

February 2025



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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting: @ Foundry United Methodist Church.

When: Thursday February 6, 2025 at 7:30PM.

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

Upcoming Events:

2/6 - General Membership Meeting.

Club flea market sale and chili cook-off. Some of our members will have a table with items they will be offering for sale. If you would like to add your name to the list of offerors, please email Patty Searby c/o the club, to request a table or enter the chili cook-off. There is no charge for this event to the sellers.

2/20 - February Board Meeting @ Foundry United Methodist Church.

2/22 – Awards Banquet. \$25.00 per person. Located at: The Glenwood Community Association, 2097 Round Hill Drive, Virginia Beach. 5PM - 8PM. You may bring a home-made desert to share if you would like, but a light desert is on the menu.

3/1 – Great Bridge Fishermen's Flea Market. It will be held at the same location as last year – Virginia Beach Field House, 2020 Landstown Centre Way, Virginia Beach VA 23456. Please contact Preston (757-582-1450) or Rick Kerns (757-943-8084) for instructions on submitting your priced and tagged items for sale. The club charges 10% of your proceeds to offset expenses.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2025

Species

Angler

Weight

The roulette wheel will be spun in a few weeks. Have you put in your \$20.00 yet? If not, please see Ike Eisenhower at the meeting. He will take cash, check, or perhaps – Bitcoin. Not sure about that last one. You can't win if you haven't put your money in before the wheel is spun.

Roulette Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:

vbanglersclub@gmail.com

Ike Eisenhower –

email:Jeisenhower2@cox.net

Cell: 757-373-6051

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.

VBAC 2025 Club Calendar

Virginia Beach Angler's Club 2025 Planning Calendar

JANUARY	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	16	BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY	1/31 1-2	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	20	BOARD MEETING
	22	VBAC AWARDS BANQUET
MARCH	1	GREAT BRIDGE FISHERNAM'S FLEA MARKET
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	15	VBAC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
	20	BOARD MEETING
	22	US COAST GUARD BOATING SAFTEY COURSE
APRIL	3	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	5	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	12	LEAD POURING PARTY
	17	BOARD MEETING
	26	ANNUAL FISH FRY
MAY	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	1-2-3	OCRACOKE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
	3	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	17	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING -
		QUALIFER -SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7	OBX RETREAT AND MARK WRAY TOURNAMENT
	14	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
	19	BOARD MEETING
	21	SETON YOUTH FISHING TRIP
	26	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	28	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISH TRIP

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
AUGUST	7	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	9	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	21	BOARD MEETING
	21	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	21	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SORF 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

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	2024	Prize Fish Leade	ers for December		
	Freshwater Catch				
Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location	
Bowfin	Preston Mangum	5/16/24	6 lb.	Blackwater	
		Freshwater Rele	ease		
Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location	
Black Crappie (9)	Ike Eisenhower	3/12/24	15.5 in.	Lake Smith	
Chain Pickerel	Ike Eisenhower	2/15/24	22.75 in.	Lake Smith	
White Perch	Russell Willoughby	5/17/24	10 in	North Landing River	
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	5/22/24	18.25 in	Blackwater Creek	
Long Nosed Gar	Melanie Bayford	7/29/24	43 in	Piankatank River	
Bowfin	Melanie Bayford	11/27/24	24 in	Piankatank River	
		Saltwater Cate	ch		
Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location	
Black Seabass (4)	David Smith	2/22/24	4 lb. 2 oz.	Offshore VB	
Puppy Drum (2)	David Smith	4/2/24	7 lb. 1 oz.	Rudee Inlet	
Spiny Dogfish	Alex Ramos	4/7/24	8 lb. 7 oz.	Ramp 72 Ocracoke, NC	
Bluefish	Shannon Ferguson	4/26/24	10 lb. 1 oz.	Rodanthe, NC	
Speckled Trout (8)	David Smith	12/2/24	6 lb. 8 oz.	Rudee Inlet	
Black Drum	Shannon Ferguson	5/5/24	20 lbs.	Chincoteague Beach	
Spadefish	Lou Corigliano	6/7/24	8 lbs.	Chesapeake Light Tower	
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Spot	Randy Whitman	8/26/24	12 oz.	Broad Bay, Lynnhaven River	
Flounder	Robert Oliver	7/21/24	5 lbs. 10 oz.	CBBT High Rise	
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Cobia	David J. Smith	8/28/24	32 lbs. 4 oz.	CBBT	
Roundhead	Micki Walsh	4/29/24	2 lbs. 5 oz.	Ocracoke Island, NC	

