



July 2025

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Meeting: Foundry United Methodist Church.

When: Thursday July 3, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church

2801 Virginia Beach Boulevard

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Speaker: Eric Myers of Heads N Tails charters out of Long Bay Pointe Marina.

Subject: Cobia Fishing in the bay.

Eric has spoken at the club in the past. He fishes inshore, near shore, and offshore. He has an excellent reputation for finding fish. His knowledge of baits, fish, methods, and locations is memorable. (<https://www.facebook.com/headstails01/>).

Don't Forget things for Foundry United Methodist! Thanks!

7/10 – Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic

7/12 – Crab Creek Clean-up. Meet Ronnie Nixon at the ramp parking lot at 9:30 AM. A light snack will be provided upon completion. Also is Clean The Bay Day.

7/17 – Board meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church.

7/19 – Cub Pack 374 Surf Clinic.

7/24 – Fish & Wildlife Kids Surf Fishing Clinic.

7/26 – Recruitment table at Long Bay Pointe.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2025

Species

Angler

Weight

Tautog

Randy Whitman

4# 2oz.

Black Drum

Kelly Hoggard

14# 15oz.

Spade Fish

Round Head

Randy Whitman

1# 9oz.

Black Sea Bass

David Smith

4# 7oz.

Roulette Submissions
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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.

President's Message

President's Message July, 2025

Greetings everyone. June was a full month this year for the club. The first weekend in June was the 4th Annual Mark Wray Memorial Weekend held at the Frisco Woods Campground on the outer banks in NC. It was well attended, and between both a surf tournament and a pier tournament, many members caught fish. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the writeup about who the winners were. The other major event was the 14th Annual Seton Youth fishing trip, and that too went well. The details of that event are also elsewhere in this newsletter.

July looks to be just as busy. This month we have two F&WL kids surf fishing clinics. Rich Califf is heading up these events this year. One is scheduled for Thursday, July 10th and a second one on Thursday, July 24th. Please call Richard (703) 819-2795 to volunteer. He needs your help for both events. Ronnie's Crab Creek cleanup on Saturday, July 12th is also a club event where we need club members to help out. Also, on Saturday, July 26th, Jennie Braithwaite is holding a membership table. This month it will be at Long Bay Point B&T. Please sign up at our general membership meeting on July 3rd to help both Ronnie and Jennie.

We have one change to our calendar of events for the month of July. Saturday July 19th was scheduled to be the intraclub surf tournament at Back Bay Wildlife Refuge, but has been postponed until later this summer. Instead, VBAC will be helping Cub Pack 374 learn how to surf fish on that same Saturday, July 19th. We helped them last year for a freshwater event, and this year they wanted to try the saltwater. We will be holding the event at the F&WL Back Bay Refuge from 8am to noon. F&WL is going to allow us to use their equipment on the beach, and we'll need members to help show the kids how to have a good time. Please call me to volunteer. Bob Burstein (267) 994-7423.

At June's board meeting, because of the financial success of the Mark Wray Memorial event, the board authorized a donation of \$250.00 in Mark's memory to Hooked on Hope, an organization that Mark was actively involved with. Our featured speaker at the July 3rd general membership meeting will be Capt. Eric Meyers of Heads n Tails Charters. He's a great speaker and will be talking about Cobia fishing. See you then.

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	
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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

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

Species	Angler	Division	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	David J. Smith	Adult	1/13/2025	8 lbs. 4 oz.	Rudee Inlet
Black Seabass	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Offshore VB
Bluefish	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	9 lbs. 2 oz.	Offshore VB
Black Drum	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	14 lb. 15 oz.	Ocracoke
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	4 lb.	Cape Lookout, NC
Roundhead	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/24/2025	1 lb. 9 oz.	False Cape WR

