



The Angler

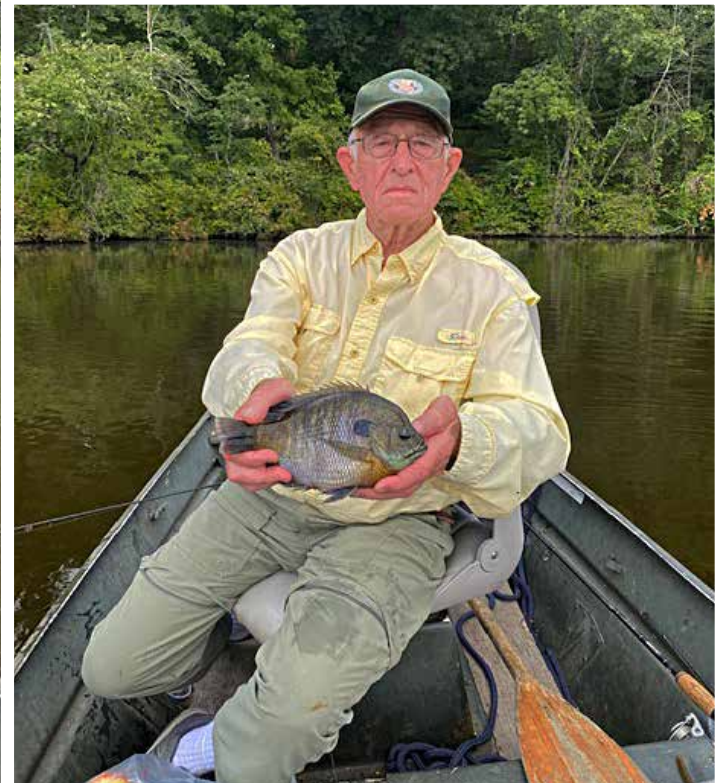
Newsletter

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

The official newsletter of the Virginia Anglers Club

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Pat Quisenberry with a very fine citation bluegill!

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 Meeting 7PM
Doors Open at 6PM - Come early and talk fishing!

Speaker: **DR. MATT BALAZIK**

Come to the up-coming meeting and learn about how the Atlantic sturgeon is making a comeback in the James River with renowned expert, the Sturgeon General himself, Dr. Matt Balozik.

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources,
7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico
Zoom Invitation information is on page 3



photo courtesy of Matt Balazik



President's Message

The weather is cooling and one can not go too long without thinking about oysters and hats. Well, many of us at least. The VAC has you covered on both fronts. Look for the new VAC hats to be available by the October membership meeting. You can see the new design on page 10 of this newsletter. A HUGE thanks to new member Brian Bremner for getting the new design and hats ordered.

"Oysters" you say? On October 22, from noon to 5pm, the VAC is going to have its first Oyster Roast and BBQ event in a while. The club is going to provide oysters, BBQ, and fixings for a great meal. We'll also provide soft drinks and water but if you want something else it's BYOB of whatever you'd like to drink with the finest meal available in the Hanover area that day! I hear there may even be some delicious Yoda Eggs available but you'll have to show up to find out what the heck those are!

When I joined the Virginia Anglers Club a little over 20 years ago, we had a strong grip on Conservation & Legislation. Today, we continue that strong leadership with Capt. Chris Dollar and Capt. John Page Williams representing the VAC at meetings and with regional conservation groups. These guys speak for us all when it comes to things that just make sense, and much of what's happening in the Bay, which does not seem to make sense. Both Chris and John Page have been stressing the importance of sharing your voice publicly about these issues when you can. And when you can't, share your thoughts virtually by sending your message to the appropriate authorities. Keep an eye out for e-casts on important dates for meetings where you can speak your voice on the angling issues important to you.

The Virginia Anglers Club is growing with its diverse fishing opportunities. By the time you read this, we will have just had our Speckled Trout Expedition and of this writing, we will have at least twelve members attending. The only way we can communicate to you is through our in person meetings, and by email (e-casts). I recently sent out an ecast asking you to respond to my email when received. Simply hit reply and type in YES. There is an important reason for this. A few years ago, the VAC hired a group to help us with our communications, and what we found out was that nearly half the members did not open their VAC emails. While it is what it is, the one thing we don't know is who is and who is not opening their emails. That said, be on the lookout for this ecast and please respond immediately. Our goal is to create the best communications between our membership as we possibly can.

We are nearing another year's end and I'd like to thank all the members who have spent time working on making the VAC a great angling club. Some of our members will be moving on from their positions. A special thanks to Master Angler Stuart Lee who has been a part of the leadership team for quite a while. Stuart's term on the Board is ending soon, and he's decided to move on. He will stay active being a part of the Program team, and by doing so, he can keep his title as the 'Oracle' of the VAC. We have two Board meetings coming up on October 11 and December 13. These are open to any member, and if you have an interest in becoming more involved, these are your meetings. We have a special Board meeting on November 8 to vote on upcoming Angling Rules changes for the upcoming angling year, which starts on December 1.

In closing, I'd like to send out a special note of thanks to Tom Franco. Tom offered to help the VAC with their annual donations through a special fund he is a part of. Earlier this month, Tom and our treasurer, Bobby Broughton, linked up to coordinate this special opportunity. The VAC, with Tom's help, donated money to the *Virginia Saltwater Sportfishing Association*, the *Recreational Fishing Alliance*, the *International Game Fish Association* and the *Richmond Chapter of Project Healing Waters*. That's awesome!

Capt. Mike Ostrander
Virginia Anglers Club, President

2022 Program Schedule

September 27 - Matt Balazik

The Atlantic Sturgeon are Making a Comeback!

October 25 - TBA

November 22 - TBA

December 27 - No meeting this month.

Fishing!

