



CATCHIN' for KIDS

From: Captain Rick Williams, Catchin' for Kids
To: All involved Anglers Clubs
Subj: Annual Anglers Club Challenge Tournament
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The Catchin' for Kids Committee is pleased to announce our plans for the 20th Annual Anglers Club Challenge Tournament, and once again to invite your club to participate in this highlight of the summer fishing season in Hampton Roads.

Several years ago, when the local Tidewater chapter of the CCA was no longer available to support the Club Challenge tournament, Catchin' for Kids stepped up to continue the tournament, preserving what had become a tradition of competition and camaraderie in the Tidewater area.

As those of you know who have participated in prior years, the Anglers Club Challenge is not like most fishing tournaments. It is not a head-to-head competition between anglers; rather, it is a competition between the clubs. There are sixteen different species for which points are awarded. All are in-shore or near-shore species, so the tournament fishing is in the Chesapeake Bay and close to the mouth of the Bay. For each of the designated species, points are awarded on a 3-2-1 scale for the three largest fish by weight. The points are then added up for each participating anglers club for all the designated species, and the winning club is the one with the most total points.

In addition to the sixteen species for which points are awarded, there is non-points "fun" competition, with two side Calcuttas—one for the largest Oyster Toad and the other a "Mystery Calcutta." Other than these two Calcuttas there is no prize money awarded in the Anglers Club Challenge; it is strictly for bragging rights. That fact, however, does not diminish the seriousness with which the anglers approach the competition.



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Last year there were eight competing clubs:

- Central Virginia Sport Fishing Association (Richmond)
- Great Bridge Fishermans Association
- Norfolk Anglers Club (2010 winners)
- Portsmouth Anglers Club
- Team Tidal Fish (2010 Runners-up, just one point behind the winners)
- Tidewater Anglers Club
- Tidewater Kayak Anglers Association
- Virginia Beach Anglers Club

Reflecting the intensity of the competition, every team in the tournament scored points.

Enclosed with this letter you will find copies of the Club Challenge Rules and entry forms for the tournament. You will note that this year the Club Challenge will again be held at Vinings' Bay Point Marina. We were pleased to be holding the tournament at such an angler-friendly site last year, and once again this year Vinings Marine Group is going out of their way to make us welcome. The marina management has said there will be plenty of boat and trailer parking with no hassles for our anglers. In addition, there will be wet slips available, at a reduced rate, on a first-come first-served basis. If any of you would like to get more information on that subject, please call me. My number is 408-0224.

We hope to see all of the Anglers Clubs again at this year's Club Challenge, and to enjoy a banner year of fishing together.

Very sincerely,

Captain Rick—Rick Williams