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NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Fly Tying Demo

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Membership meeting

BASS PRO SHOP "UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM"

11550 Lakeridge Pkwy, Ashland, VA 23005

(I-95 EXIT 89 – West to 2nd Light-Turn Left)

Have Dinner At The Islamorada Fish Company!

STEVE KNOX TO SPEAK AT LUNCH BREAK SCIENCE

Lunch Break Science is a weekly lecture at the Virginia Science Museum, every Wednesday at 12:00pm. Steve Knox, Principal at Knox Marine Consultants and a Certified Marine Investigator, will present *Where There Are No Skid Marks - Solving The Mystery of Boat Collisions* on April 17.

The lecture series covers a wide range of science topics. The museum is at 2500 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220. Lunch Break Science is a free Museum event. Please check in at the Guest Services desk upon arrival.

UPCOMING VAC ANGLING ACTIVITY

- March 26 – George Daniel (Central PA Fly Fishing Guide) "10 Trout Tips that work Anywhere" and a Fly Tying Demo. The Fly Tying Demo is 4:00 – 5:00pm on meeting date.
- April 6 – Glen Carter Shad Expedition on the James River.
- April 23 – Mark Lozier, Inshore Kayak Angler – Inshore Fishing Virginia Waters.

FEBRUARY EXPEDATION REPORTS

CHICKAHOMINY RIVER YELLOW PERCH – LEADER MIKE CLINE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

Two boats with two anglers in each participated in the Yellow Perch expedition on 2/26/19 on a bitter cold day. Mike Ostrander and Brittain Jones caught two strippers and two catfish. Mike Cline caught one small yellow perch and Robbie Robertson caught a 10-8 bowfin on 2 lb.

REMINDER - THE VAC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE NOW – GO TAKE A LOOK

You can visit the VAC Facebook page for a look by clicking on: <https://www.facebook.com/vaanglers/>



MARCH PROGRAM – 10 TROUT TIPS THAT WORK EVERYWHERE



The speaker for the VA Anglers Club March meeting is PA Fly Fishing guide and author George Daniel. George is a two-time US National Fly Fishing Champion, the former head coach for Fly Fishing Team USA and also spent two years coaching the US Youth Fly Fishing Team. He is the author of three highly regarded and best-selling books and has also published articles in Fly Fisherman, American Angler and Fly Tyeer magazines.

George will be giving a fly-tying demo in the afternoon prior to the membership meeting. His presentation topic: “10 Trout Tips That Work Everywhere”.

George’s Schedule:

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Fly Tying Demo

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Membership meeting – George’s Presentation

FEBRUARY PROGRAM REPORT – DEEP DROP FISHING



At our first meeting of the year, Stan Zimmerman the president of the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman’s Association presented on Deep Drop fishing off VA Beach. Stan shared pictures of all the different species and world records that have been caught off Virginia Beach.



Stan displayed the fishing equipment and bottom rigs that he uses deep dropping. He explained that your arms will be sore the next day reeling these fish up from a couple hundred feet.



Stan finished the evening presentation discussing Broadbill Sword fishing out of Virginia Beach. He described how you can Sword fish day or night and the different styles of rigging. These fish are tremendously strong hard fighting fish with a soft mouth.



Wild Chesapeake: Striped Bass Fishery in Trouble

(The following items have been copied from the Chesapeake Bay Magazine's electronic newsletter, Bay Bulletin, February issue)

Chesapeake outdoor guide Captain Chris Dollar brings up-to-date insight to the Bay Bulletin.



The most recent striped bass stock assessment paints a troublesome picture of a fishery in decline, requiring managers to take action to reverse the trend. (Photo by Captain Chris D. Dollar/CD Outdoors)

During their winter meeting last week, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), which oversees the management of 27 nearshore fish species that are shared by Atlantic coastal states, presented the most recent striped bass stock assessment based on new data and a new computer model. Unfortunately, the report paints a troublesome picture of a fishery in decline. Perhaps the most worrisome aspect of the report is that the spawning stock biomass, which is an estimate of the number and size of reproductive-age females, has fallen below the threshold of a healthy fishery. The analysts also noted that the fishing mortality rate is too high to maintain the stock at the target level of abundance. In short, striped bass are being overfished relative to recent, disappointing reproductive results.

