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**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING –  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2016**

**Doors open 6:30--Meeting starts 7:00  
VDGIF NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING  
7870 Villa Park Drive**

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM – DETAILS BEING FINALIZED

Look for details in the September issue of The Angler.

### AUGUST EXPEDITION – SUNFISH & SM BASS WADE

Saturday Morning, August 27 @ 6:30AM – Pony Pasture  
On Saturday morning, August 27, at 6:30am, Virginia Anglers Club members and friends will gather in the Pony Pasture parking lot for a morning of fishing the shallows of the James River. Light line fishing and fly fishing are suggested. Wear close toed shoes (old tennis shoes or wading boots are great. Flip flops are not!) PFDs are also recommended. Smallmouth bass and different species of sunfish are abundant in the area, especially if the water is clear. The river level will need to be around 4.4 or lower for a great wading experience in this area. To follow the river level at Pony Pasture, click on this link:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=akq&gage=RMDV2>.

It is for the Westham Gauge, which is about a mile upriver. The river should also be fairly clear so we can work our way around the river both safely and effectively.

Last year, this Wade Fishing Expedition was enjoyed by a dozen or so members and friends, with plenty of fish caught. Afterwards, much of the group got together and enjoyed a couple of cold beverages and shared stories of the day (and of fishing days past).

If interested, please email Mike@DiscovertheJames.com.



## **BACKLASH**

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

### AUGUST PROGRAM – DIVERSE SPECIES – 3 LOCAL WATERS

The presentation for the August Virginia Anglers Club membership meeting will cover strategies for targeting a diversity of species in several different local freshwater venues. Mike Ostrander will cover strategies that work on the James River and Art Conway will cover strategies that work on Chickahominy Lake. Other locations may be covered. Catching five to ten different species in a several hour trip is not uncommon on these venues.



## SHOP AND ANGLING KNOT TYING – A POPULAR JUNE PROGRAM

Many Virginia Anglers Club Members took advantage of great prices at the Annual Swap Shop held before the June Membership Meeting. Fishing tackle and electronics were the main items offered for sale. Also available for purchase was a nice selection of accessories (landing nets, a smoker, etc).



VAC Members Shopping The June 28th Swap Shop

The angling knot tying “how to” featured 4 experienced VAC members manning four knot demo stations. Thanks to Tyler Shands, Josh Dolin, Grant Alvis and Art Conway for sharing their knot tying skills.



Member Grant Alvis Demonstrating A Triple Nail Knot to Bimini

## JUNE EXPEDITION – JAMES RIVER FLATHEAD CATFISH WADE

(Expedition Cancelled – High Water Level In The James River)

## JULY EXPEDITION – JAMES RIVER FLOAT

(Expedition Cancelled – Storms Forecast And Arrived)

## JUNE MONTHLY RAFFLE WINNER

Karen Anderson – VAC Secretary

(No July Winners – No July Membership Meeting)

## NEXT TOURNAMENT – MOST SPECIES CAUGHT

September 1 thru 30, 2016 - (A Manual Entry Tournament)

September is soon approaching kicking off some of Fall’s most spectacular fishing ... a perfect time for an all species tournament!

All participants must keep a record (1) of every species of fish caught and must record the place and date of each catch entered into the Tournament. If a participant is not familiar with the identification of a fish caught, a photo will be accepted.

Any water recognized by the Virginia Anglers Club can be fished and any fresh or salt water species recognized by the VAC can be entered. Non-Resident Members are encouraged to participate.

Ever think of starting a fishing log? You can use anything from pencil and paper to your cell phone to record your catches (2) ... so this may be a super opportunity to start one. Not a bad idea to jot down conditions and any other data you think would be pertinent for your later reference. Even fish Photos with the water conditions included can help.

This tournament starts September 1st at local sunrise and ends September 30th local sunset. All species list entries must be E-mailed (including pictures if applicable) within 24 hours to Tournament director Andrew Campbell at [campbellx2@verizon.net](mailto:campbellx2@verizon.net).

The winning entries will be announced at the October Membership Meeting. We will recognize three places for annual Tournament Angler Of The Year competition. First = 3pts. Second = 2pts. Third = 1 pt.

