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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday April 4, 2024 at 7:30PM.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church 2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Speaker: Mike Robey with Hooked On Hope.

Website: https://hookedonhopevb.org/

Subject: Hooked on Hope - How the organization helps children and their families cope with pediatric cancer.

Upcoming Events:

4/6 – Crab Creek Clean-up. Volunteers needed. Lunch served. Meet at the Crab Creek Boat Ramp parking lot near the foot of the Lynnhaven Bridge at 9:30 AM.

4/13 – Lead Pouring Party. Everyone is encouraged to attend! Never made sinkers? Lots of friendly instruction and help available. Lunch served and take home all the weights you need! Meet at Mike Anderson's house at 4058 Schilling Point Drive at 10:00 AM. Wear close toed shoes, long pants, & long sleeved shirt for safety's sake. Bring safety glasses if you've got 'em.

4/20 - Fish Fry!! Come one, come All! FREE to members! Brock Center, 12 – 3:00. Setting up and cooking people – 10:00.

4/27 - Oceans East Recruiting table. Call Bob Burstein at 267-994-7423 to volunteer.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2024

<u>Angler</u>	<u>Weight</u>
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Catch-A-Ride

Please use new Facebook connection space.

- 1) Sign into your Facebook page.
- 2) On your Home Page, go to "Groups".
- 3) Go to the "Search Groups" section of your Facebook page.
- 4) Type in "VBAC Fishing Crews".
- 5) When the site comes up, click the "Join" button.
- 6) Site Administration will approve your request within 24 hours.
- 7) Thereafter, the site will be listed in your "Groups" section so you can easily reach it afterwards. You can answer an existing post for anglers or post your availability as an angler or boat captain and date of availability.

The President's Corner

In The Thick of It Now

Just like that switch has been hit! The days are longer, and everything has started to bloom.... With some of that comes chores and yard work. The reward is getting all of that done so you can get out and enjoy time on the water. It makes me think of years past when we would travel to Waynesboro Virginia to attend the Fly Fishing festival. It was around this time of the year and the mountains were starting to turn green again. Trees were budding and grass was starting to wake up from its winter nap. I always used that event to kick off my spring fishing adventures. There is an old saying that when the cherry blossoms started blooming the Red Drum would show up.....Guess what? The Cherry Trees have showed their colorful flowers, and the drum are here. Mother nature has proved her timely almanac right on time. What other fishing sayings do you time your trips by? A few I have always heard are "Wind from the East fish bite the Least" "Bananas are bad luck" (true story, ask me about it) No matter what your superstitions or thoughts on when and where to fish are it only matters that you go.... "Can't Catch Them on the Couch"

'Til Next Tide,

Mark

2024 Suffolk-Nansemond IWLA Teddy Bear Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 27th, 2024

10:00 - 12:00 Teddy Bear Hunt (Ages: 3-10)

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 Afternoon Youth activities available to participants include walking trails, fishing, and archery.

Location: 480 Kings Fork Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434

Cost: \$15 per family (covers parents/guardians and 1 child), \$5.00 extra for each additional child). Lunch is included for all.

Limited spaces are available, so please RSVP no later than April 13th, 2024 to Chris Trimpey@hotmail.com or 757-449-4910.

A fun-filled family day of nature brought to you by the Suffolk-Nansemond Chapter of the Izaak Walton League

Flyer revision 2024-02-22

The Story of the Teddy Bear

Did you know that the Teddy Bear was invented in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt? It all began when Theodore Roosevelt was on a bear hunting trip near Onward, Mississippi on November 14, 1902. He had been invited by Mississippi Governor Andrew H. Longino, and unlike other hunters in the group, had not located a single bear.

Roosevelt's assistants, led by Holt Collier, a born slave and former Confederate cavalry- man, cornered and tied a black bear to a willow tree. They summoned Roosevelt and suggested that he shoot it. Viewing this as extremely unsportsmanlike, Roosevelt re- fused to shoot the bear. The news of this event spread quickly through newspaper articles across the country. The articles recounted the story of the president who refused to shoot a bear. However, it was not just any president, it was Theodore Roosevelt the big game hunter!



Teddy Bear



A political cartoonist by the name of Clifford Berryman read the article and decided to lightheartedly lampoon the president's refusal to shoot the bear. Berryman's cartoon appeared in the Washington Post on November 16, 1902. A Brooklyn candy shop owner by the name of Morris Michtom saw the cartoon and had an idea. He and his wife Rose were also makers of stuffed animals, and Michtom decided to create a stuffed toy bear and dedicate it to the president who refused to shoot a bear. He called it 'Teddy's Bear'.

