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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 2011

Officers

President	Larry Regula	472-7183
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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

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	Martin Ball— needs crew/available	509-0625
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

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Upcoming Dates:

February

▶ Monthly meeting for February is on the 3rd, beginning at 7:30 pm. *This month's speaker is Captain Skip Feller who will share his expertise on Deep Drop and Wreck fishing—you won't want to miss this!!*

♦ This month's Board Members meeting is on the 17th , @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church

* Virginia Beach Boat Show– Thanks to our volunteers for devoting their time to represent the club.

Save the Date

Our next VBAC's Adopt-A-Spot clean-up effort will be on March 5th. We will meet at 10AM at Crab Creek.— don't forget to sign up!

Annual Awards Banquet— scheduled for March 26th. Tickets will be available at this month's meeting. Details on page 5.



Its time to pay for 2011membership dues!

CLUB NEWS

Bass Pro Shop Sportsman Show

Our club has agreed to participate in this years' sportsman show held at Bass Pro Shop in Hampton. Our participation will provide the club with an opportunity to promote our club and expand its membership. This show takes place over three weekends, beginning with the last weekend in February (25,26,27) and continues each of the first two weekends in March. The show features family events, seminars on a variety of fishing topics, sales and discounts on lots of great gear. So clear your schedule, select a day you can spend at the show, and come represent our club at our booth. We intend to provide two guest speakers for the seminars— to be announced. (Contact Jerry Hughes to sign up for a booth shift-567-8724)

VBAC Fish Roulette

There continues to be some confusion over the club competition we are trying this year— the fishing roulette. Let me explain one more time. As you know, we maintain a club fishing leader board through which we track our members fishing accomplishments (so long as they report their catches). The thought here is to randomly select five fish species from our leader board. Those interested in participating in the roulette will put \$20.00 into the pool (before we pick the 5 species). Once the pool is set, we will identify the 5 randomly selected fish which will represent the money fish. We typically spend the year fishing, targeting our species of choice; but if you're in the roulette pool, you will likely try to spend a little extra time targeting the 5 random species, or so we hope. So with the roulette competition, we hope to promote our members fishing for species they don't typically target— broadening their fishing experiences. Come Dec 31, 2011, we will go to the leader board of the participants in the roulette, and the top (heaviest) fish caught in each category will win that angler a share of the pool (20%).

Why are we doing this— to encourage club members to report their catches; encourage members to fish for a species they may not have ever tried; to promote some friendly intra-club competition. Who knows, maybe a 1 lb spot will win someone some money.. Or that little Taylor blue that you would ordinarily toss back (Preston).

Some are concerned that they just surf fish, others that they just do freshwater fishing, and others, that they don't fish that often... Well, it only takes one fish (the right one) to win; the random species may be freshwater, or surf friendly— we don't know until the drawing!!

So why not give it a shot, lets have some fun, and maybe fish for something you don't otherwise target...

The random drawing will be held during this month's meeting, so you must pledge to participate before the drawing... just email me, or let us know at the meeting.....

Don't miss out

Our First Clean Up the Bay Session

We want to thank those volunteers, (12 in all) who came out to Crab Creek last month and participated in cleaning up the Bay. We also want to thank Mike Anderson for arranging the clean-up; getting the equipment, and cooking and serving the volunteers lunch. This was a very worthy endeavor, and we look forward to our next session. If you missed out, please see me or Mike to submit your name to participate in the next session. After one more clean-up the city will erect a sign acknowledging our efforts.



