



January 2026

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Meeting: Foundry United Methodist Church.

When: January 8, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church

2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Speaker – TBD.

1/8 General Meeting – Speaker to be determined.

1/22 – Board Meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church.

1/30 – 2/01 – Mid-Atlantic Boat Show.

**Don't forget, January general membership meeting
will begin at 6:30 !**

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

For a list of available captains or anglers, please ask about catching a ride at our meetings or email us at

vbangersclub@gmail.com

The President's Message

Greetings Anglers. I very excited to begin my term as President of VBAC. I want to be as open a possible on the running of the club, and I want to hear from you all on suggestions for improvements.

-We have the boat show at the end of the month, there will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting to man the booth and we will have several new attractions to get people to stop by.

-The Banquet is in February and we are collecting goodies for the raffles and planning the event.

-There was some confusion about Frisco woods fishing event. We are still holding it at Frisco Woods and I believe there is one cabin left on our reservation, but the campground may have more, so make that reservation of you want to attend.

-We are going to have bigger raffles this year. One is for a rifle donated by Russel Willoughby. the other is a charter donated to the club at a significant discount. The winner of this raffle will take their own six anglers on the charter. I will announce our club charters later this year.

Be thinking about things you might want to sell at the Great Bridge Fishing Assn Flea Market in early march.

I have not been fishing since the specs quit biting in Long Creek, but I have had very good rock fishing reports from the Eastern Shore, up around the top of the cut channel and buoy 2A in front of the Rappahannock,

**Tight Lines,
Rich**

New Officers & Board Member

Our officers for 2026

President – Rich Califf

1st Vice President – Tom Morgan

2nd Vice President – Chris Schramm

Treasurer – Robert Oliver

Recording Secretary – Russell Willloughby

Corresponding Secretary – Lou Corigliano

Welcome to our new board member!

Randy Whitman

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	OCRACOE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
MAY	1-2	OCRACOE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
	2	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TABLE
	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	21	BOARD MEETING
	23	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING - QUALIFIER - SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	30	MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING TABLE
	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	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	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					
Freshwater Catch					
Species	Angler	Division	Date	Weight	Location
Black Crappie	Melanie Bayford	Adult	3/15/2025	2 lbs. 5 oz.	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Marshall Weathers	Adult	4/14/2025	5 lbs. 11 oz.	Back Bay WM
Freshwater Release					
Species	Angler	Division	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie	Ronnie Willoughby	Adult	3/13/2025	15.5 in	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Preston Mangum	Adult	3/15/2025	19.5 in	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	Russell Willoughby	Adult	3/15/2025	18.5 in	Lake Smith
Black Crappie	Alex Ramos	Junior	3/15/2025	15.25 in	Lake Smith
Long Nosed Gar	Melanie Bayford	Adult	6/3/2025	34 in	Piankatank R.
Saltwater Catch					
Species	Angler	Division	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	David J. Smith	Adult	1/13/2025	8 lbs. 4 oz.	Rudee Inlet
Black Seabass	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Offshore VB
Bluefish	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	9 lbs. 2 oz.	Offshore VB
Black Drum	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	14 lb. 15 oz.	Ocracoke
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	4 lb.	Cape Lookout, NC
Roundhead	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/24/2025	1 lb. 9 oz.	False Cape WR
Spadefish	Michael Anderson	Adult	6/11/2025	6 lbs. 8 oz.	CLT
Flounder	Bill Melvin	Adult	9/24/2025	6 lbs.	CLT
Roundhead	Silas Workman	Guppy	8/30/2025	1lbs. 8 oz.	Hatteras, NC
Trigger Fish	Liam Schramm	Junior	11/21/2025	2 lb 7 oz.	Offshore VB
Division = (A-Adult), (J-Junior), (G-Guppy)					
Guppy division's minimum is 25% of State Minimum, Junior division's minimum size is 50% of State Min.					

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



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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!!



We normally do a chili cook-off during our February meeting. This year we want the BEST SOUP you can make! Bring enough to share and the members will vote their favorite one of the offerings!

Good Luck!



**The 2026 Mid-Atlantic Boat Show is
January 30 thru February 1.**

**Every year VBAC has a booth to
show off our club and shamelessly
seek new members. It's manned by
volunteers from our membership.**

WE NEED YOU!

Please sign up at the meeting!

