



The Angler

Newsletter

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!!!**

December 2024



Jake Wetlaufer is a FISHING MACHINE! Check out this 47-0, 44" blue catfish he caught, his largest to date, during the November 23rd VAC Catfishing Expedition! Later, he caught a 37/0, 39" blue cat!

Way to go Jake!!!

Membership Dues are Due NOW and our Annual Awards Banquet is February 1, 2025. See page 3 & page 5 for details

President's Message

Happy New Year!!!

Years ago, when I lived in California, I was washing my car in the driveway on New Year's day. (I do miss that California weather) One of my neighbors was walking by, so I shouted over to him, "Happy New Year".

His reply was "So far".

It was only 9 AM and on his first outing outside of his house on New Year's Day he was waiting for something to steal his joy and make the new year not so happy. Don't be that guy.

2025 is a chance at a fresh start. What went well in 2024 for you? Do more of that in 2025. What didn't go well for you in 2024? Don't do that in 2025.

How does this relate to us as anglers?

Every year, I commit to using a new technique in fishing that I have yet to master. In 2024, I set out to use the Chatter Bait for bass. That bait helped Frank Hart and I to win at least 2 tournaments.

For me, 2025 is going to be the year of the Shakey Head.

What technique can you try that might make you a better angler in 2025? What goals will you set for the new year. What new species will you target? What new waters will you fish?

2025 is a chance at a fresh start. Apply that attitude toward fishing and never let anything steal your joy. Cliché as it may be, the saying is true, "The worst day of fishing is better than the best day of work".

Of anyone, we as anglers, know what the joy of being on the water is and what the joy of being out in the middle of nature is. That truly is our "Happy Place,"

So, Happy New Year. Set goals, Commit to new techniques. Fish new waters and target new species of fish. But most of all, enjoy being in your "Happy Place."

Clifford Phipps

President
The Virginia Angler's Club

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

The angling year begins December 1st and dues are due.

\$60 residents and \$40 non-residents

Payable by PayPal in the Member's Area of the website

(at the bottom of the website page)

or by sending a check to: Virginia Anglers Club, P. O. Box 70520,
Richmond, VA 23255.

*Now that stamps are 73 cents apiece, we will be relying on members to take the initiative and complete this task, rather than us having to send out written reminder notices!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND BEING A MEMBER OF
THE VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB!**

FRAMED FISH & JOHN BARBER ART SALE & FUNDRAISER

Only two pieces left and these will be at the Annual Banquet on February 1 for open market bidding. Offers will start at \$50 each and go from there.

One image is an original watercolor of a fly fisherman and the other is a very large giclee print of a leaping tarpon.

All art work is custom framed and signed. Each one of these is a great deal!

Based on club research, the retail prices range to more than \$800.

All funds will go to the **Virginia Anglers Club**.

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

Virginia Angler's Club Group

Up-Coming Member & Board of Directors Meetings & Speakers

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

Board of Directors Meeting - Starts at 7pm

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

DECEMBER 2024 - Yes Newsletter, Yes Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting,
No Membership Meeting

JANUARY 2025 - No Newsletter, No BOD Meeting, No Membership Meeting

FEBRUARY 2025 - Yes Newsletter, Yes BOD meeting **February 11**, and
Yes Membership on **February 25**

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, Saturday, February 1

The Place at Innsbrook

Located in Innsbrook Shoppes:

4036-C Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Cost for the Banquet is this year \$55 per person.

More information to come...

MARCH 2025 - No Newsletter, No BOD meeting, Yes Membership on **March 25**

APRIL 2025 - Yes Newsletter, Yes BOD meeting **April 15**, Yes Member Meeting
on **April 22**

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

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

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

Also needed is a **Membership Chairman** and one **Board member/Director for the Board!!!**

Please contact Clifford Phipps if you are interested!

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THANK YOU for considering donating your time to the club!

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CHALLENGE?



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CONGRATULATIONS JOSH DOLIN!!!

on completing his Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources
MASTER ANGLER V title!!!



Josh Dolin and his citation redbreast sunfish, which earned him the Master Angler V badge from DWR's Online Angler Recognition Program.