Fishing is good, if the fish bite;
Fish bite, if the tackle is right;
Tackle is right if you buy the
kind,
Which at Harris, Flippen & Co.
you find.

Their fishing tackle's the very
best,
Their stock is larger than all
the rest,
And you can fish like Str Isaac
of yore
If you get all your tackle from
this store.

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COMPANY**

1219 East Main Street.

September 27th

Membership Meeting

Doors open at 6pm so come early and
talk fishing! Meeting starts at 7pm.

Meeting location:

Virginia Department Wildlife Resources - Boardroom
7870 Villa Park Drive, Henrico, 23228

or Join via Zoom

Virginia Anglers Club is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Virginia Anglers Club - September 27 Membership Meeting

Time: Sep 27, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82172188499?pwd=c3pnL1pNS1kwbVlQdklTaWxKcVhNUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 7218 8499

Passcode: 656873

One tap mobile

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2022 Up-Coming Activities

October 22, Oyster Roast & BBQ

Hosts: Ronnie and Dinkus Dean

Address: 15546 Saint Peters Church Road, Montpelier, VA 23192

Phone 804-366-3901, email: dinkydog70@gmail.com

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**PLEASE RSVP to Mike Ostrander at:
mike@discoverthejames.com
by October 14th by 5pm.**

Angling Rules

Fred Cousins has a request from the membership! Fred would like to know if anyone has any ANGLING RULES CHANGES they would like to discuss and/or submit.

If so, please contact Fred at: cousinsf1@verizon.net or 804-740-3238

HELP PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT THAT WE LOVE SO MUCH!

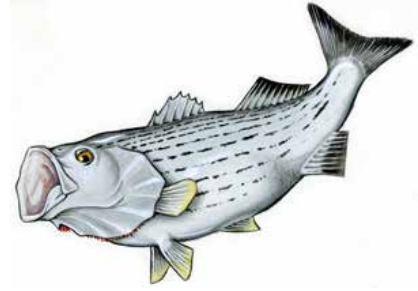
Always pick up and properly discard used fishing line as well as retrieve, if possible, any that had gotten caught up in trees, etc.

Then, how do you dispose of old fishing line? Cut the fishing line into 6 to 12 inch segments and place in a container with a lid before throwing it in the garbage. Monofilament and fluorocarbon fishing line has a special recycling program so check your participating local tackle stores and the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources for additional information. Don't recycle fishing line with other household items. Braided lines are not recyclable.

Thank you for helping keep our world clean and safe!



A Virginia Anglers Club Call to Action *from Capt. Chris Dollar*



The Virginia Marine Resources Commission has a Public Comment opportunity on September 27, 2022. Their meeting starts at 9:30am with public comments starting later in the morning.

On October 13, 2022 at 4pm, the Menhaden Management Advisory Committee will be meeting. Recreational angler support is needed at this meeting.

There is another VMRC Board meeting on October 25, 2022, and support is needed.

The VAC Board of Directors is asking the membership for anyone interested in traveling to Hampton, VA to speak their voice on at any of the above meetings on Omega Protein Industrial Operations in the Chesapeake Bay. If you are interested in going to any of these meetings, please contact Mike Ostrander at 804-938-2350 or mike@discoverthejames.com or Capt. Chris Dollar at cdollarchesapeake@gmail.com. If possible, we can get create a car pool going from Richmond to Hampton.

Conservation & Legislation chairman, Capt. Chris Dollar, has put together a series of talking points for you to share with the VMRC Board.

Talking Points on Omega Protein Industrial Operations in Chesapeake Bay

- ▶ Menhaden are perhaps the most important food for many game fish including stripers, cobia, red drum, sea trout, and bluefish. They also contribute to filtering the water. Whales and sea birds eat them too.
- ▶ Omega Protein (OP) – a foreign-owned industrial harvester of menhaden – has an outsized, often negative impact on Chesapeake’s public marine resources.
- ▶ OP, the sole and last remaining Atlantic coast reduction fishery operator, catches more than 70% of all menhaden harvested on the East Coast and grinds up for fish-oil pills, fertilizer, animal feed.
- ▶ Virginia is the ONLY East Coast state that still allows industrialized reduction fishing in state waters.
- ▶ OP undermines the Bay and Coast’s sportfishing economy—guides, tackle shops, small businesses.
- ▶ Striped bass is largest marine recreational fishery in the U.S., generates \$166M in VA alone.
- ▶ Striper fishing in Virginia has declined by over 50% in the past decade; menhaden reduction fishing is tied to the coast-wide decline of stripers.
- ▶ At least twice in July 2022, OP littered beaches along Virginia’s Eastern Shore with menhaden and game fish. Other spills observed, but not officially recorded by state’s Marine Resources Commission.
- ▶ July 25: OP accepted blame for wasting many thousands of forage fish and killing at least 12,000 pounds of 30- to 50-pound redfish, the big breeders representing the next generation of this popular game fish.

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- ▶ Broad coalition of local, regional, and national recreational fishing and boating groups—including Coastal Conservation Association and American Sportfishing Association—asked VA Gov. Glenn Youngkin to stop industrial purse seine gear in Chesapeake Bay “until science demonstrates” that it will not negatively affect ecosystem of North America’s largest estuary. It would bring consistency with Maryland’s ban nearly 100 years ago.
- ▶ Time and time again Omega Protein has proven itself to be a bad corporate neighbor in Chesapeake Bay.
- ▶ September 2021: OPs nets tore in shallow water on two separate incidents, forcing the Company to dump more than 400,000 dead menhaden into Hampton Roads waters.
- ▶ December 2019: Virginia was found out of compliance by the U.S. Department of Commerce after Omega Protein knowingly violated the 51,000-metric ton Chesapeake Bay harvest cap.
- ▶ Cooke Inc., the parent company of Omega Protein, has paid nearly \$13M in penalties for violations related to the environment, safety, government contracting, and finances (Good Jobs First website.)
- ▶ Other Possible Actions the Bay/Atlantic Sport Fishing Community Supports
 - ▶ Create buffer zones (area closures) to min. purse seine nets snagging in nearshore shallow waters; would also protect recreational fish that frequent these habitats. [OP objected to concept, so it failed.]
 - ▶ Require On-board observers.
 - ▶ Levy appropriate penalties against OP when its “Net Spills” kill fish.
 - ▶ Reduce the Bay Cap until scientific studies determines pop. can handle withdrawals.



