

Anglers of the Year, 2025

Species	Size	Angler's Name	Home	Body of Water	Date
Black Crappie	3 lb, 8 oz: 18"	Derek Merricks	Henrico, VA	Lake Chesdin	12/12/2025
Blue Catfish	61 lb, 11 oz: 52.25"	Michael Walta, III	Chester, VA	James River	8/23/2025
Bluegill	1 lb, 8 oz: 12"	Brantley Mustard	Suffolk, VA	Lake Prince	7/17/2025
Bowfin	10 lb, 0 oz: 30.25"	Derek Merricks	Henrico, VA	Lake Cohoon	11/15/2025
Brook Trout	5 lb, 0 oz: 20.50"	Hunter Willoughby	Big Island, VA	North Creek	4/14/2025
Brown Trout	10 lb, 14 oz: 27.50"	Charles Kinzer, Jr.	Woodlawn, VA	Douthat Lake	12/26/2025
Common Carp	22 lb, 4 oz	James Hudgins, Jr.	Christiansburg, VA	Pandapas Pond	12/4/2025
Chain Pickerel	No Entry				
Channel Catfish	18 lb, 3 oz: 35"	James Lesko	Lynchburg, VA	Lake Robertson	5/14/2025
Fallfish	3 lb, 13 oz	Jerry Hall	Lexington, VA	Jackson River	4/3/2025
Flathead Catfish	39 lb, 11 oz: 44.75"	Kevin Doyle	Madison Heights, VA	Lake Chesdin	12/13/2025
Freshwater Drum	15 lb, 4 oz: 32"	Michael Minnick	Lynchburg, VA	Buggs Island Lake	5/18/2025
Longnose Gar	17 lb, 7 oz: 50"	Tracy Christopher, Jr.	Carson, VA	Nottoway River	9/6/2025
Hybrid Striped Bass	13 lb, 2 oz: 30"	Michael Minnick	Lynchburg, VA	Rural Retreat Lake	10/13/2025
Largemouth Bass	13 lb, 7 oz	Edwin Hall	Keswick, VA	Private Pond	4/28/2025
Muskellunge	34 lb, 2 oz: 50.50"	Charles Kinzer, Jr.	Woodlawn, VA	New River	2/23/2025
Northern Pike	No Entry				
Other Sunfish	No Entry				
Rainbow Trout	12 lb, 8 oz	Jace Frazier	Woodlawn, VA	Crooked Creek	6/1/2025
Redear Sunfish	2 lb, 11 oz: 14.25"	Michael Eggleston	North Chesterfield, VA	Western Branch Reservoir	9/6/2025
Rock Bass	1 lb, 7 oz: 13.25"	Willie Crowder	South Hill, VA	Nottoway River	4/27/2025
Sauger	No Entry				
Saugeye	5 lb, 4 oz: 23.75"	John Jones	Bumpass, VA	Lake Anna	2/24/2025
Smallmouth Bass	No Entry				
Striped Bass	26 lb, 0 oz: 40"	James Gray, Jr.	Thaxton, VA	Smith Mountain Lake	11/22/2025
Walleye	12 lb, 15 oz: 32"	Loren Robinson	Hillsville, VA	New River	2/9/2025
White Bass	2 lb, 0 oz	Auther Eggleston	North Chesterfield, VA	Dan River	3/31/2025
White Crappie	2 lb, 10 oz	Charles Dolan	North Chesterfield, VA	All Other Waters	3/20/2025
White Perch	1 lb, 11 oz: 14"	Michael Eggleston	North Chesterfield, VA	Western Branch Reservoir	9/13/2025
Yellow Perch	2 lb, 2 oz: 15.50"	Derek Merricks	Henrico, VA	Little Creek Reservoir	3/9/2025