After receiving Roosevelt's permission to use his name, Michtom mass produced the toy bears which were so popular that he soon founded the Ideal Toy Company. To this day the Teddy Bear has worldwide popularity and its origin can be traced back to Theodore's fate- full hunting trip in 1902.

Clifford Berryman's 1902 cartoon that lampooned T.R.'s bear hunt

http://www.nps.gov/thrb/historyculture/storyofteddybear.htm

One of our VA Beach Anglers members, Mr. Chris Trimpey is also the Youth Program Coordinator and Board Member for the Suffolk-Nansemond Izaak Walton League of America (S-N IWLA) Chapter. On April 27th they will be holding their annual Teddy Bear hunt in their park. The event is open to the public (limited to 50 children); afternoon activities include fishing in their private lake and archery. The targeted ages for children are 3-10 years of age. Please see the flyer for detailed information and contact Mr. Chris Trimpey directly for registration/questions email: chris trimpey@hotmail.com

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 2024 PLANNING CALENDAR

	23	US COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY COURSE
APRIL	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	13	LEAD POURING PARTY
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	ANNUAL FISH FRY
	27	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
MAY	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	2-3-4	OCRACOKE INVITATIONAL FISHING
		TOURNAMENT
	4	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	11	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING - QUALIFER - SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	1	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8	OBX RETREAT AND MARK WRAY TOURNAMENT
	15	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY
		DAY)
	20	BOARD MEETING
	22	SETON YOUTH FISHING TRIP
	20	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	29	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISHING TRIP

JULY	6	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
331.	11	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	11	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	13	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER
	25	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	27	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
AUGUST	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	10	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	22	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	31	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
SEPTEMBER	5-6-7	HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL -
		SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	14	HUNT FOR HARD HEAD'S
	19	BOARD MEETING
	21	STAN SUTLIFF MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
	28	OBX RETREAT FRISCO SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	10-11-12	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	FALL OYSTER ROAST
NOVEMBER	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7-8-9	CAPE HATERAS ANGLERS CLUB INVITATIONAL -
		SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	21	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING,
		HOLIDAY PARTY &
		GENERAL ELECTIONS
	19	BOARD MEETING

The Boater's Safety Course





14 people attended the class which was taught by Richard Mays.





Time: 12:00 to 3:00

Cost: Members - Free; Guests - \$10

Location: CBF Brock Environmental Center

3663 Marlin Bay Drive, Virginia Beach

VBAC will provide fried fish, sides, and water/sodas. Members should bring a dessert. There will be a 50/50 cash prize raffle.

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

Our Crappie Tournament



Virginia Beach Angler's Club





Saturday, March 16, 2024



21 Anglers this year, 14 adult & 7 youth!

The following anglers won prizes at the Tournament

BOAT

First Place: Russell Willoughby - 15 ½" Crappie - \$200 Second Place: Micki Walsh – 14 ½" Crappie - \$100 SHORE

Largest fish from Shore: Luke Elena 8 ¼" Perch – Rod &Reel TOP YOUTH ANGLER

Joseph Soniak – Boat – 12 ¾" Crappie – Tackle Box, VBAC hat, and \$20.00.

Prizes donated by Oceans East – 5785 Northampton Blvd., VB Thanks to all who attended and hope to see you next year!

Our Crappie Tournament Pics







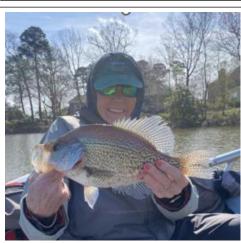


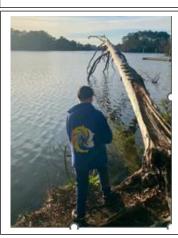
















Crappie Tournament Pics Page 2



Nothing would have been possible if it weren't for our selfless volunteers!









March Meeting Photos















Top volunteers tag more than 8,400 fishes in one year!

