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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 2011

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

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

Ronnie Nixon

## 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?

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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		
Bob Stulhman— needs crew	374-7372		
Bruce Agnor—Available	302-562-4783		
Wayne Burton—needs crew	420-3117 or 620-0413		
Jack Guthrie— available	647-4490		

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)

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## June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Upcoming Dates:

### May

▶ Monthly meeting for June is on the 2nd, beginning at 7:30 pm. *This month's speaker is Capt Ben Shepard, Cobia fisherman and guide extraordinaire.*

◆ This month's Board Members meeting is on the 16th , @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church



Our next VBAC's Adopt-A-Spot clean-up effort will be on June 4th. We will meet at 10AM at Crab Creek.— don't forget to sign or show up!

**CT — VBAC annual Cobia tournament**

**PHOTO CONTEST**— Submit your photos for inclusion in the newsletter... one lucky photographer will win a gift certificate at next year's awards banquet for submission of the best shot....

# CLUB NEWS



Saturday June 4th, is Clean the Bay Day, sponsored by the City of Virginia Beach. VBAC will participate by cleaning our usual bay spot – Crab Creek. This session counts towards the six annual clean-ups we signed up for. Lunch is offered to all who participate at Great Neck Park, behind Cox H.S., from 12noon thru 3pm. Come out and show your civic and club pride in helping keep this beautiful resource we all rely upon, CLEAN.....

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## Fishing for Hardheads Tournament

Our club entered 4 boats in this year's inter-club competition. And our effort paid off, as we took the trophy for the second year in a row!!!. Way to go to our captains and their crews:

- Rich McGuire; Bob Stulhman, Russell Willoughby
- Larry Regula; Josh Regula and guest
- Preston Magnum; Mel Bayfor, Ron Jeffords, Gary Doerhoff
- George Gabriel; Mike Anderson, Jerry Hughes, Kevin Meyer

Our Teams scored with the biggest Blue fish, croakers, toadfish and blowfish

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## VBAC COMMITTEES

Tournament— Larry Regula chairman

Surf— Robbie Parks Chairman

Ways and Means— Jack Guthrie Chairman

Special Events— Jerry Mariano Chairman

Prize Fish— Kevin Meyer Chairman

Public Relations— Russell Willouby Chairman

Nominee— Beth Synowiec Chairwoman

Audit— Mike Anderson

**All VBAC members are encouraged to join one of our committees, and support the club's events.. Sign up at this month's meeting...get involved— help make VBAC events successful, fun and memorable!!!!**

## More Club News

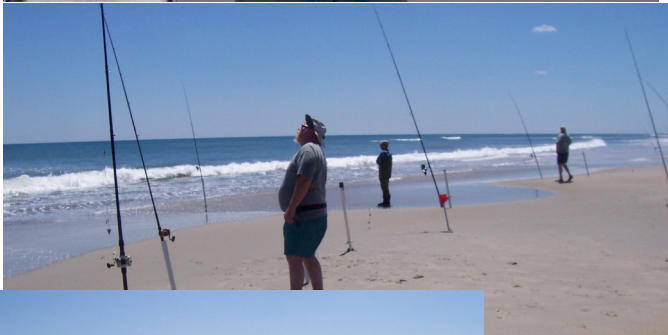
**Club Family Day:** the club is organizing a Family Day on the water— scheduled for July 17th, to be held at Factory Point Beach in Hampton. This is a wonderful opportunity to get our families together participating in a sport we all enjoy— boating, beaching and picnicking. Don't have a boat, come by car, or hop on a friends boat. We will have a sign up sheet at this month's meeting, so make sure you sign up—and lets make some fun.

**VBAC Cobia Tournament:** This year the board decided to sponsor one club boat in this tournament. Selection be made at this month's meeting; by meetings end we will randomly select one VBAC member entry form for the tournament— and that lucky member will have his/her boats entry fees paid for. So make sure you get your entry form in by this months meeting to be eligible for the drawing... Good luck to all.

Last month's  
Clean-up  
Crew.....



# Ocracoke Fishing Tournament



## Fish Tale by Beth Synowiec

Fishing Story submitted: Gluten Free Classic fishing report May 12 2011

So my good neighbor Hubert comes over last night completely bummed out cause the doctor had just diagnosed him with allergies to gluten and lactose..

Therefore, he is now unable to enjoy chicken, or beef or most of the other foods he really liked. Knowing he used to be a charter captain in his younger days, I said you know what you need Hubert? He said What? I said, You need a big rockfish. He finally smiled. I said ok here is the deal, you put my 2 angels on the school bus in the morning and I will go out and get you that fish..

Now I had heard from a few fine folks (and you know who you are ) that some real nice fish had been spotted in a few areas so Kevin and I got up and hit the bay at 6 am.. We went to the 3rd island first cause the sun was about to show itself and I wanted to check out the tubes...nothing going on there so by 7:00 am ish we took off to go hunt one down. Headed NE and ran into our buddy Blake and checked out a few areas.

