



April 2025



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## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting: Foundry United Methodist Church.**

**When: Thursday April 3, 2025 at 7:30 P.M.**

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

#### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **4/3 – General Membership Meeting.**

**Speaker: Ronnie Nixon & Russell Willoughby.**

**Subject: The best techniques for Tautog fishing.**

**These men have caught an awful lot of ‘tog over the years and are happy to share their vast experience with the club.**

**\*\*\* We ask that all members bring a non-perishable food item or a men's clothing item or shoes to help support the church's program of helping those in need. Plastic grocery bags are always needed as well. Items requested are – canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soups, boxed cereals, white or brown rice, & 1# packs of spaghetti noodles.**

**4/5 – Crab Creek Clean-up. Meet Ronnie Nixon at the ramp parking lot at 9:30 AM. A light snack will be provided upon completion.**

**4/12 – Lead Pouring Party. Everyone is encouraged to attend! Never made sinkers? Lots of friendly instruction and help available. Lunch served and take home all the weights you need! Meet at Mike Anderson's house at 4058 Schilling Point Drive at 10:00 AM. Wear close toed shoes, long pants, & long-sleeved shirt for safety's sake. Bring safety glasses if you've got 'em. If you have any spare lead, bring it along!**

**4/17 – Board Meeting @ Foundry United Methodist Church.**

**4/26 – Fish Fry at the Brock Center. Details on page 7.**

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2025

**Species**

**Angler**

**Weight**

**Tautog**

**Black Drum**

**Spade Fish**

**Round Head**

**Black Sea Bass**

Roulette Submissions  
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[vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gmail.com)  
Ike Eisenhower –  
email:[Jeisenhower2@cox.net](mailto: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 SAFETY 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	OCRACOE INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT
	3	CRAB CREEK CLEANUP
	15	BOARD MEETING
	17	VBAC INTRA CLUB SURF FISHING - QUALIFIER -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

<b>JULY</b>	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
<b>AUGUST</b>	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
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	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
<b>OCTOBER</b>	2	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	9-10-11	NAGS HEAD SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	16	BOARD MEETING
	18	FALL OYSTER ROAST
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	6	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
	6-7-8	CAPE HATERAS ANGLERS CLUB INVITATIONAL - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT
	20	BOARD MEETING
<b>DECEMBER</b>	4	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
		HOLIDAY PARTY
		GENERAL ELECTIONS
	18	BOARD MEETING



# **VBAC FISH FRY SAT, APRIL 26**



**Time:** 12:00 to 3:00

**Cost:** Members - Free; Guests - \$10

**Location:** CBF Brock Environmental Center  
3663 Marlin Bay Drive, Virginia Beach

VBAC will provide fried fish, sides, and water/sodas.

Members should bring a dessert. There will be a 50/50 cash prize raffle.

**RSVP your number of members and guests to  
[vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gmail.com)**

# Prize Fish 2025

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## Prize Fish Leaders for January

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# Roulette Drawing



The wheel has been dusted off, calibrated, and spun at the meeting and the following species have been chosen for this year.

Fresh Water:

No Fresh Water Fish were Spun.

Salt Water:

Tautog

Black Drum

Spade Fish

Roundhead

Black Sea Bass

Good luck to all those who are participating.

Tight Lines!

# March Meeting



Rich Troxler gave a great presentation on "Reading the Beach".

Thanks Rich!

Hi There,

I enjoyed doing my presentation at your fishing club meeting the other night, and appreciated your hospitality. During the brief Q&A session at the end, a woman asked if the pictures I used were from the local area. I replied that a few were, but actually most were pictures I used on videos (on my Youtube channel) and didn't necessarily accurately reflect our local waters. I don't have a lot of pictures of our local waters, but I do have a lot of video, so had I thought of it at the time, I would have pointed out that I have several videos on my channel that examine local waters in detail, in terms of identifying structure and how I would fish them. Here's links to 4 of them:

Practice Makes Perfect-1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeAIIShpOEs>

Practice Makes Perfect-2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEUNVzQmLvA>

Sandbars, Troughs, Dips - Let The Water Tell You Where To Fish

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSU8f01wITg&t=6s>

Surf Fishing Tips "Dips & Standing Waves"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTDEyaGCu9I>

There may be some other video or pics of other locales mixed in for examples, but the bulk of the video content is focused on Sandbridge & Back Bay. I hope you all have a great season!

