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## **Next Membership Meeting: July 23rd, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

**DGIF Richmond Headquarters  
4010 West Broad Street**



### **BACKLASH**

*Commentary from the  
Board of Directors  
-By John Wetlaufer, Sr.*

### **VAC MEETINGS MOVE TO NEW VENUE**

With the July 12th closing of the Skilligalee Restaurant, the Virginia Anglers Club's monthly Board of Directors' Meetings and Membership Meetings will be held in the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' old Board Room at 4010 West Broad Street. The old Board Room is entered from the rear of the eastern-most building on the DGIF Richmond Headquarters Campus.

There will be no change in dates or times of these meetings. Monthly Membership Meetings will still start at 7:00 PM on the 4th Tuesday of each month and the BOD

meetings will still start at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month (exception – the September BOD meeting).

The first meeting to relocate to the new location is the upcoming July Membership meeting on Tuesday, July 23rd.

### **JULY PROGRAM**

### **“Who Owns the River: An Angler's Guide to Staying On The Water and Out of Court.”**

Beau Beasley, a noted Jackson River guide and outdoor writer will speak to us on the latest information on the property rights issues for the Jackson River and how anglers are impacted and can stay out of jail. Property rights under rivers in Virginia and under the Jackson River in particular have been of interest to all freshwater anglers for some time. For more information on Beau, please check out page 6 of this issue of The Angler.



## SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBER DICK STEPHENSON

In January, 2005, member Dick Stephenson offered the Virginia Anglers Club the use of the “PD” (private dining room) and the “small side” dining room in the Skilligalee Restaurant to use gratis for our monthly Board of Directors and our Monthly Membership Meetings. The VAC BOD immediately accepted his generous offer. We now had a venue where we could conveniently meet for some pre-meeting fellowship over dinner and order from the bar during the meeting. We could also get to know speakers and nudge some information from them while we ate some really fine food.

The VAC members were guests of the Skilligalee Restaurant for over 8 years. The Skilligalee has been home for 85 membership meetings and 101 Board of Directors Meetings. Only one time did weather force cancellation of a meeting. We established a first name relation with many members of the wait staff. “Janet” became our unofficial “club mom”. We marveled at how she could keep food and drink orders straight among a fluid bunch of 30 or 40 members and always deliver the meal and bar check to the right member no matter how many times we moved around during the evening.

The entire Membership of the Virginia Anglers Club thanks Dick for his hospitality and wishes him the best of things for his retirement. Hopefully, now that his duties of managing a grand restaurant come to a close, he will be able to have more time to fish and, perhaps, come by and join us at a meeting now and then. We all have good memories of meals and meetings at the Skilligalee and will miss both very much.



Last Membership Meeting at the Skilligalee on 6/25/13



Lee Walker Points Out Some Angling Hot Spots At The Slurry Power Plant at the 6/25/13 VAC Membership Meeting

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENT – VA / NC FLOUNDER

Virginia/Carolina Flounder: July 20-21  
(blow date following weekend)

The next tournament in the VAC 2012 Tournament program is a flounder tournament with fishing encouraged in both Virginia and North Carolina waters. Angling Activities Lee Rothgeb’s very complete review of the flounder tournament is found on page 9 of this issue of The Angler.

## FLATHEAD CLASS – TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013

VA DGIF is putting on a waders-on class for Flathead Catfish in the James River. This is a fun course and it is a great way to spend a day on the river and learn how to fish. Mike Ostrander is the lead instructor and along with him, fellow club members Lee Rothgeb, David Brayman, and Billy Niccar will be among some of the other instructors. If anyone is interested in being part of this class, please read the information on page 6 of this issue of The Angler and contact Chris Dunnava at VA DGIF to enroll.

## NEXT OPENING - COUNTRY STORE – AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Country Store is now operating on a restricted, open at membership meetings in the even numbered months. The next day the Country Store will be open is August 27th, 2013. If you have a special need for an item from the Country Store that cannot be picked up on the new schedule, please contact Storekeeper Eddy Johnston (fishead55@hotmail.com) and arrange a special pick up.

## WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

“Good things come to those who bait”  
– Author Unknown

For The Leadership Team  
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary





## “Catchy Comments”

By Billy Nicar

To start things off... I would like to thank Buddy Noland for his service to the club in the past years for handling the catch entries and records for the club. It is no easy task and he has done a remarkable job and we all owe him thanks for his dedication. Buddy has now passed the torch to me. I will now be collecting entry cards at the future meetings as well as retrieving them from the club's post office box. Please feel free to get your cards to me any way that suits you best. They can be dropped off to me at Green Top or mailed directly to my home. I will list my home address below.