HERE IS A SHORT VERSION FOR ALL OF YOU LETTER WRITERS OUT THERE also from Captain Chris Dollar

Thanks again for the opportunity to weigh in on behalf of VAC & the coalition.

As mentioned, the Menhaden Coalition has two over-achieving goals: 1) Tell VMRC to hold a public hearing on the Net Spills in October and, 2) Move Omega Protein operations out of the Bay.

Also, here are some talking point suggestions for VAC members should they speak either Sept. 27 or Oct. VMRC meeting.

“My name is XXX, a member of Virginia Angler’s Club (VAC), and I am very unhappy that Omega Protein continues to negatively affect my sport fishing experiences, local businesses, and critical, public resources of the Bay without accountability.

- ▶ Thousands of dead fish washed up on local beaches at least twice this summer.
- ▶ Menhaden and the game fish (at least 12,000 pounds of red drum!) that were killed in the July 25 net spill was a flagrant waste of public marine resources.

To my knowledge the VMRC has done nothing to address this problem. No public statement or report, no penalties, and no plan to address this outrageously wasteful practice in the future. It is past time for VMRC to take action. I urge you to hold a public hearing on this important matter at your October meeting. The public has the right to comment on this wastefulness, and the VMRC has the responsibility to address this problem.

Thank you for your time. A concerned citizen, XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX”

Lines Out...Mark Sosin

By John Wetlaufer Sr.

Virginia Anglers Club Life Member, Mark Sosin, pulled lines for the last time on June 30, 2022. At the time of his death, Mark was a member of the VAC for fifty-seven years (second longest membership).

Tom was an active catch entry participant from early 1967 into early 1971. Of his thirty-eight entries in this period, twelve club records still stand. Among them is a 53 lb.-6 oz. yellow fin tuna caught in Bermuda on 16# fly in July of 1967. This catch was then worth 890 points. Of his thirty-eight entries, only four were for freshwater catches.

Mark may not have been known personally to many VAC Members, but the below tributes attest to his fame as a very active supporter of sportfishing.



From The July 5, 2022, FISHINGWIRE, The Fishing and Marine Industry Daily News Feed

Legendary fishing writer and television fishing personality Mark Sosin died on Thursday, June 30, 2022, in Boca Raton, Florida. He was 88 years old.

Mark Jessurun Sosin was born on July 7, 1933, in Highland Park, New Jersey. Under the tutelage of his father, he fell in love with fishing as a young boy and enjoyed several trips to Florida before he was 10 years old. He caught his first bonefish at age nine.

In a 2004 interview with the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, Sosin was quoted as saying, “My father — at a time when nobody was — was a conservationist. He’d take what he needed and put the rest back.” It was a philosophy that Sosin would follow for the rest of his life. In fact, close friends say they never saw him keep a fish and that he abhorred tournaments because they targeted large brood stock fish.

Sosin graduated from the prestigious Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently earned a master’s degree in business administration from New York University. He planned to become a lawyer, but his education was interrupted by four years of active service in the U.S. Navy. When he was discharged, he went to work with a company that made electrical wire and cable, then took a position with Revlon and later worked as a management consultant.

All during this time, he fished along the New Jersey shore and dreamed of making his passion into a career. In the 1960s, he began writing magazine articles and books on fishing. From 1968 to 1973, he worked for WCBS Radio in New York, doing short segments on fishing, hunting, camping, and conservation.

In 1979, he and his wife, Susan, moved to Boca Raton, Florida. A few years later, he got into television, launching “Mark Sosin’s Saltwater Journal” in 1983. “When I looked at the marketplace, there were guys doing bass shows,” he was quoted as saying in 2004. “I went for the hole in the market and did a saltwater show. The gurus and pundits at the time told me a show like that wouldn’t last to its second season.” In fact, Sosin’s program ran for 27 years, making it one of the longest-running fishing programs in television history.

All the while, Sosin was writing magazine articles (more than 3,000 in his career according to some estimates) and books (more than two dozen). Though most of his work was on saltwater fishing, he also wrote two bass books with Bill Dance, a knot book with Lefty Kreh, and a conservation book on the Everglades. Many of his book titles feature phrases like “how to” and “practical” which clearly display his focus on education. And it’s almost certainly true that’s where Sosin achieved his greatest impact. He helped to teach generations of anglers how to fish and how to care for the resource.

(From The July 2022 IGFA International Angler)

Born on July 7, 1933, in New Jersey, USA, Mark Sosin grew to become one of the most recognizable, influential, and respected figures in the sport fishing industry. Sosin launched his famous television series “Mark Sosin’s Saltwater Journal” in the early 1980s after serving in the US Navy and working for a radio station in New York, USA, where he provided outdoor content. Prior to the launch of this successful television series, Sosin worked for the Salt Water Fly Rodders of America, which at the time was the authority of rules and record keeping for saltwater fish caught on fly tackle. Sosin handed this responsibility to the IGFA in the late 1970s under the leadership of past IGFA President Elwood K. Harry. For decades, Sosin served as the consummate “angling educator,” publishing several books, hundreds of articles, and nearly 30 years of his television series. Sosin was inducted into the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame in 2004 and served as the emcee of the prestigious event for several years. Sosin passed away on June 30, 2022, at the age of 88. The IGFA extends our condolences to the Sosin family during this difficult time. Learn more about Sosin’s achievements in his IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame induction video.