VBAC Annual Awards Banquet

This years annual banquet is set for March 26th, beginning at 6:30 pm, with dinner served around 7:15pm,; to be held at the Foundry Church Hall. For the benefit of new members, or those who have missed the last few events, the banquet is a fine feast put on by Jerry Mariano and his kitchen witches, while the club recognizes outstanding anglers and their catches of the past year. This is a wonderful family event, filled with fine food, Chinese raffles, and club camaraderie. You don't want to miss this party... Tickets can be purchased during the next two meetings; \$10.00 per club member; \$15.00 for member guests. SEE YOU THERE

Temporary Boat Show Schedule

Friday, 2/11

Noon- 5pm

5pm-9pm

Bob Low
Jerry Hughes

Saturday, 2/12

10am- 3pm

3pm - 8pm

Mariano
Bob Pride
Kevin Meyer

Gary Doerhoff
Bob low
L Regula
Andy Spencer

Sunday 2/13

Noon-5pm

Jack Guthrie
Wayne Johnson
Gabriel

SURF TOURNAMENT NEWS

Those returning for the 2011 Ocracoke Surf Fishing Team are Brian Francazio and Jerry Hughes. Anyone interested in joining them for this year's team must fill out a registration form and have their 2011 dues paid by the February 3, 2011 meeting. I will have forms at the meeting and the drawing will be that night. The \$60.00 tournament fee will be due at the March 3, 2011 meeting and the balance of the lodging will be due at the April 7, 2011 meeting. If you have any questions you can call me on my cell phone (435-4585). You can turn in your form at the meeting or mail it to: (forms available online at VBAC website)

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P. O. Box 8602
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MEMBER FISHTAILS

A story from Mel Beedy (holdover from Dec...)

Don REALLY does not like freshwater fishing. He will go with me if I ask him nicely. Today, I asked him nicely to go to Lee Hall Reservoir with me. He reluctantly agreed. I wanted to troll for crappies. We left the dock and put our lures out. The crappies were not in their usual place, so I continued up the shore line. My rod went down so hard I thought it would break. The fish was so heavy that I thought it was a bowfin. I was quite shocked to net a huge large mouth bass. It was the biggest one I had ever seen. We were sure I had a citation. We trolled a little longer and I reeled in two chain pickerels. One was very fat, so we kept it to weigh. The other was a good release length, so it went back. The bass only weighed 7 pounds, but still a beautiful fish. The chain pickerel made the grade for a club minimum at 3 lbs. We only fished for two hours so Don did not suffer too much.



A Tale of Two Weekends

Rich McGuire and company- the group pic is of Bob Low, Bruce Stewart, my son Jeremy, myself and other son Jonathan.— arranged a half day trip out of Oregon Inlet on Friday Jan 21st. As it was an afternoon trip, when they arrived the captain informed that all morning charters had been skunked— offering to refund the group their money. Considering the drive down, and the weather fair, Rich encouraged the captain to give it a try. Deciding to head in the opposite direction from the morning trips, the captain steered a course to the south. In no time short, Rich and crew spied the frenzied activity of birds diving into the water.. The results were: a total of 14 fish with a total weight of 475#
We were on a charter on Gal O Mine out of OI...what a day



Inspired by Rich's success, member Ed Buckley decided to arrange a trip, in an attempt to replicate the McGuire Magic.. Ed cajoled Bob Stuhlman, Mike Anderson, Russell Willoughby, Rich McGuire and myself to venture on a trip guided by Ed... This past Saturday we went down to Oregon inlet, on the afternoon trip, where we were met by a boat returning from a morning charter— boat filled with stripers... The captain was gleaming with reports of leaving a bite getting better by the minute. We returned to his fishing grounds— surrounded by at least 100 boats vying for the same game. Almost instantly we were on fish, even reeling in doubles. As luck would have it, and something we've all experienced, the bite turned off just that quick. Our determined captain worked very hard traversing different waters in his quest to fill the box. Our trip was overall successful, not quite limited out, not quite 475 lbs, but a blast none the less. Catch of the day— Ed was **spooled** by a beast, which took 40 minutes to boat— a beautiful array of mojos, and lures that Ed raped off of surrounding boats (at least 4 boats worth)! EPIC



Legislative Alert Striped Bass Proposed as State Saltwater Fish

Legislation will assist in the protection of this historically
and economically vital Virginia coastal species
Contact legislators listed below

Ask legislators to support Senate Bill 940, designating Striped Bass as the Virginia State Saltwater Fish, and re-naming Brook Trout as the State Freshwater Fish (from its prior designation as the State Fish). For background on this issue, scroll down.

