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Next Membership Meeting:

June 22, 2010 - 7:00 PM

Skilligalee Restaurant

Glenside Ave, just North of Broad Street

Come ~ 5:30 PM and enjoy good company over dinner from the menu

person that knows the equipment and also is a great fisherman. With cobia now in the bay perhaps Steve will also provide some tips on finding and catching this great game fish.

JUNE PROGRAM

"WHAT'S NEW IN ELECTRONICS?"

Side-scan, down-scan, mapping, radar, 3-D weather, GPS it's all available on the latest units. If you are thinking about upgrading or just want to learn about what modern electronics can do for your fishing, this should be a great program.

Steve Lane, manager of the electronics department for **Green Top** will be our speaker. Steve is a Va. Master Angler in Freshwater and a top cobia fisherman. So come learn from a

NO BACKLASH THIS MONTH

John Wetlaufer, Sr. is recuperating from his hip replacement surgery this month and doing well. Unfortunately, he has had to concentrate on his rehab and has not been able to attend the Board of Directors meeting for June. He will be back in action next month with a full report from the Leadership Team. We wish him a speedy recovery.



CATCHY COMMENTS

by Buddy Noland

Judging by the low number of entries over the past month, the weather must have kept a lot of anglers from fishing. The Red and Black Drum bite has been phenomenal off the Eastern Shore Islands. Spadefish are beginning to show inside the bay as well as the Chesapeake Light Tower area. **Dean Winstead, Ryan Noland, and I** recently fished the Triangle Wreck area for Black Sea Bass. We did not catch any fish over three pounds or submit any entries because of the rough sea conditions requiring heavier fishing line. **Mike Cline** and **Robbie Robinson** fished the CBBT several times lately for Flounder and have had to return four or more for every one keeper!

Scott Johnston and **Fred Cousins** chartered **Norman Miller** to fish for Cobia off Ocracoke recently. **Fred** landed a 37-0 fish using a bucktail on 12# spin worth 246 points. This Cobia will now lead the "species" and "heaviest" categories. On the same trip, **Scott** got into the Black Sea Bass and entered a 1-12 pound on 8# plug for 109 points. **Scott's** fish will take the early lead for "species", "heaviest", and "plug divisions".

Fishing Western Branch Lake, **Billy Nicar** had a good day on Sunfish. **Billy** was using night crawlers to catch a 1-7 pound on 4# general and also a 2-1 pound Sunfish on 2# general. **His** largest fish is worth a whopping 438 points and will also lead the "species" and "heaviest" categories.

Parks Rountrey was fly fishing a private pond and entered a Sunfish on 2# fly. **Parks** landed an 11 ounce fish worth 229 points using a Shad fly. A message here is to not give up on the Shad flies after the spring run is over! **Parks** was also fishing the Chick several days earlier and caught a Gar on 2# line using a minnow for bait worth 174 points.

Jeff Doughty just informed me that he is getting the Grady White out of mothballs and going fishing for Flounder in the bay this coming weekend. Now that the word is out, I'm sure that all the large Flounder are making a "mad" early migration from the bay to the ocean! Ultimately, the ASMFC will be forced to impose a mandatory "moratorium" to protect the remaining species. **Jeff**, give the rest of us fishermen a break and release a few fish for future generations to enjoy!



Best of luck,

Buddy



Billy Nicar with a beautiful 2-1 Sunfish on 2 Gen



George Atkinson with a Permit on 20# Gen



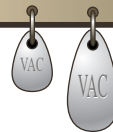
Rob Choi with a good looking 28" Redfish

VIRGINIA LAW RELATING TO TOWING TRAILERS

The 2010 Legislators passed SB 646 requiring all towed trailers to be secured to the towing vehicle with a "locking" device. In general it contains the following requirements according to Sgt. Jones of the Safety Division of the Virginia State Police, 804-674-2827:

1. Trailer hitch connections must be secured (locked) with a pad lock, locking pin, clip, bolt and nut, or other such device preventing the hitch from being released while underway.
2. Crossed tow chains or cables structurally adequate to securely stop and hold the trailer being towed must be in place.
3. The towing vehicle must have reinforcement, bracing, or construction of the frame sufficient to produce strength and rigidity of the frame to prevent its undue distortion.
4. This law applies to all towed trailers or towed vehicles irregardless of the type of hitch or connection including fifth wheels, drawbars, or similar devices.
5. The bill has been signed by the Governor and is effective July 1, 2010.

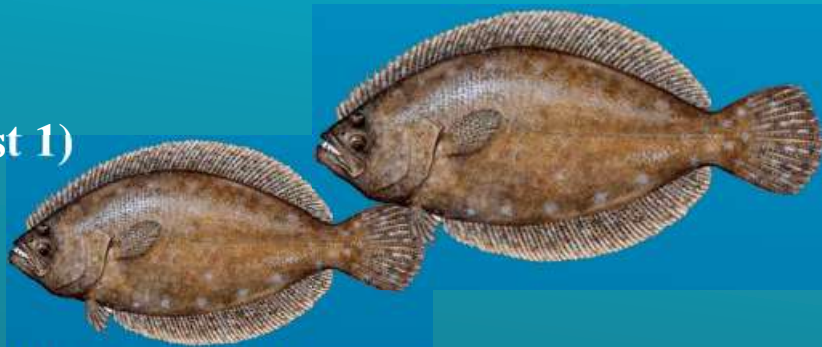
Several vendors of "locking" devices, costing up to \$100.00, are advertising their products in such a way that it suggests such devices are mandatory. A simple lock or nut and bolt will comply with the law.



Tournament News

Virginia Flounder Tournament: July 24-25

(blow date July 31-August 1)



Doormat flounder action will peak in mid summer and we have a tournament at peak citation time. Popular spots for large summer flounder include the buoy 36 area and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The tournament is open to all Virginia waters.

