

**December  
2010**

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# ***Tight Lines***



The Virginia Beach Anglers Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Foundry United Methodist Church located at 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA next to Beach Ford

- Guest Speakers
- Refreshments
- Raffles
- Prize Fish

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## Officers and Board Members for 2010

### Officers

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Treasurer	Mike Anderson	481-1296
Recording Secretary	Russell Willoughby	965-4810
Corresponding Secretary	George Gabriel	619-1638

**Please do not hesitate to call one of these people with any questions you may have.**

### Board Members

Robbie Parks	Jerry Mariano	Kevin Meyer
Rich Maguire	Bob Stulhman	Gary Doerhoff
Doug Wehner	Preston Mangum	Jerry Hughes

**Next Board Meeting:**  
**@ Foundry United**  
**Methodist Church**

## Members News

**Membership Dues are DUE:** The membership dues for the VBAC are \$20 for individual and \$30 for family. You can pay them at the meeting or mail to VBAC, P. O. Box 8602, Virginia Beach, VA 23450

**NOTE: Only members in good standing are eligible for tournament competition consideration!**

### Have a boat and need a crew? Want to fish but need a boat?

Rich Maquire - needs crew	619-4851	Howie Dorfman— available	621-2220
Bob Wuorinen - available	486-8588	Wayne Johnson— available	689-0367
Leonard Harris - available	455-8667	Frank Donohue - need crew or available	589-8021
Jerry Mariano— available	563-6365		
David Harwood-available	340-6187		
Tony Carpinelli-Available	214-1480		
John Connelly-needs crew	971-2588		
Ben Krause— needs crew	486-3721		
Bruce Agnor—Available	302-562-4783		
Brian Brewster—Available	202-2580		
Wayne Burton—needs crew	420-3117 or 620-0413		
Jack Guthrie— available	647-4490		
James Tarr- available	351-0571		

Share the ride and share the expense. If you would like your name added or deleted call me George Gabriel at 757-619-1638 or email [georgedgabriel@gmail.com](mailto:georgedgabriel@gmail.com)

## December 2010

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### Upcoming Dates:

#### December

▶ Monthly meeting for December is on the 2nd, beginning at 7:30 pm. *This meeting is our Holiday gathering—there will be no speaker, just a festive get together. Please bring a covered dish to share with us all. Don't forget to bring the kids—there will be a gift waiting for them!*

◆ This month's Board Members meeting is on Dec 16th , @ 7:30 pm at Murphy's

■ **SAVE THE DATE:** Dec 3rd and 4th is the VBAC annual Rockfish Rodeo and Bluefish Roundup. Tell your friends and come on out.. (See page 9 for details)

Please remember to submit your fish tales or interesting boating adventures to share with our club members.

# CLUB NEWS

## Holiday Pot-Luck Gathering

Don't forget, this month's monthly meeting is our annual holiday pot-luck gathering. In lieu of a guest speaker, we will spend the time enjoying club member fishtales, and friendship. The only business we will conduct will be to elect our new board members and officers. Come and enjoy the evening with your fishing friends—and bring the kids—Santa may have left them a gift... Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!!!!

## Support the Church's Food Drive

**During last month's meeting at the Foundry Church, I couldn't help but notice the collection of non-perishable food items stacked on some tables, with a note referencing a food drive. The Board thought it would be a nice gesture on our part to support the Foundry Church and their food drive, especially during this Holiday Season. Please bring some non-perishable food items to our next meeting.**

## Giving Back to our Community Virginia Beach ADAPT-A-SPOT program

Our Club has been granted an ADOPT-A-SPOT/ WATERWAY on the Lynnhaven Inlet and Chesapeake Bay at 'Crab Creek Boat Ramp/ Lynnhaven Beach' in Virginia Beach. We signed up to perform a clean-up of the beach area at the Crab Creek Boat Ramp beginning January, 2011. Our commitment to this worthy endeavor requires that we conduct 6 clean-ups per year. The board has scheduled the clean-ups to take place the Saturday following our monthly meetings; of Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov We anticipate meeting in the parking lot at Crab Creek by 10:00 am Saturday mornings to begin our session. The club will serve a hot dog lunch to our volunteers at each session.