Notes:

(1). A suggested score sheet for tournament use is the VAC Angler Entry sheet found in the Member’s Area of the VAC Website at:

[http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org/myaccount/files/VAC\\_Angler\\_Entry\\_Sheet.pdf](http://www.virginiaanglersclub.org/myaccount/files/VAC_Angler_Entry_Sheet.pdf)

(This sheet will require manual data entry; it is not electronic)

(2). Do not use an E-Card to enter fish caught for Tournament credit. If a fish caught during the Tournament also meets one of the following criteria, an E-Card will be accepted. Only catches submitted on your manual score sheet will be counted for Tournament credit.

- a. Is an entry for new club record catch.
- b. Is entered as the highest weight or point catch for the year to date.
- c. Is an entry known to be needed for an individual angling achievement award.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEATURE – THE QUESTION BOX

Look for a new box near the front of the meeting room. Members are encouraged to write questions related to the VAC or angling in general on the cards provided and slip the cards into the box (signature optional). Experts from the Membership will answer your questions during the meeting. Learn from your questions and the questions of others in attendance.

## LOYAL SUPPORTER OF THE VAC – RICHARD MOTLEY – PASSES

Richard Motley, a very loyal supporter of the mission of the Virginia Anglers Club, passed away on Friday, April 22, 2016. Each year Richard would call Special Activities Chairman Don West and ask for 3 calendars. Don would carry the calendars to Richard who would give Don \$100 and ask that any “change” be donated to the VAC. Richard liked what the VAC stands for and we will miss a valued friend of the Club. Richard was a retired employee of VDOT.



## SEPTEMBER EXPEDITION JAMES RIVER FLOAT TRIP

Saturday, September 17th – Meet At Take-out At 7:00 AM

Expedition Steve Knox wisely cancelled the club's scheduled float trip in July because of predicted bad weather .... which showed up a forecast..? He has rescheduled James River Float Expedition for Saturday September 17th. We will float the middle James River.

Steve decided to change the put-in and take-out spots based on feedback from Members. The float will be from the put-in at the public boat ramp in Scottsville to the Hardware River WMA, a float of about six miles. No tournament\*, no race, just a fun float down a beautiful part of the James.

This is a prime section of the river for smallmouth fishing, so bring your scales! You are on your own to get your kayak/canoe/jon boat (float tube?) to the launch and arrange for a shuttle partner. If you are having difficulty arranging a shuttle partner contact Steve – sknox@knoxmarine.com or cell 840.9460. The rough plan is to meet at the Hardware River ramp (the takeout) at 7:00 AM and drive to the launch. The drive from Richmond is about 1:20 plus or minus, depending on where you live.

Let Steve know if are planning to make the float (see above). If you need a shuttle partner let him know. Tell Steve what sort of vehicle and boat you have so that he can pair appropriate shuttle vehicles.

He can also probably find a loaner kayak for anyone who wants to try the float trip but doesn't have a boat.

Mark your calendar – Steve will provide additional details about the launch and takeout locations etc. to all who respond. Be sure to let him know if you plan to float.

\*Since the James River Float Expedition takes place during the time frame of the VAC September Most-Species Caught Tournament, you might catch some enterable species during this float. Remember to follow the entry protocol of the Tournament.

## THE FISHRULES APP – WORTH A LOOK FOR SW EASY ACCESS TO SW ANGLING SPECIES INFO AND CATCH REGULATIONS

Need the current size and creel limits of a SW fish you might or have just caught where you are wetting your line this minute (even without knowing where you are)? There's an app for that!

Need the Lat- Lon of the exact spot where you are currently enjoying some SW fishing? There's an app for that!

Need a list of SW fish you are likely to catch where you are at this minute or at any location of your own choosing? There's an app for that too!

All of these features and many, many more are in a single amazing app named FishRules. Read more about this app loaded with angler-friendly features on page 7 of this issue of The Angler.

## CALENDAR SALE UNDERWAY

## GET YOUR SUPPLY TO SELL

Special Activities Chairman Don West will have 2017 DGIF Outdoor Calendars for our annual calendar sale at the August Membership Meeting. The VAC selling price remains the same as last year.... \$8.00 each. Please have your customers lined up and see Don for however many calendars you need. Generous terms are available for multiple copy "orders". Pay by cash, check or word of honor.

Price of the Calendars on "the open market" is \$13.00 this year. Good point to make when selling Calendars at our price of \$8.00.

