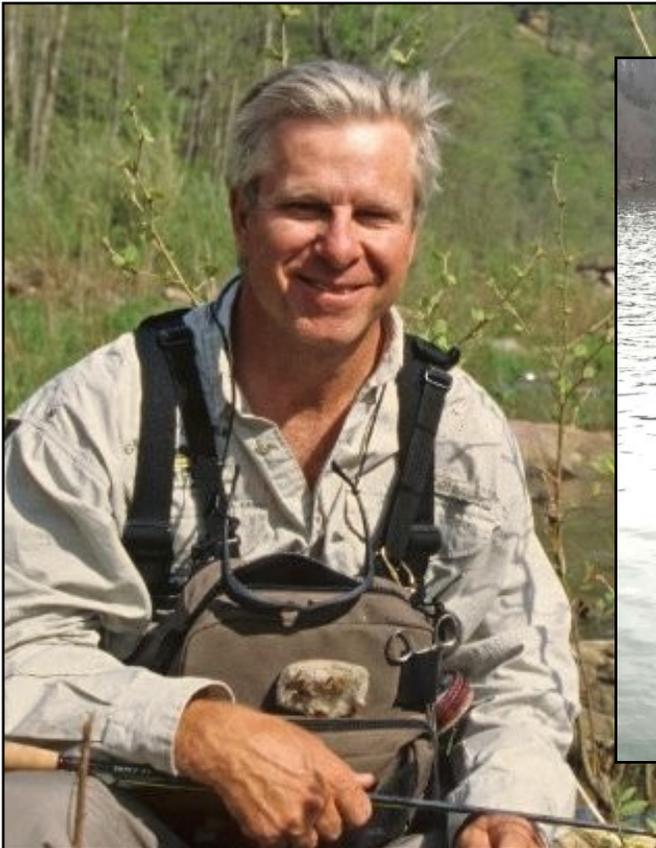




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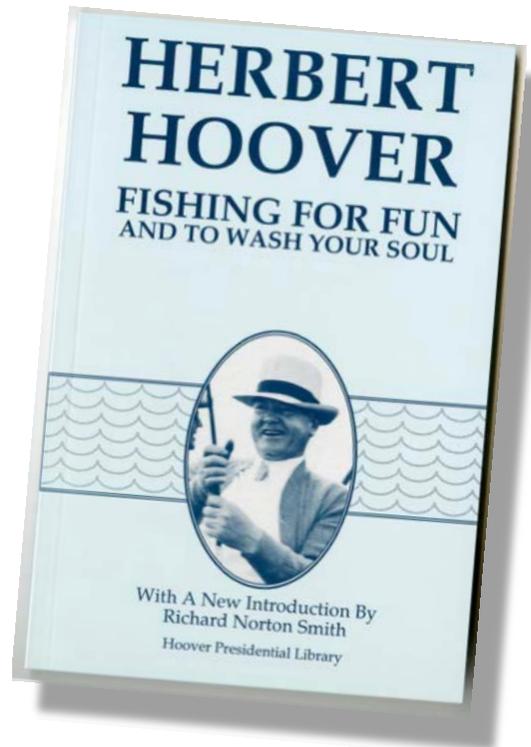
MEMBER MEETING: AUGUST 26th - We are pleased to welcome **Mike Smith** of **New River Fly Fishing** as our program speaker this month. A professional guide, Mike brings years of experience chasing smallmouth bass, musky, and trout. He'll share insights from his guiding career along with tips and techniques to help anglers find more success on the water. He will also discuss the New River Fishery, Effects of Helene, and Walleye on the Fly.

Mike literally wrote the book on fishing the New River, check it out, its called *Fishing the New River Valley!* <https://newriverflyfish.com/>

President's Message

Howdy Virginia Anglers Club members,

In this episode of *The President's Letter* we will be taking a quick look at the 31st President of the United States, Herbert Hoover. Born in Iowa on August 10, 1874, Herbert Hoover quickly became obsessed with fishing and by age 8 was already out fishing older folks in his family. Herbert's favorite type of fishing eventually became fly fishing for trout and "bones" as he liked to call bonefish.



Herbert Hoover became President on March 4, 1929 and quickly became known as "the Fishing President". He wasted no time in setting up a Presidential retreat area on the Rapidan river where he could get away from the stress of the Presidency. That retreat area is now a protected national landmark. Hoover had many quotes about fishing but one of his favorites went like this, "All men are equal before fish".

So true. Here is the full quote and it is also the first words in a book he wrote, *Fishing For Fun - And To Wash Your Soul*.

"Fishing is a chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of the sun on the blue water.... It is discipline in the equality of man—for all men are equal before fish."

Herbert Hoover's love for fishing and conservation was unprecedented among President's and today, if one visits the President Herbert Hoover Library and Museum in West Branch Iowa, you will not see a statue of a man in Presidential attire. Instead, you will see Herbert Hoover in a full fly fishing outfit. That's cool!

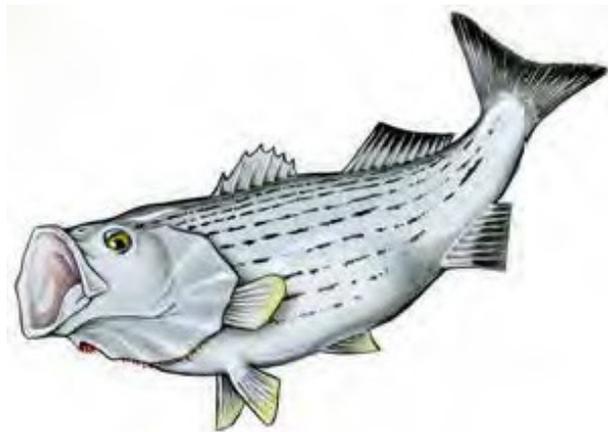
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Be sure to check us out on FACEBOOK!!!



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

Virginia Angler's Club Group

JUST AN IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!

