

Our Mission:

The purpose of the Virginia Beach Anglers Club 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.

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Foundry United Methodist Church;
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2020



Awards Banquet

February 15, 2020

Welcome to the Virginia Beach Anglers Club Awards Banquet!

We've gathered again today to celebrate our angling achievements. Grab a chair, sit down with your fellow club members, share your favorite stories, and let's have another night to remember. We are blessed to have so many friends to enjoy this bountiful feast with.

Today would not be possible without each one of you.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

GEORGE GABRIEL

SPECIAL GUESTS

VMRC	LEWIS GILLINGHAM
CBF	CHRIS MOORE
CBF	CAPTAIN JIMMY SOLLNER
CBF	YANCEY POWELL
SETON	TOM GROCE
VA HR	DELEGATE BARRY KNIGHT
VA HR	LEGAL ASSISTANT ANDREW DAMON
GBFA	JOE STEVENSON
NAC	WILL BRANSOM
PAC	DENNY DOBBINS
TAC	STEVE JONES

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED DILIGENTLY BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE TODAY A SUCCESS

HEAD CHEF: JERRY MARIANO

PRIZE FISH: KELLY HOGGARD

MEMBERS: MARK WRAY, SUE SMITH, RON ANOIA
MAUREEN GABRIEL, PATTY SEARBY, PRESTON MANGUM
BUTCH EASON... AND ANYONE ELSE WHO CONTRIBUTED

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KELLY HOGGARD
JERRY HUGHES
MARK LOZIER
PRESTON MANGUM
RONNIE NIXON
BILL SEARBY
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VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge

In keeping with the mission of the Virginia Beach Anglers Club, “to promote fishing activities,” the club started a friendly fishing competition for members only. This is our 9th year.

The Fishing Roulette

The purpose is to encourage our members to step outside their angler comfort zone and broaden their angling experiences by fishing for species or fishing in waters they would otherwise not consider. The Roulette rules were established with consideration of leveling the angler field; eligible species include both saltwater and freshwater varieties; accessible by shore or boat. The rules are simple. Any member in good standing has until the March meeting to enter the Roulette and pay their \$20.00 entry fee. At the March meeting, five species are randomly selected by spinning the roulette wheel from the list of club-eligible prize fish. All fish (aligned to the five selected species) caught in the period beginning January 1st through December 31st of that calendar year can be presented for the competition. Relying on the honor system for the Roulette, we only accept the weight of the fish. At the end of the year, the participant with the heaviest fish caught in each species category gets a share of the prize money. The prizes are based on the total sum of money collected divided by the number of species (1 winner per species).

Congratulations to this year’s winners!

Yellow Perch	Preston Mangum
Bowfin	Jerry Hughes
Flounder	James ‘Ike’ Eisenhower
Bluefish	David Smith
Spadefish	Kelly Hoggard

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2019 OFFICERS

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JERRY MARIANO

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BUTCH EASON

PRESTON MANGUM

MARK LOZIER

2019 Top Fish Saltwater Catch

Blackbelly Rosefish	1 st	Kevin Synowiec	3 lb 14 oz
Blackfin Tuna	1 st	George Gabriel	36 lb
Black Sea Bass	1 st	David Smith	6 lb 1 oz
Blueline Tilefish	1 st	David Anderson	7 lb 11 oz
Dolphin	1 st	Michael Anderson	39 lb
Flounder	1 st	James Eisenhower	5 lb 4 oz
Golden Tilefish	1 st	Beth Synowiec	26 lb
Grey Triggerfish	1 st	David Smith	3 lb 13 oz
King Mackerel	1 st	David Smith	37 lb
Oyster Toad	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	2 lb 14 oz
Pinfish	1 st	Patty Searby	14 oz
Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	1 lb 9 oz
Sea Robin	1 st	Jerry Mariano	1 lb 1 oz
Spanish Mackerel	1 st	David Smith	5 lb
Speckled Trout	1 st	David Thomas	4 lb 14 oz
Spotted Hake	1 st	David Smith	6 lb 9 oz
Swallowtail Bass	1 st	Beth Synowiec	1 lb 2 oz

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Member of the Year

Purpose: This award recognizes an outstanding VBAC member who has given much time and effort to improving the quality of the VBAC. This award is not based on angling efforts and excludes from consideration those duties performed in conjunction with an elected office.

Format: The president appoints a committee chairperson on or about the October time frame. The committee chairman will select the remaining committee members (normally 2-3 persons). The president is a ex-officio member of this committee. At the December board meeting, the committee chairman proposes to the board a list of candidates for the award. The board can propose other candidates as well. Selection of the recipient is by ballot vote. The recipient must receive a majority vote of the board. The chairman keeps the name of the winner secret. This award may be won more than once by any member.

Previous Recipient: Bryan Watkins

Dr. James C. Wright Conservation Award

Purpose: This award is presented to an individual who, in the opinion of the VBAC, contributed substantially to the conservation of freshwater or saltwater ecology. Although not a firm requirement, this award normally focuses on conservation efforts within the state of Virginia.

Previous Recipient: Del. Barry Knight

New Club Records

To be eligible for a new club record, anglers abide by all prize fish contest rules and weigh their fish at an official state weigh station.