6/2/24

3 lbs. 6 oz.

Frisco Beach, NC

Kelly Hoggard

Pompano

Prize Fish

		Saltwater Relea	ase	
Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Red Drum	Alex Ramos	10/7/24	50.50 in.	Sandbridge
Shark	Kelly Hoggard	4/7/24	104 in.	Cape Hatteras Point, NC
Bluefish	Shannon Ferguson	5/20/24	35 in.	Back Bay WLR
Striped Bass	Shannon Ferguson	5/6/24	34 in	Chincoteague Beach
Cobia	Michael Anderson	5/28/24	47 in.	Chesapeake Bay
Flounder	Frank Maccarelli	11/1/24	22.75 in	Rudee Inlet
Spot	Leslie Anderson	6/12/24	9 in.	Lynnhaven
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	5/17/24	18 in.	Sandbridge
Pompano	Kelly Hoggard	6/2/24	17 in.	Frisco Beach, NC
Croaker	Mike Anderson	8/28/24	10.75 in.	Lynnhaven River
Speckled Trout	Roger Bonnifield	4/24/24	24 in.	Elizabeth River
Grey Triggerfish	Kelly Hoggard	7/21/24	15 in.	Anglo-African Wreck
Black Seabass	Liam Schramm	10/8/24	18.5 in.	The Garrison (offshore VB)
Roulette Leaders				
Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Puppy Drum	Shannon Ferguson	10/18/24	7 lbs. 4oz.	Rudee Inlet
Bowfin	Preston Mangum	5/16/24	6 lbs.	Blackwater Creek
Black Drum	Shannon Ferguson	5/5/24	22 lbs.	Chincoteague Beach

Submitted 12/30/24

Virginia Beach Angler's Club P.O. Box 8602 Virginia Beach, VA 23450



Virginia Beach Anglers Club 2025 Annual Awards Banquet

Our 2025 annual awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 2 2nd 5PM – 8PM

This year, it will be held at the same location as last year:

Glenwood Community Association 2097 Round Hill Drive Virginia Beach

The facility is on the right, at the traffic light, on Independence Blvd and Round Hill Drive.

The cost for members and guests is \$25.00 per person.

We will once again have a number of prizes that we will be raffling off.

If you can donate a new gift or gift certificate, as a prize, please contact Bob Burstein @ (267)994-7423

The menu will be:

MENU International Cuisine

Starters

Cheese and Crackers

Fruit

Entrees

Jerk Chicken with Rice and Peas (International)

Pork Roast with Red Cabbage and Roasted Potatoes (German)

Lasagna with Meatballs, Caesar Salad, and Rolls (Italiano)

Desserts

Cannoli

Cookies

Baklava

This Month's Knot



Arbor Knot

Nine Steps

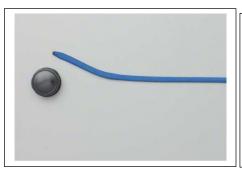
Pass the fishing line round the arbor. With the free end, tie an overhand knot around the line. Then tie a second overhand knot in the free end to act as a stopper. Finally, silde the knots down tight against the pribar.

Uses: The Arbor Knot is used to attach the fishing line to the "Arbor" or "Spool Center". In fact the Arbor Knot is really based on a noose knot and, therefore, pulling tightens it.