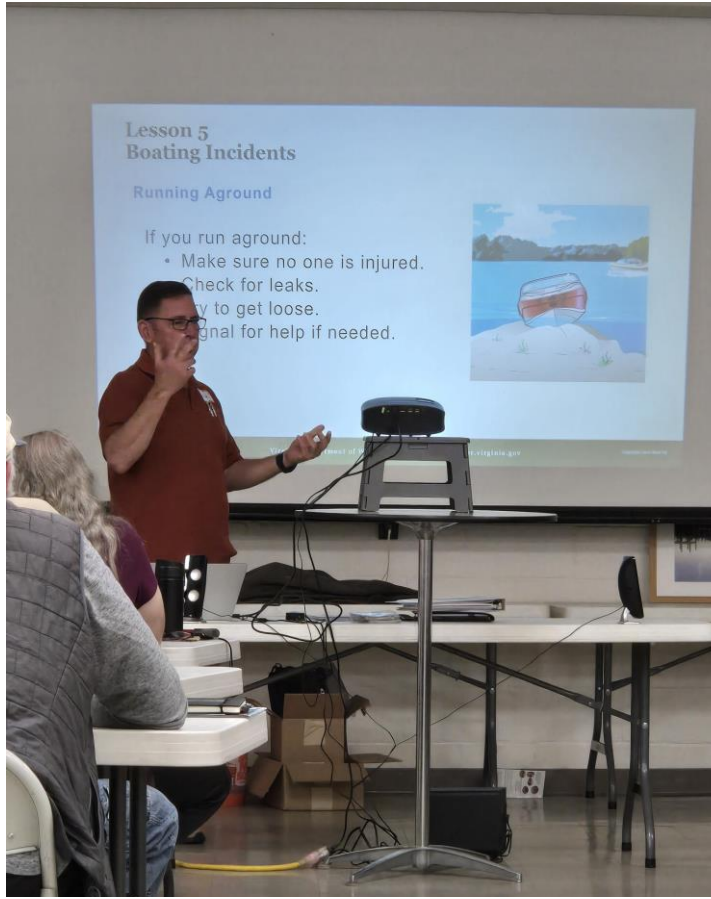
-Rich Troxler

# March Meeting Continued





# Coast Guard Course 2025



**Tom Morgan taught the class and 25 people attended the class at Foundry United Methodist Church.**

**Thank you, Tom, for your service to both the club and your community.**





# **Virginia Beach Angler's Club**



## **Spring Crappie Tournament**

### **Lake Smith Shore or Boat**

**Held Saturday, March 15, 2025**



## **Winners**

### **Boat & Overall Largest Crappie Caught Prizes**

**First Place: Alex Ramos with a 15 ¼", 2-pound crappie - \$200.00**

**Second Place: Melanie Bayford with a 15" crappie - \$125.00**

### **Shore Angler Prizes**

**First Place: Nate Condron with a 17 ½" Chain Pickerel – Rod & Reel!**

**Second Place: Lisa Grounds with a 13 ¼" Largemouth Bass – was awarded a tackle box and hat!**

## **Note**

**Liam Schramm, a junior boat angler, received a Virginia State Citation for his catch of a 2-pound crappie!**

**We hope to see everyone again next March!**



# Lake Smith Crappie Tournament

First Place – Alex Ramos



Second Place – Melanie Bayford



Liam Schramm – 2-pound Crappie



## **Our valiant volunteers who made it all possible!**

Bob Burstein, Miki Walsh, Mary Bradley, Gary Doerhoff, Ronnie Nixon, Ken Copenhaver, & Rich Califf ( not pictured).