Past Programs

Member Lure Making Program - June 28th

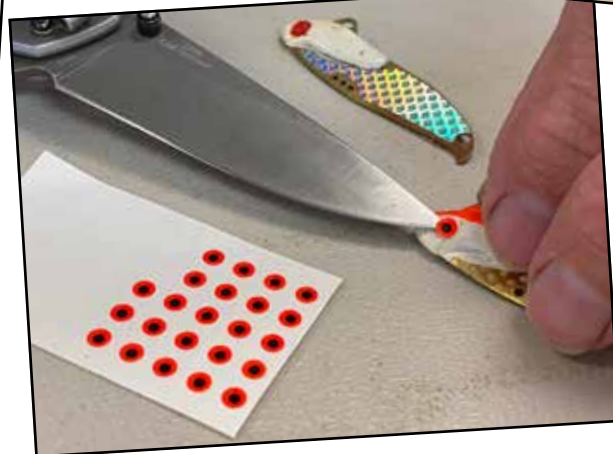
Special thanks to Glen Carter, Fred Murray, and Stuart Lee
for sharing their craft with the membership!!!

Glen Carter

Fred Murray



Stuart Lee



Past Programs

Better Fishing Photos with Your Cell Phone - August 23 with Lynda Richardson



Get closer to your subject!



Avoid messy and distracting backgrounds!



Your horizon should be straight and keep all of your fish in the picture, don't chop off any fish body parts!

Top left: Lynda Richardson demonstrates the use of a selfie stick to capture better cell phone photos. During the program she gave basic tips to improve your photography such as; choosing the best light for your subjects, keeping your horizons straight, not allowing shadows to mar your subject, watching for distracting elements in backgrounds, and one tip that everyone knows...hold the fish out towards the camera to make it look bigger! It is also VERY important to remember to properly handle your catch with wet hands and quickly and carefully return it to the water after a few photos.

VAC Club Tournaments

Results of the AUGUST 20th BASS Tournament



Mike Ostrander and Frank Hart are TWINS!



On August 20th, the Virginia Anglers Club hosted a member only bass tournament at Ed Allen's boat ramp on the Chickahominy Lake. In total, we had thirteen member participants (6 boaters, 6 co-anglers, and a lake expert fisherman, Captain Art Conway). Prior to the tournament, we all got together for lunch, refreshments, storytelling, and fellowship, at the dockside restaurant. I am fairly certain everyone enjoyed the social time just as much as the competition that followed.

Big congratulations to our three winners, **Cliff Phipps, John Gorman, and Brent Boshers**. Cliff and John took first place honors with a total of 10 lbs and 1 oz. John caught the "Big Fish" of the day, a 4 lb 7 oz whopper. Way to go guys! Brent received the award for the highest point other (bowfin). I think it was his personal best. Nice job Brent! All winners received a \$25 Green Top gift card.

Big thank you to everyone who participated and planned to make this a success. I look forward to seeing even more members at future club events.

Frank Hart

THE COMPETITORS:

Team 1: Tom and Jerry

Team 2: Brent and Dan

Team 3: Frank and Jay

Team 4: Dinkus and Mike

Team 5: John and Cliff

Team 6: Lee and Lynda



Lee Huss does a donut so I can shoot changing light and how it falls on a subject for her VAC talk! LOL



Lynda Richardson weights one of her bass.

VAC Club Tournaments

Results of the AUGUST 20th BASS Tournament



John Gorman (left) & Cliff Phipps (right) win the 2022 VAC BASS TOURNAMENT!!!



Brent Bosher captured the Highest Point Other Fish, a bowfin.



Mike Ostrander & Dinkus Dean bump fists in solidarity.

**A good time was had by all!!
THANK YOU for setting this
up Frank Hart!**



Nice Bass, Jay Hiel!

2022 Up-Coming Expeditions

December 20 & 21- TROPHY TROUT at Cedar Springs/Cripple Creek!
Sign up fast as there is limited space for this is a very popular trip.
Contact Frank Hart at 859-808-0431 for additional details. There are a few spaces open!!!



Fine examples of trout caught at Cedar Springs!



JUST SAYING.....
And there are still a few openings! Contact Frank Hart if you want to go!
teach2hart@aol.com



If you would like to lead an expedition or have an idea for one,
contact **Frank Hart** at teach2hart@aol.com



NEW MERCHANDISE!!!

Just in time for the holidays!
Get yours today before they're gone!

We have 20 of each color seen here
for **\$30** each.

Hats will be available at the
October Membership Meeting.
October 25, 2022.

Don't Forget Our **ANNUAL FUND RAISING DRIVE** To Sell **2023 VIRGINIA WILDLIFE CALENDARS**

For more information contact Don West today! (804) 897-8723. We are selling these beautiful calendars, for \$10 each. (normally \$15.95 each) Buy a box of 25 and give them as gifts to all of your friends!

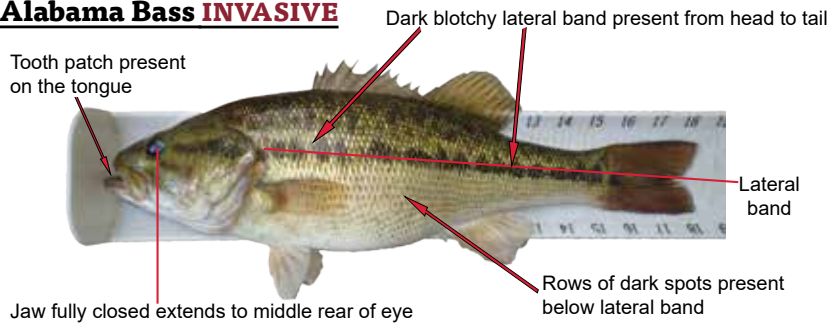
GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES ALL YEAR!



