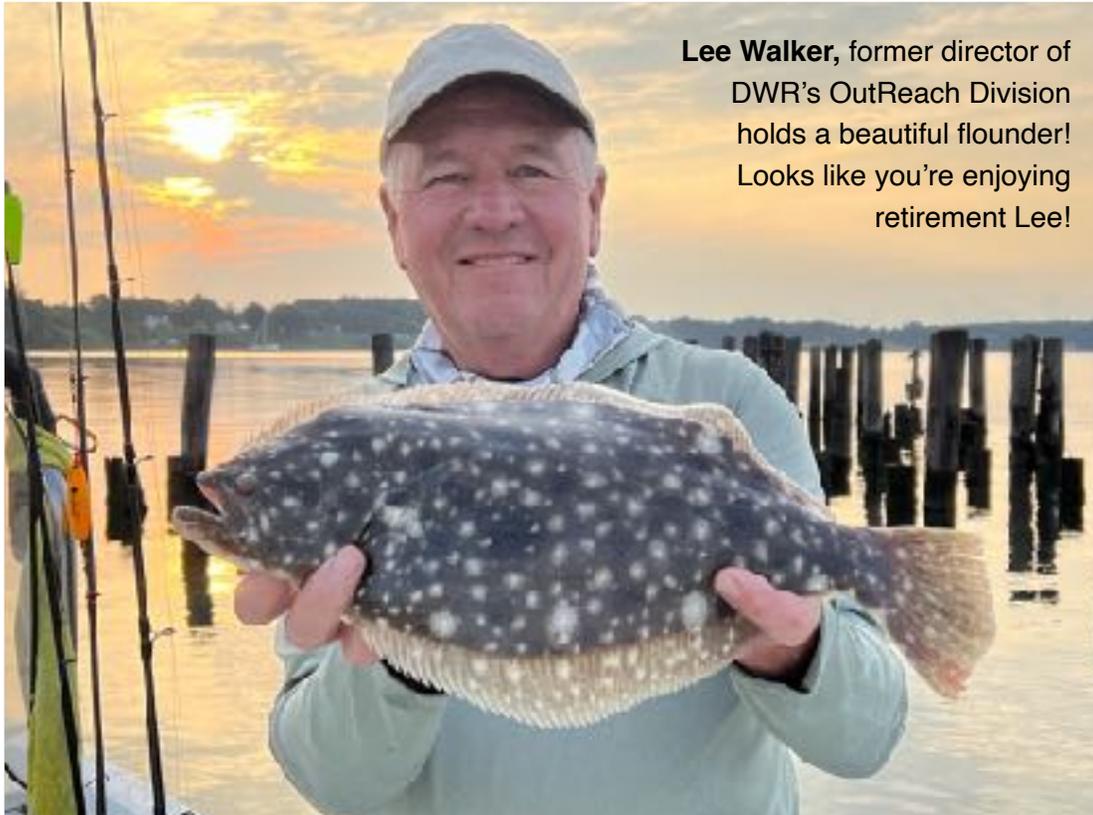




The Angler

Newsletter

August/September 2024



Lee Walker, former director of DWR's OutReach Division holds a beautiful flounder! Looks like you're enjoying retirement Lee!

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING & FISHING FLEA MARKET

Tuesday, August 27th

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

Guest Speaker: *Michael Brooks (Nephew of Joe Brooks)*

See page 5 for details on presentation and flea market!

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

President's Message

Stop and Look Around

My preparation for a fishing trip tends to be pretty serious.

The night before the trip, I will check and lubricate reels. I will replace line as needed. I will tie on hooks and lures that I think will be productive the next day. I will gather all the gear necessary for the next day's fishing, including safety gear, food and drinks, additional fishing supplies and have it ready to go so that once I get out of bed the next day, all is ready to go.

Once I get on the water there is additional organization that is required. Boat prep, gear needs to be laid out or stowed to make the deck clear for the hopeful fishing fights of the day.

Once fishing actually begins, the level of seriousness goes up a notch. The next cast is being calculated while completing the current cast. Each target is considered based on the likelihood of that spot being a likely holding or hiding place for the targeted fish. The process is repeated over and over again in the effort of tricking the fish into biting my lure.

Add to this the constant consultation of electronics and you come home from a fishing trip mentally and physically exhausted.

So many times my family or friends would seem confused that I could come home so tired when all I did was "go fishing". They never realized what went into a day of fishing. A day of tournament fishing is on a significantly level of seriousness all together.

The Virginia Anglers Club is known for its competitive spirit with regards to fishing and I would imagine that most of you have a degree of seriousness to your fishing very similar to what I have outlined above.

But, on your next fishing trip, let me encourage you to add something else. On your next fishing trip, intentionally stop and look around during your fishing day. I promise the rewards will be high. Let me illustrate this point.

So, that's my challenge to each of us. On your next fishing trip, on purpose and intentionally, stop and look around. We should never forget the blessing of the beauty around us and the honor of being able to spend time on the water.

Last week, Frank Hart and I were fishing in Canada for walleye and Northern pike. Frank brought along his forward facing sonar and we were having a blast watching the screen as the dots representing walleye would rise up to our sinking baits. After a quick hook set, another walleye was in the boat.

But I noticed that Frank and I were spending the majority of our time with our noses buried in the screen of his Garmin. I made an intentional decision and told Frank to grab his buzz bait rod and we went and started fishing the shoreline for pike. While throwing buzz baits to the shoreline, we began to look around at the beauty of the scenery around us. The weed lines, the floating vegetation, the pine trees and rocks on the shore. We could hear an unseen stream that spilled into the lake. The sound of nearby sparrows and loons.

Andy Cotez and I were recently fishing Cohoke Millpond and we were struggling to put fish in the boat. It had rained the night before and the fish were being cautious. I wanted to put together a top water bite but the fish were having nothing to do with it. It made us fish harder and our focus became more and more finely tuned to what we had to do to get the bass to bite.

