



June 2003

## June Meeting

This month's meeting will be held at the Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries Building, 4010 West Broad Street at 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 24th. The entrance and parking are at the rear of the building.

## June Program Topic – Swap Meet

How about gathering up some of that tackle you have laying around and bringing it to our swap shop? Lures, lines, hooks, rods, reels, old bottles of scotch you name it ...this is a good time to move your stuff to a fellow members house and take home some of his!

We will have this and our monthly program activities in the parking lot of the VDGIF. Come early and bring lots of treasures.

Also, for our June program we will be pouring jigs and making sinkers plus have a demonstration of lure painting with powder paints. If you have been frustrated with dipping lures in standard paints this simple method might be for you. It is fast and easy.

We are asking members to bring in their molds and any soft lead they may have. Hopefully all of us will be able to get some good tips on jig and sinker making and perhaps we will all be able to go home with a few.

If you do have moulds or lead please let me know.  
Fred Murray: H 358-7166, O 358-7166 ext. 320  
or email [murray45@rcn.com](mailto:murray45@rcn.com)



May Fish Fry at Maymont

## Backlash

*(Commentary from the President - John Wetlaufer)*

Getting credit is easy for fish caught and submitted via entry card. The cards are pre-addressed for mailing convenience and the 21-day (catch day to post mark date) submission time limit should not be an obstacle for timely submission. Cards can also be given to any club officer or director and Denny Cline is always anxious to see cards at each Membership Meeting. It doesn't get simpler than this.

Getting credit for catches submitted in individual tournaments is a whole other story. The Angling Activities Chairman apparently is experiencing a crack problem and we really need to help him out. Recently, word of fish caught and submitted for consideration in tournaments is falling in the proverbial "crack" instead of reaching Bob Brown, Angling Activities Chairman. Bob was not notified of catches in the past two tournaments and therefore assumed no one entered fish for consideration for tournament awards.

Traditionally, entrants are asked to notify the Tournament Chairman within 5 days of the tournament so the winners of the tournaments may be quickly identified and award cups engraved and presented at the next Membership Meeting or notice made in the next copy of the Angler. With 20 different Tournament Chairmen in the current year and the year just past, you can see a little study is needed find out whom to notify. The Board of Directors agreed with the

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## Backlash

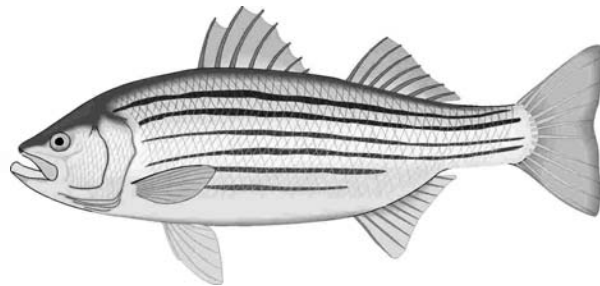
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suggestion Bob made that will now have all notifications of fish caught in tournaments be made directly to the Angling Activities Chairman, Bob Brown. Bob is available at 804-746-1934 (H), 804-337-1381 (o) or via e-mail at mrbbrown@msn.com.

The responsibility for the notification still rests with the individual anglers. Please call or e-mail Bob Brown within 5 days of the tournament if you have catches you want to be considered for tournament awards. A single scrawny fish or a single entry has won tournaments. Don't be shy about entering any legit fish. Just remember every cane pole has a BOBber on the line and the recent color of the James River has been BROWN. Bob wants to know how you have done in tournaments.

Regards and tight lines,

John



## CATCHY COMMENTS

by Dennis Cline



Our May Angler of the Month was **Scott Davis**. Scott's winning entry was a 1-4 sunfish caught with a popping bug on 2-fly that scored 400 points. **Dennis Cline** placed second with a 4-3 American shad caught with a shad fly on 2-fly that scored 372 points. **Jim Farrell** took third place with a 12-0 gar caught with a white grub on 4-spin for 342 points.

The rain continues to fall this spring, particularly on the weekends. Even so, our members have been on the water fishing and catching. Saltwater action has really picked up in the past month, and has stolen our attention away from the freshwaters. The **Noland brothers** and crew scored big on big black sea bass at the Triangle wrecks,

setting three new club records. Danny set records on 2-plug and 6-plug with bass that weighed 4-4 and 4-12 respectively. **Ricky Dale** added a 5-6 for the 12-plug record. From the sound of it, the filets won't last until our next fish fry!