The City will erect a sign acknowledging the VBAC voluntary clean-up effort. Make sure you schedule the time and bring your kids to participate in this community service project. For those kids preparing their resumes for college, this will serve as a noteworthy community service project.

The Board wanted to acknowledge Mike Anderson for arranging this opportunity for the club. Way to go Mike!!

## *More Club News!!*

### *The VBAC Fishing Roulette*

We are going to try something new this year, to add a little friendly competition amongst the club's anglers. Let me introduce the VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge— Here's how it works— interested club members put \$10 in a pot (Mike Anderson holds the pot) before the Feb meeting. At the February monthly meeting, we will draw the names (species) of five fish from the clubs leader board\*. These fish will be the only fish eligible for winning a lucky angler a share of the pot. The angler with the heaviest catch for the selected fish by Dec 31 of next year will share the pot with the other winners. This format will provide an even opportunity for salt and fresh water anglers, as they all are eligible for the drawing.

\*(Wahoo, Tuna, Gar and Amberjack will not be part of the drawing)

#### **So Remember:**

Open to Club Members ONLY

Must pay to play by the February 2011 meeting

Five fish to be drawn from leader board

Weight will determine winner (not length)

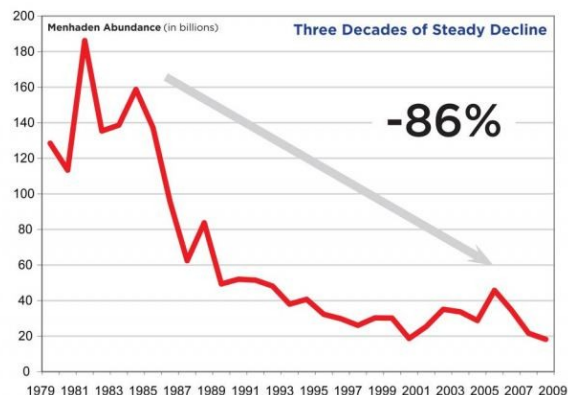
Gotta be in it to win it!!!!

Catching for Kids Striper Tournament, to be held the weekend of Dec 11. Once again the club will sponsor three boats (at a cost of \$150 per boat). If you are interested in competing let a member of the board know by our next meeting— that is when the boats and crews will be drawn. Remember there is an individual participation fee of \$10 per angler (assessed when club sponsors the team). GOOD LUCK to the selected teams..

Wonder why the striper population is down??

#### **Atlantic Coastal Menhaden Abundance Survey**

Source: Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 2009 Stock Assessment



# MEMBER FISHTAILS

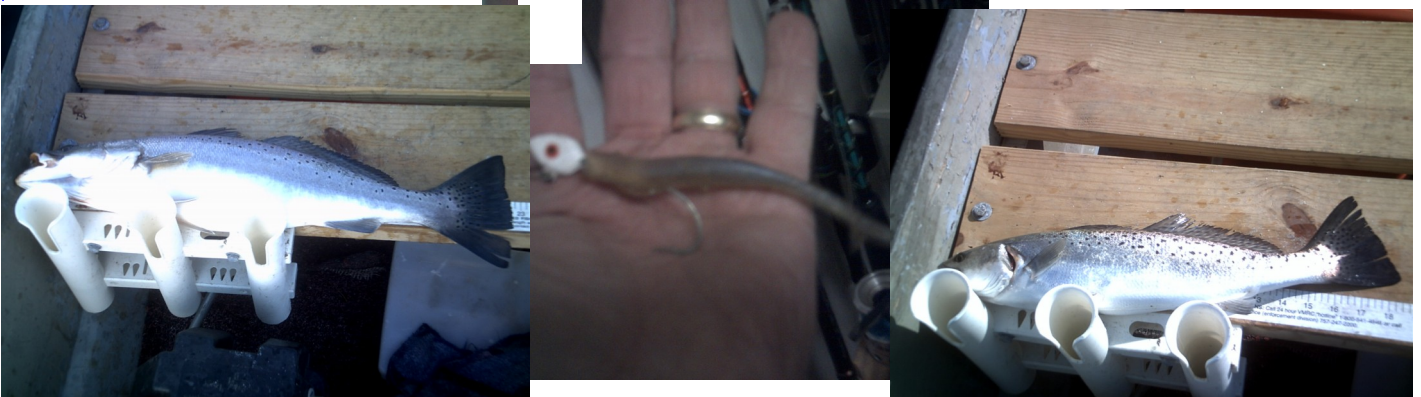
## Citation rockfish and a Thanksgiving \"get er done\" run Classicrockfish fishing report

