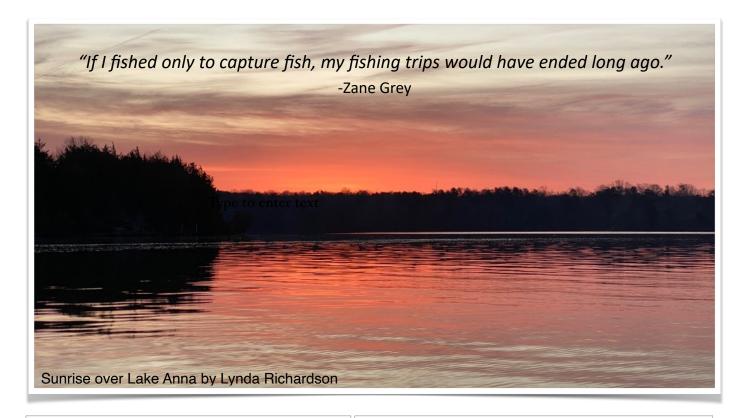


April/May 2024



## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING is the FISH FRY!

Tuesday, April 23rd

**SEE PAGE 3 FOR NEW DETAILS** 



#### MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, May 28th

Doors open at 6pm and meeting starts at 7pm sharp.

**Smallmouth Bass & Propagation** 

Presented by

Jason Hallacher & Kristan Chestnut-Faull

Department of Wildlife Resources Headquarters, DWR Headquarters Boardroom, 7870 Villa Park Dr. #400, Richmond, VA 23228

## **President's Message**

#### Fishing Partners

I was born and raised in Southern California. I moved to Richmond Virginia from 1984 to 1988 to attend Dental School at the Medical College of Virginia. My wife, Carolyn worked with a woman that had a husband that liked to fish. Our wives suggested that the two of us get together and go fishing. That was the beginning of one of the best friendships that I have ever had.

Earl Parker took me fishing and we just hit it off. For the next 4 years Earl and I would fish together almost every weekend. We fished in the bay for rockfish and bluefish. We fished in creeks for ring perch and bream.

The most excited that I saw Earl get was when he was given membership to the Cohoke Fishing Club. Earl and I would target trophy bass at Cohoke and it was wonderful to see him light up when he caught a 6 pound bass on a "Pop R" or a Senko.

We would even bow hunt for carp and gar. We pretty much did it all.

People would ask us what species of fish we enjoyed fishing for and we always told them that we enjoyed fishing for anything that swims. We jokingly referred to ourselves as "Trash Masters".

When I finished dental school in 1988, Carolyn and I returned to California and I practiced General Dentistry in Southern California for 30 years.

But every May, I would fly out to spend a few days fishing with Earl. I would collect my bags from the airport carousel and walk out the door and there was Earl with the boat hitched to the truck, ready to go. We would greet each other and within the hour we were back on the water fishing together.

He and I had such a harmony in our fishing together that it was easy to pick up right where we left off from the year before. I looked forward to every moment on the water with him.

There is something about spending hours together on the water that just creates an opportunity for lifetime friendships like that.

When I began to consider retirement, Carolyn and I talked about returning to Virginia. I called Earl and told him that after all of those years of him taking me fishing, I was finally going to have the opportunity to take him fishing once I retired and returned to Virginia.

I never had the chance to take Earl fishing. He died of cancer just months before I sold my practice and moved to Virginia.

But those fishing memories with Earl live on.

I had an opportunity to take a young 5th grade neighbor to Cohoke and he caught a bass that missed citation length by less than a half an inch. Just like Earl took me fishing, I now have the opportunity to pay it forward and take others out on the water to enjoy the thrill of the sound of drag ripping line off your reel.

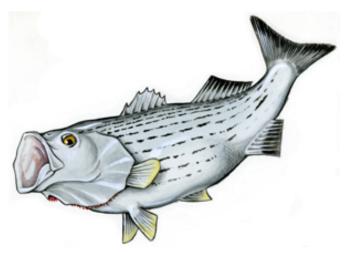
Don't miss the opportunity to take someone fishing. It may turn into a friendship for life.

And if you are fortunate enough to already have a fishing partner that is also a lifetime friend, let them know how much you appreciate them and their friendship.