Please send images of your catches to the Newsletter Secretary, Lynda Richardson, lynda@lyndarichardson.com, by the **FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH!!!** We want to see what you're catching!!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Member Meetings - Doors open at 6pm and meeting starts at 7pm.

Board of Directors Meeting - Starts at 6pm.

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

AUGUST 2025

WACK-A-MACK EXPEDITION -August 23, More details to come...

Member Meeting, **August 26** - Speaker: **Mike Smith** of New River Fly Fishing

SEPTEMBER 2025

No Newsletter

No BOD meeting

Member Meeting, **September 23: Wayne Young**, Mapping Structure of the Rappahannock, Pamunkey and Tidal James. Book author.

<https://www.facebook.com/wayne.young.90663894/>

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OCTOBER 2025

Newsletter, **DUE DATE FOR CONTENT/PHOTOS**, OCTOBER 6th, Monday
BOD meeting, **October 14**

October 16 -19 - Kiptopeke Expedition, **FIVE SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE**,
contact Dinkus to sign up! (804) 366-3901 or dinkydog70@gmail.com

October 25 - VAC Oyster Roast at Dinkus' and Ronni's house (See page 9)

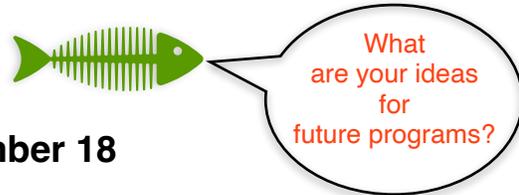
October 28 - Member Meeting, Speaker: **Capt. Andrew Campbell of Flying Fish Charters will be speaking about** "What is new and old at Harker's Island with Flying Fish Charters". <https://www.flyingfish-charters.com/>

NOVEMBER 2025

No Newsletter

BOD meeting, **November 11**

Member Meeting, **DATE CHANGE, November 18**



November 1 - 2 - VAC Surf Team goes into battle!!!

November 22 - Captain Mike Catfish Expedition

November 18 - Member Meeting, Speaker: Dr. Bryan Watts, Director of the Center for Conservation Biology, speaking on osprey and menhaden issues in the Chesapeake Bay

DECEMBER 2025

Newsletter, **DUE DATE FOR CONTENT/PHOTOS**, DECEMBER 1st, Monday

BOD meeting, December 9

No Member Meeting

Please contact **Tom Franco** or **Josh Dolin** if you have ideas about tournaments and expeditions and let's get some dates on the calendar and have stellar fishing year!



Oyster Roast With BARBECUE

Oysters, BBQ, Brisket,
fixings, water and soft
drinks provided.

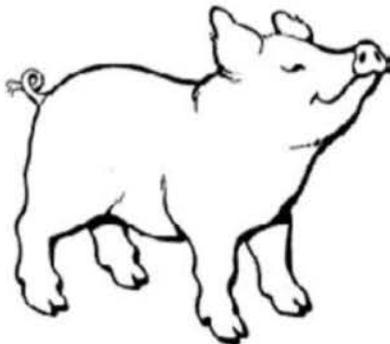
If you wish to drink
something else ...
B.Y.O.B.

OCTOBER 25th, 2025

Noon to 4PM

**PLEASE RSVP to MIKE
OSTRANDER at
mike@DiscovertheJames.com**

**RSVP By Monday October 20, 2025
Bring a guest!**



**Hosts: Ronni & Dinkus Deane
15546 Saint Peters Church Road
Montpelier, VA 23192**

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CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION - Chris Dollar

1. Cobia Season: June 15 to Sept. 20.

Minimum size for recreational cobia is 43 inches total length, with a limit of 1 per person or 2 per vessel.

2. Rockfish (stripers):

- **Open Seasons:** May 15 – July 15 and August 4 – December 31.
- **Summer/Fall Season:** May 16 – July 6 and August 21 – December 31, with specific size and possession limits.
- **No Direct Targeting:** July 7 – August 20, catch and release is permitted, but no harvest is allowed.
- **Circle Hooks:** Required when fishing with bait, regardless of season.
- **Minimum/Maximum Size:** During the summer/fall season, the minimum size is 19 inches, and the maximum is 24 inches.
- **Daily Possession Limit:** One fish per person per day during the summer/fall season.
- **Catch and Release:** Permitted year-round.

3. Menhaden: The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s ecological reference points benchmark stock assessment will be peer-reviewed through the SouthEast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) from August 12 – 15, 2025, at the Doubletree Hotel, 5264 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC. The assessment will be used to evaluate the health of the Atlantic menhaden stock and inform management of the species in an ecosystem context.

Review Workshops are open to the public, with the exception of select closed sessions for Review Panel deliberations when the public and all other workshop participants may be asked to leave the room. A copy of the agenda and livestream registration link for the peer review can be found here – [Events – SEDAR – SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review](#). For more information, please contact Jainita Patel, Fisheries Science Coordinator, at jpatel@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION - Chris Dollar

Of interest to sport anglers:



Red drum Management Board will consider a number of changes to the management programs for the southern (South Carolina to Florida) and northern (New Jersey to North Carolina) stocks of red drum in response to the findings of the 2024 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report. Red drum pop. is an area of concern.



Rockfish (stripers): Updates on ongoing efforts to restore the pop. The pace and outcomes remain questionable. Recently, a national sportfishing group questioned whether MD DNR reporting of the Comms landing was as accurate as it should/could be.

