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The Angler

Newsletter

The official newsletter of the Virginia Anglers Club

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Derek Merrick wins
Angler of the Month for May
with his 2lb, 3oz Roanoke Bass!



JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Doors open at 6pm

June 27th 7PM

Robert "Bob" Woods

Custom Rod Builder

VDWR Board Room

7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico, VA

REMEMBER THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY

President's Message

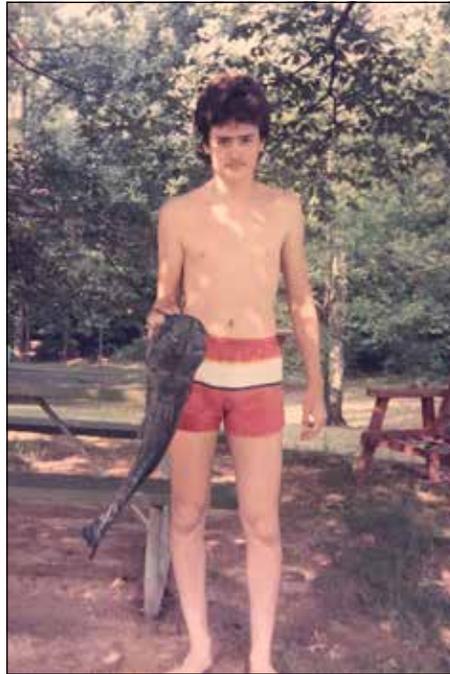
Howdy Virginia Anglers Club,

In the attached picture you'll see a young Dinkus with his first "big" catfish (I know what you're thinking, "Man they both have big heads!"). It was June of 1982 and my best friend Ricky and I both had Honda Z50R minibikes that we would tie our fishing gear to and head out on adventures.

On this day, we went to Grambling's pond, a little 1 acre pond. We would catch bass, bluegill, and catfish. I caught this particular cat on a piece of cut bait and I was so excited that I wrapped it in my shirt and road 2 ½ miles through the woods with it on my lap. I was really proud of that fish.

I was lucky growing up, I was introduced to the world of fishing at a very young age and I still love it so much to this day. Being on the water fishing is really one of the only times in my life when I get to forget about everything else, like my buddy Chad Hill says, "fishin' is therapy".

I write about this as I think about our clubs Kids Fishin' Day. My wife Ronni and I have been so happy to host this event over the past couple of years. I'm grateful that both Stuart Lee and Fred Murray thought it would work well at our house and both events have been such a blast. All the kids caught fish and I can



Dinkus Deane, 1982

guarantee that many of them are hooked on fishing now. It makes me so happy to pass on the love of the sport and see the excitement on the kid's faces when they reel one in.

It's easy right? We lead by example. We take a kid fishin', show them how it's done and watch them get better and better. At our most recent BOD meeting we were discussing conservation and legislation efforts and how such a simple act like picking up a couple beer cans at the marina and throwing them away or picking up that birds nest of fishing line along the trout stream can go such a long way. Lead by example. Folks see us cleaning up and maybe a few of them catch on. I'd like to ask each member of this club to keep the

notion of setting a good example on their minds. Sometimes small acts like picking up those beer cans or showing a kid how to put a worm on a hook can go a long way.

I'd also like to encourage our club members to consider taking on different roles in our leadership. There is nothing difficult about these roles. I say this as a member of only 4 years and now being the the current President. It's not difficult when you have such a great group of folks around you to lean on and help in any way they can. Our club will be having some turnover in a few of our positions such as Banquet Coordinator and Treasurer. So if you're interested, please let me know! It doesn't matter if you just joined the club or are a longtime member. Just reach out to me and we can chat about it.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next members meeting on June 27th. Bob Woods will be speaking with us about building fishing rods and doing repairs. It should be a great presentation.

