

**February
2012**

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Tight Lines



**Don't forget Valentine's Day.
Take your spouse fishing for the special day.**

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 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.

Board Members

Robbie Parks	Jerry Mariano	Kevin Synowiec
Butch Eason	Bob Stulhman	Bob Burstein
Doug Wehner	Ed Buckley	Jerry Hughes

Next Board Meeting:
@ Foundry United
Methodist Church

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!




Fishing Roulette entry fee is due:

If you plan to participate in this year's fishing roulette, the entry fee is due by the Thursday meeting. More info on roulette is inside.

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 /available	589-8021
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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 Steve Harrington @ 757-232-1529; or email SNOTY@AOL.COM

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Upcoming Dates:

February

▶ Monthly meeting for February is on the 2nd, beginning @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church. *More info on the meeting agenda available on page 6.*

February 10-12: VB Boat Show at the Pavillion. More info on page 6.

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

* Bass Pro Shops 2012 Spring Fishing Classic. More info on page 7.



VBAC's Adopt-A-Spot clean-up effort. We will meet at 10AM at Crab Creek.

March

March 10th: Charter Boat Workshop Meeting. More info on page 7.

March 10th: Great Bridge Swap Meet. More info on page 6.

March 24th: Annual Awards Banquet. More info on page 6.

Please remember to submit your fish tales or interesting boating adventures to share with our club members.

CLUB NEWS

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

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 January, 2011. Our first year was supported by a number of our members, with very clean results at the Creek. This year, we hope to do even better; looking forward to more diversity in member participation in this noteworthy club event. Our commitment to this worthy endeavor requires that we conduct 6 clean-ups per year. The board has scheduled the clean-ups to take place the Saturday following our monthly meeting of March, May, July, Sept, and Nov. 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.

The VBAC Fishing Roulette

The inaugural VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge is in the books and the winners will receive their prize money at this month's meeting.

The random drawing for this year's species will also be held during the February 2012 meeting and will be a fair representation of species accommodating fresh/salt/surf anglers. This year's bounty is a hefty \$500.00 to be split by the 5 species winners—or \$100.00 per species. Entry fee is \$20 and due at the February VBAC meeting.

As a reminder, here's how it works—interested club members put **\$20** in a pot by the Feb meeting (Mike Anderson holds the pot). At the February monthly meeting, we will draw the names (species) of five fish from the club's leader board*. These fish will be the targeted species eligible for winning a lucky VBAC angler a share of the pot. The angler with the heaviest catch for the selected species by Dec 31, 2012 will share the pot with the other winners. This format will provide an even opportunity for salt, surf, and fresh water anglers, as both fresh and salt water species are eligible for the drawing.

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

So Remember:

Open to Club Members ONLY

Must pay to play by the February 2012 meeting

Five fish to be drawn from leader board

Weight will determine winner (not length)

Gotta be in it to win it!!!!

Annual Awards Banquet

Dear Members, Family and Friends:

Winter is here, football is almost over, the striper will be around just a little longer and then things will get slow. How about putting us on your calendar for March 24, 2012 for the Annual Awards Banquet! Please don't let the "awards" part of that scare you off. Yes, the proficient anglers among us will be recognized. But we'll also have a wonderful meal made possible by our own Chef Jerry and his kitchen staff as well as a wide variety of raffle items available. It's a great time to make some fishing connections and get to know who is catching what and where. It is a BYOB event. The club will provide water and soda. Come join us.

This year the venue has changed. It will be at the Greek Orthodox Church on First Colonial Road. Directions will be provided. The cost is \$15 per member and \$20 per guest. (If you decide to come at the last minute, it will be \$20 at the door.) You can't beat the price. Tickets will be available at the February and March meetings. Please see Sue Smith. Hope to see you there.

P.S. If you have an item or items that you would be gracious enough to donate for the raffles, please bring them to the February or March meeting or call Sue Smith at 340-8022 and she will make arrangements to get them from you.

February Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be a combination of presented information and a "SHOW ME, Don't Tell Me" format. People on hand will be David Joyner, President of the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association; Max King; Bay Propeller; Boat Trailer Service, Inc.; Mike's Marine Custom Canvas; and Sea Tow Jerry...and perhaps others. David will be giving particulars about a new law that has been passed in North Carolina which requires a permit to drive on the beach and goes into effect Feb 15th. Others will speak as desired and displays will be on hand. The reel spooling machine will also be available.