Stay up to date with all the latest activities of the ASMFC on their website

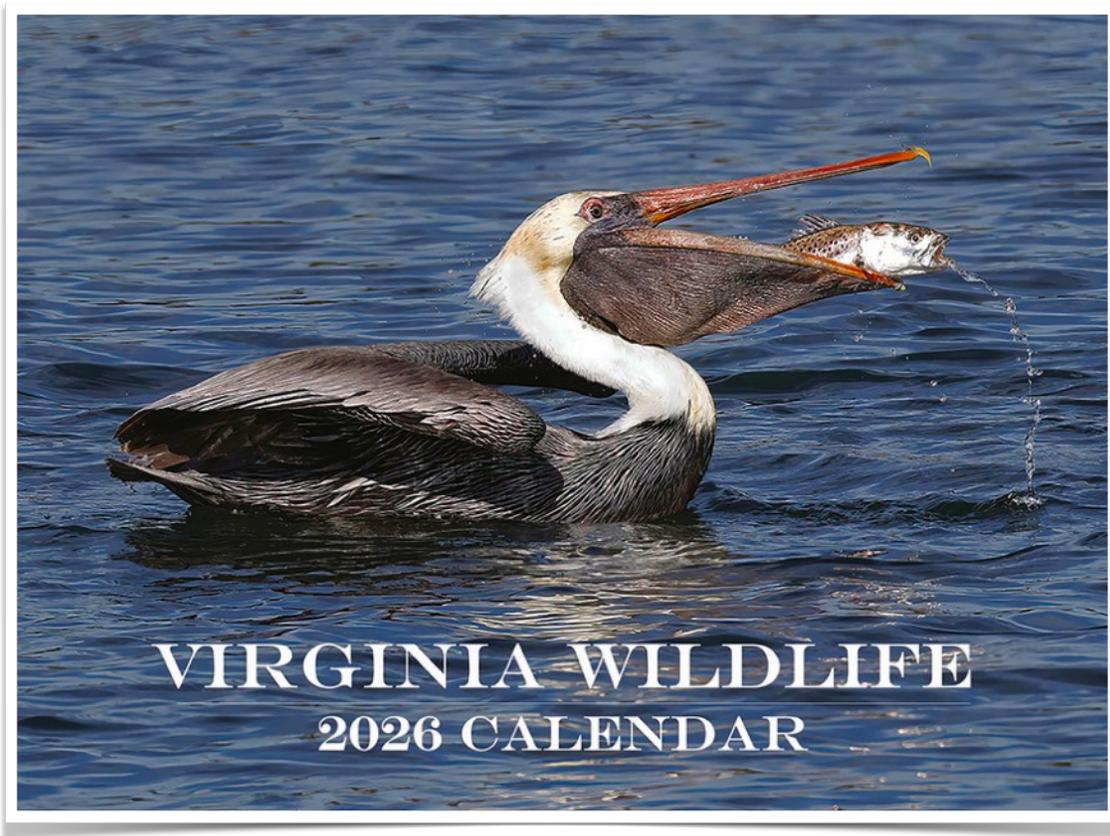
<https://asmfc.org/>. You can find the latest news, meeting info, regulatory updates, and conservation efforts.

WE NEED A BANQUET CHAIR!

If interested and to find out more, contact **President, Dinkus Deane**

at: 804-366-3901 or dinkydog70@gmail.com

**A BIG THANK YOU for considering donating
your time to the Virginia Anglers Club!**



GET READY and plan ahead now!

It will be **Virginia Wildlife Calendar** Fundraising Season Soon!

Great gifts for all of your friends, co-workers, partners, family members, and other folks you know who appreciate the wildness of Virginia!

Contact **Don West** to place your order now! Calendars will be available starting the first week of September!

(804) 897-8723

Calendars are selling for the same price as last year, a bargain for

\$12 each!

Please note the cover is a fisherman this year!

LOL what a perfect gift!

INTERESTED IN SNAKEHEADS?



From: Daniel Neuland

<danneuland@verizon.net> wrote:

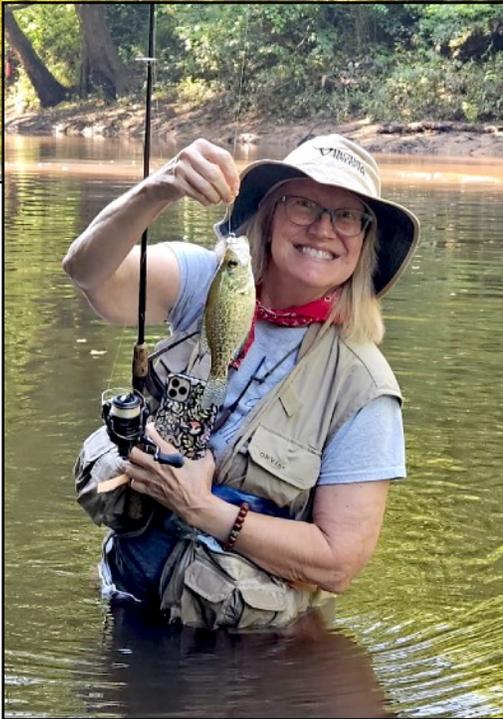
I did a solo kayak outing on the Little Blackwater River Trail near Cambridge, Maryland mid-July. I have been making the drive to the Eastern Shore for the past several years on a quest to catch Chesapeake Channa (Northern snakehead) on a the fly. I landed two beauties on topwater. In the past, I have fished sub-surface streamers for snakes with success but it is hard to beat the experience of watching a snake explode on a surface fly. I am not a snakehead expert as success for me is landing one snakehead per trip on a fly. Spin anglers casting frogs or chatter baits have a much higher success rate as my son, Nathaniel has proved in the past. I saw a number of fry balls with hundreds/ thousands of baby snakeheads. We are having a fish fry tonight!