**Scott Johnston** satisfied his quest for a dolphin on spin. Chartering out of Hatteras inlet, Scott found his fish down past the "rockpile", nearly equaling the club record in the process. His dolphin went 12-8 on 6-spin, missing the record by 0-8! If you're interested in the details, see Scott.

Red Drum are hitting in the ES surf after a slow start this spring. Ideal water temperatures took almost a month longer to arrive this spring, and remain in the mid-sixties. Some nice fish have been tagged and released so far.

**Fred Murray** leads the pack with a 50-0. I have released three different 45-0's. **Lynn Spurlin** had a 42-0. **Bob Shepherd** (39-0), **Glenn Carter** (32-0), **Glenn Sides** (34-0) and **Jonathan Butrico** (36-0) have added to the fun. Expect to find more drum in the surf through June and into July if the water stays below 80 degrees. The peeler crab run is over, so bunker or mullet will be the baits of choice as the weather warms.

Freshwater action this month was limited greatly by the rains. **Fred Cousins** and **Fred Murray** managed several nice gar. FC's were 10-0 and 8-4 on 2-general and 2-spin respectively. FM's was a nice 9-0 on 4-fly! The only other freshwater entry was from **Scott Davis**, who chartered for smallmouth on the New River in West Virginia. Scott's best smallie went 4-0 on 4-plug.



Scott Johnston with a 12-8 Dolphin on 6 Spin





**Rich McDaniels Huge Black Drum**

## *Publicity of Special Catches*

So you just caught a big fish on light line or an all tackle world record. Awesome! After the photos and release, what's next? Well if you don't mind sharing your fishing accomplishment with the regional fishing world, go ahead and send the specifics of your catch and get it in print.

The information you'll need to send is your name, where you live, your catch and any other information you want to share about your catch. The collected VAC information will be grouped and, every Sunday night, sent to a number of outdoor writers around the state. These powerful outdoor writers might create billboards with your picture on it to promote Virginia's outdoors or contact ESPN and The Outdoor Channel to hire you for a series of Saturday morning fishing shows. Better yet, they'll hopefully write a little spot on Virginia Anglers Club members catches. The outdoor writers include Garvey Winegar, Deane Winegar (Central VA), Jack Randolph (VA), Bill Cochran (website: [www.weekend-sportsman.com](http://www.weekend-sportsman.com)), Lee Toliver (Hampton Roads), Mark Taylor (Roanoke) and Don Lancaster (Peninsula).

There are a few ways you can forward the information. The best ways are to email or call me with the information. Or pass the information on when I ask at the VAC meetings.

I look forward to sharing the fishing word. Good luck and happy fishing!

Mike Ostrander  
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Please recycle.

## *Tournament Results*

by Bob Brown

### **Freshwater Billfish – Longnose Gar** May 10, 2003

Jim Farrell was top hook with his 12lb-0oz. GAR on 4 spin. Congratulations Jim!

### **Eastern Shore Red Drum / Flounder** May 31 & June 1, 2003

Fred Murray was a double winner at the 5/31/03 surf tournament.

He released the largest red drum and caught the highest point other species.

Fred's red drum was a 50-0 caught on surf tackle that scored 357 points.

Fred also caught and released a 15-0 striped bass in the surf that scored 150 points.

A total of 6 club members fished the tournament. Fred, Glenn Carter, Elly Robinson and I caught a total of nine drum and a striper on Saturday morning. The weather forecast caused us to plan for an early retreat from the beach. Mike Ostrander fished for flounder Saturday with his dad and sister, but had no entries. Their five fish stringer of 20"+ flounder made nice filets, but were not weighed. Mike Baucom and friend fished on Sunday in 30+ knot winds!! They caught nothing and had a hair-raising boat ride in the process.