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	
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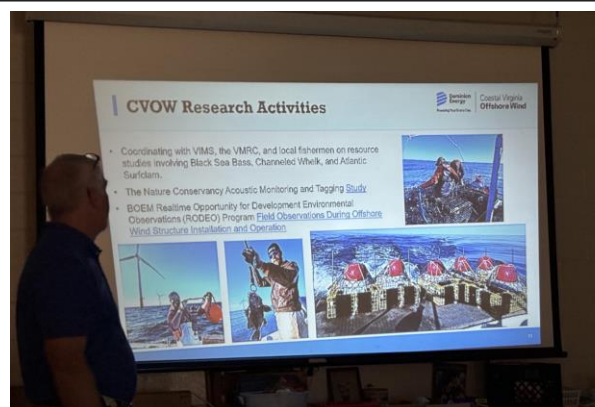
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Roulette Leaders	
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Species	Angler	Division	Date	Weight	Location
Black Seabass	David J. Smith	Adult	2/5/2025	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Offshore VB
Roundhead	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/24/2025	1 lb. 9 oz.	False Cape WR.
Flautog	Randy Whitman	Adult	6/11/2025	4 lbs. 2 oz.	CBBT
Black Drum	Kelly Hoggard	Adult	4/29/2025	14 lbs. 15 oz.	Ocracoke

June Meeting



**Thanks to Ron Larson
from Dominion Energy!!**

Seton Youth Event



Seton Youth Event

14th Annual Seton Youth Children's Event

On Saturday, June 21st, The Virginia Beach Anglers Club hosted our 14th Annual Seton Youth Children's Fishing trip on board the Nancy Anne out of the Dockside Fishing Center. We had 23 children and their mentors, plus Jeff Ratliff, Randy Whitman and Zac Thomas from our club on board. The kids had a great day, and with the help of our guys, caught a ton of fish. One child told me that he had caught over 30 fish by himself.

When they returned at noon, we moved the activities to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Brock Center, where we served them lunch and gave away the raffle prizes. The members involved at the Brock Center were: Pat Searby, Ronnie Nixon, Jennie Braithwaite, Chris and Kelly Schramm and their son, Liam. The meal was catered by Goodrich Gourmet. We had: hamburgers, hot dogs and Fried Chicken with sides for the kids and the adults. There were over 30 assorted items on the prize tables, and every child went home with their choice of gift. Next year's date is set for Saturday, June 20, 2026.