From Robert Thomas: ***Snakehead Revival*** features Grant Alvis. Searching around for snakehead guides I found this awesome video about a snakehead fanatic on the quest to catch a double-digit snakehead in VA. Very well done and entertaining. See link below. Fun fact - in 2020, Nathaniel caught a 12-pound 33inch snakehead on the first day he went snakehead fishing! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwqa3zwSio4>



Past VAC Events

SOUTH ANNA WADE TRIP enjoyed together on June 21, 2025



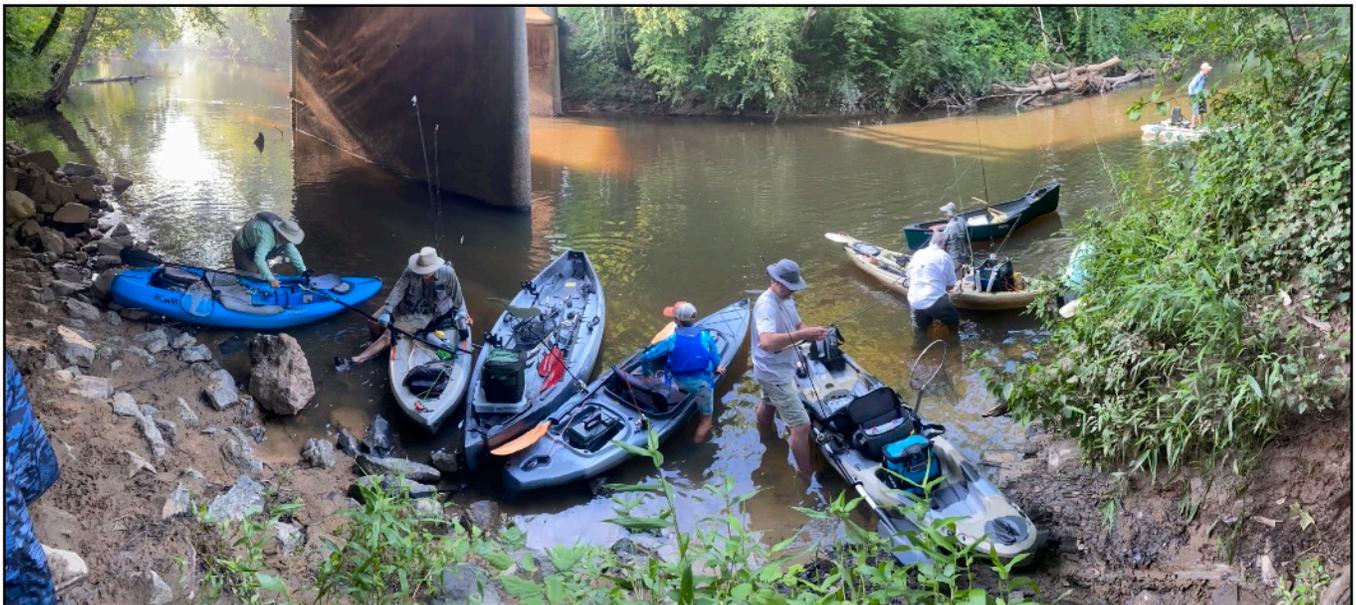


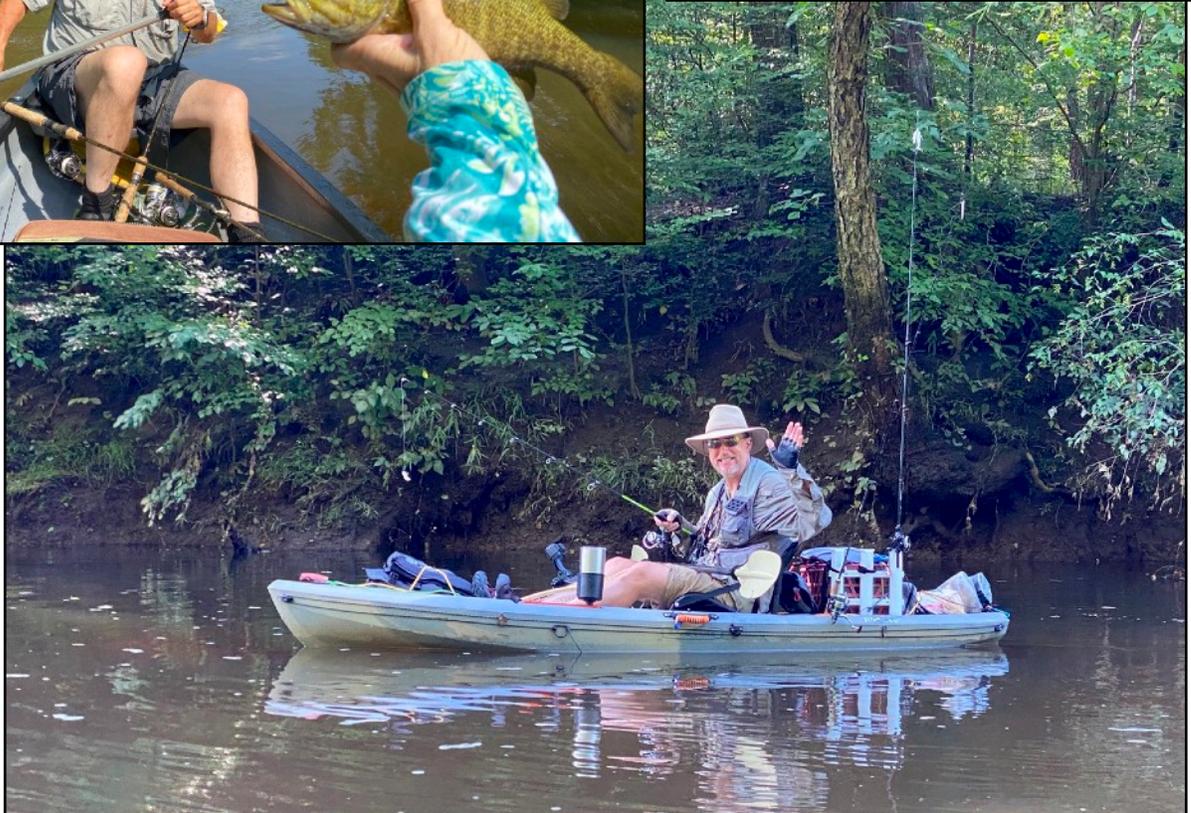


Tricia Pearsall braves the unexpected depth of a river crossing. You GO girl!!!