Top volunteers tag more than 8,400 fishes in one year! March 18, 2024 By Susanna Musick With more than 417,000 fishes tagged since 1995, the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP) had a lot to celebrate at its annual awards program at Bass Pro Shops in Hampton last Friday night. The VGFTP is a cooperative program between the Marine Advisory Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and the Virginia Saltwater Tournament at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), Using state saltwater license funds, the tagging program trains volunteer anglers to tag recreationally important finfishes. Data collected by the VGFTP helps anglers and managers learn more about fish migration, growth and habitat use. In 2023, VGFTP volunteers tagged more than 14,700 fishes; of these, 8,457 (57%) were tagged by the Top Taggers who won an Award Friday evening. The Top Tagger trophy was awarded to Yorktown angler, Ed Shepherd, who tagged more than 3,260 fishes in 2023. Award winners hailed from all over Virginia and the Eastern Shore. Top Taggers for 2023 Category Winner Runner up Second Runner-up Overall Tags Ed Shepherd (Yorktown) Scott Vinson (Williamsburg) Stan Simmerman (Hampton) Overall Recaptures Ed Shepherd Scott Vinson David Gladysiewicz (Greenbackville) Black Drum Scott Vinson Jay & Jim Duell (Smithfield) Black Sea Bass Ed Shepherd Alex Perez (Norfolk) Cobia Jorj & Hayden Head (Seaford) John Limroth (VA Beach) Summer Flounder Scott Vinson Ed Shepherd Red Drum Ed Shepherd David Griffith (Cape Charles) Sheepshead Drew Aladj (VA Beach) John Limroth (VA Beach) Spadefish Alex Perez Nick Grez (Millsboro, DE) Speckled Trout Ed Shepherd Scott Vinson Tautog David Gladysiewicz Wally Veal (Newport News) Triggerfish Alex Perez Rob Collins (Norfolk) & Henry Troutner (Smithfield) Special VGFTP Awards Most Experimental Tags Winner: Bryan Lewis (Bealeton), Runner up: Scott Vinson Grand Slam (All Ten Species!) Alex Perez 28 Years of Service Ken Neill (Seaford) For more information about the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program, visit www.vims.edu/vgftp/



Menhaden News

Failed menhaden study bill betrays the Chesapeake Bay

By Steve Atkinson

As spring fishing season approaches, we are reminded it has been a tough few years for the mighty Menhaden — the most important fish in the Chesapeake Bay — and those who try to protect them. Menhaden are a critical but inedible bait fish that feed many species in the bay including striped bass, marine mammals and birds. They are essential to the health of the bay and are harvested in huge nets then ground up (i.e. reduced) to fish meal where they become feed for salmon farms and other

For years this controversial fishery has been protected by a handful of politicians and an army of lobbyists. Concerns about menhaden depletion, damage from fish spills, unintended bycatch, and damage to habitat have long been raised by both

fishermen and environmental groups, only to be told "there is no science to support your claims."

So, this past summer a group gathered to provide input on the design of a long overdue scientific study of menhaden in the bay. This study is badly needed because coastal stock assess-ments, which declare menhaden are not "overfished," do not account for conditions in the bay. This group included representatives from Omega Protein (Virginia's sole industrial menhaden harvester), the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences and others. Afterwards we all agreed on this study and what would be included. It was a glimmer of

In January, this proposed study resulted in House Bill 19, sponsored by Dels. Lee Ware and Betsy Carr, to fund the study. It would take three years and cost \$2.7 million to complete, but is sary to better understand

the impact on our bay's ecosystem. Shockingly, for the second consecutive year, the bill was stponed until next year, likely killing the entire study. When asked why the bill failed with no public testimony, the chair of the legislative committee stated "T did what I was told."

What happened? The Canadi-an-owned menhaden company unleashed its lobbyists and political friends on the General Assembly to do what they do best. I guess they don't want science after all. This is yet another breach of public trust.

All of this follows an ugly 2022 where the industry had multiple fish spills along the beaches of the Eastern Shore and 12,000 pounds of prized red drum killed bycatch. It was a year that thousands of citizens, environmental groups and fishing businesses signed petitions and letters to the

governor, all to no avail. That year ended in the defeat

of a proposed 1-mile, no-fishing buffer regulation on a 5-4 vote at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, which opted instead for a toothless "memo randum of understanding." This is the same citizen board that the administration had earlier stacked with friends of the menhaden industry, and the same board that must now address vet another petition for rulemaking and a resolution from Northampton County supervisors to move the fishery out of the bay. And it's the same board that must answer to scientific research showing that Osprey birds in the bay are starving due to scarcity of menha-

All of this makes us wonder. why is Virginia allowing the mass harvest of 112 million pounds of this public resource from the bay annually when the company is unwilling to embrace scien-tific research? Is this what a responsible company does in the

21st century? And what is the point of being a legislator if you allow lobbyists to make deci sions for you? This industrial fishery should move out of the bay and into the ocean (where the company currently harvests about two-thirds of its total catch) until science can show it is not causing harm. By allowing harvest of these fish in the bay at a lower operating cost, the state i essentially subsidizing this oper ation.

