

Hooray for Spring!!!



March 2018

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## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – MARCH 27, 2018 7:00 pm

Doors open at 5:30 PM  
Meeting Starts ~ 7:00 PM

### Keagan's Irish Restaurant and Bar

keagansrichmond.com  
2215 Old Brick Road  
Glen Allen, VA

Phone: 804-360-9240



## BACKLASH

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

### New Meeting Venue

Map and Directions: (please see map and directions at Keagan's web site)

Menu: <http://keagansrichmond.com/menus/>

Beer On Tap: <http://www.keagansrichmond.com/on-tap/>

Note: Feedback on this venue, service, food and beverage quality etc. will be welcomed by Member Bob Brown.

## NEXT-UP ANGLING ACTIVITY ALERT

- March Membership Meeting – Tuesday March 27, 2018 - Wes Hodge - Fly-fishing for Muskie and Smallmouth Bass on the New River (Scale Certification Available At Meeting)
- Shad Fishing Expedition – Saturday, March 31, 2018 – Leader Glenn Carter
- Rockfish River Float Trip – Saturday, April 21, 2018 – Leader Tyler Shands

## MARCH 2018 CONSERVATION AND LEGISLATION REPORT

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE ASMFC MENHADEN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Atlantic menhaden are currently managed under Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Menhaden. A portion of Amendment 3 is found on page 6 of this issue of The Angler.

A complete discussion of the management of menhaden by the ASMFC can be found at: <http://www.asmfc.org/species/atlantic-menhaden>. 2018

## DONATIONS OF FISH NEEDED FOR THE APRIL 24TH FISH FRY

The cooking crew desperately needs donations of fish from members for the April Fish Fry. Please earmark your catches for the Fish Fry and freeze the fillets for this very popular annual event. There has been a discouraging drop off of donated fish in the past few years.



**MARCH 27TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM**  
**WES HODGES - FLY-FISHING FOR MUSKIE AND SMALLMOUTH BASS**  
**ON THE NEW RIVER**



Wes Hodges is a fishing guide who specializes in guiding fly fishing trips on the New River. He welcomes anglers of all skill levels and has a full knowledge of how to catch these popular species that inhabit the New River. Wes will share with us knowledge of how to bring the big ones to bait. This meeting is an excellent time to bring a fishing friend or two to see what the Virginia Anglers Club offers to recreational anglers of all interests, of all angling skill level and who want to join an angling club where all are welcome.

For more information about Wes' guide offerings, please check out:

<https://www.wesleyhodgesflyfishing.com/>

**SHAD EXPEDITION WILL BE FISHED ON SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018**  
**(April 7th High Water/Flood Date)**  
**By Glenn Carter**

The VAC Shad Expedition will be fished on March 31, 2018. This typically is about prime time for the shad and is also a very good time to catch the larger White Perch. The most numbers of perch will be a little later. We should have an outgoing tide for the morning with low tide being 11:50 AM at city locks. I have usually had all the fun I can stand by the end of the falling tide. With that in mind, let's all meet at Legend Brewing Co. at 1:30 PM for a burger and glass of Ice Tea or whatever beverage you prefer!!! We can also discuss what worked and what did not work with regard to the shad fishing.

High water and or flood date will be April 7th should the river not be fishable on March 31st.

Glenn Carter Contact Info:  
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Cell: (804) 543-5349

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1200 Brander St, Richmond, VA 23224

Legend Brewing Company  
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(804) 232-3446



**APRIL HAS TWO EXPEDITIONS – KEEP THEM IN MIND**  
**April 21, 2018: Rockfish River Float Trip**

Meet at the Rte. 29 Rockfish River Pull Over at Woods Mill @ 6:30 AM  
It is 21.5 miles south of I-64 on the left when heading south. (1:20 – 1:30 drive from Richmond)  
It is a 5 – 7 hour float, depending upon the water level.

Limit 4 boats.

Coordinator: Tyler Shands  
wtshands@carterandshands.com

**April 28, 2017: Trout Fishing the South River in Waynesboro, VA**

Meeting location: Parham Road Park & Ride 8:00 AM  
Fish from 10 AM to 3PM

Coordinator: Eric Webster  
mtn\_trout@hotmail.com

**EARLY SCALE CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE AND ENCOURAGED**

Weighmasters Ryan and Danny Noland are willing to do early certifications of scales between now and the February Membership Meeting.

If you and a couple of fellow Anglers can come up with a group of scales for early certification, please contact Ryan and Danny Nolan. They will work out with you a convenient place and time for your early certifications.

Contact Ryan at: (804)-658-1955 (H), (894)-896-4178 (C) or ryan.n.noland@usa.dupont.com

Contact Danny at: (804) 514-0650 (C) or danny6749@aol.com

Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order and the barrels are oil free so the certification stickers will adhere.