Don West will personally deliver to you any number of 2017 DGIF Outdoor Calendars you will need for your sales. Contact Don at 897-8723 (H), (804 -572-8268(C) or by E-Mail at donaldlewest@gmail.com, and let him know how many copies of the calendars you will need. Don will gladly deliver the number of calendars you need to your home, your business or where ever else it will be convenient for you to pick calendars up from Don.

## COUNTRY STORE CLOSED AT AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING NEW HATS AND "T" SHIRTS ARE NOW IN STOCK

The VAC Country Store Keepers, Joe, Sr. and Joe, Jr. Lovasz report that new VAC hats and "T" shirts have been received and now are in stock and will be at the June Membership Meeting. You can shop the store in the Member's Area of the VAC website. Please note that many items are available at reduced prices.

Items may be purchased from the Country Store by mail order – Contact Joe at lovasz@aol.com for this service.

The Country Store will be open at the September 27th Membership Meeting.

## JUNE ANGLER OF THE MONTH WINNERS

1 Bob Shepherd	Red Drum	33# 0 oz.	8 Fly	550 pts*
2 Andrew Campbell	Red Drum.	37# 12 oz.	20 Fly	453 pts
3 Art Conway	LM Bass.	4# 8 oz.	2 Spin	300 pts
* New Club Record				

## WISDOM FROM THE TACKLE BOX

"If you've got short, stubby fingers and wear reading glasses, any relaxation you would normally derive from fly fishing is completely eliminated when you try to tie on a fly."

~Jack Ohman, Fear of Fly Fishing, 1988

For The Leadership Team,  
John Wetlaufer, Sr.  
Membership Chairman



## “Catchy Comments”

By Stuart Lee



Since our June meeting, several club members have made some very nice catches. Will Mosley caught a 59 lb. 11 oz. Cobia in the lower Chesapeake Bay on 12 Spin, worth 397 points, which is a new club record. Billy Nicar fished Cripple Creek on July 9 and caught two very nice trout. The first was a 4lb. 8 oz. Brook Trout on 4 Fly for 450 points, which takes the overall lead in freshwater and is a new club record. Billy also caught a 7 lb. Rainbow Trout on 4 General, which was also a new club record.

Sal Peluso caught a 3lb. 4 oz. Spanish Mackerel while surf fishing at the Point in Hatteras which is a new club record. Tyler Shands caught a 1lb. 1 oz. Sunfish on 4 Spin, for 230 points, which is also a new club record. Interestingly, Tyler’s fish was caught on Baldhead Island, NC, which is not a location that I would normally associate with big Bream

The last fish I want to mention is the only catch that was not a club record but is one of the required fish for Master Angler. Bobby Broughton caught an 11 lb. 4 oz. Dolphin on 6 Spin for 250 points on July 3. This was one of two Dolphin he caught 2.3 miles off the beach near Oregon Inlet, NC.

The Master Angler requirement of a 150 point dolphin on Spin has proven to be a difficult fish for a number of people, including myself. North Carolina offers very good Dolphin fishing in the spring and early summer and almost all are caught trolling on gear that is intended for larger fish. Most times they are encountered while fishing for billfish or tuna and are seldom targeted with appropriate tackle. On properly-sized Spinning or Fly tackle, they are a very sporty fish.

Bobby and I targeted Dolphin that day as some had been caught earlier in the week on tide lines and current edges around Oregon Inlet. It was rough and overcast that day, and we spent most of the day in search of a suitable current edge to fish. What we finally found was a nearly undetectable faint line with a few sprigs of eel grass and no temperature break. We put a block of chum in the bag, and Bobby’s first blind cast with a yellow bucktail back into the slick produced a strike. I have found that these fish seldom show themselves in this close to shore environment.

Dolphin have been caught off several Outer Banks’ piers this year, answering the question of just how close they really come to the beach. If someone would have told me 20 years ago that the big Rockfish would be wintering 40 miles off the Virginia coast and Dolphin would be caught off North Carolina piers and in areas where Spanish Mackerel are typically targeted, I would have thought that they were looney. Welcome to the new normal.

