



The Angler

Newsletter

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The official newsletter of the Virginia Anglers Club

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It appears to be BIG smallmouth bass catching season! WOW!!!

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Capt. Mike caught this 41lb 4oz blue cat caught on 4lb test line.

Doors open at 6pm
October 24th 7PM
Capt. Mike Ostrander
will speak on
***Light Line Fishing
for BIG Catfish***

VDWR Board Room
7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico, VA

President's Message



"Good Fun Fellas!"

Howdy to my VAC family,

October and November are my favorite months of the year and have been my entire life. The weather is great, daily combos of cool, crisp, and warm. Hunting season is in and fishing is awesome. I have a hard time thinking about anything other than trout fishing. I spent a LOT of Fall weekends with my Dad and Grandad fishing the streams around the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. I get so energized with the turning of the leaves and the dropping of the temps.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and with this being the letter I write to you all for the months of October and November, I'd like to get a little sappy and reflect.

This club has sparked an excitement in me about fishing that I had in my youth, which for a time, got lost to college, work, and life's busyness. Like my great friend Cap't Mike says, "getting lost in the minutia". This summer I never would've had the opportunity to spend a week fishing in Canada, with a group of VAC buddies, had I not joined this club...a trip that I literally think about every day, especially at work when I am bogged down in that minutia.

This whole "having to have a job thing" is really getting in the way of what I really want to be doin'! I never would've had so much fun on our past trout expeditions to Cedar Springs or had the chance to be humbled by so many folks with insane fishing knowledge and skills. I also never would've found so many folks that I get to call, friends that I look forward to spending time with. As I write this I can't wait for the oyster roast, our next membership meeting, the Cedar Springs trout trip in December, the catfish tournament, and more!

I thank you all for the comradery, and the opportunities and I wish the best for you all and your families this Thanksgiving and beyond. So to quote my friend Fred Murray, I hope everyone gets to get out there and have some "Good Fun, Fellas"!

Dinkus Deane

President of the Virginia Anglers Club

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VAC TEXT MESSAGING!***



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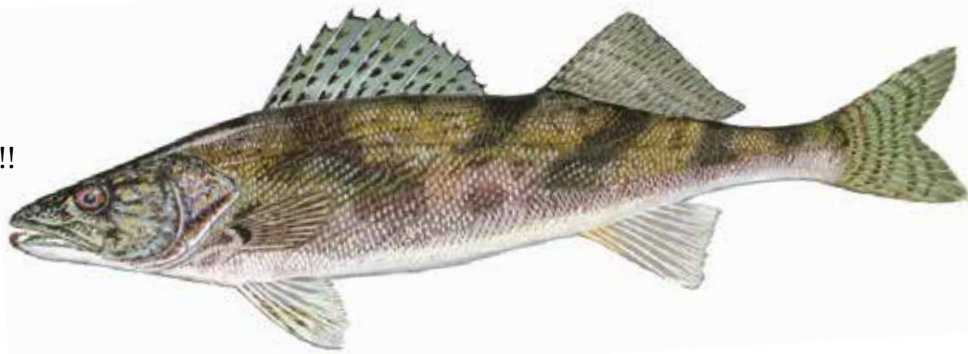
Angling Rule Change Committee

From Fred Cousins
Angling Rules Chair

VAC RULE CHANGES FOR 2024

- 1) Add saugeye. Basic weights will be the same as walleye.
- 2) Review and adjust basic weights for some saltwater fish species (ie, bluefish)
- 3) Amend rules concerning youth awards to allow attendance of youth award winners to the Awards Banquet at no cost
- 4) Delete paragraph 3 of section 11, entry cards – *see paragraph below*
“Catches must be entered in the tackle class (division), which is appropriate for the tackle, line, and method being used. For example, a catch made using tackle, line and method which meets the VAC requirements for spinning tackle, line and method must be entered in spin division and may not be entered in the general division, except when trolling. Catches made using spin, plug, or fly tackle may be entered in the surf division provided they satisfy the requirements listed in Section 5(D). Within the tackle class (division), catch may be entered in the line class of the line, which was used, or any higher class allowed in that division.”
- 5) Recommend that Carter Clevinger be appointed Angling Rules Chairman starting with the 2024 Angling Year

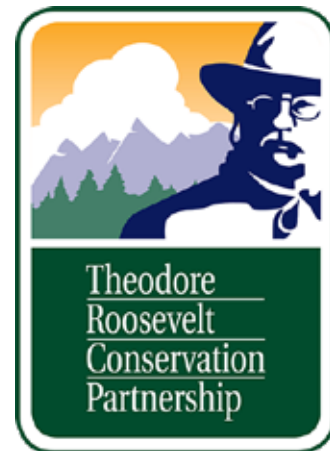
YIPPEE!!!
SAUGEYE
have been added!!!