**Fred Murray's 50# surf caught Red Drum**

# Virginia Anglers Club

## VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/12/03

<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>LN</u>	<u>DIV.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>PTS</u>	<u>BAIT</u>
<b><u>2003 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, BLACK SEA	D.N. NOLAND	4-4	2	PLUG	06/02/03	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	377	JIG
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
CROAKER	ROB ROBINSON	2-10	2	SPIN	04/29/03	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	350	POWER GRUB
DOLPHIN	W.S. JOHNSTON	12-8	6	SPIN	06/03/03	5mi. SW of "ROCKPILE", NC	277	POTBELLY JIG
DRUM, BLACK	R. MCDANIEL	50-0	20	GEN	05/20/03	KIPTOPEKE, VA	142	CLAM
DRUM, RED	F. MURRAY	50-0		SURF	05/31/03	EASTERN SHORE, VA	357	PEELER CRAB
FLOUNDER	B. SHEPHERD	4-14	4	GEN	06/06/03	OYSTER, VA	243	
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F. COUSINS	4-0	2	SPIN	01/26/03	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	266	FIN-S
<b><u>2003 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R. MCDANIEL	6-2	2	GEN	03/22/03	POND, VA	350	MINNOW
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	S. DAVIS	4-0	4	PLUG	06/03/03	NEW RIVER, WVA	320	SPINNERBAIT
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	7-0	2	PLUG	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	350	GRUB
CARP	J. FARRELL	16-4	4	PLUG	12/15/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	464	BLADE BAIT
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	50-0	6	GEN	12/08/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	487	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	1-12	2	SPIN	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	280	JIG
GAR	E.S. JOHNSTON	12-0	4	PLUG	12/29/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	342	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, WHITE	M. CLINE	1-0	2	SPIN	04/05/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	266	GRUB
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-13	2	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	483	GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	L. KIMBROUGH	4-0	4	FLY	03/22/03	POND, K&Q COUNTY, VA	400	CLOUSER
SHAD, AMERICAN	D. CLINE	4-3	2	FLY	04/25/03	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	372	SHAD FLY
SHAD, HICKORY	E.S. ROBINSON	1-15	2	FLY	04/05/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	258	SHAD FLY
SUNFISH	S. DAVIS	1-4	2	FLY	04/30/03	PRIV. POND, CHESTFLD., VA	400	POPPING BUG
TROUT, BROOK	D.N. NOLAND	1-0	2	FLY	03/22/03	ESCATAWBA FARMS, VA	160	FLY
TROUT, BROWN	E.S. JOHNSTON	0-12	4	FLY	03/22/03	ESCATAWBA FARMS, VA	50	WOOLYBUGGR
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MCDANIEL	4-10	2	FLY	03/21/03	POND, KING WILLIAM, VA	616	WOOLYBUGGR
<b><u>2003 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	24-2	6	FLY	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	482	MEGACLOUSER
FLOUNDER	B. SHEPHERD	4-14	4	GEN	06/06/03	OYSTER, VA	243	
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	S. DAVIS	18-4	4	SPIN	12/07/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	365	BUCKTAIL
DRUM, RED	F. MURRAY	50-0		SURF	05/31/03	EASTERN SHORE, VA	357	PEELER CRAB
<b><u>2002 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-0	4	FLY	02/03/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	646	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	50-0	6	GEN	12/08/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	487	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J. FARRELL	21-0	4	PLUG	02/02/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	525	SASSY SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER</u></b>								
BASS, BLACK SEA	D.N. NOLAND	4-4	2	PLUG	06/02/03	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	377	JIG
BASS, BLACK SEA	D.N. NOLAND	4-12	6	PLUG	06/04/03	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	253	JIG
BASS, BLACK SEA	R.K. DALE	5-6	12	PLUG	06/06/03	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	204	JIG
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	24-2	6	FLY	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	482	MEGACLOUSER
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	18-8	16	FLY	12/18/02	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	185	BUNKER FLY
BASS, STRIPED	S.C. LEE	24-12	20	FLY	01/05/03	OFF RUDEE INLET, VA	206	HALF & HALF
BASS, STRIPED	R.L. WHITE	38-3	4	PLUG	01/11/03	VA. BEACH, VA	763	BUCKTAIL
BASS, STRIPED	B. HENDERSON	29-0	6	PLUG	01/13/03	OREGON INLET, NC	446	MANN-A-LURE
BASS, STRIPED	L. HOUSER	28-8	8	PLUG	12/30/02	ATLANTIC OCEAN, VA	356	JIG
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	6	FLY	01/22/03	JUPITER, FL	175	CLOUSER
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	8	FLY	01/29/03	JUPITER, FL	140	CLOUSER
<b><u>NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER</u></b>								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B. HENDERSON	3-4	2	PLUG	03/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	216	SILVER BUDDY
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	7-0	2	PLUG	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	350	GRUB

