



Here comes the Summer Heat!



June 2021

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**JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
IN-PERSON** Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021  
Doors Open at 5:30pm  
Membership Meeting from 7pm-9pm  
  
**Park Place Tavern**  
2251 Old Brick Rd  
Glen Allen VA, 23060

## **IMPORTANT!**

### **2021 VAC Scale Certification**

Due to the pandemic, the following is in effect for the upcoming year:

**All scales certified in 2020 are valid through 2021.**

**If you have an electronic scale, please change your batteries before weighing fish this year. If you have new scales, or scales that need certifying (not certified in 2020) it is your responsibility to get your scales to a weigh master.**

Please contact the following to arrange for your scales to be certified.

Larry Allen: [allenhouse75@comcast.net](mailto:allenhouse75@comcast.net)  
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### **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/>

### **How to Join a Zoom Meeting**

Email link:

1. You will receive an email invitation from the meeting host
2. Click on the link in the email (join via PC, Mac, iOS or Android)
3. You will be directed to the meeting



## PROGRAMS

**June 22nd** – VAC In-Person Meeting on June 22 is Set. Park Lane Tavern in Short Pump ... Doors open at 5:30pm.

On Tuesday, June 22, the Virginia Anglers Club will hold its first in-person meeting in over a year. **We'll be meeting at Park Lane Tavern in Short Pump.** We have a private room reserved starting at 5:30pm. Come early for dinner and fellowship. Food will be served all evening, and drinks are also available, ranging from iced tea, to your favorite cold beverage.

At 7pm there will be a short business meeting, but no speaker. We'll take this time to reconnect with one another. Bring you're A-Game fishing stories.

## PREVIOUS PROGRAMS

The ZOOM video links from previous membership meetings are located on web page under the Videos tab (Speaker and Educational Videos).

## EXPEDITIONS

### **Small River Wade Trip Expedition (ONE SPOT REMAINING)**

**June 26, 2021**

**7am to 1pm**

The last few years, this has been a great wade fishing trip. The small river we generally fish has smallmouth bass, various sunfish species, carp, catfish, crappie, white perch and small striped bass.

We'll meet on Saturday, June 26 at 7am about 25 minutes north of Richmond. **To sign up and receive further details**, contact Mike Ostrander at 804-938-2350 or [mike@discoverthejames.com](mailto:mike@discoverthejames.com).

The deadline to sign up is June 22, the day after the membership meeting but space is limited to about 10 members, so sign up early ... in the past, this has filled quickly so don't wait.

We'll fish until noon-1pm, and if enough folks want to grab lunch afterwards, we'll head out and grab a bite and a refreshment.

## UPCOMING EXPEDITIONS

**September 25th** – James River Float Trip – contact Bob Brown ([mrbbrownjr@comcast.net](mailto:mrbbrownjr@comcast.net)) or Steve Knox ([sknox@knoxmarine.com](mailto:sknox@knoxmarine.com)) for more details.

**October 9th** – Speckled Trout Trip – contact Carter Clevinger ([carter.clevinger@dominionenergy.com](mailto:carter.clevinger@dominionenergy.com)) for more details.



## President's Message

June 2021

As President of the VAC, having vision for club is a necessary thing and it becomes clearer with member input. Looking back is a huge part of moving forward and incorporating our history, especially with new members, is the only way to keep the future VAC true to its core as we change with the times. Through the years, fellowship and education have also been core values of the club. Honing our skills and learning the finer points of angling are a part of each of us but creating ways for members to diversify their fellowship is where the club's true future lays, and that's where vision is necessary.

The core of our history begins with the annual scale certification. Certified scales give each one of us a "true weight" scale and allows us to weigh and submit records of our catches, building on the historical database the club has maintained. If one wants, these catch records allow us to build towards and achieve the different ratings set forth by the founders of the club. Our history becomes a vital part of this vision with each new member we are honored to have. For a quick read "A History of the Virginia Anglers Club", [click here](#).

Fellowship and education were certainly founding values and why Joe Brooks originally set the wheels in motion to start a fishing club back in 1960. We continue to offer these values through our monthly membership meetings, programs, Fish Fry, and Awards Banquet.