Tight Lines, Cliff

## Clifford Phipps

President The Virginia Angler's Club



#### **WELCOME OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS!**

**Daniel Carter** 

**David Johnson** 

Michael Clark

So happy to see the club growing, let's make them feel welcome!

Virginia
Anglers
Club
Annual
Fish Fry



## Tuesday, April 23, 2024

This year, Maymont has substantially gone up on their room rental fees so the Board decided that we needed to charge a small fee to help cover expenses for this popular event. No matter what, it is still a bargain and a great time!

NEW: Cost: \$10 per person - Kids 12 and under FREE CASH OR CHECK ONLY, NO CREDIT CARDS

RAFFLE for a Green Top \$25 Gift Card and a 50-50 RAFFLE

Nature Center at Maymont 2201 Shields Lake Drive Richmond, VA 232220



Doors open at 5:30pm
And for those early birds ... come at 4pm to help set up!

As always .... Please bring thawed fish!

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## Be sure to check us out on FACEBOOK!!!



https://www.facebook.com/groups/4649184105099109

Virginia Angler's Club Group

## **Up-Coming Member Meetings & Speaker**

Doors open at 6pm and meeting starts at 7pm sharp.

**LOCATION:** Department of Wildlife Resources Headquarters, DWR Headquarters Boardroom, 7870 Villa Park Dr. #400, Richmond, VA 23228

May 28 - Smallmouth Bass & Propagation
Presented by Jason Hallacher & Kristen Chestnut-Faull

Jun 25 - Musky Mortality Study Presented by Cory Bauerlien

Aug 22 - **Stories about My Uncle, Joe Brooks**Presented by Michael Brooks

Sep 24- Leveraging VA State Park Resources & other VA fishing opportunities

Presented by Diego Riffle



FYI - An important questionnaire is headed your way regarding the club! It only takes a minute to fill out so PLEASE do!!! We need your input to make this the best club for YOU!

## **Conservation & Legislation - Chris Dollar**

#### The Launch of *In Hot Water*, a Climate and Seafood Podcast.

Seafood and Gender Equality (SAGE) and Seaworthy announce the launch of <u>In Hot Water</u> - a climate and seafood podcast. In this series, three generations, Julie Kuchepatov (Gen X), Crystal Sanders-Alvarado (Xennial), and Cameron Moore (Gen Z), hit the road to explore key seafood producing regions across the U.S. and hear from people working at the intersections of fisheries, aquaculture, seafood, and conservation while grappling with the effects of the global climate crisis.

SAGE and Seaworthy, collaborators on The Conch podcast since 2021, came up with the idea for In Hot Water out of a shared love of seafood and a dedication to contribute to a community-driven intergenerational effort in movement towards climate justice.

Crystal Sanders-Alvarado, Founder of Seaworthy, noted, "When we talk about climate justice, we recognize that marginalized and oppressed groups are the communities experiencing the greatest impacts of the climate crisis which exacerbate inequitable social conditions. In this series, we hope to amplify the voices of those most affected and center their leadership and community identified solutions."

The four-part series begins in the Lone Star State of Texas with a visit to the Coastal Bend along the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf is a crucial hub for offshore petroleum production, contributing to one-sixth of the United States' total production and serves as a critically important source of seafood, supplying more than <u>40%</u> of the U.S. domestic seafood. The trio travels from Aransas Pass, the self-proclaimed "Shrimp Capital of Texas", to Corpus Christi, the "Birdiest City in America," and end up in Galveston, once dubbed the "Playground of the South" during the 1800s and holds significant historical importance as the birthplace of Juneteenth. On June 19, 1865, two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation that legally freed three and a half million enslaved people in Confederate states, the Juneteenth Order was issued, marking the belated emancipation of 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas.

Julie Kuchepatov, Founder of SAGE, noted, "There is an alarming lack of discussion, let alone action, about the climate emergency and its intersectional effects on seafood producing regions, communities, and people who depend on these culturally important resources for food and livelihoods. With this new podcast series, we are diving deeper into these regions to understand what is happening with our nation's seafood communities, the challenges they are facing, and innovative solutions that people are piloting to build climate resilience."