We will remember this legislative fiasco the next time some one says, "There's no science to support your concerns." It's not too late for the administration to fund this important study, and to the politicians who turn a blind eye and condone this betraval of our bay: We vote.

Steve Atkinson of Richmond is president of the Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association, Learn more at saveourmenhaden.org.

GUEST COLUMNS

Submissions for the op-ed page should be 650-700 words. Send to brian.colligan@pilotonline.com

The above photo was sent in by Stephen Atkinson

Prize Fish Leaders

		Freshwater Ca	tch	
Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
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		Freshwater Rel	ease	
Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie (9)	Ike Eisenhower	3/12/24	15.5 in.	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	Ike Eisenhower	2/15/24	22.75 in.	Lake Smith
		Saltwater Cat	ch	
Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Black Seabass (4)	David Smith	2/22/24	4 lb. 2 oz.	Offshore VB
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	Angler			
Species Red Drum	Susan Smith	2/4/24	31 in.	Rudee Inlet
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			31 in.	Rudee Inlet
Red Drum	Susan Smith	Roulette Lead	31 in.	
Red Drum			31 in.	Rudee Inlet Location
Red Drum	Susan Smith	Roulette Lead	31 in.	
Species Red Drum Species	Susan Smith	Roulette Lead	31 in.	

Roulette Contest 2024 Fish

On March 7, the wheel was spun and the following fish were chosen;

TOG

GAR

BOWFIN

BLACK DRUM

PUPPY DRUM

Roulette Rules: Any fish caught from 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024 can qualify. Only the **heaviest** fish in each category will win. Must have contacted the Prize Fish Committee to enter before the wheel is spun. You are required to submit your entry via the clubs standard Prize Fish form. Prize Fish/Roulette entries can be submitted by hand or email (**vbanglersclub@gmail.com**) to the Virginia Beach Anglers Club Prize Fish Committee . A table of the current leaders will be kept up to date and posted in each newsletter.

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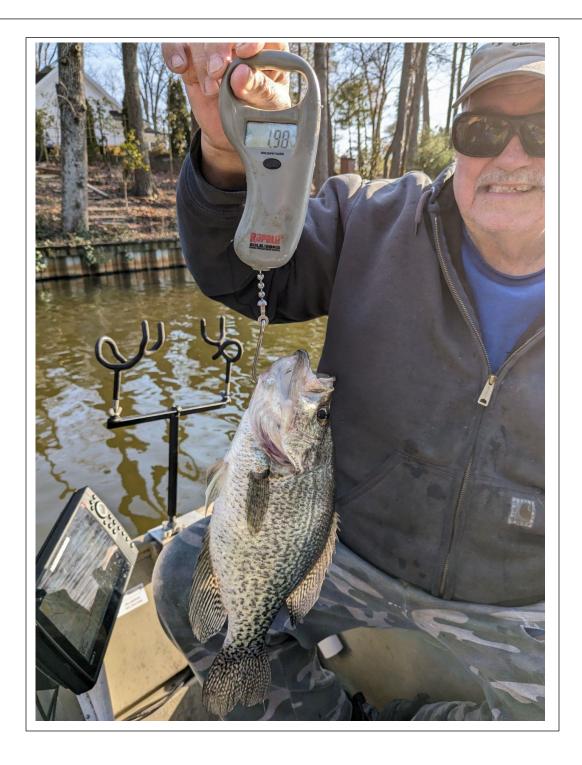


6 Weigh masters are needed to man 2 separate sites for this event. Our club president is working on this event to benefit the ODU alumni association. It is a two day, Friday and Saturday event. Those that volunteer will be needed from 10AM until 4PM and will have no heavy lifting. Anglers will place their fish on the scale and the weigh master will record it.

Please contact Mark Lozier at 757-754-0062.

Fresh Water News

On March 11, Russell Willoughby was pre-fishing the lake with Ike prior to the crappie tournament and caught this monster. It's a state citation release fish and proves Russell knows where to find the monsters! Way to go Russell!



