



February 2019



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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday February 7, 2019 7:30pm.

**Where: Foundry United Methodist Church,
2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach next to
Beach Ford.**

Meeting Speakers: John Germanos & Robbie Parks

**Meeting Subject: Surf fishing; 2020 team member
selection, Intra-club schedule, new point system,
schedule of events, & team selection process 2019.**

**Reminder: Names will be drawn for the Ocracoke
tournament at February meeting.**

February & Future Information Notes:

- **Boat Show – February 8 – 10**
- **Awards Banquet – February 16 (Please note change)**
- **Great Bridge Flea Market – March 9**
- **Crappie Tournament – March 30**

This Month's Quote

The four stages of man are infancy, childhood, adolescence
and obsolescence. ~ **Art Linkletter**

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Croaker	Russell Willoughby	12.5" 15 oz.
Puppy Drum	Jerry Hughes	6# 12.8 oz
Sea Bass	Jerry Mariano	4# 8oz
Bowfin	James Eisenhower	6#
Sunfish	James Eisenhower	1# 5oz

Catch-A-Ride

BOAT

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450

Jeremy Maguire (757) 407-0493

Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851

Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282

Bob Stuhlman (757) 374-7372

CREW

Pete Federico (908) 887-3113

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

Gerald Segelstrom (724) 809-7868

Important Reminder

2019 Membership Dues

A reminder to all members, 2019 membership renewals are due. Dues are just \$30 per year.

Membership dues are required for eligibility to club sponsored fishing events. Those would include surf fishing tournaments, boat fishing tournaments, monthly and yearly fishing competitions, our annual oyster roast, and club sponsored boat fishing trips. Current membership holders also receive updates of club events and important information via email on a regular basis. You can see Bob Burstein at our monthly meetings to pay your dues. If there are any questions about the membership to VBAC, please contact us by either our Gmail account or inquiring at the monthly meetings.

We draw for the spring and fall surf fishing teams at the February and March General Membership meeting. If you wish to be considered for a team position your dues need to be up to date.

Hats & T-Shirts

Inventory Clearance Club T-Shirts and Hats

Club T-shirts and hats are available in the old and new varieties.

Please see Patty Searby at the General Membership meeting.

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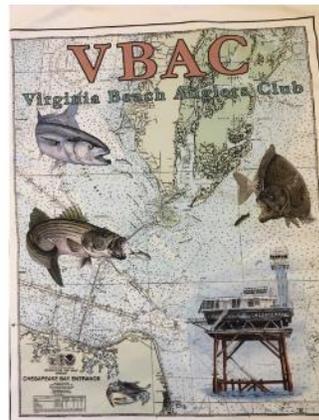
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New law could improve fisheries management

Article by Lee Toliver *Virginian-Pilot*

The Modern Fish Act could help solve a problem that recreational fishermen in Hampton Roads have complained about for decades — data on what and how they catch isn't being used in fisheries management decisions.

Instead, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's fisheries division has used data provided by scientists, fisheries biologists and commercial fishermen.

Recreational anglers have argued for years that nobody knows more about what's swimming the depths than they do. They report information to federal fisheries managers who set rules for the size of fish and how many can be caught, and when seasons open and close. But they say it isn't used well to inform those decisions.

The legislation was signed by President Donald Trump on the last day of 2018.

It requires the NOAA Fisheries to apply better management tools, some already used by state agencies.

NOAA Fisheries will have to join the National Academy of Sciences in a study of mixed-use stocks — meaning those used by both recreational and commercial fishermen.

And the biggest improvement forces NOAA Fisheries to start using more recreational catch data provided by the nation's 11 million saltwater anglers.

"Recreational fishing has always been the poor stepchild in fisheries management, especially at the federal level," said Ken Neill, a Virginia representative to the International Game Fish Association and a board member of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission that regulates the state's fisheries.

"If nothing else, this law will take us out of the shadows," said Neill, an avid saltwater fishermen. "Almost all recreational fishing and conservation groups are behind this because of that.