But as the day passed, Andy and I commented on the amazing, huge, white flowers that were growing on the shoreline. There was a vibrant single red flower that almost looked like it was on fire further down the shore. We watched an osprey being more successful at catching fish from the pond than we were. We heard a group of crows sound the alarm for 10 minutes as a hawk flew into their territory. We watched squirrels defy gravity as they ran out on the branches of trees on the shoreline.

As serious as I am about fishing, the beauty of what is around me still takes my breath away. I am constantly rewarded when I stop and look around.

So, that's my challenge to each of us. On your next fishing trip. On purpose and intentionally, stop and look around. We should never forget the blessing of the beauty around us and the honor of being able to spend time on the water.

Clifford Phipps

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



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Virginia Angler's Club Group

Up-Coming Member Meetings & Speakers

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

Aug 27 - Stories about My Uncle, Joe Brooks plus Fishing Flea Market! See below

Michael Brooks (nephew of Joe Brooks) will be the featured guest speaker for the Virginia Anglers Club meeting. Michael will speak with the club about his experiences creating the documentary "Finding Joe Brooks" (2018) for which he was the executive director. He will also share stories and personal experiences with his great Uncle Joe and working with Lefty Kreh. Michael plans to discuss key moments and findings from the research while making the documentary.

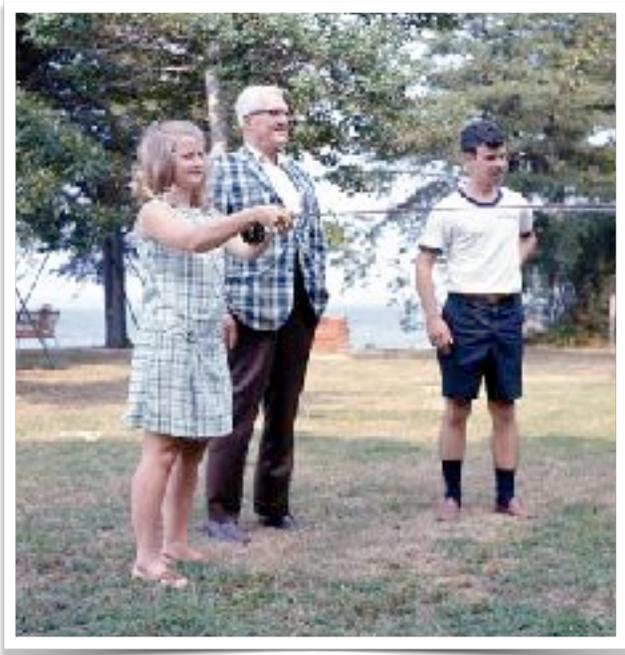
<http://joebrooksdocumentary.com>

Michael would like **club members to compose their list of questions** that are of interest and relate to the film and its content. Our speaker would also love to hear from anyone attending any personal experience they may have had regarding Joe as he did live in Richmond for a period following his time running the Miami Tournament or interacting with his writing or TV show on American Sportsman.

At the conclusion of the talk, we will have an open question session. The documentary is readily available on the internet. **It is recommended that attendees view the movie prior to attending but not required.** Please join us to learn more about the man who was not only a founding member of the Virginia Anglers Club but is considered by many to be one of the most influential fishermen ever. (See pg 6 for a message from a friend of Joe Brooks!)

FISHING FLEA MARKET - right before our Michael Brooks meeting

Got gear you don't need? Bring any angling gear you want to sell out of the back of your truck to this meeting at the DWR. Park near the meeting entrance and set up shop outside. Bring a table if you need one. Be set up and ready to sell by 5:45 PM before the meeting so you' have at least an hour of sales time. Start getting your sell-ables together now!



Joe Brooks gives instruction to neighbor Marvin Williams and Marvin's wife-to-be.



Marvin receives a rod and reel combo from Joe.

FROM MARVIN WILLIAMS, neighbor of JOE BROOKS: “I just received a communication from Robert Thomas concerning the 8/27 meeting. I live in Midlothian and plan on being in attendance. I was a VERY fortunate kid who in the 1960s happened to live a few houses away from Joe and Mary Brooks. I became their grass cutter and general outside maintenance person, tackle organizer, fishing book cataloger, and overnight sitter for Mary's mother when they would go out of town. Much of their surplus fishing tackle and flies ended up with me.

Joe took me as his "boy" to the annual Maryland Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock weekend in May of each year during the sixties. I had the privilege of fishing with Joe and Mary in Montana during the summers of '67, '68, and '69. When they were filming the Joe Brooks movie, two of my friends, Robbins Church and Bert Lindler, and I were invited to be part of it. The video person spent a day with us on the North Umpqua River in Oregon during August of '17. Only a tiny bit of that film made it into the last part of the movie.

Robbins, Bert, and I thought so much of Joe and Mary that we had a bench on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Livingston, Montana installed in their memory. We dedicated it on 6/13/24. To read about it, pull up on line The Livingston Enterprise (www.livingstonenterprise.com) Vol 117 #290 June 15, 2024. I have only met Michael Brooks once and look forward to talking with him again. I would hope that we would be able to sit down for dinner before or after the meeting. I have many stories.”

Best regards,
Marvin Williams

Up-Coming Member Meetings & Speakers

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Sep 24- **Leveraging VA State Park Resources & other VA fishing opportunities.** Presented by Diego Riffle

WE NEED ONE VOLUNTEER!!!

Please consider volunteering for the club. After many years of service as **Recording Secretary**, Karen Anderson is leaving her position so now we need someone to fill this position. Here is a description of the job:

Attend Board of Director meetings and record minutes, distributing minutes to BOD members prior to the meeting. Maintaining a file of minutes and other BOD issues up for discussion. May assist in other duties such as writing thank you letters for donations to the Club, preparing dues notices and banquet invitations, and collecting mail from VAC post office box.

Please contact Clifford Phipps if you are interested!

714 904-8064
pepsicliff@sbcglobal.net

THANK YOU for considering donating your time to the club!