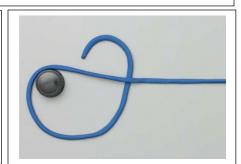
Tying it: When the Arbor is accessible, the easiest way to tie the Arbor knot is to create a Noose, drop it on the Arbor and pull it to tighten it. If you make a Slip Knot by mistake it will just pull undone. Alternatively, as shown in the animation, pass the tag end around the Arbor and use the end to tie an overhand knot around the line.

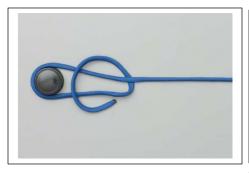
The overhand knot in the tag end is essential. As the knot is tightened it snugs down against the Arbor. Some fishermen recommend winding the loop twice round the Arbor before making the first half hitch. This increases the friction which may be useful on some of the more polished reels.

Advantages: The Arbor knot is simple, easily learned and effective.



















US Coast Guard Boating Safety Course

Offered by the US Coast Guard and VBAC









When: Saturday, March 22nd

Time: 9am - 3:30pm

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church, next to Beach Ford

Address: 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452

This is a **free course**, taught by US Coast Guard Personnel. It is required to operate a boat or personal watercraft in Virginia waters.

A certificate will be issued to each individual at the end of the course.

Free lunch will be served at this event.

There is plenty of parking in the rear of the church.

If interested, contact Butch Eason to register. (757) 681-6019

You can also register at this website →

https://www.registered.com/events/view/223898



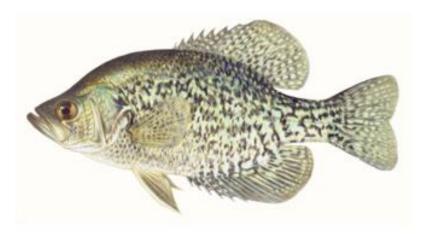
Virginia Beach Angler's Club



Spring Crappie Tournament

Lake Smith Shore or Boat

Saturday, March 15, 2025



Entry Fee: \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per child under 16

Early registration contact Preston (info below) or register on March 15th at ramp.

Location: Lake Smith

Lines In: 8:00 AM

Final turn-in time: 4:00 PM

Crappie tournament prize paid on the longest single crappie fish.



Special Prize awarded to top angler under 16.



\$150 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize, 2nd Place Prize Guaranteed \$75.00

Shore Anglers Only: Longest fish of any species wins rod/reel combo

Early Registration & Questions: Phone or email entry name(s) and number of anglers to: Preston Mangum 757-582-1450 or preston@birsch.com

Virginia Beach Anglers Club

Lake Smith Crappie Tournament Rules

Time: Lines in 8:00AM. Final turn-in for fish 4:00 PM. Prizes will be awarded after entry tabulation is complete.

Location: Lake Smith - 5323 Shell Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Gates open at 7:00 AM.

Weather cancellation information 3/14 (if necessary) after 5PM via phone (757-582-1450).

Entry Fees: \$20.00 per Angler, \$10.00 for children under 16.

Registration: Register on day of tournament at judge's table before fishing.

Boat check before entering water.

Prize paid on the longest single fish. Length measurement rounded off to nearest 1/4".

Early catch submission is permitted either in person or by text photo submission (photo instructions, ruler and verification item will be given to each angler at registration on March 15 at ramp). Verification item must appear in all submissions. If possible, please wait and submit the two largest fish caught. All others may submit as fish as caught. Please return verification item and ruler when finished fishing.

Except for shore anglers, an angler may win only one prize.

\$150.00 guaranteed 1st place, \$75.00 guaranteed 2nd place. Shore anglers may win both shore & crappie tournament prize. (see below).

Shore anglers may enter any fish caught during competition regardless of species. A single prize will be awarded to the longest fish caught from shore irrespective of species. Should a crappie be caught by a shore angler, it may be entered in the tournament as a crappie catch in addition to entering for the shore prize.

Use of all nets (except landing net) will disqualify angler.

Ties will be decided by the earliest fish entered. Decision of the judge is final.