"NOAA will no longer be able to say their decisions were based on the data available. It will force them to get better information and that's going to come from recreational anglers."

"America's anglers and members of the recreational fishing and boating industry are among the most responsible stewards of our marine resources because healthy fisheries and the future of recreational fishing go hand-in-hand," said Scott Deal, president of Florida-based Maverick Boat Group, in a news release.

Four years ago, Deal joined with Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris to issue a report: "A Vision for Managing America's Saltwater Recreational Fisheries." Known as the Morris-Deal Commission, many of the the partnership's recommendations appear in the Modern Fish Act.

According to several different organizations that represent recreational fishing interests, saltwater anglers account for \$63 billion in economic impact and generate nearly a half million jobs. Approximately \$1.3 billion goes towards conservation, boating safety and infrastructure like launch ramps, and habitat restoration.

2018 Trip to "The Hill"



*Our thanks to;
Butch Eason
Gary Doerhoff
Jerry Hughes
Russell Willoughby*

Our club was represented by our "group of four" on the 22nd as they made an effort to speak to as many representatives at the Capitol while the general assembly was in session. Below is a summary written by Russell Willoughby of their very long day.

The Richmond trip was 1/22.

We met Chris Moore. The chief scientist with the Chesapeake Bay foundation. He had prepared an informational handout, and had a schedule for us to follow. We started with Sen Cosgrove from Virginia Beach, who introduced the legislation on the senate side. A visit to pay respect and thank him for his effort. We then started our travels throughout the general assembly office building. We only got to personally visit one other representative, Bloxum, from the eastern shore. Chris had given us a list of senators he felt important for us to contact, as well as the members of the house Chesapeake and Agricultural committee members, which he felt were "on the fence", and our presence from the recreational fishing community might help to influence. We did manage to meet with almost all the of top legislative aids, every one of which were polite, and took notes and accepted our information. One young woman even told us we were the most impressive lobbyists she had seen. We took lunch across the street at the bank building, and met other people from our area who had traveled up to oppose the underground pipeline. Lots of people of all types were there. We finally checked in with Chris, and left about 3:00 pm. The closest parking was about 4 blocks away, so we strolled thru Richmond. Most of the aids we spoke with had at least some knowledge of the menhaden issue. We told them tales of whales and great fishing, and to visit us today and look out upon the bay. I hope we helped and this year will be different. We will see. Russell

2018 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
VBAC Flea Market:	Chair - Bob Burstein
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair - Jerry Mariano
Seton Youth:	Chair - Dave Anderson
Raffles:	Chair - Preston Mangum
Audit Committee:	Chair - Mike Anderson
Surf Tournaments:	Chair - John Germanos
Club Tournaments:	Chair - George Gabriel Co. Chair - Bob Burstein Chair - Gary Doerhoff
Pier Tournaments:	Co. Chair - Bryan Watson
Prize Fish:	Chair - Chris Schneider
Nomination Committee:	Chair - Butch Eason Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard Co. Chair Beth Synoweic
Conservation and Regulations:	Chair - Butch Eason Co. Chair - Kelly Hoggard
T-Shirt Committee:	Chair - Patty Searby

If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,
Please Speak to the Chair. Help is Appreciated!

Saltwater Fishing News

The following page reflects the Prize Fish requirements updated on March 15, 2018.
Please save for your files.

Eligible Saltwater Species and Minimum Weights are:

***** Modified/updated March 15, 2018. Based on 75% of Virginia Citation Requirements.

Virginia Citation Requirements			2018 VBAC Requirements		
	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>		<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>
Amberjack	Release only	50"	Release only		38"
Bass, Black Sea	5 lb 0 oz	n/a	3 lb 12 oz		17"

