



The Angler

Newsletter

October/November 2024



September Angler of Month, **Lynda Richardson**, holds her James River 4/0 Walleye on 4-Spin.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING & Flea Market

New DATE: Monday, October 21st

Doors open at 6pm and meeting starts at 7pm sharp!

Guest Speaker: Josh Dolan: *Pursuit of Trophy Fish and Virginia Master Angler V*

**See page 6 for details on presentation!*

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

President's Message

Transitions and Adaptation

It's October, and already my backyard is filling up with leaves. The Tulip Poplar trees are already shedding their leaves. And as the nights begin to cool, the leaves on the Gumball or Liquid Amber trees will begin to turn red, orange and yellow and fall to the ground as well. Once again, I will have to go into the garage and take down the rake that hasn't been touched since last October and begin the process of removing the leaves from the lawn.

October is a time of transition from Summer to Fall. Transition requires adaptation. The transition from Summer to Fall requires the adaptation of rakes and extra layers of clothes.

It's the same with fishing. I have found that for the species that I target, Largemouth bass, the transitional months are September, October and February. In the case of September and October, the fish that I could count on to be hiding in cover in the shade have moved. In the case of February, the bass have reproduction on their minds and are tougher to encourage to bite artificial baits.

So, adaptation is required. But adaptation comes in several forms.

One way to adapt to fishing transitions is to just quit fishing. My fishing partner Earl, would quit fishing in September and wouldn't pick a rod up until May, because he had turned from fishing to hunting. Dove, deer, turkey and ducks were his focus during those fishing transitions. When the temperatures warmed up and the fish were coming off the beds, Earl picked up a rod, once again, and started throwing weightless Senko worms at the shoreline.

Another way to adapt to the fishing transitions is to switch species. When I was living in California, the CA Fish and Game Department would begin to stock lakes with Rainbow trout in late October and early November. It was easy and fun to switch from bass and begin to target trout since they were more active and predictable.

There is a third method of adaptation during these transitional periods. And that is to try to figure out what your fish are doing and follow them into their transition and present different baits that will be more suitable to what that species is doing.

This third method requires a good deal of effort. There is research, additional tackle and time on the water to search out and find those fish that just a month ago were so easy to find.

It is during these fishing transitions that I am most thankful for the members of the Virginia Anglers Club. The vast wealth of knowledge found within the membership of our club has helped me tremendously, especially when I am struggling to find fish during these times of transition.

Regardless of your preferred method of adaptation during these transitions, enjoy the opportunity that you have been provided.

If you switch from fishing to hunting, enjoy the sounds and smells of the woods and marshes.

If you switch to a different and more active and predictable species, enjoy the time on the water that you have. Enjoy the change in gear and tackle that that species requires.

If you decide to follow your targeted species as they move to new areas, enjoy the hunt and the challenge of finding your fish when they act like they don't want to be found.

There will always be transitions. Transitions are predictable and should be expected. Just like the leaves on my trees are going to fall to the ground every October, the bass are going to move away from the shore in September and October.

Do I put the rods and reels down and go hunting? Do I change species and target more predictable and active species or do I follow my fish into their new haunts? Making those decisions is part of what makes being an angler so fun.

Clifford Phipps

President
The Virginia Angler's Club



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!



The Virginia Angler's Club needs your help! Please consider volunteering for the club! It's a great way to get to know fellow members as well as drive the club towards better fulfilling the needs of our members.

We need:

ONE: After many years of service as Recording Secretary, 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.

TWO: We need an Angling Activities/Expedition Officer. The Angling Activities/Expedition Officer creates opportunities for angling activities and expeditions. Those activities are overseen by other individual members.

THREE: We also need a Programs Officer. The Programs Officer organizes the program speakers for the membership meetings.

FOUR: Lastly, we will be looking for Directors to join up for a three year commitment as a Board member.

Please contact Clifford Phipps if you are interested!