We will recognize three places for heaviest weight fish and three places for highest point fish. First = 3 pts. Second = 2 pts. Third = 1 pt.

These points will apply towards the annual Saltwater Tournament Angler of the Year competition. A fish can be entered by weight or points (angler must declare which category) but not both ways for 1 fish. One angler can enter up to two fish. It is possible to win both weight and points divisions by entering 2 different fish.

Call in entries within 24 hours from end of tournament to Angling Activities Chairman Parks Rountrey 804-349-6001. You can not change the entry category once you have registered it with the Chairman. You do not need to fill out cards.

Tournament First Place Awards for weight and points = Anglers Choice: Traditional cup, \$40 Green Top gift certificate or a VAC Banquet ticket. Contact Chairman to confirm event if weather is questionable.

VIRGINIA ANGLERS CLUB - 6/10/10

SPECIES	ANGLER	WEIGHT	LN	DIV.	PTS	DATE	LOCATION	BAIT
2010 SPECIES LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BASS, BLACK SEA	WS Johnston	1-12	8	Plug	109	5/23/10	Outer Banks, NC	Jig
BASS, STRIPED	JP Rountrey	35-8	8	Gen	394	12/30/09	Kiptopeke, Va.	Eel
COBIA	F Cousins	37-0	12	Spin	246	5/23/10	Portsmouth Island, NC	Bucktail
DRUM, RED	M Balazik	4-12	2	Spin	118	1/14/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11	2	Spin	312	3/14/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Wildeye

2010 SPECIES LEADERS - FRESHWATER								
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M Balazik	4-0	2	Spin	266	2/27/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Jig
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	63-0	6	Gen	592	1/1/10	James River, Va.	Cut Bait
CATFISH, CHANNEL	WS Johnston	4-0	4	Fly	148	4/12/10	James River, Va.	Clouser
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-13	2	Plug	287	3/20/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Silver Buddy
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	8-12	2	Plug	318	3/19/10	James River, Va.	Grub
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9	2	Spin	411	12/30/09	Elizabeth River, Va.	Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	WS Johnston	1-0	4	Fly	270	3/2/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Clouser
PICKERAL, CHAIN	JP Rountrey	1-8	2	Spin	150	3/19/10	Chickahominy River, Va.	Jig
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-4	2	Spin	260	3/24/10	Tar River, NC	Dart
SHAD, HICKORY	WS Johnston	2-10	4	Fly	312	4/12/10	James River, Va.	Clouser
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-1	2	Gen	438	5/20/10	Western Branch, Va.	Nightcrawler

2010 DIVISION LEADERS - SALTWATER								
BASS, STRIPED	JP Rountrey	35-8	8	Gen	394	12/30/09	Kiptopeke, Va.	Eel
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11	2	Spin	312	3/14/10	Elizabeth River, Va.	Wildeye
BASS, BLACK SEA	WS Johnston	1-12	8	Plug	109	5/23/10	Outer Banks, NC	Jig

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GAR, ALL	F Cousins	8-12	2	Plug	318	3/19/10	James River, Va.	Grub

2010 SPECIES LEADERS LARGEST - SALTWATER

BASS, BLACK SEA	WS Johnston	1-12
BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	44-5
COBIA	F Cousins	37-0
DRUM, RED	M Balazik	4-12
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F Cousins	4-11

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BASS, LARGEMOUTH	M Balazik	4-0
CATFISH, BLUE	B Shepherd	63-0
CATFISH, CHANNEL	WS Johnston	4-0
CRAPPIE, ALL	M Cline	1-13
GAR, ALL	F Cousins	8-12
PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9
PERCH, YELLOW	W Nicar	1-3
PICKERAL, CHAIN	WS Johnston	2-0
SHAD, AMERICAN	M Kodroff	3-4
SHAD, HICKORY	WS Johnston	2-10
SUNFISH, ALL	W Nicar	2-1

NEW CLUB RECORDS - SALTWATER

BASS, STRIPED	L Houser	44-5	16	Gen	276	12/7/09	Chesapeake Bay, Virginia	Eel
BASS, STRIPED	R Choi	36-0	50	Braid	120	12/18/09	Kiptopeke, Va.	Eel

NEW CLUB RECORDS - FRESHWATER

PERCH, WHITE	F Cousins	1-9	2	Spin	411	12/30/09	Elizabeth River, Va.	Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	W Nicar	35-8	12	Plug	308	4/19/10	James River, Va.	7" SW Grub
CATFISH, BLUE	W Nicar	10-4	2	Fly	197	4/26/10	James River, Va.	Fly

TOP YOUTH CATCHES - FRESHWATER (LOCAL)

PERCH, WHITE	Claire Watkinson	0-10	2	Spin	164	4/14/10	James River, Va.	Jig
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C.V. KINNARD AWARD COMPETITION - thru 6/8/10

ANGLER	FIRSTS	SECONDS	THIRDS	PLACES	POINTS	AVERAGE
Fred Cousins	1	3	0	4	1287	250
Parks Rountrey	0	1	2	3	914	304
Billy Nicar	2	0	0	2	746	373
Fred Murray	1	0	0	1	586	586
Eddy Johnston	0	0	1	1	285	285
Scott Johnston	0	0	1	1	270	270

Robert Thomas

Fishing Adventures

Fly Casting & Fly Tying Instruction
Equipment: Rods, Reels, Lines, etc.
Fly Tying Materials & Tools
Hosted Trips

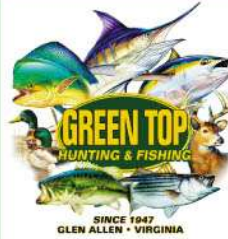
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**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, June 22nd at Skilligalee's**



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