questions? susannaevims.edu



SAVE THE DATE!
March 21, 2026
Virginia Charter Boat Workshop
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Registration is available here: <https://forms.gle/V2b6ZesV7YJtr8Td7>

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

A Trip on the *Huntress*

As many trips begin, I arrive the night before to help the seasoned captain outfit the *Huntress* for the day ahead. The *Huntress*, is a 46 Post out of Rudee Inlet Station Marina, captained by its owner Douglas Smith. He is known around the area as the old salt of the marina. I am greeted with his classic style of stoic excitement of the trip ahead. We load the *Huntress* with the gear needed to chase our target species, fall Wahoo. We stretch our lines, check our leaders, load hundreds of pounds of ice, and place everything necessary in its homes for the day ahead. After a little social time, we turn in to attempt some sleep for the coming day ahead. In typical fashion, the excitement for tomorrow's adventure discharges any notion of restful sleep. I awoke hours early, as usual, to make sure we are ready. I am surprised to see a figure leaning against the pilon behind the boat. It was a familiar face, smiling in anticipation of the day ahead, eagerly waiting for everyone else to arrive. Wild Bill Dawson, itchy to get going. After what seem like hours, but are only moments, our captain emerges from his quarters, and we begin our pre-departure checklist ahead of the rest of the crew. This day was familiar faces and new ones alike. A true motley crew of saltwater enthusiasts. The kind of group that burns memories into the soul for a lifetime.

Moment by moment our group arrives, shadowy figures emerging from the darkness with levels of excitement and optimism that only fishermen know. First some new faces, Dave from the Morning Glory located at the end of the dock, then Larry, another seasoned 70yr old salt. We make our introductions eagerly awaiting the rest of the crew. I see the familiar walk of our friend, Big John Stout, coming down the ramp bringing more food than a state dinner to share with the entire crew. I call him Snacks. One more and its go time.

Foregoing our typical o'dark thirty departure due to treacherous shoaling in the inlet, we drop the outriggers, clear the bridge and slowly pass by the dredging ship, working hard to re-secure our safety.

As we depart the inlet, the captain powers up the Cummins powered war wagon, and we are greeted with a sunrise that can only be described as the fundamental forces of the universe. Shades of red and orange light up the morning sky which draw out the cameras for most, but for some, this has to be experienced and savored from outside the lens, sometimes these moments are just for me.

After a couple hour run towards the edge of the earth, the captain calls down for an exploratory drop on his honey hole wreck. A place many know of, but are not able to reach.

I frantically attempt to pull unprepared bait from the freezer and get ready for a couple of rigs ready for the crew. Chipping away at solid frozen baits the captain brings the *Huntress* to a stop calling down for 2 rods to drop. Over a hundred feet to the bottom, I feel the sinker crash into structure and within seconds, its game time. My drag starts slipping and the familiar feeling of chaotic excitement floods my veins. I know what is to come. Trophy black seabass and doubles to boot. As the first fish hit the cooler, the captain starts shouting drop em, drop em, drop em! The somewhat napping group rushes the pit, and I step back to take my familiar position...mate. Passing our bait as fast as I could chip it off the block. John and Larry on one side, Bill and Andy in the middle with Dave utilizing the up current side. I pass my trusty bottom fishing rod with the uncommon rigs to Bill, giving him the chance to use something more limber than typical. It felt like teamwork as he bounced the skirted dropper rigs to the bottom, immediately hauling up the slob...Skirted we repeatedly proclaimed!! Got to be Skirted.

All the rods bent, smiles and laughter emerged. We are on the school. Drop after drop, we race the catch back up to the boat trying to keep our catch away from the hungry Yellow Eyed Demon Fish (chomper bluefish) from taxing our goodies. Quickly, things turned to a mixture of citation grade Gray Trigger fish, not often seen in these numbers. It's the kind of day that dreams are made of. Cheers, and excitement all around. Fish after fish hit the cooler as we release the league minimums to grow into the 5lb class of fish we drop into the giant Yeti Cooler. We all begin to laugh and chuckle at those who would put 13inch seabass into the box as many of our fish have fillets bigger than that. Boom Boom Boom, the lid slams on the 450qt cooler as we dump buckets of Black Seabass, Gray Triggers and Chomper Blues into the ice.

