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Great Bridge Fisherman's Association

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November 6th, 2023

Next Meeting 7:00pm

Monday November 6th

Great Bridge Baptist Church
640 S. Battlefield Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23322



Jerry Hughes
haul of
puppy drum
from
Lynnhaven.

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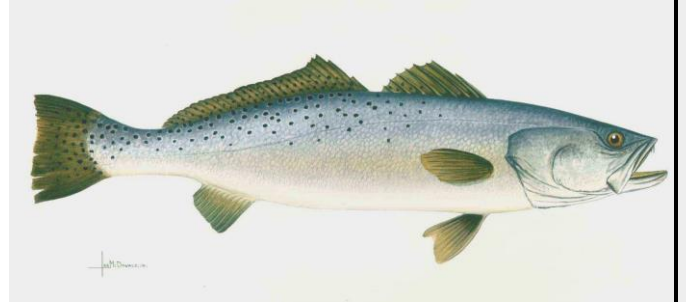
Upcoming Events Include

3-2-24 Fishing Flea Market at the Virginia Beach Sportsplex

"Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary." - Patrick F. McManus

Fish of the Month

January	Catfish
February	Yellow Perch
March	Crappie
April	Tautog
May	Large Mouth Bass
June	Cobia
July	Flounder
August	Spadefish
September	Spot
October	Red Drum
November	Speckled Trout
December	Striped Bass

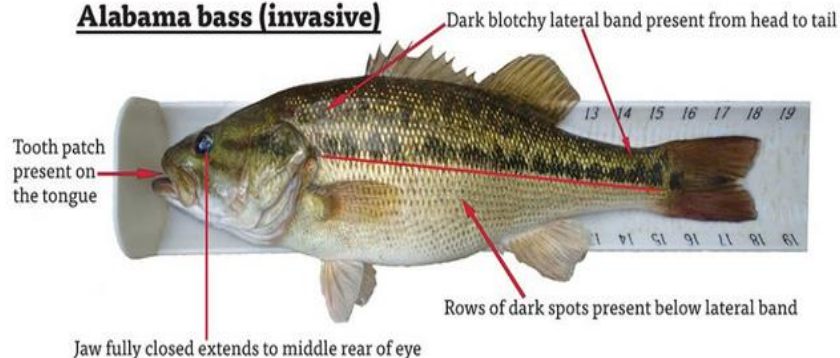


Speaker of the Month

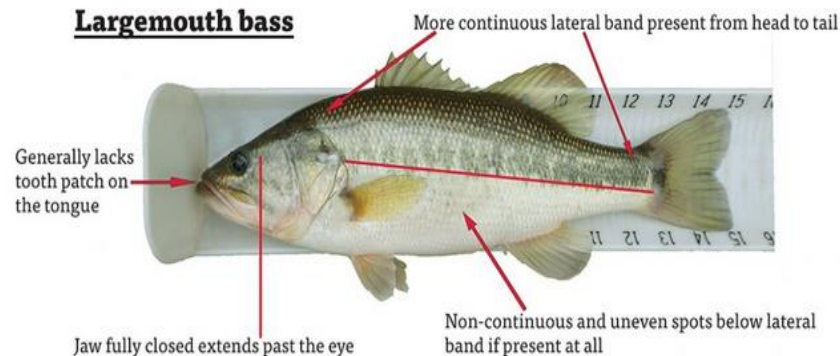
Captain Richard Wasdin, Reel Blessed Fishing and Rod Maker will return on Monday, the 6th of November. Let's have a big crowd to show our support.

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

Alabama bass (invasive)



Largemouth bass



Select Recreational Fishing Regulations

February 2023



Atlantic Croaker

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



Spot

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 50 per person; additional 50 live bait per customer capacity on for-hire or charter vessels



Kingfish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: No bag limit



Grey Trout (Weakfish)

- Minimum Size Limit: 12 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person



Bluefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person from shore or a rented or private vessel
- 5 per person on for-hire or charter vessels



Spanish Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15 per person



King Mackerel

- Minimum Size Limit: 27 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



Cobia

- Minimum Size Limit: 40 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person or 2 per vessel, whichever is more restrictive. Only 1 fish per vessel may be greater than 50 inches total length.
- Season: June 15 - September 15



Summer Flounder

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Striped Bass

Any person fishing striped bass recreationally shall use no n-offset, corrodible, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing with bait.

Chesapeake Bay Spring Season

- Size Limit: 20-28 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: May 16 - June 15

Chesapeake Bay Fall Season

- Size limit: 20-36 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 fish per person
- Season: October 4 - December 31

Coastal Season

- Size Limit: 28-36 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person
- Season: January 1 - March 31, May 16 - December 31.

Select species provided for information purposes only. Not all regulated species are included. All regulations are subject to change. It is the angler's responsibility to know and abide by all current regulations and laws. Check for new regulations before you go fishing.
www.mrc.virginia.gov



Spadefish

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Sheepshead

- Minimum Size Limit: No size limit
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person



Black Sea Bass

- Minimum Size Limit: 13
- Recreational Bag Limit: 15
- Season: February 1-28 (Permit Required), May 15-December 11*

*Season to be finalized in April



Tautog

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 4 per person
- Season: January 1-May 15, July 1- Dec. 31



Speckled Trout

- Minimum Size Limit: 14 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 5 per person, only 1 greater than 24"



Red Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 18 inches
- Maximum Size Limit: 26 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 3 per person



Black Drum

- Minimum Size Limit: 16 inches
- Recreational Bag Limit: 1 per person



Great Bridge Fishing Association Speckled Trout / Puppy Drum TOURNAMENT!