Leigh Habegger, Executive Director of Seafood Harvesters of America said, "our harvester members often share the effects of climate change that they directly experience on the water. Sharing the stories of people and coastal communities that are dealing with these effects is an important step towards building resilience in the future of a warming planet. We are heartened that SAGE and Seaworthy have created this podcast series to illuminate the innovation happening in our critical seafood producing regions."

Three more series will be released through 2024 featuring interviews from important seafood producing regions including Maine, Chesapeake Bay, and Lake Michigan.

Capt. Chris D. Dollar

"Stay Healthy...Go Fishing!" CD Outdoors Communications (410) 991-8468

https://www.nationalfisherman.com/national-international/the-launch-of-in-hot-water-a-climate-and-seafood-podcast

https://www.seafoodandgenderequality.org/inhotwater











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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 14, 2024

FROM: Coastal Conservation Association Virginia (CCA Virginia)

CONTACT: Wayne Young (Volunteer) | fishhawksnest@gmail.com | (703) 216-2648

Online | Facebook | Instagram

<u>UPDATE 3/29/24</u>: The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) on March 28, after a rigorous discussion of need, pros, and cons, recommended a 10 hickory shad creel limit across all gear types as the most practical approach for managing the recreational fishery to mitigate risk of overfishing. VMRC plans to take the recommendation to a public hearing on May 28 barring any unforeseen circumstances. A Public Notice will be posted on the VMRC website about 2 weeks before the public hearing and will provide the intended actions and directions for public comment. CCA Virginia supports the recommendation and will post an alert when the VMRC Public Notice is available. Campaign details are posted at ccavirginia.org. Please stand by for more updates.

#### Conservation Minded Virginians Call for Hickory Shad Protections

The Issue: There has been no stock assessment for hickory shad or a stock determination for coastwise populations. Hickory shad is an anadromous fish that lives mostly in the Atlantic Ocean and returns to the Chesapeake Bay's rivers and streams to spawn. Along with American shad, they were once an abundant and important commercial species. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission reported that the American Shad coastwise population was found depleted by a 2020 Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report. There has been no stock assessment for hickory shad or a stock determination for coastwise populations. As one of the first migrating game fish available to Chesapeake sport anglers in the early spring, they are important to and valued by the Bay's recreational fishing community. Unlike American shad, currently there are no conservation protections in place for hickory shad in Virginia waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its coastal rivers and their tributaries. There are no limits on the size or number of hickory shad an angler take from these waters. There are also no restrictions on the type of gear one can use to catch them. Hickory shad, however, are fully protected in Maryland and DC waters and there is a ten-fish daily bag limit in North Carolina (though no size limit) and Virginia rivers beyond the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This is concerning because unrestricted catches in Virginia's coastal rivers threaten progress made to protect and restore both shad species, which are also forage for striped bass and other Bay game fish.

**The Solution:** Alarmed by this threat to the important fishery, CCA Virginia has been working to remedy this situation with little success. So, early February 2024, the organization submitted a formal petition for rulemaking to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) requesting that the Commission consider reasonable harvest regulations for hickory shad in Virginia waters under its jurisdiction. This fisheries management adjustment will help ensure a quality recreational fishery, streamline VMRC's regulatory oversight, and be more consistent with shad and herring restoration plans.

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**About CCA Virginia:** CCA Virginia's works to conserve, promote and enhance the marine coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. Visit ccavirginia.org.

## More on Menhaden - Chris Dollar

Here's the current schedule for ending the Atlantic menhaden reduction fishery in Virginia waters in response to the Virginia Legislature:

- 4/8/24 Email the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources a letter with three attachments:
  - Coalition letter DRAFT (see attached check for accuracy)
  - Save Our Menhaden Coalition Resolution FINAL (see attached)
  - Localized Depletion of Atlantic Menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay and Its Impact on Maryland and Virginia Fisheries -DRAFT (see attached)
  - Public Comments to be presented to the ASMFC Atlantic Menhaden Management Board (AMMB) on April 30 – DRAFT (see attached)
- 4/30/24 Present "Public Comments" to the AMMB on April 30 (2 minutes)

In the meantime, continue to work to get additional support by leveraging Dale Neal's website where organizations and individuals can easily register their support online.