5th Annual KID'S FISHING DAY

*The club is having our (rescheduled) annual kid's fishing day next **Saturday, August 24th starting at 9am until around 1pm.** Please RSVP by Thursday, August 22nd*



Location:
[15546 St Peters Church Rd,](#)
[Montpelier, VA 23192](#)

Contact Dinkus at
dinkydog70@gmail.com or call
(804)366-3901

If you have or know a youngster who you would like to introduce or excite their interest in fishing, bring them and a fishing pole. We plan to fish until the kids get tired and then have a picnic.

We will provide the worms, food, and drinks.
Bring a side if you like.

In Case You Missed it...

Past Member Meeting & Speaker on June 25



Photos
provided by
Tricia Pearsall

Thank you
Tricia!



Jun 25 - **Musky Mortality Study**

Presented by Cory Bauerlien, PhD Student/WVU Swiger Fellow, Division of Forestry & Natural Resources, West Virginia University, Vice President - WVU Student Chapter of AFS

“To fish or not to fish?” That is what Muskie question anglers start asking themselves as water temperatures approach 80°F. Many Muskie anglers follow the oft-cited 80-degree benchmark and stop fishing when water temperatures reach 80°F because it is assumed that fish caught and released above 80°F have a high probability of dying. However, no formal investigations into this belief had been conducted – until now. Over the last few years, graduate students and faculty from West Virginia University and Coastal Carolina University, as well as biologists from several state and federal agencies, have worked together in a multi-state effort (VA, WV, WI, NC, MD) to answer the age-old question: “How hot is too hot?” During this presentation, we will highlight the findings from the Virginia portion of the warm-water Muskie mortality studies, as well as the findings from the studies conducted in all of the states, to discuss what they mean for the future of the Muskie angling community. **Thanks again to DWR for hosting our membership meetings!**

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Lines out for VAC member Gary S. Anderson 08/11/2024

VAC Club Member Gary Swen Anderson passed away on Sunday, August 11, 2024. Gary's membership spanned 45 years, becoming a New Member in 1979 and was a member up to the day of his passing. Gary's membership started when he lived in Richmond and was employed as Chief Hydrologist of the USGS. His membership continued after he retired and moved to Port St. Lucie, FL.

Gary submitted 123 entries from VA, NC, MI, AK, LA and Sweden {Pike, Northern on 2 lb. spin (7/86)}. Gary holds 6 club records, the first dating from June, 1982.. The records are: Trout, Steelhead, 4 spin (6/82), Bass, Striped (LL) 4 general (5/83), Lady Fish 2 fly (12/83), Bass, Rock & Roanoke 2 spin (10/85), Roosterfish 12 general (7/87) and Jack, Crevalle 2 fly (11/00).

Lines out, Gary. You were a respected member of the Virginia Anglers Club. (Note: Gary's obituary can be viewed at www.dobiesfuneralhome.com; search Anderson.)



RULES COMMITTEE - CARTER CLEVINGER

I have received a few questions this angling year on basic weights, closed seasons, and slot limits. So, here is the Angling Rules covering these subjects.

Section 7- Eligible fish and minimum weights

The species eligible for entry and the basic weights for 100 points are listed on the current basic weight table. The minimum weight acceptable for any entry is 50 percent of the basic weight. It is the intent of the VAC to support conservation efforts in managing marine fisheries and to abide by all regulations governing recreational fishing. Therefore, any entry for a fish caught during a closed season for a specified body of water will not be accepted. Entry of a fish that is subject to a slot-limit falling outside the slot is permitted as long as it is released.

If you have any questions reach out to the Angling Rules Committee.



Brian Bremner with a lovely, largemouth bass!

CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - ANDY CORTEZ

Make your voice heard! Public comment forums allow all Virginia's citizens to participate in making and changing our state regulations. Here is a summary of current proposed regulatory changes that may be of interest to VAC membership:

ACTIONS UNDERWAY

Northern Pike, eliminate statewide size and possession limit. Add 5 per day limit at Gaston and Buggs Island Reservoirs.

Striped bass, no possession in Meherrin, Nottoway, Blackwater (Chowan Drainage), North Landing and Northwest Rivers and their tributaries plus Back Bay.

Large mouth bass and smallmouth bass, eliminate size limits at Philpott Reservoir and Quantico Marine Base.

Designation of trout fishing waters, single hook artificial lure, catch and release in Big Tumbling Creek (Russel and Washington County) and Chesnut Creek (Carrol County).

Bullhead species removed from the list of species that can be taken in unlimited numbers.

Public comment period is in progress and ends 9/10/24.

PETITIONS:

Hickory shad, Virginia CCA has petitioned VMRC to adopt a creel limit for Chesapeake Bay, coastal rivers and tributaries. Public comment period opens 8/26/2024 and ends 9/16/2024

To participate in the decision-making process, go to Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Home Page public comment forums. <https://www.townhall.virginia.gov/>

From the DWR Chief of Fisheries, Mike Bednarski

Folks,

Here is a link to comment on DWR's proposed fishing regulations. These will be presented at our October Wildlife and Boat Committee (date TBD) meeting for adoption. Public comments received will be summarized and presented at this meeting.

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/regulations/2024-fisheries-boating-non-game-regulation-proposals/>

Specific recreational fishing regulations focus on changing size and bag limits on black bass in Philpott Reservoir and Quantico Marine Base, striped bass in the Chowan River drainage, muskellunge, northern pike, and chain pickerel statewide, and bullhead. Clarifying regulations are proposed for striped bass in Crane Lake as well as for rock and Roanoke bass in the Blackwater River of the Chowan River drainage basin. Other changes are proposed to the extent of artificial only trout waters on Big Tumbling Creek within the Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area and delayed harvest trout waters in Chestnut Creek, Carroll County.

Please share with anyone you know that may be interested. As a general reminder, we get very comments about fishing regulations and public participation is a vital part of the process. The form is the easiest way for us to receive and process the comments.

I personally review all of the sportfish related comments and present them to the Wildlife and Boat Committee. I also take an active role in drafting and editing these comments. In this vein, please let anyone you forward this to know that I am happy to speak with them directly, via phone or email, about the rationale for the regulations.