Hope you're all getting some fishin' done,

Dinkus Deane
President of the Virginia Anglers Club

VIRGINIA ANGLER'S CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

VAC Leadership	
Officers	
President	Dinkus Deane
1st VP (Programs)	Clifford Phipps
2nd VP (Angling Activities)	Frank Hart
3rd VP (Conservation & Legislation)	Capt. Chris Dollar
Treasurer	Bobby Broughton
Recording Secretary	Karen Anderson
Newsletter Secretary	Lynda Richardson
Committee Chairmen	
Communications Secretary	Brian Bremner
Officers	
Website Secretary	Eric Webster
Website Assistant	Lee Huss
Directors	
Director 2023	Carter Clevinger
Director 2023	Fred Cousins
Director 2023	Fred Murray
Director 2024	Karen Anderson
Director 2024	Clint Peters
Director 2024	Capt Gary Green
Director 2025	Bob Brown
Director 2025	Dan Perri
Director 2025	Capt. Mike Ostrander
Committee Chairmen	
Angling Rules Chair	Fred Cousins
Angling Activities	Frank Hart
Banquet	
Cons & Legis - Saltwater (VSSA Board)	Capt. Chris Dollar
Membership	Frank Hart
Orientation	Glenn Carter
Programs Chairman	Clifford Phipps
Scale Certification Co-Chairman	Larry Allen
Scale Certification Co-Chairman	Ryan Noland
Special Activities	Don West
Surf Team Captain	Danny Noland

Welcome to Our Latest Communication Tool!!!

***SIGN UP FOR
VAC TEXT MESSAGING!***

To join the text group:
Scan the QR code on the right:

Your texting app will open with a new message of **vactexts** being sent to **18045679579**.

- Press the Send button.
- After about 60 seconds, you will receive the following text:

VACTEXTS: Alerts: Welcome to the VAC Membership **Text Group**! Reply Stop to optout. Msg&data rates may apply.

Your cell number has been added to the VAC Membership **Text Group**

OR

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KID'S FISHING DAY WAS A HIT!!!



Kids Fishing Day 2023

On Saturday, May 6, we held our fourth kids fishing event at the home of Dinkus and Ronni Deane in Montpelier. After several straight rainy weekends, we lucked out and had a beautiful day. Attending were 10 kids and 13 adults. The kids caught sunfish, crappie and bass, and some kids caught their very first fish, which is always the highlight of this event. After several hours of fishing, we gathered for a picnic supper. I think everyone enjoyed the afternoon, and we look forward to doing it again. We are most appreciative of our hosts for providing such a great place to hold this event. - *Stuart Lee*



Has Cliff Phipps been coaching these kids?



HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



Helping hands is what its all about!



Saltwater Conservation & Legislation



From **Chris Dollar**
Saltwater Conservation & Legislation Chair

1. **Cobia:** In February, VMRC voted to replace the Recreational Cobia Mandatory Reporting Program with the Voluntary Recreational Cobia Initiative, and VMRC Staff is looking to collect the following length data from recreational anglers. Read More: <https://www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/index.php?msg=3>

- Released cobia under 40 inches
- Cobia over 50 inches if a 50-plus inch fish has already been harvested
- Cobia caught after the daily allowed bag limit has been reached,
- Cobia caught pre- and post-season.

2. **Rockfish/Stripers:** At its May meeting, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Striped Bass Management Board exercised a [seldom-used emergency action](#) intended to reduce fishing mortality in the striped bass fishery with the goal of increasing the chances of rebuilding the population to the biomass target by 2029.

The emergency action implements a 31-inch maximum size limit across the entire recreational fishery in Chesapeake Bay and along the coast by July 2, 2023. Almost all states have complied already. The minimum size limit, bag limit, seasons and gear restrictions will remain unchanged. The Board also initiated Addendum II that will consider a more thorough management change using the formal public input process for implementation in 2024.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has scheduled tentative virtual meetings of the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board, Interstate Fisheries Management (ISFMP) Policy Board

and the full Commission to review compliance with the [emergency action](#) taken by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board on May 2, 2023. These meetings will be held via webinar on July 5 from 1 – 3 PM in the event that any state or jurisdiction fails to implement the required 31-inch maximum size limit for striped bass recreational fisheries by July 2. Read More: <https://ccavirginia.org/new-striped-bass-regulations-aimed-at-addressing-conservation-concerns/>

3. **Speckled Trout:** No word on proposed/possible VMRC changes to the Commonwealth's speckled (spotted) trout regulations. NC DMF held public hearings to solicit input on the FMP & because it is a "share stock" between the two states VMRC said they'd also hold public meetings but they have not nor did not.