With all of the beautiful weather that we have seen in the past month it's hard to believe anyone found a window of opportunity to fish. But, we have some entries from those that are not afraid to literally weather the storm. Funny thing though... There was not a single entry from the James River this month. I can only wonder why.

It looks as though **David Nobles** had a fun day fishing a private pond with a curly tail jig on 2# spinning tackle. **David** submitted entries for a 7 ounce sunfish worth 115 points, a 12 ounce crappie worth 119 points, and a 1-8 largemouth bass worth 100 points. It's hard to beat a summer day on a pond with light tackle! Also, enjoying some freshwater fishing this month was **Lee Rothgeb**. Lee entered a 3-0 largemouth in the 6# spin division that he hooked on a wacky rig worth 120 points.

Saltwater fishing seems to be heating up for those who are able to brave the rain, or at least dodge the drops. **Bobby Broughton** was fishing out of Oregon Inlet with Stuart Lee when he hooked and landed an amberjack on his FIRST CAST!!! Now anyone who has fished for amberjack knows that ye' ole' wreck donkey will break you off more times than not. Hooking and landing one on the first cast is quite a feat. **Bobby's** amberjack will be entered into the 12# plug division for a total of 123 points. This catch gives **Bobby** the lead in “heaviest” and “points” for the species.

**Lee Huss** was fishing Lynnhaven Inlet when he landed the flounder that earned him second place angler of the month at June's meeting. The flounder that weighed 4-3 fell victim to a Gulp Strip / mullet combo. **Lee's** catch was entered in the 12# general division earning **Lee** 104 points. Lee will now take the lead for the “heaviest” and “points” categories for flounder. **Bob Brown's** 1-4 croaker earned him the first place angler of the month title at June's meeting. Bob was casting a jig on 2# spinning tackle in the York River when he landed his 186 point croaker which will take the lead in the “points” category for the species.

On June 30, **Larry Allen** set a new club record while fishing Fleets Bay with **Wilson Nobles**. Larry was drifting a minnow on 4# test when a 30" long, 7-9 spotted seatrout hit. This catch entry earns **Larry** 302 points and the new 4# general record for spotted seatrout. **Larry** also submitted another entry for a 4-6 spotted seatrout caught one week later in Dividing Creek. This fish bit a mirrolure tied to the end of **Larry's** 8# line and will earn him 145 points.



Robert Thomas' Canadian Smallmouth Bass



Please let me know if you have any fun, exciting, informational, or scary fish tales from your recent trips out. I would love to include them in future newsletters. Any recent fishing reports or conditions would be greatly appreciated as well. I can be contacted via phone, email, or text. My contact info is listed below. As always, tight lines and best fishes!

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Larry Allen's 30" 7-9 speckled trout on 4lb gen.



Robert Thomas' James River Smallmouth Bass



Robert Thomas' Canadian Muskie



Robert Thomas' Bahamian Barracuda





**30TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN SHOW RETURNS TO RICHMOND RACEWAY COMPLEX AUGUST 9-11**

The 30th Annual Virginia Outdoor Sportsman’s Show features a lot of new, exciting exhibits and demonstrations this year returning to the Richmond Raceway Complex! There’s plenty of parking, more space for the 350 fun and exciting new exhibits, demonstrations and seminars- something for everyone in the family. The show has expanded into a third building- The Green Top Pavilion which will include an archery range sponsored by Parker Bows, decoy exhibit and contest, VDGIF K9 teams and much more. Experienced and novice sportsmen and sportswomen can try the latest in new equipment and learn about new places and techniques to enjoy Virginia’s great outdoors. At the three-day show August 9-11, Conservation Police Officers and Wildlife Biologists will be on hand to answer all your hunting, fishing and wildlife information questions. DMV Direct van will be on-site so you can conveniently purchase your hunting and fishing licenses, or the new 2014 Virginia Wildlife Calendar, even title a boat or other DMV business. Pick up your free copy of the new 2013-2014 Hunting Regulations & Information booklet that features descriptions of new regulations and opportunities to enhance your hunting experience this season. The new Wildlife K 9 Team will be there to demonstrate their unique skills assisting officers in wildlife investigations and search and rescue.

