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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.

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	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

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

May 2011

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Upcoming Dates:

May

▶ Monthly meeting for Mayis on the 5th, beginning at 7:30 pm. *This month's speaker is Mark Lozier, who will be sharing his experiences with casting for Spring Stripers, and Kayak fishing.*

◆ This month's Board Members meeting is on the 21st , @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church



Our next VBAC's Adopt-A-Spot clean-up effort will be on May 7th. We will meet at 10AM at Crab Creek.— don't forget to sign or show up!

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 May 7th is VBAC's scheduled Adopt a Waterway clean up session. Simply come down to Crab Creek at 10 A.M. and help your fellow members keep this beautiful resource clean and healthy. This will be our third session of the year— with only three more opportunities thereafter.

Lunch and beverages are always served, so come on out.

In case you missed it— club member **Beth Synowiec** was featured in Lee Toliver's Sunday Pilot column. It was a great piece highlighting Beth's passion for fishing, and her noteworthy accomplishments last year. Way to go Beth— you make VBAC proud!!!

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
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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!!!!

FISH TALES

VBAC Members were out in numbers this past month hitting the waters and catching some fish...

Kevin Meyer tells us.....

Sunday 10 April was a great day to get out on the water, So Bob Stuhlman, Jerry Mariano and I went out to the Chick and James river to fish for some whiskerfish.

I went out Saturday evening and caught about 30 Gizzard Shad in the Cast net and cut some up and vacuume sealed it for our bait today and put some in the freezer for later

We get out on Gordon Creek about 8 am and head to one of the Cat holes I know on the James river and set up but we didnt get any bites for a while so we moved about 30 yards and Immediatley caught a couple of eater sized fish, Then Jerry gets a nice 13 lber in the cooler and then the bite stopped. We were checked by VMP while at the first stop, two officers in a police boat pulled along side and I guess they were just checking boat numbers they didnt say anything and then they just waved and took off.

we decided to move up river and set up in another area and we caught a few more eaters and Bob gets a bohemouth 37 lb 39 inch beast in the boat!!!, CPR and high fives all around and then another VMP officer stops and checks licenses, life jackets, asks about our fish and was on his way...Very polite Officer I must Say.

We moved into a creek when the tide died and caught a few more eaters, and moved to a deep water corner and one of the rear rods goes off and its a good fish!! he gets three lines tangled into a knarly mess but I did get him in the boat!! 41.21 Lbs and 42 inches long, (photo Below) Again CPR, and we went back towards the launch ramp and set up for about 30 minutes. No bites but Game wardens pulled up along side and started asking about our catch and we had to clear a couple of lines as they approached, I told them they were the third ones to check us today and they seemed surprised and asked where and when, We told them and they asked to see our fish and they said OK we wont bother you again, since you have already been checked. They left and we called it a day. we loaded up and headed home got stuck at the HRBT for over an hour due to an accident. this is my Second Best catfish ever!! It was a good Day on the water even though we all got sun/wind burned today!! Thanks for coming along today guys it was fun.



NICE SMILES!!!

When Fishing is light– we offer Tips from our members:

Here are some tips from Melanie Bayford: (Russell, you may want to pay attention)

The most important tip that I can pass on for fishing is to not have stuff like Suntan lotion or Gas or Oil or any other smelly chemical substances on your hands. Fish can smell the smallest amount of foreign substances on your bait. I have informed Don that I no longer will put onions on his sandwiches since he outfished me the last time I did that. I could smell the onion on my hands even after handling bait. We put our suntan lotion on in the morning before we leave the house and scrub our hands thoroughly. If we have to add any lotion during the day, I will usually put it on both of us and rub squid on my hands and wash them thoroughly. Then throw the squid away, AND I have Don bait my hooks until I feel that the lotion smell is gone.

I would also like to share our tips for seasickness cures. Don and I both get seasick. The best cure that we have found is Bonine. It is not as drowsy as dramamine. If we are going out with someone else and the weather is iffy, we will take a Bonine at bedtime, then another in the morning. Don usually takes another at noon to be sure. We always make sure that we have enough rigs tied for the next day ahead of time. If we have to tie a rig or undo a knot, we hold it at eye level. Looking down is a no-no if you can avoid it. Also, stay out of the cabin. If you are anchored, the stern is the place to be. Bonine can be purchased in bottles of 100 pills for a much lower price if you want to put up with some grief. (We use that much) I go to Wal-Mart to the pharmacy counter and ask for the 100 pill bottle of Meclezine. They will try to tell you they can't sell it to you that way, but it is not a prescription item. Just be firm but polite.

For those of you with a small boat and a snap-on gas line, I recommend carrying an extra snap-on connection to your motor. I have had two occasions where gasahol has eaten the seal around the ball in the snap on connection. Luckily, the first time, I was only a mile from the dock and was able to get back by having my passenger force fuel into the motor by continually pressurizing the line. The night before that trip, Don and I had gone 8 miles downriver and 8 miles back in the dark. Glad it did not happen then. The second time, I had an extra connection on board. Quick change and on my way.

Thanks Mel

2011 Prize Fish Master

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FYI– Back Bay Fishing

The US Fish and Wildlife Service today announced the start of a limited night surf fishing program at BBNWR.

Night surf fishing will be permitted along the Refuge beach daily until midnight during the month of October, with the exception of four scheduled hunt days. Fishing will be allowed by special use permit only, on a 1500 foot long stretch of beach in the northern part of the Refuge. Permits will be issued starting in early September from the Refuge Headquarters at 1324 Sandbridge Road and will cost \$35.00. No permit is required for daytime surf fishing. For further information, please contact the Refuge at 757.301.7329.

Committee Reports

Surf Fishing Report

We want to wish our surf fishing team in Ocracoke the best of luck in the tournament this week. They will be fishing Thursday and Friday the 5th and 6th. There at home the piers are reporting roundhead (lottery fish), croaker, blues and some spot. This means that these fish should also be available along the beaches. With the weather getting better it would be a nice way to spend an afternoon or evening. Let us know how you do and don't forget to register the fish you choose to keep for the prize fish contest.

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 or 703.842.0740.

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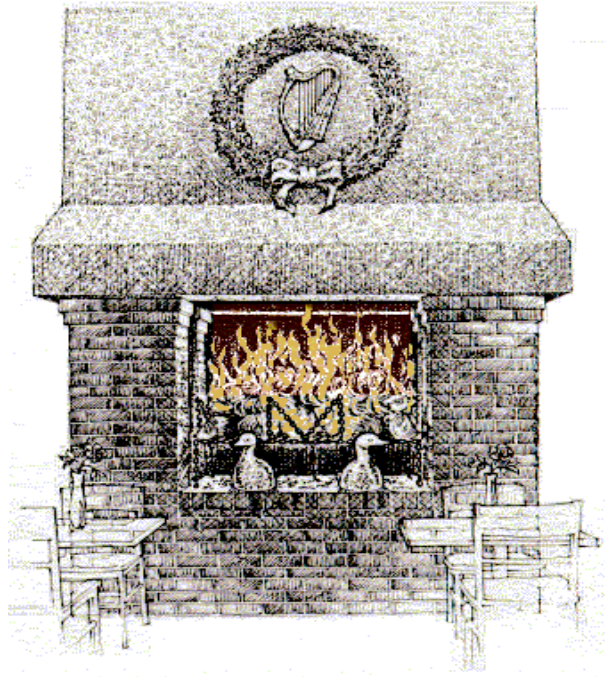
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

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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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.