Bass, Striped (SW)	40 lb 0 oz	44"	30 lb 0 oz		33"
Bluefish	16 lb 0 oz	36"	12 lb 0 oz		27"
Cobia	55 lb 0 oz	50"	41 lb 4 oz		38" *****
Croaker	3 lb 0 oz	20"	2 lb 4 oz		15" *****
Dolphin	25 lb 0 oz	n/a	18 lb 12 oz		35" *****
Drum, Black	80 lb 0 oz	46"	Release only		35"
Drum, Red	Release only	46"	Release only		35"
False Albacore	Release only	32"	Release only		24"
Flounder	6 lb 0 oz	26"	4 lb 8 oz		20"
Gray Triggerfish	4 lb 0 oz	20"	3 lb 0 oz		15"
Jack Crevalle	Release only	40"	Release only		30"
Kingfish (roundhead)	1 lb 8 oz	16"	1 lb 2 oz		12" *****
Mackerel, King	20 lb 0 oz	n/a	15 lb 0 oz		33"
Mackerel, Spanish	4 lb 0 oz	26"	3 lb 0 oz		20"
Marlin, Blue	Release only		Release only		
Marlin, White	Release only		Release only		
Pompano	1 lb 8 oz	16"	1 lb 2 oz		12"
Sailfish	Release only		Release only		
Sharks	Release only	72"	Release only		54"
Sheepshead	10 lb 0 oz	24"	7 lb 8 oz		18" *****
Spadefish	9 lb 0 oz	22"	6 lb 12 oz		17" *****
Spearfish	Release only		Release only		
Spot	1 lb 0 oz	13"	12 oz		10" *****
Swordfish	100 lb 0 oz	Any	75 lb 0 oz		Any
Tarpon	Release only	36"	Release only		27" *****
Tautog	9 lb 0 oz	23"	6 lb 12 oz		17" *****
Trout, Gray	9 lb 0 oz	30"	6 lb 12 oz		23" *****
Trout, Speckled	5 lb 0 oz	24"	3 lb 12 oz		18" *****
Tuna, Bigeye	70 lb 0 oz	n/a	52 lb 8 oz		38" *****
Tuna, Bluefin	100 lb 0 oz	60"	75 lb 0 oz		45"
Tuna, Yellowfin	70 lb 0 oz	n/a	52 lb 8 oz		38" *****
Tilefish, Blueline	10 lb 0 oz	n/a	7 lb 8 oz		*****
Tilefish, Golden	30 lb 0 oz	n/a	22 lb 8 oz		
Wahoo	35 lb 0 oz	n/a	26 lb 4 oz		38"

Saltwater Fishing News Continued



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 23, 2019

PRESS CONTACT: Mary Clark
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Mid-Atlantic Council Seeks Public Input for Next Five-Year Strategic Plan

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is seeking public input on the future of fisheries management in the Mid-Atlantic. A survey released today provides an opportunity for stakeholders to weigh in on how the Council has performed under its existing strategic plan and what issues should be addressed in the Council's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.

All interested stakeholders are invited to take the survey, which is designed to take about 15 minutes. The survey includes opportunities to comment on the Council's vision and mission as well as the specific goals and objectives that will guide the Council's management activities over the next five years.

The Council encourages everyone to visit [CLICK LINK BELOW](#) to access the survey. Paper copies can be obtained by contacting the Council office at 877-446-2362. The survey will be available through **February 28, 2019**.

All responses are anonymous and will be aggregated for analysis and presentation. The public will have another opportunity to provide comments on the draft strategic plan later in 2019.

For additional information and updates on the strategic planning process, please visit [\[REDACTED\]](#) or contact Michelle Duval at michelleduval22@gmail.com or 919-601-3798.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council manages fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) between 3 and 200 miles off the Mid-Atlantic coast. Member states include New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. [Visit our website](#) for more information.