# Lake Smith Crappie Tournament



Team Bayford



Randy Whitman – 2-pound crappie



Preston Mangum – Bass Calcutta Winner – 19 ½"



# Our Monthly Recruitment Table

We will be hosting a recruitment table at three different locations over the next 5 months. In order to do that, we need volunteers from all you young, healthy, strong, and friendly members to help man that table. Below, you will see the dates, locations, and times the table will be in use. Please help us out by volunteering to greet and, if you are so inclined, share your experience and enthusiasm with prospective club members. If you are able, please send in an email to your club ([ybanglersclub@gmail.com](mailto:ybanglersclub@gmail.com)) with “Recruitment” in the subject and your name and the date you will be available.

## **Here are the dates of the recruitment table and location**

**April 19 - Princess Anne Distributing  
623 Virginia Beach Blvd**

**May 31st - Oceans East  
5785 Northampton Blvd**

**June 28th - Oceans East  
5785 Northampton Blvd**

**July 26th - Long Bay Pointe  
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**August 23rd - Oceans East  
5785 Northampton Blvd**



# Salt Water News

**Rudee Inlet Puppies: Ned and I fished the Rudee Inlet for puppy drum Thursday 3/27/25.**

**We started catching as soon as we got there. Most were 17-inch fish but were a whole lot of fun fighting them. We ended up with 40+ between us with only 2 slot fish, 18.5-inch and 19-inch fish. All caught on shrimp Gulp.**

**Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower**



# Fresh Water News

3/4/25 with Russell: Finally had a calmer day with sun after too many windy ones. We headed to Lake Smith to get a preliminary sense of what the lake could produce for the Tournament on 3/15. The first place we fished produced only 12-inch crappies. Russell got a 12.5-inch, and a 12-inch released. I only got one 12-incher. Moving on to another cove further in the lake was the ticket. Russell released a 14-inch and a 14.5-inch crappie, and I released a 12.25-inch, 13-inch and 13.5-inch crappie and one 15.25-inch bass. Over-all a great day fishing and catching on shiners under bobbers. These gave us Expert status with 6 released each. The fish were still pre-spawn but turning darker.

3/13/25 with Ronnie: Ronnie Willoughby and I decided to get my boat out on the lake a few days before the Tournament despite it being overcast, windy and cold at 4pm. Water temperature was still 54 degrees, so we hoped to also catch a few as well. We were not disappointed. Ronnie hooked and released a 15.5-inch state citation crappie and a 12.5-inch crappie as I released a 13.5 inch one. This was Ronnie's first citation crappie. Not bad for one hour of fishing. But it was too cold and we weren't dressed for it.

Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower





# Fresh Water News

3/15/25 VBAC Crappie Tournament with Ronnie: We launched about 8:30am in a misty but calm and cold day at Lake Smith. The first place we fished also had someone there also, but we tried it anyway. No Luck. So, we headed to a place we knew had fish two days before and wow, we hit the jackpot!!! We started catching about 10:45am when the Solunar tables said was the best time and didn't stop catching fish until 3:45pm. We kept 18 crappies between 12 and 13.75 inches. My biggest was 13.75-inch. Ronnie released 4 club minimums giving him the Expert status for crappie. We also released about 5 undersized crappie and two bass. Despite not catching the winner of the Tournament (Melanie did) we couldn't have been happier. Catching one after another in one place was awesome. Actually, a typical spawning day (it was a full month peak) and they all were black as can be.

Dr. James W. Ike Eisenhower





# Surf News

## 2025 VBAC Surf Tournament Teams (3/27/25)

### Ocracoke Island Invitational: May 1 & 2, 2025

#### Team A:

Kelly Hoggard  
Rick Hoggard  
Doug Wehner  
Micki Walsh  
Randy Whitman  
Matt Taylor

#### Team B:

John Stout  
Patty Searby  
Jerry Mariano  
Robbie Parks  
Mark Boettcher  
Bill Dawson

#### Alternates:

**NEEDED**

### Hatteras Village Civic Association: September 5 & 6, 2025

#### Team A:

Gavin Butler  
John Stout  
Tom Morgan  
Matt Taylor  
Mark Boettcher  
Greg Wehner

#### Alternates:

Bill Dawson  
Randy Whitman  
Patty Searby

### Nags Head Invitational: October 16 & 17, 2025

#### Team A:

Patty Searby  
Doug Wehner  
Micki Walsh  
Robbie Parks  
Rick Hoggard  
Melanie Bayford

