

**December  
2011**

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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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Joyous Holiday Season with  
Health and Happiness in  
the New Year**



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## Officers and Board Members for 2011

### Officers

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

### Board Members

Robbie Parks	Jerry Mariano	Kevin Meyer
Butch Eason	Bob Stulhman	Gary Doerhoff
Doug Wehner	Preston Mangum	Jerry Hughes

Ronnie Nixon

## Members News

### It's time to once again nominate Officers and members to the Board

Traditionally, nominations are taken during the Oyster Roast and are accepted up until the Nov monthly meeting. Come cast your vote at this month's meeting.

#### 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	Martin Ball— needs crew/available	509-0625
Jerry Mariano— available	563-6365	Kelly Hoggard—	420-5949
David Harwood-available	340-6187	Pete Federico- available	908-887-3113
Bob Stulhman— needs crew	374-7372		
Bruce Agnor—Available	302-562-4783		
Jack Guthrie— available	647-4490		
Ed Wyant—available	963-0428		

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)

[Call one of these folks if your looking for fishing company.](#)

# December 2011

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## Upcoming Dates:

### December

▶ Monthly meeting for December is on the 1st, 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 the 15th , @ 7:30 pm Waterman's Restaurant

**R** VBAC Rockfish Rodeo & Bluefish Roundup— Dec 2&3rd please help spread the word, and lets make this a success!

**CK** Catchin for Kids striper tournament will be held the second weekend of Dec. VBAC will sponsor 3 boats– teams will be selected during Dec meeting– sign up for selection @ Nov and Dec meetings.

### Rock Fish Rodeo

Still not sure if you want to fish this weekend's Rock Fish Rodeo? Perhaps you have a boat, but could use a crew? Well the following members are available to join your crew– and perhaps help you win....

Rich Maguire  
BOB (FINNBOB) Wuorinen 486 8588  
Kelly Hoggard

# 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 (but let Sue Smith know)— 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.**

**November 5th "Adopt-a-Spot & Waterway Cleanup", at the Lynnhaven / CrabCreek Boat ramp, was in conjunction with BSA's Venture Crew # 502. Ms. Mary Ann Anderson organized and lead the group. Saturday's weather report was poor at best. With reported winds from the NE of 22- 28, and gusts to 40 knots, a few brave members were able to perform the Club's final Adapt- a -Spot Cleaning for the 2011 calendar year. Mary Ann (with a broken ankle and wrist), was the only Scout to show along with 8 club members were able to do a thorough job as they fought the wind and cold. VBAC wants to thank you, MaryAnn, for putting on a great cleanup and hot lunch. January 7th will start out our 2012 "Adopt-a-Spot & Waterway Cleanup". Hope to see you there!**



**Club Dues are Due. Starting January 1, 2012 membership dues are a flat \$30.00 (family or individual). See Bob Stulhman to renew– or begin your membership.**



# FISH TALES



Hatteras Surf Tournament



## FISH TALES CONTINUED

Mike Anderson tells us—

Clare came home the other weekend from college and 'needed' to get a boat ride. She invited our neighbor Rachel Bivins. There were small craft warnings but that didn't matter to her. The plan was to put in at the narrows and say inside Broad Bay. I threw in a couple of poles just in case. Once on the water, Broad Bay was too breezy. We stayed inside Linkhorne Bay which was well out of the wind. While on our ride I noticed a lot of marks on the depth finder. We stopped and Clare hooked up on a Speckled Trout spike. Rachel caught her first saltwater fish, a spot. She wouldn't touch it! The Ladies had a fantastic time boating and fishing.



Melanie—

Fishing Lee Hall Reservoir. My boat will not go under the tunnel when the water is high. However, Jeff and I managed to catch some very respectable fish today. Jeff had three nice release pickerals after I caught the big one for the day at 2 lbs 9 oz. The big surprise was a citation crappie that I was lucky enough to reel in. It weighed in at 2 lbs even. My first citation crappie. Also a beautiful day on the water. Melanie



## FISH TALES CONTINUED



Salt Lady Cheryl, along with Mark (Wray), Beth and Kevin (classicrockfish) and David (4th island) headed out of Long Bay Point early yesterday morning. The waves were kickin and breaking the over the bow of the boat but our hard core friend Cheryl just kept pushing through till we eventually saw light at the end of the tunnel. That girl was determined as she literally pushed through what ever got in her way to reach what Cuba Goodings jr. refers