NC Division of Marine Fisheries latest Spotted Seatrout stock assessment has determined that the stock is not overfished but overfishing is occurring (Catching more fish faster than the stock can replenish). NC-DMF is mandated by state statute to end overfishing within two years, to do so the NC-DMF will need a reduction in total removals of speckled trout between 14.6-39.6%.

4. **Menhaden Lawsuit:** The VSSA Board of Directors (which VAS is a member) voted to not support the lawsuit filed against VMRC on behalf of the Southern Maryland Recreational Fishing Organization. Litigants claim VMRC has failed to properly manage the menhaden population in state waters. VAC decided not to join the lawsuit and follow the lead of the VSSA for now.

2023 Expedition & Tournament Schedule



Lynda Richardson holds one of her BIG Cedar Springs rainbows. You know you want to GO!!!

CHECK
IT
OUT!!!

Cedar Springs Trout Farm Expedition Dec 17-19th

Are you looking for a great way to close out the 2023 fishing year? Want to join us for a very Merry Fishmas? Look no further than the Virginia Anglers Club expedition to **Cedar Springs Trout Farm!**

From Sunday December 17th to Tuesday December 19th, the club has reserved the Sportsman's Lodge, the Farmhouse, and the Bunkhouse for a great fishing trip.

Cedar Springs Trout Farm has been in operation since 1954 and offers 2 miles of fishable stream on Cripple Creek. The stream is stocked daily with Rainbow, Brown, Brook, and Golden Trout that are 2 lbs. and up. This is a great place to catch a freshwater leaping fish on spin, plug, or fly tackle. Every year we catch a pile of citation trout.

A Virginia Fresh water license is required, but no trout stamp is needed. You are allowed to catch and keep 6 fish per day per person, so this is not a catch and release trip. The cost for two nights stay

and two days fishing is \$240 per person plus tax. The Sportsman's Lodge, the Farmhouse and the bunk house all have nice accommodations. Linens are provided. There is a phone at the lodge - cell phones may not get a good signal.

We will meetup at Cedar Springs at or around 4:00 pm on December 17th and will stay overnight on the 17th and 18th. We will have dinner/supper together on Monday and will have lunch and breakfast foods for two days. Cost for food will be determined once we are close enough to the expedition to make plans.

Come join us for this great trip! Not only will you get to enjoy some great fishing, but you'll also get to spend time with your fellow anglers. Don't miss out on this opportunity to close out the 2023 fishing year with the Virginia Anglers Club!

Please note: the club has committed to rent all the lodging and fishing. I need to know ASAP who is interested in attending. Because of this I will not accept any last-minute additions. Please RSVP to reserve your spot to Frank Hart now and add this trip to your calendar, 859-808-0431.

From Frank Hart
Angling & Activities Chair

ANGLING CALENDAR

For more information on any VAC Angling Activity, contact Frank Hart at (859) 808-0431 or the contact numbers listed below with the event.

August, International Fishing Expedition to Canada for Walleye and Northern Pike
FULL

August 5th, Expedition Small River Wade Trip
Contact Mike Ostrander for more info, (804) 938-2350

October 14th, Expedition Speckled Trout
Contact Carter Clevenger (804) 316-5002

November 18 & 19th, Tournament for James River Blue Catfish

December 17- 19th Expedition Cedar Springs for BIG Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout

DON'T FORGET...The Puppy Drum Tournament is still going on!!!

VAC is conducting a puppy drum tournament from April 1st to November 15th.

The winner will be determined by the puppy drum having the most spots (one side). First tie breaker is the largest fish up to 27 inches. A second tie breaker is first fish caught.

PAST 2023 Expedition & Tournaments

Red Drum Surf Fishing Expedition with host Bob Shepherd April 29th



Bob Sheperd hoists up a hefty red drum.

