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VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday January 4, 2024 at 7:30 PM.

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

Speaker: ODU Alumni Association

Subject: The upcoming Monarch Cobia Classic Tournament and other relevant association items. 6 weighmasters at 2 locations will be needed for the 2 day event when it's held mid-summer. Some from our club would be good.

Upcoming Events:

1/18 – Board meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church.

2/2-2/4 – Mid Atlantic Boat Show. Volunteers to man the club table are needed. Please call Russell Willoughby to help; 757-818-0058.

2/24 – VBAC Awards Banquet. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the tables and chairs & straighten up after. Call Bob Burstein at 267-994-7423 to volunteer.

3/1 – Great Bridge Fisherman's Association Flea Market. Look around the garage to check if you might have something fishing related you want to sell. The club sponsors a table at which your items will be presented and sold. Get your tagged items to Preston (757-582-1450) with prices before the show. The club charges 10% of the sales price with the remainder going to you after the show or at the next meeting.

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2023

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Speckled Trout	Dave Smith	6 lb.
Spanish Mackerel	Dave Smith	3 lb. 2 oz.
Yellow Perch		
Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	14 lb. 15 oz.
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	1 lb. 5 oz.

Roulette Submissions
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:
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Ike Eisenhower –
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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.

The President's Corner

Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and your New Year is off to a good start. With a whole year in front of you what are some of your goals? Fish more? Catch more fish? Maybe target a new species you have never caught before? We can all challenge ourselves to try something new as anglers. For me personally I want to get back into flyfishing. Something I have always enjoyed but just let slip away from my fishing styles. As a club the new year also makes room for new challenges and goals. Individually maybe volunteering for a committee or signing up to fish a surf tournament for the first time. Contributing to this newsletter is also something you could do. Write a brief story about a fishing trip you took? Share a new technique or lure you have started using with success. Even encourage a fellow angler who is not a member of the club to come to a meeting. Finally, I would like to say that I'm excited and optimistic for the club and my second year as president. Last year was challenging and rewarding at the same time. I'm sure this year will be no less, and I could not have done without all of the members' help and contributions.

'Til Next Tide,
Mark

Our Christmas Party



VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 2024 PLANNING CALENDAR

JANUARY	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	18	BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	2-3-4	MID ATLANTIC BOAT SHOW
	15	BOARD MEETING
	24	VBAC AWARDS BANQUET
MARCH	2	GREAT BRIDGE FISHERMAN'S FLEA MARKET
	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	16	VBAC CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT
	21	BOARD MEETING
	30	US COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY COURSE
APRIL	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	13	LEAD POURING PARTY
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	ANNUAL FISH FRY
	27	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
MAY	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	2-3-4	OCRACOKE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
	4	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	11	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING - QUALIFER -SANDBRIDGE
JUNE	1	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8	OBX RETREAT AND MARK WRAY TOURNAMENT
	15	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP (CLEAN THE BAY DAY)
	20	BOARD MEETING
	22	SETON YOUTH FISHING TRIP
	27	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	29	CLUB SPONSORED CHARTER FISHING TRIP

JULY	6	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	11	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	11	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	13	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	18	BOARD MEETING
	20	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING QUALIFER
	25	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	27	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
AUGUST	1	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	8	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	10	CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	22	FISH AND WILDLIFE KIDS SURF FISHING CLINIC
	31	OCEAN'S EAST RECRUITING TABLE
	SEPTEMBER	5-6-7
5		GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7		CRAB CREEK CLEAN UP
14		HUNT FOR HARD HEAD'S
19		BOARD MEETING
21		STAN SUTLIFF MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
28		OBX RETREAT FRISCO SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
OCTOBER		3
	10-11-12	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	17	BOARD MEETING
	19	FALL OYSTER ROAST
NOVEMBER	7	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	7-8-9	CAPE HATERAS ANGLERS CLUB INVITATIONAL - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	21	BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER	5	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, HOLIDAY PARTY & GENERAL ELECTIONS
	19	BOARD MEETING

2024 VBAC Election Results

The ballots were turned in and the votes were counted at the last meeting.