The bad news did not surprise most Bay anglers. From Love Point to Cape Charles and along the stripers' coastal range, there has been a significant downturn in the size and quantity of rockfish in recent seasons. ASMFC officials presented the review with a note that it will not be official until after an essential peer review, which was stalled by the partial government shutdown. According to ASMFC spokeswoman Tina Berger, the final report could be released by the end of February. Recommended harvest reductions necessary to bring the stock up to target levels will certainly be considered at the ASMFC meeting in May. The harvest reduction strategy could include lowering bag limits and shortening seasons for both the coastal and Chesapeake Bay fisheries, often done in some combination to achieve the necessary conservation objectives. At the moment, it isn't clear when the new rules would take effect, but no changes are expected for the 2019 Chesapeake spring trophy and summer seasons.

Meanwhile, a separate fisheries management organization, the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, which is responsible for conservation and management of fisheries resources in federal waters outside of three miles from the Mid-Atlantic coast, is asking for public input as it develops a five-year strategic plan. The council is inviting stakeholders to share their opinions on how the Council has performed under its current strategic plan and what issues should be addressed in the 2020-2024 strategic plan.

The online survey (www.mafmc.org/strategic-plan), which takes about 15 minutes to complete, includes opportunities to comment on the council's vision and mission as well as specific goals and objectives, which will guide management activities over the next five years. The survey will remain open through February 28. Responses are anonymous and will be aggregated for analysis and presentation.

February 12, 2019



**FEBRUARY MEETING
THE VAC SCALE CERTIFICATION TEAM**



FOR SCALE CERTIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Larry Allen at: (804)781-0907 (H), (804)241-3706 (C) or allenhouse75@comcast.net

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

Please remember to be sure your scales are in working order, the barrels are oil free and are placed in a Zip-Loc type re-sealable plastic bag with your name written on the outside.

CATCH STATISTICS 2019

| Top Ten 2019 Submitters | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|----|
| 1. | BL NOLAND | 14 |
| 2. | C CLEVINGER | 7 |
| 3. | G GREEN | 4 |
| 4. | F COUSINS | 3 |
| 5. | A BAGWELL | 2 |
| 6. | GN CARTER | 2 |
| 7. | LJ SPURLIN | 2 |
| 8. | DN NOLAND | 2 |
| 9. | R HART | 1 |
| 10. | SC LEE | 1 |

| Top Ten 2019 Species | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1. | SAILFISH, PACIFIC | 8 |
| 2. | CRAPPIE, ALL | 6 |
| 3. | PERCH, YELLOW | 5 |
| 4. | GAR, ALL | 5 |
| 5. | CATFISH, BLUE | 3 |
| 6. | BASS, LARGEMOUTH | 3 |
| 7. | PICKEREL, CHAIN | 2 |
| 8. | TROUT, BROWN | 2 |
| 9. | BOWFIN | 1 |
| 10. | BONEFISH | 1 |



MEMBERSHIP HELP NEEDED

The ramp at Ancarrow's Landing needs to be dredged with all the recent flooding of the James River. After checking with the City of Richmond Parks & Community Facilities, they said it will be completed around June 15, 2019. Please call to request for the dredging to be completed earlier for Shad season.

Phone# 804-646-5733

PROGRAMS AND EXPEDITIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2019

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

- March 26: George Daniel - 10 Trout Tips that Work Anywhere and Fly-Tying Demo
Central PA Fly Fishing Guide
(Fly-Tying Demo is 4:00 – 5:00 PM on meeting date)
- April 23: Mark Lozier - Inshore Fishing Virginia Waters
Avid Inshore kayak angler and tackle shop manager (Ocean's East)
- May 21: Fish Fry at Maymont (Please Save Your Fish for this Event)
- June 25: No meeting
- July: No meeting
- August 27: OPEN
- September 24: OPEN
- October 22: Glenn Carter and Stuart Lee – Achieving VAC Master Angler Status
Long-time members present stories and how to's on earning Master Angler
- November: No meeting
- December: No meeting

EXPEDITIONS

- April 6th Shad Trip with Glenn Carter on the James River.
- May 18th Chickahominy Lake & Lunch at Lakeside Restaurant with Art Conway.
- June Kids Fishing Day with Bobby Broughton on a private pond in Powhatan.
- June 29th Small River Wade Trip with Mike Ostrander
- October 19th Trout Fishing Trip with Eric Webster on the South River in Waynesboro, VA.