Stuart



Will Mosley’s 56-11 Cobia on 12 spin for a new club record



Steve Knox - Guadalupe River, TX  
Largemouth



Sal Peluso - Club Record 3-4 Spanish Mackerel in Surf



Steve Knox - Nice Blue cat on the James



Steve Knox - Missouri River, Montana - 18" Brown Trout



Dave Goode - Nice Bay Cobia

Bily Nicar -  
New Club Record -  
4-8 Brook Trout on 4 Fly



Dr. Mickey Kodroff - Nice Pamlico Sea Trout



"Further proof that blue cats will eat anything. Life jacket strap in one end and out the other" - By Steve Knox



For up-to-the-minute information about the VDGIF's 100th Anniversary Celebration please go to <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/100/>

**THE VAC NAME TAG BOX – HAVE YOU SEEN IT? – DO YOU HAVE IT?**

Somewhere out there in the Commonwealth is the Virginia Angler's missing Name Tab Box. The VAC Leadership Team wants to restore the use of the box and would like to have it back in their possession.

The box is a flat affair that is made from plywood, stained a dark brown and has brass hardware. The hinged box opens much like a pizza box and has rows of angled slots inside into which fit plastic name tag holders with pins on the back that allow the holders with a Member's name inside to be stored. This box slipped away some years ago.

If you have the box or know where it might be, please contact VAC Member Stuart Lee at [stulee37@gmail.com](mailto:stulee37@gmail.com), (804) -541-1833 (H) or (804)-467-7080.

**THE FISHRULES APP – WORTH A LOOK FOR SW EASY ACCESS TO SW ANGLING SPECIES INFO. AND CATCH REGULATONS**

Installing FishRules App on your cell phone is well worth the short time it takes. This app simplifies saltwater, fishing regulations into an easy to understand format. With a glance, know if a fish is in season, how many you can keep, how big they have to be, and more.

Fish Rules App includes saltwater fishing regulations for Federal and State waters from Maine to Texas, including: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North / South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, and The Bahamas.

Fish Rules App uses your phone's GPS and calendar to show only the regulations you need. Out to sea with no signal? Manually select your fishing location to see relevant regulations. When you select a species, you will get the current bag limit, vessel limit (if any), minimum size (length and how to measure - TL or FL), prohibited catch techniques, season, information on any release citation and a brief comment on the edibility of your selection (including a relative measure of Mercury content). All of this appears on a single screen on your cell phone.

Fish are quickly identified. Color illustrations and great photos help you identify your catch. Swipe an image to see identification clues and additional photos.

You can find your location by asking for the location to be entered as GPS Lat-Lon Coordinates or you can enter location data manually from a large menu of general and more specific locations.

Check out the FindRules App and download it in Apple App Store or Google Play Store. More information at: <http://www.fishrulesapp.com>

**HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS**

**Freshwater**

**If you suspect or witness an angling or hunting violation, report it to VADGIF Wildlife Crimeline at 1-800-237-5712.**

**Saltwater**

**If you have a need to report to the VA Marine Resources Commission any emergency, boating accident or other violation, call the Marine Police Dispatch Center toll free at 1-800-541-4646**



Tyler Shands - Double Palomar Knot



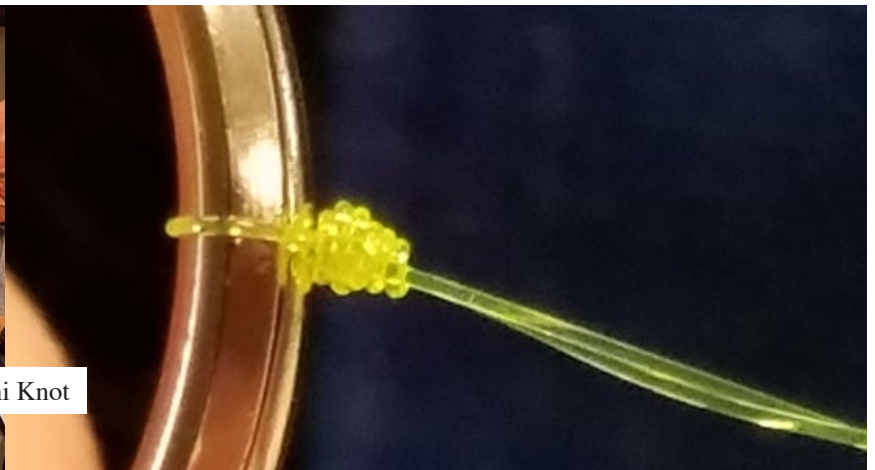
Grant Alvis - Triple Nail not to Bimini



Josh Dolin - Alberto Knot



Art Conway - Uni Knot







**A NOTEWORTHY CATCH FROM THE PAST**

**(Fred's Club Record Still Stands – 750 Points At Time of Catch)**

**11-to-1 STRIPED BASS**



Courtesy IGFA / igfa.org  
45 Pounds on 4-Pound Line  
Angler: Fred Cousins  
Place: Chesapeake Bay  
Date: December 2012  
Bait/lure: Live eel  
Fight time: 2 hours  
Source: Sport Fishing Magazine  
newsletter@email.sportfishingmag.com