The 2024 VBAC Board of Directors will be:

Officers

President: Mark Lozier

1st Vice President - BoB Burnstein

Treasurer - Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary - Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary - Lou Corigliano

Board Members

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Ike Eisenhower

Ronnie Nixon

John Stout

Mary Bradley

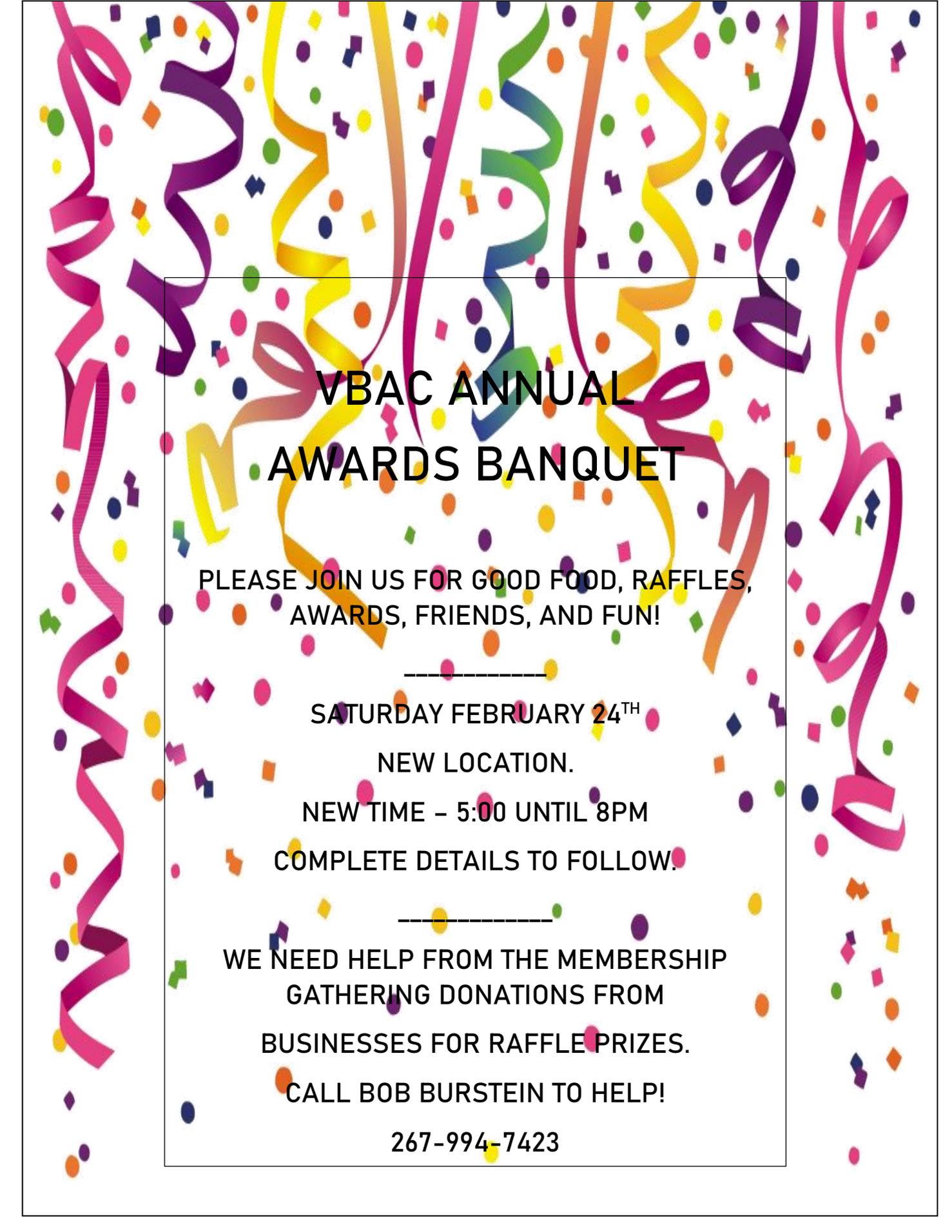
Jerry Mariano

Preston Mangum

Patty Searby

Kris Lozier

Chris Schneider - Chairman



VBAC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR GOOD FOOD, RAFFLES,
AWARDS, FRIENDS, AND FUN!**

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

NEW LOCATION.