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CARP	W.S. JOHNSTON	7-0	6	FLY	03/06/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	175	WOOLYBUGGR
CARP	R.J. BROWN	10-8	2	PLUG	02/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	350	SILVER BUDDY
CARP	J. FARRELL	16-4	4	PLUG	12/15/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	464	BLADE BAIT
CATFISH, BLUE	B. SHEPHERD	50-0	6	GEN	12/08/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	487	CUT SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	21-0	4	FLY	02/03/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	646	HALF & HALF
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J. FARRELL	21-0	4	PLUG	02/02/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	525	SASSY SHAD
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	24-8	2	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	816	GRUB
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	F. MURRAY	19-8	6	SPIN	12/31/02	JAMES RIVER, VA	390	SILVER BUDDY
CRAPPIE	ROB ROBINSON	2-4	4	GEN	03/05/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	200	LIVE MINNOW
CRAPPIE	E.S. ROBINSON	1-8	2	PLUG	03/24/03	ELLY'S POND, VA	240	JIG-N-MINNOW
GAR	W.S. JOHNSTON	13-8	8	FLY	04/30/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	300	CLOUSER
GAR	J. FARRELL	12-0	4	SPIN	05/10/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	342	WHITE GRUB
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-14	6	FLY	03/11/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	155	PERCH FLY
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	0-12	8	FLY	03/08/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	109	GLD STREAMER
PERCH, WHITE	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-0	12	FLY	03/11/03	DRAGON RUN, VA	123	PERCH FLY
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	2	FLY	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	360	STREAMER
PERCH, YELLOW	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-2	6	FLY	03/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	200	WOOLYBUGGR
PERCH, YELLOW	T. HENDERSON	0-8	2	PLUG	03/08/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	133	SILVER BUDDY
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-13	2	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	483	GRUB
PERCH, YELLOW	ROB ROBINSON	1-7	12	SPIN	02/21/03	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	164	GRUB
PICKEREL, CHAIN	L. KIMBROUGH	4-0	4	FLY	03/22/03	POND, K&Q COUNTY, VA	400	CLOUSER
SHAD, HICKORY	E.S. ROBINSON	1-14	2	PLUG	04/04/03	JAMES RIVER, VA	214	SPOON
SUNFISH	ROB ROBINSON	0-13	2	PLUG	04/03/03	ELLY'S POND, VA	216	JIG-N-MINNOW
TROUT, RAINBOW	R. MCDANIEL	4-10	2	FLY	03/21/03	POND, KING WILLIAM, VA	616	WOOLYBUGGR

### 2003 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - SALTWATER

COBIA	R.L. WHITE	41-0	8	GEN	04/15/03	MIAMI, FL	372	LIVE
LADYFISH	W.S. JOHNSTON	1-12	6	FLY	01/22/03	JUPITER, FL	175	CLOUSER
MARLIN, STRIPED	J.W. REWALT	REL.	16	GEN	12/06/02	SAN CRISTOBAL, GAL. ISL.	400	MACKEREL
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	R.L. WHITE	REL.	6	GEN	04/17/03	MIAMI, FL	625	LIVE

### 2003 HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES - FRESHWATER

TROUT, STEELHEAD	S. NIOU	15-0	8	FLY	04/14/03	OAK ORCHARD, NY	272	FLY
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### 2003 TOP SPOUSE CATCHES - SALTWATER & FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

PICKEREL, CHAIN	E. KODROFF	1-8	2	SPIN	03/04/03	SOUTH LAKE, NC	150	GRUB
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### C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - 2003

<u>ANGLER</u>	<u>FIRSTS</u>	<u>SECONDS</u>	<u>THIRDS</u>	<u>PLACES</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
FRED MURRAY	1	1	0	2	1124	562
RICH McDANIEL	1	0	1	2	966	483
BOB SHEPHERD	0	1	0	1	487	487
ROB ROBINSON	0	0	1	1	483	483
SCOTT DAVIS	1	0	0	1	400	400
DENNIS CLINE	0	1	0	1	372	372
JIM FARRELL	0	0	1	1	342	342
MIKE CLINE	1	0	0	1	266	266
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4440</b>	<b>444</b>