Kevin and I decided to head out for a quick Thanksgiving trip to the highrise. We arrived at location around 9:13pm anchored and had our lines down in the water by 9:30pm. Tide was incoming & the wind was south. We only saw 2 other boats nearby so I am guessing that most others were probably kicking back at home & relaxing with family by about this time. The current had really started really kick in so we opted to not use the bobbers. Our first knockdown occurred at 9:40p, the fish hit the line and was off before we could even get to the pole. Then at 9:47p my line went a humming.. It was on 40 lb mono mainline and the battle lasted a good 8 minutes. The fish got to the boat, Kevin took a quick photo and then I put the fish back into the water. It was a nice 47 inch release citation. Then a couple of minutes later (958 pm) Kevin's line went screaming. About 9 minutes later, he boated a sweet 46 1/2 inch. He chose to keep this one for the box. Hook size on both lines was 7/0. Fish finder rig and Carolina rig were most productive tonight. Bait was live eels. Although we had just got at the site we honestly felt satisfied. The wind was really howling by now so we packed up our stuff and then left the site to head back at 10:25pm. The wind was blowing around 21..and we finally arrived at the dock at 11:44pm. Ride home was quite bumpy but we couldn't't complain. Our time on the water tonight although quite brief, we felt was very well spent. Hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving Citation rockfish and a Thanksgiving \"get er done\" run Classic rockfish fishing report.



Member Jerry Hughes had some fun reeling in the specks!!!

Caught approx 10 nice specks slowly trolling a 1/2 ounce jig head with clear body with speckles. Pictured is two of them along with the lure I was using. Largest was almost 23 inches. I released them all.





## On the Conservation Front

*Conservationists praise ASMFC decision on striped bass  
Managers reject proposal to increase commercial harvest*

CHARLESTON, SC – After months of intense debate, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced today that it has denied a proposal to increase the commercial harvest of striped bass by up to 50 percent. Public sentiment has run intensely against the proposal from the moment it was introduced last February, as recreational anglers up and down the East Coast flooded their ASMFC representatives with calls to deny the proposal.

“This is a great day for conservation,” said Richen Brame, CCA Atlantic States Fisheries director. “Managers were very much in danger of increasing mortality at a time when the stock is declining, but they took the conservative approach in light of all the uncertainty surrounding the stock today. They should be commended for refusing to take a path that could have ended in disaster.”

**Last February, conservationists were stunned** when the ASMFC Striped Bass Management Board chose to ignore a host of significant concerns from scientists and enforcement officers about the health of the striped bass population, and instead directed its staff to draft a proposal to increase commercial harvest. Anglers who remembered the dark years of the ‘70s were alarmed that managers were attempting to ramp up commercial harvest even as anglers were seeing serious warning signs on the water.