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/blog/josh-dolin-master-angler/>

By Molly Kirk/DWR

Photos by courtesy of Josh Dolin

It's not often that dropping truck keys in the lake is looked at as a good day, but Josh Dolin used the time spent waiting for the spare set of keys to arrive to catch a citation redbreast sunfish and complete his Master Angler V title in the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) [Online Angler Recognition Program](#), catching citation-sized fish of 25 different species. *Continued...*

“I was kind of overcome with emotions about the whole thing,” Dolin said. “It’s a long journey to get there, so when you finally get there, it’s super satisfying. Having that sense of accomplishment is next to none. I’ve gotten to this place I set out to get back in 2008.”

Dolin, of Richmond, has been pursuing [Master Angler V](#) status since he was in high school, and by 2022 he had 24 species recorded. But then his father passed away, and Dolin slowed down his fishing. “That took a lot of the fire out of it for me,” he said. But then Dolin read a [DWR online article about Michael Minnick’s quest](#) for 25 species and the Master Angler V patch. (Minnick accomplished the Master V title in February, becoming just the second angler to earn the title in the 60-year history of the DWR Angler Recognition Program. The first was Stephen Miklandric, who earned Master Angler V status in 2019.) Dolin decided to re-start his Master V quest in a big way, identifying the bluegill as the species to complete the 25 species.

“I’d been catching a ton of bluegill, but none of them were quite big enough,” he said. When a friend called him and said he’d been catching good-sized bluegill in Western Branch, Dolin decided to join him. “I caught that fish, and I looked at it, and it didn’t quite look like a bluegill. It didn’t really hit me what it was, but I made sure to measure it. I called a couple of my friends just to confirm, and they said that it was a redbreast sunfish and it was big enough for the citation requirements. So at first, I was a little let down right away, because it wasn’t a big enough bluegill. But then it turned out to be a citation in the other sunfish category!” Dolin’s redbreast sunfish was 10 1/4 inches. *Continued...*



It was almost the citation that wasn't. Dolin and his friend were actually done fishing for the day in late October, but when they realized their truck keys were at the bottom of the lake and they'd have to wait for Dolin's girlfriend to bring them the spare set of truck keys, they kept casting. "If that mishap didn't happen, we wouldn't have even been there," Dolin said. "When my girlfriend called me and said she was at the boat ramp, I said 'Okay, let me make one more cast.' And I caught that fish! We met her at the boat ramp and we got all the pictures. It was just super special."

Dolin, who works full-time as a contractor, tried to get out fishing every weekend. "I also try to sneak in a couple days during the week," he said. "But it just depends on how work's going. I'm very much a weekend warrior. I know a lot of the other guys going after these awards are a little older and they're retired, have time, and are pretty mobile. I'm working until basically six o'clock Friday night, going home, loading up all my stuff and then driving to wherever for the weekend. And that usually ends up with me sleeping in my car to save money. I'm doing everything on a budget and with time constraints." Of his 25 citation species, he caught 16 species from a kayak, seven on foot, and only two from a boat. He's recorded a [Virginia state record fallfish](#) in 2022, though the record was broken in 2024.

So, Dolin is very deliberate with his fishing. "I'm very goal-oriented, and always have been. So I focus on a target, and then I do as much as I can to try to catch that citation and achieve that goal. And as soon as I get it, I treat it like a chapter in a book—I had a lot of fun chasing that thing. And then I turn the page on that chapter, and I switch over to the next thing," he said.

"I use the citation page on the DWR website, and that kind of tells you when certain species are going to be hitting better," he continued. "I try to write down every little bit of information I get. It's very much like a puzzle. I try to put it all together, and that's how I figure out where I want to go, when I want to go, and what I want to chase at any given time. It's just a culmination of different data points and information that I've gathered to help me build my game plan. Every year when it's back-to-school time, I go buy the spiral notebooks, and I just fly through those things. I have tons of them."

On his journey to the Master V title, Dolin has a particularly memorable catch—his northern pike. "That was probably one of my favorite catches because I had my girlfriend with me. We've been together 14 years, and she doesn't normally come with me on these fishing trips," he said. "She helps me get myself out the door on Friday night, but she's not normally coming along. But we went up and fished the North River, and we'd fished all day. *Continued...*

“I’ve been fishing for northern pike for years without much luck at all, and it was one of those moments where everything came together in an instant,” Dolin recalled. “It was probably the only time where I kind of knew I was about to catch my citation. This father and son moved off of the spot that I’d wanted to fish right before sundown. She and I went over and started making some casts, and all sudden, it was just like, boom, boom—I started immediately catching fish, and then I caught one pike. I thought, ‘Oh my gosh, I think it’s about to happen!’” The very next cast, I hooked up with my citation pike. My girlfriend helped me land it and get all the pictures. That had been a fish that I’d fished for for eight or nine years, so for it to come together like that, with her being there, was super special.”



