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Next Membership Meeting:
October 25th, 2011 - 7:00 PM
Skilligalee Restaurant
Glenside Ave, just North of Broad Street
Come ~ 5:30 PM and enjoy good company over dinner from the menu

that The Commonwealth has to offer. For more information about LE's Hatchmatcher Guide Service, please see page 5 in this issue of The Angler.

TOURNAMENT SEASON CLOSSES WITH JAMES RIVER GAR

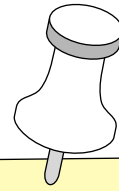
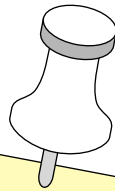
Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey has posted details for the November 5th and 6th James River Gar tournament elsewhere in this issue of The Angler (see page 9). As he notes, this is the first gar tournament in a few years. If you want to do a little research about past catches of gar submitted on entry cards, check out a little tutorial found on page 6 of this issue of the Angler. This "reminder" will show you how to use the Catch Records feature of the Member's Area of the VAC Website to see a history of the catches of gar submitted to the VAC. Maybe you will get a leg up on other tournament participants. From this look up work, you will likely see what club members have the most catches of gar and who might be a source of some "how to" information to catch gar. Although the tutorial is geared for gar, the same approach can be used of any other species the VAC recognizes and has in its very large data base.



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

OCTOBER PROGRAM – MIDDLE AND UPPER JAMES SMALLMOUTH

The James River below the fall line is the part of the river most favored by Virginia Angler Club Members for local fishing. With a few more miles of driving, the middle and upper portions of the James are readily accessible to Members who want to match tackle with Smallmouth Bass. L.E. Rhodes of the Hatchmatcher Guide Service will speak to us this month about catching smallmouth bass in this less fished part of the James. It might be worth a try to hook a smallmouth before the weather closes in for the winter and picking the right time will treat you to some of the most beautiful fall scenery



NOVEMBER PROGRAM
-Last for 2011
Light line for Carp,
Musky and
Smallmouth
by Colby Trow,
Mossy Creek Outfitters

ANGLING RULES COMMITTEE
WORKING ON RULE CHANGE
SUGGESTIONS

The Angling Rules
Committee will soon
meet to consider suggestions
they have received for
changes in current
angling rules for the 2012
Angling Year
(Starts December 1, 2011).

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM – BOAT INSURANCE – THANKS STEVE

Thanks to member Steve Knox for an informative program about boat insurance. Boat insurance is a necessary item to have and at the same time, something you hope you do not have to use. If you have come up with any boat insurance questions since Steve's presentation, he will be glad to answer them for you. See Steve at the next Membership Meeting or contact him using the information he has included in the VAC Membership Roster in the "Members Area" of the VAC Website.

NEED CALENDERS? – CALL DON WEST – HOME DELIVERY AVAILABLE

Don West has about a dozen 2012 DGIF Outdoor Calendars that are unspoken for. He will have them at the October Membership Meeting. If you need to reserve some of this remaining stock of calendars, call Don at his office at 371-6748 or his home at 897-8723 and let him know how many copies of the calendars you will need. We need to sell these remaining few calendars to make our 2011 Calendar Sale a total success.

Don will arrange delivery to you if you need any calendars sooner than October 25th.

VAC SURFISHING TEAM IS SHORT THREE MEMBERS

VAC Surf Fishing Team Captain Lynn Spurlin advised the Board of Directors that the VAC Surf Fishing Team entered in the Annual Cape Hatters Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 3rd and 4th short three anglers. The Guinness Book of World Records holds this surf tournament as the Worlds Largest Surf Fishing Tournament. The VAC has had a team in every one of these tournaments ever held and won the 2006 Tournament. This year, VAC Member Ray Nuckols has graciously opened his home in Rodanthe, NC to the team, so lodging for the tournament is totally free.

We really need to have six anglers on the team to be competitive. Access by road from the north to Rodanthe is no longer an issue. If any members can sign on for this tournament, please contact Lynn Spurlin [or (804) 282-7992] as soon as possible. Guest anglers are welcome, so snag a buddy and bring him or her along. Having a 4WD vehicle is not an issue. There will be plenty of room in 4WDs already committed to the tournament. One hundred twenty teams are signed up so the tournament is a great time to meet anglers from all up and down the Atlantic Coast. More details about the Tournament are found on page 5 of this issue of the Angler, including costs, meal arrangements and the like.