January Board Meeting Notes

The VB Boat Show is to be held the weekend of February 10-12 at the Pavilion. VBAC takes a table to promote the club and support the show. Member volunteers are needed to attend our *booth*; one shift for Friday afternoon, followed by a morning and afternoon/evening shift for Sat and Sun. See Russell Willoughby to sign up for the show.

VBAC has a group membership with Boat US- group # GA84494B. When you sign up for BoatUS, using the VBAC group # will provide you a discount on your fee. See Jerry Hughes for more details.

Great Bridge Swap meet, March 10th, VBAC has a table where members go put out and sell their unwanted nautical wares-- Jerry Hughes can provide more details.

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.

Charter Boat Workshop Meeting

Hello, warm greetings from Gloucester Point, Virginia!

The 2012 Virginia Charter Boat Workshop will be held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (Watermen's Hall) on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Hours: 8AM to 4PM.

The workshop will focus on charter business management with sessions on fisheries management, legal issues, insurance needs, marketing and finance tips and lessons learned from current charter operators.

The workshop is open to all charter and head boat operators and marina professionals.

The registration form can be found online:

http://www.vims.edu/research/units/centerspartners/map/_docs/charterboat2012.pdf .

Registration cost for the workshop is \$15 and will cover lunch and resource materials. The registration deadline is Friday, March 2, 2012. On-site registration will be limited and will increase to \$30 the day of the workshop.

Bass Pro Shops 2012 Spring Fishing Classic

The VBAC has been invited to participate in the Bass Pro Shops 2012 Spring Fishing Classic for the 3 weekends starting Saturday February 25th. The VBAC can set up a booth for the three consecutive weekends if we choose. They requested we man the booth from 10AM until 6PM each Saturday and Sunday. I think that two people for each four hour shift (10AM-2PM, 2PM-6PM) is sufficient.

This is an opportunity for VBAC to advertise our Club. We will not be able to sell any items. I believe that we only need to be there for the first two weekends, unless Club members want to volunteer for March 10-11th. This is an opportunity for Club Members to fulfill the VBAC participation obligation for 2012. I will have a sign-up sheet at the 2 February 2012 Meeting and I can be contacted via Email (Jandmahughes@cox.net) or phone (548-2290) if you are unable to attend the meeting. Club Members who volunteer to participate will receive a special discount from Bass Pro Shops on store items for participating.

VBAC By-Laws revision

Club members, the board has undertaken an effort to make slight modifications to the current club By Laws, which are available for your review through the club's website. These modifications are set forth below, and require that the membership have an opportunity to review and approve any changes to the by-laws. As such, we are publishing the modifications here in the newsletter for your review (only the actual changes are provided, to save space). During the next meeting February 2, 2012, we will discuss and vote for approval of these modifications. Remember, only members in good standing (e.g. members who have paid this year's membership dues) are eligible to vote. Any questions or issues you may have will be addressed during the meeting.

The following selections contain the modified language (in red) for your review.

- Under Article VI, Section 3- added subparagraph **E** :

E. Maintain a list of member volunteers, as submitted by committee chairs, for eligibility for participation in selection of club sponsored tournament teams

- Under Article VIII, Section 1:

Section 1. The President, with assistance from the Board, shall appoint standing and special committees as required for the efficient administration of the VBAC. Standing and Special Committees will be chaired by current board members whenever possible. Standing committees shall include: Audit, Nominating, Ways and Means, Tournament, Public Relations, Prize Fish, Program, Surf Fishing and Special Events. Special committees shall be appointed as needed to respond to specific needs of the VBAC. **Committee chairs shall maintain and report (to the 1st Vice President) the names of club member volunteers who worked committee functions.**

- Under Article IX, Section 2

. VBAC Tournament Sponsored Eligibility. Eligibility to represent VBAC in a tournament and have VBAC pay the associated entry fees is a function of the member's willingness to support the club. Members to be eligible for selection as a VBAC sponsored tournament participants must in addition to ~~if they are a~~ **being a** member in good standing, **be officers or board members or have been a volunteer worker for at least one club event which include but are not limited to; club banquet, oyster roast, boat show, adopt-a-spot clean up, refreshments, raffle, apparel sales, audit, or any other committee functions as directed by the President.** .