What’s next for Dolin? Well, he’s definitely on the hunt for the Master Angler VI patch now. “With every citation, you’re hungry to go get that next one. So, I’m already scheming to go get number 26,” he said. He has sauger, white crappie, hybrid striper, brown trout, and that bluegill on his list to check off. “Brown trout is one of the ones where I’ve come really close a couple times and I just haven’t been able to get over the hump,” Dolin said. “They’re all cold-temperature species, other than the bluegill, so I should be able to maybe make up some ground this winter.

“There are also a couple of state records that I’m eyeballing that I’ll fish a lot for,” he said. “There are a few things during the year that I make a point to carve out some time and go do, like fishing for flathead catfish or longnose gar. But typically, I’m going to target one species, and I’m going to keep plugging away at it until I get it!”

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CEDAR SPRINGS TROUT FISHING EXPEDITION

RESCHEDULED

This expedition was rescheduled from December 1-3, 2024 to

Spring of 2025, NEW DATE TBD

Please contact Cliff for details and/or to reserve your spot at
pepsicliff@sbcglobal.net or 714 904-8064



Just recently, Lynda Richardson captured this photo of a polar bear playing with a largemouth bass at the San Diego Zoo in California. A fun angling photo!

Past VAC Events

NOVEMBER 2 - VAC Oyster Roast at Ronnie and Dinkus Deane's House!

If you weren't at the Annual Oyster Roast this year, you missed a GREAT TIME! Oysters (fried and on the half shell), beef brisket, pork barbecue, and many other delicious foods were a flowing! Oh, and beer was too.

SPECIAL THANKS to STAMFORD for the two bushels of oysters and a SPECIAL THANKS to RONNIE and DINKUS for hosting the event! Too many others to name but their contributions were appreciated and enjoyed as well! THANK YOU! Be sure to put the oyster roast on your calendar next year! Date TBD









Past VAC Expeditions

NOVEMBER 23 - VAC Catfish Expedition with Captain Mike Ostrander



Capt. Mike Ostrander is all smiles while helping **Jake Wetlaufer** hold this 47/0, 44" blue catfish!

This past November, during the VAC Catfish Member Fishing expedition, Jake caught the biggest catfish of his life...well, actually two of them! The other was a 37/0! Way to go Jake!!!

Other participants caught fish as well. **Tricia Pearsall**, **Lynda Richardson**, and **John Wetlaufer** were on Mike's boat and **Tom Franco**, **Carter Clevinger**, and **Dinkus Dean** were fishing from Tom's boat.

Lynda caught a potential IGFA Women's World Record 19/0 blue cat on 4lb spin and we are waiting to hear if it is approved. An exciting day for everyone!



Above; Mike's pontoon boat is ready for action!

Right; Look out for the Famous CATFISH SLAP!!!





Before its release, **Lynda Richardson** kisses her 19/0 blue catfish hoping it will earn her an IGFA World Record!



Tricia Pearsall poses with a nice blue catfish she caught during the VAC expedition.

David Johnson
drove his boat
with **Dinkus**
Deane and **Carter**
Clevinger looking
for blue cat action!



Above; **John Wetlaufer** holds one of his blue cats and right; fresh gizzard shad was cut up and ready for the hook up.



LEADER BOARD 2024 as of December 17

ANNUAL AWARDS 2024

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

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

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

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-6	6	GEN	258	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	12-8	8	FLY	208	2024-04-15	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Clauser
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	6-2	6	PLUG	408	2024-11-01	GREAT WICOMICO, VA	Mirrolure
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

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LEADER BOARD 2024 as of December 17 cont...