Date: November 11th, 2023 – Saturday

Start Time: Lines in the water no earlier than 6:00 AM Location: Elizabeth River & Tributaries

Participants: Open to All GBFA members Boats, Canoes, Kayaks, or fish from shore.

Weigh-In Location: Elizabeth River Park Weigh in Times: 1-1:30 PM

GBFA Prizes: Awarded to “Members Only” as follows:

1st place = \$150 (combined weight of up to 3 Speckled Trout per captain or shore fishermen) 2nd place = \$100 (combined weight of up to 3 Speckled Trout per captain or shore fishermen) 3rd Place = \$50 (combined weight of up to 3 Speckled Trout per captain or shore fishermen) Bonus Prize = \$100 “heaviest Puppy Drum”

Optional \$10 Calcutta “heaviest Speckled Trout” Let John Reese know if you plan to enter the Calcutta prior to the start of the tournament by text or email. The fee will be collected before or at the cookout.

Fish will be weighed promptly for those wishing to release them. Please contact John Reese (GBFA Tournament Director) for questions @ mreese1204@msn.com or C: 757-289-5870. Immediately following the tournament there will be a cookout at the Elizabeth River Park at the Osprey Shelter, food & drinks compliments of GBFA, start time approximately 2:00 PM. Please come join in the fun!!!!

Additional Rules:



Nautical Ned's Belly Bender Corner

I'm Broke

When you're broke, you're broke!

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a well-dressed, young man carrying a vacuum cleaner. "Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Go away," said the old lady. "I haven't got any money, I'm broke!" As she proceeded to close the door, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open. "Don't be too hasty," he said, "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration!" And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet. "If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder. The old lady stepped back and said, "Well I hope you've got a damned good appetite, because they cut off my electricity this morning." What part of broke do you not understand?

A 5 year olds 1st job...

Here's a truly heartwarming story about the bond formed between a little 5-year-old girl and some construction workers that will make you believe that we all can make a difference when we give a child the gift of our time.

A young family moved into a house, next to a vacant lot. One day, a construction crew began to build a house on the empty lot. The young family's 5-year-old daughter naturally took an interest in the goings-on and spent much of each day observing the workers.

Eventually the construction crew, all of them 'gems-in-the-rough,' more or less, adopted her as a kind of project mascot. They chatted with her during coffee and lunch breaks and gave her little jobs to do here and there to make her feel important. At the end of the first week, they even presented her with a pay envelope containing ten dollars. The little girl took this home to her mother who suggested that she take her ten dollars 'pay' she'd received to the bank the next day to start a savings account.

When the girl and her mom got to the bank, the teller was equally impressed and asked the little girl how she had come by her very own pay check at such a young age. The little girl proudly replied, 'I worked last week with a real construction crew building the new house next door to us.'

'Oh my goodness gracious,' said the teller, 'and will you be working on the house again this week, too?' The little girl replied, 'I will, if those assholes at Home Depot ever deliver the sheet rock.'

Kind of brings a tear to the eye - doesn't it?

Fishing is the sport of drowning worms. ~Author Unknown

Freshwater Species

Place	Large Mouth Bass	Pickereel	Catfish	Yellow Perch	GAR	Crappie	Bowfin
1 st	Mike Seimetz 22"		Walt McCorkill 40"	Mitchell Kim 9.5"	B Seemueller 37.5"	Wesley Waters 14.75"	B Seemueller 29.25"
2 nd	Lee Bagley 21.5"		Lou Esposito 24"			Lee Bagley 14.5"	J Ermalinski 12"
3 rd	Mike Seimetz 21"		Debbie Esposito 22.5"			Ellie Seemueller 14.5"	Lee Bagley 11"
4 th	Austin Parrish 20.25		Tom Herendeen 21"			Mike Siemetz 14"	
5 th	Bruce Kuck 19"		Lee Bagley 20"			B Seemueller 13.5"	

Saltwater Species

Place	Sheepshead	Speckled Trout	Puppy Drum ≤26in	Croaker	Sea Bass	River Striper	Spadefish
1 st	Samantha Pittman 14	Warren Reese 27"	Wesley Johnson 26"	Larry Pittman 12.5"	J Ermalinski 18.5"	Lee Bagley 17"	J Ermalinski 17.5"
2 nd	Larry Pittman 11"	Chris Owens 25"	Dawn Fahey 22"	J Stephenson 10"	Tom Brantley 18"	Dawn Fahey 12"	Spadefish 16"
3 rd		D. Kriparos 21"		Lee Bagley 9"	LaVern Phillips 17"		
4 th		Lavern Phillips 20"					
5 th		Stacey Pittman 19.5"					

Place	Cobia	Red drum >26in	Black drum	Bluefish	Summer Flounder	Tautog	Rockfish
1 st	Larry Pittman 51"	Larry Pittman 52"	Thomas Pittman 24"	Dawn Fahey 20"	Thomas Pittman 24"		
2 nd	Todd Cologgi 49"	Thomas Pittman 34"	D. Kriparos 19"	Larry Pittman 18"	J Ermalinski 21"		
3 rd		Patrick Fahey 32"		Eli Sawyer 17"	Lee Bagley 12.5"		
4 th		Stacey Pittman 32"					
5 th		Jessica Pittman 30"					

Year Long Fishing Contest Standings (largest fish by length, nose to furthest point, honor system)
Member can only appear once under each category. 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd and so forth.
Ties are determined by date of receipt of entry, then fish weight.
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