[CLICK HERE FOR WEBSITE](#)

Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Virginia Artificial Reef Book

Virginia has an Artificial Reef Program but has been neglected due to no or low funding by the state. Many of our reefs are sinking into the seafloor bottom and need periodic maintenance with new material in order to keep and attract fish. VSSA is embarking with a program to raise funds with the specific intent to keep the program going by adding new material over time in order to maintain an adequate habitat for our fishery. Here is our program to accomplish this:

- Establish a committee of volunteers to help manage this program.
- Raise funds through donations and sales.
- Work with state and federal agencies to add materials to existing reefs and create new reefs.
- Promote recreational fishing through this reef program.
- Leverage construction contracts for contractors to donate materials to be placed on reefs rather than dispose of items like concrete, piping, and any material suitable for reefs.
- **VSSA is please to offer our new Artificial Reef Guide that is now available for purchase for \$50. To purchase this book, follow the link below.**

[Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association](#)

This 20 page full color book provides detailed images and highly accurate GPS locations to the artificial reefs in Virginia. Each page shows the image scans of the reef itself plus GPS locations in lat/long format so you can go directly to the structure shown in the book. This book is only available in print form. **All proceeds for this book will go towards new reef material to enhance the Virginia Artificial Reef Program.** This product is sponsored by the Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association (VSSA). **By purchasing this book for \$50, you can join VSSA for one year.** VSSA membership is currently \$25 per year but by purchasing this book you will receive a one year membership or a one year renewal at no additional cost. Current members may renew their membership by purchasing this book as well. To receive your free one year VSSA membership, just send a copy of your purchase receipt to: ifishva@gmail.com

Video Preview: <https://youtu.be/ceTZL51Gn0k>

Photo Preview: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/yfCSxghC4Kw2frT87>

The following reefs are included with detailed scans and waypoint GPS locations:

- Asphalt Reef
- Back River Reef
- Blackfish Banks
- Cabbage Patch Reef
- Cherrystone Reef
- East Oceanview Reef
- Nassawadox Reef
- Nundua Puncoteague Reef
- Newport News Reef
- Northern Neck Reef
- Occonhannock Reef
- Parramore Reef Subway Cars
- Tower Reef
- Triangle Reef
- Wachapreague Reef
- Windmill Point Reef

Saltwater Fishing News Continued

Trending posts from TidalFish.com!

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<https://www.tidalfish.com/forums/forum.php>



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Chef's Corner: Spanish Mackerel Fish Cakes with Zesty Lime-Garlic Aioli and Pickled Ginger

February 2019

This recipe is yet another super way to repurpose your leftover broiled fish, and it is a perfect follow-on dish to Spanish Mackerel Broiled Four Ways (Sep 2018)!

Whenever we create a meal in our house, we do so with an eye toward repurposing the leftovers into new and flavorful dishes worthy of “The Instinctive Chef’s” table!

In this case, I prepared enough broiled Spanish Mackerel and mashed potatoes to ensure there would be plenty left for the next day’s zesty fish cake fiesta!

This recipe uses the readily available ingredients from the fridge and pantry, so it can certainly be modified to suit. I used leftover Spanish Mackerel, but I would not hesitate to use this same recipe for Bluefish, Mahi, Amberjack, Wahoo, Shark, or Stingray – yes – Stingray! I thought about chopping up the leftover steamed shrimp and adding as well – why not?

Similarly, if I did not have leftover mashed potatoes, I could substitute more finely diced day-old bread and/or bread crumbs. Other substitutes that would work include cilantro for parsley; white/yellow/red onion for scallions; etc.

I would also consider adding a chopped Thai chili to kick it up another notch – the sky is the limit!

Spanish Mackerel Fish Cakes with Zesty Lime-Garlic Aioli and Pickled Ginger – Lotsa Great Flavors in Here!



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Spanish Mackerel Fish Cakes:



Leftovers are Gold if you know what to do with them!

Broiled Spanish & Mashers are the Basis for this Recipe!

Ingredients:

9 ounces chilled broiled Spanish Mackerel filets, pin bones and skin removed (if any)

1 cup chilled mashed potatoes

1 slice 10-grain wheat bread, finely diced (day-old white bread works, too)

2 tablespoons breadcrumbs (or as needed to tighten-up the mixture)

3 tablespoons green onions (scallions), finely chopped

3 tablespoons small heart-of-celery stalks with leaves, finely chopped



Thoroughly mix ingredients and chill to set for forming patties.