The comment period is open until September 10th. Regulations go into effect January 1st, 2025. Our next regulation cycle will begin around January 1st, 2026. That will kick off with the scoping period where we solicit comments. However, we have in the past worked with organizations ahead of that schedule when we anticipate proposed regulatory action on a complex topic (i.e. more than size and bag limit changes) prior to scoping.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Mike

Mike Bednarski, Ph.D.
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EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

PIANKATANK RIVER EXPEDITION – SEPTEMBER 7th (Salt and freshwater)

Here is your chance to catch different saltwater species to help you reach your club goals. Bring your kayaks, small boats, and large vessels. The Piankatank river offers fresh and saltwater opportunities. There are multiple launch locations along the river depending on what species you are chasing. There will not be a set time or meeting place for this expedition, so let's meet at the Hole in the Wall restaurant at 1:00pm for lunch to share stories and pictures. · **Hole in the Wall** (384 Old Ferry Rd, Grimstead, VA 23064)

Here are a couple of launch locations: Freeport Boat Landing & Stampers Bay Landing.

**Give me a call if you plan to attend or have a question, Carter Clevinger
804-316-5002**



KIPTOPEKE SPECIES EXPEDITION – OCTOBER 18TH - 20TH (Saltwater for flounder, tautog, speckled trout, etc)

We have a 15 person lodge already reserved in Kiptopeke state park. If you would like to go, **there is a \$50 deposit to hold your spot**. Contact John Gorman (757) 784-2495 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. These are just a couple locations close to camp, opportunities are endless.

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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JAMES RIVER CATFISH EXPEDITION - NOVEMBER 23rd

of the best locations and times to catch a trophy blue catfish is in November on the upper tidal James River. This VAC James River Trophy Catfish Expedition will be based out of Deep Bottom Park in Varina, but other upper tidal James departure locations on the James are available.

Small to medium sized boats & kayaks are ideal for fishing this area of the James.

This Expedition requires a sign up and let's match up members who want to fish this expedition but do not have a boat, with members who have openings on their boat.

This is a great exercise in highlighting one of the greatest parts of the Virginia Anglers Club. Fishing, of course, and getting to know other anglers who share our passion.

Boats should be in the water and ready to roll by 7am (sunrise is 6:58am). High Tide is 10:29am, so you will have a chance to fish the incoming and outgoing tides. Wind and tide will play a roll as to where you can fish. An order has been placed for calm winds. One

As for bait, the goal is for each boat to receive a couple of fresh shad the morning of the trip. I'll be on the river catching shad by 5am, so if anyone wants to learn how to catch gizzard shad, plan on showing up to Deep Bottom at 4:45am, and I'll be glad to have you ride aboard my boat, have a good time and learn about catching shad on the James. I can handle three or four people easily while catching shad.

Trophy blue catfish is a great specie to use light line and try for the highest point freshwater fish entry of the year (Freshwater President's Cup).

**Give me a call if you plan to attend or have any questions, Mike Ostrander
804-938-2350.**

The main departure location is:

Deep Bottom Park, 9525 Deep Bottom Road, Henrico, VA 23231

Here are a couple of other upper tidal James River launch locations:

Osborne Landing

Ancarrow's Landing



EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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CEDAR CREEK TROUT EXPEDITION - December 1 - 3rd

This year, the always popular Cedar Springs Trout Expedition will be on Sunday December 1st, 2nd and returning home on Tuesday December 3rd. This year we have the entire small stream reserved and lodging at the Farmhouse. Trip is limited to 6 anglers. Please contact Cliff for details and/or to reserve your spot at pepsicliff@sbcglobal.net or (714) 904-8064

What's Going on in the James River?

A blue crab was seen feeding on largemouth bass at Osbourne Landing and a 13" flounder was caught in a net nearby. I thought these critters liked salt water?



EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

South Anna Wade Trip Expedition on June 30, 2024



**The SOUTH ANNA WADE TRIP
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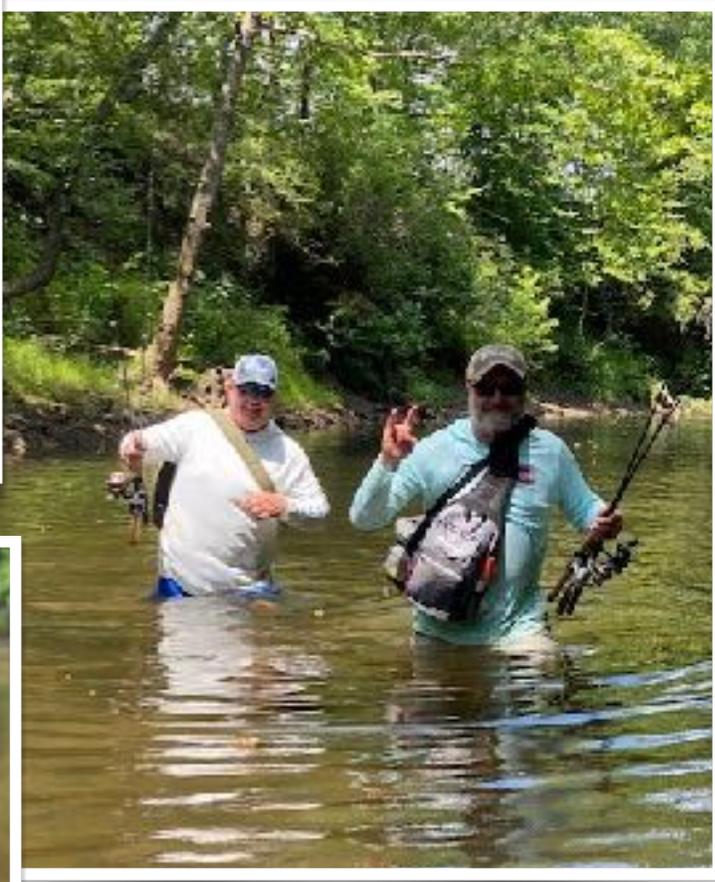
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and had a blast!!!