Hunting SAFELY & RESPONSIBLY is always foremost when afield. Hunter Education Instructors will have exhibits and demonstrations on safe firearms handling, tree stand use, waterfowl hunting and safety reminders for both experienced and novice hunters. This is your chance to see the biggest bucks harvested in Virginia. Deer hunters throughout Virginia will bring their mounts to this prestigious contest, organized by the Virginia Deer Hunters Association (VDHA). The Virginia Open Turkey Calling Championship will be held on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. sanctioned by the National Wild Turkey Federation. Celebrity guests include Pat & Nicole Jones Reeve of Driven TV and Co-Hosts of Inside Outdoors TV Dave Poteat & Tim Anello! Also, Lizard Lick Towing will be on hand Saturday & Sunday only, don’t miss out!

Show Manager and Founder Hugh Crittenden notes he is giving away a special door prize- a 6-day pre-rut Kansas Bow Hunt valued at \$2950 with Midwest Finest Whitetails! You must come to the Show to enter. Check the Show’s website for information and to view videos on numerous seminars, exhibits, demonstrations, sportsmen celebrities, and contests. Order your tickets online to avoid the line!

Welcome to The Fishing Spot! Through my role as Angling Education coordinator for the VDGIF, I am able to connect with a variety of anglers across the Commonwealth and this is an opportunity for me to share those experiences and fishing related topics with you. My sincere hope is that you can always come to The Fishing Spot for interesting and educational fishing articles, intriguing interviews with anglers and the latest on fishing in Virginia. Please enjoy!

**HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS**

**Freshwater**

**If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.**

**Saltwater**

**If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency, boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center toll free at 1-800-541-4646**



## **MEET BEAU BEASLEY – OUR JULY SPEAKER**

Beau Beasley has fished the waters of the Old Dominion since early childhood and knows them like only a native can. His insider's knowledge of Virginia ranges from the mountain brook trout streams of the Shenandoah National Park to the salty windswept shores of the Chesapeake Bay. Although he's pursued trout on the Big Horn River in Montana, landed every species of salmon in Alaska, and successfully brought to hand five-pound brook trout in Labrador, Canada, his first love is still fishing poppers on a Virginia farm pond. He writes for numerous regional and national publications and serves as the Director of Programs and Sponsorship Development for the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival.

## **JUNE SPEAKER LEE WALKER'S "HOT SPOTS" ON THE VAC WEB SITE**

Lee Walker used maps in the below Atlas in his presentation. The charts he shows are well marked with locations, structure and other indicators of where he has found fish during his many years of fishing. If you Google Virginia Delorme Atlas and Gazetteer you will find many sources from which to purchase this Atlas and at modest prices too. Lee generously shared his spread sheet of east and west fishing spots with the VAC. This spread sheet is posted in the Members Area of the VAC website ([www.virginiaanglersclub.com](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.com)). Look for "Angling Site Information" and then click on Skinny Water Angling Destinations West of I-95. Each entry on Lee's spread sheet has a column in which Atlas page number and grid identifications are listed. If you have a copy of this Atlas with you, you can mark it up as Lee shares his vast store of angling knowledge near to the Richmond Area.

## **FLAT OUT CATFISH WORKSHOP ON THE JAMES RIVER- TUESDAY, AUGUST 6TH**

Would you like to learn the secrets of catching Flathead Catfish on the James River? Join DGIF Angling Education and Captain Mike Ostrander for a day of instruction and fishing on the James River at Pony Pasture in Richmond. Workshop involves wading in the river and terrain can be challenging. Tackle, bait and lunch is provided. For ages 16 and older. To register or for questions, contact Chris Dunnivant by email, [chris.dunnivant@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:chris.dunnivant@dgif.virginia.gov), or by phone, 804-283-7327. Registration Fee: \$40 - register today, space is limited! Workshop date for Catfish I is Tuesday, August 6th; times are 8am – 4pm.

## **THE VAC NEEDS A NEW COUNTRY STORE KEEPER (NO RETAIL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY OR EXPECTED)**

The Virginia Anglers Club desperately needs someone to take over management of the VAC Country Store. Eddy's business responsibilities have grown to the point that he has to relinquish his 20 year custodianship of the VAC Country Store (CC). If any member is interested in helping Eddy personally and the VAC membership in its entirety, please talk with Eddy or President Glenn Carter.