(Thanks to Member Buddy Noland for calling attention to this amazing catch from the past)

Note: If you have a picture of a significant or interesting “Catch From The Past”, please send the picture and information about the catch to John Wetlaufer, Sr. at [jlwsr@rcn.com](mailto:jlwsr@rcn.com). The catch does not have to be a VAC or IGFA record catch. Your picture and the information will appear in a future issue of The Angler.

**HELP SUPPORT**



The Virginia Wildlife Crime Line has become a valuable tool in the enforcement of the Commonwealth's game, fish and boat laws. Reward payments are approved and funded through the Virginia Sportsman Reward Fund, Inc. The Virginia Sportsman Reward Fund's mission is to promote the enforcement of hunting, fishing, and boating laws in Virginia by supporting the Wildlife Crime Line in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Tax-deductible donations can be made to: Virginia Sportsman Reward Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 11104, Richmond, VA 23230-1104 or by calling (804) 367-1242



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# Virginia Anglers Club



## ANNUAL AWARDS 2016

### President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
TROUT, BROOK	J BLANKENSHIP	31b-8oz		2 FLY	500	7/30/16	cowpasture tributary, VA	barbless nymph

### President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	331b-0oz		8 FLY	550	5/25/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half & half

### Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	SC LEE	151b-0oz		4 SPIN	375	4/18/16	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-Minnow
CARP	SC LEE	171b-8oz		4 GEN	350	5/16/16	Private Pond, VA	Worm
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOUGHTY	11b-2oz		2 PLUG	296	3/11/16	mattaponi, VA	blade bait
TROUT, BROOK	J BLANKENSHIP	31b-8oz		2 FLY	500	7/30/16	cowpasture tributary, VA	barbless nymph

### Division Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	BL NOLAND	91b-4oz		4 PLUG	185	12/26/15	off Gwynn's Island, VA	Bucktail Jig
COBIA	W MOSLEY	591b-11oz		12 SPIN	397	7/2/16	Off New Point, VA	Bucktail
DOLPHIN	B BROUGHTON	151b-4oz		8 GEN	190	7/3/16	Oregon Inlet, NC	Squid
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	271b-0oz		SURF	192	5/23/16	Smith Island, VA	Peeler
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	331b-0oz		8 FLY	550	5/25/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half & half

### "Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	51b-8oz		2 SPIN	366	1/15/16	Private Lake New Kent Co., VA	Art. Lizzard
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	W SHANDS	01b-4oz		2 SPIN	65	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	51b-4oz		8 SPIN	246	5/31/16	James River, VA	Lucky Craft Crankbait
BOWFIN	M CLINE	51b-7oz		2 SPIN	271	2/27/16	Mattaponi River, VA	Jig
CARP	SC LEE	151b-0oz		4 SPIN	375	4/18/16	Private Pond, VA	Jig-n-Minnow
CRAPPIE, ALL	DL NOBLES	11b-13oz		2 SPIN	287	3/31/16	private pond, VA	Berkley 3 inch Emerald Shiner
PERCH, WHITE	J BLANKENSHIP	01b-12oz		2 FLY	250	4/17/16	james river, VA	barbless shad fly
PERCH, YELLOW	J DOUGHTY	11b-2oz		2 PLUG	296	3/11/16	mattaponi, VA	blade bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W NICAR	31b-5oz		4 SPIN	243	5/7/16	Private Pond, VA	3" swim bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	MB KODROFF	41b-0oz		4 SPIN	239	3/25/16	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	J BLANKENSHIP	21b-8oz		4 FLY	297	3/21/16	James river fall line, VA	fly
SUNFISH	J BLANKENSHIP	01b-12oz		2 FLY	250	5/1/16	Lake Randolph, VA	Barbless Brim fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	11b-5oz		2 SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
TROUT, BROOK	J BLANKENSHIP	31b-8oz		2 FLY	500	7/30/16	cowpasture tributary, VA	barbless nymph
TROUT, BROWN	A CAMPBELL	41b-2oz		2 FLY	322	5/7/16	Spring Creek, Highland County, VA	Humpy Dry Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	W NICAR	71b-0oz		4 GEN	254	7/9/16	Cripple Creek, VA	Night Crawler