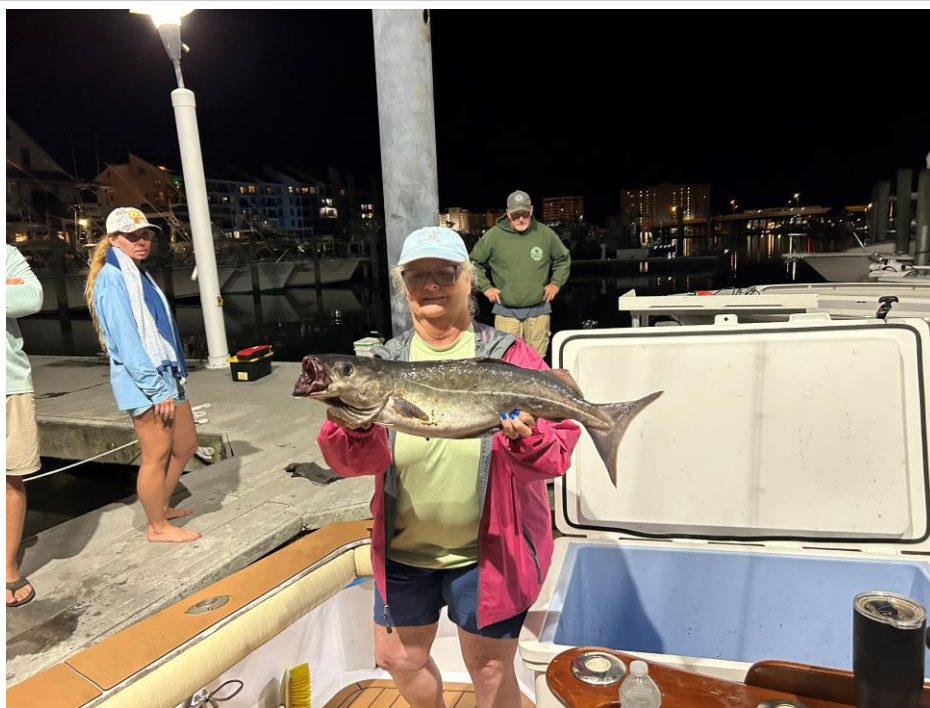
Club Sponsored Fishing Trip

On 6/28, the long-awaited club fishing trip took place on The Huntress. The only catch reported was by Patty with a Sea Bass and a Pollock.

<https://www.huntresscharterschincoteague.com/>



The crew on the voyage.



Nice Pollock!

Mark Wray Memorial & Frisco

Mark Wray Memorial Weekend

This past June 6th-8th, the Virginia Beach Anglers Club hosted the 4th Annual Mark Wray Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Frisco Woods Campground. The weather was ideal and the event was well attended. At the campgrounds, we had 14 cabins, one RV site and one tent site occupied. Friday night's dinner was hosted by Randy and Nancy Whitman. Great pulled pork! On Saturday, we had the fishing tournament with both a surf component and a pier component. Each component was a separate tournament and some members fished both components. Each tournament had the same 4 categories of fish. On the surf side, Ron Ramos with a 14" bluefish, Alex Ramos with an 18 ¾" Spanish Mackerel, Richard Califf, a 13 ½" roundhead, and John Stout with an 8" croaker, all won prizes. On the Avon Fishing Pier, Melanie Bayford won two categories, with an 8" black drum and an 11 ½" roundhead and Wesley Waters had a 10 ¾" speckled trout in that prize category.

Saturday night, Pat Searby and company put on our low country boil dinner buffet. The meal was well attended with a total of 34 participants: 27 paid, with kids free and guests from Frank & Fran's Tackle shop included. In addition, the hospitality tent was in operation from Friday noon, to Sunday morning. The drinks and snacks are free to all attendees. VBAC is planning to host next year's 5TH Annual Mark Wray Memorial weekend on June 5th-7th, 2026 at the Frisco Woods Campground. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. For reservations at the campground or if you have any questions, please call me. Bob Burstein (267) 994-7423. Thanks.

Mark Wray & Frisco Pictures



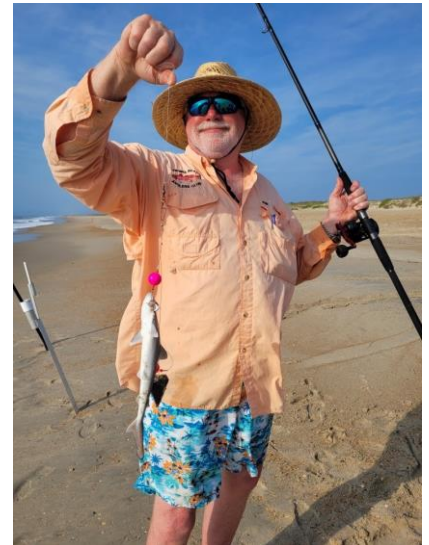
Mark Wray & Frisco Pictures



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Ocracoke Tournament



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SESSION 4		
BEST FISH MALE	Charlie Cutchin, The McClammers	26" Blue
BEST FISH FEMALE	Jane Wirth, North Carolina Sea Hags	13" Sea Mullet (tourney total 7 fish)
BT FISH MALE	Charlie Price, Jersey Rod and Reelers	3 fish, 7 points
BT FISH FEMALE	Stephanie Easterling, Cape Hatteras Anglers Club	4 fish, 4 points

Ocracoke Tournament



Ocracoke Tournament



Help with Fishing

I would like to volunteer to answer questions from club members, especially newer members about all types of fishing.

My many years of fishing have included salt water boat fishing in the southside region as well as the peninsulas and waters in between.

