

**April  
2012**

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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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## **Pics from Mar Swap Meet**



Thanks to Preston and all others that worked the VBAC booth/table at the swap meet.

# Officers and Board Members for 2012

## 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
Newsletter Editor	Steve Harrington	232-1529

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

**Next Board Meeting:**  
@ Foundry United  
Methodist Church

## Board Members

Robbie Parks	Jerry Mariano	Kevin Synowiec	Ronnie Nixon
Butch Eason	Bob Stuhlman	Bob Burstein	
Doug Wehner	Ed Buckley	Jerry Hughes	

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## Members' News

**Membership Dues are DUE:** The membership dues for the VBAC are \$30 for individual or 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?

Rich Maquire - needs crew 619-4851  
Bob Wuorinen - available 486-8588  
Leonard Harris - available 455-8667  
Jerry Mariano- available 563-6365  
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

### Want to fish but need a boat?

Howie Dorfman- available 621-2220  
Wayne Johnson- available 689-0367  
Frank Donohue - need crew /available 589-8021  
Eddie Wright- available 757-617-1079

Share the ride and share the expense. If you would like your name added or deleted call Steve Harrington @ 757-232-1529; or email SNOTY@AOL.COM

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#### Upcoming Dates:

#### April

▶ Monthly meeting for April is on the 5<sup>th</sup> beginning @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church. More info on page 5.

\$ Boat Inspection Opportunity at Crab Creek 9-12 AM. More info on page 5.

◆ This month's Board meeting is on Apr 19th @ 7:30 pm at Foundry Church

#### PICS NEEDED

If any of you have visited our display booths at the Boat Show, or at Bass Pro Shop's events, you have seen the limited display of our anglers and their catches.

The display has some worthy photos depicting club member accomplishments, however, what is lacking are updated photos- depicting more recent accomplishments.

Cheryl Johnson has graciously volunteered to upgrade our display imagery, but in order to do that, she needs your help!! PLEASE forward photos of your recent catches (recent being the last few years) so Cheryl can create new boards; VBAC should display member accomplishments so your fellow anglers can appreciate the abilities of this club and its members.

I KNOW you all have photos of fish you've caught- don't be bashful- share them with us. The public should appreciate what our club and its members are capable of.

# CLUB NEWS

## **Giving Back to our Community VBAC 2nd Year supporting ADAPT-A-SPOT program**

Well, the weather for the March clean-up was horrible, yet four dedicated individuals showed up anyway. Thanks to Gary Doerhoff, Robbie Parks, Carol Wehner, and Doug Wehner for giving it a try before seeking better conditions.

No adopt-a-spot scheduled in April, next scheduled clean-up is May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Come out and help keep your community clean!

For background on ADOPT-A-SPOT, our Club has been granted an ADOPT-A-SPOT/WATERWAY on the Lynnhaven Inlet and Chesapeake Bay at Crab Creek Boat Ramp/Lynnhaven Beach in Virginia Beach. We signed up to perform a clean-up of the beach area at the Crab Creek Boat Ramp beginning back in January 2011. Last year's clean-ups were supported by a number of our members, with very clean results at the Creek.

Our commitment to this worthy endeavor requires that we conduct 6 clean-ups per year. The scheduled clean-ups for 2012 will take place the Saturday following our monthly meeting of January, March, May, July, September, and November. We anticipate meeting in the parking lot at Crab Creek by 10:00 am Saturday mornings to begin our session. The club will serve a lunch to our volunteers at each session.

## **Bass Pro Shops 2012 Spring Fishing Classic**

Thank to the following Virginia Beach Anglers Club members who volunteered their time over two weekends manning our booth. Thank you!

Bob Burnstein	Carl McCoy	Russell Willoughby	Bob Stulhman
Stan Sutuff	Bob Pride	Craig Huber	Larry Regula
Patty Blanton	Ronald Blanton	Ronnie Nixon (twice)	Pat Nixon
Butch Eason	Robbie Parks	Doug Wehner	Ed Wyant
Ron Anoia	June Ribeiro	Chris Nash	Rick Hoggard
Jerry Hughes			

## **Board Notes**

The board is planning family beach day. Possibly Sandbridge in June or July. Please inform Larry or Ed Buckley about your interest.

## **April Monthly Meeting**

This month's meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup> and Terra Pascarosa Duff of TerraScapes Environmental has a short presentation on surface Long Lining.

<http://www.terrascares.org/>

Our Main Speaker will be Mark Lozier of 1st Landing Kayak Fishing Services, Mark will be speaking on Kayak fishing from Starting out to Catching fish...

<http://www.1stlandinyakfish.com/>

## **Boat Inspection Opportunity in April**

The weather during the boat inspection day in March did not exactly cooperate. As such, another inspection opportunity is scheduled for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Crab Creek. Time will be 9:00-12:00 AM. When you pass the inspection, you will be issued a sticker to display on the boat. Free for members.