2 tablespoons fresh chopped flat-leaf parsley

2 teaspoons coarsely chopped capers

1 tablespoon Miracle Whip (or mayo)

1 tablespoon sour cream (or low-fat Greek yogurt)

2 teaspoons prepared yellow mustard

2 teaspoons Tabasco
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 teaspoons Creole or Cajun seasoning (or Old Bay)
2 teaspoons garlic powder
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper (more if you want a bit of kick!)
¼ cup finely shredded 5-cheeddar cheese mix (optional – we like cheese!)
2 eggs

Directions:

Coarsely chop the mackerel fillets.

In a large mixing bowl, combine mackerel, potatoes, diced bread, celery, onion, parsley, capers, all sauces, spices, eggs, and cheese. Mix thoroughly to get a good homogeneous distribution of flavors and textures (potato masher works well). Add bread crumbs as needed for a tacky, formable consistency.

Once all ingredients are thoroughly mixed, chill in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes to “set” the mixture.

While chilling, make the Zesty Lime-Garlic Aioli, and prepare the garnishes as described below.



Mackerel Cakes ready to Swim in Crisco Bay!

Once chilled and somewhat firm, form mackerel cakes into flat patties of the desired diameter and fry to a golden brown at approximately 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

We used a deep fat fryer since we were already frying-up some homemade Filipino egg rolls, but the cakes can also be sautéed in a hot skillet using olive oil, butter, bacon grease, or any other oil of your choice. Turn after about 4-5 minutes max on each side. When using a skillet, be sure to let the cakes crisp a bit before turning to ensure they hold together.

Plate with zesty lime-garlic aioli, and a garnish of pickled ginger, lime, and green onion – we happened to have a few leftover jumbo steamed NC shrimp to round-out the plate and dip into the Aioli! Voila!



Prepare the Aioli and plate with fried cakes!

Zesty Lime-Garlic Aioli:

Ingredients:

- 3 heavy tablespoons mayonnaise
- Hand-squeezed juice of ½ lime
- 1 large clove garlic, crushed and finely minced
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon Tabasco
- 1 small Thai chili finely chopped (optional)

Directions:

Thoroughly mix all ingredients until all spices and colors are evenly and smoothly distributed throughout the Aioli.

Feel free to tweak by adding/subtracting to get the zest and flavor desired for your palate, and for an extra kick, add the small Thai chili!

This sauce is very versatile, so have fun with it!

Contributed by: VBAC angler, John Germanos – aka The Instinctive Chef

VBAC Announces 2019 Surf Series Qualifying Event Schedule

The expanded VBAC Surf Series Qualifying Events offer fishing, fellowship, food, and FUN for all who are able to participate in any of the five events!

During the January Board meeting, VBAC approved the expanded Intra-Club surf fishing tournament schedule shown below for 2019.

Three of the events will be held at local venues, and two events will be in Hatteras, NC. The Salvo Opens build upon the pilot tournament held in August 2019 (see articles in Sep 2018 VBAC Newsletter).

The Outer Banks-based events are representative of Inter-Club tournaments that VBAC Tournament Teams enter throughout the year. Four of the five Club-sponsored tournaments are held in OBX, so the Spring and Fall Salvo Opens are great intra-club tournament training opportunities!

2019/20 VBAC Surf Series Qualifying Events (Top 10 Point Totals Across All Five Events Qualify)					
	Little Island Spring Open	Salvo Spring Open - Major	Ocean View Summer Open	Salvo Fall Open - Major	Little Island Fall Open
Date	Saturday, May 18th, 2019	Saturday, June 15th 2019	Saturday, July 20th, 2019	Saturday, August 24th, 2019	Saturday, 14 September 2019
Make-up Date	Sunday, May 19th, 2019	Saturday, June 22nd 2019	Saturday, July 27th, 2019	Saturday, August 31st, 2019	Saturday, 21 September 2019
Location	Little Island Park, VaBch	Hatteras Island, NC	Ocean View Fishing Pier, VA	Hatteras Island, NC	Little Island Park, VaBch
Time	0700-1100	0700-1100; 1400-1800	0700-1100	0700-1100; 1400-1800	0700-1100
Format	Open to all members				
Scoring	Total Length of Top 10 Fish	Total Length of Top 20 Fish	Total Length of Top 10 Fish	Total Length of Top 20 Fish	Total Length of Top 10 Fish
\$20 Calcutta	Optional - 3 target species				

