

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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2022



Awards Banquet

February 19, 2022

Welcome to the Virginia Beach Anglers Club Awards Banquet!

2021 was a turnaround year for the anglers club and our activities! Many challenges still existed for our members. We had to reschedule club events and change meeting formats. Events like the summer fish fry, awards banquet summer bbq, club lead pouring, oyster roast, crab creek clean-ups, the fall surf tournaments and even the Seton Youth fishing day were successful last year!

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

HEAD CHEF: JERRY MARIANO

**PRIZE FISH COMMITTEE: IKE EISENHOWER,
KELLY HOGGARD, BUTCH EASON**

**MEMBERS: MARK WRAY, SUE SMITH, RON ANOIA,
MAUREEN GABRIEL, PATTY SEARBY, PRESTON
MANGUM,
BUTCH EASON, MELANIE BAYFORD, BOB BURSTEIN,
CHRIS SCHNEIDER, JERRY HUGHES, MARK LOZIER,
RONNIE NIXON
BILL SEARBY, RUSSELL WILLOUGHBY, GARY
DORHOFF,
CAROLINE ROBINSON... AND ANYONE ELSE WHO
CONTRIBUTED**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

GEORGE GABRIEL

SPECIAL GUESTS

VMRC	LEWIS GILLINGHAM
VMRC	SCOTT BOWMAN
CBF	CHRIS MOORE
GBFA	JOE STEVENSON
NAC	WILL BRANSOM
PAC	DENNY DOBBINS
TAC	STEVE JONES

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

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 11th 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).

2021 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

CHRIS SCHNEIDER

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

MARK LOZIER

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

BRYAN WATKINS

TREASURER

MICHAEL ANDERSON

RECORDING SECRETARY

RUSSELL WILLOUGHBY

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

BOB STUHLMAN

2021 BOARD MEMBERS

CHAIRMAN

BOB BURSTEIN

AT LARGE

GARY DOERHOFF

JERRY MARIANO

PRESTON MANGUM

RONNIE NIXON

PATTY SEARBY

KELLY HOGGARD

JAMES IKE EISENHOWER

DAVID ANDERSON

GEORGE GABRIEL

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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 an 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.

Congratulations to the 2021 Roulette winners!

Blue Catfish	Alan Hunter
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby
Black Sea Bass	Kelly Hoggard
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard
Speckled Trout	David Smith

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 **2 Club Records** in 2021!

Longnose Gar	16 lb 2 oz	Alan Hunter
Striped Sea Robin	1 lb 11 oz	Victor Minak

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.

2021 Top Fish Saltwater Release

Bluefish	1 st	Alex Ramos	17.25 in
Grey Triggerfish	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	15.5 in
Red Drum	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	50.25 in
Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	16.5 in
Shark	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	113 in
Spanish Mackerel	1 st	Alex Ramos	26.5 in
Speckled Trout	1 st	James Eisenhower	23 in
Spot	1 st	Alex Ramos	9.25 in
White Marlin	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	1 Release

2021 Top Fish Saltwater Catch

Grey Triggerfish	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	3 lb 13 oz
Grey Trout	1 st	David Smith	7 lb 2 oz
Pompano	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	2 lb 8 oz
Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	2 lb
Spanish Mackerel	1 st	David Smith	7 lb
Speckled Trout	1 st	David Smith	7 lb

DONATIONS

Dozens of businesses and individuals provide donations to the Virginia Beach Anglers Club on an annual basis. Their contributions don't always appear as raffle prizes at the banquet. They may also contribute by buying ad space in our calendar, website, or newsletter. Donations are made monetarily towards our Seton Youth fishing event as well. Each of these contributions help to make the club successful.

Support those local businesses that support us and thank all the individuals that help make a difference. Without all of them, the club would not be able to provide the many opportunities it does to give back to the community.