https://www.saveourmenhaden.org/take-action.html

Enclosure 1 - Save Our Menhaden Coalition Resolution - Final

Enclosure 2 - 2023-0324 Localized Depletion of Atlantic Menhaden -

**Power Point Slides** 

2024-0324 SOM Letter to ASMFC VMRC MD DNR

2024-0324 Public Comments of Phil Zalesak

## THREE BASS. ONE YEAR.



For more information: virginiawildlife.gov/fishing/virginia-bass-slam-challenge/



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## **RULES COMMITTEE - Carter Clevinger**

#### **VAC Rules Committee**

The fishing season is in high gear with multiple species spawning in local waters the opportunities are endless. After a good day on the water, it's time to record the big catch by submitting e-cards for some it is your first time and for others a long time. Here is a friendly reminder, "the weighing of the catch must be witnessed by another person unless the member was fishing alone and released the fish.

#### **IGFA Changes**

IGFA maintains world records for both freshwater and saltwater game fish in All-Tackle, All-Tackle Length, Line class, Tippet Class and Junior and smallfry categories. In order to qualify for a record, a catch must be minimum of .453 Kilograms (1 pound) in weight and must outweigh the existing record by the required amount or meet the minimum weight requirement for vacant records.

No application will be accepted for fish caught in hatchery waters, sanctuaries or small bodies of water that are stocked with fish for commercial purposes. The intent of this rule shall prevail and IGFA retains the right to determine its applicability on a case-by-case basis. The catch must not be at variance with any laws or regulations governing recreational catch or harvest of the species or waters in which it is caught.

As a member of the VAC this IGFA rule change will affect you when fishing a stocked fish commercial operation by not allowing your entry for a world record or a VAC e-card.

Nows the time to get ready for the ...

Statewide Largemouth Bass Tournament
May 11-26

and the

Largemouth Bass Expedition on May 18!

See page 15 for more details!!!

## **EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

WINNERS OF THE YELLOW PERCH TOURNAMENT - 2/17/24 to 3/2/24



And the winner of all categories is:

## **Frank Hart**



Heaviest: Yellow Perch, 1-5, 3/3/24

Highest Point: Yellow Perch, 1-4, 328pt, 2/24

Other: Chain Pickerel,

287pt, 2/24



## OTHER ENTRIES INCLUDED:





Lynda Richardson with a 1-1

Mike Ostrander with a 1-2. Lynda was not pleased. LOL



Still hopeful for the OTHER category, Lynda Richardson with a 1-3 crappie on 4-spin.



Glen Carter's nice double header: 1-1 and 1-0.

## **EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

continued

#### 1) SHAD TOURNAMENT - 3/30/24 to 4/14/24. Results in next newsletter!

The Virginia Anglers Club will be hosting a Hickory Shad Fishing Tournament open to all 2024 VAC Club members in good standing. All Tournament entries will be in compliance with local regulations and caught from the James River starting on March 30th up and including April 14th. We will have two winners determined by the highest point , and the heaviest Hickory Shad cards submitted to the VAC database. Card submissions must be turned in no later than Tuesday April 16th. A \$25 Green Top gift card will be awarded to the winners. A single person is eligible to win both prizes but it must be done with two separate fish submissions. In the event of a tie, the first fish caught will be the winner. A third prize (\$25 gift card) will be awarded to the highest point fish (non-hickory shad) caught while fishing for Shad.

#### 2) KIDS FISHING DAY - May 4th. (See page 17)

Once more graciously hosted by Dinkus and Ronnie Deane (thanks you guys!) *More information to come!* 

#### 3) STATEWIDE LARGEMOUTH BASS TOURNAMENT - May 11 to 26

The Virginia Anglers Club will be hosting a Largemouth Bass Fishing Tournament open to all 2024 VAC Club members in good standing. All Tournament entries will be in compliance with local regulations and caught from Virginia waters starting on May 11th up and including May 26th. We will have two winners determined by the highest point , and the heaviest Largemouth Bass cards submitted to the VAC database. Card submissions must be turned in no later than Tuesday May 28th. A \$25 Green Top gift card will be awarded to the winners. A single person is eligible to win both prizes but it must be done with two separate fish submissions. In the event of a tie, the first fish caught will be the winner. A third prize (\$25 gift card) will be awarded to the highest point fish (non-bass) caught while fishing for bass.