714 904-8064 pepsicliff@sbcglobal.net



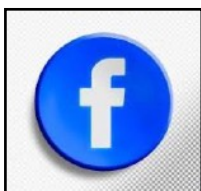
Thank you for considering a donation of your time to the Club!

Virginia Angler's Club Leadership Team

VAC Leadership		
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President		Clifford Phipps
1st VP (Programs)	(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)	Frank Hart
2nd VP (Angling Activities)	(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)	John Gorman
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Newsletter Secretary		Lynda Richardson
Website Secretary		Eric Webster
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Director 2024	(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)	Clint Peters
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Director 2025	(VOLUNTEER NEEDED)	Bob Brown
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Director 2025		Capt. Mike Ostrander
Director 2026		Dinkus Deane
Director 2026		Fred Murray
Director 2026		Tricia Pearsall
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Scale Certification Co-Chairman		Ryan Noland
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Website Assistant		Lee Huss



Be sure to check us out on FACEBOOK!!!



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

Virginia Angler's Club Group

Up-Coming Member Meetings & Speakers

Doors open at 5:45PM so be ready to set up for Flea Market sales and meeting will start at 7pm sharp. Some tables are available.

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

MONDAY, October 21 - Josh Dolan: In Pursuit of Trophy Fish and Virginia Master Angler V

Josh Dolan, Virginia Anglers Club member, will be sharing stories from his trophy fish quest. For the last several years, Josh has been striving to become one of the first (and youngest angler) to achieve the Virginia Master Angler V.

In addition to this quest, Josh has also pursued several “True” trophy fish across the United States. This is a program you will not want to miss. Please connect with your friends and invite them to join us for this very special program. It is going to be awesome!



Up-Coming Member Meetings & Speakers

Continued...

November 19th - TACKLE MAKING WORKSHOP MEETING!

VAC members will share their knowledge and talent in making tackle such as rubber worms, how to tie flies, and more. Please come and enjoy learning from your fellow anglers!

If you would like to join in as a tackle maker and demonstrate your skills to the membership, Please contact Clifford Phipps if you are interested!

Cliff Phipps
714-904-8064
pepsicliff@sbcglobal.net

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December - NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We will still have a Board of Directors Meeting on DECEMBER 10 and the Newsletter will come out in December!

FRAMED FISH & JOHN BARBER ART SALE & FUNDRAISER

\$200 each, Sold on a First Come, First Serve Basis

All paintings are custom framed, and most are signed and numbered. Each one of these is a great deal for anyone looking to purchase a fish themed work of art. Based on club research, the retail prices of the collection range to more than \$800.

All funds will go to the Virginia Anglers Club.

If interested in purchasing contact Mike Ostrander at: Mike@DiscovertheJames.com or 804-938-2350

A Special THANK YOU to the estate of Floyd Gottwald for donating the framed pieces to our club and another special THANK YOU to Glen Carter and Stamford Niou for purchasing from the collection and also supporting the club!!!

These pieces are still available!