**HUMOR FROM THE TACKLE BOX**



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



**SO FAR, THREE NEW RECORD CATCHES IN 2018 ANGLING YEAR  
ONE BY VETERAN MEMBER – TWO BY NEW MEMBERS**

Three new VAC records have been set so far in the 2018 Angling Year. Veteran Angler Rob Choi caught a 19 lb. – 0 oz. muskellunge in the James River on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Rob reeled in the Muskie on 20 pound braid in the General Division. Rob’s bait was a Hell Hound lure.

New Member Willis Thompson, fishing in the Chickahominy River, landed a 13lb – 0 oz. blue catfish on 8 pound line in the plug division. Willis catch was made on Friday, February 2, 2018. Willis’ blue cat fell for the blade bait.

The third record catch, a chain pickerel 2 lbs. – 12 oz. and caught on 8 pound fly, was caught by new member Jacob Nixon in the Swift Creek Reservoir on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Jacob’s chain pickerel fell for a Black Clouser with green flash.

**VAC SHAD CAM – NO SHAD YET**

VAC Shad Cam Manager, Steve Knox, shared the above image of two hopeful shad anglers out on the James on Sunday, March 18th. They fished all day and caught nothing. Keep the faith, the shad are coming.





## 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Month	Presentation	Presenter
January	No meeting	
February 27	VAC Future Direction Panel Discussion	Moderated by member Doug Moran
March 27	Fly-fishing for Muskie and Smallmouth Bass on the New River	Wes Hodges
April 24	Fish Fry	VAC Cooking Crew
May 22	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>TBD</b>
June 26	Fly-fishing for Snakeheads	Member Grant Alvis
July	No meeting	n/a
August 28	Fly-fishing for False Albacore in North Carolina	Member Andrew Campbell
September 25	Fishing the Suffolk Lakes	VDGIF Biologist Chad Boyce
October 23	Fishing the Back Bay	Back Bay Guide Cory Routh
November 27	How Regulator Marine Builds a Center Console	Member Brendan Strum
December	No meeting	

## 2018 EXPEDITION SCHEDULE AND LEADERS

Expedition	Leader	Date
Shad Fishing	Glenn Carter	3/31/18
Rockfish River Float Trip	Tyler Shands	4/21/18
South River	Eric Webster	4/28/18 (tentative)
Chickahominy Lake	Art Conway	6/2/18 (tentative)
Small River Wade Fishing	Mike Ostrander	6/30/18 (participation is limited.)
Kid's Day	Bobby Broughton	June 2018 (?)
?	Josh Dolin	TBD

### HELP KEEP ANGLING LEGAL – REPORT VIOLATIONS

#### Freshwater

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

#### Saltwater

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



## AN OVERVIEW OF THE ASMFC MENHADEN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Atlantic menhaden are currently managed under Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Menhaden. Approved in November 2017, the Amendment maintains the management program's current single-species biological reference points until the review and adoption of menhaden-specific ecological reference points as part of the 2019 benchmark stock assessment process. It also addresses a suite of commercial management measures including allocation, quota transfers, quota rollovers, incidental catch; the episodic events set aside program, and the Chesapeake Bay reduction fishery cap. In addition to its Amendment 3 deliberations, the Board set the total allowable catch for the 2018 and 2019 fishing seasons at 216,000 metric tons with the expectation that the setting of the TAC for subsequent years will be guided by menhaden-specific ecological reference points.

Amendment 3 also changes fishery allocations in order to strike an improved balance between gear types and jurisdictions. The Amendment allocates a baseline quota of 0.5% to each jurisdiction, and then allocates the rest of the TAC based on historic landings between 2009 and 2011. This measure provides fishing opportunities to states which currently have little quota while still recognizing historic landings in the fishery. The Board also agreed to maintain the quota transfer process, prohibit the rollover of unused quota, maintain the 6,000 lb trip limit for non-directed and small-scale gears following the closure of a directed fishery, and set aside 1% of the TAC for episodic events in the states of New York through Maine.

Finally, the Amendment reduces the Chesapeake Bay cap, which was first implemented in 2006 to limit the amount of reduction harvest within the Bay, to 51,000 mt from 87,216 mt. This recognizes the importance of the Chesapeake Bay as nursery grounds for many species by capping recent reduction landings from the Bay to current levels.

States must submit implementation plans to the Commission by January 1, 2018 for final implementation by April 15, 2018.