The Virginia Anglers Club held a surf fishing expedition for Red Drum on April 29th. The expedition was led by longtime VAC member Bob Shepherd. Bob is a club legend when it comes to both the Surf and Saltwater fishing.

Nine folks turned out to participate in this truly incredible outing. Many Red Drum and Rockfish were landed from the surf throughout the day. The fish were biting Peeler crab and cut Hickory Shad. The weather was near perfect but the surf was pretty choppy.

Thanks to Bob we still landed a good many fish. Many thanks to all the folks who participated and made this a big success!



Nice 23lb striper Brian Bremner!



Frank Hart caught a good one too!

PAST 2023 Expedition & Tournaments

Red Drum Surf Fishing Expedition with host Bob Shepherd April 29th



Reggie White shows off his big striper!



More great fish caught by Chuck Koch, above, and Brent Bosher, left.



THE 2023 RED DRUM AND STRIPER SURF TEAM

PAST 2023 Expedition & Tournaments

Cape Hatteras Surf Trip with hosts Danny and Buddy Noland June 3rd

The Virginia Anglers Club had a successful Surf Fishing Expedition to Cape Hatteras on Saturday June 3rd, 2023. The wind blew all weekend, but the surf conditions were surprisingly fine. The expedition was led by saltwater expert Danny Noland. The Virginia Anglers Club would like to extend a big thank you to Danny for his expertise and guidance.

Although the fishing was tough due to the wind, the group managed to catch several species including common pompano, sea mullet, blue fish, and speckled trout. It was a great day of fishing and a wonderful opportunity to experience the beautiful waters of Cape Hatteras.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Surf Fishing Expedition and look forward to more successful trips in the future. *-Frank Hart*



2023 Tournament Results

Virginia Anglers Club HICKORY SHAD Tournament Results

The Virginia Anglers Club Hickory Shad Tournament was held on the James River from April 1st to April 16th. The tournament winners are as follows:

Highest Point Hickory Shad (no photo available)

Fred Murray caught the **Highest Point** Hickory Shad at 2 lb. 6 oz on 6-Fly using a Fred fly for 239 points

Heaviest Hickory Shad

Gary Green caught the **Heaviest** at 1 lb. 11 oz on 6-Fly using a shad dart for 170 points

Highest Point Other

Derrick Merricks caught the **Highest Point Other** caught a white perch using a crappie jig for 50 points

Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to all who participated.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO CLIFF AND FRANK
for their recent Local Club Bass Tournament on
the Chichominy.

They won FIRST PLACE!

Cliff reports that a small group of 10 boats fished
the Chick and he and Frank won with biggest fish
of 5.5lbs and 18lbs total.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

For Immediate Release

June 13, 2023

Contact: Paige Pearson, paige.pearson@dwr.virginia.gov

DWR RECEIVES MUSKIE FINGERLINGS FROM NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND, VA- the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) picked up nearly 22,000 3-inch muskie fingerlings from North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's (NC WRC) Table Rock Fish Hatchery. These fish will be used to meet annual stocking allocations across Virginia. About 14,000 of the fish were stocked into a rearing pond at the Buller Fish Hatchery where they will be grown out to advanced fingerling size, which is approximately 10 inches.

An additional 3,000 fingerlings were taken to the newly renovated Front Royal Hatchery for grow-out to advanced fingerling size. The advanced-sized fish will be stocked this fall. The remainder of the 3-inch fingerlings were stocked in existing muskie waters according to DWR's Muskellunge Management Plan. These bonus fish should help to enhance the muskie fishing opportunities in Virginia in the coming years.

This abundance of muskie fingerlings was made possible through an ongoing cooperative effort between DWR and NC WRC. In February of this year, DWR collected seven adult muskie from the lower New River. These fish were taken to the NC WRC's hatchery for spawning and the fingerlings received this week are from that February collection effort. All muskie stocked into Virginia over the last several years are a result of this ongoing cooperation with North Carolina.