Saltwater Conservation & Legislation



Menhaden Update from the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership



As a dedicated advocate for the Chesapeake Bay and our fishing opportunities, we need your help to provide in-person comments to support regulating industrial menhaden fishing in Virginia waters.

At a Virginia Marine Resources Commission meeting next week, the agency will seek public comments for and against Petition 392, which seeks to regulate industrial menhaden fishing in Virginia waters by prohibiting purse seine net contact with shallow seabed and nearshore habitats.

Your comments could help result in regulations to reduce damage from industrial menhaden purse seine nets to fragile Virginia marine habitats and seagrass beds. Chesapeake Bay is the primary spawning and nursery area for up to 90% of the Atlantic striped bass stock, and from red drum and weakfish to ospreys and blue crabs, countless species rely on healthy nearshore areas to survive.

What: Anglers rally at VMRC meeting to support Petition 392 (tentative agenda)

When: Tuesday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m. EDT

Where: Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr., Hampton, Va. – Ballroom E on 2nd floor (location)

Why: Industrial menhaden fishery representatives will attend to fight common-sense regulations. Our goal is to have an undeniable presence of anglers at the meeting to help protect the Bay and its striped fishery. Will you be one of them?

To coordinate a carpool or ask questions, please email me here: jhiggins@trcp.org

We appreciate your voice in this effort to protect the Bay, our fishing opportunities, and coastal businesses in the region.

Sincerely,

Jaclyn Higgins

TRCP Forage Fish Program Manager

Photo credit: Debbie Campbell

Saltwater Conservation & Legislation

Striped Bass Update

For immediate release: Oct. 19, 2023

Contact: David Sikorski | davidsikorski@ccamd.org | (443) 621-9186

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ASMFC Releases Update to Striped Bass Rebuilding Plan for Public Comment & Atlantic Coast's Multi-State Striper Board Approves Addendum That Seeks to Curb Decline of America's Top Game Fish.

(Beaufort, NC) - At its annual meeting this week, the Striped Bass Management Board (Board) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) approved for public comment Addendum II of the fishery management plan designed to control fishing mortality and begin to reverse the decline in the coastwide striper population. The addendum is an update to Amendment 7, the current version of the fishery management plan that features a suite of goals and objectives as well as a goal to control fishing mortality and set measures which will rebuild the striper population by 2029.

Addendum II includes Bay and coastal options for recreational fisheries, and a quota reduction for the commercial fisheries by as much as 14.5 percent. Previously considered measures like maximum sizes for commercial fisheries are no longer under consideration. Season closures may be a topic of conversation through the public process and in future ASMFC actions but will not be mandated through the Addendum process. ASMFC member states may ultimately include actions which are more conservative than future coastwide actions.

CCA will post online its "Anglers Guide" to help anglers and the general public understand the potential 2024 management changes contained in Addendum II as well as offer specific talking points for anglers to consider when making a public comment.

The Atlantic striper population is considered overfished and faces myriad challenges: Five straight years of failed spawning success in Chesapeake Bay, the primary nursery for stripers; impacts from the expanding range of blue catfish, an invasive species known to eat juvenile stripers, and; poor water quality and habitat degradation.



Clean water and quality habitat are vital to healthy and abundant striper and forage stocks.

David Sikorski, CCA Maryland Executive Director and member of the Maryland delegation to the ASMFC: "Moving this addendum forward is an important step to curb fishing mortality, but as released, it still falls short of providing actions which are able to control fishing mortality across the board and as soon as possible. The recreational fishery options in the addendum can be implemented to make meaningful cuts in 2024, while commercial options to lower quotas instead of harvest may not be implemented until the 2025 season. This delay is a choice of member states, which would not agree to include options in the document which are guaranteed to reduce commercial harvests.

Given the sobering news of failed recruitment for five straight years in Chesapeake Bay, I look forward to working with my fellow managers and stakeholders to enact reductions that are guided by science, and not continue giving out special favors and special rules. This means commercial harvest reductions, equal limits for all recreational fishing and summer closures when catch-and-release mortality impacts the survival of released fish must be enacted across the Atlantic's most important striped bass nursery, the Chesapeake Bay."