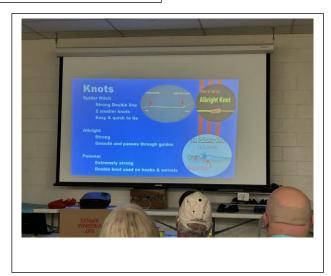
January Meeting











January Meeting

Our Speaker – Russell Willoughby









Fresh Water News

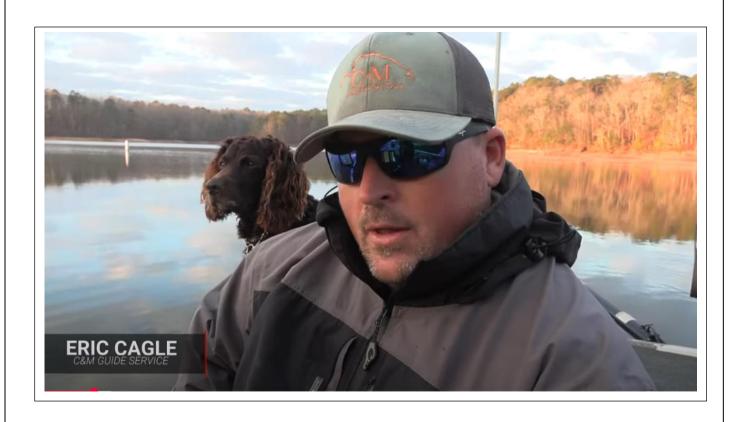
Russell and I went to Lake Smith hoping that the water would be warm enough to turn-on the crappie bite but that didn't happen. 43.5 degrees didn't do it. But, it was a beautiful day with low winds and warm sun. The bass Russell and I brought in were 1.82 pounds the biggest of the two seventeen inches. Bait was live medium shiners. Ice was still in shallow coves with no sunlight. But it was great getting out.





Fresh Water News

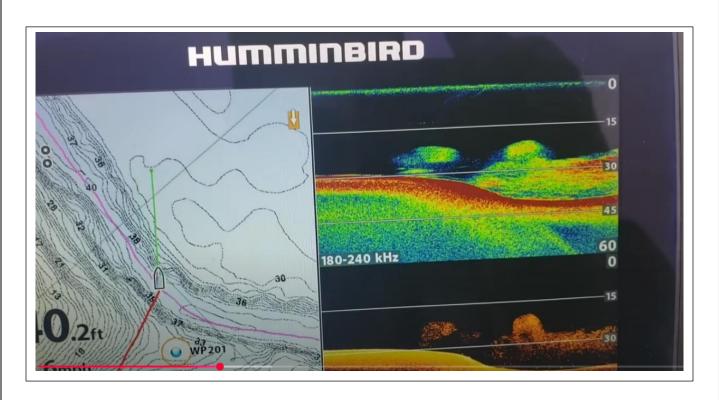




Fresh Water News

Locating fish in Winter





Surf News



40th ANNUAL 4 PLUS SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Hatteras, NC – April 26-27th, 2025 — 24 Hour tournament Sponsored by the **4 PLUS 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB** CATEGORIES AND PRIZES—You can win in only one category!



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	1 st	2 nd	3^{rd}
Red Drum	\$500	\$300	\$160
Blue	\$400	\$200	\$160
Black Drum	\$400	\$200	\$160
Whiting	\$400	\$200	\$160
Trout	\$400	\$200	\$160

How to Enter

EARLYBIRD ONLINE REGISTRATION: All online entries submitted by March 1st will be entered into a drawing for a CUSTOM 10' Rod and Reel!

This is a <u>BONUS</u> drawing and does NOT affect door prize entry.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS ONLY FOR ENTRIES SUBMITTED <u>ONLINE</u>

-MAIL-IN ENTRIES WILL NOT QUALIFY-

- ENTER ONLINE! Follow this URL: bit.ly/4plusfishing2025 or scan the QR code above with a phone camera and follow the link to the google form.
 You must follow the link to payment after submitting the form
- Mail-in entries will still be accepted this year, however, with the rising costs of mailing, online registration is highly encouraged!
- Free T-shirt Deadline: Mail-in entries must be postmarked by March 15th and received by March 21st. Online entries must be submitted by March 21st.

