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# *Tight Lines*



## The Ground Hog Says

Only Six More Weeks Of Winter  
Hang In There!

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
1st Vice President	George Gabriel	619-1638
2nd Vice President	Jack Guthrie	689-8773
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
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](mailto:georgedgabriel@gmail.com)

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

Upcoming Dates:

## February

▶ Monthly meeting for March is on the 3rd, beginning at 7:30 pm. *This month's speaker is Captain Jake Hyles of the Matador charter boat. Jake will share his off-shore experience and expertise; in particular focusing on the upcoming Tuna season in NC*

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



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 or show up!



Annual Awards Banquet— scheduled for March 26th. Tickets will be available at this month's meeting. Details on page 4.

**GB** Great Bridge swap meet.



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. Don't forget to sign up for the two remaining weekends— March 5/6 and 12/13. (Contact Jerry Hughes to sign up for a booth shift-548-2290)



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## **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. Don't forget, deserts dishes are encouraged and desired!!!

**SEE YOU THERE**

**VBAC Fish Roulette Players**  
**The POT= \$500.00**

Butch Eason	Mel Beedy	Pat Payton
Rich Maguire	Russell Willoughby	Ron Jeffords
Beth Synowiec	Kevin Synowiec	Andy Spencer
Roy McCausey	Mike Anderson	Dave Reynolds
Doug Wehner	Gerry Mariano	George Gabriel
Kevin Meyer	Bob Stulhman	Robbie Parks
Larry Regula	Steve Wray	Mark Wray
Jack Guthrie	Preston Mangum	Jerry Hughes
Ed Buckley		

**The random drawing RESULTS:**

**BOWFIN  
CHAIN PICKEREL  
SPECKLED TROUT  
ROUNDHEAD– KINGFISH  
SPANISH MACKERAL**

**MEMBER FISHTAILS**



Inspired by the drawings in the Fish Roulette competition, members Jerry Hughes and Russell Willoughby embarked on a journey to catch some of the selected fresh water species— by the look on Russell's face this clearly is a new fishery for him... and no Russ, that's no Bowfin!!



## VBAC Table at this year's VB Boat Show



Thanks to our volunteers who worked this year's show...

## SURF TOURNAMENT NEWS

This being the March meeting, it is once again time to draw the names to fill the fall surf fishing tournament teams. We enter 2 teams in the Hatteras Village Civic Association Tournament in September so we will be drawing 3 names for each of those teams. We will be drawing 3 names to fill the team for the Nags Head Surf Fishing Club's tournament in October and 4 names to fill the team for the Cape Hatteras Angler's Club tournament in November. Anyone interested in putting their name in the hat must be a member in good standing (dues paid), be willing and able to meet the financial obligations, and agree to obey all the rules and regulations of this club and the tournament while representing VBAC. The tournaments are fun to fish and a good time to get to know other team members better. You don't have to be an experienced surf fisherman to be on a team. We share information and techniques to help everyone get better and thus make the team better. If you have any questions see me at the meeting and I will answer them or get you an answer.

**REMINDER:** Payment of \$60.00 for each of the Ocracoke Tournament Team members is due at this month's meeting.

Robbie Parks  
Surf Fishing Committee Chairman

## REGISTRATION FORMS for DRAWING POSITIONS on 2011 SURF FISHING TEAMS

We have five teams fishing in four fall tournaments. All positions for the fall 2011 teams will be filled and the alternates ranked from a drawing at the **March 3, 2011** business meeting. The positions for the Ocracoke tournament were drawn at the February business meeting. A registration form is required for **EACH** tournament you wish to apply for. You must be a member of VBAC in good standing (dues paid) to be eligible to have your name drawn. You may mail in your forms or bring them to the March 3, 2011 meeting. They must be turned in by 7:30 p.m. that night. You do not have to be present. You will have to have access to surf fishing equipment, make travel arrangements, and meet your share of any additional team expenses.

**FEES:** \$60 per tournament that you are a team member of (due at the April business meeting) and the balance of lodging for each tournament due at the monthly meeting prior to the tournament.

### OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2011

- 1.) *Hatteras Village Civic Association,*                      *September 8-10, 2011*  
Team A: 3 positions                      (Returning ... Steve Wray, James Yandle, Doug Wehner)  
Team B: 3 positions                      (Returning ... Robbie Parks, Butch Eason, Jim Wisenberg)
- 2.) *Nags Head Surf Fishing Club,*                      *October 5-8, 2011*  
3 positions:                      (Returning ... Doug Wehner, Carl McCoy, Brian Francazio)
- 3.) *Cape Hatteras Angler's Club,*                      *November 2-5, 2011*  
4 positions:                      (Returning ... Steve Wray, Russell Willoughby)

Cut out and bring to March 3, 2011 meeting -or- Mail to: Robbie Parks c/o Surf -or- VBAC Surf Committee