Fellowship is also found in the fishing trips we offer. This is where the vision becomes important, and is simple, "To create fishing trips for as many, as often as possible." While most outings are Expeditions and range from day trips to overnights, there will be some Tournaments mixed in as well. The Expeditions will be as diverse as we can create and will be a mix of freshwater and saltwater adventures. With things opening back up, we can add fishing trips that include groups riding in cars together or fishing from the same boat. This is going to be awesome.

Every aspect of the club requires people willing to do a small part, and this work becomes another way to enjoy the fellowship the VAC has to offer. About 25% of the club participates in some sort of leadership role, like Committee Chairmen, Directors, Officers, Speakers & Expedition Leaders. With membership near 100, that's a lot of people who work to make this club viable, and believe me, there is room for more, so if you want to get involved ... come onboard.

Lastly, we've had over a year away from the heart of the club, which is seeing each other at the meetings. On June 22, we are primed to enjoy our first in-person meeting in quite some time. We have a private room at the Park Lane Tavern, and they are giving the room to us at no cost. If you can, please show up early and have a meal ... extend the fellowship and 'catch up' time.

Personally, I feel the Virginia Anglers Club is ready to tackle just about any idea that comes our way. The work we have done to keep the club together through the pandemic is going to pay off big time. I recently heard a member tell me about an angler he was talking to in Tidewater. The angler said, "You belong to the Virginia Anglers Club? That's a hell of a fishing club!" He's right ... we are a hell of a fishing club ... let's have some fun and go fishing.

Mike Ostrander  
President  
Virginia Anglers Club



## VAC Member, Jack Grabenstein, Achieves IFGA Billfish Royal Slam

When I made my first billfish fishing trip, I did so without any knowledge of the IGFA and their Royal Slam Club. What I did know was that I enjoyed both fishing for different species and hunting different species of big game animals.

It all began in 1988, when my brothers, Larry and Mark, and my cousin, Erik, invited me to go to Caracas, Venezuela for some big game fishing. I was all in for the trip. The trip to Caracas was so good, we went back in 1989 as well. The fishing was excellent, and I caught my first two of the nine billfish required for the Billfish Royal Slam ... the Atlantic blue marlin and the white marlin.

My third billfish species was a striped marlin off Baja in May 2003. After this trip, I did a little research into the different billfish species and where to go to catch them. I learned through my big game hunting experience that good research on your target species as where and when to go pays off.



*Atlantic White Marlin, Venezuela - July 1988*

I researched and planned for the next billfish species and six of us went to Tropic Star Lodge in Panama in February, 2005. Five of the six of us caught our target specie, the black marlin. I also caught a blue marlin and a pacific sailfish to go along with my black marlin. After this trip, I fished with Bouncer Smith, out of Miami for the Atlantic sailfish and was very successful!

I was getting closer, and next on the list was the swordfish, so I took to Venice, Louisiana in October, 2018. My swordfish required three trips to catch and proved to be the most difficult for me.

Finally, my 9th billfish was the shortbill spearfish. My good friend Rex Baker and I traveled to Kona, Hawaii in April of this year. We each caught our spearfish on the first day of fishing with Captain Dale Leverance and his son, Jack, completing my Billfish Royal Slam.

It has taken 33 years to achieve this slam of the billfish and the memories will be with me forever. I'm 78 now and looking forward to spending the rest of my days fishing the waters of Virginia and the Chesapeake Bay.

Jack Grabenstein  
VAC Member since 2018



**VAC Member, Jack Grabenstein,**  
**Achieves IFGA Billfish Royal Slam**



*Atlantic Blue Marlin, Venezuela - October 1989  
(Sailfish in pic caught by his buddy Larry)*



*Atlantic Sailfish - May 2010*



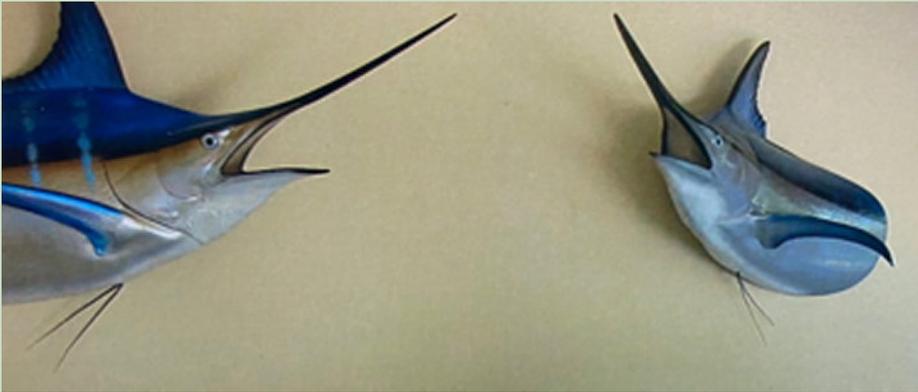
*Swordfish, Venice, LA - October 2018*



*Striped Marlin, East Cape Baja - May 2003*



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**Achieves IFGA Billfish Royal Slam**