## THE CHESAPEAKE BAY NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW

### VMRC Public Hearing on New Regulations for the Commercial Haul Seine Fishery

We urge you to contact VMRC and provide your opinions on the establishment of a new set of regulations for the haul seine fishery. A simple letter is sufficient to let them know your opinion about this issue. Only through your input will the Commission know how the public feels about these changes. Mail, fax or email them to:

Mr. Jack Travelstead  
VMRC  
Fisheries Management Division  
P. O. Box 756  
Newport News, Virginia 23607

Email -- [jtravelste@mrc.state.va.us](mailto:jtravelste@mrc.state.va.us)

Fax at 757-247-8101

Please include your name and mailing address with your comment.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday June 24th after 12:00 at the VMRC office on the corner of 26th Street and Washington Avenue in Newport News, VA. The meeting is open to the public and comments will be taken at that time.

### **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN AND OTHER CONSERVATION MINDED INDIVIDUALS ATTEND THIS MEETING AND VOICE THEIR CONCERNS.**

CCA VA does not normally specifically request that individuals attend and voice their opinions. However, it is especially important for this particular issue. Any letters, emails, and faxes received by VMRC Staff prior to Tuesday June 17th will be provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Those received prior to noon on the 23rd will be provided to them at the public hearing.

### **BACKGROUND:**

A haul seine is a twine net between a few hundred feet long and 3000 feet long and approximately 10 feet deep. The bottom line is weighted with lead and the top line has cork floats. When used from a beach, one end remains anchored on the beach at all times. When used in open water, one end might be anchored or each end is attached to a separate boat. Once the circle of the net is closed, the open water nets make use of a pocket, which is much like a pound net head having three sides and a bottom, in order to concentrate

the fish for harvest. In 2001, of 70 license holders, 32 reported landings.

7 harvesters\* landed between \$50,000 and \$130,000 averaging \$78,000.

9 harvesters\* landed between \$10,000 and \$40,000 averaging \$18,000

16 harvesters landed between \$100 and \$6,000 averaging \$2,000

\*Note it takes 4 to 6 individuals to work a large haul seine rig.

The total harvest was 2,943,000 pounds of finfish with a dockside value of \$752,000

Top landings by species (pounds landed) were:

Croaker 2,216,090

Spot 222,321

Baitfish 212,625

Gizzard Shad 67,476

Bluefish 57,189

Grey Trout 54,274

Minnnows 46,194

Carp 28,300

The issue of haul seines and the appropriate use of the gear has been going on for many, many years. About two years ago on an appeal of a conviction of pair trawling, it was decided that a definition in state code is not an enforceable law as there is no penalty clause associated with a definition. In addition to overturning a number of convictions in lower courts, it made it almost impossible to press charges for pair trawling. At about the same time as that occurred, a study was completed by VIMS entitled "Boat Scarring Effects on Submerged Aquatic Vegetation in Virginia (Year 1)" which provided clear evidence that the boats used in the haul seine fishery were damaging the Sub Aqueous Vegetation (SAV) beds through prop scarring. VMRC requested that the definition in code be changed during the last general assembly session so that these two issues could be addressed. CCA VA supported that legislative change for VMRC. The plan is to have new regulations in place by July 1st, which is when the new definition becomes effective.

Representatives from CCA VA had several meetings with VMRC staff concerning these issues over the past several years. The most recent meeting was on June 2, at which representatives from CCA VA, The



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Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and local fishing clubs met with VMRC Staff, and a VIMS scientist to discuss the proposed regulations and the latest results from the SAV damage studies. The next meeting at which this will be discussed is the VMRC Fisheries Management Advisory Committee meeting on June 16th at 7:00 PM. The matter will be decided at the June 24th VMRC Commission meeting.

For more background information on this issue and aerial photographs go to the CCA VA web page at [http://www.ccavirginia.org/cca\\_va\\_html/haul.html](http://www.ccavirginia.org/cca_va_html/haul.html)

## CONCERNS:

Use of this gear damages underwater grass beds through prop scarring. A prop scar is a trench 3 feet wide, frequently 600 feet long, dug in the grass beds. These grass beds are important nursery grounds for many species of finfish as well the beleaguered blue crabs. Underwater grass beds are considered to be a major indicator of the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

The gear is usually worked in open water using two vessels. The illegal use of the gear to pair-trawl is considered by many to be one of the worst fisheries violations committed in Virginia waters.