I have fished freshwater bodies of water in the southside and peninsulas and Williamsburg and Lake Prince in Suffolk. Also, the upper James River for big catfish.

Surf fishing and Pier fishing are also on the experience list.

If there is anything that you would like to know about trying for a new location or species, I will give you info if I have experienced it.

I can be reached at my home phone where you can leave a message if I am out fishing. I will accept and/or return calls between the hours of 10 am and 8 pm.

Melanie Bayford - 804-210-1212

Salt Water News

George Gabriel, John Gabriel, myself and George's neighbor, Gary went out on Tuesday, June 17th. The bite was very slow but we managed to land a nice 46" Cobia.



Salt Water News

Russell Willoughby & I went out mid-June for a morning of puppy drum fishing and a quick trip to try to score a couple flounder. End result –
Russell -2 (22.75" & 19.5")

Preston -0



Salt Water News

Mark took Randy Whitman and his wife Nancy out to try to get Nancy her first puppy-drum.



24" - 7# 4oz.

Salt Water News

Lou Corigliano caught this 23” beauty while fishing on a quiet morning.



Saltwater News

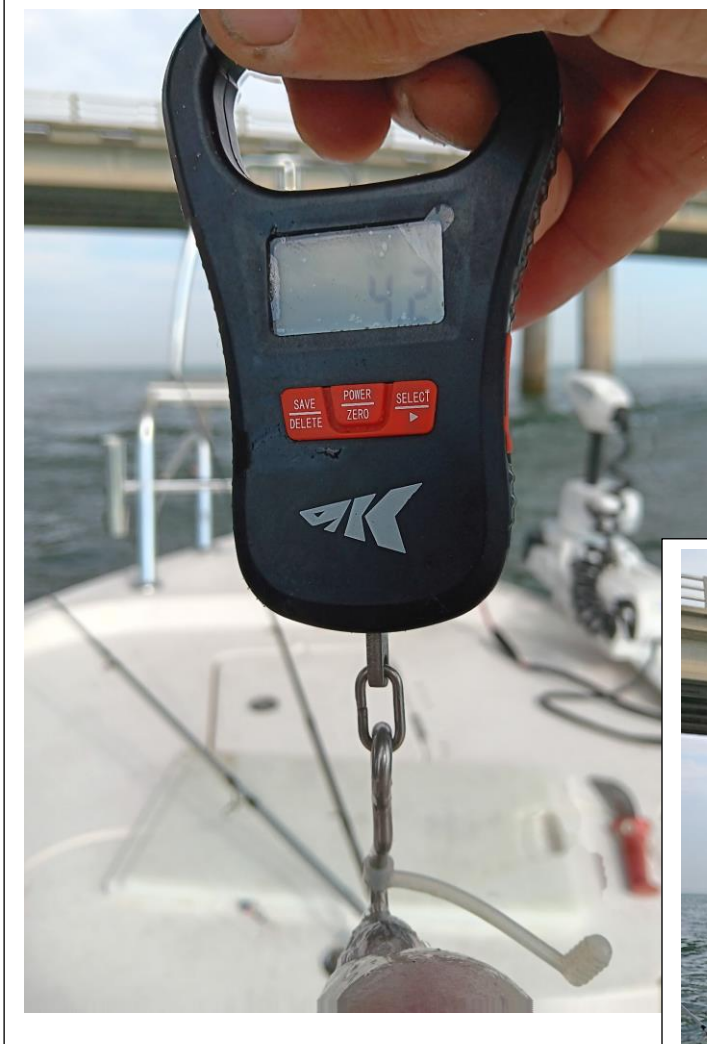
Shannon Ferguson submitted the following;

“Recent cobia trip with Heads n Tails charters. Sporty day out there but managed 2 nice keepers. 6/19”



Saltwater News

Randy and Mark went out to the Bay Bridge Tunnel recently and Randy scored a nice tautog.