NEW TIME - 5:00 UNTIL 8PM

COMPLETE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

**WE NEED HELP FROM THE MEMBERSHIP
GATHERING DONATIONS FROM
BUSINESSES FOR RAFFLE PRIZES.**

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Prize Fish Leaders

2023 Prize Fish Leaders for December

Freshwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Black Crappie (10)	Ike Eisenhower	2/14/23	1 lb. 4 oz.	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	3/28/23	1 lb. 5 oz.	Speight Run Reservoir
Blue Catfish	Alex Ramos	4/1/23	21 lb. 12oz.	Albermarle Sound

Freshwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Black Crappie (10)	Russell Willoughby	2/8/23	15 in.	Lake Smith
Chain Pickerel (2)	Russell Willoughby	1/11/23	25 in.	Lake Smith
Largemouth Bass	Russell Willoughby	2/22/23	17 in.	Lake Smith
Channel Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	3/19/23	25 in.	Albermarle Sound
Bowfin	Kelly Hoggard	4/8/23	25 in.	Albermarle Sound
Long Nose Gar	Micki Walsh	7/22/23	33.5 in.	Piankatank River
White Perch	Micki Walsh	5/20/23	10 in.	Edenton, NC

Saltwater Catch

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout (4)	David Smith	1/24/23	6 lb.	Rudee Inlet
Spadefish	Michael Kreckel	6/9/23	8lb. 13 oz.	Chesapeake Light Tower
Cobia	Kelly Hoggard	5/16/23	65 lb.	Offshore Oregon Inlet
Blueline Tilefish	Rick Hoggard	5/16/23	12 lbs.	Oregon Inlet Canyon
Pompano	Michael Kreckel	7/9/23	2 lbs. 6 oz.	Back Bay National Wildlife Ref
Amberjack	Chris Schneider	6/9/23	40 lbs.	Cape Hatteras, NC
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	7/9/23	1 lb. 12 oz.	Back Bay NWR
Spanish Mackerel	David Smith	7/18/23	3lbs. 2 oz.	Chesapeake Bay

Saltwater Release

Species	Angler	Date	Length	Location
Speckled Trout	David Smith	4/16/23	22.5 in.	David Smith
Shark, Sandbar	Wesley Waters	3/26/23	76.5 in.	Cape Hatteras Point
Shark, Sand Tiger (2)	Kelly Hoggard	1/1/23	109 in.	Ramp 38, OBX, NC
Roundhead	Kelly Hoggard	7/9/23	15.5 in.	Back Bay NWR
Red Drum	Kelly Hoggard	5/4/23	51 in.	Ramp 72, NC
Shark	Kelly Hoggard	10/14/23	94 in.	Sandbridge Beach
Spanish Mackerel	Alex Ramos	6/25/23	18 in.	Little Creek Inlet

Prize Fish Leaders Continued

Spot	Leslie Anderson	10/3/23	9 in.	Lynnhaven River
Bluefish	Alex Ramos	7/4/23	16 in.	Chicks Beach
Red Snapper	Eric Whisman	6/9/23	32 in.	Cape Hatteras
Croaker	Alex Ramos	7/15/23	8 in.	Sandbridge

Roulette Leaders

Species	Angler	Date	Weight	Location
Speckled Trout	David Smith	11/8/23	7 lb. 8 oz.	Rudee Inlet
Chain Pickerel	Preston Mangum	3/28/23	1 lb. 5 oz.	Speight Run Reservoir
Blue Catfish	Kelly Hoggard	1/29/23	14 lb. 15 oz.	Albermarle Sound
Spanish Mackerel	David Smith	7/18/23	3lb. 2 oz.	Sandbridge

Submitted 12/28/23

Saltwater News



On early Saturday morning December 9th, Zac Thomas and I left out of Long Point Bay Marina bound for the CBBT 3rd and 4th islands. We started out catching some short sea bass and tautaug during the cooler morning hours during an rather strong outgoing tide just off the 4th island. After some time we decided to go looking around the 3rd island and position for the incoming tide. After trying a few spots with no luck we found a small reef that was holding a decent number of both short and keeper taug. Zac ended up with two (of his first keeper taug ever) and I bagged one. and We then headed for the dock on what ended up being a beautifully calm and warm day out in the bay in mid-December. Tight lines friends and Happy New Year!