Saw a pod that dissipated before we could tap it and then kept driving around.

By 9:30 am I was seeing the water which was murky and noticed a few fish darting by..

Kevin went to back up the motor and a few fish scattered about.. I casted out a 6 inch chartreuse tail on a 3/4 oz jig head and within 2 minutes ....I had some serious \"Game on!\"..

This was a nice fish and my 20 lb test was really getting a work out. Kevin continued to drive while I fought the fish with a mild tension to the drag so as not to break the line..

This fish had some spunk to him too and tried everything to break the line..(not as postal as my 50 inch red drum I released yesterday but still very spunky)... This fight lasted for a good 5 or 6 minutes while the fish continued to dart and try to free himself from my line. He eventually gave up and we netted him on the side and brought him into the boat. My husband's expression was fantastic and emitted Pure Joy. We were both very happy about this fish... We stuck around a little while longer but after the current started to kick it became increasingly more difficult to estimate the pod locations so we called it fairly early and headed back to the Lynn-haven ramp.

At lunchtime around 12:30p I called my neighbor and told him to please meet us in the driveway. We pull up in the driveway. He is standing there and I hold up his gluten free lactose free dinner. A 39 inch rockfish.

His reaction ..... Priceless



Dr Wayne and Russell went Drum fishing, (first time for Wayne)

Nice looking fish for a first timer... Way to go guys

49" for Russell

42" for Wayne



### Kevin Meyer got the BLUES!!!!!!

Today was a great day out on the water, I had the opportunity to take some young men fishing who had never been out fishing on my boat nor caught many saltwater fish before. Bruce, Trevor, Richard and I left Owl creek about 1pm near low tide and started searching for some bait, Richard manned the cast net and was able to get us some small Spot and Croaker in short order. We headed out to the breakers at Rudee and started catching some small Flounder and croakers. I eventually did get a roundhead which I had to keep and get weighed for our fishing Derby for the club... A whopping .52lbs but I'm on the Board!! We moved a couple of times throughout the afternoon and the Blue Crabs were out in force today stealing bait. we must have caught about a dozen all with sponges so no keepers.. we were headed back in to the docks when i seen some baitfish jumping and quickly tossed a spoon into the area. Immediately i get hooked up with a nice Bluefish and fought it around the boat on light line for a couple of minutes and it gets off right at the net!! well the boys were itching to get a shot at the blues so we drifted for a while to get them set up. I gave Trevor my rod that had just hooked the blue and we casted about 30 minutes and caught about 4 more 15-20 inch blues. I was still seeing bait scatter around us and fish popping the water. I put a smaller spoon on and on the first cast hooked a monster Bluefish ( well in rudee its a monster) it took off and was doing everything it could to get into the prop and then the anchor line. Richard got the net ready and we got him to the Boat. Weighed him on my handheld scale 6lbs 4 oz 28 inches long.. Quick Photo and back he goes. It was time to head home for dinner and everyone had a great time and caught a few fish



Bob Lowe, Steve Locklear, Bob Stulhman and Rich Maguire nailed some nice drum fish....



Angler	M/F	Age Division	Category	Species	Release	Pounds	Ounces	Length	Bait Used
Don Bayford	m	a	SW	Striped Bass	y			34"	lure
Melanie Bayford	f	a	SW	Striped Bass	y			33"	Lure
Rich Maguire	m	a	SW	Striped Bass	n	39	0		lure
Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Speckled Trout	n	7	0	30"	mirror lure
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Speckled Trout	y			22"	Lure
Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Speckled Trout	y	4	8	23"	lure
Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Speckled Trout	y	3	4	22"	lure
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Blue catfish	y			26"	Cut Bait
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Blue catfish	y			29.5"	Cut Bait
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Blue catfish	y			29"	Cut Bait
Liam Reynolds	m	g	SW	Speckled Trout	n			22.5"	minnow
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Chain Pickerel	y			18"	minnow
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Blue catfish	y			0	Cut Bait
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Chain Pickerel	n	2	7		lure
Ron Jeffords	m	a	FW	Chain Pickerel	y			22.5"	lure
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Tautog	y			24'	crab
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Tautog	y	14	14	28"	crab
Steve Harding	m	a	FW	Crappie	n	2	4	15"	Minnow
Josh Regula	m	j	FW	Largemouth Bass	y			21"	Minnow
William L. Regula	m	a	FW	Largemouth Bass	y			20"	Spinnerbait
David Reynolds	m	a	SW	Bluefin Tuna	n	247	0	77"	lure
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Tautog	n	6	6	20.5"	crab
Kevin Meyer	m	a	SW	Bluefin Tuna	y	151	0	67"	Jig
Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Tautog	n	7	0	21.5"	crab
Kevin Synowiec	m	a	SW	Tautog	n	10	8	25"	crab
Kevin Meyer	m	a	FW	Blue catfish	Y	44	6	40"	Shad
Ron Jeffords	m	a	FW	Largemouth Bass	y			19"	Minnow
Ron Jeffords	m	a	FW	Yellow Perch	y			10"	Minnow
Ron Jeffords	m	a	FW	Yellow Perch	y			10.5"	Minnow
Ron Jeffords	m	a	FW	Yellow Perch	y			11"	Minnow
Ron Jeffords	m	a	FW	White Perch	y			12"	Minnow
Don Bayford	m	a	FW	Sunfish	y			8"	WORM
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Sunfish	y			8.5"	worm
Josh Regula	m	j	FW	Hickory Shad	n	2	9		lure
Kevin Meyer	m	a	FW	Blue Catfish	y	41	2	42"	Shad
Bob Stuhlman	m	a	FW	Blue Catfish	y	37	0	39"	Shad
Melanie Bayford	f	a	FW	Longnose Gar	y			30"	minnow
Don Bayford	m	a	FW	Crappie	y			11.5"	Lure
Beth Synowiec	f	a	SW	Yellowfin Tuna	n	26	0	34.5"	lure
Don Bayford	m	a	FW	Longnose Gar	y			40"	Minnow
Perry Niebeling	m	a	FW	Sunfish	y	1		12"	worm
Kevin Meyer	m	a	SW	Bluefish	y	6	4	28"	spoon
Kevin Meyer	M	a	SW	Round head	n		8.2 oz	11"	bloodworm