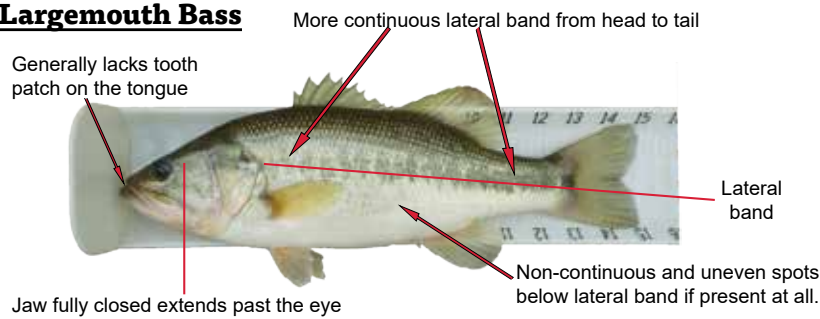
VDWR FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

So, How Can I Tell The Difference Between These Three Bass?

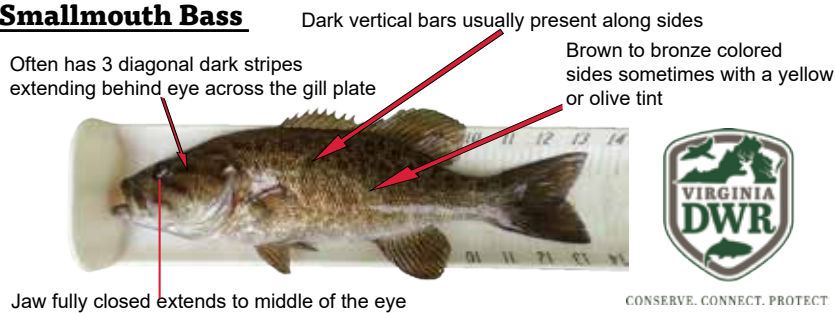
Alabama Bass *INVASIVE*



Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Set an example and
SAVE LIVES!



Virginia

SafeboatingCampaign.com

ALERT **TROUT FISHERS:**

*Gill Lice Have Been Detected in
Rainbow Trout in Virginia*



Fisheries biologists with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) recently identified gill lice on rainbow trout in Blue Springs Creek, a tributary to Cripple Creek, located in Smyth and Wythe Counties. For more info go to:

https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/trout/gill-lice/?utm_source=mailchimp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nftf&utm_content=gill_lice

Check out the...

TROUT SLAM **CHALLENGE** at



dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/virginia-trout-slam-challenge/

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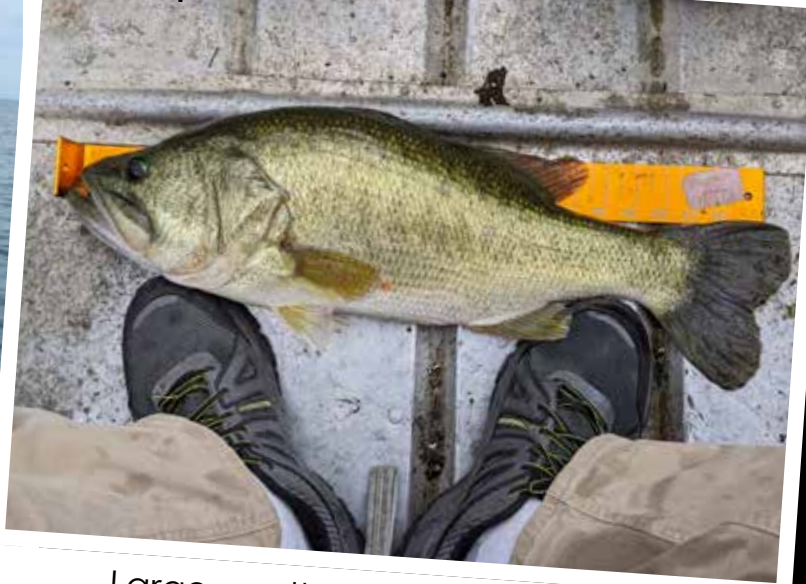
Fishing Memories 2022

Lee Huss



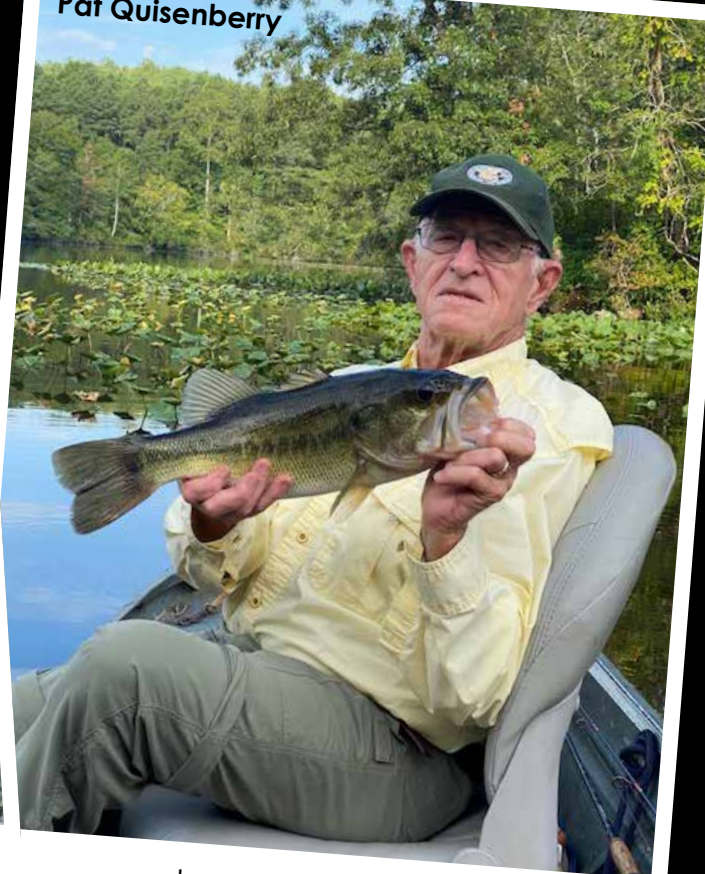
Chesapeake Bay Striper!