## **FROM RECENT VDGIF OUTDOOR REPORTS**

### **TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM GROWS TO REACH STUDENTS IN OVER 200 CLASSROOMS**

Students from all over Virginia released fingerling trout during March, April, May, and June. The trout were raised through the Trout In the Classroom (TIC) program. Chuck Hoysa, TIC Coordinator explains, "TIC is a cold water conservation education program sponsored by Virginia Chapters of Trout Unlimited and VDGIF. Students receive trout eggs in October and observe the hatching process, then raise the fish until spring time releases in VDGIF approved streams. Students from elementary grades through high school participate in the program. This last year, TIC had tanks in over 200 classrooms in Virginia."

Raising trout takes some specialized equipment. Most schools use 50 gallon aquariums, but unlike tropical fish aquariums which often use heating elements to keep the water warm, TIC tanks use specialized chilling units to keep the water about 50 degrees.

During the school year, students feed their fish, clean the tanks, conduct regular water testing, and learn about the environmental needs of trout. TIC also connects students to their local environment and local watersheds. For many students, attending a trout release is their first visit to a cold water stream, and for some, it is their first time viewing the mountains in Virginia. Teachers incorporate TIC across the curriculum with trout related activities in reading, writing, art, and math. Though next year's eggs won't be delivered until October, plans are already under way as equipment is cleaned up and inventoried for next year. For information on TIC or how your school can participate contact: [Chuck.Hoysa@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:Chuck.Hoysa@dgif.virginia.gov).

### **GOOD NEWS FOR THE BACK BAY – LARGEMOUTH STOCKING**

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), is entering year 2 of a planned 3-year largemouth bass stocking project on Back Bay. The project plan calls for stocking 125,000, 2 inch fingerling largemouth bass each year for 3 years. While stocking is scheduled to occur in 2012 – 2014, assessment will continue for at least 2 years, and up to 4 years, after each year's stocking effort to determine the survival of stocked fish and any impacts on the adult bass population and fishery.

The Department has developed specific criteria for stocking largemouth over existing bass populations, and the situation in Back Bay meets these criteria. Specifically, Back Bay has undergone dramatic habitat improvement over the past several years in the form of expanding submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) coverage. With improving habitat in the bay proper, and the relict largemouth population being almost exclusively relegated to western tributaries and little or no connectivity to this improving habitat, the goal of stocking is to give the bass population a jump start. Primary project objective: a quicker recovery of this once world-class largemouth bass fishery. Back Bay was noted in the late 1970s as one of the top trophy bass fisheries in the nation. This outstanding bass fishery peaked in 1980, when 240 citation-sized largemouth bass (bass that weighed at least 8 pounds) were reported to be caught in the bay.

For more information about fishing opportunities in Virginia, visit the agency website at: [www.HuntFishVA.com](http://www.HuntFishVA.com).

## **TOP ARTIFICIAL BAITS FOR SUNFISH** **(by Chris Dunnivant, VDGIF Angling Education Coordinator)**

Sunfish are plentiful in Virginia's lakes, ponds, rivers and streams and they are a lot of fun to catch – especially with artificials. The most common sunfish in our waters include bluegill, redear, redbreast, pumpkinseed and warmouth. For other species such as bass, there are thousands of lures and techniques to choose from, but the lure selection is much simpler with sunfish and they are typically easier to catch.



The following are my top lures for sunfish. I will fish all of them on 2-4 lb. monofilament line. I fish with larger rods and reels than the common ultra-light and micro outfits. A larger reel gives me a bigger spool for increased casting distance, smoother drag and higher gear ratio. A longer rod assists in longer, more accurate casts and allows for greater control of my lure and the fish once hooked. I often use a 5' to 5 1/2' light action rod with 2 lb. test and 6' to 7' medium-light to medium action rod when using 4 lb. test.

**Curley Tail Grub** – The grub is the mainstay for sunfish and if I could fish with only one bait; this would be it. In clear water or for finicky fish use a 1" grub on a 1/32 oz. jighead with 2 lb. line. For aggressive or larger fish, use a 1.5"-2" grub on a 1/16 oz. head. For deeper water, heavy current or wind; scale up to a 3/32 or 1/8 oz head. I prefer jigheads without a collar. Plastic grubs will last a lot longer and stay on well. The bulky collar often tears up the grub after catching a few fish. Retrieve with a steady swimming action and adjust your rod angle and speed to control the depth of your bait.