From Hook to Table

Blackened Trout with Herbed Coconut Milk Rice



Ingredients:

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Ingredient</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 2 | Trout Filets |
| | Blackened Seasoning |
| 1 cup | Jasmine Rice |
| 1 can | Coconut Milk |
| 1 | Lemon |
| 3 tablespoon | Fresh Parsely |
| 3 tablespoon | Fresh Thyme |
| | Salt & pepper |

How to Prepare:

1. Cook trout in skillet with butter over low-medium heat in olive oil and season with blackened seasoning
2. While trout is cooking, prepare the rice. Cook rice according to directions, but replace the water with equal amount coconut milk. Bring rice to boil in sauce pan with coconut milk and reduce to simmer. Add the fresh herbs and cover with lid until rice is done cooking.
3. Remove everything from heat and serve fish over rice. Garnish with lemon wedges.

Recipe curtsey of DGIF



VAC MEMBER PICTURES



Andy Bagwell with an 8lb Barramundi and 8lb 10oz Brown Trout.



Carter Clevinger with an early spring catch, Yellow Perch & Crappie fishing.



ANNUAL AWARDS 2019

President's Award Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|----------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------|------|
| GAR, ALL | F COUSINS | 14lb-12oz | 2 | PLUG | 536 | 2018-12-27 | JAMES RIVER, VA | grub |

President's Award Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|--------------|-----------|----------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| SHARK, OTHER | BL NOLAND | 50lb-0oz | | SURF | 125 | 2018-12-17 | BUXTON, NC | Tuna belly |

Division Awards Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | G GREEN | 2lb-3oz | 2 | FLY | 182 | 2019-01-25 | PRIVATE POND, VA | Nymph |
| CARP | M CLINE | 11lb-12oz | 2 | SPIN | 367 | 2019-02-03 | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA | grub |
| CATFISH, BLUE | BL NOLAND | 37lb-0oz | 6 | GEN | 348 | 2018-12-06 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Shad |
| GAR, ALL | F COUSINS | 14lb-12oz | 2 | PLUG | 536 | 2018-12-27 | JAMES RIVER, VA | grub |

Division Awards Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|--------------|-----------|----------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| SHARK, OTHER | BL NOLAND | 50lb-0oz | | SURF | 125 | 2018-12-17 | BUXTON, NC | Tuna belly |

"Highest Point" Species Awards Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | DL NOBLES | 5lb-14oz | 4 | GEN | 235 | 2019-03-14 | KING WM POND, VA | minnow |
| BOWFIN | ROB ROBINSON | 10lb-8oz | 2 | PLUG | 525 | 2019-02-16 | CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA | Blade bait |
| CARP | M CLINE | 11lb-12oz | 2 | SPIN | 367 | 2019-02-03 | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA | grub |
| CATFISH, BLUE | BL NOLAND | 37lb-0oz | 6 | GEN | 348 | 2018-12-06 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Shad |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | GN CARTER | 1lb-8oz | 2 | SPIN | 238 | 2019-02-28 | PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA | Hair jig |
| GAR, ALL | F COUSINS | 14lb-12oz | 2 | PLUG | 536 | 2018-12-27 | JAMES RIVER, VA | grub |
| PERCH, WHITE | C CLEVINGER | 0lb-12oz | 2 | GEN | 159 | 2019-01-06 | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA | Live Minnow |
| PERCH, YELLOW | GN CARTER | 1lb-0oz | 4 | PLUG | 217 | 2019-02-28 | PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA | Blade bait |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | SC LEE | 4lb-3oz | 4 | SPIN | 307 | 2019-01-16 | PISCATAWAY CREEK, VA | 1/8 oz.Hair Jig |
| SUNFISH | G GREEN | 0lb-7oz | 2 | FLY | 145 | 2019-01-25 | PRIVATE POND, VA | Fly |
| TROUT, BROWN | A BAGWELL | 8lb-10oz | 6 | SPIN | 308 | 2019-03-01 | JACKSON RIVER, VA | spinnerbait |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | C CLEVINGER | 1lb-12oz | 2 | SPIN | 109 | 2018-12-13 | ROSE RIVER, VA | Joe's fly |

