



December 2025

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Meeting: Foundry United Methodist Church.

When: December 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

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

Don't forget Foundry UMC and bring at least two non-perishable food items when you come this month please.

12/4 General Meeting, Voting, and Christmas party. Please bring a side dish if you can.

12/18 – Board Christmas dinner. 6 PM.

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

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2025

<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

Voting Rules

With our new by-laws I thought a reminder was in order for our upcoming election.

- You must be present at the Annual (December General) Meeting to vote.
- Each Individual, Life, and Family membership in good standing shall have one vote in all VBAC affairs brought to the membership for decision.
- If the Family membership paid 1.5 times the annual dues, they shall have two votes in all VBAC affairs brought to the membership for decision.

In the past, Officers and Board Members took over immediately, now the changing of the guard takes place on 1 Jan.

Respectfully,

Tom Morgan, 2nd VP

PS. Remember to bring some things for the food pantry!

Voting Ballot



Virginia Beach Anglers Club, Inc
P.O. Box 8602
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452
virginiabeachanglersclub.org

Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2026

Officer		Write in Candidate
____ President	Rich Califf	_____
____ 1st Vice President	Tom Morgan	_____
____ 2nd Vice President	Chris Schramm	_____
____ Treasurer	Robert Oliver	_____
____ Recording Sec.	Russell Willoughby	_____
____ Corresponding Sec.	Lou Corigliano	_____

Board Members (3yr Term) - Please vote for three only. The three individuals with the most votes will be elected for a three-year term.

____ Ronnie Nixon

____ Mary Bradley _____ Frank Maccareelli

____ Ike Eisenhower

____ Write in Candidate _____

Board Members (2yr Term) - Please vote for one

____ Randy Whitman _____ Write in Candidate

VBAC 2025 Club Calendar

JULY	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	10	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	12	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER
	24	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
AUGUST	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	21	BOARD MEETING
	21	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
SEPTEMBER	4-5-6	HATTERAS VILLAGE INVITATIONAL - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	13	HUNT FOR HARD HEAD'S
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	STAN SUTLIFF MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	9-10-11	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	FALL OYSTER ROAST
NOVEMBER	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6-7-8	CAPE HATERAS ANGLERS CLUB INVITATIONAL - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	20	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HOLIDAY PARTY GENERAL ELECTIONS
	18	BOARD MEETING

Prize Fish 2025

Freshwater Catch	
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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	
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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	
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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 January

Saltwater Release

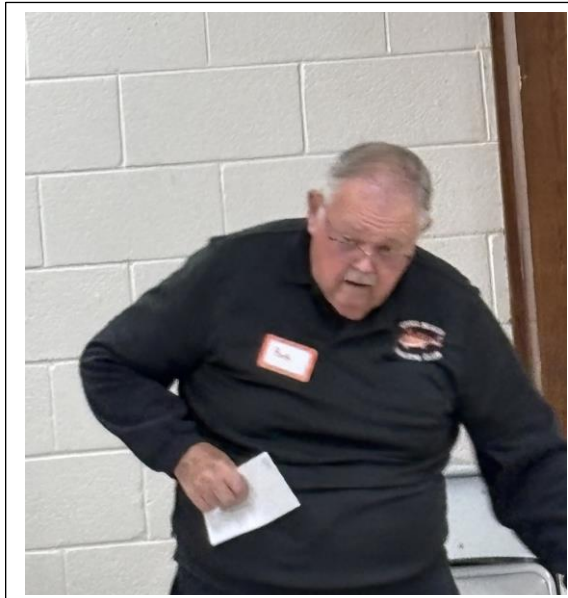
Species	Angler	Division	Date	Length	Location
Cobia	David J. Smith	Adult	6/3/2025	46.25 in	VB Ocean Front
Speckled Trout	David J. Smith	Adult	3/4/2025	19.5 in	Rudee Inlet
Red Drum	Liam Schramm	Junior	10/14/2025	47 in	False Cape
Bluefish	Liam Schramm	Guppy	5/24/2025	34 in	Ocracoke Ramp
Red Drum	Shannon Ferguson	Adult	9/24/2025	51 in	Falae Cape WLR
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

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

December Meeting

Thanks to All Our Presenters! Shannon Ferguson, Richard Califf, Russell Willoughby & Ike Eisenhower, Preston Mangum, and Robbie Parks. Great Job!