**NORTH ANNA Kayak/Canoe Expedition enjoyed together
on July 12, 2025**





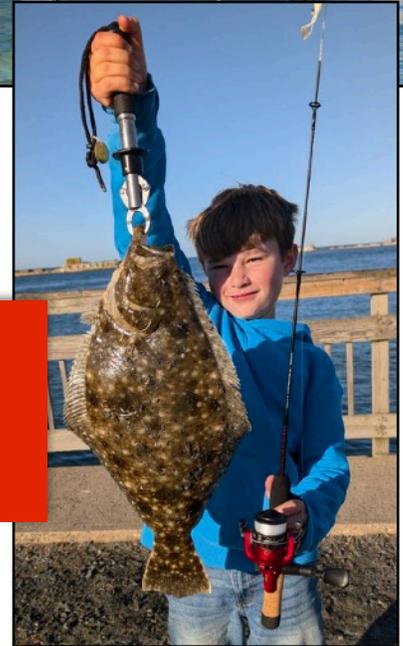






Kiptopeake State Park Trip

October 16, 17 & 18,
check out on 19th



**FIVE SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!!
CONTACT DINKUS DEAN NOW TO
HOLD YOUR SPOT!**



The club has booked two lodges this year! Only a few slots left and only \$117.75 per person. If you are interested contact Dinkus at dinkydog70@gmail.com or (804)366-3901 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 of locations close to camp, opportunities are endless.

There are also other fun things to do besides fishing (heaven forbid!) like visiting tourist friendly Cape Charles, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, Turner Sculpture Gallery and more!



FOR SALE

From Tony Day:

I first used Chatillon fishing scales when I was a member of the Virginia Anglers Club which was a member of the International Game Fisheries Association whose purpose was to set world fishing records and the Chatillon scales were the only ones that could be calibrated and certified to the standards of the IGFA.

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IN-12, IN-6 retail \$109.00 each Sale Price \$50.00 each with free USPS shipping, payments by Paypal.

Tony Day, tbd@louisiana.net

The Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program



The **Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program** celebrated the science and dedication of its longest serving volunteers on June 6. Hosted by the Marine Advisory Program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, the special ceremony highlighted more than 30 years of data and service contributed by anglers since 1995. Volunteers receiving awards included the following:

30 Years of Service - Jon Lucy, Ken Neill, Stan Simmerman

20 Years of Service - David Agee, Tracy Boyd, Al Bunnell, Rob Collins, Jay & Jim Duell, Jeff Davis, Stan Gold, Marvin Hardisty, Bill Knapp, Ed Lawrence, Don Miller, Charles Randolph, Cory Routh, Ed Shepherd, Donnie Smith, Scott Vinson, Brian Watkins, Doug Wehner

15 Years of Service - Wes Blow, Tom Embry, David Griffith, Kendall Osborne, Brandon Poulter, Doug Purcell, Karl Ringer, Carl Stover, Rick Wineman, George Wojcik

10,000+ Fishes Tagged - Ed Shepherd -102,027 tags; Scott Vinson - 36,416 tags; Sheldon Arey - 21,633 tags; Rob Collins - 15,246 tags; T. T. M. Embry - 10,079 tags.

In addition to our volunteers, long-serving VGFTP staff were recognized for their service to the program:

Data Technician - **Dave Ferree**

Workshop Assistance - **Wendy Lowery and Pat McGrath**

17 Years of Service - **Todd Sperling**

30 Years of Service - **Ann Burnett and Cheryl Teagle.**

<https://www.vims.edu/research/units/centerspartners/map/recfish/va-game-fish-tagging-program/>

Submitted by: Susanna Musick
Marine Advisory Program
Virginia Institute of Marine Science
https://www.vims.edu/people/musick_s/

Lines Out



William Stephen “Steve” Richardson, Jr.

Departed this life on June 17, 2025, after a brief illness.

He is preceded in death by his son, William Stephen Richardson, III

He is survived by: Linda L. Richardson, wife, and daughters; Lynda L. Richardson (Michael S. Ostrander), Karen E. Richardson, and W. Stephanie Richardson

Anyone who knew Steve, recognized his love of hunting and fishing. He fished north pole to south pole catching huge lake trout in the Northwest Territories in Canada to fly fishing for sea run brown trout in Tierra del Fuego.

Steve shared his love of fishing with his entire family who especially enjoyed time with him at Taylor’s Pond in Virginia and the St. John’s River in Jacksonville, Florida.

He was a member of the Virginia Angler’s Club and the Fly Fisher’s of Virginia.

Lines Out

Virginia Anglers Club Member **Clint Peters** pulled lines for the final time on Friday, May 23, 2025. Clint was a 30 year Member of the VAC, joining in 1995. Clint’s submission of only four Catch Cards (LM bass, yellow perch, brown trout and steelhead trout) during his 30 years as a Member is a good indication that Clint spent his time on the water fishing for the pure enjoyment of angling. Clint’s many friends in the Club will miss seeing him at Club functions.

LEADERSHIP BOARD as of August 13, 2025

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	2-2	2	PLUG	559	2025-03-09	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Spoon

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	8-0	4	PLUG	640	2024-12-10	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	Zoom Superfluke

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C PHIPPS	8-1	2	SPIN	537	2025-02-23	PRIVATE POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	F HART	56-0	8	GEN	471	2025-02-04	PAMONKEY RIVER, VA	Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	2-0	6	FLY	454	2025-03-14	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Clouser Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	2-2	2	PLUG	559	2025-03-09	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Spoon

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	J DOLIN	32-0	12	SPIN	266	2025-05-07	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Swimbait
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	3-11		SURF	368	2025-05-01	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	8-0	4	PLUG	640	2024-12-10	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	Zoom Superfluke
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	F JAMES	46-6	30	GEN	140	2025-07-14	OREGON INLET, NC	Ballyhoo