Capt. Chris D. Dollar, CCA Conservation Consultant Chesapeake Region:

"From tackle shop owners and marinas to weekend anglers, the recreational community has more than done our part to help stem the slide of the striper population in the past decade.

There's no time to waste – managers must reduce the harvest from every sector of the striper fishery, including the commercial fishery. That also means taking a hard look at the Virginia winter gillnet fishery, which targets mature stripers as they prepare to head to their upriver spawning grounds."

2023 Expedition & Tournament Schedule

**ALMOST FULL!!!
COME JOIN US!**

**From Frank Hart
Angling Activities Chair**



Cedar Springs Trout Farm Expedition Dec 17-19th

Are you looking for a great way to close out the 2023 fishing year? Want to join us for a very Merry Fishmas? Look no further than the Virginia Anglers Club expedition to **Cedar Springs Trout Farm!**

From Sunday December 17th to Tuesday December 19th, the club has reserved the Sportsman's Lodge, the Farmhouse, and the Bunkhouse for a great fishing trip.

Cedar Springs Trout Farm has been in operation since 1954 and offers 2 miles of fishable stream on Cripple Creek. The stream is stocked daily with Rainbow, Brown, Brook, and Golden Trout that are 2 lbs. and up. This is a great place to catch a freshwater leaping fish on spin, plug, or fly tackle. Every year we catch a pile of citation trout.

A Virginia Fresh water license is required, but no trout stamp is needed. You are allowed to catch and keep 6 fish per day per person, so this is not a catch and release trip. The cost for two nights stay

and two days fishing is \$240 per person plus tax. The Sportsman's Lodge, the Farmhouse and the bunk house all have nice accommodations. Linens are provided. There is a phone at the lodge - cell phones may not get a good signal.

We will meetup at Cedar Springs at or around 4:00 pm on December 17th and will stay overnight on the 17th and 18th. We will have dinner/supper together on Monday and will have lunch and breakfast foods for two days. Cost for food will be determined once we are close enough to the expedition to make plans.

Come join us for this great trip! Not only will you get to enjoy some great fishing, but you'll also get to spend time with your fellow anglers. Don't miss out on this opportunity to close out the 2023 fishing year with the Virginia Anglers Club!

Please note: the club has committed to rent all the lodging and fishing. I need to know ASAP who is interested in attending. Because of this I will not accept any last-minute additions. Please RSVP to reserve your spot to Frank Hart now and add this trip to your calendar, 859-808-0431.

ANGLING CALENDAR

For more information on any VAC Angling Activity, contact Frank Hart at (859) 808-0431 or the contact numbers listed below with the event.

**November 18 & 19th,
Tournament
for James
River Blue Catfish**

**December 17- 19th
Expedition
Cedar Springs for BIG
Brook, Brown, and
Rainbow Trout**

DON'T FORGET... Puppy Drum Tournament is still going on!!!

VAC is conducting a puppy drum tournament from April 1st to November 15th.

The winner will be determined by the puppy drum having the most spots (one side). First tie breaker is the largest fish up to 27 inches. A second tie breaker is first fish caught.

Past Program Highlights with Keith Nutall

How to Better Your Chances at Speckled Trout on August 22nd



I know everyone at this meeting would agree that Keith Nutall gave a fantastic, tip-filled and inspirational presentation at the August meeting! I know everyone there, even Carter Clevinger (LOL), learned something new. THANK YOU KEITH!!!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

For Immediate Release

October 19, 2023

Contact: Paige Pearson, paige.pearson@dwr.virginia.gov.



WHIRLING DISEASE DETECTED AT STATE FISH HATCHERY

RICHMOND, VA – Through recent testing, the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) has detected whirling disease in catchable sized trout at the state's Marion Fish Hatchery in Southwest Virginia. DWR's stringent fish-health protocols involve regular testing at state hatcheries to look for pathogens that are potentially harmful to hatchery raised and wild fish. DWR does not stock known whirling disease positive fish.

Regrettably, DWR has had to euthanize 40,000 catchable trout to control whirling disease. This represents about a 20% reduction in normal stocking levels for Southwest Virginia and a 5% reduction statewide. Consequently, trout anglers are likely to see a reduction in trout stocking, particularly in Dickenson, Buchanan, Wise, Lee, Scott, Russell, Washington, Smyth, Tazewell, and Grayson Counties. DWR is working to reallocate fish as feasible to make up for shortfalls and is implementing measures to reduce the future impact of this parasite on trout production.