**Trout Magnet** – It may be designed for trout, but it will flat out catch the sunfish. Use the smallest swivel you can buy, #10 or #12, above about 12-18" of 4-6 lb. test mono leader to prevent line twist and to add a little weight. Cast out and let it fall naturally through the water column; this is when most strikes will occur. Hop it a couple times after the initial fall and let it fall again, then reel it in and try another cast.

**Slider Grub** – This grub has a small paddle type tail that is more subtle than a curly tail grub. I use this for larger sunfish, when fish are nipping at a curly tail or in cold water when I want less action. I often shorten the bait by clipping off the tip of the grub at the first or second rib.

**Garland Baby Shad** – A shad shape grub that has a straight tail and is perfect for vertical presentations, deep water or fishing on the bottom. The erratic fall and natural minnow shape is irresistible.

**Beetle Spin** – A classic! Use the smallest 2 sizes, 1/32 and 1/16 oz. These baits typically come with a straight body grub, but any grub can be used in its place. They are very weedless which makes them great for beginners. Fish with a steady retrieve to keep the blade spinning.

**Thill Night 'N Day Float, 3/4" Oval** – This is not a lure, but a must-have tool for sunfish. Works perfect for presentations along deeper weed-lines, around boat docks or when fish are not in a chase mood. Any float will work, but the Thill float is tops!

Fishing for sunfish with artificials opens up a new and fun dimension in fishing that is often overlooked. Not only is it sporting to catch these feisty fish on light tackle, but catching a variety of species such as bass, crappie, pickerel and catfish is common. Give it a try and you will be hooked!



## TOURNAMENT NEWS

BY LEE ROTHGEB

### Virginia Flounder: July 20-21 (blow date following weekend)

Doormat flounder action will peak in mid-summer and we have a tournament right on time. The tournament is open to all Virginia and North Carolina waters. Popular spots for large flounder this time of year include the buoy 36 area and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel in VA. Inlets and wrecks are most popular in NC.

We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish and three places for highest point fish. First = 3 pts. Second = 2 pts. Third = 1 pt. These points will apply towards the annual Saltwater Tournament Angler of the Year competition. A fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for 1 fish. One angler can enter only two fish. It is possible to win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish.

Call in entries within 24 hours from end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Lee Rothgeb 804-314-2990 or email to Garbakk1021@aol.com. You cannot change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman.

**Note:**

You do not need to fill out cards. Tournament First Place Awards for weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket.

## STAY SAFE ON THE WATER - BOAT SMART AND SOBER!

On July 1, 2013, all PWC operators 14 years of age and older as well as motorboat operators age 40 and younger who operate boats with motors of 10 horsepower and greater must have completed a boating safety education course and carry such proof in their possession while operating the vessel.

To learn more about boating laws in Virginia, and about boating safety education courses, visit the Department's website. Remember, everyone wants to have a safe, enjoyable day on the water. Do your part by wearing your life jacket and taking a boating safety education course. Be responsible, be safe, and have fun on the water!

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## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 7/9/13

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
<b>2013 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</b>								
AMBERJACK, GREATER	B Broughton	18-8	12	Plug	123	07/05/13	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel
CROAKER	RJ Brown	1-4	2	Spin	186	06/24/13	York River, VA	Jig
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	33-0	30	Surf	235	5/12/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	L Huss	4-3	12	Gen	104	06/21/13	Lynnhaven Inlet, VA	Gulp/Mullet Combo
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robertson	8-0	2	Spin	533	5/26/13	Mobjack Bay, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait

## 2013 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B Shepherd	3-10	2	Spin	241	3/11/13	Private Pond, VA	Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0	8	Gen	361	4/3/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0	20	Gen	154	4/10/13	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11	2	Plug	267	1/12/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	RJ Brown	1-1	2	Spin	279	1/22/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Grub Tail
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10	2	Plug	462	2/2/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12	4	Spin	224	3/21/13	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	2-2	4	Fly	252	3/24/13	James River, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, ALL	JP Rountrey	0-10	2	Fly	208	4/17/13	Private Pond, VA	Shad Fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W Nicar	1-4	4	Gen	125	5/23/13	Lake Prince, VA	Night Crawler
TROUT, BROOK	D Nobles	0-15	2	Fly	133	5/24/13	Spring Creek, VA	Nymph

