

Bull Island Anglers Club

The name of the organization shall be the Bull Island Anglers Club.

The purpose of the Bull Island Anglers Club is to enhance the individual angler's knowledge and skill while offering fellowship, friendly competition, and awareness concerning the sport of angling and the Chesapeake Bay environment.

- The organization shall be open to all individuals regardless of race, gender, creed, nationality, or age.
- The organization shall be governed by its general membership and an executive committee with limited organizational powers as expressed in the by-laws.
- The organization shall retain the right to remove members without refund of dues who do not comply with club rules and/or are guilty of violence or illegal activity at club functions as well as personal conduct that shall bring discredit upon the Bull Island Anglers Club.
- The organization is incorporated in accordance with the Code of Virginia. The Bull Island Anglers Club will concentrate on, but not be limited to, species of finfish, which enter the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The Bull Island Anglers Club is a recreational, sport-fishing club. We seek to promote fellowship and awareness while also offering friendly competition, which is exempt from financial influence. The club may sponsor fee-based tournaments with allocated financial pay-out for fund-raising endeavors. Fee-based tournaments however will be limited to club fund-raising endeavors and will not be a part of the monthly competitive structure. Bull Island Anglers Club sponsored tournaments may provide points towards annual awards as listed below.

Club Organization: Club Dues:

- \$20 annually for individuals,
- \$25 annually for a family* membership,
- Club dues are due during the first club meeting of the new calendar year, and must be paid by the end of March for returning members.

- Anglers who have not paid the current year dues are not eligible for club points or monthly awards. (*) family is defined as parents or guardians living in the household and all minor children. Club Meetings: Fourth Mondays of each month @ 7:00 p.m Meetings shall include:

- A business session
- An awards session (children's awards will be presented at the beginning of the meeting)
- A speaker / presentation on the sport of angling and or the Chesapeake Bay environment. Club Officers: The following officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Club and shall be elected annually by the club membership; serving a term from January 1 to December 31 of the current year.

- President
- Vice-President
- Membership Secretary
- Treasurer
- Tournament Director
- Immediate Past President (not to be elected annually)

The Executive Committee shall make all final decisions concerning club rules as well as the awarding of monthly or annual points. In case of a mid-year officer resignation the executive committee shall appoint a replacement.

Officer Duties: President:

- Preside over all club meetings, general and executive.
- The president shall not have a vote in executive committee matters except in the case of a tie and the president shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

Vice-President:

- Serve at the absence or the request of the president.

- Arrange monthly club meeting speakers / presentations

Membership Secretary / Treasurer:

- Keep an accurate record of club membership, handle club funds, and maintain club financial records.

Tournament Director:

- Keep accurate records of all monthly and annual club entries and report to the executive committee.

• Present monthly awards at each club meeting. Immediate Past President:

- Serve on the executive committee providing a sense of history and consistency.

Monthly Competition:

First, Second, and Third Place Awards will be given to anglers with the highest scoring fish entered that month. Anglers may kill or release their catch for scoring purposes. Creeled fish will be scored on a percentage of citation weight and released fish will be scored on a percentage of citation length. All citation sized fish, weight & releases will be recognized at each Club meeting.

- Fish entered in monthly contest must meet all state minimum size limits.
- Only one fish per species may be entered each month by an individual.
- All fish must be caught hook & line, using rod and reel.
- Adult anglers may not have assistance fighting the fish. However, may receive assistance with a net, gaff, or leader.
- Winning fish will be the fish with the highest “percent of citation” weight or length.

Eligible Competition Species: Any and all species recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia for a citation.

- The largest fish caught in a sportsmanlike method of each eligible species shall receive annual recognition.

- Recognition will also be given to the “Catch of the Year” as determined by the club’s executive committee. Certificate qualifications: All fish must be caught on hook and line and landed or brought to gaff or net by the angler. No electric or hydraulic equipment is allowed. Each fish must be weighed on a certified scale and recorded on an official club application form, signed by the angler and by a weighmaster. Snagged, mutilated, scaled, speared, frozen, or shot fish are not eligible.