Whirling disease is caused by a microscopic parasite, *Myxobolus cerebralis*. This parasite penetrates the cartilage tissue of a trout's head and spine, multiplying rapidly and causing skeletal deformities. Trout with whirling disease can show spinal deformities or a blackened tail, which can impact swimming ability and feeding habits. Some infected fish swim in a circular motion, giving the disease its "whirling" name. Fish showing these distinct symptoms have not been seen in the wild or at state hatcheries in Virginia.

This disease is fairly widespread and has been documented in more than 20 states including Virginia. Native to Europe, this parasite and disease were first detected in the United States in 1958. The parasite has a two-host lifecycle including small worms (tubifex worms) and trout. Both hosts are required for the parasite to complete its lifecycle. The host fish must be a salmonid, with rainbow trout being the most susceptible to the parasite. The parasite does not infect humans, even if you eat infected fish.

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/blog/whirling-disease-faq/>

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Examples of trout with whirling disease

2023 Species Leaderboard as of 10/20/23



PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	SPIN	365	2023-07-04	BACK RIVER, VA	Bass Assassin

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	1-1	2	FLY	354	2023-09-27	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Dry Fly

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	F MURRAY	49-0		SURF	350	2023-04-19	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait
DRUM, RED	D MERRICKS	37-0	12	PLUG	308	2023-10-04	CBBT, VA	6" Grub
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	SPIN	365	2023-07-04	BACK RIVER, VA	Bass Assassin
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO



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"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C CLEVINGER	3-10	2	FLY	302	2023-10-14	PRIVATE POND, VA	Popper
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	D MERRICKS	4-8	6	SPIN	257	2023-09-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	3.5" Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	3-2	2	GEN	166	2023-03-29	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	J GORMAN	5-14	2	GEN	156	2023-04-14	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BOWFIN	T EMBRY	7-14	2	SPIN	393	2023-03-22	POWHATAN CREEK, JAMES CITY CO, V	Power Bait Trout Worm
CARP	F HART	21-0	16	PLUG	238	2022-12-18	COHOKE, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	C PHIPPS	50-12	4	GEN	541	2023-01-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Gizzard Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	9-8	6	GEN	180	2023-08-27	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
CRAPPIE, ALL	C CLEVINGER	1-8	2	FLY	300	2023-05-30	PRIVATE POND, VA	San Juan Worm
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-6	6	FLY	312	2023-05-20	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Wooly Bugger
GAR, ALL	G ALVIS	22-6	6	SPIN	369	2023-04-02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	Crappie Jig
PERCH, WHITE	C PHIPPS	1-0	2	SPIN	263	2023-02-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	C PHIPPS	1-6	2	SPIN	361	2023-02-20	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	T PEARSALL	3-4	6	SPIN	190	2023-10-17	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Plastic Worm
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	2-8	4	SPIN	149	2023-03-27	TAR RIVER, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	G ALVIS	2-1	2	FLY	294	2023-04-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Shad Fly
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-13	2	SPIN	275	2023-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	1-1	2	FLY	354	2023-09-27	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Dry Fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	J GORMAN	1-1	4	GEN	183	2023-08-24	LITTLE CREEK RES, VA	Nightcrawler
TROUT, BROOK	C PHIPPS	2-4	2	SPIN	255	2022-12-14	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mini Jig
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	4-2	6	FLY	184	2022-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mop Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	F HART	4-6	2	SPIN	273	2022-12-20	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Cliff Hand Made Plastic
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-4	8	GEN	167	2023-08-27	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

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Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	5-2	6	SPIN	102	2023-07-13	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Green Grub
COBIA	D MERRICKS	43-0	12	SPIN	286	2023-08-18	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Twitch Bait
DRUM, RED	F MURRAY	49-0		SURF	350	2023-04-19	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	T EMBRY	3-12	4	SPIN	234	2023-05-10	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Zman 3" Slim Swimz-The Deal
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-2	2	PLUG	304	2023-06-03	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Fish Bites
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2-12	4	SPIN	171	2023-07-23	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bass Assassin
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	3-5		SURF	331	2023-06-16	HATTERAS, NC. RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	SPIN	365	2023-07-04	BACK RIVER, VA	Bass Assassin
SPADEFISH	D HOWARD	6-15	12	GEN	136	2023-06-08	CHESAPEAKE LIGHT TOWER, VA	Clam
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO

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BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M MASON	7-2	12	SPIN	178	2023-03-24	SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Jerkbait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	4-14	6	GEN	222	2023-10-03	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	3-2	2	GEN	166	2023-03-29	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	14-0	12	GEN	140	2023-09-04	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow
BOWFIN	T EMBRY	7-14	2	SPIN	393	2023-03-22	POWHATAN CREEK, JAMES CITY CO, V	Power Bait Trout Worm
CARP	D MERRICKS	23-8	20	GEN	180	2023-06-17	SOUTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER, VA	Corn
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	61-0	20BR	GEN	314	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, JONES NECK CUT-OFF,	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	11-4	8	GEN	177	2023-08-20	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	SC LEE	31-0	4	PLUG	449	2023-02-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	2-0	8	GEN	137	2023-04-16	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-8	6	FLY	312	2023-05-20	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Wooly Bugger
GAR, ALL	G ALVIS	22-6	6	SPIN	369	2023-04-02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	Crappie Jig
PERCH, WHITE	C PHIPPS	1-0	2	SPIN	263	2023-02-11	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Hand Poured Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	1-8	2	GEN	319	2023-07-21	RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR, VA	Live Minnow
PICKEREL, CHAIN	T PEARSALL	3-4	6	SPIN	190	2023-10-17	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Plastic Worm
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	2-8	4	SPIN	149	2023-03-27	TAR RIVER, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	JH SHEFFIELD	2-8	4	SPIN	238	2023-03-17	WELDON, NC	Spoon
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-13	2	SPIN	275	2023-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	1-1	2	FLY	364	2023-09-27	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Dry Fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	J GORMAN	1-1	4	GEN	183	2023-08-24	LITTLE CREEK RES, VA	Nightcrawler
TROUT, BROOK	F HART	2-8	4	FLY	250	2022-12-21	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Mop Fly
TROUT, BROWN	M OSTRANDER	4-2	6	FLY	184	2022-12-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Mop Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	F HART	4-6	2	SPIN	273	2022-12-20	CEDAR SPRINGS, VA	Cliff Hand Made Plastic
WALLEYE	J GORMAN	5-7	20BR	GEN	90	2023-08-23	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Rapala Jigging Rap
WARMOUTH	T EMBRY	0-4	4	SPIN	54	2023-07-05	POWHATAN CREEK JAMES CITY CO, VA	Zoom 6.5" Trick Worm WM/Chart

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"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	6-2	6	SPIN	102	2023-07-13	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Green Grub
COBIA	D HOWARD	45-6	50	GEN	110	2023-08-16	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bucktail Jig
CROAKER	T EMBRY	0-9	4	SPIN	56	2023-08-07	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	6th Sense 2.8" SwimBait-Divin
DRUM, RED	F MURRAY	49-0		SURF	350	2023-04-19	SMITH ISLAND, VA	Cut Bait
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	T EMBRY	3-12	4	SPIN	234	2023-05-10	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Zman 3" Slim Swimz-The Deal
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	BL NOLAND	1-14		SURF	187	2023-06-20	HATTERAS - RAMP 48, NC	Sand Flea
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2-12	4	SPIN	171	2023-07-23	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bass Assassin
POMPANO, COMMON	BL NOLAND	3-5		SURF	331	2023-06-16	HATTERAS, NC. RAMP 55, NC	Sand Flea
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	M MASON	4-14	12	SPIN	195	2022-12-19	JAMES RIVER, VA	Artificial Shrimp
SPADEFISH	D HOWARD	6-15	12	GEN	138	2023-06-08	CHESAPEAKE LIGHT TOWER, VA	Clam
SPOT	T EMBRY	0-4	2	SPIN	92	2023-07-07	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	3" Gulp Minnot Smelt
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO



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NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	B PHILPY	0-12	12	FLY	113	2023-08-25	NEW RIVER, VA	Popper
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	D MERRICKS	4-8	6	SPIN	257	2023-09-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	3.5" Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C PHIPPS	3-2	2	GEN	166	2023-03-29	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C PHIPPS	3-6	2	PLUG	112	2023-02-08	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BOWFIN	C PHIPPS	7-2	8	SPIN	183	2023-09-02	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Plastic Worm
CATFISH, BLUE	D MERRICKS	61-0	8	GEN	513	2023-10-15	BUGGS ISLAND , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	9-8	6	GEN	180	2023-08-27	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	11-4	8	GEN	177	2023-08-20	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	2-0	8	GEN	137	2023-04-16	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	0-15	4	GEN	161	2023-07-16	NORTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER, VA	Live Crawdad
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-2	4	SPIN	244	2023-07-15	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Spoon
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	0-14	8	GEN	109	2023-06-19	NORTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER, VA	Live Crawdad
GAR, ALL	G ALVIS	22-6	6	SPIN	369	2023-04-02	NOTTOWAY RIVER, VA	Crappie Jig
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-13	2	SPIN	275	2023-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Hand Poured Grub
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	1-1	2	FLY	354	2023-09-27	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Dry Fly
SUNFISH	B PHILPY	0-12	12	FLY	113	2023-08-25	NEW RIVER, VA	Popper
SUNFISH	C PHIPPS	0-13	4	FLY	219	2023-05-15	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Popping Bug
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	0-14	2	GEN	112	2023-09-04	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Nightcrawler
TROUT, RAINBOW	D HOWARD	6-8	12	SPIN	141	2023-02-23	COLUMBIA RIVER, WA	Soft Plastic Swim Bait (Green)
WALLEYE	D HOWARD	8-1	12	SPIN	254	2023-02-22	COLUMBIA RIVER, WA	Soft Plastic Crawdad (Green)
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	4-12	6	GEN	175	2023-08-11	GENEVA LAKE, WI	Leech
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-4	8	GEN	167	2023-08-27	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow



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NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
COBIA	C CLEVINGER	5-0	2	SPIN	125	2023-07-23	BACK RIVER, VA	Bass Assassin
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	T EMBRY	1-6	4	SPIN	292	2023-05-08	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT. PIER,	Zman Slim Swimz 3" Smelt
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-2	2	PLUG	304	2023-06-03	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Fish Bites
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	BL NOLAND	1-14		SURF	187	2023-06-20	HATTERAS - RAMP 48, NC	Sand Flea
MACKEREL, SPANISH	C CLEVINGER	2-12	4	SPIN	171	2023-07-23	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Bass Assassin
WAHOO	F JAMES	75-0	50	GEN	202	2023-04-23	OREGON INLET, NC	BALYHOO

YOUTH FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	HENRY TOWNSEND 7_12	38-8	12	GEN	267	2023-03-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	Hickory Shad

YOUTH SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	ASHER BROUGHTON 7_12	2-8	6	SPIN	166	2023-07-01	CROATAN SOUND, NC	Z-Man

NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
WALLEYE	F HART	8-0	4	SPIN	437	2023-08-16	LAC POUTRINCOURT , OTHER	Plastic Flat Worm



Sent to Rob Thomas and forwarded to VAC:

Anglers Lane would be interested in guiding you or anyone in your group for this trip. We have done it many times for clients. I grew up on the Staunton River, have guided it since 1998, have lodging 15 minutes from the river and properties on the river, and know local dinner fare in Altavista area. Have one or two other guides who can assist. We could handle 2 to 6 people. Please see <https://www.anglerslane.com/staunton-river.htm>.

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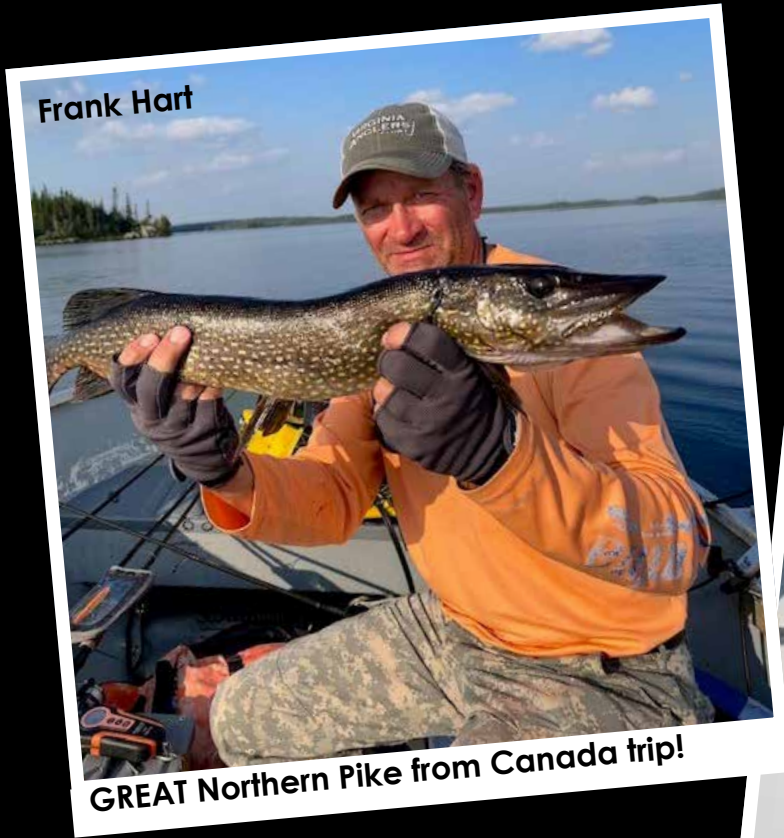
WOW! New member Derek Merricks has been fishing, ALOT!!!