Surf News

2025 VBAC Surf Tournament Teams (1/22/25)

Ocracoke Island Invitational: May 1 & 2, 2025

ream A:	Team B:	2024 Results:
Kelly Hoggard	OPEN	Team A:
Rick Hoggard	OPEN	6th of 77 teams
Doug Wehner	OPEN	11 fish for 53 points
OPEN	OPEN	Team B:
OPEN	OPEN	T-41st of 77 teams
OPEN	OPEN	0 fish for 0 points

Hatteras Village Civic Association: September 5 & 6, 2025

Team A:	2024 Results:

Gavin Butler Team A:

John Stout 23rd of 45 teams

Tom Morgan 3 fish for 12 points

OPEN OPEN OPEN

Nags Head Invitational: October 16 & 17, 2025

Team A:	Team B:	2024 Results:
Patty Searby	OPEN	Team A:
Doug Wehner	OPEN	6th of 80 teams
Micki Walsh	OPEN	1st Place Mixed Division
Robbie Parks	OPEN	18 fish for 56 points
Rick Hoggard	OPEN	Team B:
Melanie Bayford	OPEN	47 th of 80 teams
		2 fish for 6 points

Surf News

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational: November 6 & 7, 2025

Men's Team: Women's Team:

Rick Hoggard Caroline Robinson
Kelly Hoggard Patty Searby
Dave Vachet Jenny Braithwaite
OPEN Melanie Bayford
OPEN Micki Walsh
OPEN Liz Nash

2024 Men's Results: 2024 Women's Results:

61st of 120 teams 18th of 120 teams

5 fish for 10 points 2nd Place Women's Division

15 fish for 29 points

Returning anglers for 2025 are listed. Open team positions will be filled via random draw at one of the spring meetings. The Ocracoke tournament positions will be drawn at the February 6th Membership Meeting. The fall tournaments will be drawn at the March 6th Membership Meeting. All VBAC members are eligible to enter their name for a surf tournament drawing and a member can fish any or all tournaments they desire. Please fill out a surf tournament registration form for the tournaments you desire to fish. Be sure your registration form is received by the surf committee prior to any tournament drawings. Club membership dues and volunteer requirements must be met to be eligible for a tournament team.

2025 Surf Team Dues: The month after selection, members are responsible for a down payment on registration and lodging. The down payment is \$100. The remaining payment in full is due the month after.

The following amounts include both the registration and lodging fees. In the event of a tournament raising team registration fees, amounts can slightly increase. For more information, please contact VBAC Surf Committee Chairman Kelly Hoggard.

Ocracoke – \$378 Hatteras Village – \$274 Nags Head – \$203 CHAC – \$308

Committees

2025 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show: Chair - Russell Willoughby Calendar: **Chair – Ronnie Nixon** Co-Chair - Shannon Ferguson Crab Creek Clean-Up: Chair - Ronnie Nixon Great Bridge Flea Market: **Chair – Preston Mangum Co-Chair – Rick Kerns** Banquet/Oyster Roast: <u>Chair – Patty Searby</u> Seton Youth: Chair - Shannon Ferguson Co-Chair – Bob Burstein Chair - Aaron Walker Raffle: **Audit Committee:** Chair - Mike Anderson **Surf Tournaments:** Chair - Kelly Hoggard Chair - Bob Burstein <u>Club Tournaments:</u> Prize Fish: Chair – Ike Eisenhower Chair - Russell Willoughby Nomination Committee: **Co-Chair – Patty Searby** Conservation and Regulations: <u>Chair – Butch Eason</u> Co-Chair – Kelly Hoggard **T-Shirt Committee:** <u>Chair – Patty Searby</u>



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If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,
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CURRENT ISSUE

See What's New in the 2025 Fishing Regulations Click the link below.

https://www.dgif.virginia.gov/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_content=header

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

- o Business card size ad
- o 1/4 Page ad
- o ½ Page ad
- o Full Page ad

Payment will be: o Cash o Check	or o Donation	Amount
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Each advertisement is linked to their associated website. Please check them all out by clicking on their ads!