COASTAL BREEZE CAR WASH
 PRINCESS ANNE DISTRIBUTERS
 SEA TOW HAMPTON ROADS
 LONG BAY POINT BAIT & TACKLE

RUDEE TOURS
 5.11 TACTICAL
 WALMART

OCEAN'S EAST BAIT & TACKLE
 FIRST WATCH
 WHISKEY KITCHEN

JIMMY DA GREEK'S
 USA FUEL SERVICE / DAVE TROSIEN
 MURPHY'S IRISH PUB

LUCKY OYSTER
 THE EGG BISTRO

HAIR OF THE DOG EATERY
 MOD PIZZA

PEMBROKE PIZZA

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JERRY MARIANO, CAROLINE ROBINSON, GARY DORHOFF,
 RUSSELL WILLOUGHBY, MARY BRADLEY

2020 Top Fish Surf Catch

Pompano	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	2 lb 8 oz
Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	2 lb
Spanish Mackerel	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	6 lb 1 oz
Speckled Trout	1 st	Zac Thomas	5 lb 11 oz

2020 Top Fish Surf Release

Bluefish	1 st	Alex Ramos	17.25 in
Red Drum	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	50.25 in
Roundhead	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	16.5 in
Shark	1 st	Kelly Hoggard	113 in
Spanish Mackerel	1 st	Alex Ramos	26.5 in
Speckled Trout	1 st	Alex Ramos	14 in
Spot	1 st	Alex Ramos	9.25 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

Black Crappie Blue Catfish Bluegill
Bowfin Chain Pickerel Largemouth Bass
Longnose Gar Shellcracker Sunfish (other)
White Perch Yellow Perch

Alan Hunter

Black Crappie Blue Catfish Bluegill
Bowfin Chain Pickerel Largemouth Bass
Longnose Gar Shellcracker
White Perch Yellow Perch

Alex Ramos

Bluefish Red Drum Roundhead
Spanish Mackerel Speckled Trout Spot

Kelly Hoggard

Grey Triggerfish Pompano Red Drum
Roundhead Shark Spanish Mackerel
White Marlin

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

Black Crappie Bowfin
Longnose Gar Shellcracker

Russell Willoughby

Black Crappie

James ‘Ike’ Eisenhower

Black Crappie Speckled Trout

Alan Hunter

Black Crappie Bluegill Bowfin
Longnose Gar Shellcracker
White Perch Yellow Perch

Kelly Hoggard

Roundhead Shark

David Smith

Speckled Trout

Patty Searby

Roundhead

2021 Top Fish Freshwater Catch

Blue Catfish	1 st	Alan Hunter	32 lb 12 oz
Longnose Gar	1 st	Alan Hunter	16 lb 2 oz
Shellcracker	1 st	Butch Eason	15 oz

2021 Top Fish Freshwater Release

Black Crappie	1 st	James Eisenhower	15.5 in
Blue Catfish	1 st	Melanie Bayford	34 in
Bluegill	1 st	Alan Hunter	9 in
Bowfin	1 st	Melanie Bayford	30 in
Chain Pickerel	1 st	Melanie Bayford	25 in
Largemouth Bass	1 st	Melanie Bayford	18 in
Longnose Gar	1 st	Alan Hunter	45.5 in
Shellcracker	1 st	Alan Hunter	10 in
Sunfish (other)	1 st	Melanie Bayford	10 in
White Perch	1 st	Melanie Bayford	13 in
Yellow Perch	1 st	Alan Hunter	12.75 in

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Members Caught or Released

Black Crappie	35	Pompano	1
Black Sea Bass	3	Red Drum	10
Blue Catfish	7	Roundhead	19
Bluefish	1	Shark	33
Bluegill	16	Shellcracker	20
Bowfin	32	Spanish Mackerel	7
Chain Pickerel	12	Speckled Trout	35
Cobia	1	Spot	3
Flounder	1	Striped Sea Robin	1
Grey Triggerfish	2	Sunfish (other)	4
Grey Trout	1	White Marlin	1
Largemouth Bass	3	White Perch	13
Longnose Gar	31	Yellow Perch	22
Pollock	1		

2021 Statistics

A total of 27 species were caught by over **18 club members!**
There were 315 fish caught and members **released 263** of these fish!
VBAC members were awarded **62 State Citations** in 2021!

195 fish were caught in Freshwater.

120 fish were caught in Saltwater.

81 fish were caught from the Surf.

Outstanding Awards

Most Outstanding Saltwater Catch

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Most Outstanding Freshwater Catch

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VBAC Sand Witches Memorial Award

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Youth Angler of the Year

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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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