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	RJ BROWN	7-6	2	SPIN	491	2024-03-18	COHOKE POND, VA	Grub
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	3-13	4	SPIN	276	2024-06-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	White Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	PLUG	275	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	185	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BOWFIN	T PEARSALL	3-8	6	SPIN	107	2024-10-03	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Plastic Worm
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	9-12	4	GEN	232	2024-10-26	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	D MERRICKS	30-0	8	GEN	307	2024-06-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bluegill
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
FALLFISH	T PEARSALL	1-4	4	SPIN	271	2024-08-23	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Plastic Minnow
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	16-8	8	SPIN	230	2024-11-02	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Casting Spoon
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	PLUG	411	2024-11-17	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Casting Spoon
PERCH, YELLOW	F HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2024-03-03	PAMONKEY RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
PICKEREL, CHAIN	F HART	2-14	2	SPIN	287	2024-02-24	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad
PIKE, NORTHERN	D MERRICKS	8-8	6	PLUG	193	2024-10-15	DEEP CREEK LAKE, MD	Spinnerbait
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	3-4	4	SPIN	194	2024-03-04	ROCKY MY NC, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F MURRAY	2-8	6	FLY	252	2024-03-15	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred Fly
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-08	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	F HART	1-1	2	SPIN	279	2024-01-05	PRIVATE POND, VA	Bobby Garland
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	GEN	200	2024-06-29	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
TROUT, BROOK	G ALVIS	2-1	4	FLY	206	2024-02-25	NININGER CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail
WALLEYE	L RICHARDSON	4-0	4	SPIN	218	2024-09-11	JAMES RIVER NEAR BOSHERS DAM, VA	White Grub

LEADER BOARD 2024 as of December 17 cont...

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-2	6	PLUG	305	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Sting Silver
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	5-2	6	SPIN	128	2024-07-27	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub
COBIA	B SHEPHERD	21-12	8	PLUG	241	2024-08-19	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	RonZ Jig
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B SHEPHERD	3-11	4	SPIN	230	2024-07-21	HUNGARS CREEK, VA	Jig
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-0	2	SPIN	270	2024-08-01	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Fish Bites
MACKEREL, SPANISH	B SHEPHERD	2-14	6	SPIN	151	2024-10-04	HUNGARS CREEK, VA	Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater
SPOT	T EMBRY	0-5	2	SPIN	115	2024-10-06	TIMBERNECK CREEK MACHICOMOCO S P	Gulp Minnow

Regarding...

FISHING MEMORIES

JUST AN IMPORTANT REMINDER!!! Please send images of your catches to the Newsletter Secretary at the FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH with information about when, and where it was caught, as well as weight, length, bait used and gear, if possible! We want to see and hear about what you are catching!!!

LEADER BOARD 2024 as of December 17 cont...

"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	D MERRICKS	8-4	12	GEN	165	2024-03-08	DOUTHAT LAKE , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	M OSTRANDER	3-13	4	SPIN	276	2024-06-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	White Grub
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	J GORMAN	4-11	8	GEN	125	2024-03-13	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	2-1	6	SPIN	185	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BOWFIN	T PEARSALL	3-8	6	SPIN	107	2024-10-03	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Plastic Worm
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)
CATFISH, BLUE	S KNOX	48-0	20BR	GEN	247	2023-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Shad
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	12-0	6	GEN	227	2024-11-17	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	D MERRICKS	30-0	8	GEN	307	2024-06-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bluegill
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
FALLFISH	T PEARSALL	1-4	4	SPIN	271	2024-08-23	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Plastic Minnow
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	18-8	8	GEN	203	2024-08-15	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Live Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	PLUG	411	2024-11-17	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Casting Spoon
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	1-8	2	GEN	319	2024-07-20	RAGGED MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
PICKEREL, CHAIN	C PHIPPS	3-10	8	SPIN	175	2024-04-13	LAKE CHESDIN, VA	Spinner Bait
PIKE, NORTHERN	D MERRICKS	8-8	6	PLUG	193	2024-10-15	DEEP CREEK LAKE, MD	Spinnerbait
SAUGEYE	G ALVIS	4-10	20BR	GEN	76	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Swimbait
SHAD, AMERICAN	JH SHEFFIELD	3-4	4	SPIN	194	2024-03-04	ROCKY MY NC, NC	Shad Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	F MURRAY	2-8	6	FLY	252	2024-03-15	JAMES RIVER, VA	Fred Fly
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-08	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	D MERRICKS	1-3	4	GEN	204	2024-10-27	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	GEN	200	2024-06-29	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
TROUT, BROOK	G ALVIS	2-1	4	FLY	206	2024-02-25	NININGER CREEK, VA	Wooly Bugger Fly
TROUT, BROWN	T EMBRY	0-13	2	SPIN	50	2024-11-02	DORY PARK LAKE HENRICO COUNTY, V	Gulp Minnow
TROUT, RAINBOW	D MERRICKS	6-12	2	SPIN	421	2023-12-18	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Rooster Tail
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