Robert Dorman

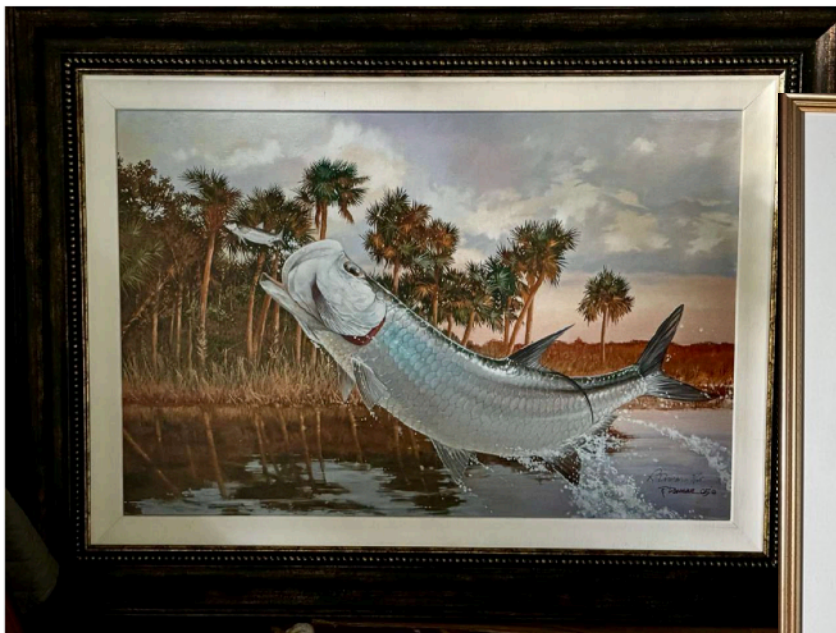
Tarpon, 2005

Signed & Numbered Canvas Print, 3/125

Custom Framed

Framed art size: 46" x 36"

**LAST TWO...GOING,
GOING....**



Fly Fisherman

Unknown artist because we can't read the signature. Looks like an original. 15.5" x 19"



In Case You Missed it...

Past Member Meeting & Speaker on September 24



September 24 - **Leveraging Virginia State Park Resources and Virginia Fishing Opportunities** presented by Diego Riffle of Virginia State parks

Before your next fishing trip, be sure to check out Virginia State Parks. Not only do State Parks offer fishing opportunities, they also offer inexpensive lodging! Diego Riffle filled us in on the many advantages of tapping into this great resource. More information can be obtained from: <https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/>

Try and book at least 6 months early for lodging, it fills up fast!

THANK YOU DIEGO RIFFLE!!!

THREE BASS. ONE YEAR.

Are You Up For The
CHALLENGE?



For more information: virginiawildlife.gov/fishing/virginia-bass-slam-challenge/



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VAC RULES COMMITTEE - CARTER CLEVINGER

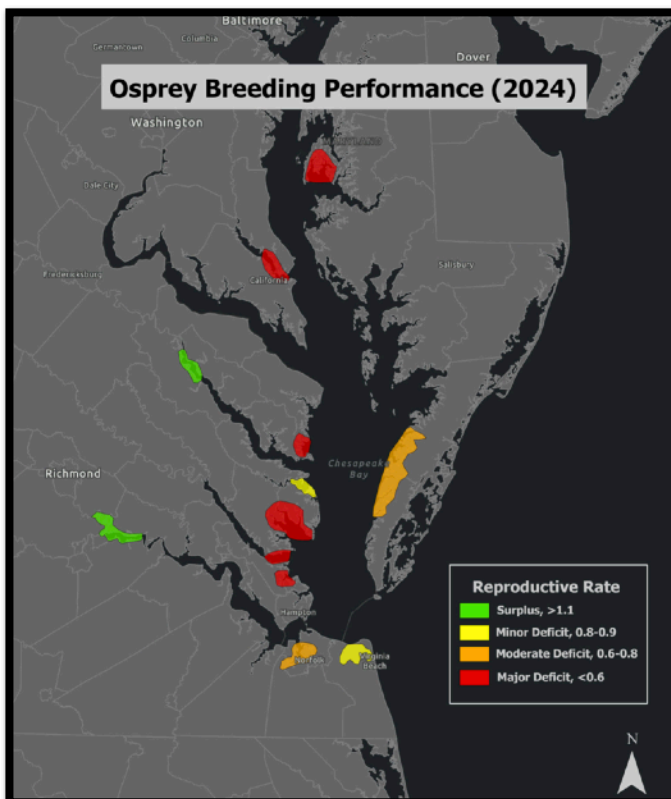
Dear Members:

The 2024 angling year is nearing the home stretch with some great fall fishing still ahead. The cool mornings and warm afternoons make for an enjoyable day on the water. With the angling year ending on November 30th, your e-card entries must be made no later than 21 days after the catch and no later than December 10 to be eligible for annual 2024 awards.