NEW MEMBER AWARD								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	D MERRICKS	2-13	2	PLUG	187	2023-08-27	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	2-3	4	SPIN	475	2023-05-07	DAN RIVER, VA	Curly Tail Grub
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	D MERRICKS	4-8	6	SPIN	257	2023-09-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	3.5" Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	14-0	12	GEN	140	2023-09-04	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Live Minnow
CARP	D MERRICKS	23-8	20	GEN	180	2023-06-17	SOUTH FORK SHENANDOAH RIVER, VA	Corn
CATFISH, BLUE	D MERRICKS	61-0	8	GEN	513	2023-10-15	BUGGS ISLAND , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	9-8	6	GEN	180	2023-08-27	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	D MERRICKS	20-8	12	GEN	169	2023-07-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bluegill
COBIA	D MERRICKS	43-0	12	SPIN	286	2023-08-18	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Twitch Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	PLUG	248	2023-08-20	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	3" Swimbait
DRUM, RED	D MERRICKS	37-0	12	PLUG	308	2023-10-04	CBBT, VA	6" Grub
FALLFISH	D MERRICKS	1-6	6	FLY	312	2023-05-20	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Wooly Bugger
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	D MERRICKS	1-12	4	SPIN	109	2023-06-30	WACHAPREAGUE, VA	Gulp Saltwater Shrimp
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	9-8	8	GEN	104	2023-06-03	RIVANNA RIVER, VA	Cut Bait
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	D MERRICKS	0-13	50BR	GEN	73	2023-10-05	NAGS HEAD, NC	Shrimp
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	0-0	6	SPIN	50	2023-04-14	JAMES RIVER, VA	Crappie Jig
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	SPIN	361	2023-07-23	RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR , VA	Trout Magnet
PICKEREL, CHAIN	D MERRICKS	1-4	2	PLUG	125	2023-08-20	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	3" Swimbait
SHAD, HICKORY	D MERRICKS	0-0	6	SPIN	50	2023-04-06	JAMES RIVER, VA	Shad Spoon
SUNFISH	D MERRICKS	0-13	2	GEN	172	2023-06-23	RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	0-14	2	GEN	112	2023-09-04	LITTLE CREEK RES., VA	Nightcrawler
TROUT, BROWN	D MERRICKS	3-0	6	SPIN	107	2023-05-19	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Thomas Buoyant Spoon
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	4-0	6	FLY	178	2023-05-20	JACKSON RIVER, VA	Wooly Bugger
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-4	8	GEN	167	2023-08-27	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
Total					4863			

Fishing Memories

October/November

2023



Frank Hart

GREAT Northern Pike from Canada trip!



Brent Bosher

Cobia fishing by-catch



Lynda Richardson



With my driver and fishing guide on the Tuul River in Mongolia. I hooked a fish, never saw it, and it got off but had a great time fly and spin fishing! The famous Taimen hanging on a tackle shop wall in Ulaanbaatar. I hope Mike and I are going back to get one!!!

Fishing Memories

October/November

2023

Smallmouth Bass Season!



Mike Ostrander

Smallmouth Bass, 21.5 inch



Lynda Richardson

I thought it would be funny to add my recent smallmouth bass next to these catches. LOL



Mike Ostrander

Smallmouth Bass, 4lb 14oz on 6lb line



Lee Huss & Chip Shelton

Smallmouth Bass, 4lb 9oz