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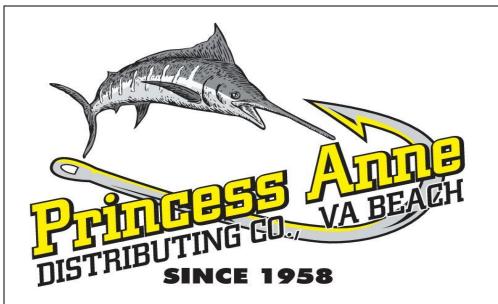
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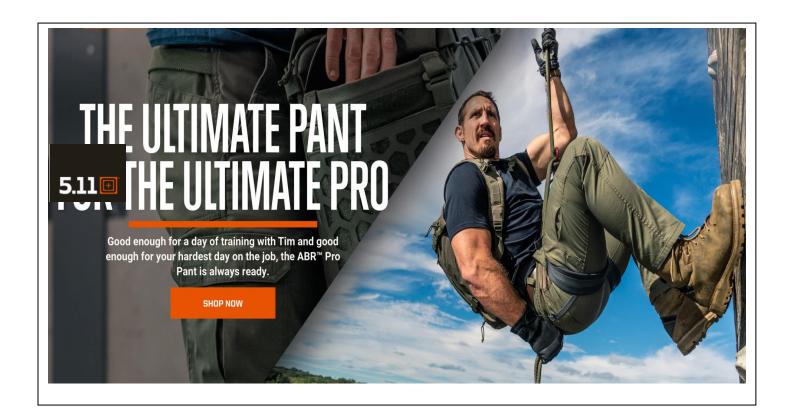
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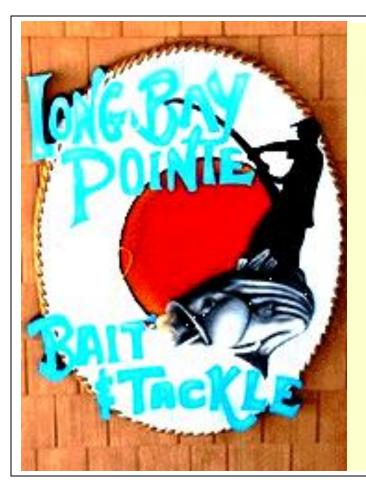


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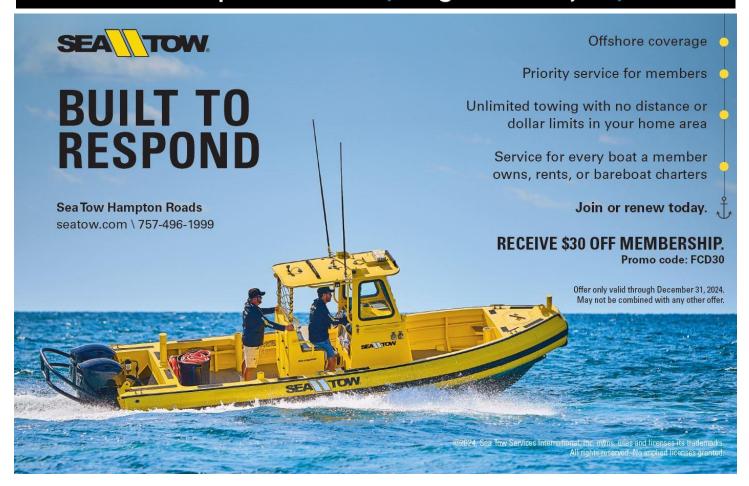
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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.

2025 VBAC Elected Officials

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