CONSERVATION & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - ANDY CORTEZ

It's official: Osprey are **STARVING** in the Chesapeake Bay....See below

<https://ccbbirds.org/2024/09/11/chesapeake-bay-ospreys-continue-to-experience-poor-breeding-performance-due-to-starvation/>



<https://www.audubon.org/news/chesapeake-ospreys-are-danger-they-need-more-fish>



Osprey nest on channel marker in Chesapeake Bay. Photo by Lynda Richardson

Member News

Hi folks,
FYI. Some business news below. Chris\$

Good morning,
After nearly 20 years on the Chesapeake's Eastern Shore, we relocated to Virginia's Northern Neck in 2023.

Now, we're excited to share the news that after several months of searching, our retail shop has landed in White Stone VA, just off the Rappahannock River. Our address is 839 Rappahannock Drive, White Stone VA 22578.

Also, keep an eye out for more details on our official "soft" opening later this fall, and a "grand" opening in Spring 2025.



Thanks very much for your continued support, & be well.
Capt. CDollar

Fishing Folks @ TackleCove.com
Paddle Fast, Fish Hard!

[tacklecove.com](https://www.tacklecove.com)

839 Rappahannock Drive
White Stone, VA 22578

Thank you Chris!

TACKLE COVE Chris Dollars Tackle Shop Discount

Special Discount Code for VAC members: **VAC2024**
<https://www.tacklecove.com/store/pg/58-Captain-Chris-Dollar.aspx>

Member News

CONGRATULATIONS

TO FRANK HART & CLIFF PHIPPS

From Frank: “The bass club fished a total of 9 tournaments in 2024, seven on the Virginia tidal rivers, one at Chickahominy Lake, and one at Lake Chesdin.

This was our (Cliff and Frank) third year competing with this small group of bass fisherman. The learning curve has been tremendous for us both having never fished the tidal rivers. The biggest advantage has been the opportunity to leverage the vast knowledge from the more experienced members of the Virginia Anglers Club.

Saturday was the final tournament of the season on the Chickahominy River out of Morris Creek. The bite was tough for everyone but we managed a decent limit and took second place. That was good enough to secure a **FIRST PLACE FOR THE YEAR!**”



FYI:

From: Butch Pierce <tbpocean@aol.com> For more information
Subject: info on Great Bridge Fisherman's Association Annual 2025 Fishing Flea Market

A fishing flyer for the Great Bridge Fisherman's Association (GBFA) Annual Fishing Flea Market. The background features a fisherman in a striped shirt and hat, reeling in a large fish. The text is arranged in a clean, organized layout with various logos and contact information.

Great Bridge Fisherman's Assoc. GBFA

ANNUAL Fishing Flea Market

MAJOR SUPPORTERS

Moody's WATER CONDITIONING, LLC
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CENTERVILLE WATERWAY MARINA

March 1, 2025

8:00 am - 2:30 pm

VIRGINIA BEACH FIELD HOUSE

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50/50
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Come buy, meet, greet, and eat !!

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Virginia Beach Field House
2020 Landstown Centre Wy,
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Butch - tbpocean@aol.com 757-287-0330
George - geva1963@cox.net 757-421-7333
LaVern - rv2mtns@gmail.com 757-974-3090

16th YEAR!

You are invited to visit or join the best fishing club in Tidewater. Each month the club has a speaker to present an informative program on various local fishing topics. Check us out at www.fishgbfa.org
Or Visit facebook.com/GreatBridgeFishermansAssociation

- Monthly Newsletter • Annual Awards Banquet
- Fishing Tournaments (Boat & Surf) • Special Events such as Oyster Roasts & Picnics
- Philanthropic Events to Benefit Organizations such as Hope House and Wish-A-Fish
- High School Scholarships Presented

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

KIPTOPEKE SPECIES EXPEDITION – OCTOBER 18TH - 20TH (Saltwater for flounder, tautog, speckled trout, etc)

We have a 15 person lodge already reserved in Kiptopeke state park. If you would like to go, **there is a \$50 deposit to hold your spot.** Contact John Gorman (757) 784-2495 to reserve your spot.