For more information on DWR's fish hatcheries, please visit: dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/fish-stocking/state-hatcheries/



2023 Species Leaderboard as of 06/11/23

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	F MURRAY	49-0		SURF	350	2023-04-19	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-6	6	FLY	312	2023-05-20	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Wooly Bugger

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	F MURRAY	49-0		SURF	350	2023-04-19	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	T EMBRY	1-6	4	SPIN	292	2023-05-08	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT. PIER,	Zman Slim Swimz 3" Smelt
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-2	2	PLUG	304	2023-06-03	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Fish Bites
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO



Cliff Phipps with a Lake Anna Striped Bass



Frank Hart with a Common Pompano

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"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C PHIPPS	5-9	4	SPIN	278	2023-02-20	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	D MERRICKS	3-4	6	PLUG	185	2023-05-13	NORTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER, VA	Spinnerbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	3-2	2	GEN	166	2023-03-29	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	J GORMAN	5-14	2	GEN	156	2023-04-14	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BOWFIN	T EMBRY	7-14	2	SPIN	393	2023-03-22	POWHATAN CREEK, JAMES CITY CO, V	Power Bait Trout Worm
CARP	F HART	21-0	16	PLUG	238	2022-12-18	COHOKE, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	J GORMAN	4-0	2	GEN	127	2023-04-15	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
CRAPPIE, ALL	C CLEVINGER	1-8	2	FLY	300	2023-05-30	PRIVATE POND, VA	San Juan Worm
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-6	6	FLY	312	2023-05-20	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Wooly Bugger
GAR, ALL	G ALVIS	22-6	6	SPIN	369	2023-04-02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	Crappie Jig
PERCH, WHITE	C PHIPPS	1-0	2	SPIN	263	2023-02-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	C PHIPPS	1-6	2	SPIN	361	2023-02-20	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C PHIPPS	2-9	4	SPIN	188	2023-02-10	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	2-8	4	SPIN	149	2023-03-27	TAR RIVER, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2-1	2	FLY	294	2023-04-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-13	2	SPIN	275	2023-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH	C CLEVINGER	0-12	2	FLY	250	2023-05-30	PRIVATE POND, VA	Popper
SUNFISH, REDEAR	T EMBRY	0-12	2	SPIN	119	2023-03-26	LITTLE CREEK RES, JAMES CITY CO,	Powerbait Trout Worm
TROUT, BROOK	C PHIPPS	2-4	2	SPIN	255	2022-12-14	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mini Jig
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	4-2	6	FLY	184	2022-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mop Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	F HART	4-6	2	SPIN	273	2022-12-20	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Cliff Hand Made Plastic

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	F MURRAY	49-0		SURF	350	2023-04-19	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	T EMBRY	3-12	4	SPIN	234	2023-05-10	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Zman 3" Slim Swimz-The Deal
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-2	2	PLUG	304	2023-06-03	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Fish Bites
POMPANO, COMMON	F HART	1-2		SURF	112	2023-06-03	BUXTON, NC	Sand Flee
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M MASON	4-14	12	SPIN	195	2022-12-19	JAMES RIVER, VA	Artificial Shrimp
SPADEFISH	D HOWARD	6-15	12	GEN	138	2023-06-08	CHESAPEAKE LIGHT TOWER, VA	Clam
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO

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BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M MASON	7-2	12	SPIN	178	2023-03-24	SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Jerkbait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S KNOX	3-11	12	SPIN	128	2023-04-12	NORTH HOLSTON RIVER, ABINGDON, V	Swim Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	3-2	2	GEN	166	2023-03-29	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	J GORMAN	6-9	6	GEN	105	2023-03-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BOWFIN	T EMBRY	7-14	2	SPIN	393	2023-03-22	POWHATAN CREEK, JAMES CITY CO, V	Power Bait Trout Worm
CARP	F HART	21-0	16	PLUG	238	2022-12-18	COHOKE, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	61-0	20BR	GEN	314	2023-02-08	JAMES RIVER, JONES NECK CUT-OFF,	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	J GORMAN	4-0	2	GEN	127	2023-04-15	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	2-0	8	GEN	137	2023-04-16	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-6	6	FLY	312	2023-05-20	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Wooly Bugger
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PERCH, YELLOW	C PHIPPS	1-6	2	SPIN	361	2023-02-20	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	BL NOLAND	2-15	6	PLUG	171	2023-03-28	GODDINS POND, WEST POINT , VA	Chatterbait
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	2-8	4	SPIN	149	2023-03-27	TAR RIVER, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	JH SHEFFIELD	2-8	4	SPIN	238	2023-03-17	WELDON, NC	Spoon
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-13	2	SPIN	275	2023-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	0-14	2	SPIN	230	2023-05-26	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Worm
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WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	4-12	20BR	GEN	78	2023-04-29	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow/Flashy Swimmer

