

# VBAC Announces 2019 Surf Series Qualifying Event Schedule

*The expanded VBAC Surf Series Qualifying Events offer fishing, fellowship, food, and FUN for all who are able to participate in any of the five events!*

During the January Board meeting, VBAC approved the expanded Intra-Club surf fishing tournament schedule shown below for 2019.

Three of the events will be held at local venues, and two events will be in Hatteras, NC. The Salvo Opens build upon the pilot tournament held in August 2019 (see articles in Sep 2018 VBAC Newsletter).

The Outer Banks-based events are representative of Inter-Club tournaments that VBAC Tournament Teams enter throughout the year. Four of the five Club-sponsored tournaments are held in OBX, so the Spring and Fall Salvo Opens are great intra-club tournament training opportunities!

<b>2019/20 VBAC Surf Series Qualifying Events (Top 10 Point Totals Across All Five Events Qualify)</b>					
	<b>Little Island Spring Open</b>	<b>Salvo Spring Open - Major</b>	<b>Ocean View Summer Open</b>	<b>Salvo Fall Open - Major</b>	<b>Little Island Fall Open</b>
<b>Date</b>	Saturday, May 18th, 2019	Saturday, June 15th 2019	Saturday, July 20th, 2019	Saturday, August 24th, 2019	Saturday, 14 September 2019
<b>Make-up Date</b>	Sunday, May 19th, 2019	Saturday, June 22nd 2019	Saturday, July 27th, 2019	Saturday, August 31st, 2019	Saturday, 21 September 2019
<b>Location</b>	Little Island Park, VaBch	Hatteras Island, NC	Ocean View Fishing Pier, VA	Hatteras Island, NC	Little Island Park, VaBch
<b>Time</b>	0700-1100	0700-1100; 1400-1800	0700-1100	0700-1100; 1400-1800	0700-1100
<b>Format</b>	Open to all members	Open to all members	Open to all members	Open to all members	Open to all members
<b>Scoring</b>	Total Length of Top 10 Fish	Total Length of Top 20 Fish	Total Length of Top 10 Fish	Total Length of Top 20 Fish	Total Length of Top 10 Fish
<b>\$20 Calcutta</b>	Optional - 3 target species	Optional - 3 target species	Optional - 3 target species	Optional - 3 target species	Optional - 3 target species

*The 2019 Surf Series expands opportunities for anglers to experience the sport of surf fishing in a well-organized, tournament environment with hands-on instruction and learning opportunities for members and guests.*

These qualifying events are free to all VBAC members (Note: Ocean View Fishing Pier may require a separate entry fee).

Non-members may participate for a \$20 fee that may be applied to their membership dues provided they join the Club within one week of the tournament.

Since anyone may participate in these events, this is a great opportunity to bring in new and/or prospective members, so spread the word to family and friends!

The fundamental Objectives of these events are as follows (and IAW VBAC By Laws, Article II – Objectives):

- Promote Interest and participation by conducting activities to encourage sport fishing.
- Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance enjoyment of the sport.
- Conduct social activities to create a wholesome climate for deriving maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, families, and guests.

These events are geared toward promoting intra-club participation, and we will also include a hands-on educational and/or instructional session following each event. Whenever possible, local experts will be brought in to give VBAC anglers the “inside scoop” that just may help us all catch more fish!

VBAC volunteers will also be available on the beach to educate, teach, demonstrate, or assist new or aspiring anglers with the art of fishing from the beach (or pier) and to ensure all have a safe and enjoyable angling experience!

While “winners” of each event will be recognized, point standings will be cumulative over the five-event series. Based on these cumulative totals, the “Top 10” point leaders for the 2019 Qualifying Series will earn an opportunity to select a position on one of the 10 VBAC tournament teams that will compete in Ocracoke (NC); Long Beach Island (NJ); Hatteras Village (NC); Cape Hatteras (NC); or Nags Head (NC) in 2020.

Therefore, up to 10 different qualifying event anglers can earn a position on a VBAC Surf Fishing Team!



***Surfmaster Robbie Parks advising on how to chow down on a Low Country Boil following the 2018 Salvo Open!***



***Patty Searby sports Club colors at the 2018 Salvo Open Pilot Program for the 2019 OBX events.***

The Little Island events will be similar to years past, with lunch served under the pavilion immediately upon completion of the event. The Ocean View event will be held on the pier and include lunch immediately after the event. The two Salvo events will be held on Hatteras Island, NC (location of 4 of the 5 Club-sponsored Tournaments) and will include a.m. and p.m. sessions (i.e. twice the opportunity to score points!) with dinner served at the tournament headquarters in Salvo, NC.

The VBAC Functions and Activities Manual has been updated to reflect the qualifying series, and additional information and announcements will be made as follows:

- Event flyer will be provided at the VBAC monthly meeting; posted on the website; and included in the newsletter during the month *preceding* each event (i.e., April newsletter/meeting for May event).
- Post event article will be provided for the website and newsletter *following* each event (i.e. June newsletter/meeting for May event).
- “VBAC 2019 Surf Series *Qualifying Point Totals & Standings*” table will be updated *after* each event and posted to the website and within the newsletter (i.e. June posting after May event, etc.).
- Members of the Surf Fishing Committee will be available at all meetings to answer questions!

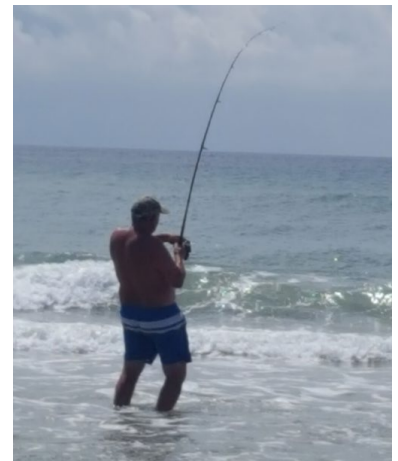
***Please be sure to attend the 7 February 2019 VBAC meeting at Foundry United Methodist Church (7:30 p.m.) for the full presentation on this exciting new series!***



***Russell chillin' in the surf...***



***Russell, Jerry, and Robbie working the fish!***



***John “Wrestling” his 3<sup>rd</sup> big Ray!***

***Tight lines and good luck!***

***John T.H. Germanos  
Surf Fishing Committee Chairman***