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"HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, BLACK SEA	F JAMES	4-6	6	GEN	258	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Squid
BLUEFISH	SC LEE	5-2	6	SPIN	128	2024-07-27	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Grub
COBIA	D MERRICKS	28-0	12	PLUG	186	2024-07-27	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Twitch Bait
CROAKER	C DEANE	0-12	6	SPIN	67	2024-09-07	PIANKATANK, VA	4" Gulp-Gold
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	B SHEPHERD	3-11	4	SPIN	230	2024-07-21	HUNGARS CREEK, VA	Jig
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-0	2	SPIN	270	2024-08-01	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Fish Bites
MACKEREL, SPANISH	B SHEPHERD	2-14	6	SPIN	151	2024-10-04	HUNGARS CREEK, VA	Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater
SHEEPSHEAD	J WETLAUFER	2-5	8	GEN	50	2024-10-26	LYNNHAVEN INLET, VA	Sand Flee
SPOT	D CARTER	0-7	8	GEN	61	2024-05-25	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA	Bloodworm

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C PHIPPS	8-4	20BR	GEN	110	2024-05-29	PRIVATE POND, VA	Hollow Body Frog
BASS, ROCK & ROANOKE	D MERRICKS	1-14	6	SPIN	340	2024-04-28	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	C CLEVINGER	4-2	2	PLUG	275	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (HYB)	J GORMAN	4-11	8	GEN	125	2024-03-13	LAKE ANNA, VA	Minnow
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	C CLEVINGER	4-8	2	PLUG	150	2023-12-02	LAKE ANNA, VA	Blade Bait
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	D MERRICKS	28-0	8	GEN	373	2023-12-09	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
BASS, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	PLUG	183	2024-04-06	DAN RIVER, VA	3" Swimbait
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	43-11	8	PLUG	459	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	D CARTER	44-5	20	GEN	228	2024-11-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	Cut Eel
CATFISH, BLUE	GN CARTER	24-11	6	PLUG	290	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, CHANNEL	D MERRICKS	12-0	6	GEN	227	2024-11-17	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	D MERRICKS	30-0	8	GEN	307	2024-06-28	JAMES RIVER, VA	Live Bluegill
CRAPPIE, ALL	G ALVIS	2-14	4	SPIN	359	2024-02-04	PRIVATE POND, VA	Swimbait
FALLFISH	T PEARSALL	1-4	4	SPIN	271	2024-08-23	SOUTH RIVER, VA	Plastic Minnow
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	16-8	8	SPIN	230	2024-11-02	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Casting Spoon
GAR, ALL	D MERRICKS	18-8	8	GEN	203	2024-08-15	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Live Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	PLUG	411	2024-11-17	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Casting Spoon
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-8	4	GEN	258	2024-10-27	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Cut Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	1-5	6	GEN	190	2024-08-24	BURNT MILLS RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	12	PLUG	137	2024-03-04	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	6	PLUG	204	2024-03-01	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PIKE, NORTHERN	C PHIPPS	11-11	12	PLUG	146	2024-07-26	CANADA, OTHER	Buzzbait
PIKE, NORTHERN	D MERRICKS	8-8	6	PLUG	193	2024-10-15	DEEP CREEK LAKE, MD	Spinnerbait
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-6	12	SPIN	138	2024-02-17	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SAUGEYE	D MERRICKS	4-1	8	SPIN	162	2024-02-22	APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA	Fluke
SNAKEHEAD	C PHIPPS	4-8	8	SPIN	138	2024-06-08	RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER , VA	Buzzbait
SUNFISH	D MERRICKS	1-1	6	GEN	153	2024-04-26	COHOKE MILLPOND, VA	Nightcrawler
SUNFISH	D MERRICKS	0-14	6	FLY	198	2024-11-22	PRIVATE POND, VA	Egg Fly
SUNFISH, REDEAR	D MERRICKS	1-9	2	GEN	200	2024-06-29	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	1-2	6	FLY	142	2024-03-18	PRIVATE POND, VA	Golden Retriever
WALLEYE	D MERRICKS	5-0	6	GEN	184	2024-02-04	LITTLE CREEK RESERVOIR , VA	Live Minnow