"Highest Point" Species Awards Saltwater

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|--------------|-----------|----------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------|------------|
| SHARK, OTHER | BL NOLAND | 50lb-0oz | | SURF | 125 | 2018-12-17 | BUXTON, NC | Tuna belly |

"Heaviest" Species Awards Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------------|------------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | DL NOBLES | 5lb-14oz | 4 | GEN | 235 | 2019-03-14 | KING WM POND, VA | minnow |
| BOWFIN | ROB ROBINSON | 10lb-8oz | 2 | PLUG | 525 | 2019-02-16 | CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA | Blade bait |
| CARP | M CLINE | 11lb-12oz | 2 | SPIN | 367 | 2019-02-03 | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA | grub |
| CATFISH, BLUE | S KNOX | 57lb-0oz | 20BR | GEN | 294 | 2019-03-14 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut gizzard shad |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | C CLEVINGER | 1lb-10oz | 2 | GEN | 208 | 2019-03-05 | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA | Live Minnow |
| GAR, ALL | F COUSINS | 14lb-12oz | 2 | PLUG | 536 | 2018-12-27 | JAMES RIVER, VA | grub |
| PERCH, WHITE | C CLEVINGER | 0lb-12oz | 2 | GEN | 159 | 2019-01-06 | CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA | Live Minnow |
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New Club Records Freshwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------|--------------|----------|------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------------|------------|
| BOWFIN | ROB ROBINSON | 10lb-8oz | 2 | PLUG | 525 | 2019-02-16 | CHICKHOMINY RIVER, VA | Blade bait |

New Club Records Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------|------|--------|------|----------|--------|------|----------|------|
|---------|------|--------|------|----------|--------|------|----------|------|

Non-Local Award Fresh or Saltwater

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| SAILFISH, PACIFIC | BL NOLAND | 0lb-0oz | 30 | GEN | 191 | 2019-02-05 | CASA VIEJA GUATEMALA, OTHER | Bally |

New Member Award

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|------------------|--------|----------|------|----------|------------|------------|----------------------|------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | R HART | 5lb-10oz | 12 | PLUG | 140 | 2019-02-17 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | Jig |
| Total | | | | | 140 | | | |

FOR SALE

2006 Smokercraft "Big Fish 14"

Fourteen feet and two inch aluminum vee Bottom

2006, 15 horsepower, electric start outboard gasoline engine

MinCota bow mounted trolling motor

Fish finder, live well, and full deck

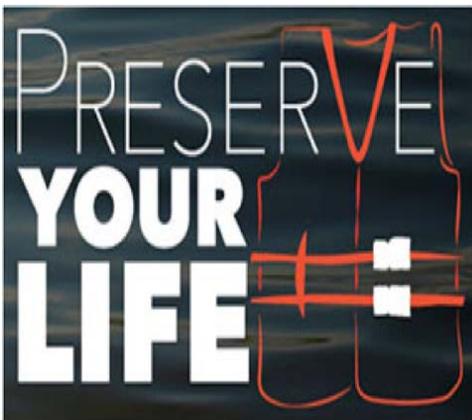
Trailer is a 2006 Load Rite

Boat, Motor, and Trailer have been serviced professionally annually

Owner may also complimentary offer accessories such as marine batteries, anchor & rope, life preservers, boat cover, paddles, rubber boots, & similar items.

Owner is William McGuire, 804-405-6188 and he is asking \$3,000

Many thanks for any assistance. Frank Dennis...<*/><



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

Robert Thomas

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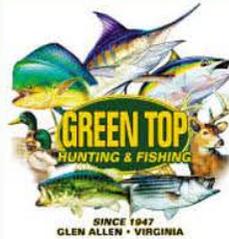
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