The 2019 Surf Series expands opportunities for anglers to experience the sport of surf fishing in a well-organized, tournament environment with hands-on instruction and learning opportunities for members and guests.

These qualifying events are free to all VBAC members (Note: Ocean View Fishing Pier may require a separate entry fee).

Non-members may participate for a \$20 fee that may be applied to their membership dues provided they join the Club within one week of the tournament.

Since anyone may participate in these events, this is a great opportunity to bring in new and/or prospective members, so spread the word to family and friends!

The fundamental Objectives of these events are as follows (and IAW VBAC By Laws, Article II – Objectives):

- Promote Interest and participation by conducting activities to encourage sport fishing.
- Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance enjoyment of the sport.
- Conduct social activities to create a wholesome climate for deriving maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, families, and guests.

These events are geared toward promoting intra-club participation, and we will also include a hands-on educational and/or instructional session following each event. Whenever possible, local experts will be brought in to give VBAC anglers the “inside scoop” that just may help us all catch more fish!

VBAC volunteers will also be available on the beach to educate, teach, demonstrate, or assist new or aspiring anglers with the art of fishing from the beach (or pier) and to ensure all have a safe and enjoyable angling experience!

While “winners” of each event will be recognized, point standings will be cumulative over the five-event series. Based on these cumulative totals, the “Top 10” point leaders for the 2019 Qualifying Series will earn an opportunity to select a position on one of the 10 VBAC tournament teams that will compete in Ocracoke (NC); Long Beach Island (NJ); Hatteras Village (NC); Cape Hatteras (NC); or Nags Head (NC) in 2020

Therefore, up to 10 different qualifying event anglers can earn a position on a VBAC Surf Fishing Team!



Surfmaster Robbie Parks advising on how to chow down on a Low Country Boil following the 2018 Salvo Open!



Patty Searby sports Club colors at the 2018 Salvo Open Pilot Program for the 2019 OBX events.

The Little Island events will be similar to years past, with lunch served under the pavilion immediately upon completion of the event. The Ocean View event will be held on the pier and include lunch immediately after the event. The two Salvo events will be held on Hatteras Island, NC (location of 4 of the 5 Club-sponsored Tournaments) and will include a.m. and p.m. sessions (i.e. twice the opportunity to score points!) with dinner served at the tournament headquarters in Salvo, NC.

The VBAC Functions and Activities Manual has been updated to reflect the qualifying series, and additional information and announcements will be made as follows:

- Event flyer will be provided at the VBAC monthly meeting; posted on the website; and included in the newsletter during the month *preceding* each event (i.e., April newsletter/meeting for May event).
- Post event article will be provided for the website and newsletter *following* each event (i.e. June newsletter/meeting for May event).
- “VBAC 2019 Surf Series Qualifying Point Totals & Standings” table will be updated *after* each event and posted to the website and within the newsletter (i.e. June posting after May event, etc.).
- Members of the Surf Fishing Committee will be available at all meetings to answer questions!

Please be sure to attend the 7 February 2019 VBAC meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church (7:30 p.m.) for the full presentation on this exciting new series!



Russell chillin' in the surf...



Russell, Jerry, and Robbie working the fish!



John “Wrestling” his 3rd big Ray!

Freshwater Fishing News

Eligible Freshwater Species, Minimum Weight, and Release Lengths.