Cliff Phipps



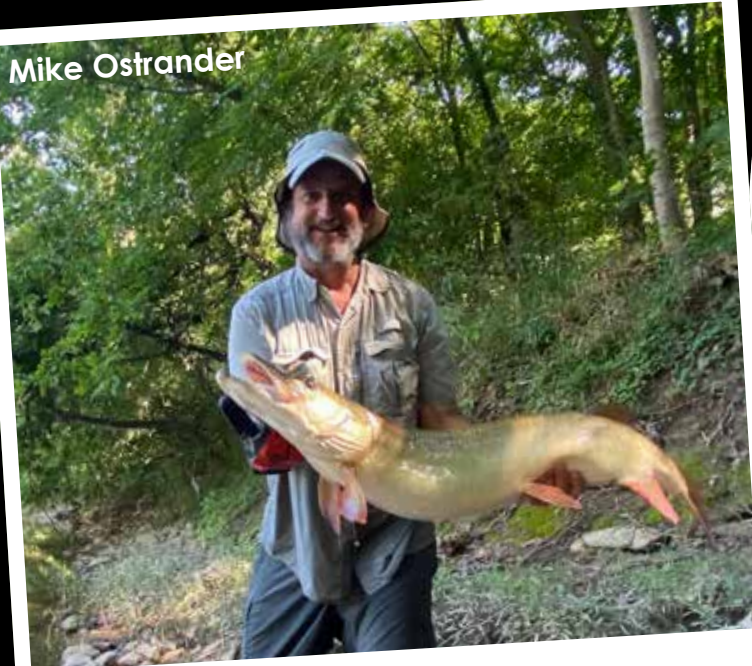
Largemouth HOG bass, 7lb, 9oz.

Pat Quisenberry



Largemouth Bass

Mike Ostrander



A Man and his Musky!

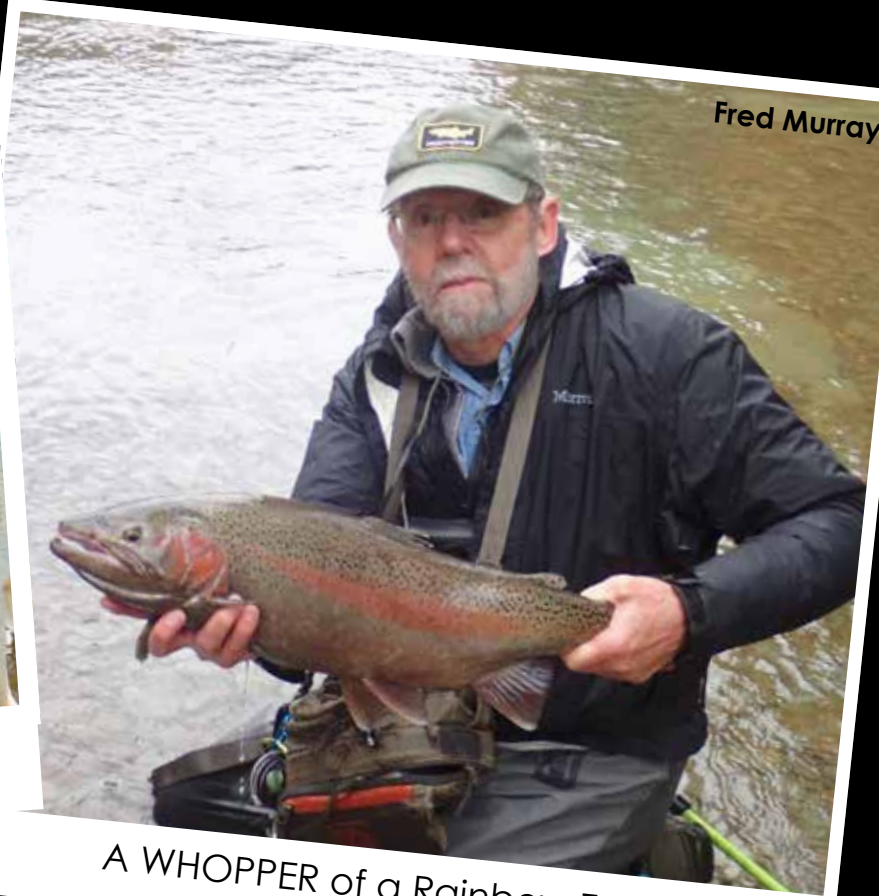
Fishing Memories 2022

Rob Choi



Largemouth Bass

Fred Murray



A WHOPPER of a Rainbow Trout

Rob Choi and his daughter!



Share the LOVE with a flathead catfish!