*Pacific Blue Marlin & Pacific Black Marlin, Panama*



*Pacific Black Marlin, Panama  
February 2005*



*Pacific Sailfish, Panama - February 2005*



*Shortbill Spearfish, Kona, HI - April 2021*



**FOR SCALE CERTIFICATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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

**VAC ANGLING RULES QUESTIONS?**

Do you have a question concerning angling rules? If so, email your questions to Fred Cousins ([cousinsf1@verizon.net](mailto:cousinsf1@verizon.net)). Fred will address questions during the next general membership meeting

**WANTED**

**IN SEARCH OF A BOAT TRAILER FOR A BOAT 16' LONG AND 7.5' WIDE.**

**IT NEED NOT BE IN PERFECT CONDITION.**

**IF ANYONE HAS ONE FOR SALE, PLEASE CONTACT CHUCK KOCH AT:**

**[RVAKOVCHX3@VERIZON.NET](mailto:RVAKOVCHX3@VERIZON.NET)**

**Fish of the Month (May)**

**Freshwater (points)**

E.S Johnston  
Gar, all 15lbs 10oz  
2 spin 520pts

**Freshwater (weight)**

E.S Johnston  
Gar, all  
15lbs 10oz

**Saltwater (points)**

B. Shepherd  
Drum, Red 49lbs 0oz  
Surf 350pts

**Saltwater (weight)**

B. Shepherd  
Drum, Red  
49lbs 0oz

# Recent VAC Member Catch Photos



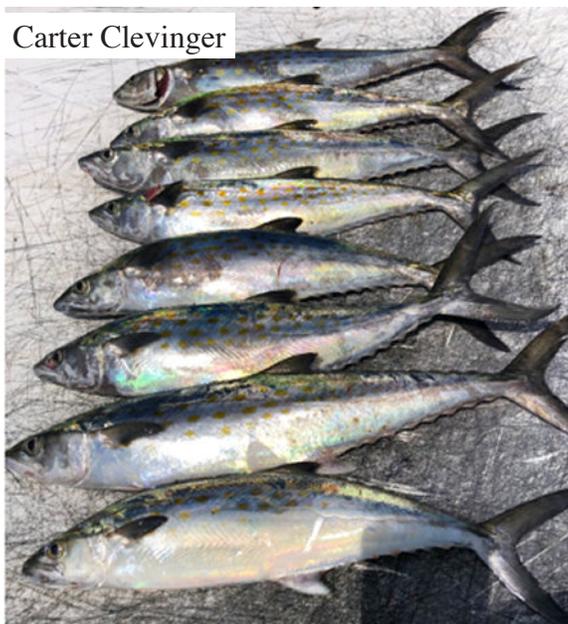
Brendan Strum



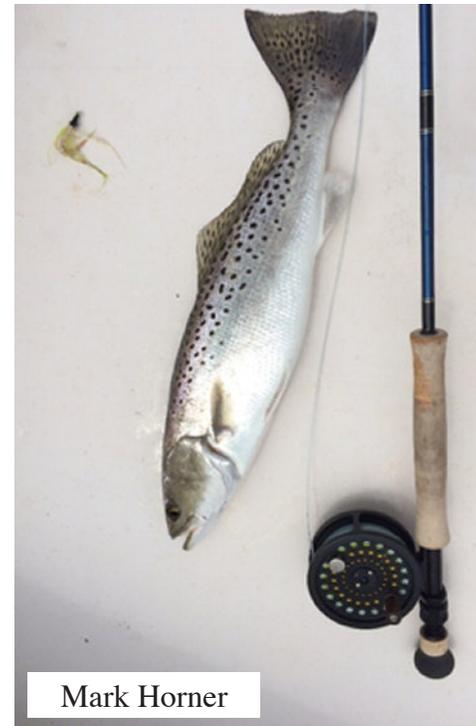
Mike Mason



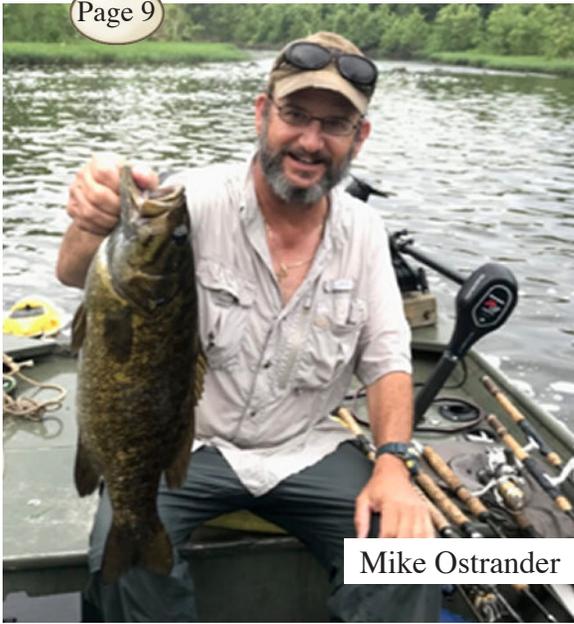
Jim Sheffield



Carter Clevinger



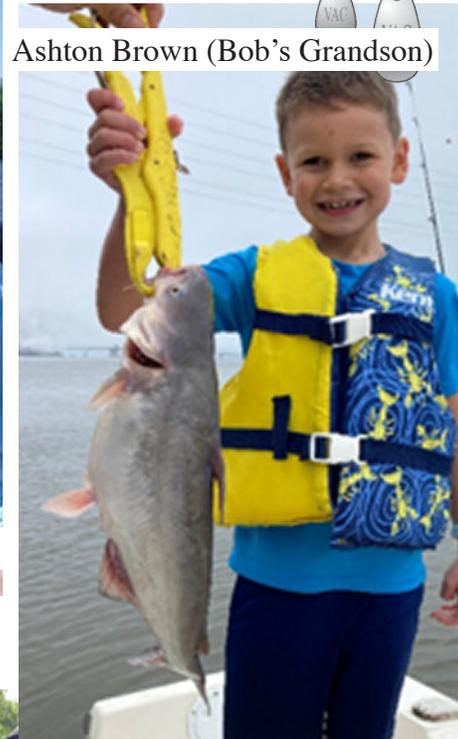
Mark Horner



Mike Ostrander



Jerry Davis



Ashton Brown (Bob's Grandson)



Robert Thomas



Stuart Lee on the Trout



## Saltwater Special Seasons Open

### COBIA



Regulation 4 VAC 20-510-10 et seq.