***** Modified/updated March 15, 2018. Based on 75% of Virginia Citation Requirements.

Virginia Citation Requirements

2018 VBAC Requirements

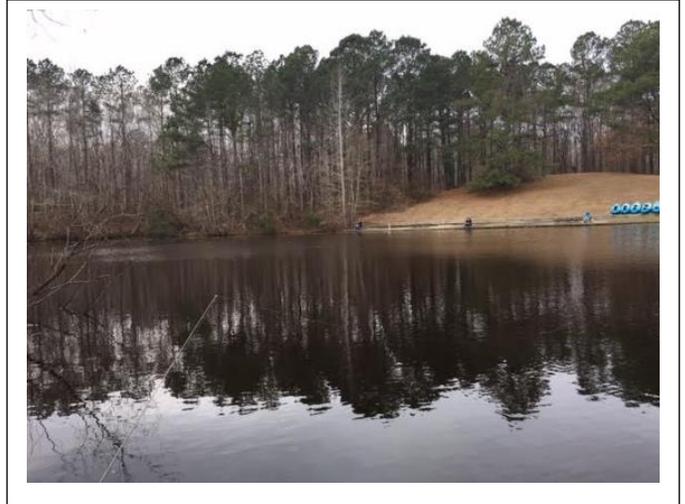
	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	
Bass, Largemouth	8 lb 0 oz	22"	6 lb 0 oz	17"	
Bass, Rock	1 lb 0 oz	12"	12 oz	9"	*****
Bass, Smallmouth	5 lb 0 oz	20"	3 lb 12 oz	15"	*****
Bass, Striped (FW)	20 lb 0 oz	37"	15 lb 0 oz	28"	
Bass, White	2 lb 8 oz	18"	1 lb 14 oz	14"	
Bowfin (Grindle)	10 lb 0 oz	30"	7 lb 8 oz	23"	
Carp	20 lb 0 oz	34"	15 lb 0 oz	26"	
Catfish, Blue	30 lb 0 oz	38"	22 lb 8 oz	29"	*****
Catfish, Channel	12 lb 0 oz	30"	9 lb 0 oz	23"	
Catfish, Flathead	25 lb 0 oz	40"	18 lb 12oz	30"	*****
Chain Pickerel	4 lb 0 oz	24"	3 lb 0 oz	18"	
Crappie	2 lb 0 oz	15"	1 lb 8 oz	11"	*****
Gar	10 lb 0 oz	40"	7 lb 8 oz	30"	
Muskellunge	15 lb 0 oz	40"	11 lb 4 oz	30"	*****
Northern Pike	6 lb 0 oz	30"	4 lb 8 oz	23"	
Perch, White	1 lb 4 oz	13"	15 oz	10"	
Perch, Yellow	1 lb 4 oz	12"	15 oz	9"	*****
Sauger	2 lb 0 oz	18"	1 lb 8 oz	14"	
Shad, American			(Release only)	12"	
Shad, Hickory	1 lb 8 oz	10"	1 lb 2 oz	8"	
Sunfish/Bluegill	1 lb 0 oz	11"	12 oz	8"	*****
Trout, Brook	2 lb 0 oz	16"	1 lb 8 oz	12"	

Trout, Brown	5 lb 0 oz	25"	3 lb 12 oz	19"	

Trout, Rainbow	4 lb 0 oz	22"	3 lb 0 oz	17"	

Walleye	5 lb 0 oz	25"	3 lb 12 oz	19"	

Freshwater Fishing News Continued



A day on the Northwest River Park Lake.

We went to the Northwest River Park Lake with Ken Copenhaver to try our luck at a stocked lake not too many days after stocking. It took a little while to learn what we needed to do, but the results were great. We caught 5 trout between the two of us and dinner was set!

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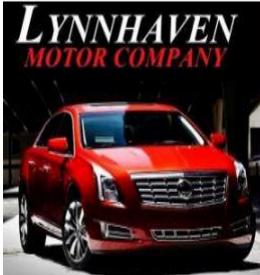




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- ❖ Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- ❖ Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- ❖ Conduct 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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