There are opportunities for kayak fishermen, boat fisherman and shore, wade fisherman. The Kiptopeke State Park excursion offers great kayaking opportunities from launching at the park to fish the waters around the concrete ships for flounder, tautog, trout, etc.



Also, if we experience rough seas the Wise point boat ramp offers protected waters to fish. The Bay Bridge tunnel is another option weather permitting. These are just a couple locations close to camp, opportunities are endless.



CALENDARS ARE HERE!!!

Calendar selling guru, Special Activities Committee Chair, **Don West**, reports that the club is selling DWR calendars for \$12 each again this year as an annual fundraiser.

They are normally sold for \$15 each. Last year, we sold 375 and brought in \$1874 for the club! So far this year, we have sold over 400!!! That's 16 boxes worth!!! That's \$2000 for the club! Don asks that each member try and sell 10 calendars so we can add money to our coffer.

Calendars make great holiday gifts and will be used all year! How often can you say that about a gift?

Contact **Don West** for more info and to reserve your calendars to sell, or purchase! 804-897-8723

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

James River Trophy Catfish Expedition

November 23rd, 2024, 7:00am

Deep Bottom Park, 9525 Deep Bottom Road, Henrico, VA 23231

One of the best locations and times to catch a trophy blue catfish is the upper tidal James River during the fall and winter. This is a great way to try and catch VAC's Freshwater President's Cup (highest point freshwater catch entered into database).

Jumbo catfish on light line: The following VAC members currently hold IGFA line class World Record blue catfish caught in the James River. Bob Shepherd (2-lb line - 36lb 9 oz), Fred Murray (4-lb line - 53lb 0 oz) and Fred Cousins (6-lb line - 64lb 0 oz).

Boats should be in the water and ready by 7:00am (sunrise is 6:58am). High Tide is 10:29am, so you will have a chance to fish the incoming and outgoing tides. Wind and tide will play a roll as to where you can fish. An order has been placed for calm winds.

Sign Up Required: Email Mike@DiscovertheJames.com if you plan to attend (have a boat) and/or would like to attend and need a spot on a boat. This is a perfect outing to match up members who want to fish this expedition but do not have a boat, with members who have openings on their boat. This highlights one of the greatest parts of the Virginia Anglers Club. Fishing and getting to know other anglers who share our passion.

When emailing, include the following information: If you have a boat, indicate if you have any openings for members. If you don't have a boat, indicate, and I will try to get you on a boat. Small to medium sized boats & kayaks are ideal for fishing this area of the James.

Other upper tidal James departure locations on the James are available. Osborne Landing is not far away. Ancarrow's Landing is across from downtown, and a handful of boat ramps are located downriver further towards Hopewell.

BAIT: Fresh bait is paramount. Chicken thighs work good (really), but a goal is for each boat to receive a couple of fresh shad the morning of the trip. I'll be on the river catching shad by 5am, so if anyone wants to learn how to catch gizzard shad, plan on showing up to Deep Bottom at 4:45am, and I'll be glad to have you ride aboard and learn how to catch shad. I can handle three or four people easily while catching shad.

TACKLE: Medium to medium heavy rods are preferable. Four to six pound line is pretty light to use, but doable. Eight to twenty pound line will give you an edge over these big fish, but if you can try lighter line, give it a go!

MORE INFO: Mike Ostrander: 804-938-2350 / Mike@DiscovertheJames.com

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CEDAR CREEK TROUT EXPEDITION - December 1 - 3rd

This year, the always popular Cedar Springs Trout Expedition will be on Sunday December 1st, 2nd and returning home on Tuesday December 3rd. This year we have the entire small stream reserved and lodging at the Farmhouse. Trip is limited to 6 anglers. Please contact Cliff for details and/or to reserve your spot at pepsicliff@sbcglobal.net or (714) 904-8064 **TWO SPOTS LEFT!!!**

VAC HATS FOR SALE!



We will have new club hats available for purchase at this month's meeting!