Don't miss this one next year!!!



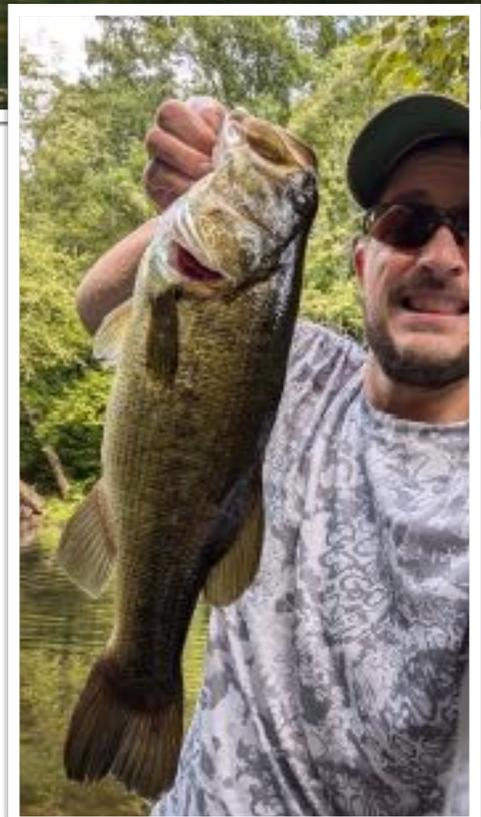
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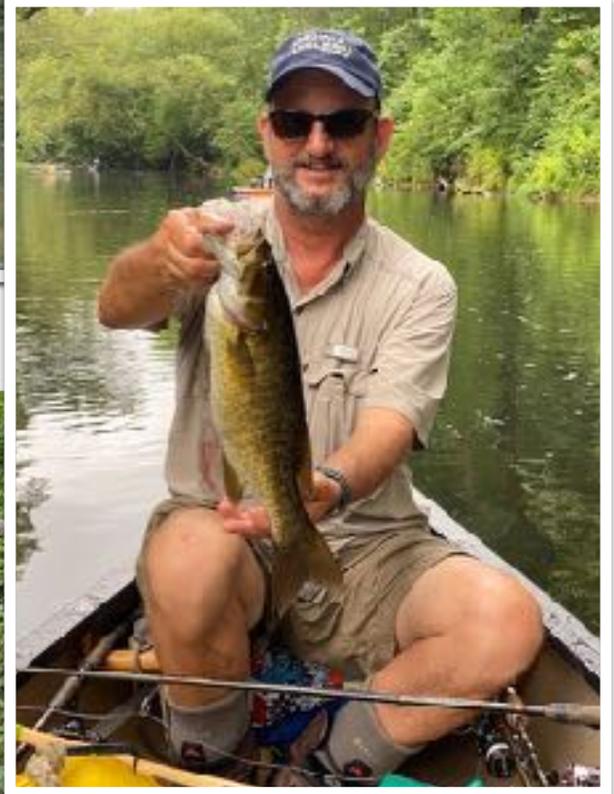
North Anna Wade Trip Expedition on August 3, 2024

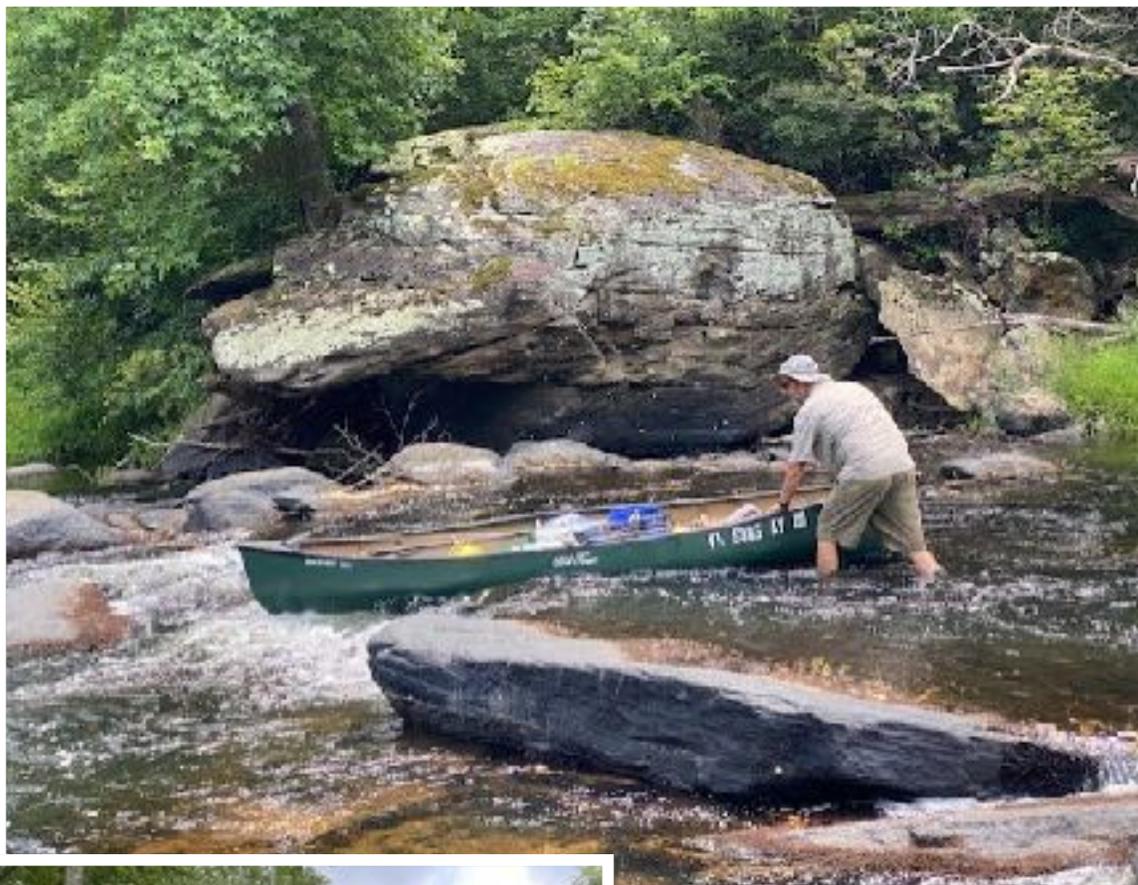




**ANOTHER GREAT TRIP!!!
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LEADER BOARD 2024 as of August 21

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	COCHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	5-7	8	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	B BEGHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COCHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)
CATFISH, BLUE	BN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-25	JAMES RIVER, VA	Black Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	C CLEVINGER	58-0	4	GEN	405	2024-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Bait
TROUT, RAINBOW	B SHEPHERD	5-11	4	FLY	323	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Woolly 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	String Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-6	6	GEN	258	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	12-8	8	FLY	208	2024-04-16	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Cleiser
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	5-7	8	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