“CCA members, particularly in Maine and New Hampshire, have said repeatedly they are not seeing striped bass in the abundance seen just a few years ago,” said Mac McKeever, president of CCA Maine. “Anglers in the northern reaches of the striped bass range are the canaries in the coal mine when it comes to the health of the striped bass population, and anglers here are not encountering anywhere near as many fish as they did just a few years ago. There is definitely reason to be concerned.”

Other warning signs pointing to a need for managers to take a cautious approach include declining trends in the striped bass Juvenile Abundance Index, “significant and unreported” poaching in the Exclusive Economic Zone, and the potentially devastating impact of *Mycobacteriosis* in Chesapeake Bay, the primary striped bass spawning ground for the entire Atlantic Coast. Seventy percent of the fish sampled there had lesions associated with the disease and in aquaculture, *Mycobacteriosis* infections are virtually always fatal.

“Our members were especially motivated to contact their representatives on the ASMFC throughout this process and let them know this is no time to be talking about increasing harvest of striped bass,” said Charles A. Witek, chairman of CCA Atlantic Fisheries Committee. “The problems facing striped bass today are far more complex than simple overfishing. Managers did the right thing by taking a precautionary approach to management. Striped bass are the crown jewel of ASMFC’s management successes and should be treated as such.”

# CLUB LEADER BOARD

Angler	Age Division	Species	Release	Club Record	Pounds	Ounces	Length	Girth	Date of Catch
Melanie Bayford	a	<b>**Ribbonfish**</b>	y	n			29		8/31/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Amberjack	y	n			50"		7/27/2010
Susan M. Smith	a	Black Drum	y	n			48"		6/5/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Blackfin Tuna	n	n	18		28 1/2"	20"	2/21/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Blue Catfish	y	n			32"		3/30/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Bluefin Tuna	n	n	148		65"		3/15/2010
Katie Synowiec	g	Bluefish	n	n	1	0	14.5		8/26/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Bluegill	y	n			8		8/29/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Bowfin	y	n			30"		7/18/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Chain Pickerel	y	n			22"		2/23/2010
Rachel D. Meyer	a	Channel Catfish	n	n	13	6	26"		9/6/2010
Rachel D. Meyer	a	Channel Catfish	n	n			23"		9/6/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Cobia	n	n	30	10	45		8/10/2010
Alexis B. Lee	j	Hickory Shad	y	n			16 1/2"		3/21/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Long Nose Gar	y	n			43		9/20/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Red Drum	y	n			46"		5/14/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Red Drum	y	n			50 1/2"		5/19/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Round Head	y	n			16		9/11/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Sheepshead	n	n			24.25"		9/24/2010
Angela Olah	a	Speckled Trout	y	n			26 1/2"		2/21/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Sunfish	y	n			8.5"		8/7/2010
Beth Synowiec	a	Tautog	n	n			24"		9/29/2010
Clara Synowiec	g	Triggerfish	n	n	3	12	18"	17.5"	8/26/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	White Perch	y	n			11"		4/18/2010
Melanie Bayford	a	Yellow Perch	y	n			11 1/2"		4/29/2010
Kevin Synowiec	a	Amberjack	y	n			51"		7/27/2010
David J. Smith Sr.	a	Black Drum	y	n			50"		6/5/2010
Kevin Meyer	a	Bluefin Tuna	y	n			70"		2/20/2010
Ron Jeffords	a	Bluegill	y	n			8		8/29/2010
Ron Jeffords	a	Bowfin	y	n			28"		3/28/2010
Ron Jeffords	a	Chain Pickerel	y	n			22"		4/18/2010
Ron Jeffords	a	Chain Pickerel	y	n			23.5		9/18/2010
Don Bayford	a	Channel Catfish	y	n			28"		3/30/2010
David J. Smith Sr.	a	Cobia	n	n	44	7	53		8/21/2010
Steve Harding	a	Crappie	n	n	2	11	16 1/2"	13 1/2"	4/2/2010
David J. Smith Sr.	a	croaker	y	n			18		9/25/2010
Bob Wuorinen	a	Flounder	n	n	7	6	27.5"		7/24/2010
Ron Jeffords	a	LM Bass	y	n			18.5		9/18/2010
Don Bayford	a	Long Nose Gar	y	n			36"		8/15/2010
Bob Lee	a	Rainbow Trout	y	n			15 1/8"		3/24/2010
Josh Regula	j	Red Drum	y	n			46"		5/30/2010
Roy McCausey	a	Red Drum	Y	n			48"		6/12/2010
Kevin Synowiec	a	Sheepshead	n	n	10	1	23.75		10/2/2010
Josh Regula	j	Spadefish	n	n	5	4			6/21/2010
Russell Willoughby	a	Spadefish	n	n	8	2			6/25/2010
David J. Smith Sr.	a	Spanish Mackerel	y	n			21"		7/10/2010
Dwayne Olah	a	Speckled Trout	y	n			28"		2/1/2010
Tyler Olah	g	Speckled Trout	y	n			28"		2/1/2010
Roy McCausey	a	Spot	y	n			10.75		9/26/2010
Dwayne Olah	a	Striped Bass	y	n			45"		1/21/2010
Don Bayford	a	Sunfish	y	n			8"		4/8/2010
Kevin Synowiec	a	Tautog	N	N			23.25"		3/21/2010
David J. Smith Sr.	a	Wahoo	n	n	34	3			3/20/2010
Ron Jeffords	a	White Perch	y	n			11 1/2"		3/10/2010
Ron Jeffords	a	Yellow Perch	y	n			11"		3/10/2010
Bob Wuorinen	a	Yellowfin Tuna	n	n	67				4/25/2010