Fishing Memories 2022





2022 ANNUAL AWARDS LEADERBOARD as of September 20, 2022

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FRESHWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------|-----------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| CARP | GN CARTER | 14-4 | 4 | PLUG | 356 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SALTWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|------|
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | BL NOLAND | 5-5 | 4 | SPIN | 425 | 2022-05-26 | PAMLICO SOUND, HATTERAS, NC | Grub |

DIVISION AWARDS FRESHWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| CARP | GN CARTER | 14-4 | 4 | PLUG | 356 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F COUSINS | 29-14 | 6 | GEN | 349 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | F MURRAY | 7-12 | 6 | FLY | 345 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mop Fly |

DIVISION AWARDS SALTWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| DRUM, RED | D HOWARD | 48-11 | 50 | GEN | 162 | 2022-07-12 | CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA | Bucktail Jig |
| DRUM, RED | B SHEPHERD | 47-0 | | SURF | 335 | 2022-05-20 | SMITH ISLAND, VA | Cut Bait |
| MACKEREL, SPANISH | C CLEVINGER | 2-8 | 4 | PLUG | 156 | 2022-06-25 | BACK RIVER, VA | Bass Assassin |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | BL NOLAND | 5-5 | 4 | SPIN | 425 | 2022-05-26 | PAMLICO SOUND, HATTERAS, NC | Grub |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 3-8 | 6 | FLY | 280 | 2021-12-28 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Streamer |

"HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | R HART | 5-0 | 2 | SPIN | 333 | 2022-02-05 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | Blade Bait |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | S KNOX | 3-14 | 12 | SPIN | 134 | 2022-04-06 | NEW RIVER, NARROWS, VA | Jerkbait |
| BASS, WHITE | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | GEN | 107 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| BOWFIN | GN CARTER | 4-5 | 2 | PLUG | 215 | 2022-03-16 | MATTAPONI RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CARP | GN CARTER | 14-4 | 4 | PLUG | 356 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | S KNOX | 61-0 | 20BR | GEN | 314 | 2021-12-01 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | D HOWARD | 5-8 | 6 | GEN | 104 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F COUSINS | 29-14 | 6 | GEN | 349 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | C PHIPPS | 1-7 | 4 | SPIN | 179 | 2022-04-13 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 2 Inch Swim Bait |
| FALLFISH | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | FLY | 340 | 2021-12-06 | SOUTH RIVER, VA | Golden Retriever |
| GAR, ALL | GN CARTER | 12-4 | 12 | PLUG | 126 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| MUSKELLUNGE, ALL | C DEANE | 18-8 | 20 | GEN | 112 | 2022-07-26 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Live Redeye |
| PERCH, WHITE | R HART | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-03-05 | COHOKE, VA | White Grub |
| PERCH, YELLOW | C CLEVINGER | 0-15 | 2 | PLUG | 246 | 2022-03-04 | POWHATAN CREEK, VA | Blade Bait |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | DL NOBLES | 2-10 | 2 | SPIN | 262 | 2022-06-01 | PRIVATE POND, VA | Crappie Jig |
| SHAD, HICKORY | F MURRAY | 2-2 | 6 | FLY | 214 | 2022-04-01 | JAMES, VA | Fred Fly |
| SUNFISH | DL NOBLES | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-02-22 | PRIVATE POND, VA | Crappie Jig |
| SUNFISH, REDEAR | D HOWARD | 1-4 | 4 | GEN | 125 | 2022-06-07 | WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA | Nightcrawler |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | F MURRAY | 7-12 | 6 | FLY | 345 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mop Fly |



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| "HIGHEST POINT" SPECIES AWARDS SALTWATER | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| COBIA | RL WHITE | 23-0 | 12 | FLY | 176 | 2022-06-01 | OREGON INLET, NC | Crab Fly |
| DRUM, BLACK | B SHEPHERD | 20-0 | | SURF | 166 | 2022-04-25 | SMITH ISLAND, VA | Peeler |
| DRUM, RED | B SHEPHERD | 47-0 | | SURF | 335 | 2022-05-20 | SMITH ISLAND, VA | Cut Bait |
| MACKEREL, SPANISH | C CLEVINGER | 2-8 | 4 | PLUG | 156 | 2022-06-25 | BACK RIVER, VA | Bass Assassin |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | BL NOLAND | 5-5 | 4 | SPIN | 425 | 2022-05-26 | PAMLICO SOUND, HATTERAS, NC | Grub |

| "HEAVIEST" SPECIES AWARDS FRESHWATER | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | C PHIPPS | 7-11 | 8 | SPIN | 256 | 2022-02-26 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 3.75 Inch Swimbait |
| BASS, SMALLMOUTH | S KNOX | 3-14 | 12 | SPIN | 134 | 2022-04-06 | NEW RIVER, NARROWS, VA | Jerkbait |
| BASS, WHITE | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | GEN | 107 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| BOWFIN | GN CARTER | 4-5 | 2 | PLUG | 215 | 2022-03-16 | MATTAPONI RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CARP | R HART | 29-7 | 16 | PLUG | 334 | 2022-02-12 | COHOKE, VA | Jerk Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | S KNOX | 61-0 | 20BR | GEN | 314 | 2021-12-01 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | D HOWARD | 5-8 | 6 | GEN | 104 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | S KNOX | 42-8 | 20 | GEN | 251 | 2022-07-06 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Live Bluegill |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | GN CARTER | 1-12 | 6 | GEN | 142 | 2022-07-07 | BEAVERDAM RESERVIOR, VA | Hair Jig |
| FALLFISH | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | FLY | 340 | 2021-12-06 | SOUTH RIVER, VA | Golden Retriever |
| GAR, ALL | GN CARTER | 12-4 | 12 | PLUG | 126 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| MUSKELLUNGE, ALL | C DEANE | 18-8 | 20 | GEN | 112 | 2022-07-26 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Live Redeye |
| PERCH, WHITE | R HART | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-03-05 | COHOKE, VA | White Grub |
| PERCH, YELLOW | GN CARTER | 1-6 | 16 | PLUG | 137 | 2022-03-07 | MATTAPONI, RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | B BROUGHTON | 3-10 | 6 | SPIN | 211 | 2022-04-15 | SANDY RIVER RES., VA | Rage Swimmer |
| SHAD, HICKORY | SC LEE | 2-4 | 8 | FLY | 199 | 2022-04-04 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Murray Shad Fly |
| SUNFISH | DL NOBLES | 1-1 | 2 | SPIN | 279 | 2022-02-22 | PRIVATE POND, VA | Crappie Jig |
| SUNFISH, REDEAR | D HOWARD | 1-4 | 4 | GEN | 125 | 2022-06-07 | WESTERN BRANCH RESERVOIR, VA | Nightcrawler |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | F MURRAY | 7-12 | 6 | FLY | 345 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mop Fly |
| WALLEYE | C PHIPPS | 2-6 | 6 | GEN | 87 | 2022-06-11 | NORTH ANNA RIVER, VA | Corn |

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2022 ANNUAL AWARDS LEADERBOARD continued...