#### 4) LARGEMOUTH BASS EXPEDITION, Little Creek Reservoir - May 18th

Come prepared to do some multi-species fishing as this reservoir holds citation largemouth, redear, walleye, landlocked striper, yellow perch, pickerel, and crappie that I know of personally. Little Creek is a peaceful and underutilized reservoir with some of the best fishing potential in the state. It is a drinking reservoir so no gas engines. *Information to come* 

#### 5) JAMES RIVER FLOAT - June/July

Come Float Your Boat! *More information to come*.

#### 6) **SMALL RIVER WADE TRIP** - June 29th

Once more hosted by Mike Ostrander (Thank you Mike). More information to come!

## **EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

#### continued

#### 7) PIANKATANK EXPEDITION - Sept 21st

Launching at Deep Point Landing you can go up river towards Dragon Run and fish fresh water for bass, gar, snakehead, blue cats, and panfish and other species.

Running downriver it's bay saltwater species that shine. There are speckled trout, redfish, stripers, and the usual salt panfish. Depending on rain levels, you might have a mixed freshwater/saltwater smorgasbord never knowing what will come out of the water next.

#### 8) **KIPTOPEKE EXPEDITION** - October 18-20th

We have one lodge already reserved in the state park. It can hold 15 and I'm asking for a \$50 deposit to hold a spot there. Please contact John Gorman 757-784-2495 *jhgorman8@gmail.com* to reserve your spot.

There are opportunities for kayak fishermen, boat fisherman and shore, wade fisherman. The Kiptopeke State Park excursion offers great kayaking opportunities from launching at the park to fish the waters around the concrete ships for flounder, tautog, trout, etc. Also if we experience rough seas the Wise point boat ramp offers protected waters to fish. The Bay Bridge tunnel is another option weather permitting. This is just a couple locations close to camp opportunities are endless.

#### 9) JAMES RIVER CATFISH EXPEDITION - November 24 Information to come.

10) CRIPPLE CREEK EXPEDITION - TWO TRIPS!!! November & December Information to come.

More detailed information can be found at the clubs Facebook page. If you haven't already, please become a member as it is a private page. There are other trips in the idea phase that may be announced as the year goes on.

Any questions, suggestions or helpful information are very welcome.

Please contact John Gorman at 757-784-2495 jhgorman8@gmail.com

# Get Ready for the... 5th Annual KID'S FISHING DAY MAY 4th



Please join us for another great event once more graciously hosted by Dinkus and Ronnie Deane (thanks you guys!)

Stay tuned... More information to come!

## MORE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES!!!

For Immediate Release: April 8, 2024

Contact: Capt. Chris Dollar, <a href="mailto:salestacklecove@gmail.com">salestacklecove@gmail.com</a>

What: Capt. Chris Dollar's "Chesapeake Youth Fishing Camps" sponsored by Tackle Cove Outfitters teaches girls and boys (grades 5-8, entering Fall 2024) fishing skills, knot tying as well as how to use fishing gear and tools. Campers will also learn about the importance of a healthy Chesapeake and Bay ecology. Conditions permitting, campers will fish from a 20-foot center console and 11-foot, very stable fishing kayaks in the Carter's Creek area off the Rappahannock River.

Enrollment is limited to four (4) campers per session to ensure a safe and quality experience. Sibling/Family groups welcomed, and no experience required. Tuition is \$295.00\* and includes a camp T-Shirt and an Angler Starter Kit, a \$50 value. **Email** for registration/health form. (\*Credit cards accepted online. Processing fee applied.)

When: June Sessions: 11-12; 18-19; 25-26.

July Sessions: 16-17; 25-26; 30-31.

August Sessions: 13-14; 20-21; 27-28.

Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Carter's Creek and Rapahannock River area.

Drop off in Irvington VA.