Cape Hatteras Invitational Surf Tournament

Summary

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Tournament Results

November 2, 3 & 4, 2023

Virginia Beach Anglers Club Men

28th (T-27) Place out of 120 teams – 21 fish for 53 points

Competing Anglers: *Russell Willoughby – 4 fish; 25 points

*Wesley Waters – 5 fish; 10 points

*Doug Wehner – 5 fish; 9 points

C-Robbie Parks – 4 fish; 4 points

Kelly Hoggard – 2 fish; 3 points

Dave Vachet – 1 fish; 2 points

Virginia Beach Anglers Club Ladies

10th Place out of 120 teams – 42 fish for 86 points

1st Place out of 16 teams in the Women's Division

Competing Anglers: *Patty Searby – 13 fish; 29 points

*Jennie Braithwaite – 10 fish; 22 points

*Melanie Bayford – 9 fish; 17 points

*C-Caroline Robinson – 3 fish; 7 points

*Micki Walsh – 4 fish; 6 points

*Liz Nash – 3 fish; 5 points

*returning anglers for 2024

The Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Tournament is the largest team surf event in the world. It hosts 120 teams of 6 for a total of 720 anglers and nearly 75 volunteers during the tournament. The tournament is scattered along many of the best beaches in Hatteras. It encompasses a range of 25+ miles from ramp 23 all the way down to ramp 49. Teams fish four sessions. Two of these sessions are north of the point and two of these sessions are south of the point.

Cape Hatteras Invitational Surf Tournament

Summary

Men's Team Report:

Written by Kelly Hoggard

It was another fabulous tournament for the Virginia Beach Anglers Club. We've once again proved that the club has many great anglers that consistently produce year over year. Both of our teams almost always finish in the top 25% of nearly every tournament of the year.

The weather this year was windy and cold. A big cold front came through on Tuesday which dipped temperatures into the 40s and 50s for Hatteras early in the week. Much of the tournament featured north winds around 20 bringing cooler, but above average water temperatures. While some teams encountered some bluefish, very few were scored this year. Many of the best scores were from roundhead and black drum. That turned out to be the case for our men's team as well.

We started south of the point on day one. Relatively calm conditions and dirty water existed on the south end of the fishing grounds. That's common for south beaches on a hard Northwest wind. We managed to find a few scattered fish on both sessions down there but found little quality. As usual, the north beaches were the best for us. Rougher and cleaner water brings in the fish to feed along the beaches. Our Thursday afternoon session was on ramp 23. We had some very beautiful water with big breakers tight to the beach but found almost nothing. One fish kept us from being blanked on the score board.

Friday morning was a different day with much different results. We found a nice little hole on ramp 38 during the 3rd session of the tournament that produced a lot of fish on bloodworms. Russell got into a 22" black drum that scored 16 points! Wesley also caught a few roundhead that scored 9 points to help elevate the team from our poor day one. In all, we scored 10 fish for 33 points on Friday morning. It was our best session of the tournament.

Russell's 22" black drum ended up awarding him a tie for the largest other scoring fish of the tournament. Another angler registered a 22" black drum on Thursday that was the same size. Way to go Russell!

We had a great time as a team. I would like to thank Robbie for running his captains duties efficiently and the team for fishing hard. Doug should also be commended as he had spent some time looking through old photos to produce a slide show of surf tournaments and events from decades in the past. It was fun to see some of the memories of our most accomplished anglers.

Can't Catch Fish On The Couch!

Cape Hatteras Invitational Surf Tournament

Summary

Ladies Team Report:

Written by Caroline Robinson

Cape Hatteras Invitational: A Summary

On November 3rd, 2023, history was made. The Virginia Beach Anglers Club's (VBAC) very own ladies' team triumphed in the Cape Hatteras Invitational, taking first place in the women's division. Finishing in tenth place out of 118 teams total, this was the first time in VBAC history an all-female team represented the club in any tournament. Ever. We were not only delighted to learn we were getting our own team, but that we would be getting our own house, too! We all knew of the challenge that lay ahead of us, for years of experience and training had prepared us for the tourney. We could not have asked for better conditions. We cast our lines, watching the sun rise out of the ocean. All that was left to do now was pray to the Fish Gods. Little did we know they would answer with Mullet, and lots of it! Scoring eighty-six points overall, the VBAC Ladies caught forty-two fish during the two-day tournament. Top angler Patty Searby reeled in thirteen Mullet, for twenty-nine points. Close behind Searby was Jennie Braithwaite, catching ten Mullet, scoring twenty-two points. Melanie Bayford caught nine Mullet, racking up seventeen points. All of us anglers fished hard until the very end, with Micky Walsh reeling in the final Mullet as the horn was blown at four o'clock. It was truly an honor to accomplish this goal with my sister, Elizabeth Nash, alongside me. As the Captain, I could not be more proud to be a part of this team. I would like to give special thanks to the Virginia Beach Sand Witches, because without them, this victory would not have been possible. I would additionally like to thank my team members for all of their hard work and dedication. We did it!