As with the March plan, if you are planning to bring your boat April 7<sup>th</sup>, please drop Bob Stuhlman a note at [kitchenpass71@yahoo.com](mailto:kitchenpass71@yahoo.com) so we can gauge demand and ensure Craig has ample assistants.

You can take a "virtual" exam at <http://www.safetyseal.net/index.asp> or sign up for another date if the 3rd is not good.

## **Annual Awards Banquet**

The Annual Awards Banquet was held on March 24, 2012 at the Greek Orthodox Church on First Colonial Road. Thanks to the following companies and individuals that donated items for the banquet:

Bob Agnor  
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Jack Guthrie  
Jerry Hughes  
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Ronnie Nixon  
Robbie Parks  
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Thank Kevin  
Virginia Beach Angler's Club  
Walmart  
West Marine  
Russell Willoughby

## **A Note from the Prize Fish Committee**

Great job by all 2011 participants. Reminder, your 2012 dues must be paid before catching any fish for the 2012 contest.

## **The VBAC Fishing Roulette**

The second VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge is underway. The five species of fish for 2012 are: sunfish, blue catfish, chain pickerel, flounder, and tautog. 26 people signed up and will be competing for the prize money. The angler with the heaviest catch for the selected species by Dec 31, 2012 will share the pot with the other winners. Weight will determine winner (not length).

\*(Wahoo, Tuna, Gar and Amberjack will not be part of the drawing)

## **“Hunt for the Hardheads” Fishing Challenge**

A croaker, bluefish, and flounder fishing challenge between the Great Bridge Fisherman's Association, Portsmouth Anglers Club, and the Virginia Beach Anglers Club will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Willoughby Public Boat Ramp (13<sup>th</sup> View St. and Bayville St. Norfolk, VA). Lines in at 7AM and 'measure in' is between 12:30 and 1:30PM.

Entry Fee: \$30.00 / Boat (3 angler teams). Additional Anglers \$10.00.

Includes: Fishing, Picnic and Wish A Fish Donation (Picnic only is \$5).

### **RULES:**

1. Club may enter as many teams as they would like. Team Captains must be club members.
2. Teams must register and pay in advance through their own club's tournament director.
3. Boats may depart from any VA port.
4. The eastern boundary will be 500 yards east of the HRBT.
5. Fish will be measured by length only, if the exact length is encountered a girth measurement will decide.
6. Points Structure... The longest legal fish of each species will earn 5 points, the 2<sup>nd</sup> longest legal earns 4 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> longest legal fish earns 3 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> longest legal fish earns 2pts., and the 5<sup>th</sup> longest legal fish earns 1pt.
7. The Club with the Most Points Wins!

## **Great Bridge Swap Meet**

There is an article online about the Great Bridge Swap Meet that occurred if anyone is interested:

<http://epilot.hamptonroads.com/OLIVE/ODE/VIRGINIANPILOT/LandingPage/LandingPage.aspx?href=VmlyZ2luaWFuUGlsb3QvMjAxMi8wMy8xNg..&pageno=NDk.&entity=QXIwNDkwMg..&view=ZW50aXR5>

# LEGISLATIVE NEWS

## VMRC Info

Currently Governor Robert F. McDonnell has named Jack Travelstead Acting Commissioner of VMRC. He will serve as Acting Commissioner until the Governor makes a permanent appointment. He replaces Steven Bowman. Mr. Travelstead named Rob O'Reilly as Acting Chief of the agency's Fisheries Management Division and Joe Grist as Acting Deputy Chief of that Division.

2012 Fishing regs:

The Commission approved 16 ½" minimum size and 4 fish possession at the meeting today. Regulation effective 3/1/12.

Under the recreational black sea bass rules and regulations from VMRC, 25 fish per fisherman per day with a 12 1/2 inch minimum length are allowed. The season is from May 19th through October 14th and November 1st through December 31st.

# FISHING NEWS

## Surf Fishing Report

Congratulations to all who were drawn to be on the fall surf fishing teams!!! The fellowship, fishing, food and time on the beach make for a great time. The teams members for the Hatteras Village, Nags Head and Cape Hatteras Anglers Club tournaments need to pay the \$60.00 for each of the tournament you are in at the April meeting. There is no prepayment required for the Long Beach Island Tournament. The team members of the Ocracoke Team also need to pay the \$124.00 balance of the lodging at the April meeting. It may be early in the season but it is never too early to start practicing and rumor has it that bluefish have been caught from the surf at Sandbridge. I hope to get a chance to check it out soon. Maybe I'll see you on the beach!