VAC NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO MEET SOON

The VAC Nominating Committee (the current President and the past two Presidents) is seeking input for their coming meeting to set the proposed slate of Directors, Officers and Committee Chairman 2012. If you wish to continue serving in your current capacity or if you wish to be considered for membership on the Leadership Team in a specific or for any position, please let President Fred Murray know. You can nominate other members and there is no shame in self nominating yourself to serve in a Leadership position. The affairs of our club are managed by the Leadership Team members who devote at least one additional night per month to attend the Board of Directors meeting on the second Tuesday of each month of the year. Directors serve three years and all other members serve one year terms. If you want a list describing all of the positions on the Leadership Team or wish to see a job description of any specific Leadership Team position, please contact John Wetlaufer, Sr. (jlwsr@rcn.com).

ANNUAL BANQUET RETURNS TO SAM MILLER'S

The Annual Banquet will again be held in January 2012 at Sam Miller's in Shockoe Slip. The price for members, wives and guests remains at \$30.00. When you are filling in your 2012 engagement calendar, jot down the Banquet on Saturday, January 28th. More details about the menu and payment options will appear in coming issues of The Angler.

VAC IS EXPLORING A SPECIAL SESSION OF A BOATING EDUCATION SAFETY COURSE

The Leadership of the VAC is investigating if a special presentation can be arranged of the required Boating Education Safety Course for VAC Members. This is the course that must be taken if you are wishing to be licensed to operate a personal water craft or a power boat with more than 10 HP in Virginia. The intent is to provide a day long presentation of the course on a weekend in the part of the year where angling activities are at a minimum. More information will appear in coming issues of The Angler as details develop. Please see page 8 of this issue of The Angler for a short rundown on the requirements and phase in dates for this licensing program.

SEVEN WEEKS REMAIN IN THE 2011 ANGLING YEAR

A quick Heads Up if you are trying to hook an award or complete a rating for the 2011 Angling Year. The 2011 Angling Year will end at midnight, Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Entry cards must be turned in or postmarked no later than December 10th to receive credit for the 2011 Angling Year. Remember this for those entry cards for those late November catches. Note that this submission requirement is different than the normal 21 days allowed for receipt or postmarking of entry cards after a catch during most of any angling year.

GET STUCK ON NAME TAGS – STICK ONE ON YOU

Self adhering name tags are conveniently located at the Country Store at each Membership Meeting. Please grab a name tag, put your name on it and wear it during every meeting. We have a good number of new and recently joining members. A name tag helps these members get to know you by name and vice versa.

COUNTRY STORE CLOSING SOON FOR THE YEAR

The Virginia Anglers Club Country Store will close after the November Membership meeting and will not reopen until the February 2012 Membership Meeting. If you are planning to give some VAC Gear as a gift or need to fill a hole in your gear supply, only two more "store days" are available. Storekeeper Eddy Johnston reports that there are no more of the treasured and widely sought after VAC insulated mugs. The entire stock is depleted and the mugs are now collector items. A new "thank you" item will be given to our guest speakers.

For the Leadership Team
John Wetlaufer, Sr., Secretary



CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Noland

Approaching the last few weeks of August, the saltwater fishing was getting better and better with some real nice catches. Then came Hurricane Irene and everyone was busy doing other things. The storm may have triggered an earlier fall migration for some species like Cobia, but the fishing surprisingly rebounded quite well. The Piankatank River, Hunger's Creek, and many of the other hot spots are full of Speckled Trout. Most of the fish are small, but there are some large ones mixed in and it's not unusual to get 20-30 in a day. The freshwater rivers, lakes, and streams cleaned up pretty quickly also.

Mike Cline submitted a Flounder entry last month that I had misplaced for a short period of time. Sad thing is that "my mind is as good as it going to get"! **Mike's** Flounder weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces, and replaces his current Club Record for the 8# plug category. **He** and **Robbie Robinson** were fishing the bridge tunnel using a bucktail/Gulp combination bait.

Mike Ostrander caught a nice 4 pound, 15 ounce, Smallmouth on the upper James on September 7th. The fish could not be entered because his "scale failed to certify" and the fish was released. Get your scales certified early so you won't miss out on a great entry!