to as, "The Quam". Love it! We continued to rock and roll and it got so bumpy at one point that one of the sleeping crew members actually flew off of his seat while he was still sleeping. Shortly after this Cheryl began set up and organize rod locations and Mark began driving. Our first stop was about 8 miles south east of the cigar. Cheryl organized the spread while David and I assisted her with prepping baits and putting out rigs as she needed. Within the first 30 minutes we did have a hook up, the fish did not stay on the line very long (under a minute), the bait came back bit in half & with no fish but it definitely woke every one up on the boat. A second hook up occurred but again half bit bait and no fish as well... Mark then headed closer to the triple zero area and around 300 fathoms we started seeing some action bust on top of the water. Yellowfin!!!! Marks internal radar was dialed in!! This was incredible to witness and he had us soon approaching "the quam".. The excitement aboard was incredible, just to see these fish in action like this.. Unbelievable! We all took a few minutes to take this in and then....WHAM! fish on..the line went buzzing. Cheryl grabbed it and fought the fish like a champ..first fish in the box and a nice one too! ..then again WHAM! fish on!! & Kevin got in on the action, his face lit up and the adrenaline soon cured any traces of sea sickness. Mark dialed in a few friends & let then know of the situation. Boats suddenly appeared, then shortly after that wham & double wham!! Two more fish hooked up. It was Beth & 's turn.

...the blue and white mini islander seemed to be the winning ticket and produced the most fish..We now had 4 yellowfin in the box Gps around the 966 and about 325 fathoms deep and we are still on the prowl for fish. I noticed at this point that my camera (yes my new one) was jammed up. I played with the camera for a while but the lens was still not opening and thus I was unable to take any further pictures. :( We continued to troll around for another couple hours and did manage one more hook up for the day. David!

Looked like a great day on the water for some VBAC Anglers!!!!



## FISH TALES CONTINUED

While Cheryl and company went out to the deep blue, another group of VBAC Anglers chartered Steve Wray and his Ocean Pearl, for a relaxing post-Thanksgiving day Rockfish excursion in the bay. Steve had been out the day before on a charter, and managed to coax a 38lb striper onto the deck... hoping for a repeat performance, the Pearl left the dock at 0700 with a mixed crew, to include some out of town guests– Jerry Mariano's nephew from NY, and Nicole Gabriel in from JMU for the holiday.

Well Steve did it again, his mate (and son) Dane used an eel to fool this nice Rock to hook himself on our



line; NICOLE got the rod first and muscled this beast (42" 32lbs) onto the boat. Although we spent the afternoon marking lots of fish (schoolies) only one more would be netted– a 25" 6lb schoolie– caught wire-lining the tube by Jerry's nephew Andre.

The out-of towners scored!!



We watched.....



## Surf Fishing Report:

The Cape Hatteras Angler's Club was a real struggle for everyone who fished it. High wind, rain, and strong currents put everyone to the test. The VBAC team finished in 69<sup>th</sup> place with 3 fish and 4 points out of 120 teams. Mark Wray caught an 11" black drum and an 11" bluefish for 2 points and Robbie Parks caught a 12" bluefish for the other 2 points. The winning team only had 2 fish for 90 points (a large red drum and a bluefish). I think this may be the first tournament that the winning team had less than 100 points. If not, there certainly hasn't been many times. I have been out of touch with what's biting around here but there should be specs and stripers in Lynnhaven and Rudee. Give them a try if you get a chance. As a reminder, we will be drawing names for the Ocracoke tournament in February and the fall tournaments in March. You must have your current year dues paid to be eligible to put your name in the hat for the drawing. (see page 5 for tournament photos)

Tight Lines!

Robbie

## 2011 VBAC Derby Contest – Last Updated Nov 2011

ANGLER	Speckled trout	Chain Pickerel	Bowfin	Roundhead	Spanish Mackerel
Butch Eason					
Melanie Bayford		2 lb 7 oz		7 1/2 oz	
Pat Payton					
Rich Maguire					
Russell Willoughby			2 lb 4 oz		
Ron Jeffords			8 lb 10 oz		
Beth Synowiec					
Kevin Synowiec	7 lb 0 oz				
Andy Spencer					
Roy McCausey					
Mike Anderson					
Dave Reynolds					
Doug Wehner				9 oz	
Jerry Mariano					1 lb 10 oz
George Gabriel				10 oz	
Kevin Meyer				8 oz	
Bob Stuhlman					
Robbie Parks					
Larry Regula					
Steve Wray					
Mark Wray					
Jack Guthrie					
Preston Mangum					
Jerry Hughes					
Ed Buckley					

As we approach the home stretch for this year's Prize Fish Contest, please remember that in order to be considered for an end-of-year award, fish must meet the club's minimum weight or length requirement. Length only applies to those fish which are not eligible to be weighed, e.g. channel bass. We do recommend recording length and girth; these may be needed to break a tie if two fish have identical weights. More details can be obtained from the club's Functions and Activities Manual which can be accessed on our web site. Enough for now; go catch a fish!

Thanks,  
Doug

## Prize Fish Leaders (Weighed) as of November 17, 2011

Weights shown in *Red* do not meet club minimum requirements.