December Meeting Continued



Pictures by Rick Kerns



Oyster Roast Saturday 11/1

A big thank you to Patty Searby for coordinating the event. Great job Patty.

Also, thank you to the club volunteers who helped out throughout the day, and those who contributed food to make the event delightful.

The turnout was great and we hope that those of you who attended enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

We can't wait to do it again next year.

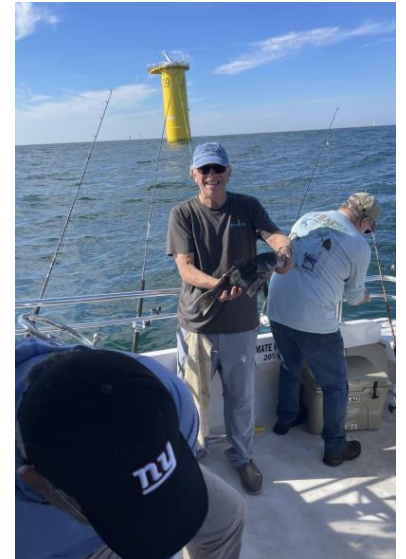
Cheers!

VBAC

Havoc Fishing Trip



Havoc Fishing Trip Continued



VBAC Ladies Hit the Surf for the 67th Annual CHAC Surf Fishing Tournament

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club Ladies Team returned to Hatteras Island with determination, grit, and the goal of defending their hard-earned reputation as one of the tournament's top women's teams. After securing top-two finishes for the past two years, Team Captain **Stephanie Easterling** and anglers **Micki Walsh, Pattie Searby, Jennie Brathwaite, Melanie Bayford, and Kelly Schramm** set out once again to make their mark at the **67th Annual CHAC Surf Fishing Tournament**.

Their hard work paid off: the team proudly claimed **2nd place in the Women's Division**, trailing 1st place by only 2 points, and placed **21st overall out of 118 teams**—a remarkable result in one of the most competitive surf tournaments on the East Coast.



Each of the four sessions presented a new challenge as changing winds, shifting tides, and varied water conditions tested the anglers' adaptability. Still, the VBAC Ladies held strong on the beach, working the troughs, reading the waves, and grinding through tough stretches in pursuit of every point.

The team came out swinging in Session 1, where **Micki Walsh** delivered an early highlight—landing a **22.5" bluefish** within the first 30 minutes. Her catch not only boosted team morale but also earned her the tournament's **Women's Biggest Bluefish Award**. **Melanie Bayford** followed close behind with an impressive **21.5" bluefish**, giving the team a powerful start to the day.



Consistency proved key throughout the tournament and the ladies scored a total of 15 fish for 51 points:

- **Micky Walsh** was the top scorer for a total of **3 fish for 18 pts**
- **Melanie Bayford** came through for the team with **1 fish for 13 pts**
- **Pattie “Mullet Queen” Searby** lived up to her title, bringing in **7 mullet for 13 points.**
- **Jennie Brathwaite** also put points on the board, landing **2 mullet for 3 points.**
- **Kelly Ann Schramm** contributing 1 mullet for 2 points
- **Stephanie Easterling** finishing with 1 mullet for 1 point

From big bluefish to steady mullet action, every catch counted—and every angler delivered.

With another podium finish secured, the VBAC Ladies continue to demonstrate exceptional teamwork, sportsmanship, and skill on the surf. Their performance this year strengthens their legacy and sets the stage for another exciting run in 2026.

Congratulations, VBAC ladies, on an outstanding tournament!