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## **LEADER BOARD 2024**

#### **ANNUAL AWARDS 2024**

	PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER												
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait													
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver )					

	PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER											
Species	Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait											
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SEATROUT, SPOTTED W MOSLEY 5-4 4 SPIN 420 2024-01-27 CORROTOMAN, VA Jerk Shad											

	DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER												
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait													
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver )					
CATFISH, BLUE	C CLEVINGER	38-0	4	GEN	405	2024-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Bait					
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait					
TROUT, RAINBOW	B SHEPHERD	5-11	4	FLY	323	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger					

	DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER												
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait													
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-2	6	PLUG	305	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Sting Silver					
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-6	6	GEN	258	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid					
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	5-4	4	SPIN	420	2024-01-27	CORROTOMAN, VA	Jerk Shad					

		"Н	IGHE	ST POIN	IT" SP	ECIES AW	ARDS FRESHWATER	
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	RJ BROWN	7-6	2	SPIN	491	2024-03-18	COHOKE POND, VA	Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	PLUG	275	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	185	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver )
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	16-0	4	PLUG	231	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	F HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2024-03-03	PAMONKEY RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F HART	2-14	2	SPIN	287	2024-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	3-4	4	SPIN	194	2024-03-04	ROCKY MY NC, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F MURRAY	2-8	6	FLY	252	2024-03-15	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred Fly
SUNFISH	F HART	1-1	2	SPIN	279	2024-01-05	PRIVATE POND, VA	Bobby Garland
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Retriever
TROUT, BROOK	G ALVIS	2-1	4	FLY	206	2024-02-25	NININGER CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER											
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait											
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-2	6	PLUG	305	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Sting Silver			
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	5-4	4	SPIN	420	2024-01-27	CORROTOMAN, VA	Jerk Shad			

			"HEA	VIEST"	SPECI	ES AWARI	OS FRESHWATER	
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	D MERRICKS	8-4	12	GEN	165	2024-03-08	DOUTHAT LAKE , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	J GORMAN	4-11	8	GEN	125	2024-03-13	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	185	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver )
CATFISH, BLUE	s knox	48-0	20BR	GEN	247	2023-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	GN CARTER	16-0	4	PLUG	231	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	F HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2024-03-03	PAMONKEY RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F HART	2-14	2	SPIN	287	2024-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
SAUGEYE	G ALVIS	4-10	20BR	GEN	76	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Swimbait
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	3-4	4	SPIN	194	2024-03-04	ROCKY MY NC, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F MURRAY	2-8	6	FLY	252	2024-03-15	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred Fly
SUNFISH	F HART	1-1	2	SPIN	279	2024-01-05	PRIVATE POND, VA	Bobby Garland
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Retriever
TROUT, BROOK	G ALVIS	2-1	4	FLY	206	2024-02-25	NININGER CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

	"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER												
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait													
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-6	6	GEN	258	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid					
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SEATROUT, SPOTTED W MOSLEY 5-4 4 SPIN 420 2024-01-27 CORROTOMAN, VA Jerk Shad												



			NEV	V CLUB F	RECOR	DS FRESH	WATER	
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	PLUG	275	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	J GORMAN	4-11	8	GEN	125	2024-03-13	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C CLEVINGER	4-8	2	PLUG	150	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	PLUG	183	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	24-11	6	PLUG	290	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	12	PLUG	137	2024-03-04	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	6	PLUG	204	2024-03-01	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-6	12	SPIN	138	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Retriever
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER  Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait											
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait			

YOUTH FRESHWATER											
Species Name Weight Line Division Points Date Location Bait											
CATFISH, BLUE	ASHER BROUGHTON 7_12	55-0	8	GEN	462	2024-02-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad			
CRAPPIE, ALL	GRANT TOWNSEND 0_6	0-15	2	SPIN	148	2024-03-14	PRIVATE POND, VA	Grub			

		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	
SAILFISH, PACIFIC	BW STRUM	0-0	20	GEN	257	2024-01-05	QUEPOS COSTA RICA, OTHER	Ballyhoo	

NEW MEMBER AWARD									
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait	
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	D MERRICKS	3-4	2	PLUG	216	2023-12-08	WILDE LAKE, VA	3" Swimbait	
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow	
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	185	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait	
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	2-0	2	GEN	256	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow	
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm	
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke	
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	D MERRICKS	2-14	2	SPIN	254	2023-12-03	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	4" Swimbait	
SHAD, HICKORY	D MERRICKS	1-12	8	SPIN	124	2024-04-02	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Spoon	
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail	
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow	
Total					2467				

## FISHING MEMORIES



Dinkus
Deane, driving,
and Carter
Clevinger
head out for
some striper
action on Lake
Anna.