Bob Shepherd and **Fred Murray** have catching lots Spotted Seatrout lately on Hunger's Creek. **Bob's** entry from early September is for a 2 pound, 1 ounce, Speckle worth 137 points. I know they both had larger fish and expect more entries to follow. **Bob** also took a freshwater trip to the New River and landed a 2 pound, 5 ounce, Smallmouth Bass. **He** was using a "wacky worm" and the fish leads the "species" category. Rumor has it that **Bob** in in Key West this week on a business trip. I'm sure **he** will find time to wet a line!

Bob Brown and **Parks Rountrey** have left the Flatheads alone for a few weeks and went Cobia fishing on the Chesapeake Bay. **Bob** managed the best catch which was a 28 pound fish on 8# spin. **Bob** was fast retrieving a bucktail when the Cobia struck. This entry will take the lead of the "species" division.

Fred Cousins has been busy the past month. **He** first went to the mountains to fish Lake Shenandoah and caught a 17 pound, 4 ounce, Muskellunge on 6# spin using a crankbait worth 359 points. Then, fishing together with **Reggie White** off Virginia Beach, **Fred** landed a 15 pound, 4 ounce, Cobia on 6# plug. Several weeks later, **Fred** was fishing on a private pond and landed a 4 pound, 10 ounce, Largemouth Bass on 2# spin for 308 points. The Musky will lead both the "species" and "heaviest" categories and the Largemouth will take the "species" lead. **Fred** proves it again that to compete in this club for the top awards, you have to be able to catch fish, using different tackle, in a variety of bodies of water!

Fly fishing the Corrotoman River off the Rappahanock at the end of September, **Scott Johnston** and **Eddy Johnston** caught several nice Croaker. The best fish was a 1 pound, 1 ounce, Croaker on 2# tippet for **Eddy** worth 177 points and the "fly division" lead.

Best of luck to **Scott** and the guys going to the Oak Orchard River, New York, to fly fish for the Salmon and Brown Trout at the end of this month!

Keeping it reel,
Buddy



Rob Choi with a nice release citation Red Drum

L. E. RHODES, Jr. IS OCTOBER'S FEATURED SPEAKER

By way of introduction of our October speaker, the following is taken from the Hatchmatcher Guide Service's web site.

Hatchmatcher Guide Service based out of Historic Scottsville, Virginia has provided Smallmouth packages on the James River, its tributaries and the Shenandoah River since 1999.

Guide L.E. Rhodes, Jr. grew up roaming the banks of the James from an early age. His love of the river is seen in his knowledge of the river and it's Smallmouth. He started fly fishing in his teen years and soon after took to tying flies. He has tied flies commercially under the name of Hatchmatcher Flies. From this business he started guiding and that's



when Hatchmatcher Guide Service was born. In 2006 he became an Orvis Endorsed Fly fishing Guide. He is very proud of this endorsement and takes pride in working to provide a service that you will find friendly and knowledgeable of the rivers and streams of central Virginia. His season begins in May and runs through October. Be it Fly or Spin fishing, all skill levels are welcome.

Hatchmatcher Guide Service L.E. Rhodes, Jr. 7456 Blenheim Road Scottsville, Va. 24590
434-286-3366 434-996-5506 ler@hatchmatcherguideservice.com

VAC SURF TEAM NEEDS THREE MORE ANGLERS

Here is the additional information about fishing the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Tournament as a member of the VAC Surf Team. As mentioned, team members can stay at the Rodanthe home of VAC Member Ray Nuckols. Ray's home is one of the northernmost homes in Rodanthe, so the location lends it self to a late afternoon departure from Virginia. Team Captain Lynn Spurlin has been assured by CHAC officials that access to upper Hatteras Island by road is open. Team Members can also leave from the beach after the Friday afternoon fishing session, if a prompt return to Richmond is desired. Breakfast is best grabbed at Ray's (BYOW – bring your own Wheaties); lunch and dinner will be taken at area restaurants. Other than personal costs for food, snacks, drinks and tackle, the other cost associated with this tournament are the \$70 / angler Tournament entrance fee and a pro rata share of the cost of the bait being arranged for by those already signed up to fish. If you do not have surf tackle and want to try surf fishing for the first time, there will be extra tackle to borrow for the tournament. In 2007, the VAC Surf Team won the tournament. It will be a shame if our team has to fish sort handed this year. Even if you can fish only one day, please let Lynn know.