Then we hear yelling as one of the crew has a large trigger fish clamped down on his finger. I fear the worst, that he is going to lose a chunk of finger meat the size of a nickel. Little did I know he has asbestos hands, something of unnatural toughness and unworldly durability. Eventually the fish lets go and he is left with an offshore tattoo to take

A Trip on the *Huntress* Continued

Then the unthinkable and unbelievable happens.... Now I have heard of this before, but never in my lifetime have I seen it first-hand. A reel breaks loose from the rod seat flying overboard towards certain loss. Remarkably Andy turns with a look of bewilderment and is holding the rod in one hand and the reel in the other, asking “what the hell do I do now”? Now, me, I thrive on the adrenaline and chaos of moments like this, so I ask him to pass me the reel, and he work the rod. TEAMWORK BABY! Here we go, and now the cameras come out. With the captain running his trusty GoPro from the bridge, I know we are getting ready to make his bloopers reel. As only a good fish friend should do, instead of helping, Dave pulls out his camera as well, providing hysterical commentary to his POV, “Wheres your Reel?” and “Pump it pump it!”, he proclaims between breaths of pure joyous laughter at his friends expense. As a fisherman we all know rule #9, smack talk is part of being a fisherman. If we are not teasing each other, we are probably not really friends and definitely not “fish family”. And this group was quickly becoming both.

I step back across the cockpit with the reel in my hand , line stretched across the rocket launcher, with Andy working the rod over the transom. “Pump it, pump it” the crew laughs , as we work together to dig up our goodies before the bluefish tax us. My hand begins to cramp and burn as I am not calm or conditioned to holding a reel with no rod, but I forge on. As I try to contain my laughter and focus on the task, I am overcome with the pure chaotic joy of the moment. Finally, the fish comes to the surface and ... Bada Bing a trophy seabass. Childlike joy overwhelms me and its time for high fives and cheers. The crew laughs at the moment they just witnessed, while Andy and I figure out how we can “register a 2 man trophy fish” . Photos capture the looks of “pure unfiltered happiness” on our faces shortly before we catch our breath and re-group.

Back to business, as we quickly discard the broken setup for another and continue to take advantage of the memorable day of fishing. Seabass and Triggers fly over the rail at record speed. Today we don't have to be greedy, releasing what most people cull. Quietly Big John calls for help and one of the biggest trigger fish I have ever seen comes to the surface. Just when I thought I had calmed back down, the familiar rush of joy and adrenaline surges back through my body. Fish of the day I yell, yeah buddy , this is what I live for. I pop the hook and pass John his trophy Fish of the Day! I am not sure who was more excited in that situation, him or I. Proudly he raises his Trigger for a photo that I will never forget.

After a 4-hour detour to our Wahoo trip, we stopped to attempt our target species. After a couple of hours trolling up and down the quickly deteriorating temperature break, and chasing a shrimp boat, we begged the captain to go back to the wreck for one more chance. We did not really give the wahoo fishing a legitimate chance, more like we took an opportunity for the crew to recover.

All day, drop after drop, it was paperwork all around. I had such joy passing my gear to Bill so I could mate. Watching John, Larry, Bill, Andy, and Dave load the coffin box while I frantically unhooked and rebaited rigs brought more joy than cranking them in myself. I felt, truly grateful in that moment for this new fish family. Larry with decades of wisdom and experience to share, Dave and Andy who are trophy grade tournament fishermen, and spending time with familiar faces (John and Bill). On the last drop, I reclaimed my rod and proclaimed my well known phrase, “Big baits for big fish”... loading whole squid on each of my hooks as the crew laughed but followed suit. Boomdeyada!!, the rod doubles over as I know it's my shot for glory. I frantically reel like a small child on the dock until I get my goodies to the surface. “there's my cow!” I proclaim as I am made aware the captain had his GoPro running on me. What a way to wind down the day.