Recreational Cobia Permit and Reporting Requirements

**Minimum Size Limit:** 40 inches total length, one per vessel >50 inches total length

**Possession Limit:** 1 per person, 2 Per Vessel; whichever is more restrictive

**Season:** June 15 through Sept 15

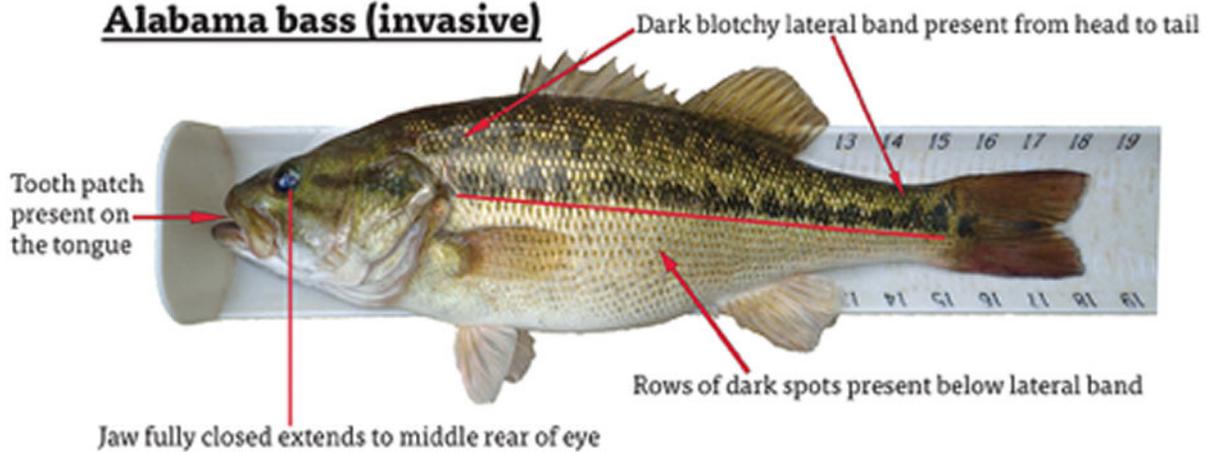
**Capture Citation:** 55 Lbs

**Release Citation:** 50 IN.

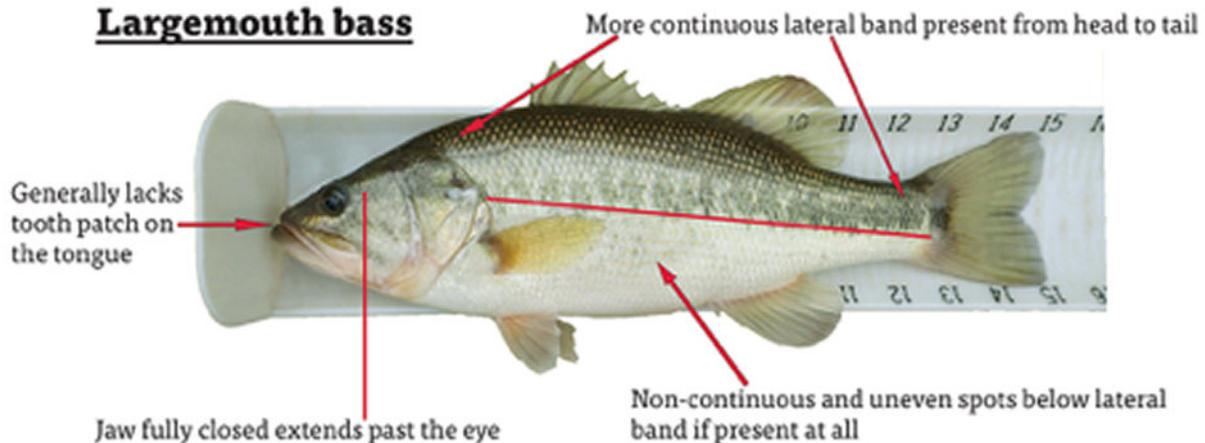


# DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

## Alabama bass (invasive)



## Largemouth bass



- Anglers are reminded that the introduction of novel predators can have unforeseen impacts on native or established ecosystems.
- The introduction of Alabama bass is illegal in Virginia. Alabama bass have been scientifically shown to out-compete established populations of largemouth bass and hybridize with small-mouth bass.
- Invasive species cause negative ecological and/or economic harm.
- Anglers who suspect they have captured an Alabama bass should take a picture of the fish, clip off a thumbnail-sized portion of one of the pelvic fins, and store the fin clip dry in an envelope. The pelvic fins are located on the bottom of the fish, just under the head. They should then either contact the Department of Wildlife Resources at: [fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov](mailto:fisheries@dwr.virginia.gov) or 804-367-1293.



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## ANNUAL AWARDS 2021



## PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler

## DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-2	6	FLY	214	2021-04-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly

## DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	2-4	2	SPIN	199	2021-04-20	FT MONROE, VA	Zman

## "HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	R HART	6-15	2	SPIN	462	2021-01-24	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
BOWFIN	ES JOHNSTON	7-4	2	SPIN	362	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	1/16 Oz. Jig
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	R HART	1-11	2	SPIN	267	2021-03-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA	Bobby Garland Crappie Jig
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
PERCH, WHITE	M OSTRANDER	0-15	2	SPIN	246	2021-03-09	COHOKE POND, VA	White Grub
PERCH, YELLOW	R HART	1-5	2	SPIN	345	2021-02-26	COHOKE CREEK, VA	2 Inch Grub
PICKEREL, CHAIN	R HART	2-12	2	SPIN	275	2021-02-14	PAMUNKEY RIVER, VA	Yellow Grub
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-2	6	FLY	214	2021-04-09	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	J HIEL	1-4	4	SPIN	271	2021-05-19	COHOKE, VA	Jig /Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	DL NOBLES	0-11	4	FLY	107	2021-03-10	PRIVATE POND, VA	Black Leech Streamer
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE, WV	Joes Fly
TROUT, BROWN	B BOSHER	4-15	8	GEN	116	2021-02-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Bucktail
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