FINDING GAR CATCH HISTORY IN THE VAC CATCH DATA BASE

There is a wealth of historical catch information in the Catch Entries section of the Member's Area of the VAC Website. Let's consider what is there for gar. Go to the VAC Website and log into the Member's Area. All Members should have the necessary individually set pass word (1). You will see the heading "Catch Entries" over on the right hand side of the screen. Click on "Search All Catches (Catch Database)" beneath this heading. A page will appear on your monitor on which you can select what species, month and all of the other criteria shown for your search. Click in the small blue box with the small check in it opposite "Species" and a list of all species recognized by the VAC will appear. Go down the list and select "GAR, ALL". Click on the box with "Search" in it and a list of the over 200 gar catches will appear with the most recent catches first (reverse chronological order). You will notice that some of the heaviest gar were caught in the month of November, 2011. Click on the little blue box opposite "Month" and select "11" (November) and then click the "Search" box. A list of all of the gar caught in any November and submitted on entry cards will appear. While you have this "Search All Catches (Catch Database) page open, click around on various combinations of species, date and all of the other "search by" options to see how many different ways you can search the database. You cannot harm the data base, so feel free to experiment. Working with the "Search All Catches (Catch Database) might help you come up with that special combination of tackle, bait, date and location that might win a tournament or set a VAC Angling Record. Good luck and we hope you catch the big one.

Note 1:

If you don't have a password and need one, please contact Johnny Wetlaufer, Jr. at Johnny@wetlaufer.com and he will set you up with the necessary password.

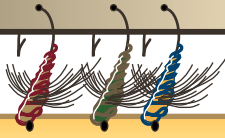
HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

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**



Legislation and Conservation

By Matt Balazik

Local News:

Blue crabs:

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission voted 9-0 to close the winter crab dredge fishery season for the fourth year in a row. The Commission decided the action was necessary in order to continue to rebuild the crab stock, and that while great progress has been made more work remains to be done to bring the population back to healthy, sustainable levels.

Menhaden:

The menhaden battle is still raging and you have the ability to be educated and let your opinion be taken in account. Please go to <http://www.asmf.org/> and click on the breaking news icon on the left. There you will be able to read the Draft Addendum V. You can also submit public comment but you must do so before November 2nd.

Sturgeon Report:

Well, the sturgeon season is over and sadly we did not see VAC-1 return this season, I hope he returns next year. However, some members' fish did return. The Fly Fishers of Virginia (Burgywn) returned but didn't stay long, LeRoy Houser's (Hokieman) returned and spent a lot of time up the Appomattox, Vic Skikandy's (Stanley) was all over the place, Stuart Lee's (Francis, named after Francis Eppes) spent lots of time around Eppes Island and was just as active this year as he was last year. I hope to have tracking maps for fish that returned from last year's tags and also for new fish people adopted this year.

<http://www.vcu.edu/rice/research/research-sturgeon.html>

Regional News:

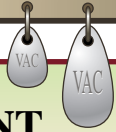
Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council:

The MAFMC is planning for the future and they want the public's input. Please go to <http://www.mafmc.org/vision> and let your thoughts and concerns be heard. This is a great opportunity to be a part of management practices.

National News:

Shark Fin Ban:

The California Senate and Governor passed a ban on the sale, trade, possession, and distribution of shark fins in the state. With California joining this completes a West Coast ban on the trade of shark fins. Washington passed similar legislation in May, followed by Oregon in early August. Hawaii, Guam and the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands have also passed similar bills. You can learn more at Oceana.org.



VIRGINIA BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION REQUIREMENT

(The following information can be found on the VADGIF Website and was copied from that source. Additional information on the subject can also be found on that website).

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. The requirement for boating safety education is phased-in over several years and applies to all Personal Watercraft (PWC)* operators and operators of boats with motors of 10hp and greater according to the following schedule:

1. PWC operators between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2009, operators ages 14 or 15 may operate a PWC if they have successfully completed an approved boating education safety course;
2. PWC operators 35 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2010;
3. PWC operators 50 years of age or younger and motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2011;
4. All PWC operators, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2012;
5. Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2013;
6. Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2014;
7. Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2015;
8. All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

** Please note, a Personal Watercraft, PWC, more commonly known as a Ski-Doo®'ae (Bombardier Recreational Products), Waverunner®'ae (Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA), and JET SKI®'ae (Kawasaki Motors Corp., USA), are defined as motorboats less than 16 feet in length that are powered by jet pumps, not propellers, where the persons stand, kneel, or sit on, rather than inside the boat.*

If you have taken a NASBLA approved course, you are in compliance with this regulation!