Cape Hatteras Invitational Surf Tournament

Summary



Cape Hatteras Invitational Surf Tournament

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Fresh Water News

BAYFORD FINDS THE MISSING YELLOW PERCH!

Melanie Bayford lays claim to the last remaining empty spot on the prize fish list! Perch boated after epic battle! An almost exhausted Bayford filed the following report!

“Been fishing every day I could get out despite being freezing cold and the uncooperative barometric pressure! Caught a bowfin and the yellow perch to finish up a pretty sorry fishing year.”



Committees

2024 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
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair - Jerry Mariano
Seton Youth:	Chair - Dave Anderson
Raffles:	Chair - Preston Mangum
Audit Committee:	Chair - Mike Anderson
Yeti Cooler Raffle	Chair - Bob Burstein
Surf Tournaments:	Chair - Kelly Hoggard
Club Tournaments:	Chair - George Gabriel Co. Chair - Bob Burstein
Prize Fish:	Chair - Ike Eisenhower
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T-Shirt Committee:	Chair - Patty Searby

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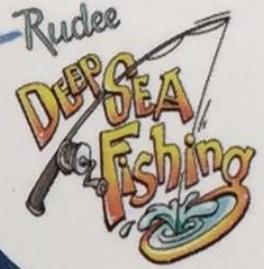