**The shifts are short, you'll be there with other
members, and you get into the boat show for -**

FREE

Christmas Party

Pictures by John Stout



Christmas Party Continued



Christmas Party Continued



Our 2025 Board



**Thank you for all your
time, trouble, and effort!**

A Winter Activity Idea



[WWF Photo Contest STD](#)

Now Open: 2026 Winter Wildlife Photo Contest

Join the community in celebrating Coastal Virginia through photography! Open to all ages and experience levels, participants are invited to submit photos of wildlife, scenic landscapes, or festival moments.

Submit Your Photos ►



[Flock to Facebook Group Link](#)

More Winter Wildlife Fun:

Keynote Speaker

Sun., Jan. 25 • 3pm • MEO Central Library
FREE • No Registration Required

Joan Strassmann, author of *Slow Birding* (2022) and *The Social Lives of Birds* (2025)

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
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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
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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Salt Water News

December 13, 2025: I did an 8 hour walk on charter on “Havoc” targeting Striped Bass. Normally they charter out of Virginia Beach, but this time we left from up North in Deltaville. It started out a little slow, and then caught on fire. Our Captain found a huge spot with no one else around. We kept going back and forth using Ute’s a multiple depth. The best pass hooked up on four rods within a minute including my double. The largest fish of the day was 45 inches. This was my first time out for rockfish, and I had a great time fishing until my arms hurt. The only downside was the 19-degree temperature when we left. Submitted by Steve Ludwig.



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>
<u>Seton Youth:</u>	<u>Chair – Mary Bradley</u>
	<u>Co-Chair – Bob Burstein</u>
<u>Raffle:</u>	<u>Chair – Mike Muller</u>
<u>Audit Committee:</u>	<u>Chair – Mike Anderson</u>
<u>Surf Tournaments:</u>	<u>Chair – Shannon Ferguson</u>
<u>Club Tournaments:</u>	<u>Chair – Bob Burstein</u>
<u>Prize Fish:</u>	<u>Chair – Ike Eisenhower</u>
<u>Nomination Committee:</u>	<u>Chair – Russell Willoughby</u>
	<u>Co-Chair – Patty Searby</u>
<u>Conservation and Regulations:</u>	<u>Chair – Butch Eason</u>
	<u>Co-Chair – Kelly Hoggard</u>
<u>T-Shirt Committee:</u>	<u>Chair – Patty Searby</u>

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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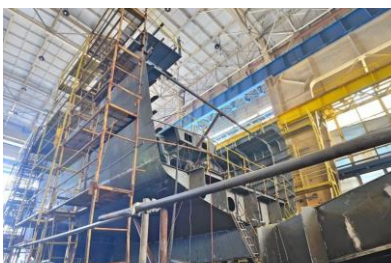

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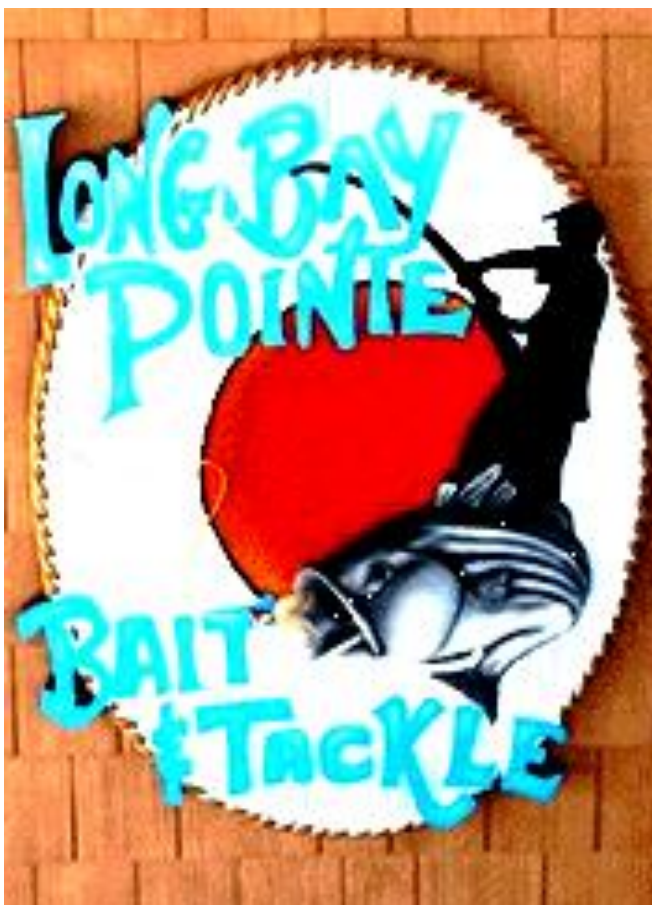
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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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