### "Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	BL NOLAND	91b-4oz		4 PLUG	185	12/26/15	off Gwynn's Island, VA	Bucktail Jig
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DOLPHIN	B BROUGHTON	111b-4oz		6 SPIN	250	7/3/16	Oregon Inlet, NC	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	331b-0oz		8 FLY	550	5/25/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half & half
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	F COUSINS	11b-13oz		2 SPIN	151	5/11/16	Rudee Inlet, VA	Grub
MACKEREL, SPANISH	S PELUSO	31b-4oz		SURF	162	7/25/16	Cape Hatteras - Ramp 44, NC	Glass Minnow - Pink / White
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	41b-12oz		4 SPIN	237	6/4/16	Ware River, VA	paddle tail

### "Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

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BASS, LARGEMOUTH	F COUSINS	51b-8oz		2 SPIN	366	1/15/16	Private Lake New Kent Co., VA	Art. Lizzard
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	W SHANDS	01b-4oz		2 SPIN	65	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	51b-4oz		8 SPIN	246	5/31/16	James River, VA	Lucky Craft Crankbait
BOWFIN	M CLINE	51b-7oz		2 SPIN	271	2/27/16	Mattaponi River, VA	Jig
CARP	SC LEE	171b-8oz		4 GEN	350	5/16/16	Private Pond, VA	Worm
CRAPPIE, ALL	DL NOBLES	11b-13oz		2 SPIN	287	3/31/16	private pond, VA	Berkley 3 inch Emerald Shiner
PERCH, WHITE	J DOUGHTY	01b-14oz		2 SPIN	230	3/11/16	Mattaponi River, VA	soft plastic
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	11b-2oz		4 PLUG	244	3/10/16	Mattaponi, river, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W NICAR	31b-5oz		4 SPIN	243	5/7/16	Private Pond, VA	3" swim bait
SHAD, AMERICAN	MB KODROFF	41b-0oz		4 SPIN	239	3/25/16	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	J BLANKENSHIP	21b-8oz		4 FLY	297	3/21/16	James river fall line, VA	fly
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### "Heaviest" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	42lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	140	12/19/15	York River, VA	Live Eel
COBIA	EW SPENCE	61lb-0oz	50	GEN	148	6/8/16	East of Avon, NC	Live Atlantic Menhaden
DOLPHIN	B BROUGHTON	15lb-4oz	8	GEN	190	7/3/16	Oregon Inlet, NC	Squid
DRUM, RED	A CAMPBELL	37lb-12oz	20	FLY	314	6/20/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half and half Clouser
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	F COUSINS	1lb-13oz	2	SPIN	151	5/11/16	Rudee Inlet, VA	Grub
MACKEREL, SPANISH	S PELUSO	3lb-4oz		SURF	162	7/25/16	Cape Hatteras - Ramp 44, NC	Glass Minnow - Pink / White
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	4lb-12oz	4	SPIN	237	6/4/16	Ware River, VA	paddle tail

### New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	5lb-4oz	8	SPIN	246	5/31/16	James River, VA	Lucky Craft Crankbait
SUNFISH	W SHANDS	0lb-14oz	2	SPIN	230	6/12/16	Duval Pond, VA	1/32 Yamamoto
SUNFISH	W SHANDS	1lb-1oz	4	SPIN	230	7/26/16	Baldhead Island, NC	2 in. Senko
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-0oz	4	GEN	172	5/18/16	Private Pond, VA	Worm
SUNFISH	J BLANKENSHIP	0lb-12oz	2	FLY	250	5/1/16	Lake Randolph, VA	Barbless Brim fly
SUNFISH	SC LEE	1lb-1oz	4	PLUG	230	3/21/16	Private pond, VA	Jig-n-minnow
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz	2	SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
TROUT, BROOK	W NICAR	4lb-8oz	4	FLY	450	7/9/16	Cripple Creek, VA	Wully Bugger
TROUT, RAINBOW	W NICAR	7lb-0oz	4	GEN	254	7/9/16	Cripple Creek, VA	Night Crawler