Price is **\$30 each** - Cash or Check

Three different styles to choose from!!! Get yours NOW!!!

Hats can be purchased at a meeting or by contacting Bob Brown.

VAC 2025 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday,

February 1, 2025

Be sure to put this well attended event on your calendar NOW!

EXPEDITION & TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Piankatank Expedition on September 7, 2024



Great time was had by all!!!!!! Speckled trout, puppy drum, and croaker!!!

Above, **Dinkus Deane** holds a nice speckled trout!



Oyster Roast Brisket & BBQ

November 2, 2024

Noon to 5 pm

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

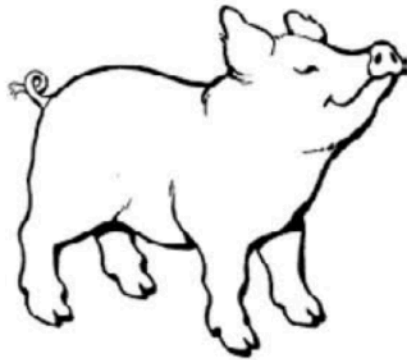
If you wish to drink
something else ...
B.Y.O.B.

RSVP Required

By Monday, October 21, 2024

RSVP to Mike@DiscovertheJames.com

Bring a Guest



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

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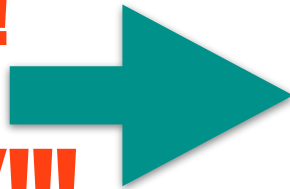
PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	B BOSHER	33-10	8	SPIN	600	2024-01-25	COHOKE POND , VA	1/4 Ounce Silver Buddy (Silver)

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	4-2	6	PLUG	305	2024-02-25	TRIANGLE WRECKS, VA	Sting Silver
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	Clouser
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	42-0		SURF	300	2024-04-16	EASTERN SHORE BARRIER ISLANDS, V	Crab
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater

**BETTER
SAFE!!!
THAN
SORRY!!!**



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"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	9-0	4	GEN	214	2024-09-26	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	18-8	8	GEN	203	2024-08-15	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Live Minnow
PERCH, WHITE	D MERRICKS	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
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	J DOLIN	2-6	2	SPIN	118	2024-07-14	HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE, VA	White Curly Tail Grub
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

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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
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

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"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	9-0	8	GEN	141	2024-06-29	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	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
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	J DOLIN	2-6	2	SPIN	118	2024-07-14	HIDDEN VALLEY LAKE, VA	White Curly Tail Grub
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	F HART	1-2	2	GEN	239	2024-05-12	PRIVATE POND, VA	Popeye And A Wax Worm.
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	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
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	F JAMES	8-7	6	SPIN	562	2024-06-14	PIANKATANK RIVER, VA	Topwater
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	Minnnow
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	GN CARTER	24-11	6	PLUG	290	2024-01-26	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
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	1-6	2	GEN	292	2024-01-15	WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR , VA	Red Worm
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
PERCH, YELLOW	D MERRICKS	1-5	6	GEN	190	2024-08-24	BURNT MILLS RESERVOIR , VA	Nightcrawler
PIKE, NORTHERN	C PHIPPS	11-11	12	PLUG	146	2024-07-26	CANADA, OTHER	Buzzbait
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, 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

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

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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