NEW CLUB RECORDS FRESHWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| BASS, WHITE | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | GEN | 107 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CARP | R HART | 29-7 | 16 | PLUG | 334 | 2022-02-12 | COHOKE , VA | Jerk Bait |
| CARP | GN CARTER | 12-0 | 6 | PLUG | 250 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| CATFISH, BLUE | S KNOX | 61-0 | 20BR | GEN | 314 | 2021-12-01 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CATFISH, CHANNEL | D HOWARD | 5-8 | 6 | GEN | 104 | 2022-04-19 | BUGGS ISLAND, VA | Live Minnow |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | S KNOX | 42-8 | 20 | GEN | 251 | 2022-07-06 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Live Bluegill |
| CATFISH, FLATHEAD | F COUSINS | 29-14 | 6 | GEN | 349 | 2021-12-17 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | GN CARTER | 1-12 | 6 | GEN | 142 | 2022-07-07 | BEAVERDAM RESERVIOR, VA | Hair Jig |
| FALLFISH | D HOWARD | 1-8 | 6 | FLY | 340 | 2021-12-06 | SOUTH RIVER, VA | Golden Retriever |
| GAR, ALL | GN CARTER | 12-4 | 12 | PLUG | 126 | 2022-02-03 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| MUSKELLUNGE, ALL | C DEANE | 18-8 | 20 | GEN | 112 | 2022-07-26 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Live Redeye |
| PERCH, YELLOW | GN CARTER | 1-6 | 16 | PLUG | 137 | 2022-03-07 | MATTAPONI, RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| PERCH, YELLOW | GN CARTER | 1-0 | 6 | PLUG | 181 | 2022-03-03 | MATTAPONI RIVER, VA | Blade Bait |
| SUNFISH | C CLEVINGER | 0-12 | 2 | PLUG | 197 | 2022-06-05 | PRIVATE POND, VA | White Grub |
| SUNFISH | T FRANCO | 0-12 | 6 | SPIN | 136 | 2022-02-23 | COHOKE POND, VA | Single Blade Spinner /Grub |
| TROUT, BROWN | M OSTRANDER | 5-7 | 2 | SPIN | 339 | 2021-12-20 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Joe's Fly |
| TROUT, CUTTHROAT | D HOWARD | 10-1 | 12 | FLY | 419 | 2022-02-23 | PYRAMID LAKE, NV | PWT |

NEW CLUB RECORDS SALTWATER

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|-------------------|-------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|---------------|
| DRUM, RED | D HOWARD | 48-11 | 50 | GEN | 162 | 2022-07-12 | CHESAPEAKE BAY, VA | Bucktail Jig |
| MACKEREL, SPANISH | C CLEVINGER | 2-8 | 4 | PLUG | 156 | 2022-06-25 | BACK RIVER, VA | Bass Assassin |
| SEATROUT, SPOTTED | SC LEE | 3-8 | 6 | FLY | 280 | 2021-12-28 | PIANKATANK RIVER, VA | Streamer |
| SHARK, OTHER | D HOWARD | 100-0 | 30 | GEN | 111 | 2022-04-07 | ATLANTIC OCEAN, FL | Mullet |

| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
|---------------|---------------------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|----------------------|-----------|
| CATFISH, BLUE | MASON VANNOY 7_12 | 38-0 | 12 | GEN | 264 | 2022-04-05 | JAMES RIVER, VA | Cut Shad |
| SHAD, HICKORY | ASHER BROUGHTON 0_6 | 1-8 | 4 | SPIN | 142 | 2022-04-09 | APPOMATTOX RIVER, VA | Shad Dart |

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 |
|---------|----------|--------|------|----------|--------|------------|-------------------------|--------|
| TARPON | RL WHITE | 0-0 | 6 | FLY | 562 | 2022-06-21 | CAMPECHE, MEXICO, OTHER | EP Fly |



2022 ANNUAL AWARDS LEADERBOARD_{continued...}

| NEW MEMBER AWARD | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----------|--------|------|----------|-------------|------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Species | Name | Weight | Line | Division | Points | Date | Location | Bait |
| BASS, LARGEMOUTH | C PHIPPS | 4.9 | 2 | SPIN | 304 | 2022-01-06 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 2 Inch Swim Bait |
| CARP | C PHIPPS | 11-2 | 6 | GEN | 185 | 2022-06-11 | NORTH ANNA RIVER, VA | Corn |
| CRAPPIE, ALL | C PHIPPS | 1-7 | 4 | SPIN | 179 | 2022-04-13 | COHOKE MILL POND, VA | 2 Inch Swim Bait |
| PERCH, YELLOW | C PHIPPS | 0-14 | 2 | SPIN | 230 | 2022-06-18 | RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER, VA | Grub |
| PICKEREL, CHAIN | C PHIPPS | 3-8 | 6 | SPIN | 204 | 2021-12-03 | PRIVATE POND, VA | 3.5 Soft Plastic Swim Bait |
| TROUT, RAINBOW | C PHIPPS | 5-5 | 2 | SPIN | 332 | 2021-12-21 | CRIPPLE CREEK, VA | Mini Jig |
| WALLEYE | C PHIPPS | 2-6 | 6 | GEN | 87 | 2022-06-11 | NORTH ANNA RIVER, VA | Corn |
| Total | | | | | 1521 | | | |



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