467 Barcelona Lane                      P.O. Box 8602  
Va Beach, VA 23452                      Va Beach, VA

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#### **Registration form: *Hatteras Village Civic Assoc. Tournament*    *Sept 8-10, 2011***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
I have a 4 x 4 vehicle:    yes                      no                      I will accept a passenger if needed:    yes                      no  
I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Registration form: *Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Tournament.*    *Oct. 5-8, 2011***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
I have a 4 x 4 vehicle:    yes                      no                      I will accept a passenger if needed:    yes                      no  
I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **Registration form: *Cape Hatteras Angler's Club Tournament*    *Nov. 2-5, 2011***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
I have a 4 x 4 vehicle:    yes                      no                      I will accept a passenger if needed:    yes                      no  
I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.

## **Legislative Alert**

The ASMFC Black sea bass management Board initiated an addendum to allow more flexibility in setting recreational measures for the 2011 fishing year. The addendum proposes (among other options) to allow state-by-state or regional management (similar to what is done now with flounder) measures for the 2011 black sea bass fishery; a change from the historical, coastwise management...(where all states have same rules, and regs)

The current (2010) management plan for black sea bass does not provide an opportunity to craft recreational measures by regions or state, it only allows for a coastwide measure. In 2010 all states,, adopted the coastwide regulations of a 25 fish bag limit, 12.5 inches TL minimum fish size, and an open season from May 22 to October 11 and November 1 to December 31 in 2010 The 2010 regulations resulted in an estimated harvest of 2.98 million pounds, approximately 1.15 million pounds above the 2010 target. Due to the wide geographic range of this species, the application of coastwide minimum size, possession limit and season restrictions may not affect every area involved in the fishery the same way. Additionally, black sea bass migrations may result in differences in availability to the recreational fishery in each state. States are concerned that the 2010 regulations disproportionately impacted states within the management unit. For the 2011 recreational fishing year, a 40% reduction in harvest (based on the effectiveness of the 2010 regulations and the 2011 harvest target) is necessary to achieve the harvest target of 1.78 million pounds.

If a coastwide measure was continued in 2011, the board has proposed an increase in the minimum size limit from 12.5 inches to 13.0 inches and a season from July 1 to October 1 and November 1 to December 31 (a reduction in the season by 50 days, 40 days from wave 3 and 10 days from wave 5) to meet the reduction.

Option two: State-by-State Measures Under this option states would implement individual recreational black sea bass management programs that utilize minimum size limits, maximum possession limits, and seasonal closures that are designed to achieve a specific harvest reduction that, when combined with the other states in the management unit, achieve the required coastwide reduction for 2011.

ASMFC HAS SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING IN DOWNTOWN NEWPORT NEWS, VA AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF VA MARINE RESOURCE COMMISSION , MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011, 6 PM TO RECEIVE COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED BLACK SEA BASS OPTIONS For 2011 .

Recreational anglers with an interest in the recreational Black Sea Bass fishery are encouraged to attend and make public comments.

Bob Allen  
Hampton Va PSWSFA & VCAC

## **VMRC Updates**

**New Flounder Regulations:** Size limit for flounder is 17.5 inches-with a four fish per angler daily limit.



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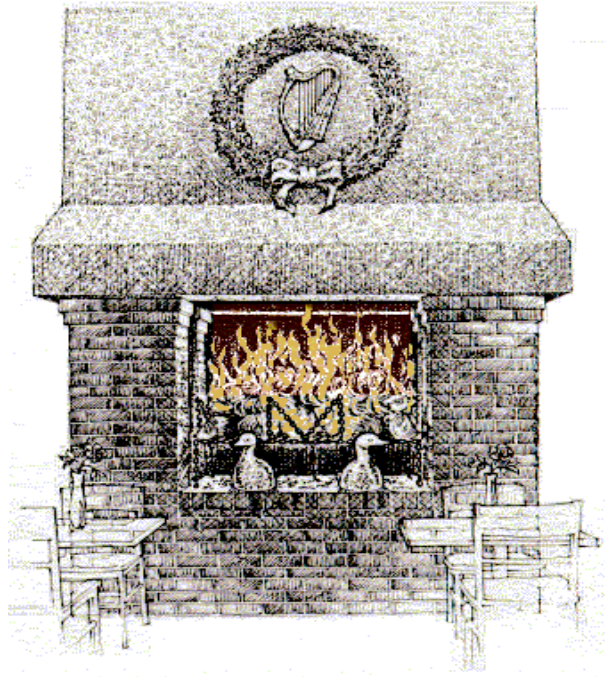
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### ***Our Mission***

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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[In case you didn't know:](#) If you are selected to participate in a Club Sponsored Tournament you are required to wear VBAC Apparel, preferably a tournament T-shirt.

### **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.**