### New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	R CHOI	42lb-0oz	50BR	GEN	140	12/19/15	York River, VA	Live Eel
COBIA	W MOSLEY	59lb-11oz	12	SPIN	397	7/2/16	Off New Point, VA	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	33lb-0oz	8	FLY	550	5/25/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half & half
DRUM, RED	A CAMPBELL	37lb-12oz	20	FLY	314	6/20/16	Chesapeake Bay, VA	Half and half Clouser

### Youth Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	LILLY CASE 13_17	30lb-0oz	12	GEN	208	3/19/16	James River, VA	Cut Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	ADDISON NICAR 0_6	2lb-5oz	8	GEN	159	3/8/16	PRIVATE POND, VA	LIVE MINNOW
PERCH, WHITE	BETTY JANE ROWE 7_12	0lb-10oz	6	SPIN	113	4/16/16	James River, VA	Shad dart

### Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
TARPON	LJ SPURLIN	0lb-0oz	12	FLY	321	5/2/16	San Felipe, MEX	Gurgler Shrimp

### New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	W SHANDS	3lb-10oz	2	SPIN	241	6/12/16	Duval Pond, VA	1/32 Yamamoto
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	W SHANDS	0lb-4oz	2	SPIN	65	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	W SHANDS	0lb-15oz	2	SPIN	93	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
CRAPPIE, ALL	W SHANDS	1lb-0oz	2	SPIN	158	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
PERCH, WHITE	W SHANDS	0lb-10oz	2	SPIN	164	4/16/16	James River, VA	1/16 Yamamoto grub
PERCH, YELLOW	W SHANDS	0lb-15oz	2	SPIN	246	5/28/16	Chickahominy Lake, VA	1/32 yamamoto grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	W SHANDS	2lb-0oz	2	SPIN	200	2/28/16	Little Creek Reservoir, VA	1/16 Yamamoto Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	W SHANDS	1lb-9oz	6	GEN	101	4/10/16	James River, VA	Bladebaits
SUNFISH	W SHANDS	0lb-14oz	2	SPIN	230	6/12/16	Duval Pond, VA	1/32 Yamamoto
SUNFISH	W SHANDS	1lb-1oz	4	SPIN	230	7/26/16	Baldhead Island, NC	2 in. Senko
SUNFISH, REDEAR	W SHANDS	1lb-5oz	2	SPIN	208	12/5/15	Wyndym Lake, VA	1/32 jig w/ a Jilt Grub
TROUT, RAINBOW	W SHANDS	1lb-4oz	2	SPIN	78	6/11/16	South River, VA	Rigge
<b>Total</b>					<b>2014</b>			

## **FROM THE JUNE 22nd EDITION OF THE OUTDOOR REPORT**

### **MOTORBOAT OPERATORS REQUIRED TO HAVE BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION COURSE COMPLETED BY JULY 1ST**

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement in a phase in scheme by age.

Beginning July 1, 2016 motorboat operators with a 10 hp or greater motor need to take a boating safety course *regardless of age*.

PWC age restriction; No person under the age of 14 may operate a PWC. Those operators age 14 and 15 must show proof of completing an approved and accepted boating safety course either in a classroom or online. The challenge exam or other provisions of the Education Compliance Requirement do not meet the requirements of the age restriction law. PWC operators over age 15 must also carry a boating safety education completion card as well.

Aside from the requirement for PWC operators age 14 and 15 to take either a classroom or online boating safety education course, there are several other ways to satisfy the requirement for other boaters. One is to take a home study course and the other is the challenge exam. There are also a few exemptions. [Get more information.](#)

Another frequent question is that the caller took a boating safety course some time ago and cannot find their card or completion certificate. The Department has contracted with Kalkomey to provide replacement boater and hunter education cards. If they have your record on file you can order a replacement card from them for \$10.00. They can be reached at 1-800-830-2268 or online at: [www.ilstomycard.com](http://www.ilstomycard.com). Another common question is: I have a large certificate from when I took a boating safety course years ago. I would like to order a plastic card rather than carry the certificate with me on the boat. Or, I meet one of the few exemptions for taking a boating safety course such as a commercial fisherman. In these cases we need to add your information into the Kalkomey data base. You would print our cover form and send it to the address on the form along with a copy of your exemption documentation.