## 2013 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robertson	8-0	2	Spin	533	5/26/13	Mobjack Bay, VA	Jig-Jerk Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. Cousins	4-2	2	Spin	275	12/28/12	Elizabeth River, VA	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	4-12	8	Plug	158	12/4/12	James River, VA	Zoom Cluke
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	S. Lee	5-0	8	Fly	208	12/24/12	James River, VA	Half and Half
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0	4	Gen	750	12/17/12	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Live Eel
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0	30	Surf	350	4/26/13	Barrier Islands, VA	Peeler Crab

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SHAD, HICKORY	R Choi	2-2	4	Fly	252	3/24/13	James River, VA	Shad Fly
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-3	2	Gen	252	1/20/13	Chickahominy River, VA	Live Minnow

## 2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

AMBERJACK, GREATER	B Broughton	18-8						
BASS, STRIPED	F. Cousins	45-0						
CROAKER	Robbie Robertson	1-5						
DRUM, BLACK	B Shepherd	42-0						
DRUM, RED	B Shepherd	33-0						
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	L Huss	4-3						
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Robbie Robertson	8-0						

## 2013 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B Shepherd	8-4						
CATFISH, BLUE	RJ Brown	43-0						
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	L Rothgeb	26-0						
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-11						
PERCH, YELLOW	JP Rountrey	1-3						
PICKERAL, CHAIN	M Cline	4-10						
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-12						
SHAD, HICKORY	JH Sheffield	2-6						
SUNFISH, ALL	RJ Brown	0-12						
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W Nicar	1-4						
TROUT, BROOK	D Nobles	0-15						



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### HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

MACKEREL, CERO	JP Rountrey	9-0	20	Gen	120	1/15/13	Fort Lauderdale, FL	Live Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	D. Nobles	3-12	8	Spin	125	4/15/13	Mosquito Lagoon, FL	DOA Plastic

### 2013 C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - THRU 6/10/13

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Bob Brown	4	1	1	6	1397	232
Bob Shepherd	1	0	1	2	516	258
Parks Rountrey	0	2	0	2	460	230
Fred Cousins	0	1	0	1	248	248
Andrew Campbell	1	0	1	1	234	234
Billy Nicar	0	0	1	1	147	147
Lee Huss	0	1	0	0	104	104



Angler Fred Cousins was fishing the Chesapeake Bay in his home state of Virginia, USA on December 17, 2012, when he and Captain Tony Horsley got into the striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) which frequent these rich waters. Using ultra-light tackle, Cousins fought his striper for more than two hours after it ate the live eel he was fishing. Weighing in at 20.41 kg (45 lb 0 oz), Cousin's fish earned him the new men's 2 kg (4 lb) line class record.

COMMON NAME (SCIENTIFIC NAME)	LINE CLASS	WEIGHT	PLACE	DATE	ANGLER (CAPT/GUIDE)
Barracuda, Guinean ( <i>Sphyaena afra</i> )	M-60 kg (130 lb)	102 lb 4 oz 46.4 kg	Barra du Kwanza Angola	14-Feb-13	Thomas Gibson (Cam Nicolson)
Barracuda, Mexican ( <i>Sphyaena ensis</i> )	M-02 kg (4 lb)	11 lb 0 oz 4.99 kg	Flamingo Beach Costa Rica	24-Aug-12	James H. Harless, II (Lus A. Ruis Ruis)
Bass, striped ( <i>Morone saxatilis</i> )	M-02 kg (4 lb)	45 lb 0 oz 20.41 kg	Chesapeake Bay Virginia, USA	17-Dec-12	Fred Cousins (Tony Horsley)
Bass, striped (landlocked) ( <i>Morone saxatilis</i> )	24 kg (50 lb)	69 lb 9 oz 31.55 kg	Black Warrior River Alabama, USA	28-Feb-13	James R. Bramlett
Dentex ( <i>Dentex dentex</i> )	W-10 kg (20 lb)	21 lb 0 oz 9.53 kg	Porto Ottilou, Budoni Italy	03-Nov-12	Capt. Luciana Gerardi (Alfonso Crispo)



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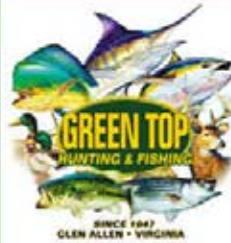
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