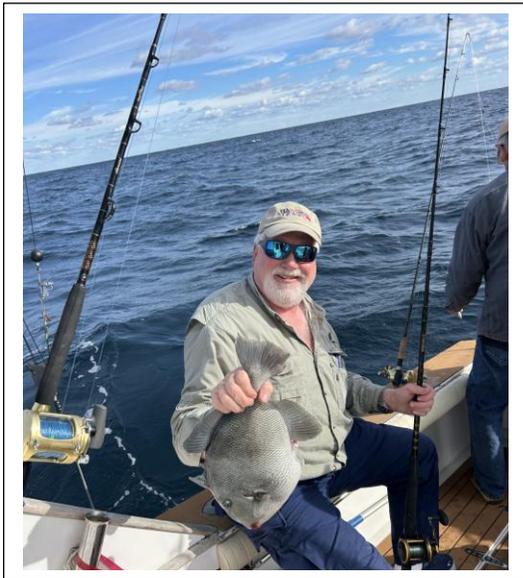
I climb the ladder to the bridge and take my usual position to run us home. It is the part of the day I get to reflect on experiences and friendships that cannot be found anywhere else. For a short time its silence, just me and the musical sound of the waves hitting the hull as we run through the darkness. After a short while the motley crew climbs the ladder and fills the bridge. Conversations of how we are going to prepare the meals and who we are going to share with begin. It is a truly joyful conversation.

We hit the dock well after dark and I volunteer to clean the dock cart full of fish while the crew works together to clean up the Huntress, and head home to share our stories with our friends. It was a day that won't be forgotten. We are all fortunate to have each other and Captain Douglas is willing to provide the opportunity.

As midnight approached, I closed the door to my truck, started the engine to head home, I could only hear one statement in my head. It was a quote from a Will Smith movie. “This, This part of my life.... Is called Happiness”

Bryan Silver
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A Trip on the *Huntress* Continued



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
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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
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Witness Signature: _____ Phone: _____
3. Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ Length: _____ Tagged? Yes No
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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

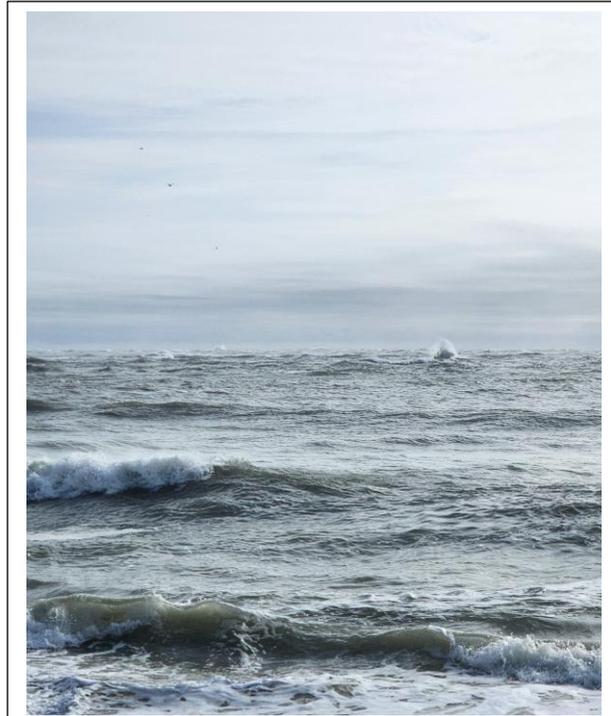
Contest rules are part of the VBAC Functions and Activities Manual, available online at VirginiaBeachAnglersClub.org



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Surf Fishing News

**Chris, Kelly Ann and Liam went down to the Point .
The wind was blowing and the ocean was angry. It
was a doggie kind of day. Spiny to be exact.
Landed about 25. Then called it quits.**