#### Team B:

Greg Wehner  
Brian Wehner  
John Stout  
Randy Whitman  
Mark Boettcher  
Bill Dawson

#### Alternates:

**NEEDED**

# Surf News

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

### **Men's Team:**

Rick Hoggard  
Kelly Hoggard  
Dave Vachet  
John Stout  
Doug Wehner  
Matt Taylor

### **Alternates:**

Greg Wehner  
Robbie Parks

### **Women's Team:**

Patty Searby  
Stephanie Easterling  
Jenny Braithwaite  
Melanie Bayford  
Micki Walsh  
Kelly Settle

### **Alternates:**

Ocracoke Tournament positions were drawn at the February 7<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.  
The fall tournament positions were drawn at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting.

**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. 443-667-1590 or [fishnkelly@msn.com](mailto:fishnkelly@msn.com)

Ocracoke – \$378  
Hatteras Village – \$274  
Nags Head – \$219  
CHAC – \$308

Results are posted for tournaments that have been completed in 2025. \*Indicates returning anglers for 2026.

# Committees

## 2025 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

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<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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### **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 13<sup>th</sup> month free.

½ Page ad: \$20.00 per month, Yearly cost \$240.00 with 13<sup>th</sup> month free.

Full Page ad: \$25.00 per month, Yearly cost \$300.00 with 13<sup>th</sup> 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

☐ ½ Page ad

☐ Full Page ad

Payment will be: ☐ Cash ☐ Check or ☐ Donation Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

VBAC Board member receiving form: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2025 Advertisements

Each advertisement is linked to their associated website.  
Please check them all out by clicking on their ads!

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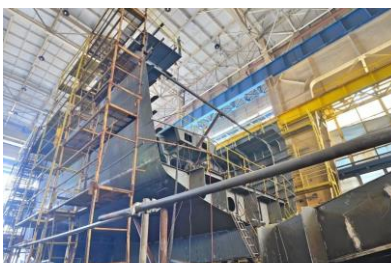
  
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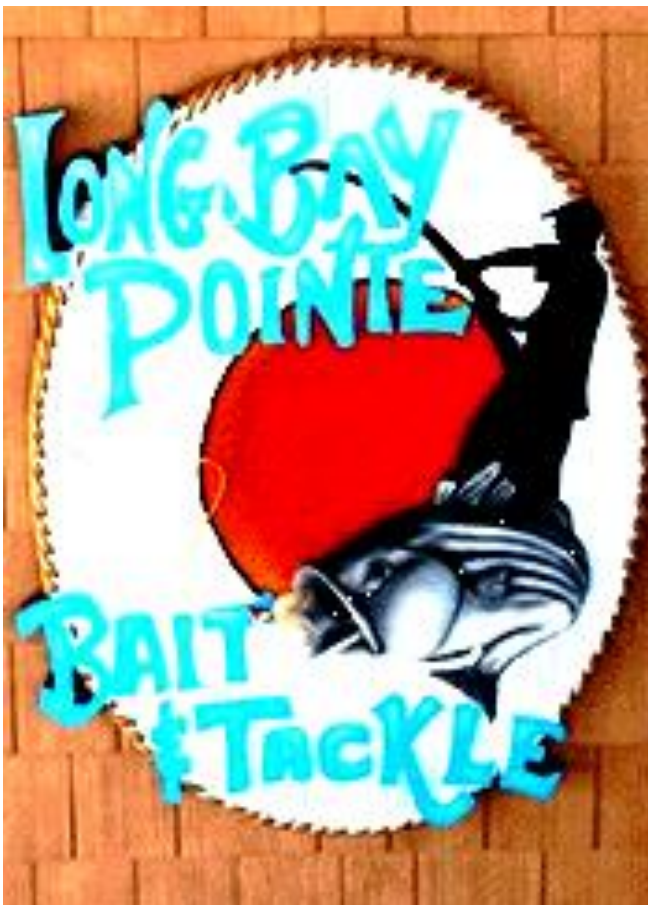
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# VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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