**BETTER
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THAN
SORRY!!!**



Virginia

LEADERSHIP BOARD as of August 13, 2025

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C PHIPPS	8-1	2	SPIN	537	2025-02-23	PRIVATE POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	J DOLIN	3-10	6	SPIN	207	2025-06-07	NORTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER, VA	Yamamoto Senko
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	J DOLIN	10-8	4	GEN	210	2025-02-08	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Jig And Minnow
BASS, WHITE	C CLEVINGER	2-8	6	GEN	179	2025-03-27	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Minnow
BOWFIN	J DOLIN	7-4	4	GEN	221	2025-03-15	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER , VA	Jig And Minnow
CATFISH, BLUE	F HART	56-0	8	GEN	471	2025-02-04	PAMONKEY RIVER, VA	Minnow
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	11-0	8	SPIN	216	2025-05-11	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Gulp Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J DOLIN	37-1	16	FLY	360	2025-05-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Half And Half
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	2-2	2	PLUG	337	2025-03-09	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Spoon
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-13	8	SPIN	283	2025-03-29	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Joe's Fly
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	D MERRICKS	8-4	8	SPIN	137	2025-03-30	NEW RIVER, VA	3.5" Tube
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-11	2	PLUG	444	2024-12-28	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Casting Spoon
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	2-2	2	PLUG	559	2025-03-09	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Spoon
PICKEREL, CHAIN	J DOLIN	2-9	4	FLY	235	2025-03-12	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Baitfish Fly
SAUGEYE	F COUSINS	4-1	2	SPIN	270	2025-03-13	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Grub
SHAD, AMERICAN	T PEARSALL	1-13	4	SPIN	108	2025-04-01	CHOWAN RIVER/GATLINGTON LANDING,	Curly Tail Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	JH SHEFFIELD	2-12	4	SPIN	261	2025-04-02	WELDON , NC	Spoon
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	1-4	2	SPIN	328	2025-04-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-12	6	GEN	142	2025-05-11	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
TROUT, RAINBOW	T FRANCO	2-15	2	FLY	229	2025-02-05	ROSE RIVER, VA	Fly -- Red Dart Midge
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-4	8	GEN	167	2025-02-23	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
AMBERJACK, GREATER	JL WETLAUFER, JR	15-0	8	PLUG	166	2025-06-24	OREGON INLET, NC	Jig
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-8	8	PLUG	281	2025-02-23	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Bucktail
BLUEFISH	BL NOLAND	11-10		SURF	207	2025-05-04	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Bluefish
DRUM, RED	D MERRICKS	44-0		SURF	314	2025-05-07	BARRIER ISLANDS, VA	Cut Shad
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2-4	4	SPIN	140	2025-07-19	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Spoon
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	3-11		SURF	368	2025-05-01	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	8-0	4	PLUG	640	2024-12-10	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	Zoom Superfluke
SHARK, OTHER	B SHEPHERD	100-0		SURF	250	2025-05-07	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Shad
SHEEPSHEAD	BL NOLAND	3-13		SURF	127	2025-05-02	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	F JAMES	46-6	30	GEN	140	2025-07-14	OREGON INLET, NC	Ballyhoo

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"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F HART	9-9	8	SPIN	318	2025-02-23	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	D MERRICKS	4-0	8	SPIN	187	2025-04-04	DAN RIVER, VA	2.75" Tube
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	11-0	6	GEN	176	2025-02-08	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	C CLEVINGER	2-8	6	GEN	179	2025-03-27	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Minnow
BOWFIN	J DOLIN	7-4	4	GEN	221	2025-03-15	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER , VA	Jig And Minnow
CARP	D CARTER	5-14	6	GEN	97	2025-04-20	JAMES RIVER, VA	Night Crawler
CATFISH, BLUE	D CARTER	59-12	20	GEN	308	2025-03-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Eel
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	11-0	8	SPIN	216	2025-05-11	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Gulp Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J DOLIN	37-1	16	FLY	360	2025-05-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Half And Half
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	3-3	8	GEN	219	2025-01-12	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Live Minnow
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-13	8	SPIN	283	2025-03-29	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Joe's Fly
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	D MERRICKS	8-4	8	SPIN	137	2025-03-30	NEW RIVER, VA	3.5" Tube
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-11	2	PLUG	444	2024-12-28	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Castling Spoon
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	2-2	2	PLUG	559	2025-03-09	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Spoon
PICKEREL, CHAIN	D MERRICKS	3-5	6	GEN	154	2025-01-05	EMPORIA RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
SAUGEYE	RL WHITE	4-14	4	SPIN	266	2025-02-24	LAKE ANNA, VA	Berkley Shad
SHAD, AMERICAN	T PEARSALL	1-13	4	SPIN	108	2025-04-01	CHOWAN RIVER/GATLINGTON LANDING,	Curly Tail Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	JH SHEFFIELD	2-12	4	SPIN	261	2025-04-02	WELDON , NC	Spoon
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	1-4	2	SPIN	328	2025-04-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-12	6	GEN	142	2025-05-11	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
TROUT, BROOK	T EMBRY	0-10	2	SPIN	71	2025-03-21	ARMISTEAD PT. PARK POND HAMPTON,	Powerbait Trout Worm Natural
TROUT, BROWN	T EMBRY	1-0	2	GEN	50	2025-02-18	SHIELDS LAKE, RICHMOND, VA	Night Crawler
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	7-0	8	SPIN	205	2025-03-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	3.5" Tube
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-4	8	GEN	167	2025-02-23	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
AMBERJACK, GREATER	JL WETLAUFER, JR	15-0	8	PLUG	166	2025-06-24	OREGON INLET, NC	Jig
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-8	8	PLUG	281	2025-02-23	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Bucktail
BLUEFISH	BL NOLAND	11-10		SURF	207	2025-05-04	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Bluefish
DRUM, RED	D MERRICKS	44-0		SURF	314	2025-05-07	BARRIER ISLANDS, VA	Cut Shad
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	D CARTER	0-11	8	GEN	91	2025-05-29	BACK CREEK, VA	Bloodworm
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2-4	4	SPIN	140	2025-07-19	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Spoon
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	3-11		SURF	368	2025-05-01	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	8-0	4	PLUG	640	2024-12-10	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	Zoom Superfluke
SHARK, OTHER	B SHEPHERD	100-0		SURF	250	2025-05-07	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Shad
SHEEPSHEAD	BL NOLAND	3-13		SURF	127	2025-05-02	HATTERAS - RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
TRIGGERFISH	J WETLAUFER	2-13	12	GEN	56	2025-06-24	ORGON INLET, NC	Squid
TUNA, YELLOWFIN	F JAMES	46-6	30	GEN	140	2025-07-14	OREGON INLET, NC	Ballyhoo