Fresh Water News





Lake Smith with Ronnie Willoughby 3/12/24 State citation release black crappie: Went fishing with Ronnie in Lake Smith a few days before the VBAC Crappie tournament in my Tracker. I hadn't used my boat in almost a year and had never fished with Ronnie so it was meant to be just a shake down trip at best. Everything worked fine on my boat and Ronnie was great to fish with so I was feeling good about the tournament. It got even better when we tried a few spots looking for crappie and I boated a 15.5 inch crappie release. My first for the year! She was black from spawning so I of course let her go. We caught a couple more but that big one was the best.

VBAC Crappie Tournament 3/16/24:

Ronnie Willoughby entered the VBAC Crappie Tournament and started catching almost as soon as we started. 12.5" ended up being the biggest we could produce for the entire day. Weather was great and we caught 8 or 9 keeping 6 for dinner. We each caught a mud catfish and Ronnie kept the biggest. Ronnie also caught a bass which he released. Over all a fun tournament but too long on the water for me. Congratulations to Russell with his 15.5 incher. Caught right where I released that one I caught on Tuesday.

Blessings,

Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower

Committees

2024 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show: Chair - Russell Willoughby

Calendar: Chair – Butch Eason

Co-Chair – Ronnie Nixon

Crab Creek Clean-Up: Chair – Ronnie Nixon

Great Bridge Flea Market: Chair – Preston Mangum

Banquet/Oyster Roast: Chair – Patty Searby

Seton Youth: Chair – Pending

Raffle: Chair – Preston Mangum

Audit Committee: Chair – Mike Anderson

Surf Tournaments: Chair – Kelly Hoggard

Club Tournaments: Chair – Bob Burstein

Prize Fish: Chair – Ike Eisenhower

Nomination Committee: Chair – Butch Eason

<u>Co-Chair – Ronnie Nixon</u>

Conservation and Regulations: Chair – Butch Eason

Co-Chair - Kelly Hoggard

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If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,
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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

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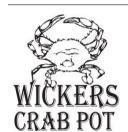




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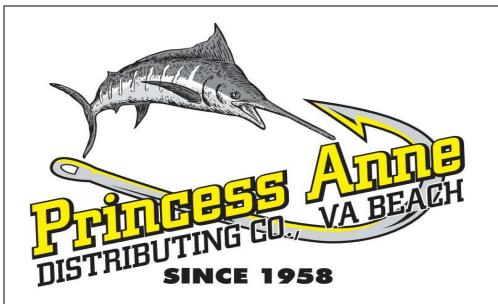


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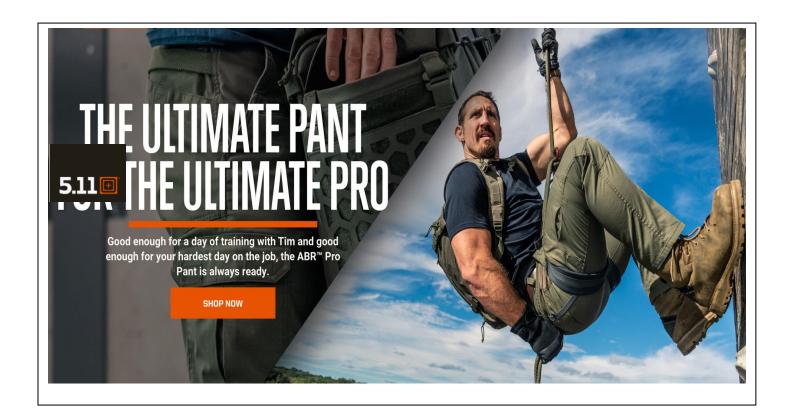
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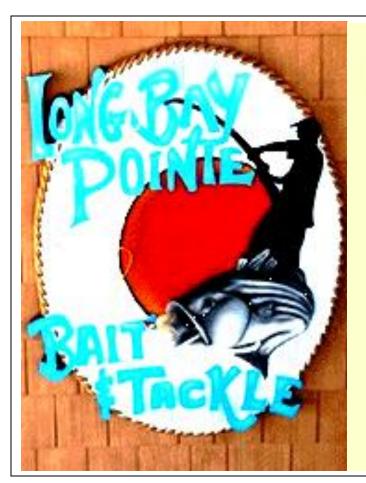


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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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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