As a result, they do not qualify for an end-of-year award.

Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Black Sea Bass	4	8
Kevin Meyer	m	a	FW	Blue catfish	44	6
David Reynolds	m	a	SW	Bluefin Tuna	247	0
Jerry Hughes	m	a	SW	Bluefish	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
Cheryl Johnson	f	a	SW	Blueline Tilefish	17	9
Ron Jeffords	m	a	FW	Bowfin	8	10
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Chain Pickerel	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>
Cheryl Johnson	f	a	SW	Cobia	42	7
Steve Harding	m	a	FW	Crappie	2	4
Melanie Bayford	f	a	SW	Croaker	2	0
Cheryl Johnson	f	a	SW	Dolphin	22	13
David W. Reynolds	m	a	SW	Flounder	7	0
Josh Regula	m	j	FW	Hickory Shad	2	9
Brian Wehner	m	a	SW	Roundhead	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>
Kelly Hoggard	m	a	SW	Sheepshead	8	11
Jerry Mariano	m	a	SW	Spanish Mackerel	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>
Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Speckled Trout	7	0
Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Spot	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Spot	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>
Rich Maguire	m	a	SW	Striped Bass	39	0
Perry Niebeling	m	a	FW	Sunfish	1	0
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Tautog	14	14
Kelly Hoggard	m	a	FW	White Perch	1	0
Kelly Hoggard	m	a	FW	Yellow Perch	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Yellowfin Tuna	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>

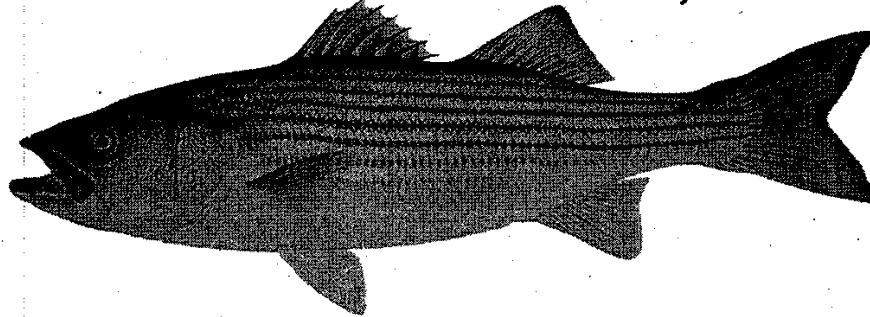
### Special Note

#### Doug Landau

*Long time club member Doug Landau passed away early October, 2011 as a result of complications from cancer. Doug was a dedicated member of VBAC— many will remember the time he shared with fellow club members last winter, providing the necessary education and training so we could pass the mandatory boating safety course. Doug's camaraderie will be missed.*



**VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB**  
**20TH ANNUAL**  
**ROCKFISH RODEO &**  
**BLUEFISH ROUNDUP**  
**DECEMBER 2ND & 3RD, 2011**



**ENTRY FEE \$75.00 PER BOAT**

<b>Registration</b>	<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 4:30-6:00 PM</b>
<b>Captain's Meeting</b>	<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Lines In</b>	Following Captain's Meeting
<b>Weigh In</b>	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> FROM 1:00-4:00 PM</b>
<b>Awards and Party</b>	<b>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:00 PM</b>

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**ENTRY FORM**

Entire entry form must be filled out to be eligible for any prizes. Make checks payable to VBAC

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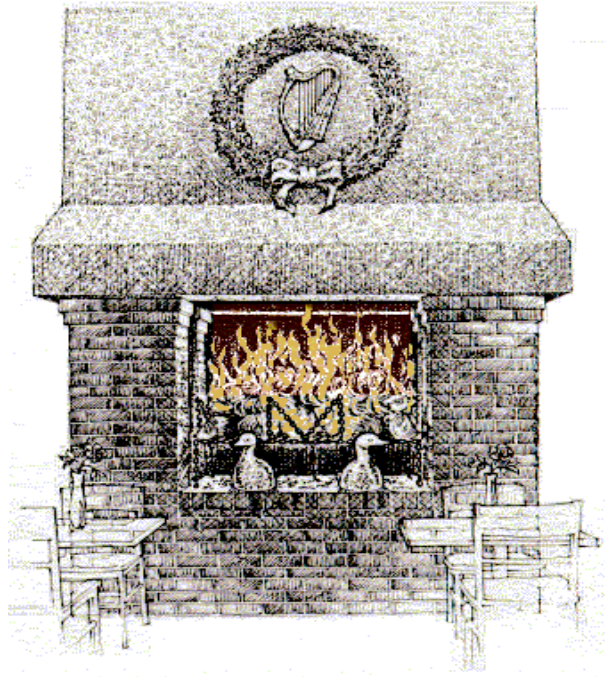
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### ***Our Objective***

- 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.
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