Article submitted by Stephanie Easterling

Men's CHAC Tournament

VBAC Men

10 fish for 20 points - 59th of 120 teams

*Rick Hoggard - 3 fish for 7 points

*Dave Vachet - 4 fish for 7 points

*John Stout - 1 fish for 4 points

C-Kelly Hoggard - 2 fish for 2 points

Doug Wehner - 0 fish for 0 points

Matt Taylor - 0 fish for 0 points

* indicates returning angler

VBAC men's tournament recap - written by Kelly Hoggard

Our VBAC Men failed to keep pace with the ladies for a third year in a row! We fished hard and had some good spots but just didn't capitalize on any of the sessions.

We drew site 61 to start which almost always produces a drum in the tournament and we had it on what was considered maybe the best hours possible. We had a breeze to the back and a nice swell coming in from the south on the section closest to the point on South Beach. Site 62 scored 3 of 4 drum but none of the drum found our hooks. Only some small Roundhead and lots of Stingrays. It was a promising start with 6 fish for 10 points

Session 2 was a very tough fishing session for most. North of the point, water was rough, dirty and grassy. South of the point was calm and dirty. Most teams struggled. Our site was on ramp 38 and had some decent depth of water. We fished hard but came away with nothing for our efforts. Kelly caught a nice shark and croaker but neither produced points. We loaded up and headed home when the horn blew, knowing there was more fishing ahead on day two.

Men's CHAC Tournament

Session 3 was at station 4, just north of the wreck in Salvo on ramp 23. The wind had died overnight so there was a light east breeze. Water was cleaner than expected and there was quite deep water close to the beach. We found a lot of fish early including some speckled and grey trout. Dave scored a nice little grey trout and I came close as well. Lots of Roundhead, spot and small stingrays were mixed in too. John Stout caught our largest scouting fish of the tournament with a 4 point Roundhead early in the session. We tried everything to get more fish on the board but just couldn't get the bites. As nice as the conditions were, we walked away wondering what it was going to take to score more points in the final session.

Session 4 took us back to the south beaches between ramp 48 and 49. We had some really beautiful water with a little chop from the wind. It was one of the best looking beach sessions I've seen down there. No matter how hard we tried to score a fish, it just didn't happen. Doug had a nice bluefish on and lost him in the wash. The points weren't great but it would have secured a jump up the leaderboard. A couple other small blues were caught but we just couldn't find the Roundhead which were in the area for other sessions.

We're fished hard and left it all out on the beach. We all went to the clubhouse to cheer our ladies team on as they again placed exceptionally well this year. I am personally grateful of all the tournaments I've fished for VBAC over the last decade. It's been a lot of fun sharing all these memories with club members, some of who are no longer with us. I'd recommend any VBAC angler to do a little surf fishing and give these tournaments a try. They are fun, challenging, sometimes miserable. But the memories you experience and share through that week are like almost no other fishing trip you'll experience.

Article submitted by Kelly Hoggard

Volunteers

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Volunteers*

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Prize Fish 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
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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 #



1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The territorial limits for the contest shall be the waters of Virginia and North Carolina and their coasts.
5. 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.
6. To qualify for entry as a catch, all fish must be weighed on certified scales.
7. In order to qualify for a club record, the fish must be weighed at an official state weigh station.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Acceptability of entries will be at the discretion of the Prize Fish Committee whose decision will be final.
11. In the case of a tie in the catch category, length, then girth will be used to determine the winner.

