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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 2012

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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
News Letter Editor	Steve Harrington	232-1528

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 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		
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 Steve Harrington @ 757-232-1528; or email SNOTY@AOL.COM

January 2012

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Upcoming Dates:

January

▶ Monthly meeting for January is on the 5th, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church. *This month's speaker will share timely tips on the speckled trout fishery—heating up at the Hot-Ditch*

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

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



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

CLUB NEWS

A Note From the Pres

Just wanted to say thank you to all our members and the board for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President this past year. I would like to thank the members of my board and their committee members who helped organize some very successful events. The Virginia Beach Anglers Club is a great organization and in these challenging times it is important to have folks that can help us make the most of our time doing what we enjoy. This year I will focus on a few areas; one of the most important is to continue expanding our membership and the other, encouraging more member participation in area tournaments and our prize fish program. I will be calling on new folks to help out with our club functions and I ask that you share any ideas that you have with me or any of the board members and we will all work together to achieve new goals.

Thank you,
Larry Regula
Pres. VBAC

A Note From the Editor

It's a New Year and Tight Lines will have its newest Editor—Steve Harrington. Thank you for allowing me to have some fun with the newsletter; please keep your stories and pictures coming in. This newsletter is first and foremost for club members, but also aids in attracting new members by marketing the club and our activities. The latter can only be accomplished by your monthly contributions... So keep them coming!

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 meetings; of Jan, March, May, July, Sept, 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

Well the results are in! Our inaugural VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge— was enthusiastically supported by 25 anglers (fresh and salt water). The random drawing held during the February 2012 meeting randomly selected a fair representation of species accommodating fresh/salt/surf anglers. This years bounty is a hefty \$500.00 to be split by the 5 species winners—or \$100.00 per species.

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!!!!

New Officers and Board Members for 2012

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Welcome to Another Year as a Member of The Virginia Beach Angler's Club

Happy New Year to ALL... we hope you had a happy and healthy 2011. As we begin the New Year, we look forward to gathering with all our returning members, and some new ones too. So what does it take to remain/become a member of the VBAC?—A mere \$30.00 for individuals and/or for a family membership... Why should I bother to join sooner than later? Because only paid up members can be sponsored in tournaments, and you will miss out on the VBAC Fishing Roulette, if you're not a paid up member. So what does my membership get me exactly? Let's see.....

2011 VBAC Year in Review

Last year was an event filled year for the members of VBAC. In case you've forgotten, let me remind you of the many events that VBAC sponsored, organized, and supported for its members:

- A year of the TightLines News Letter
- Monthly meetings with guest speakers sharing their expertise, tactics, techniques; and sometimes their secret spots (remember the 2nd Island)
- Monthly Raffles
- VBAC Fishing Roulette
- A USCG Certified Boaters Course (hope to bring this back)
- Awards and Banquet honoring VBAC angler's accomplishment throughout the year
- Oyster Roast
- VBAC Cobia Tournament
- VBAC Rockfish Rodeo
- 4 Teams sponsored in the Angler's Club Challenge
- 4 Teams sponsored in the Catch'in for Kids Tournament
- 3 Teams sponsored in Toys for Tots
- 2 Teams sponsored in the Long Beach Island Surf Tournament
- 2 Teams sponsored in each of the 4 Outer Banks Surf Tournaments
- Club table at the Great Bridge Swap Meet
- Opportunity to give back to the community- Clean-Up the Bay @Crab Creek

That's a lot for a \$30.00 membership; literally one of the best deals left on earth. Clearly your \$30.00 doesn't come close to paying for all this; much of this happens thanks to the hard work or some of our members (Board and volunteers). For them we are very grateful.

Now if any of these things were news to you- then you need to get more involved; if you didn't participate in some of these events- then you missed out on a lot of fun and memories—After all, it's all about the memories isn't it.... Enjoy the pictures on the following pages, commemorating some of last year's memories..... Let's get together and make some new ones.....