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"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS 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, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	3-13	4	SPIN	276	2024-06-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	White 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, CHANNEL	J DOLIN	8-4	4	GEN	196	2024-07-07	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA	Red Worm
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	D MERRICKS	30-0	8	GEN	307	2024-06-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bluegill
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	18-8	8	GEN	203	2024-08-15	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Live Minnow
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
PIKE, NORTHERN	J DOLIN	2-6	2	SPIN	118	2024-07-14	HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE, VA	White Curly Tail Grub
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
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-08	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Buzzbat
SUNFISH	F HART	1-1	2	SPIN	279	2024-01-05	PRIVATE POND, VA	Bobby Garland
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	GEN	200	2024-06-29	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
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	Slng Silver
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	5-2	8	SPIN	128	2024-07-27	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub
COBIA	D MERRICKS	25-0	12	PLUG	186	2024-07-27	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Twich Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B SHEPHERD	3-11	4	SPIN	230	2024-07-21	HUNGARS CREEK, VA	Jg
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)/ROUNDHEAD	C OLEVINGER	1-0	2	SPIN	270	2024-08-01	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Fish Bites
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	6-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	D MERRICKS	8-4	12	GEN	165	2024-03-08	DCUTHAT LAKE, VA	Live Minnow
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3' Swimbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M CSTRANDER	3-13	4	SPIN	276	2024-06-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	White Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	J GORMAN	4-11	8	GEN	125	2024-03-13	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	26-0	6	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	165	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3' Swimbait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	860	2024-01-25	OCHOKE POND, VA	1/4 Cunce Silver Buddy (Silver J)
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	46-0	20ER	GEN	247	2023-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	5-0	8	GEN	141	2024-06-29	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	D MERRICKS	30-0	8	GEN	307	2024-06-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bluegill
CRAFFIE, ALL	C ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	350	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	18-8	8	GEN	203	2024-08-15	CHICKA-HOMINY LAKE, VA	Live Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	1-8	2	GEN	319	2024-07-29	RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR, VA	Nightcrawler
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C PHIPPS	3-10	8	SPIN	175	2024-04-13	LAKE CHESDIN, VA	Spinner Bait
PIKE, NORTHERN	J COJIN	2-9	2	SPIN	118	2024-07-14	HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE, VA	White Curly Tail Grub
SALMONEYE	C ALVIS	4-10	20ER	GEN	76	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Swimbait
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	3-4	4	SPIN	161	2024-03-04	ROCKY MOUNT, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F MURRAY	2-9	6	FLY	252	2024-03-15	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred Fly
SNAKE-HEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	158	2024-06-09	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	F HART	1-2	2	GEN	239	2024-05-12	PRIVATE POND, VA	Popeye And A Wax Worm
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	GEN	200	2024-08-29	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA	Nightcrawler
TROUT, BROOK	G ALVIS	3-1	4	FLY	265	2024-02-25	NININGER CREEK, VA	Wooly Buggor Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-16	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	164	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Live Minnow

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"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4.5	5	GEN	253	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	5.2	5	SPIN	123	2024-07-27	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Crab
DOBIA	D MERRICKS	25.0	12	PLUG	199	2024-07-27	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Twizh Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42.0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B SHEPHERD	3.11	4	SPIN	230	2024-07-21	HUNGARS CREEK, VA	Jig
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)/ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1.0	2	SPIN	270	2024-05-01	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Fish Bites
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8.7	5	SPIN	552	2024-05-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater
SPOT	D CARTER	0.7	5	GEN	61	2024-05-25	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Bloodworm

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C PHIPPS	8.4	20BR	GEN	110	2024-05-29	PRIVATE POND, VA	Hollow Body Frog
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1.14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-25	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimball
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)	D MERRICKS	28.0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Live Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C CLEVINGER	4.8	2	PLUG	150	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1.8	2	PLUG	183	2024-04-05	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimball
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43.11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-29	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	24.11	6	PLUG	290	2024-01-25	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	D MERRICKS	30.0	8	GEN	307	2024-06-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bluegill
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2.14	4	SPIN	385	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimball
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	19.6	8	GEN	203	2024-08-15	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Live Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1.8	2	GEN	282	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA	Red Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1.2	6	PLUG	204	2024-03-01	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1.2	12	PLUG	137	2024-03-04	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PIKE, NORTHERN	C PHIPPS	15.11	12	PLUG	148	2024-07-28	CANADA, OTHER	Buzzbait
SAUGYEYE	D MERRICKS	4.8	12	SPIN	138	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SAUGYEYE	D MERRICKS	4.1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SNAKE-HEAD	C PHIPPS	4.8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-05	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	D MERRICKS	1.1	6	GEN	163	2024-04-25	COHOKE MILLPOND, VA	Nightcrawler
SUNFISH, REGGAR	DL NOBLES	1.2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-15	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Ratcove
SUNFISH, REGGAR	D MERRICKS	1.8	2	GEN	200	2024-06-29	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA	Nightcrawler
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
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)/ROUNDHEAD)	D CARTER	0.14	8	GEN	116	2024-05-31	CVFP NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, VA	Gul Pig Fish
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)/ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1.0	2	SPIN	270	2024-05-01	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Fish Bites
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	0.7	6	SPIN	502	2024-05-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