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NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	T EMBRY	8-12	2	GEN	465	2025-03-05	WALLERMILL RESERVOIR YORK COUNTY	Night Crawler
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	5-12	2	PLUG	191	2025-03-23	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, WHITE	C CLEVINGER	2-8	6	GEN	179	2025-03-27	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Minnow
CATFISH, BLUE	J GORMAN	12-5	6	SPIN	144	2025-01-26	LAKE GASTON, VA	Swim Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	D CARTER	59-12	20	GEN	308	2025-03-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Eel
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	11-0	8	SPIN	216	2025-05-11	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Gulp Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	J DOLIN	37-1	16	FLY	360	2025-05-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Half And Half
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	3-3	8	GEN	219	2025-01-12	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Live Minnow
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	2-2	2	PLUG	337	2025-03-09	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Spoon
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-13	8	SPIN	283	2025-03-29	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Joe's Fly
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-11	2	PLUG	444	2024-12-28	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Casting Spoon
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOLIN	1-6	4	FLY	371	2025-03-14	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Kreelex Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOLIN	1-4	2	FLY	416	2025-03-14	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Kneeled Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	2-0	6	FLY	454	2025-03-14	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Clouser Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	2-2	2	PLUG	559	2025-03-09	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Spoon
PICKEREL, CHAIN	D MERRICKS	2-10	6	FLY	191	2025-03-14	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Clouser Minnow
SAUGEYE	F COUSINS	4-1	2	SPIN	270	2025-03-13	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Grub
SAUGEYE	RL WHITE	4-14	4	SPIN	266	2025-02-24	LAKE ANNA, VA	Berkley Shad
SAUGEYE	F COUSINS	4-8	6	SPIN	207	2025-02-24	LAKE ANNA, VA	Crankbait
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	1-4	2	SPIN	328	2025-04-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-12	6	GEN	142	2025-05-11	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	7-0	8	SPIN	205	2025-03-27	JAMES RIVER, VA	3.5" Tube
WALLEYE	J GORMAN	4-14	6	SPIN	224	2025-06-27	CHIPPEWA.FLOWAGE, WI	Paddle Tail

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	SC LEE	8-0	4	PLUG	640	2024-12-10	ELIZABETH RIVER, VA	Zoom Superfluke

YOUTH FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	ASA CARTER 7_12	38-10	20BR	GEN	199	2025-07-25	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Eel
CRAPPIE, ALL	GRANT TOWNSEND 0_6	0-11	2	SPIN	109	2025-04-24	PRIVATE POND, VA	Crappie Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	EDWIN BREMNER 7_12	1-11	4	SPIN	160	2025-03-30	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	White Grub

YOUTH SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait

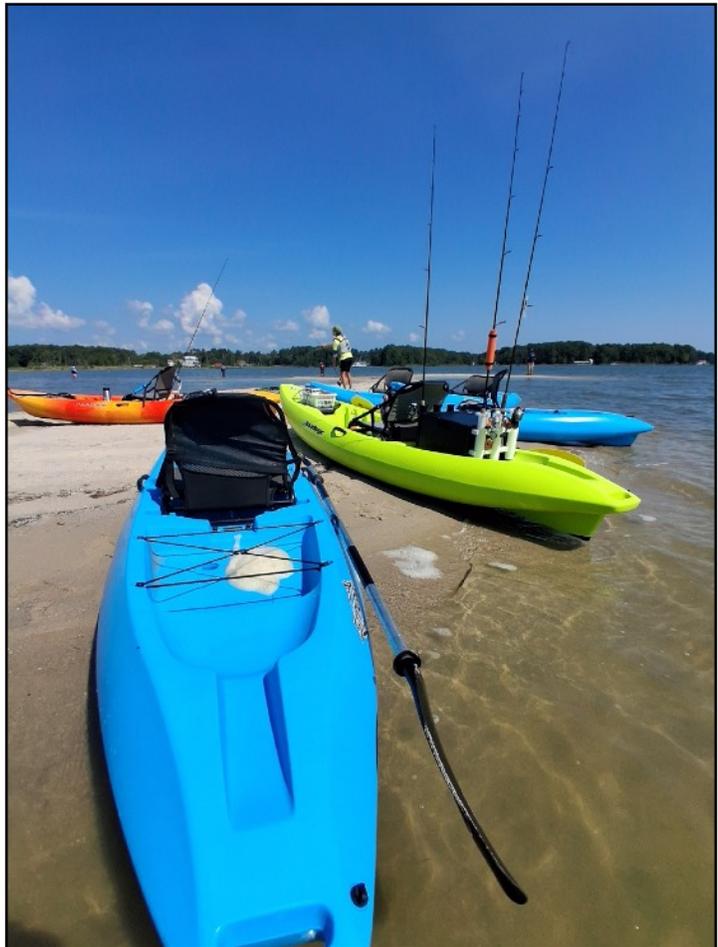
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NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER									
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait	
WALLEYE	C PHIPPS	6-1	4	SPIN	331	2025-07-14	POINCHINCORT, CANADA, OTHER	Hand Poured Grub	

NEW MEMBER AWARD									
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait	
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C CATALDO	5-2	16	PLUG	102	2025-05-24	PRIVATE POND, VA	Spinner Bait	
CRAPPIE, ALL	C CATALDO	0-11	2	SPIN	109	2025-07-05	PRIVATE POND, VA	Underspin	
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C CATALDO	0-0	4	SPIN	50	2025-07-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Beetle Spin	
SUNFISH	C CATALDO	0-10	4	SPIN	135	2025-07-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Beetler Spin	
SUNFISH, REDEAR	C CATALDO	0-15	2	GEN	120	2025-05-10	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Bread	
Total					516				



Crabbing off a pier and kayak fishing during **2025 Fishing Camp** submitted by **Capt. Chris Dollar**. Looked FUN!