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DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	2-4	2	SPIN	199	2021-04-20	FT MONROE, VA	Zman



## "HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	B BROUGHTON	7-8	8	PLUG	250	2021-06-13	SANDY RIVER RES., VA	Z Hog
BASS, SMALLMOUTH	T FRANCO	1-2	8	SPIN	52	2021-04-07	MAURY, VA	Ned Rig
BOWFIN	ES JOHNSTON	7-4	2	SPIN	362	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMINY RIVER, VA	1/16 Oz. Jig
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
CRAPPIE, ALL	T MIDKIFF	1-13	4	GEN	181	2021-02-26	CHICKAHOMY, VA	Minnow
GAR, ALL	ES JOHNSTON	15-10	2	SPIN	520	2021-05-11	CHIPOKES CREEK, VA	Jig
PERCH, WHITE	L RICHARDSON	1-0	6	SPIN	181	2021-04-10	JAMES RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-7	4	PLUG	312	2021-03-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PICKEREL, CHAIN	R HART	3-10	4	SPIN	266	2021-01-16	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
SHAD, HICKORY	GN CARTER	2-4	8	FLY	199	2021-03-30	JAMES RIVER, VA	Freds Dart Fly
SUNFISH	J HIEL	1-4	4	SPIN	271	2021-05-19	COHOKE, VA	Jig /Grub
SUNFISH, REDEAR	JH SHEFFIELD	1-0	4	GEN	100	2021-05-25	WESTERN BRANCH, VA	Worm
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE , WV	Joes Fly
TROUT, BROWN	B BOSHER	4-15	8	GEN	116	2021-02-20	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Bucktail
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

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Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
DRUM, RED	B SHEPHERD	49-0		SURF	350	2021-05-16	WRECK ISLAND, VA	Peeler
KINGFISH, (SEA MULLET) (ROUNDHEA	C CLEVINGER	0-14	2	GEN	0	2021-06-05	CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA	Shrimp
SEATROUT, SPOTTED	C CLEVINGER	2-4	2	SPIN	199	2021-04-20	FT MONROE, VA	Zman

## NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
CARP	R HART	25-4	8	PLUG	450	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	Blade Bait
CATFISH, FLATHEAD	S KNOX	31-0	20BR	GEN	183	2020-12-04	JAMES RIVER, RICHMOND, VA	Cut Shad
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-2	8	PLUG	175	2021-03-06	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
PERCH, YELLOW	GN CARTER	1-7	4	PLUG	312	2021-03-08	MATTAPONI RIVER, VA	Blade Bait
TROUT, BROOK	R HART	2-10	4	SPIN	210	2021-03-28	SUGAR GROVE , WV	Joes Fly
TROUT, RAINBOW	A BAGWELL	5-12	4	SPIN	261	2020-12-13	PRIVATE POND, VA	2" Tube

## NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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## PAJCHAK AWARD

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
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## YOUTH FRESHWATER

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
SUNFISH	ASHER BROUGHTON 0_6	0-8	4	SPIN	108	2021-04-25	PRIVATE POND, VA	Squirt



**YOUTH 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
PERMIT	FD GOTTWALD	16-0	12	GEN	133	2021-03-24	KEY WEST, FL	Crab

**NEW MEMBER AWARD**

Species	Name	Weight	Line	Division	Points	Date	Location	Bait
BASS, LARGEMOUTH	C DEANE	4-9	4	SPIN	228	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	3/16 Ounce Blade Bait
CARP	C DEANE	19-4	8	PLUG	343	2021-01-29	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/2 Ounce Blade Bait
CRAPPIE, ALL	C DEANE	1-5	2	SPIN	208	2021-03-06	BUGGS ISLAND, VA, VA	Bobby Garland Jig
PERCH, WHITE	C DEANE	0-10	4	SPIN	135	2021-04-18	COHOKE MILL POND, VA	1/8 Jighead With 2' Twister Tail
TROUT, RAINBOW	C DEANE	5-3	4	SPIN	235	2020-12-19	CRIPPLE CREEK, VA	Panther Martin
<b>Total</b>					<b>1149</b>			