Release rules: Application must be completed with length. A witness must sign application or the application must be accompanied by a photograph of the fish with an appropriate and readable measuring device.

All catches, in order to be eligible for monthly club awards and points, must be received by the tournament director on official club forms by the Sunday immediately before the next club meeting. Citation catches must include a scanned copy or a photocopy of the VSWFT citation form.

Annual Angler Recognition: Each year the Bull Island Anglers Club will recognize the following achievements:

- The angler that registered the largest fish for an eligible species.
- The Angler that registered the most release qualifying fish.
- The Junior Angler of the Year
- The Angler of the Year
- The Catch of the Year

Angler of the Year Requirements:

- Angler must be a member in good standing.
- Angler must have attended at least three general club meetings during the course of the year or significantly contributed otherwise to the betterment of the club.
- The Angler who has accumulated the most points.
- Winning Angler must have recorded at least one citation qualifying fish.

Angler of the Year Point System: Monthly Competition Points:

- First Place
- Second Place
- Third Place
- Club Record
- Weight Citation
- Release Citation Annual Bonus Points:
- Virginia State Record
- Chesapeake Bay Grand Slam

3 points 2 points 1 point 5 points 8 points 1 point

10 points (red & black drum, & cobia citations in 24 hr period)

- IGFA All Tackle World Record
- 80 pound Cobia
- 50 pound Striped Bass
- 8 pound Speckled Trout
- Virginia caught Tarpon
- Winning a BIAC sponsored tournament
- Largest fish annually of an eligible species

10 points 5 points 5 points 5 points 5 points 5 points 1 point

Junior Angler of the Year Requirements:

- Youths are Junior Anglers until January 1st of the year in which they have their 17th birthday.
- The Junior Angler with the most junior angler club points will be the Junior Angler of the Year.
- Junior Anglers are required to attend one club meeting annually.

- Junior Anglers are not eligible for adult awards except in the case of annual species awards given for

the largest fish of each species.

Junior Anglers Point System: Monthly Competitions:

- First Place
- Second Place
- Third Place Annual Bonus Points:
- IGFA Junior Record
- Qualifying Citation
- Junior Club Record
- Each Species Caught
- Largest fish of an eligible species

3 points 2 points 1 point

10 points 5 points 3 points 1 point

1 point

10 points

Catch of the Year:

- By its nature, this is a very subjective award with different species offering different challenges.
- Award should take into account the method of fishing, the size related to the species, the species itself, and the desirability of the catch.
- In most instances the fish should qualify for a VA SWFT citation award.
- The decision for the catch of the year is to be made by the executive committee and all decisions by the committee are final.

Club Records: Records shall be maintained for all finfish eligible for monthly competition points or point toward Angler of the Year and Junior Angler of the Year.

- Any finfish recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia for a citation is eligible for a Club Record.
- Minimum size to establish a club record shall be 90% of citation weight / length (where citations exist) on all species listed in the Salt Water Fishing Tournament guidelines.
- Any fish not listed in the Salt Water Fishing Tournament guidelines but caught inside the Chesapeake Bay or its Tributaries is eligible for a Club Record except for those species which have been deemed illegal to possess in Chesapeake Bay Waters.
- Club records only count for Angler of the Year Points if the record is held on the last day of the year.
- Junior club records may be established by either weight or length and are not required to meet Virginia citation guidelines.

By-Law Changes & Revisions:

The process for changing by-laws shall be as follows:

- Proposed changes of the by-laws may be made by any member in good standing at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the full membership of the club.
- The full membership must accept the proposal as a formal proposal at the meeting where the proposal is made by a majority vote of those members present.
- The entire voting membership is to be informed of the proposed by-law change within 10 days of the conclusion of the meeting where the proposal has been passed by a majority of those present.

- At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full membership, the by-law change shall be brought to the membership for vote. All members present and voting will constitute a quorum. A change of the by-laws requires a vote of at least 51% of the membership present and voting upon the proposed by-law change. If the proposed by-law fails, it may not be re-introduced in full or in part for a period of twelve months following the proposal's failure.

- A voting member is defined as any dues paid, non-junior angler.