Surf Fishing News

On a recent False Cape fishing trip, Shannon Ferguson wrote “ Had a great trip in False Cape State Park with club members Chris, Kelly, and Liam Schramm, Shannon Ferguson, and Gaven Butler.

We managed a few drum and Liam got his person best at 32".

Way to go Liam!



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-Chair – Shannon Ferguson</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 – Shannon Ferguson</u>
	<u>Co-Chair – Bob Burstein</u>
<u>Raffle:</u>	<u>Chair – Aaron Walker</u>
<u>Audit Committee:</u>	<u>Chair – Mike Anderson</u>
<u>Surf Tournaments:</u>	<u>Chair – Kelly Hoggard</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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See What's New in the 2025 Fishing Regulations

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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;

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Full Page ad: \$25.00 per month, Yearly cost \$300.00 with 13th month free.

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VBAC Advertising Form

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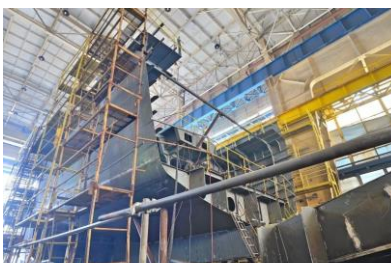

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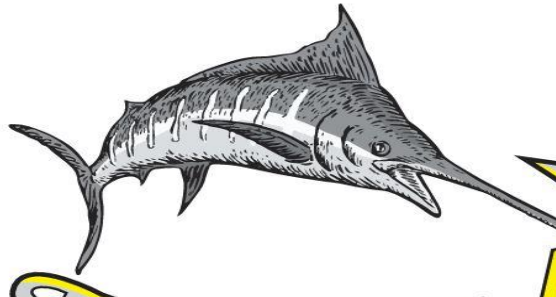
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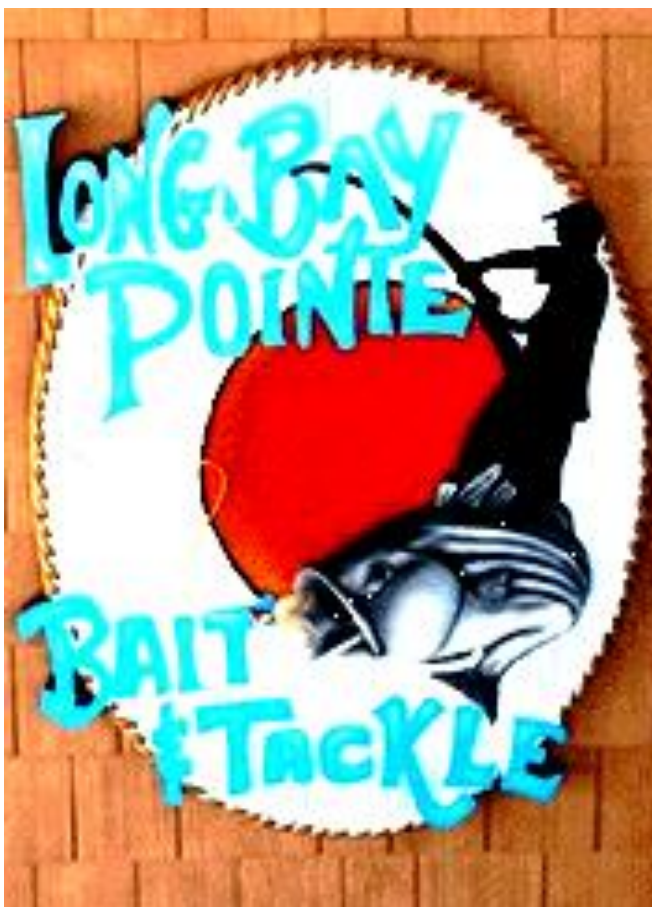
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Our Objectives:

- ❖ 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.

2025 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Bob Burstein

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Second Vice President: Tom Morgan

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Corresponding Secretary: Lou Corigliano

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