Look for the NASBLA logo on your course completion certificate or wallet card. If you have taken a boater safety course, but have misplaced your course completion certificate, DGIF may be able to issue a replacement card. Go to <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boating/education/faq.asp#replacement-of-certificates> to find out about obtaining a replacement card.

A person can also meet the education requirements by meeting one of the following requirements:

- Passes an equivalency/challenge exam;
- Possesses or once possessed a valid license to operate a vessel issued to maritime personnel by the United States Coast Guard
- Possesses a marine certificate issued by the Canadian government or possesses a Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator's Card;
- Possesses a temporary operator's certificate as indicated on new boat registration;
- Possesses a rental or lease agreement and training documentation as issued by a motorboat rental or leasing business;
- Operates the motorboat under onboard direct supervision of a person who meets the compliance requirement;
- Operates a boat not registered in Virginia, temporarily using the waters of Virginia for a period not to exceed 90 days, and meets any applicable boating safety education requirements of the state of residency;
- Has assumed operation of the motorboat due to the illness or physical impairment of the initial operator, and is returning the motorboat to shore in order to provide assistance or care for the operator;
- Is or once was registered as a commercial fisherman pursuant to the Code of Virginia or is under the onboard direct supervision of the commercial fisherman while operating the commercial fisherman's boat.

Tournament News

James River VA Gar: November 5-6 (blow date Nov12-13)

This will be our club's first gar tournament in many years. Some nice gar can be found many places in the James and the Chickahominy, but this time of year Chippokes Creek (just off the James) is the top venue for club members seeking large gar. There are many access points on the Chick and the James. Those who want to fish Chippokes can reach the area by leaving from the free Morris Creek Ramp in the Chickahominy Wildlife Management Area or for a fee use the James City County Riverfront Park Ramp on the East end of the Route 5 Bridge over the Chick.

Times: All Saturday and Sunday

Location: James River System including Chickahominy River, Virginia

Tips: The fish will eat large minnows, suspended live - or dead on the bottom. They range from 2 to 17 lbs. and can easily be caught on 2# or 4# test with 8# mono leader. They also will take artificial baits if you have the patience to miss many hookups and stick with casting. Parks will be happy to provide some pointers in advance - feel free to call or e-mail Parks Rountrey: cell 804-349-6001 (prountrey@comcast.net).

Call in entries within 24 hours from the end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001. You cannot change an entry once you have registered it with the Chairman.

You do not need to fill out cards to turn in for the tournament, but do need a card if you want it to be registered as a club entry.

Tournament First Place Awards for both weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional pewter cup, \$40 Green Top gift card or a VAC Banquet ticket.

The Angling Activities Chairman is looking for input and ideas for potential tournaments in 2012. Please call or e-mail Parks Rountrey with suggestions.

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 10/13/11

| SPECIES | ANGLER | WEIGHT | LN | DIV. | PTS | DATE | LOCATION | BAIT |
|---|-------------|--------|----|------|-----|----------|----------------------|---------------|
| 2011 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
| BASS, STRIPED | F Cousins | 5-0 | 2 | Fly | 166 | 12/18/10 | Elizabeth River, Va. | Clouser |
| COBIA | RJ Brown | 28-0 | 8 | Spin | 311 | 9/10/11 | Chesapeake Bay, VA | Bucktail |
| CROAKER | ES Johnston | 1-1 | 2 | Fly | 177 | 9/30/11 | Corrotoman River, VA | Fly |
| DOLPHIN | GN Carter | 5-8 | 6 | Spin | 122 | 6/11/11 | Oregon Inlet, NC | Bucktail |
| DRUM, BLACK | B Shepherd | 35-0 | 30 | Surf | 291 | 5/14/11 | Eastern Shore, VA | Peeler Creb |
| DRUM, RED | M Cline | 47-0 | 8 | Plug | 587 | 9/4/11 | CBBT, VA | Bucktail/Gulp |
| FLOUNDER, SUMMER | M Cline | 5-10 | 8 | Plug | 234 | 8/20/11 | CBBT, VA | Bucktail/Gulp |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | F Cousins | 6-12 | 2 | Spin | 450 | 1/16/11 | Elizabeth River, VA | Jig w/Grub |