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POMPANO, COMMON	F HART	1-2		SURF	112	2023-06-03	BUXTON, NC	Sand Flee
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M MASON	4-14	12	SPIN	195	2022-12-19	JAMES RIVER, VA	Artificial Shrimp
SPADEFISH	D HOWARD	6-15	12	GEN	138	2023-06-08	CHESAPEAKE LIGHT TOWER, VA	Clam
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	3-2	2	GEN	166	2023-03-29	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C PHIPPS	3-6	2	PLUG	112	2023-02-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	SC LEE	55-10	8	GEN	468	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Gizzard Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	2-0	8	GEN	137	2023-04-16	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow
GAR, ALL	G ALVIS	22-6	6	SPIN	369	2023-04-02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	Crappie Jig
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-13	2	SPIN	275	2023-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	0-13	4	FLY	219	2023-05-15	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popping Bug
TROUT, RAINBOW	D HOWARD	6-8	12	SPIN	141	2023-02-23	COLUMBIA RIVER, VA	Soft Plastic Swim Bait (Green)
WALLEYE	D HOWARD	8-1	12	SPIN	254	2023-02-22	COLUMBIA RIVER, VA	Soft Plastic Crawdad (Green)

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	T EMBRY	1-6	4	SPIN	292	2023-05-08	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT. PIER,	Zman Slim Swimz 3" Smelt
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-2	2	PLUG	304	2023-06-03	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Fish Bites
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO

YOUTH FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	HENRY TOWNSEND 7_12	38-8	12	GEN	267	2023-03-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Hickory Shad

YOUTH SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
WALLEYE	D HOWARD	8-1	12	SPIN	254	2023-02-22	COLUMBIA RIVER, VA	Soft Plastic Crawdad (Green)