Club members certified **6 Club Records** in 2019!

Blackbelly Rosefish	3 lb 14 oz	Kevin Synowiec
Blackfin Tuna	36 lb	George Gabriel
Crappie	2 lb 10 oz	Steve Harding
Oyster Toad	2 lb 14 oz	Kelly Hoggard
Sea Robin	1 lb 1 oz	Jerry Mariano
Swallowtail Bass	1 lb 2 oz	Beth Synowiec

2019 Top Fish Saltwater Release

Black Drum	1 st	Preston Mangum	38 in
Cobia	1 st	David Smith	49 in
Houndfish	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	42 in
King Mackerel	1 st	John Germanos	36 in
Pompano	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	13.25 in
Red Drum	1 st	Robert Oliver	46.5 in
Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	13.25 in
Shark	1 st	John Germanos	96 in
Southern Puffer	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	12.25 in
Spadefish	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	17.5 in
Spanish Mackerel	1 st	Russell Willoughby	28 in
Speckled Trout	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	24.38 in
Spot	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	9.5 in
White Marlin	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	1 Release

2019 Top Fish Surf Catch

Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	1 lb 9 oz
Speckled Trout	1 st	David Thomas	4 lb 14 oz

2019 Top Fish Surf Release

Houndfish	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	42 in
Pompano	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	13.25 in
Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	13.25 in
Southern Puffer	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	12.25 in
Speckled Trout	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	24.38 in
Spot	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	9.5 in

Master Angler Awards

The following anglers have caught and/or released at least one club minimum sized fish of six or more different species. This earns the title “Master Angler.”

Melanie Bayford

Crappie Bluegill White Perch
Largemouth Bass Longnose Gar
Yellow Perch Chain Pickerel

Russell Willoughby

Crappie Cobia Blue Catfish Spot
Longnose Gar Spanish Mackerel

Kelly Hoggard

Spadefish White Marlin
Flounder Roundhead Pompano
Spot Speckled Trout

David Smith

Cobia Black Sea Bass Shark
Grey Triggerfish Speckled Trout
Spanish Mackerel King Mackerel

Expert Angler Awards

The following anglers have caught and/or released at least six club minimum sized fish of the same species. This earns them the title of “Expert Angler” for that species.

Melanie Bayford

Crappie Bluegill White Perch

Russell Willoughby

Crappie

James ‘Ike’ Eisenhower

Crappie Speckled Trout

David Smith

Speckled Trout

Kelly Hoggard

Roundhead

John Germanos

Roundhead

2019 Top Fish Freshwater Catch

Bowfin	1 st	Jerry Hughes	8 lb 4 oz
Crappie	1 st	Steve Harding	2 lb 10 oz
Snakehead	1 st	Frank James	6 lb 5 oz

2019 Top Fish Freshwater Release

Blue Catfish	1 st	Russell Willoughby	44 in
Bluegill	1 st	Melanie Bayford	10.5 in
Chain Pickerel	1 st	Melanie Bayford	22.5 in
Crappie	1 st	James Eisenhower	15.5 in
Largemouth Bass	1 st	Melanie Bayford	19.5 in
Longnose Gar	1 st	Russell Willoughby	33 in
White Perch	1 st	Melanie Bayford	13 in
Yellow Perch	1 st	Melanie Bayford	12 in

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Members Caught or Released

Amberjack	1	Longnose Gar	4
Blackbelly Rosefish	2	Oyster Toad	1
Black Drum	1	Pinfish	1
Blackfin Tuna	5	Pompano	1
Black Sea Bass	6	Red Drum	8
Blue Catfish	2	Roundhead	28
Bluefish	3	Sea Robin	1
Bluegill	5	Shark	2
Blueline Tilefish	1	Shellcracker	1
Bowfin	3	Snakehead	1
Chain Pickerel	3	Southern Puffer	1
Crappie	30	Spadefish	3
Cobia	7	Spanish Mackerel	10
Dolphin	1	Speckled Trout	26
Flounder	4	Spot	3
Golden Tilefish	1	Spotted Hake	1
Grey Triggerfish	1	Swallowtail Bass	2
Grey Trout	1	White Marlin	1
Houndfish	1	White Perch	9
King Mackerel	3	Yellow Perch	4
Largemouth Bass	8		

2019 Statistics

A total of 41 species were caught by over **30 club members!**
There were 197 fish caught and members **released 123** of these fish!
VBAC members were awarded **29 State Citations** in 2019!

70 fish were caught in Freshwater.

127 fish were caught in Saltwater.

43 fish were caught from the Surf.

Outstanding Awards

Most Outstanding Saltwater Catch

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Most Outstanding Freshwater Catch

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Female Saltwater Angler of the Year

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Male Saltwater Angler of the Year

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Release Saltwater Angler of the Year

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Female Freshwater Angler of the Year

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Male Freshwater Angler of the Year

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Release Freshwater Angler of the Year

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Jay Smith Memorial Surf Fishing Award

Male Surf Angler of the Year

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Gene Farrar Memorial Surf Fishing Award

Female Surf Angler of the Year

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