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YOUTH FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	ASHER BROUGHTON 7_12	55-0	8	GEN	482	2024-02-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cl. Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	GRANT TOWNSEND 0_5	0-15	2	SPIN	145	2024-03-14	PRIVATE POND, VA	Grub

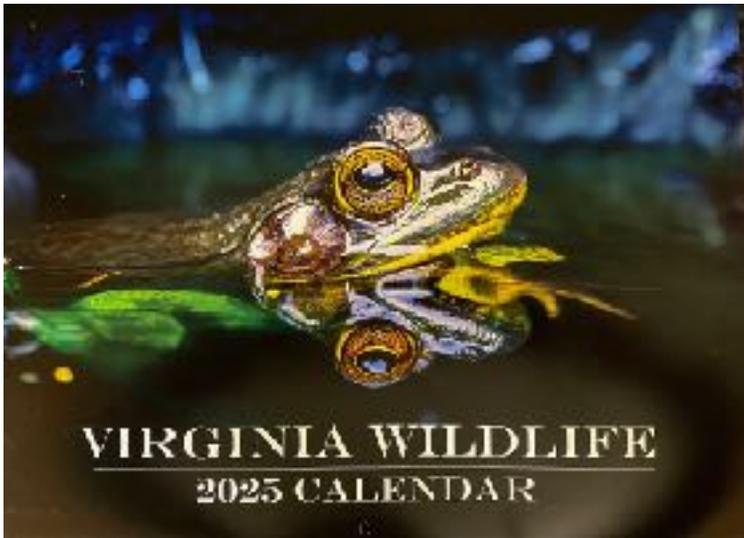
YOUTH SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SALFISH, ATLANTIC	B SHEPHERD	0-0	6	GEN	500	2024-04-23	KEY BISCAYNE, FL	Goggle Eye

NEW MEMBER AWARD								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	TEMBRY	7-1	4	SPIN	353	2024-03-25	ARMISTEAD PT PARK POND HAMPTON ,	Joe's Fly # 35
CRAPPIE, ALL	TEMBRY	1-13	2	GEN	232	2024-04-15	WOODSTOCK POND YRSP JAMES CITY CO	Minnow
CRAPPIE, ALL	TEMBRY	1-13	2	GEN	232	2024-03-17	WOODSTOCK POND YRSP JAMES CITY CO	Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	TEMBRY	0-9	2	GEN	119	2024-04-24	WALLERMILL RES. YORK CO. VA	Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	TEMBRY	0-13	2	GEN	172	2023-12-10	WALLER MILL RESERVOIR, VA	Minnow
PICKEREL, CHAIN	TEMBRY	1-12	2	GEN	140	2024-02-19	POWATAN CREEK JAMES CITY CO. VA	Minnow
SHAD, HICKORY	TEMBRY	1-0	2	SPIN	134	2021-01-30	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Cliff's Hand Poured Trout Worm
Total					1382			



Daniel Carter with a nice 38lb plus flathead catfish! Sweet!



CALENDARS ARE COMING!!!

Calendar selling guru, Special Activities Committee Chair, **Don West**, reports that the club will be selling DWR calendars for \$12 each again this year as an annual fundraiser. They are normally sold for \$15 each. Last year, we sold 375 and brought in \$1874 for the club!

Don asks that if each member could sell 10 calendars then we would really add some money to our coffer.

Calendars will be ready around the first week of September so consider selling 10, if not more, this year!

Calendars make great gifts and will be used all year! How often can you say that about a gift?

Contact **Don West** for more info and to reserve your calendars to sell, or purchase!
804-897-8723

VAC HATS FOR SALE!



We will have new club hats available for purchase at this month's meeting!

Price is **\$30 each** - Cash or Check

Three different styles to choose from!!! Get yours NOW!!!

Hats can be purchased at a meeting or by contacting Bob Brown.



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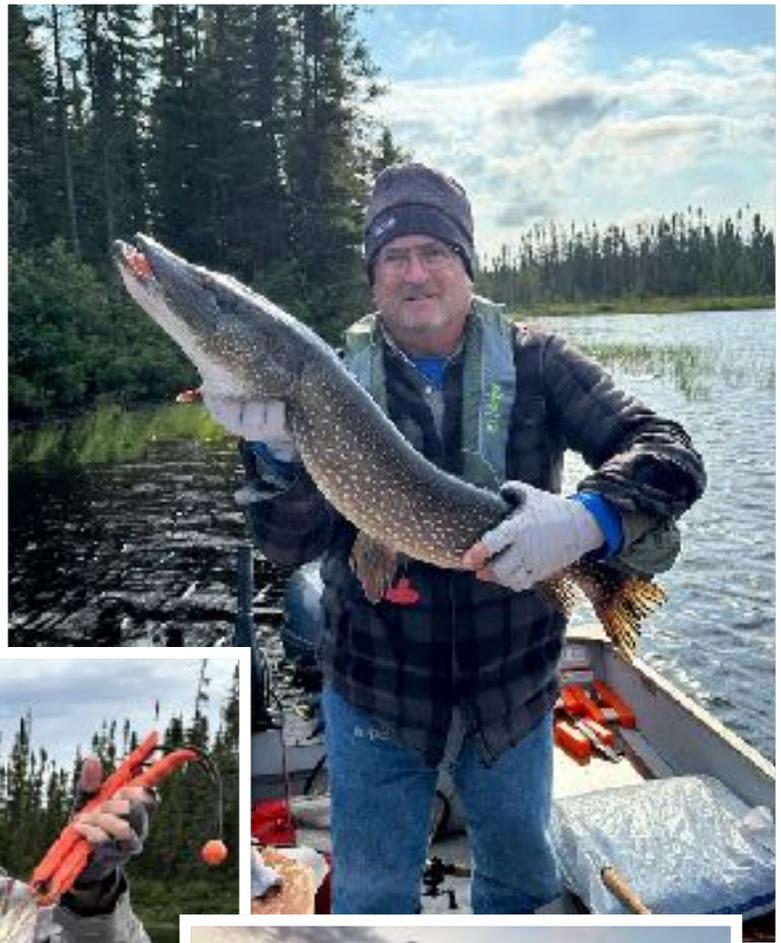
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FISHING MEMORIES

President Cliff Phipps and Frank Hart traveled back to fish Lac Poutrincourt in Canada and, as you can see, they had some great luck!