2023 Species Leaderboard as of 06/11/23

NEW MEMBER AWARD								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2023-05-31	FORT MONROE FISHING PIER HAMPTON	Cliff's Trout Worm Blue & Brow
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	T EMBRY	5-7	4	SPIN	271	2023-04-18	WOODSTOCK POND, JAMES CITY CO, V	Zoom 6.5" Trick Worm WM/Chart
BLUEFISH	T EMBRY	0-0	6	SPIN	50	2023-05-04	YORK RIVER YORKTOWN FISHING PIER	Powerbait Ripple Shad 2" Smelt
BOWFIN	T EMBRY	7-14	2	SPIN	393	2023-03-22	POWHATAN CREEK, JAMES CITY CO, V	Power Bait Trout Worm
CATFISH, CHANNEL	T EMBRY	0-0	6	SPIN	50	2023-05-26	ARMISTEAD PT PARK POND, HAMPTON	Gulp Earthworm
CRAPPIE, ALL	T EMBRY	0-15	2	SPIN	148	2023-03-26	LITTLE CREEK RES, JAMES CITY CO,	Powerbait Trout Worm
CROAKER	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2023-04-30	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Powerbait Ripple Shad 2" Smelt
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	T EMBRY	3-12	4	SPIN	234	2023-05-10	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Zman 3" Slim Swimz-The Deal
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	T EMBRY	1-6	4	SPIN	292	2023-05-08	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT. PIER,	Zman Slim Swimz 3" Smelt
MACKEREL, SPANISH	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2023-05-18	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Gulp 2.5" Minnow-Smelt
PERCH, WHITE	T EMBRY	0-5	2	SPIN	82	2023-04-25	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER JAMES CITY CO	Gulp Minnow 2.5"
PERCH, YELLOW	T EMBRY	0-9	2	SPIN	148	2023-03-20	POWHATAN CREEK, JAMES CITY CO, V	Power Bait Trout Worm
PICKEREL, CHAIN	T EMBRY	1-4	2	SPIN	125	2023-06-06	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Cliff's Trout Worm - Chartreus
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	T EMBRY	1-0	2	SPIN	88	2023-05-25	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Cliff's Trout Worm Chartreuse
SHAD, HICKORY	T EMBRY	1-9	2	SPIN	177	2023-04-25	YORK RIVER, GLOUCESTER PT PIER,	Powerbait 2" Ripple Shad-Smelt
SPOT	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2023-04-25	YORK RIVER, GLOUCESTER PT PIER,	Cliff's Hand Poured Trout Worm
SUNFISH	T EMBRY	0-9	2	FLY	187	2023-05-06	WALLER MILL RESERVOIR , VA	Small Yellow Popper
SUNFISH, REDEAR	T EMBRY	0-12	2	SPIN	119	2023-03-26	LITTLE CREEK RES, JAMES CITY CO,	Powerbait Trout Worm
TROUT, BROOK	T EMBRY	0-0	6	SPIN	50	2023-03-16	ARMISTEAD PT PK POND, HAMPTON, V	Gulp Minnow
TROUT, BROOK	T EMBRY	0-0	6	SPIN	50	2023-03-16	ARMISTEAD PT PK POND, HAMPTON ,	Power Bait Trout Worm
TROUT, BROWN	T EMBRY	0-0	6	SPIN	50	2023-03-16	ARMISTEAD PT PK POND, HAMPTON ,	Power Bait Trout Worm
TROUT, RAINBOW	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2023-03-31	NW RIVER PK POND, CHESAPEAKE , V	Power Bait Trout Worm
WEAKFISH	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2023-04-28	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Powerbait 2" Ripple Shad-Smelt
Total					2814			



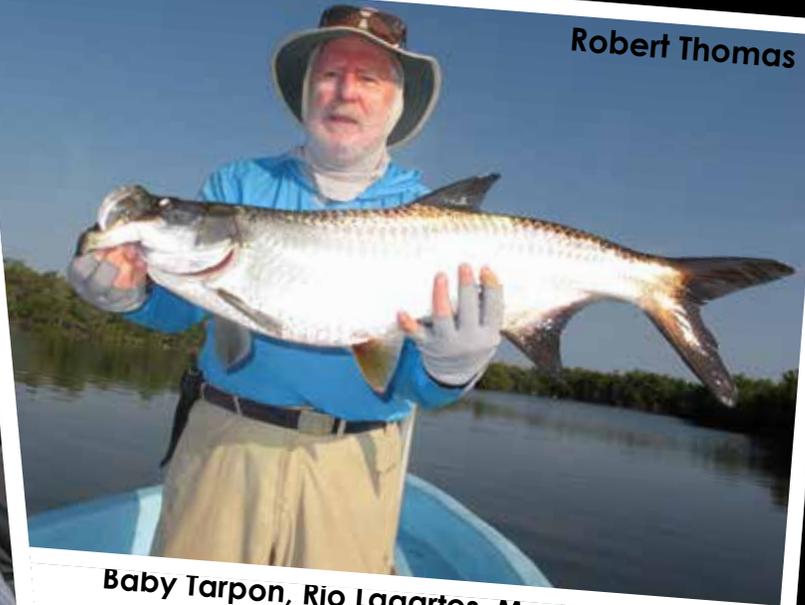
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Cliff Phipps