Surf Fishing News

Liam and Chris went fishing on the E River targeting specks, that didn't work out so well so we went after some stripers. Liam caught a 25" Chris had a 23" and 21"(Dads always know when to hand the kid their fishing rod) 🤔



Committees

2026 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

<u>Boat Show:</u>	<u>Chair - Russell Willoughby</u>
<u>Calendar:</u>	<u>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</u>
	<u>Co-Chairs – Mary Bradley & Bob Burstein</u>
<u>Crab Creek Clean-Up:</u>	<u>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</u>
<u>Great Bridge Flea Market:</u>	<u>Chair – Preston Mangum</u>
	<u>Co-Chair – Rick Kerns</u>
<u>Banquet/Oyster Roast:</u>	<u>Chair – Patty Searby</u>
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<u>Raffle:</u>	<u>Chair – Mike Muller</u>
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<u>Club Tournaments:</u>	<u>Chair – Bob Burstein</u>
<u>Prize Fish:</u>	<u>Chair – Ike Eisenhower</u>
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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
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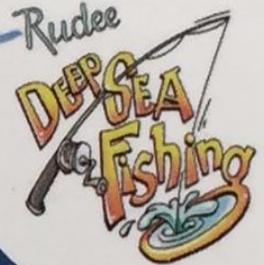
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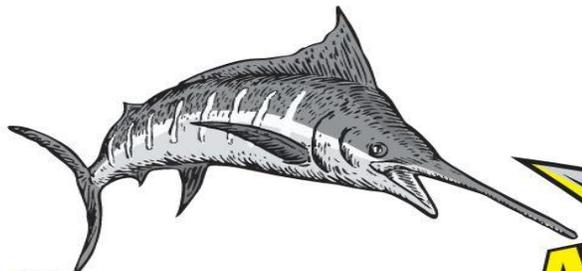
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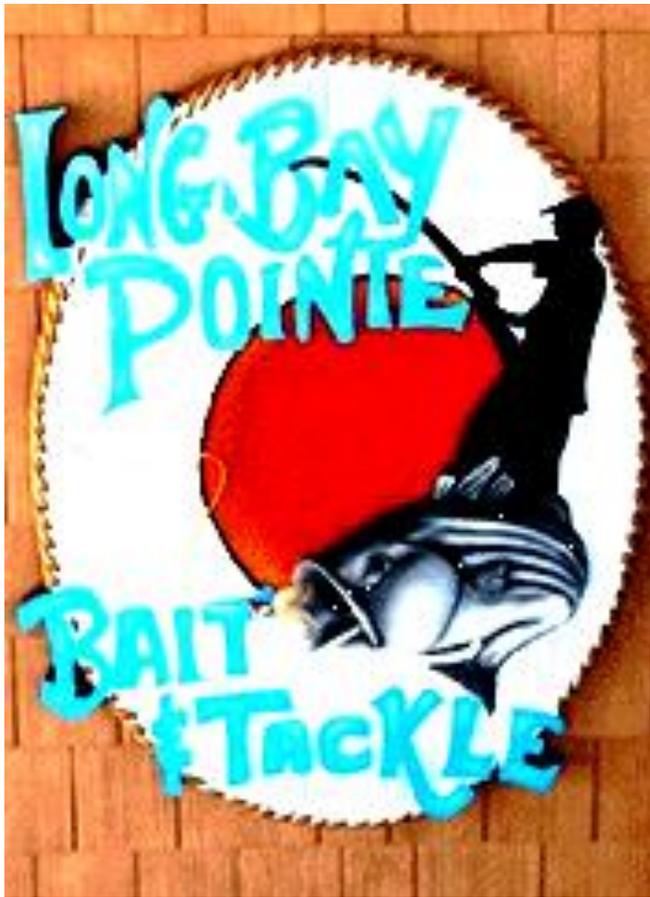
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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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