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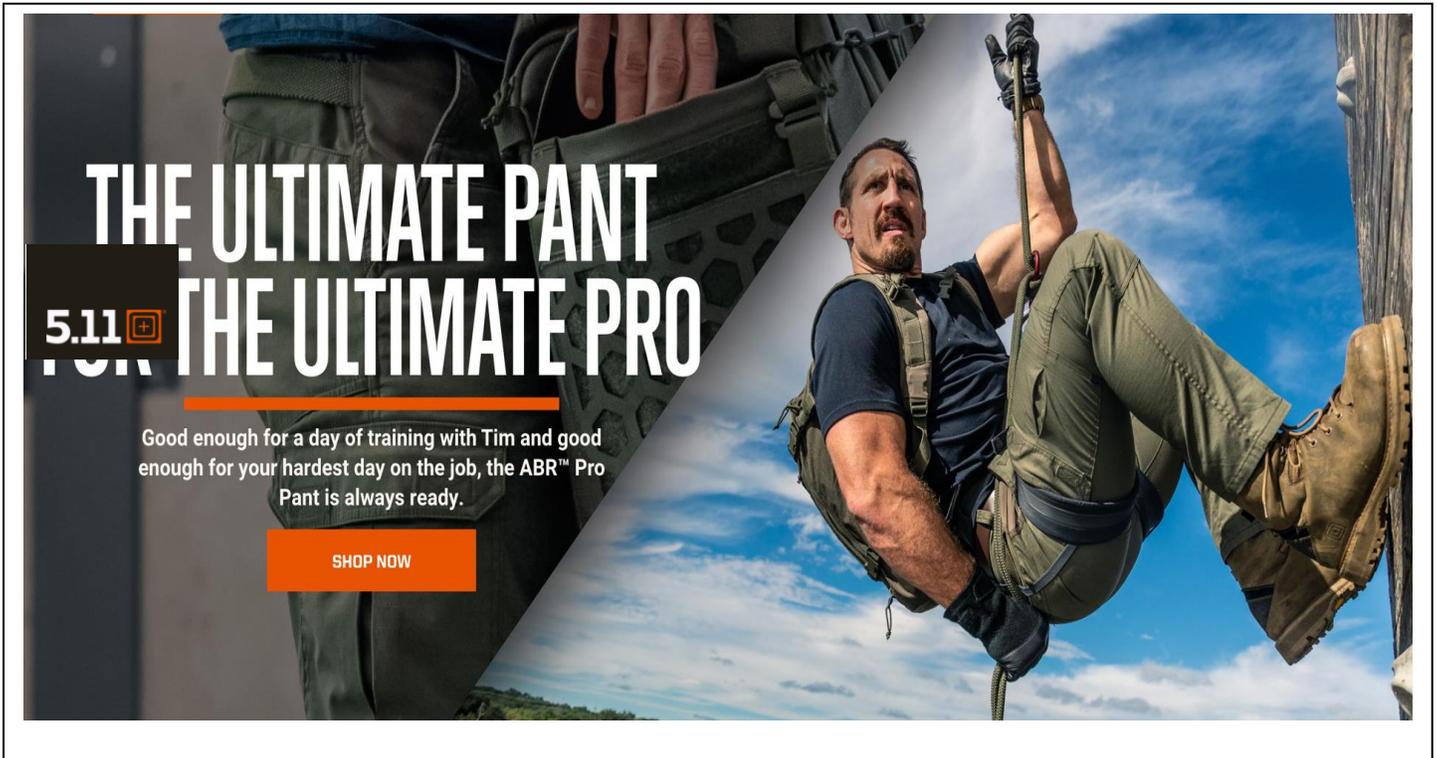
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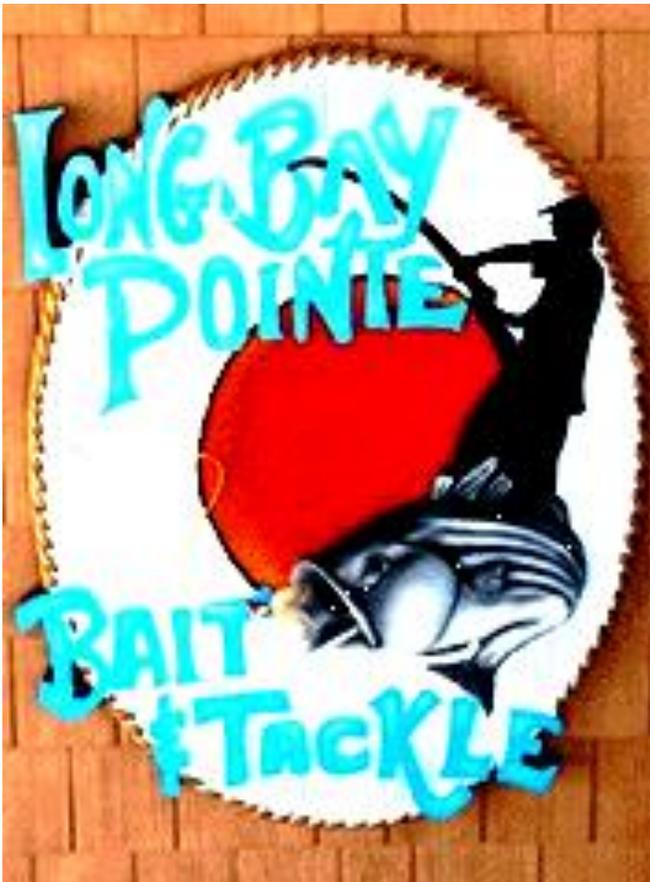
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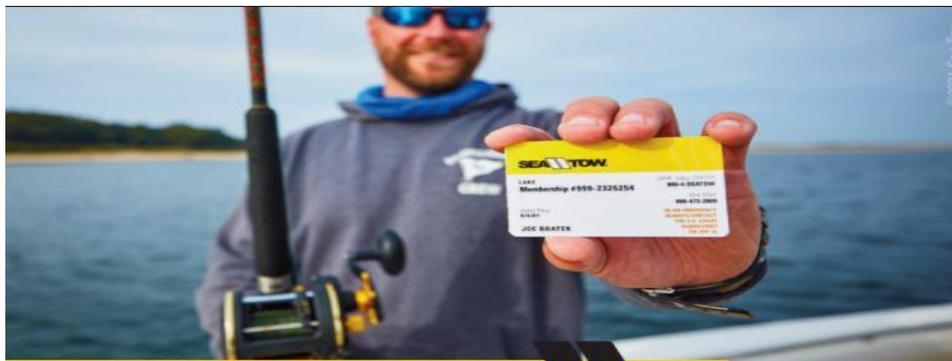
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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.

2024 VBAC Elected Officials

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