SB 940 filed by Senator John C. Miller (D-Newport News) is a "BILL to amend and reenact § 1-510 of the Code of Virginia, relating to official emblems and designations; state saltwater fish designated" -- "Fish (Freshwater) - Brook Trout and Fish (Saltwater) - Striped Bass."

Please contact your senators and delegates (especially members of the Senate General Laws and Technology committee shown below). This legislation will not go forward if this committee does not approve it. Your communication should reach the committee prior to its hearing the bill (currently scheduled for Wed. 26 Jan.) By using e-mail, you can quickly communicate your support to the committee. You may also fax, write, call, or visit.

Subject: Flounder and Spotted Seatrout discussion at VMRC Finfish meeting last night

The process for enacting recreational rules and regulations for flounder are tortuous...first the ad hoc committee discusses it, then @ federal level, ASMFC must approve some suggestions made by ad hoc and VMRC staff, then Finfish subcommittee discusses it, and sometimes makes a recommendation to the Commissioners, who, after a couple of public hearings, makes a final decision on what the rules and regs will be. All this deliberation is sprinkled thoroughly with crappy statistics that the computers at MRFSS spits out. Everyone forgets that the data we use for all these arguments, has no validity, but there are pages and pages of, year after year of facts and figures...many are wildly differing from year to year, for no apparent reason. Nevertheless, the folks that make decisions, must gaze into a, very cloudy, crystal ball and make a prediction about what they expect the catch to be in 2011????

After much discussion, the safest choice appears to be 17.5 inches and 4 fish, no closed season. That is the recommendation that will go to VMRC Commissioners for a final decision.

Recreationally caught Spotted Seatrout in the area of the Hot Ditch and Elizabeth River were also on the agenda. There will be more open discussion in coming months, but it appears that there will be some limits on what can be kept in the winter / "ditch" fishery. Some recreational members on the Committee wanted to fast track the proposed regulations, but Travelstead suggested that this was not an emergency and that the rules should be fully discussed, follow normal approval channels and be in effect next Dec 1, 2011.

On both the flounder and spotted sea trout issues, you will be invited to come before the full Commission with your opinions. or, better still, you may write your opinions to VMRC, c/o Jack Travelstead.

Bob Allen PSWSFA & VCAC

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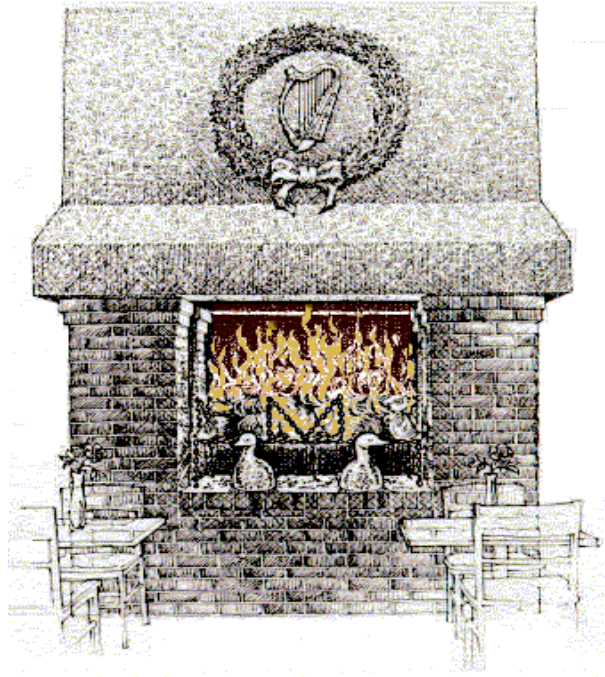
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

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 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.