And Section 3:

VBAC Awards. Members considered eligible to receive an award at the VBAC Awards Banquet must **be a member in good standing, as defined in Article III, section 7.**

A Note From the Editor

As George mentioned last month, I have taken over as the VBAC Tight Lines Newsletter Editor and look forward to the upcoming year. I would like to thank him for his excellent work and his contributions while in the seat. Real quick about me, I enjoy fishing but do not do enough of it. I have lived in the area for about seven years but am now just experiencing the various species the waters around Virginia Beach have to offer and eagerly await the next opportunity to get out fishing. I have been a VBAC member for a few years and have met many of you and certainly will be proactive to get to know the rest. This letter is all about the members of the club so keep the information (stories, recipes, whatever) coming in and I will get them out to all. My email is snoty@aol.com Thanks, Steve

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Menhaden Information

An important update on the Menhaden restoration status that Alison Fairbrother of the Public Trust Project prepared can be found at the following website: It is very informative.
<http://bit.ly/A0pRZZ>

Previously published important information

An ASMFC commissioner representing Virginia (Richard Stuart) is proposing that Virginia withdraw from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Senate Bill 18). As I understand it, Virginia would still have to abide by the ASMFC's regulations on coastal marine resources (including Menhaden) whether the state is part of the ASMFC or not ... but Virginia wouldn't have a seat at the table (vote).

Did you hear of the unexpected run of Blue Fin Tuna off the ocean front during the New Years Weekend— many anglers trolling for rockfish off the ocean front were assaulted by a surprising school of marauding blue fin tuna, who were also trying to catch the rockfish. Many happy anglers had the pleasure of fighting some nice sized fish— but few (if any) were boated. But just in case you get that lucky you should know the following—
NMFS reminds BFT anglers that the default Angling category retention limit of one school, large school, or small medium BFT (measuring 27 to less than 73 inches) will apply effective January 1, 2012, and remain in effect, unless and until changed. The Angling category daily retention limit applies to vessels permitted in the HMS Angling category and the HMS Charter/Headboat category while fishing recreationally.

FISHING NEWS

Surf Fishing Report

This month we will be drawing names for the Ocracoke tournament to be held May 2-5, 2012. The \$60.00 participation fee and lodging deposit will be due at the March meeting. I am working on the lodging reservations now and will have them firmed up shortly. The balance of the lodging will be due at the April meeting probably around \$120.00. I'll let the team members know as soon as I can the exact amount. We will be drawing the names for the fall tournaments at the March meeting. You have to be a member in good standing (dues paid) prior to the time of the drawing to put your name in the hat for any of the drawings. There is a registration form in this news letter and I will have extras at the meeting for anyone who needs one. Good Luck to all who put their name in the hat!!

There is a lot going on with the beach driving situation in Carolina right now. I think the final rulings are out and we will have to have a permit to drive on the beach starting February 15th. I don't know all the details yet but will pass them on as soon as I do.

Tight Lines!
Robbie

2012 Ocracoke Surf Fishing Tournament Registration Form

Those returning for the 2012 Ocracoke Surf Fishing Team are Carl McCoy and Steve Wray. Anyone interested in joining them for this year's team must fill out a registration form and have their 2012 dues paid by the February 2, 2012 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 1, 2012 meeting and the balance of the lodging will be due at the April 5, 2012 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:

Virginia Beach Anglers Club
Attn: Robbie Parks
P. O. Box 8602
Virginia Beach, VA 23450

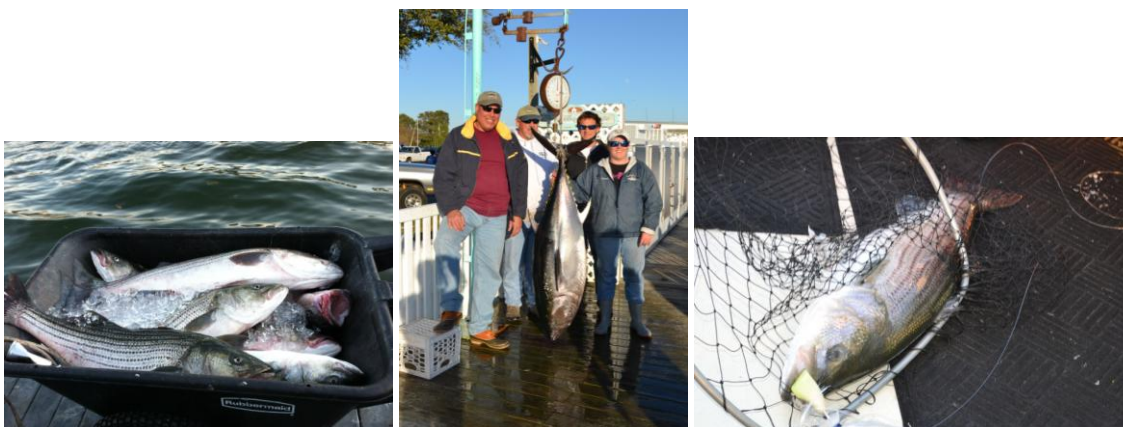
Good luck on being drawn for a place on the team!
The tournaments are a lot of fun and well worth the time and expense to participate.