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Salt Water News

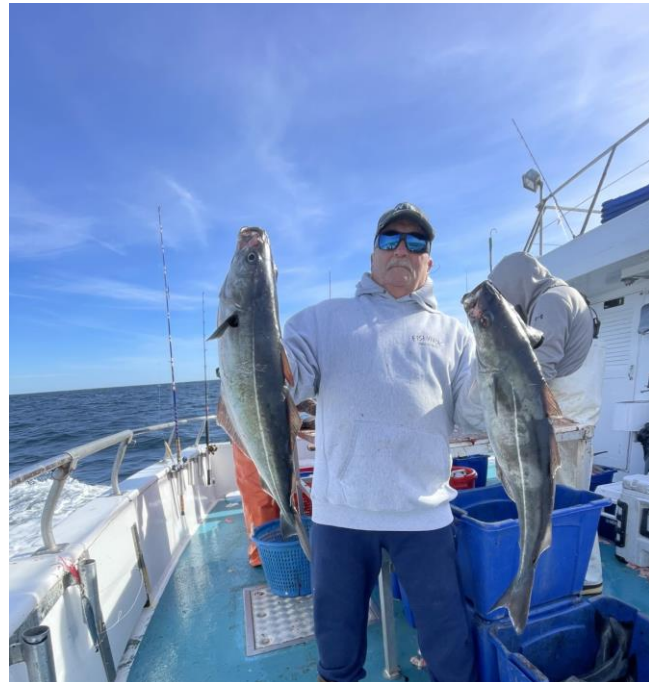
Russell and Ike went out on the Elizabeth River during November to see if they could find speckled trout. All totaled, they caught about 20 with the larger ones, 20" - 21" coming late in the afternoon. Not bad guys!



Salt Water News

Took a trip with my friend 's up north for a two day trip got blown out first day second day was great all fish caught went to the New Hampshire food bank great day.

Jerry Mariano



Jerry's Trip continued



Committees

2025 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>



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CURRENT ISSUE

See What's New in the 2025 Fishing Regulations

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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

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Payment will be: ☐ Cash ☐ Check or ☐ Donation Amount _____

Vendor name: _____ Company: _____

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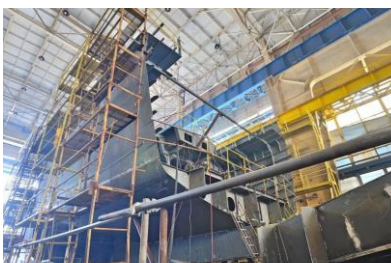

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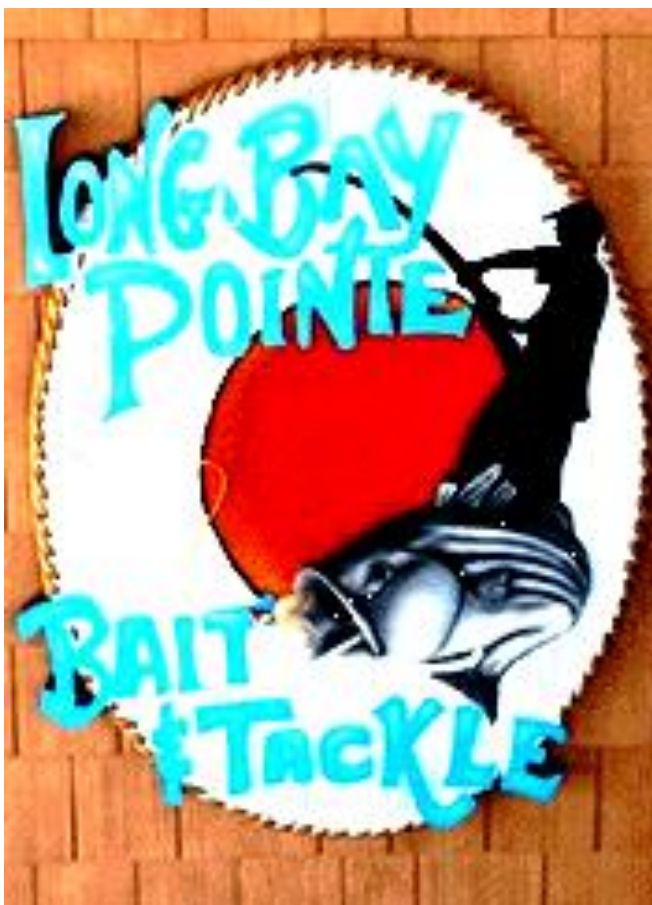
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

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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