Amendment 3 Quota Allocations	
State	Allocations (%)
Maine	0.52%
New Hampshire	0.50%
Massachusetts	1.27%
Rhode Island	0.52%
Connecticut	0.52%
New York	0.69%
New Jersey	10.87%
Pennsylvania	0.50%
Delaware	0.51%
Maryland	1.89%
Potomac River Fisheries Commission	1.07%
Virginia	78.66%
North Carolina	0.96%
South Carolina	0.50%
Georgia	0.50%
Florida	0.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



Carter Clevinger - 12.25" Yellow Perch

# Virginia Anglers Club

## ANNUAL AWARDS 2018



### President's Award Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	11lb-8oz	2	PLUG	418	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub

### President's Award Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	5lb-11oz	8	SPIN	189	2017-12-22	CORROTOMAN RIVER, VA	mirrolure

### Division Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	B SHEPHERD	31lb-0oz	4	GEN	330	2018-02-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	cut shad
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	11lb-8oz	2	PLUG	418	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	DN NOLAND	1lb-2oz	2	SPIN	296	2018-02-15	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA, VA	Grub
TROUT, RAINBOW	J NIXON	3lb-6oz	4	FLY	191	2018-01-28	SOUTH HOLSTON, VA	Size 18 rainbow warrior

### Division Awards Saltwater

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SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	5lb-11oz	8	SPIN	189	2017-12-22	CORROTOMAN RIVER, VA	mirrolure

### "Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	DL NOBLES	2lb-3oz	2	GEN	116	2018-02-21	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	minnow
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	6lb-12oz	2	PLUG	337	2018-02-18	CHICK RIVER, VA	blade
CATFISH, BLUE	B SHEPHERD	31lb-0oz	4	GEN	330	2018-02-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	cut shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	R CHOI	1lb-12oz	2	GEN	224	2018-02-11	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Minnow
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	11lb-8oz	2	PLUG	418	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R CHOI	19lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	115	2017-12-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	Hellhound Lure
PERCH, YELLOW	DN NOLAND	1lb-2oz	2	SPIN	296	2018-02-15	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA, VA	Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	DL NOBLES	2lb-14oz	2	GEN	230	2018-02-21	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	minnow
TROUT, BROWN	J NIXON	3lb-8oz	6	FLY	156	2017-12-17	SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER, VA	Brown Prince nymph (gold beaded)
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	4lb-12oz	4	SPIN	215	2017-12-21	BULL PASTURE, VA	Joe's Fly

### "Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, STRIPED	SC LEE	11lb-0oz	6	SPIN	169	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Bucktail Jig
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	5lb-11oz	8	SPIN	189	2017-12-22	CORROTOMAN RIVER, VA	mirrolure

### "Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	J DOUGHTY	2lb-4oz	4	SPIN	112	2018-02-16	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	plastic grub
BOWFIN	ROB ROBINSON	6lb-12oz	2	PLUG	337	2018-02-18	CHICK RIVER, VA	blade
CATFISH, BLUE	B SHEPHERD	31lb-0oz	4	GEN	330	2018-02-24	JAMES RIVER, VA	cut shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	R CHOI	1lb-12oz	2	GEN	224	2018-02-11	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Minnow
GAR, ALL	F COUSINS	11lb-8oz	2	PLUG	418	2017-12-22	JAMES RIVER, VA	Grub
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R CHOI	19lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	115	2017-12-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	Hellhound Lure
PERCH, YELLOW	SC LEE	1lb-2oz	4	SPIN	244	2018-01-26	PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA	Hair Jig
PICKEREL, CHAIN	A CONWAY	3lb-2oz	4	SPIN	229	2018-02-14	CHICKAHOMINY LAKE, VA	Bobby Garland Baby Shad Swimr
TROUT, BROWN	J NIXON	3lb-8oz	6	FLY	156	2017-12-17	SOUTH HOLSTON RIVER, VA	Brown Prince nymph (gold beaded)
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	4lb-12oz	4	SPIN	215	2017-12-21	BULL PASTURE, VA	Joe's Fly

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SEATROUT, SPOTTED	LR ALLEN	5lb-11oz	8	SPIN	189	2017-12-22	CORROTOMAN RIVER, VA	mirrolure

### New Club Records Freshwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CATFISH, BLUE	W THOMPSON	13lb-0oz	8	PLUG	136	2018-02-18	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade bait
MUSKELLUNGE, ALL	R CHOI	19lb-0oz	20BR	GEN	115	2017-12-07	JAMES RIVER, VA	Hellhound Lure
PICKEREL, CHAIN	J NIXON	2lb-12oz	8	FLY	165	2018-03-10	SWIFT CREEK RESERVOIR, VA	Black clouser with green flash

### New Club Records Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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### Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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### New Member Award

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	C CLEVINGER	1lb-8oz	4	SPIN	187	2018-02-21	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade Lure
PERCH, YELLOW	C CLEVINGER	1lb-0oz	4	SPIN	217	2018-02-28	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	Blade Lure
TROUT, RAINBOW	C CLEVINGER	4lb-12oz	4	SPIN	215	2017-12-21	BULL PASTURE, VA	Joe's Fly

**Total** **619**



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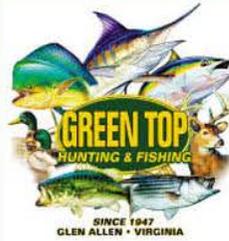
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**Next Membership Meeting at Keegan's - March 27, 2018**

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