**Cliff Phipps** with a CITATION crappie 1-12....WOW!!!



**Cliff Phipps** with a 6-7, 23 inch, largemouth bass from a private pond. Sweeeeet!

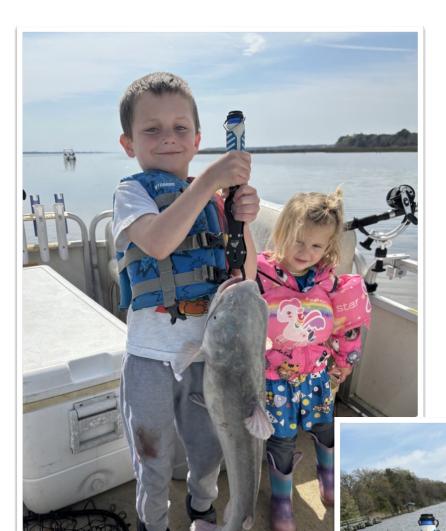


Above: New Member, **Daniel Carter**, holds a personal best fish, 56-4, 47.5" blue catfish. Caught on 80lb braid (not submitted ) but still...NICE FISH!

Below left: 8oz, 9" white perch caught on 8lb mono, below right: 35-13 blue catfish on 50lb braid.







Seven year old **Asa Carter** holds his biggest catch to date as well as his most unusual catch.

Left: Blue Catfish 11-1, 29"

And below, a white, blue catfish. Cool!

Asa is the son of new member Daniel Carter and you can see from the previous page where Asa gets his inspiration!

Everyone should believe in something. I believe I'll go fishing! -Henry David Thoreau.

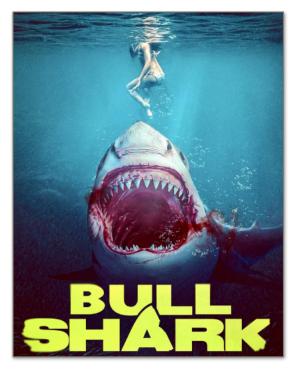
## **Buddy Nolan**

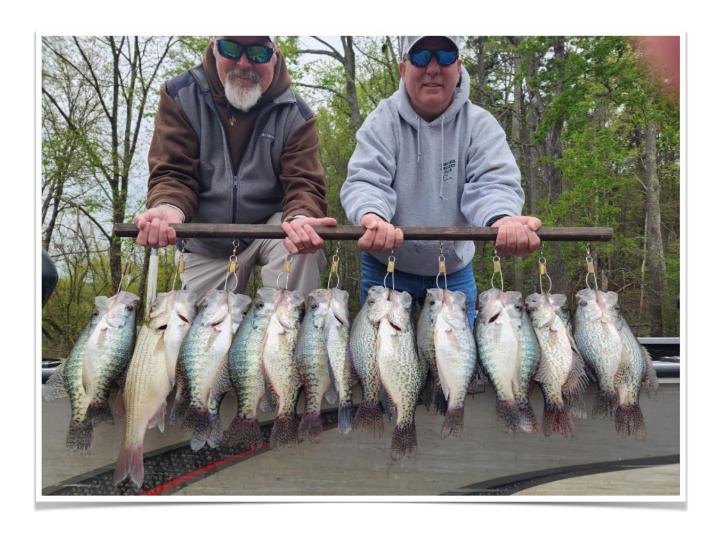
works on bringing in a 8' 7" Bull Shark in for a surf entry. The shark was safely returned to the ocean!

So Buddy, how did you get the hook out?











Tom Emery with a 7-1 largemouth caught on 4# spin, with a Joe's Fly #35 spinner, at Armistead Point Park Pond, in Hampton, VA, on 3-26-24.



Clockwise top left: Good day fishing! Stripers and hybrids caught at Lake Anna, **John Gorman** holds, his personal best catches; left, a 4-11 hybrid and right, a 9-5 striper caught at Lake Anna.

**Mike Ostrander** was surprised to catch a SMALLEYE (LOL walleye) under the bridge at Lake Anna!