## **FROM THE JULY 13th EDITION OF THE OUTDOOR REPORT**

### **NEW WARE CREEK WMA DEDICATED IN NEW KENT COUNTY**



During the dedication of the new Ware Creek Wildlife Management Area in New Kent County, Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward, Governor Terry McAuliffe and DGIF Executive Director Bob Duncan were treated to driving tours of the property and in some remote areas, access was by air-boat. Photo courtesy The Trapline, Directors Employee Newsletter, Angie Gough, Editor.

Governor Terry McAuliffe, First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe and Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward joined DGIF staff to dedicate the newly acquired Ware Creek Wildlife Management Area [WMA], the 775th Governor's Treasure. The new WMA comprises 2600 acres in New Kent County, in the community of Barhamsville. Located on the York River and bounded by Philbates and Ware Creeks, this area offers extensive wetlands, as well mixed hardwood and pine forests and open fields. The dedication included DGIF staff and

conservation partners, Board members Katherine Claiborne and H. S. Caudill attended as did several officials from New Kent County including the County Administrator, members of the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff and Sheriff's Department staff as well as the New Kent Fire and Rescue. Special plaques were presented to DGIF conservation partners to recognize their support for the acquisition of this unique habitat. The groups recognized included: the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Virginia Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, the Wildlife Foundation of Virginia, The Nature Conservancy, the Virginia Chapter of the National Wildlife Turkey Federation, the Elis Olsson Memorial Foundation, and three private family donors: Caren and Ed Schumacher, Linda and Don Baker and Missy and Scott Zimmerman. Following comments by Secretary Ward, Governor McAuliffe, Paul Rauch of the Fish and Wildlife Service and DGIF Executive Director Bob Duncan; attendees were treated to refreshments, driving tours of the property and in some cases, boat tours.

Get more information on the new [Ware Creek WMA»](#)

## **MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING PROGRAM**

PHWFF provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying and rod building classes, along with clinics participants ranging from beginners who have never fished before, to those with prior fly fishing and tying experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. All fly fishing and tying equipment is provided to the participants at no cost. Fishing trips, both one day and multi-day, are also provided free of charge to participants. PHWFF is unique in that our volunteers are teaching classes on an on-going, long term basis. It is much more than a one day fishing trip. For many participants, particularly disabled veterans, the socialization and camaraderie of the classes are just as important as the fishing outings, and provide them a new activity.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing relies on Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, and independent fly fishing clubs to conduct the program at the DOD and VA facilities across the nation. The volunteer staff and outings leaders include experienced fly fishers and guides, all of whom donate their time and knowledge to support PHWFF participants. One of the major fundraising events is the annual Two Fly Tournament held in May at the PHWFF “home waters” of Rose River Farm in Madison County , Virginia, established through the dedication and commitment of Douglas and Jennifer Dear.

As they enter their second decade of service, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing needs your help to provide veterans with the support they need on their journeys to recovery. For more information on how you can support this organization, or volunteer to help provide healing and recuperation for wounded service members, visit their website.

## **FROM THE JULY 27th EDITION OF THE OUTDOOR REPORT**

### **SUMMER CATFISHING HOT RIGHT NOW!**

As the summer gets hotter and hotter, the catfishing action in the James heats up as well. What better way to beat the heat than to get your fishing tackle and head to the closest river for some wading and fishing action. Recently DGIF Angling Education Coordinator, Chris Dunnivant held the popular Flat Out Catfishing Workshop at Pony Pasture in Richmond. The group of anglers, some novice , some interested in improving their skill level, had a great experience landing some whoppers. [View the video of the workshop](#) produced by DGIF Media Manager and Videographer, Ron Messina posted on Facebook.



Meghan Marchetti, VDGIF Outreach staff photographer is all smiles holding this large catfish she caught while participating in the Flat Out Catfishing Workshop in the James River near Pony Pasture. Photo by Ron Messina, VDGIF Outreach Media Manager and Videographer.

# Robert Thomas

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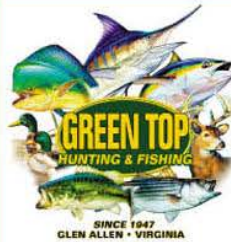
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