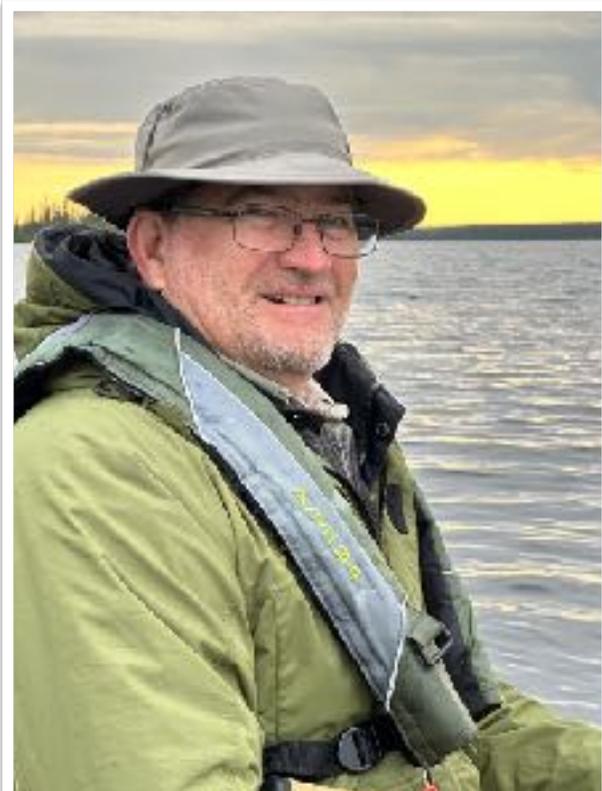
Right: **Cliff Phipps**, with an 11-11, 36 inch Northern Pike caught on a buzz bait!

Below: **Frank Hart** with his 7 -2 Northern Pike.





More Canadian fish! Top Left: **Frank Hart** holding a 7-6 walleye and top, right: **Cliff Phipps** with his nice walleye! More below! Looks like a great trip!!!

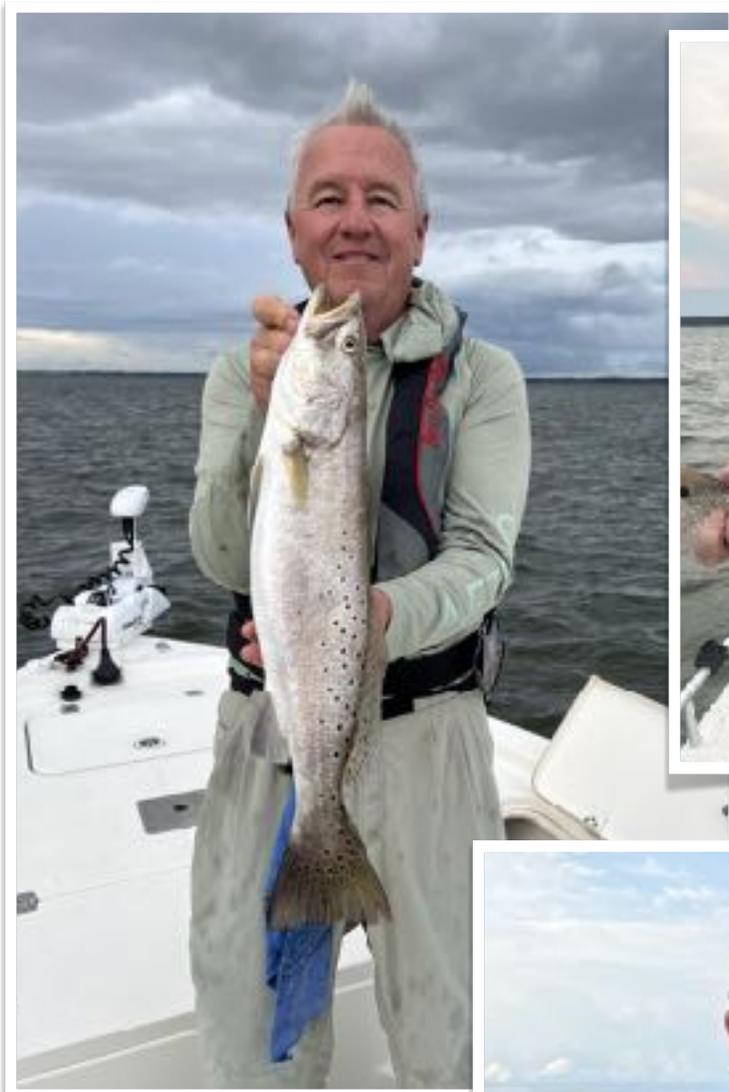


And YES, it was COLD!!!

New member, **Jonathan Hang**, enjoys a fishing trip on Lake Simcoe in Toronto, Canada where he caught smallmouth bass and Northern pike!

Way to go Jonathan!





Lee Walker with a big speckled trout and bottom left, a nice striper.



Gary Martel with a lovely, red drum!



Lee mentions, "Credit for bait selection and fishing technique goes to VAC member **Gary Martel** for passing along that **Gulp New Penny Shrimp** fished under a popping cork in grass filled shinny water is hard to beat this time of the year." Gary adds, "I love it when the fish is too big to fit in the same picture with me."



Jake Wetlaufer has been a fishing nut these last few months...check out his SWEET largemouth bass, speckled trout, puppy drum, and sheepshead. That smile says it all!





Daniel Carter traveled south to catch, *left*, a Blue Tilapia, *below*, a Mayan Cichlid, and one of several young alligators which tried hard to eat his bobber.





Mike Ostrander with a ribbon fish and a gray trout caught at the south beach of Kiptopeke State Park.