Registration form: Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament	May 2-5, 2012
Name: _____ Phone: _____	returning
I have a 4X4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger: yes no	Carl McCoy
I will comply with all tournament and club rules and guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.	Steve Wray
Signature: _____ Date: _____	

Fishing Tales

On January 6th club members Cheryl Johnson, George and Nicole Gabriel, Mark and Steve Wray and Dane Ray embarked on a relaxed trip aboard Steve's Ocean Pearl. As you may recall, the striper bite had been off the hook, and many trollers were hooking up with bluefin tuna. As we left the dock that morning, the crew agreed that our main interest would be to land one of those displaced bluefin. With few boats working the ocean that morning, Steve started our troll by the green can, with lines out (tuna quality tackle). Within minutes, one rod indicates we have a fish, followed by a second as the first fish was being brought to the boat. With two fish landed- stripers of quality size; captain Steve lamented: "I guess we are in for a striper day today." Steve was almost disappointed with the striper bite (shows how good the season has been) as he was concerned with the striper on the boat, we would be precluded from chasing the tuna beyond the three mile line. Despite his apparent disappointment, we continued our trolling, and by 9:30 had nine very nice size stripers on the boat. Hearing the radio chatter of other boaters hooking up with tuna, Steve and crew began getting antsy. The stripers were nice- but goodness there appeared to be tuna everywhere. Still concerned about the stripers on board; rather than chance the temptation to wander beyond the 3 mile line chasing tuna, it was decided that the Pearl would move her butt, heading back to the dock to drop off the fish. By 10:30 we were back in the hunt for tuna. Trolling again in tuna country; things began slowly. And as luck would have it, we stumbled across Doink out in open water- or should I say, Doink found the Pearl- you know like in the movie Caddyshack when Rodney Dangerfield sees his friend the Judge and clumsily steers his boat to his buddy. As Doink moved in, seemingly wanting to mirror Steve's tactics- you can figure what comes next. One of our reels starts to squeal.... line bursting off the rod- like a tuna hit. Dane charges the rod, attempting to set the hook only to realize that we caught that elusive Doink fish- a clear throwback. True to form, Doink snaps our line- only realizing his transgression when he reeled up his line to find Steve's lure on the end.

Anxious to distance himself from Doink, Steve commanded that all lines be retrieved, we were going to steam to regions away from the "D". It would appear our crew owes Doink a big thank-you, for you see, once we were forced to relocate, that move, in fact, put us on some nice tuna. Cheryl and company thank you for the 166lber we landed that day!



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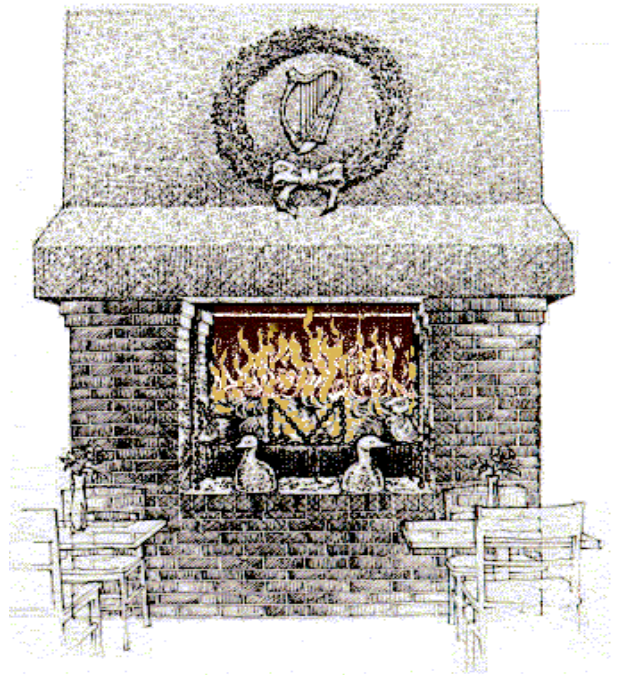


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Our Objective

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.

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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 Steve at snoty@aol.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.