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<b>Registration</b>	<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> FROM 4:30-6:00 PM</b>
<b>Captain's Meeting</b>	<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Lines In</b>	<b>Following Captain's Meeting</b>
<b>Weigh In</b>	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM 1:00-4:00 PM</b>
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Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

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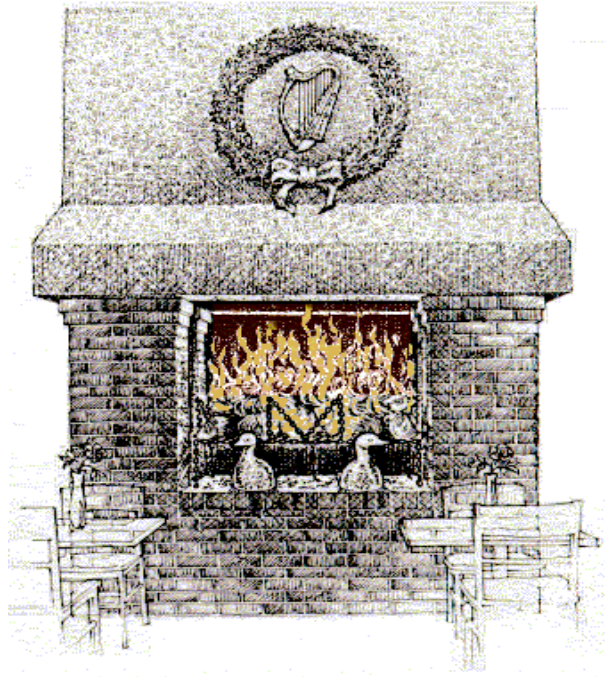
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### ***Our Objective***

- Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.
- Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.

### **NEW Club T-Shirts are in!!**

The Club is offering newly designed t-shirts for sale.  
See Ron Jeffords at the meeting for details or to buy your t-shirts.

### **WANTED:**

**Got fishing tips, spots, or recipes you are dying to share? Send them to George at [vban-glscub@yahoo.com](mailto:vban-glscub@yahoo.com) and share your wealth of experience with your fellow fishing mates. We are looking to make this a monthly feature in our news letter—for the benefit of all our members.**