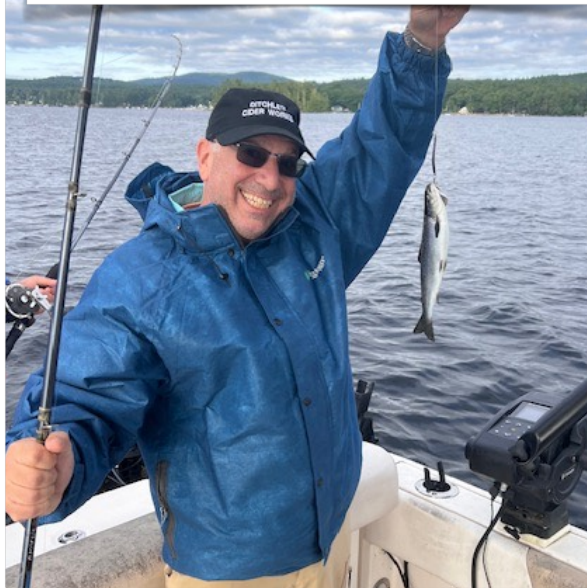
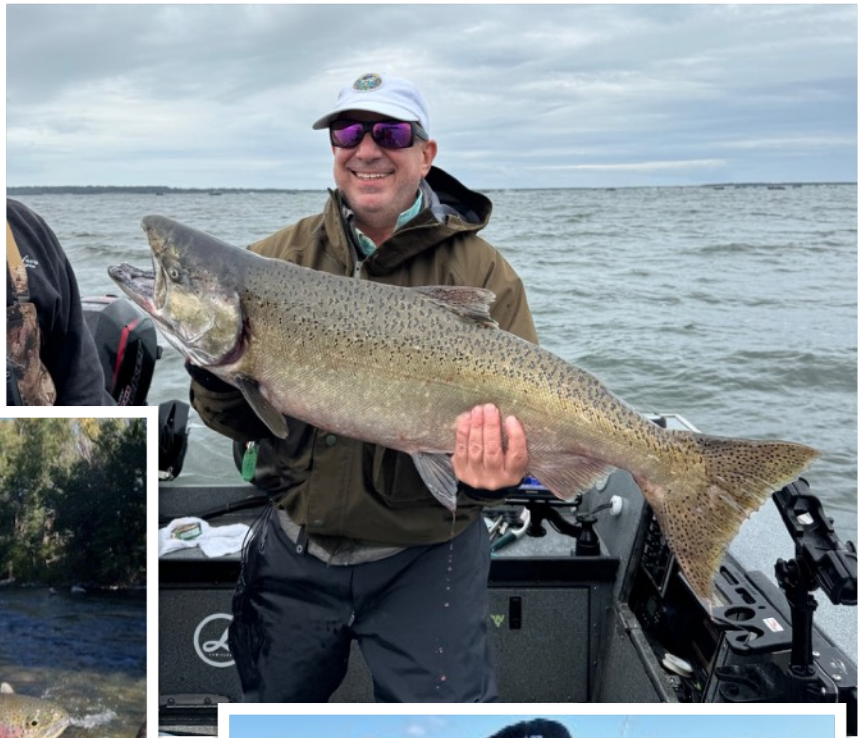
YOUTH SALTWATER								
Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	ASHER BROUGHTON 7_12	1-12	6	SPIN	116	2024-08-31	PAMLICO SOUND, NC	Zman

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 BISCAWAYNE, 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, 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	0-10	2	FLY	62	2024-10-06	TIMBERNECK CREEK MACHICOMOCO S P	Jerry's Hand Tied Clouser Minn
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	0-0	4	GEN	50	2024-09-30	LAKE MEADE CITY OF SUFFOLK, VA	Night Crawler
SUNFISH, REDEAR	T EMBRY	1-4	4	GEN	125	2024-09-30	LAKE MEADE CITY OF SUFFOLK, VA	Night Crawler
WEAKFISH	T EMBRY	0-0	2	SPIN	50	2024-09-20	YORK RIVER GLOUCESTER PT PIER, V	Gulp Minnow
Total					2363			

FISHING MEMORIES

Tom Franco has been busy with, *right*, a nice, Columbia River 36" and 30/05 Chinook salmon and, *below*, a lovely rainbow from 10,000 up on Flat Top in Colorado, *below right*, Maine Lake trout and, *below left*, uh, Tom, I'm not sure if that's a baby lake trout or if it's the bait! LOL





Carter Clevinger with a double header of puppy drum and a beautiful flounder! Way to go Carter!





Mike Ostrander holds a beautiful, gray trout that he caught from the beach near the pier at Kiptopeke State Park. Below a BIG smallmouth bass from the James River.