BIG SHAD from the James River

Robert Thomas



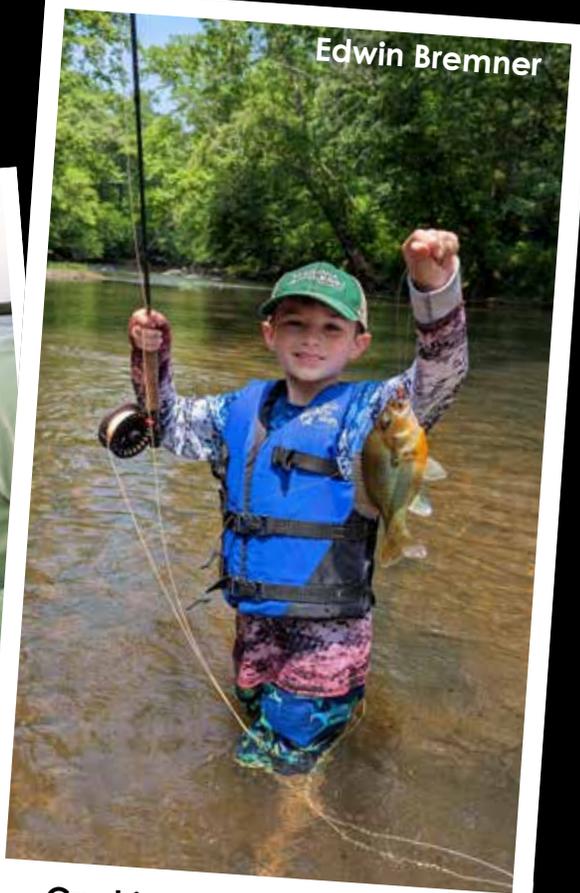
Baby Tarpon, Rio Lagartos, Mexico

Lynn Spurlin



Baby Tarpon Rio Lagartos, Mexico

Edwin Bremner



Crushing it on the South Anna river with a 4wt fly rod!

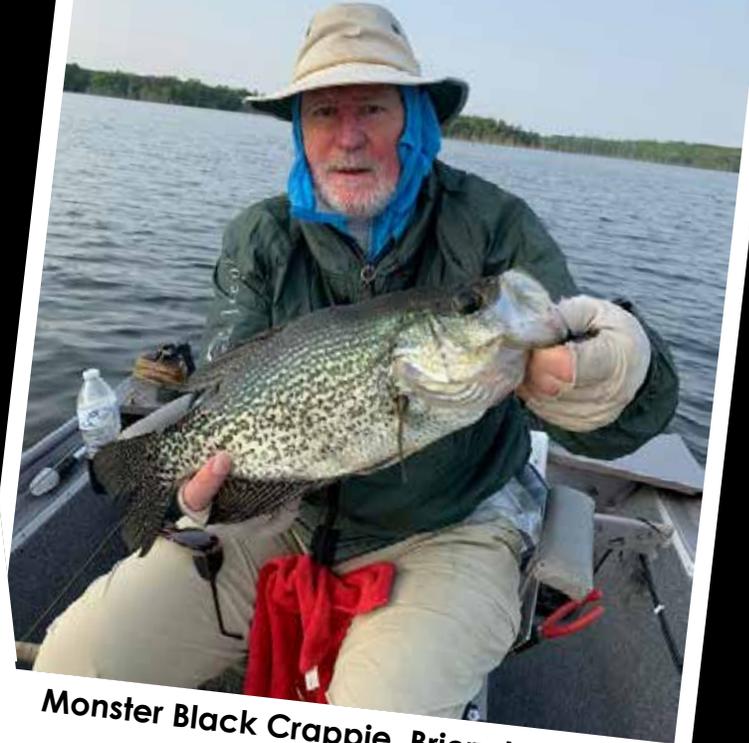
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Gary Martel



Largemouth Bass

Robert Thomas



Monster Black Crappie, Briery Lake

Brent Bosher



Snakehead action!

Jay Hiel



FAT Smallmouth bass from the St. Lawrence River in Canada

Fishing Memories JUNE/JULY 2023

Jay Hiel



Nice Northern Pike from the St. Lawrence River in Canada

Frank James



30 mahi, yellowfin and blackfin tuna, black tip shark and a 75 lb citation Wahoo caught from out of Oregon Inlet with a chartered boat called the Bi-Op-Sea.

Lee Huss



Nice Okeechobee largemouth



Lee Huss had a very helpful fishing partner on his Okeechobee trip!

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Cliff Phipps



Puppy Drum!

Lee Huss



Another nice Okeechobee largemouth

Robert Thomas



Shellcracker, Briery Lake

Brent Bosher



Shellcracker