The gear is often times operated in the middle of the night when there are rarely any Marine Police Officers on the water. Even when they are present enforcement at night presents its own set of problems.

Oversized nets are often used in the fishery. The legal maximum size is 3000 feet or over a half-mile long. Even when legally set the gear will harvest all of the fish in an area of more than 16 acres, which is about the same as 16 football fields.

Citations have been written for using two legal sized nets tied together creating a net more than a mile long. The worst offenses involve pair trawling with such a net.

Excessive bykill -- some of which is sold as baitfish while the rest is left for the gulls or simply to rot.

## CCA VA GENERAL POSITION:

Haul seine operations need to be moved off of the sensitive grass beds. At minimum we feel that there should be broad area closures on those grass beds, which have been documented as damaged 10 out of the past 13 years. The closures should include the damaged areas as well as the adjacent underwater grass beds. This amounts to 8 to 11 areas each covering several square miles.

The proposed regulations are not adequate to effectively enforce against the act of pair trawling. It is important that the regulations state that the act of setting out a net can only be done with one vessel until the pocket is set. We feel that this is the only proposed option that can effectively be enforced.

Like many other commercial fisheries in Virginia waters, the gear should only be worked during daytime hours. This will go a long way towards making the regulations enforceable.

We feel that the regulations should include mandatory permanent loss of haul seine gear licenses and a two year loss of commercial fishing licenses for everyone on both vessels upon the conviction of a pair trawl violation.

We are concerned that the gear, if used in smaller bays and rivers, can easily fish these areas out. Thus we feel that nets with a length larger than one-fourth of the width of the river or bay should not be used in that body of water.

A limited entry plan should be developed for the open water version of the gear with a no transfer clause so that the gear can be phased out of Virginia waters. Operation of beach seine version of the gear should be prohibited in all sea grass beds.

CCA VA Fisheries Management Committee

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- Members who wish to receive the angler newsletter via email can request so by two ways. Call me with your email address, or email me at [scott.davis6@honeywell.com](mailto:scott.davis6@honeywell.com).
- Members who have a change of address can handle in the same manner.

# The Lunker Club (heaviest fish)

Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	Rich McDaniel	6-2	Mickey Kodroff	10-12
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE			Eric McDuffie	1-7
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	Scott Davis	4-0	Bob Shepherd	5-8
BASS, STRIPED HY			Bill Ross	6-10
BASS, STRIPED LL			Gary Anderson	23-6
BASS, WHITE			John Wycoff	2-12
BOWFIN	Robbie Robinson	7-0	W.H. McCarthy	12-11
CARP	Jim Farrell	16-4	Fred Cousins	25-8
CATFISH, BLUE	Bob Shepherd	50-0	Dennis Cline	55-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL			Fred Murray	12-4
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	Fred Murray	24-8	Ronnie Sides	25-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	Robbie Robinson	2-4	Gary Donahue	2-14
GAR, ALL	Scott Johnston	13-8	Dick Goode	17-8
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL			Bob Shepherd	28-7
PERCH, WHITE	Scott Johnston	1-0	Eric McDuffie	1-7
PERCH, YELLOW	<b>Robbie Robinson</b>	<b>1-13</b>	<b>Robbie Robinson</b>	<b>1-13</b>
PICKEREL, CHAIN	Matt Bruington	4-12	Reggie White	7-10
PIKE, NORTHERN			L. Kesteloo	17-8
SALMON, ATLANTIC			H.A. Claiborne	19-0
SALMON, CHINOOK			Scott Johnston	34-0
SALMON, COHO			P.W. Hughes	16-8
SHAD, AMERICAN	Mickey Kodroff	5-0	P. Dasher	7-4
SHAD, HICKORY	Quentin Corbett	2-0	Mickey Kodroff	3-4
SUNFISH, ALL	Scott Davis	1-4	Roy Jones	2-4
TROUT, BROOK	Danny Noland	1-0	Joe Brooks	8-0
TROUT, BROWN	Eddy Johnston	0-12	Bill Barnett	28-0
TROUT, CUTTHROAT			H.O. Mather	3-12
TROUT, LAKE			Mark Sosin	30-0
TROUT, RAINBOW	Rich McDaniel	4-10	Randy Matthews	6-4
TROUT, STEELHEAD	<b>Stamford Niou</b>	<b>15-0</b>	<b>Stamford Niou</b>	<b>15-0</b>
WALLEYE			Gary Donahue	8-12
WARMOUTH			Lynn Spurlin	0-13
AMBERJACK, GREATER			Bill Rewalt	91-2
BARRACUDA, GREAT			Reggie White	48-0
BASS, BLACK SEA	Ricky Dale	5-6	Jim Sheffield	7-4
BASS, STRIPED	Reggie White	38-3	C.V. Kinnard	48-0
BLUEFISH			Paul Richie	22-0
BONEFISH			F.W. Lawrence	13-14
COBIA	Reggie White	41-0	Bill DuVal	77-0
CROAKER	Robbie Robinson	2-10	J.C. Wright	4-0
DOLPHIN	Scott Johnston	12-8	A.M. McCarthy	60-0