2011 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------|----|------|-----|----------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | F Cousins | 4-10 | 2 | Spin | 308 | 9/19/11 | Private Pond, VA | Art. Worm |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | B Shepherd | 2-5 | 2 | Spin | 231 | 9/23/11 | New River, VA | Wacky Worm |
| BOWFIN | Robbie Robinson | 6-12 | 2 | Plug | 337 | 3/12/11 | Chickahominy River, VA | Blade Bait |
| CARP | W Nicar | 21-8 | 12 | Gen | 238 | 8/9/11 | James River, VA | Dough Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | B Shepherd | 57-0 | 6 | Gen | 536 | 2/12/11 | James River, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | F Cousins | 8-2 | 2 | Gen | 259 | 6/15/11 | Western Branch, VA | Live Worm |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | JP Rountrey | 25-8 | 4 | Fly | 540 | 7/1/11 | James River, VA | Catfish Fly |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | W Nicar | 2-0 | 2 | Spin | 317 | 5/19/11 | Private Pond, VA | Jig/grub |
| GAR, ALL | RL White | 11-14 | 2 | Spin | 431 | 3/2/11 | James River, VA | Grub |
| MUSKELLUNGE, ALL | F Cousins | 17-4 | 6 | Spin | 359 | 9/9/11 | Lake Shenandoah, VA | Crank Bait |
| PERCH, WHITE | F Cousins | 1-2 | 2 | Fly | 375 | 12/18/10 | Elizabeth River, VA | Clouser |
| PERCH, YELLOW | M Cline | 1-4 | 2 | Spin | 328 | 3/12/11 | Chickahominy River, VA | Blade Bait |
| PICKERAL, CHAIN | DN Noland | 2-6 | 2 | Spin | 237 | 7/4/11 | Private Pond, VA | Jig |
| SHAD, AMERICAN | JH Sheffield | 5-0 | 2 | Spin | 400 | 3/18/11 | Rocky Mount, NC | Shad Darts (2) |
| SHAD, HICKORY | ES Johnston | 1-12 | 2 | Fly | 250 | 3/21/11 | James River, VA | Fly |
| SUNFISH, ALL | W Nicar | 2-9 | 2 | Gen | 545 | 6/9/11 | Western Branch Rev., Va. | Nightcrawler |
| TROUT, BROWN | W Nicar | 5-1 | 2 | Spin | 316 | 6/29/11 | Cedar Springs, VA | Panther Martin Spinner |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | W Nicar | 4-15 | 4 | Fly | 280 | 6/28/11 | Cedar Springs, VA | Bl. Woolley Bugger |

2011 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER

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|-------------------|-------------|------|----|------|-----|---------|----------------------|---------------|
| CROAKER | ES Johnston | 1-1 | 2 | Fly | 177 | 9/30/11 | Corrotoman River, VA | Fly |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | F Cousins | 6-12 | 2 | Spin | 450 | 1/16/11 | Elizabeth River, VA | Jig w/Grub |
| DRUM, RED | M Cline | 47-0 | 8 | Plug | 587 | 9/4/11 | CBBT, VA | Bucktail/Gulp |
| COBIA | H Wells | 68-0 | 20 | gen | 261 | 8/19/11 | Chesapeake Bay, VA | Live Spot |
| DRUM, BLACK | B Shepherd | 35-0 | 30 | Surf | 291 | 5/14/11 | Eastern Shore, VA | Peeler Crab |

2011 DIVISION LEADERS - FRESHWATER

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|-------------------|-------------|------|---|------|-----|---------|-------------------------|---------------|
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | RJ Brown | 22-0 | 2 | Spin | 444 | 7/1/11 | James River, VA | Grub Tail |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | JP Rountrey | 25-8 | 4 | Fly | 540 | 7/1/11 | James River, VA | Catfish Fly |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | RJ Brown | 28-0 | 4 | Plug | 474 | 6/12/11 | James River, VA | Grub Tail |
| SUNFISH, ALL | W Nicar | 2-9 | 2 | Gen | 545 | 6/9/11 | Western Branch Rev., Va | .Nightcrawler |

2011 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

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|-------------------|-------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| BASS, STRIPED | F Cousins | 5-0 | | | | | | |
| COBIA | H Wells | 68-0 | | | | | | |
| CROAKER | ES Johnston | 1-1 | | | | | | |
| DOLPHIN | GN Carter | 5-8 | | | | | | |
| DRUM, BLACK | B Shepherd | 35-0 | | | | | | |
| DRUM, RED | M Cline | 47-0 | | | | | | |
| FLOUNDER, SUMMER | B Schepker | 8-12 | | | | | | |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | F Cousins | 6-12 | | | | | | |

