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Captain Dennis Fleming will speak to us on the Seven Habits of Highly Successful Anglers—Fishing at the Highest Level. Learn how to maximize your fishing success with some insightful approaches by fishing guide Captain Dennis Fleming.

Captain Fleming is a light tackle charter captain who has been fishing the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River since 1972. He owns and operates the Fishamajig Guide Service. He has fished around the world from Hawaii, to Panama, to Mexico, with multiple forays to Florida and Canada.

Captain Dennis is also a devout conservationist who has been active with fisheries conservation for decades. He has been a Commissioner with the Potomac River Fisheries Commission for several terms, working to ensure sustainable fisheries for the future and advocating on behalf of the river's resource and recreational fisherman.

He is also the President of the Mason Springs Conservancy, a local group of recreational anglers who purchased property alongside Mattawoman Creek. The Conservancy has been able to preserve recreational fishing opportunities and kayak/canoe access to a fishing hole that dates back centuries and was a favorite spot of the local Indian tribes. Located on the “fall line” of Mattawoman Creek where Route 225 crosses in Charles County, Maryland, it is a traditional hot spot for shad, herring, and yellow perch. Now it is a favorite of those pursuing the Northern Snakehead.



Captain Dennis is employed by day as the Chief of Environmental Resources for Charles County Government. There is nothing that he likes to do more than to talk and go fishing!

Captain Dennis Fleming can be reached at 240-538-1260 or CaptainDennisF@gmail.com He offers competitive rates:

- The Fishamajig - 23' Maycraft - 4 anglers max: \$250 - 4 hours; \$300 - 6 hours; and \$350 - 8 hours.

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Upcoming Events

Join us Wednesday, July 25th, for our monthly meeting. Our speaker for July will be Bruce Ingram. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries has asked him to redo his float guides for the James, New, Shenandoah, and Rappahannock Rivers and he will have new information on those waters to share. 7:30-9:00 PM at the Vienna Firehouse, 400 Center St. S, Vienna, VA 22180.

Kids Fishing Derbies at Lake Fairfax, Saturday, July 21st. PRSC will once again support these youth fishing events along with Fish and Explore and New Horizon's Bass Anglers. For more information or to volunteer, please speak with John Lipetz and/or Rick Mrstik. Helping kids fish is a fun way to spend a Saturday morning!

DMV Bronzeback Yak Challenge. PRSC member Chun Rhee is helping to organize this smallmouth kayak tournament series from April through September. See the event description below. For more information speak with Chun or visit the event website here: <https://www.phatbasstard.net/>



The **DMV Bronzeback Yak Challenge (DMVBYC)** is Kayak Smallmouth Bass Fishing Tournament Series (online only) for residents of the DMV (DC, MD, VA, and WV). We are a Kayak Bass Fishing (KBF) Partner with six (month long) online kayak **smallmouth bass** fishing tournaments through **TourneyX** from April through September leading to a 6-week-long Main Event Championship in October/November.

The purpose of the DMVBYC was to create a kayak bass fishing circuit for those of us in the DMV who live in highly pressured Largemouth

Bass waters. For those of us who primarily fish for smallmouth bass, its hard to compete an 18 inch smallmouth against 20+inch largemouth bass. All DMVBYC events are a month long (vs. live at a specific venue.) We offer the flexibility of fishing an entire month in waters close to you versus a specific date that you may not be available for or a venue that is too far to drive to.

Why the Potomac, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah only?

- Proximity of the rivers to our area (DMV)
- The smallmouth populations in these rivers are similar. The New, James and Susquehanna are not in the permissible fishing area because we don't have immediate access to these rivers (proximity) and I think we can all agree the smallmouth bass populations in these rivers (and the average size of the smallies) would give an overwhelming advantage to those who can fish there regularly.

Here are the basics:

You **must** be a resident of the DMV (West Va included).

- Competition is limited to the following rivers only (and tributaries): **Potomac, Shenandoah, and Rappahannock.**
- Best 5 fish (measured by length) for each month-long event. Catch, Photo and Release using **KBF Rules Standards.**
- NO DINKS RULE!** Smallmouth must measure a **minimum of 14 inches.**

Upcoming Events



Open to wounded, injured, and ill from all campaigns

June 30, 2018

Ashburn Village Sports Pavilion
20585 Ashburn Village Blvd, Ashburn, VA 20147

Family Fishing: 9 am - 1 pm

Shore Fishing
Fishing Instructions
Kids Activities
All Equipment Supplied!