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NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	D CARTER	0-14	8	GEN	116	2024-05-31	OVFP NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, VA	Cut Pigfish
KINGFISH (SEA MULLET)(ROUNDHEAD)	C CLEVINGER	1-0	2	SPIN	270	2024-08-01	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Fish Bites
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	W MOSLEY	6-2	6	PLUG	408	2024-11-01	GREAT WICOMICO, VA	Mirrolure

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

YOUTH SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	ASHER BROUGHTON 7_12	1-12	6	SPIN	116	2024-08-31	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Zman

NON-LOCAL AWARD FRESH OR SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SAILFISH, ATLANTIC	B SHEPHERD	0-0	8	GEN	500	2024-04-23	KEY BISCCAYNE, FL	Goggle Eye

NEW MEMBER AWARD								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	T EMBRY	7-1	4	SPIN	353	2024-03-26	ARMISTEAD PT PARK POND HAMPTON ,	Joe's Fly # 35
BASS, STRIPED (LL)	T EMBRY	0-0	4	GEN	50	2024-09-30	LAKE MEADE CITY OF SUFFOLK, VA	Night Crawler
BLUEFISH	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2024-09-18	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Gulp Minnow
CATFISH, BLUE	T EMBRY	0-0	2	GEN	50	2024-11-29	GORDON CREEK JAMES CITY COUNTY ,	Night Crawler
CATFISH, CHANNEL	T EMBRY	0-0	2	GEN	50	2024-09-24	SANDY BOTTOM PARK POND HAMPTON ,	Night Crawler
COBIA	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2024-09-11	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Cliff's Hand Poured Trout Worm
CRAPPIE, ALL	T EMBRY	1-13	2	GEN	232	2024-04-13	WOODSTOCK POND YRSP JAMESCITY CO	Minnow
CRAPPIE, ALL	T EMBRY	1-13	2	GEN	232	2024-03-17	WOODSTOCK POND YRSP JAMESCITY CO	Minnow
CROAKER	T EMBRY	0-9	2	SPIN	75	2024-09-11	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER ,	Cliff's Hand Poured Trout Worm
DRUM, RED	T EMBRY	2-5	2	SPIN	57	2024-10-01	TIMBERNECK CREEK MACHICOMOCO S P	Powerbait Minnow
FLOUNDER, SUMMER	T EMBRY	2-6	2	SPIN	197	2024-08-30	A.I.W. GREAT BRIDGE LOCKS, CHES.	Slider 1.5" Crappie Grub White
JACK, CRAVELLE	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2024-09-09	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Cliffs Hand Pored Troutworm
PERCH, WHITE	T EMBRY	0-9	2	GEN	119	2024-04-24	WALLERMILL RES. YORK CO, VA	Minnow
PERCH, YELLOW	T EMBRY	0-13	2	GEN	172	2023-12-10	WALLER MILL RESERVOIR, VA	Minnow
PICKEREL, CHAIN	T EMBRY	1-12	2	GEN	140	2024-02-18	POWHATAN CREEK JAMES CITY CO, VA	Minnow
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	T EMBRY	2-2	2	SPIN	188	2024-11-25	YORK RIVER YORKTOWN FISHING PIER	Gulp Minnow 3" Smelt
SHAD, HICKORY	T EMBRY	1-3	2	SPIN	134	2024-04-30	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Cliff's Hand Poured Trout Worm
SPOT	T EMBRY	0-5	2	SPIN	115	2024-10-06	TIMBERNECK CREEK MACHICOMOCO S P	Gulp Minnow
SUNFISH	T EMBRY	0-9	2	GEN	119	2024-10-08	LAKE CAHOON CITY OF SUFFOLK , VA	Cricket
SUNFISH, REDEAR	T EMBRY	1-4	4	GEN	125	2024-09-30	LAKE MEADE CITY OF SUFFOLK, VA	Night Crawler
TROUT, BROWN	T EMBRY	0-13	2	SPIN	50	2024-11-02	DORY PARK LAKE HENRICO COUNTY, V	Gulp Minnow
WEAKFISH	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2024-09-20	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Gulp Minnow
Total					2658			

FISHING MEMORIES

Capt. Mike Ostrander



One of two muskies boated, a big one lost at the boat, and several bites in between...it was an outstanding day!!!



A recent vacation to San Diego and La Jolla for **Mike** and **Lynda Richardson** didn't produce many fish but they did eat the fish on the left for dinner. A kelp bass? Above; unknown fish was released.