Species	Angler	Weight	Angler	Weight
DRUM, BLACK	Rich McDaniel	50-0	Robbie Robinson	82-8
DRUM, RED	Fred Murray	50-0	J.C. Smith/S.C. Lee	60-8
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	Bob Shepherd	4-14	Pat Dudley	10-5
GROUPER, ALL			Bill DuVal	63-8
JACK, CRAVELLE			Ronnie Sides	34-0
LADYFISH	Scott Johnston	1-12	Tom Barnett	3-12
MACKEREL, KING	Bill DuVal	62-0	Bill DuVal	62-0
MACKEREL, SPANISH			C.O. Mather	18-3
MARLIN, BLACK			F.D. Gottwald	1075-0
MARLIN, BLUE ATL & PAC			Steve Hutchins	691-5
MARLIN, STRIPED			C.O. Mather	266-0
MARLIN, WHITE			C.O. Mather	113-7
PERMIT	Bill DuVal	42-0	Bill DuVal	42-0
POMPANO, AFRICAN	Eily Robinson	33-0	Eily Robinson	33-0
POMPANO, COMMON	Parks Rountrey	1-8	Parks Rountrey	1-8
ROOSTERFISH	W.C. Askew	50-8	W.C. Askew	50-8
RUNNER, RAINBOW	Pat Quisenberry	20-5	Pat Quisenberry	20-5
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	C.O. Mather	86-3	C.O. Mather	86-3
SAILFISH, PACIFIC	J.F. McNeace	140-0	J.F. McNeace	140-0
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	Fred Cousins	4-0	Virgil Hughes	11-14
SPADEFISH			Eily Robinson	11-15
SHARK, MAKO	C.O. Mather	486-0	C.O. Mather	486-0
SHARK, OTHER	L. Kesteloo	500-0	L. Kesteloo	500-0
SHEEPSHEAD	J.C. Wright	14-0	J.C. Wright	14-0
SNAPPER, CUBERA	Bill DuVal	48-8	Bill DuVal	48-8
SNAPPER, MUTTON	Herb Ratner	18-12	Herb Ratner	18-12
SNAPPER, OTHER	Bill DuVal	32-0	Bill DuVal	32-0
SNOOK	R.S. Stephenson	18-0	R.S. Stephenson	18-0
SPEARFISH			Stuart Lee	363-0
SWORDFISH			E. Dunham	120-0
TARPON	J.C. Wright	15-8	J.C. Wright	15-8
TAUTOG	Bill DuVal	10-0	Bill DuVal	10-0
TRIGGERFISH			F.C. Willson	215-0
TUNA, BIGEYE ATL	Ronnie Hogge	38-0	Ronnie Hogge	38-0
TUNA, BLACKFIN	R.L. Gilliam	1080-0	R.L. Gilliam	1080-0
TUNA, BLUEFIN	Bill DuVal	18-0	Bill DuVal	18-0
TUNA, SKIPJACK	Bill Rewalt	231-0	Bill Rewalt	231-0
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	Buddy Noland	19-8	Buddy Noland	19-8
TUNNY, LITTLE	Bill DuVal	98-0	Bill DuVal	98-0
WAHOO			Bill Gallasch	15-6
WEAKFISH				

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