Awards Luncheon 1- 2pm

Prizes
Raffles
Comradery
Lunch is Provided



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For more information, Wounded Hero sign up, volunteer, donate or sponsor visit
www.fishingcommunity.org/events

Upcoming Events



FishingCommunity.Org 2018 Events

Events in February:

SeaFest (Youth Activities) February 24th in Jupiter Florida

TieFest (Trade Show) February 24th-25th Annapolis Maryland

Public Land Alliance (Convention and Trade Show) February 25th-28th Palm Spring California

Events in April:

Fletcher's Boathouse Shad Gala (Veterans Family Fishing) April 20th Washington D.C

Casting Call (Kids Fishing) April 28th Washington D.C

Events in May:

Wheelchair Accessible Boat Fishing (Veterans Family Fishing) May 19th in Riviera Beach Florida

Events in June:

Ashburn Village Family Fishing Classic (Veterans Family Fishing) June 30th in Ashburn Virginia

Events in September:

Wheelchair Accessible Boat Fishing (Veterans Family Fishing) September 15th in Riviera Florida

Events in October:

Jupiter Inlet Veterans Family Fishing Classic (Veterans Family Fishing) October 13th in Jupiter Florida

Events in November:

Lake Fairfax (Veterans Family Trout Fishing) November 3rd in Fairfax Virginia

For more information on FishingCommunity.Org please visit our media pages.
Website: FishingCommunity.Org - **Facebook:** FishingCommunity.Org
Instagram: FishingCommunity.Org2012

PRSC on the Water



PRSC member Chun Rhee was able to get out on the Upper Potomac at River Bend Park on Wednesday, June 20. He reports the river was muddy but fishable, with the fish holding tight to cover. He landed a couple of nice ones including an 18.25-incher and the 19-incher pictured here. Chun used wacky rigged Senkos to tempt these guys from cover.



PRSC on the Water

My wife and I went up to our camp in the Adirondacks for the week before Memorial Day. I spent entirely too much time doing construction work, painting and yard work to clean up the place, but I also took my boat and got in some time on the water. The smallmouth were in pre-spawn mode and seemed more elusive than I remember in other years. Nonetheless, I found fish on every outing. This chunky 16-incher is typical of what I'm catching most of the time. I think they have a smallmouth cookie cutter. A lipless crankbait in a yellow perch color was my most effective bait this time.



On June 9th and 10th I fished an NHBA tournament on Roanoke Rapids Lake in NC. It was fun to fish a new lake for the first time with little information and try to figure out where the bass would be and how to catch them. The first area I tried while pre-fishing on June 8th seemingly held no fish, but it didn't take too long to find to find a workable pattern at the next spot. Chatterbaits, swim jigs, and Senkos ultimately proved their worth in the central grass beds on this small lake.

Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

As a lot of you know, I serve as Conservation Chairman for my Izaak Walton League chapter in Front Royal. Over the years as I've gotten more active with them, I've ended up being a member of their Agricultural Affairs Committee who advise the national leadership on "on the ground" issues and policy positions that members are actively concerned with. At the Warren County, Virginia chapter, as you can well imagine, our main focus is clean water. Our Save Our Streams program monitors seven different feeder streams that flow into the Shenandoah at various locations in a three-county area. The health of these streams, and the macroinvertebrates they contain, provide our state agencies with information that they can use to make sure the Shenandoah River is as healthy as we can make it. Our SoS program is held up as an example by the national organization to immitate, of which we are justifiably proud and we have helped other chapters in the country set up or improve their own programs.

The upcoming Farm Bill looms large in the clean water effort, and I've been pushing the IWLA to shape its conservation policy positions vis-a-vis the Farm Bill, to help farmers maintain those practices that will help result in cleaner waters nationwide. Cover crops, crop rotation, riparian areas and livestock practices and incentives play a large part in that. Duane Havorka, IWLA National Ag Projects Director, recently sent out an email to members of the AG policy board about recent lobbying and other efforts that have been made. I'm sharing a portion of that email with you here:

"Thursday (6/21) afternoon, the House voted 213-211 to pass the House version of the Farm Bill. It was the same bill that failed to get enough votes a month ago, as conservative Republicans withheld their earlier votes to force a floor vote on immigration measures. The 213 yes votes were all Republicans. 191 Democrats joined 20 Republicans, a combination of moderates and Tea Party conservatives, to vote against the bill. Four members did not vote (two Democrats and two Republicans). See how your Representative voted here: <http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2018/roll284.xml>. The Republican opposition came from a combination of very conservative members and moderates.