2011 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - FRESHWATER

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|-------------------|--------------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | W Nicar | 8-0 | | | | | | |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | M Ostrander | 4-4 | | | | | | |
| BOWFIN | J Doughty | 10-8 | | | | | | |
| CARP | W Nicar | 21-8 | | | | | | |
| CATFISH, BLUE | L. Houser | 76-8 | | | | | | |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | F Cousins | 8-2 | | | | | | |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | RJ Brown | 28-0 | | | | | | |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | W Nicar | 2-0 | | | | | | |
| GAR, ALL | F Cousins | 12-4 | | | | | | |
| MUSKELLUNGE, ALL | F Cousins | 17-4 | | | | | | |
| PERCH, WHITE | F Cousins | 1-4 | | | | | | |
| PERCH, YELLOW | M Cline | 1-4 | | | | | | |
| PICKERAL, CHAIN | DN Noland | 2-6 | | | | | | |
| SHAD, AMERICAN | JH Sheffield | 5-0 | | | | | | |
| SHAD, HICKORY | JH Sheffield | 2-0 | | | | | | |
| SUNFISH, ALL | W Nicar | 2-9 | | | | | | |
| TROUT, BROWN | W Nicar | 5-1 | | | | | | |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | W Nicar | 4-15 | | | | | | |

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 10/13/11

| <u>SPECIES</u> | <u>ANGLER</u> | <u>WEIGHT</u> | <u>LN</u> | <u>DIV.</u> | <u>PTS</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>BAIT</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------|
| TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL) | | | | | | | | |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | Claire Wakinson | 1-1 | 2 | Spin | 168 | 5/30/11 | Private Pond, VA | Plastic Jig |
| SUNFISH, ALL | Claire Wakinson | 0-10 | 2 | Gen | 132 | 5/30/11 | Private Pond, VA | Plastic Jig |
| NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER | | | | | | | | |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | J Sheffield | 27-8 | 6 | Gen | 321 | 2/28/11 | James River, VA | Minnow |
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | Robbie Robinson | 4-8 | 2 | Plug | 300 | 3/12/11 | Chickahominy River, VA | Blade Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | L. Houser | 76-8 | 12 | Gen | 531 | 2/27/11 | James River, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | S Luterek | 14-8 | 4 | Gen | 345 | 7/1/11 | Lake Erie, NY | Nightcrawler |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | M Ostrander | 4-4 | 6 | Gen | 194 | 7/3/11 | James River, VA | Minnow |
| CARP | W Nicar | 21-8 | 12 | Gen | 238 | 8/9/11 | James River, VA | Dough Bait |
| PERCH, YELLOW | S Luterek | 1-10 | 4 | Gen | 280 | 9/2/11 | Lake, Erie, NY | Emeral Shiner |
| NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
| DRUM, BLACK | B Shepherd | 35-0 | 30 | Surf | 291 | 5/14/11 | Eastern Shore, VA | Peeler Crab |
| DRUM, RED | B Shepherd | 45-0 | 20 | Braid | 150 | 8/20/11 | The Cell, VA | Jig |
| FLOUNDER, SUMMER | M Cline | 5-10 | 8 | Plug | 234 | 8/20/11 | CBBT, VA | Bucktail/Gulp |
| HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES (SALTWATER) | | | | | | | | |
| PERMIT | D Nobles | 24-8 | 20 | Gen | 153 | 5/20/11 | Key West, FL | Crab |
| BONEFISH | L Kimbrough | 3-0 | 8 | Fly | 93 | 6/19/11 | Middle Caicas Islands | Leggy Shrimp Fly |
| HIGHEST POINT NON-LOCAL CATCHES (FRESHWATER) | | | | | | | | |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | S Luterek | 14-8 | 4 | Gen | 345 | 7/1/11 | Lake Erie, NY | Nightcrawler |
| PERCH, YELLOW | S Luterek | 1-10 | 4 | Gen | 280 | 9/2/11 | Lake, Erie, NY | Emeral Shiner |



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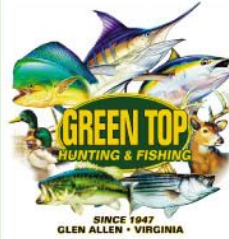
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