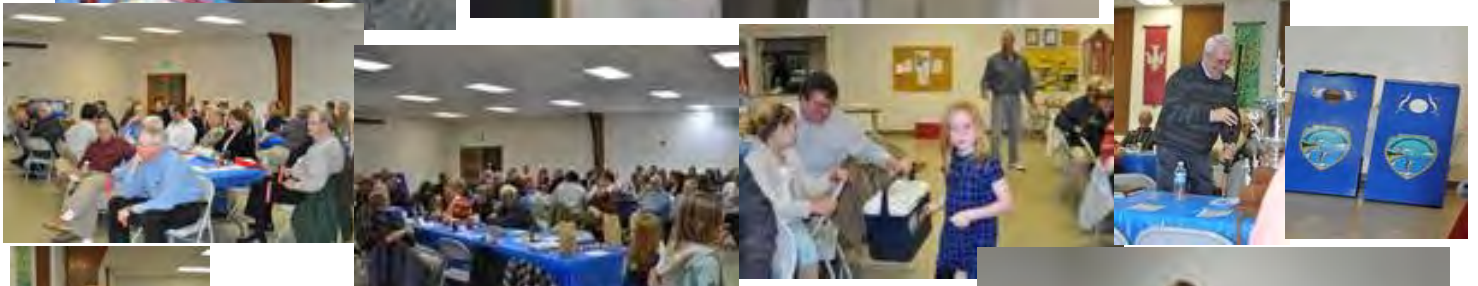


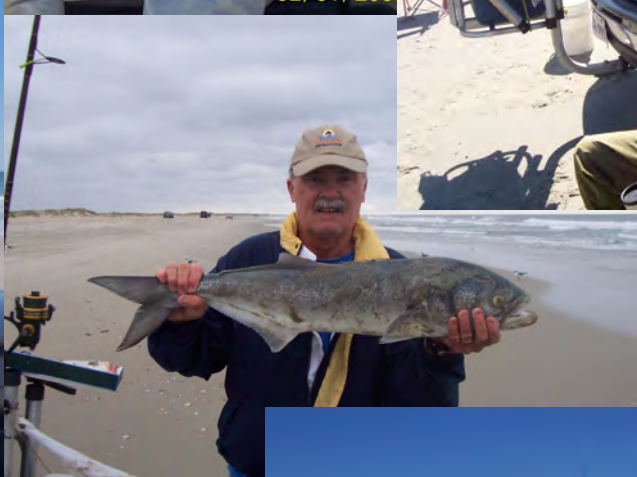
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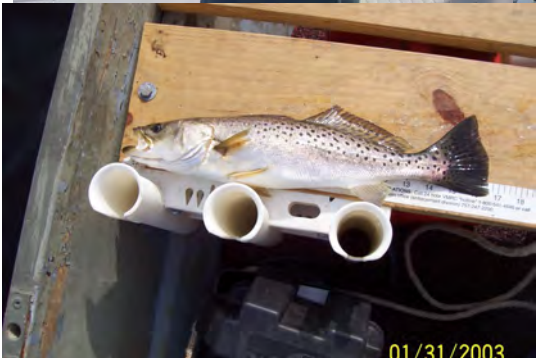




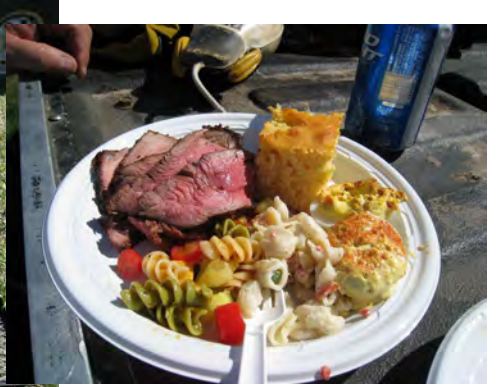


December CLUB Catches









A Note from the Prize Fish Committee

This meeting is your last chance to turn in fish caught during 2011. This covers both the Prize Fish contest and the Derby. Fish must be caught during 2011. Also, your 2012 dues must be paid before catching any fish for the 2012 contest.

Thanks, and Happy New Year.

Doug (Wehner)

Surf Fishing Report

I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year caused by tight lines with BIG fish! This past year wasn't one of our finest on the surf fishing front but the teams fished hard and represented the club very well. Along with the tournaments we have fished for years we add a new tournament "UP North". We sponsored two teams to fish in the Long Beach Island Fishing Club's tournament in Long Beach Island in New Jersey. It was a lot of fun to see their facilities (a converted Coast Guard Station) and meet fellow anglers in a new area for us. Everyone who went had a good time and is looking forward to returning this year. Speaking of this year, we will be drawing names for the Ocracoke tournament at the February meeting and the fall tournaments at the March meeting. Get your dues paid to be eligible for the drawings. Also, you will be expected to help out with club activities this year to be on a team and starting in 2013 it will be a requirement to have helped out in the year before to be eligible to be on a team. The board is rewriting the Functions and Activities Manual and it will all be spelled out for you there. The dates for the Ocracoke tournament are May 2-5, 2012 so you can see if that fits your calendar. I will have the dates for the fall tournaments next month.

Tight Lines!

Robbie

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

This is a most peculiar situation. See below.

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).

If Senator Stuart doesn't recognize the value of the ASMFC, will he resign his position as a commissioner representing Virginia?

Will be interesting to see how the ASMFC views this.

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.

Condolences

VBAC members express their condolences to Ron Anoaia and his family during the recent passing of his father. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron and his family.

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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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For more information contact

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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-glbersclub@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.