The IWLA statement on the House bill, which we opposed, is posted on our web site: <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/news>

Meanwhile, the Senate plans to take up its version of the Farm Bill next week, likely starting Monday. The Senate bill came out of committee on a 20-1 vote (only Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley voted against the bill; Grassley was not allowed to offer an amendment in committee that would have required that people be actively engaged in farming to collect commodity program payments). We expect some amendments, and ultimately expect that the Senate will pass its version, probably in a large bipartisan vote. In general, the Senate Farm Bill is significantly better from a water quality, wildlife, and soil health perspective than the House bill.

See our take on the Senate Farm Bill here: <https://www.iwla.org/news-events/news/2018/06/08/izaak-walton-league-statement-on-senate-farm-bill>

Conservation Corner

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We currently expect the negotiations between House and Senate to start soon after the Senate bill passes, at least at the staff level, and they are likely to last through July and August. Current Farm Bill programs are set to expire September 30, but it isn't yet clear whether negotiators will be able to put together a bill that can get enough votes in the Senate while still satisfying House Republican leaders. Once the Senate bill has passes, I will send around a summary of the House vs Senate conservation provisions.

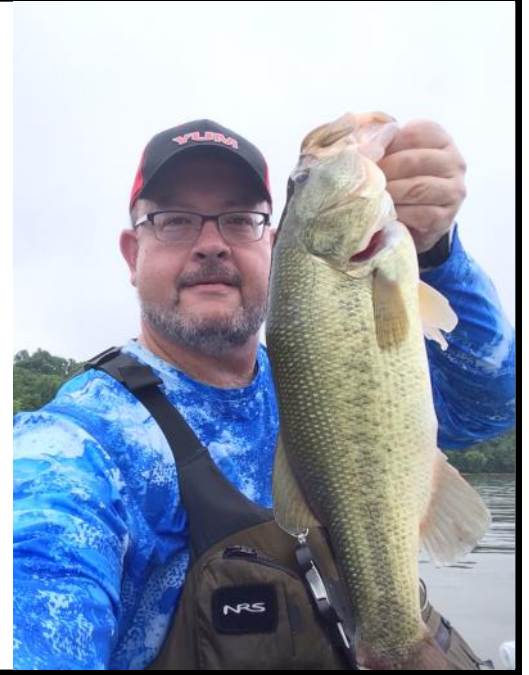
As you hopefully read in earlier emails, Iowa Ikes Jim Caligiuri (who chairs our Ag Affairs Committee) and Mike Delaney (Iowa conservation chair) were in DC June 5-6, and met with Undersecretary of Agriculture Bill Northey, who oversees the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, and Risk Management Agency. We had a great conversation with Northey about IWLA priorities, and the two also met with Senators Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, Rep. David Young, and others."

I think you'll find the IWLA's position on the Senate Farm Bill, and the Bill in general, very closely aligns with what most of us think needs to be in this Bill and I urge you to read it.

As I've said before, you don't need to be a farmer to be aware of, and care, what's in the 2018 Farm Bill. I urge all of our members to contact their representatives and let them know what *you* think.

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A 3.5-pound largemouth I caught on June 23rd while fishing in Chicamuxen Creek on the tidal Potomac during an NHBA tournament. I spotted this bass breaking cover chasing bait fish in a grass bed. Apparently he was still hungry because he hammered my swim jig on my next cast.



2018 Fishing Contest

Fishing Contest

We've had no new entries this month, undoubtedly due to the high, muddy waters from recent heavy rains. With the rivers getting down to safer levels, get out there and get fishing—and when you do take a few pictures and send them to the Buzz Editor and report your catch for the contest.

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Visit our contest page to check out the complete rules or to submit an entry for the 2018 contest that is under way. <http://prsc.org/fishing-contest/>

2018 Reports

Section 1, Biggest Fish:	Rick Mrstik	15"
Section 1, Best 5 Fish:	Rick Mrstik	70.5"
Section 2, Biggest Fish:	No Report	
Section 2, Best 5 Fish:	No Report	
Section 3, Biggest Fish:	Chun Rhee	20"
Section 3, Best 5 Fish:	Bill Pearl	91.5"
Largest on Fly:	No Report	
Best 5 Fish on Fly:	No Report	
New Member Big Fish:	No Report	
New Member Best 5:	No Report	

The Potomac River Smallmouth Club was founded in 1988 as a non-profit recreational club in accordance with IRS section 501(c)(7). Dues are \$40/year. Monthly meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Vienna, Virginia Fire Station. Club by-laws and member rosters are published once a year and available during meetings or upon request. The Club newsletter, "The Buzz," is emailed to all members prior to each month's meeting. Articles, photographs and general information relating to smallmouth bass fishing are solicited. The Buzz reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication. Observations, conclusions and opinions expressed in The Buzz are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the club, its officers, or the editor. All materials submitted become the property of the club.