Tight Lines!!  
Robbie

## 2012 TOURNAMENT TEAMS

### Hatteras Village:

#### Team "A"

Cheryl Johnson  
Brian Francazio  
Stan Sutliff  
Doug Wehner  
Steve Wray  
James Yandle

#### Team "B"

Melanie Bayford  
Butch Eason  
Jerry Mariano  
Robbie Parks  
Larry Regula  
Jim Wisenburg

#### Alternates

Andy Spencer  
Jack Guthrie  
Carl McCoy  
Kelley Hoggard  
Jerry Hughes  
Mark Wray

### Long Beach Island:

#### Team "A"

Doug Wehner  
Greg Wehner  
Jerry Hughes  
Robbie Parks  
Mark Wray  
Ed Buckley

#### Team "B"

Steve Wray  
George Gabriel  
Cheryl Johnson  
Jerry Mariano  
Bob Stuhlman  
Kelley Hoggard

#### Alternates

None

### Nags Head:

Doug Wehner  
Robbie Parks  
Jim Wisenberg  
Jerry Hughes  
Carl McCoy  
Kelly Hoggard

#### Alternates

George Gabriel  
Mark Wray  
Melanie Bayford  
Larry Regula  
Jerry Mariano  
Cheryl Johnson

### CHAC (Buxton):

Robbie Parks  
Mark Wray  
Melanie Bayford  
Julie Ball  
Steve Wray  
Doug Wehner

#### Alternates

Jim Wisenberg  
Stan Sutliff  
Russell Willoughby  
Jerry Mariano  
Kelly Hoggard  
Carl McCoy

#### Alternates

Cheryl Johnson  
Bob Burstein  
Larry Regula  
Jerry Hughes

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## Fishing Tales

On Friday 3/2/12, Steve Wray and I (Cheryl Johnson) decided to try for togs after discussing it at the angler's club meeting the night before. We ran my boat, since it has not been run in over a month. With wreck anchor and live crab on board, we set out for togs. On the way out we saw a huge bird show with thousands of birds diving for as far as you could see. We set out the only remaining Striper lures on my boat, a stretch 18 & a 9" storm. We caught 3 fish, all 3 being release citations and one 45#+. We then went for togs for just a few minutes with no love. We took a short video of the bird show & it can be seen on the ocean pearl charters Facebook page: [oceanpearlcharters.com](http://oceanpearlcharters.com).



Photos of George Gabriel, Jerry Hughes, Gerry Mariano, and Bob Stuhlman - James River cat fishing trip 3/18/12

10 total cats caught

2 citations - George Gabriel & Bob Stuhlman

Largest fish - Bob Stuhlman - 30.2 pounds



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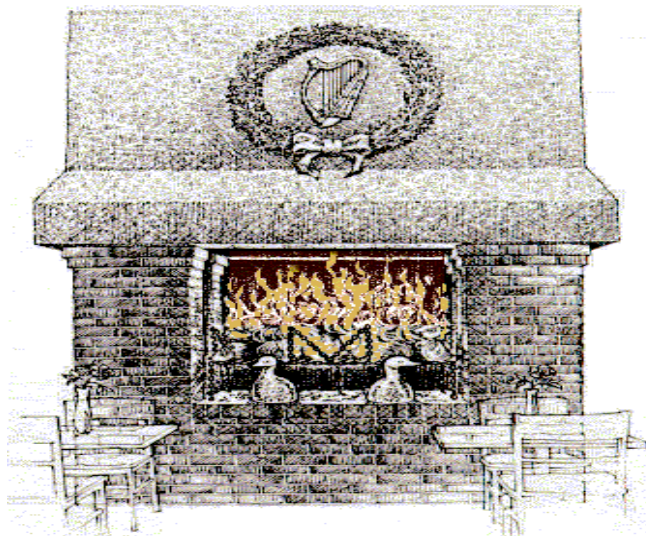
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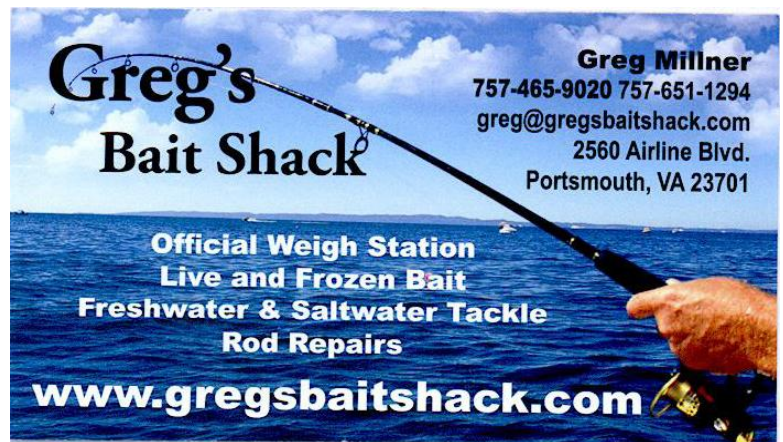


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### ***Our Objective***

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.

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.

Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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Bill Peebles: 757-377-4340 or bpeebles1@cox.net

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