## **Committee Reports**

### **Surf Fishing Report**

As of this time I have not received our invitation to the Cape Hatteras Civic Associations surf fishing tournament. We usually receive this by the end of April. I hope to have an answer for this by the meeting Thursday. The other tournaments are going well. I hope some of you have had a chance to try some surf fishing. Let me know if you have and how your luck was!

Tight Lines!  
Robbie

### **Legislative Alert**

Alexandria, VA – The Commission's Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board has initiated development of Draft Addendum III with the goals of reducing striped bass fishing mortality (F) up to 40% and further protecting spawning stock when it is concentrated and vulnerable. The addendum was initiated in order to allow managers to promptly respond to the results of the stock assessment update in the fall if necessary. Provisions of the addendum, if passed, could be implemented prior to the start of the 2012 fishing year.

The Board's action responds to recent trends in the fishery and resource, including a 66% decline in estimated recreational catch from 2006 to 2009; a 25% decline in estimated striped bass abundance from 2004 to 2008; and lowered recruitment in recent years. Additionally, states in the northern extent of the fishery have expressed concern over decreased availability of striped bass as a result of the diminished water quality in the Chesapeake Bay during the summer months that may also contribute to increased prevalence of mycobacteriosis in striped bass.

Draft Addendum III will propose a range of fishing management measures including, but not limited to, adjustments to commercial and recreational minimum size (for jurisdictions outside Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River), reductions in annual coastal commercial allocation, reductions in recreational bag limits, revisions to the target F rate (for Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River), and reductions on fishing for striped bass in known spawning areas during the spawning season by at least 50% (for jurisdictions bordering the Hudson River, Delaware River, Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River).

The commercial and recreational fishery is currently managed through Amendment 6 to the Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan. The Amendment, passed in 2003, allocates the coastal commercial quota and set a two fish bag limit and a 28 inch size minimum for the recreational fishery, with the exception of the Chesapeake Bay fisheries, Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River fisheries, and states with approved alternative regulations.

The Draft Addendum will be developed for preliminary review by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board in August. For more information, please contact Kate Taylor, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [ktaylor@asmfc.org](mailto:ktaylor@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740.

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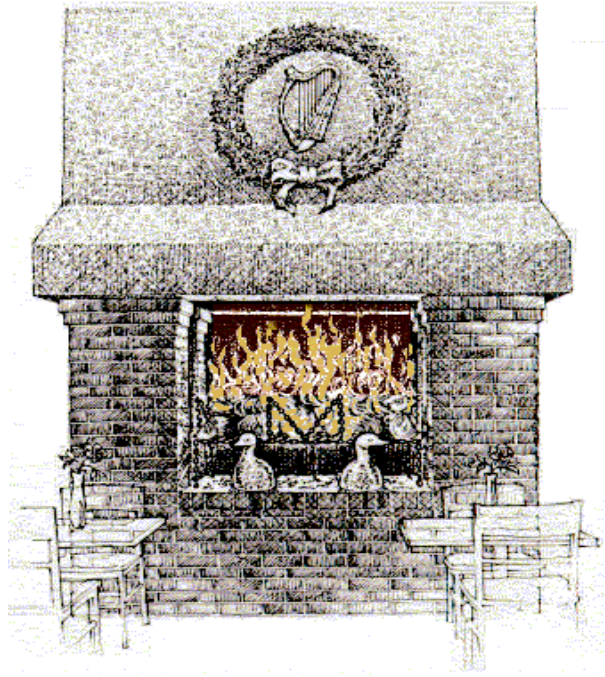
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

### ***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.

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