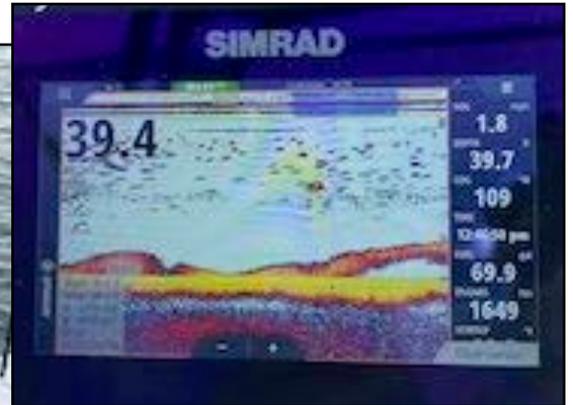


FISHING MEMORIES



Brian Bremner shared pix of a recent James River float trip with Tom Franco and new member Dylan Rahm.

FISHING MEMORIES



Tom Franco

Chesapeake Triple Play!

Red drum, striped and speckled trout



Dinkus Deane

Dinkus scores a bluefish!

FISHING MEMORIES

Tom Franco

Trip to Sebago Lake in Maine for Salmon and Lake Trout. Fun was had by all!



FISHING MEMORIES



Brian Bremner

Speckled Trout 25" !!! Sweet!

Steve Knox's

grandson, Marshall Crocker,
with a 25 pound flathead
caught on the South Fork of the
Shenandoah River. First
flathead of the season for the
two of them!



FISHING MEMORIES



Buddy Nolan

A surf fishing trip in Hatteras produced some great catches!

Bluefish 11-8 and another at 11-10

Pompano 3-11 and another at 2-7

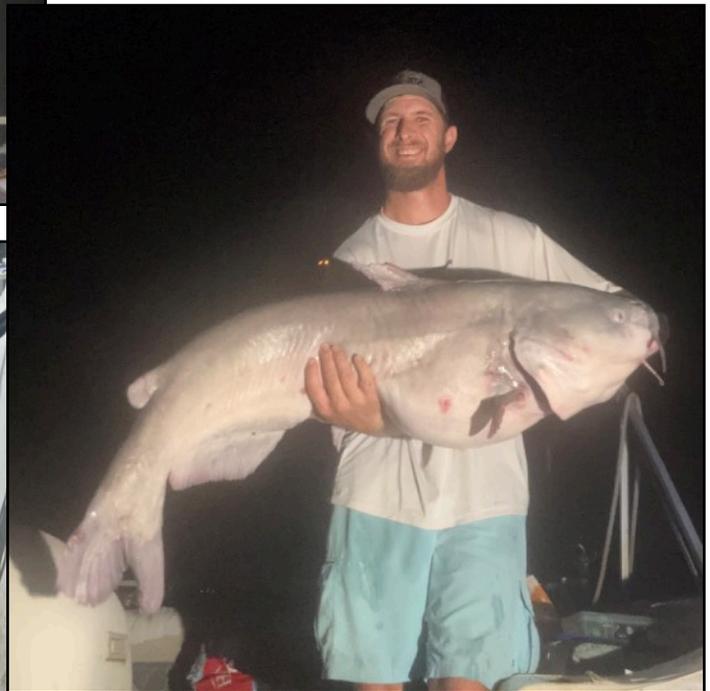
Sheepshead 3-13 What a GREAT trip!

FISHING MEMORIES



Daniel Carter

A good night for blue catfishing with, left, 51lb, and, below, a 54lb monster! Daniel's son, Asa, caught a 38-10 blue catfish. Sweet...



FISHING MEMORIES

Jake Wetlaufer

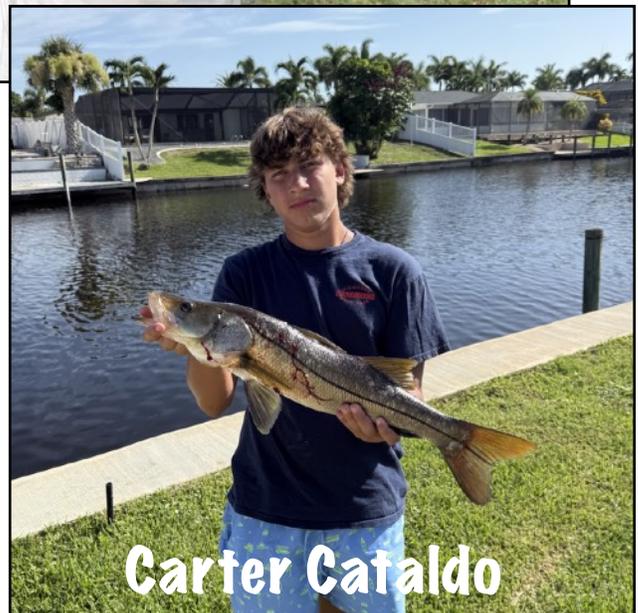
With a Cape Coral, FL snook, 25"! Jake's buddy Carter Cataldo, below right, caught a 27" snook. AWESOME!



Daniel Carter



During a trip camping with the family in Virginia Beach, Daniel caught three red drum while surf fishing, this being the biggest at 31". Sweet!



FISHING MEMORIES



Carter Clevinger & David Johnson

TUNA GALLOR! Bring on the soy sauce!

