

**September  
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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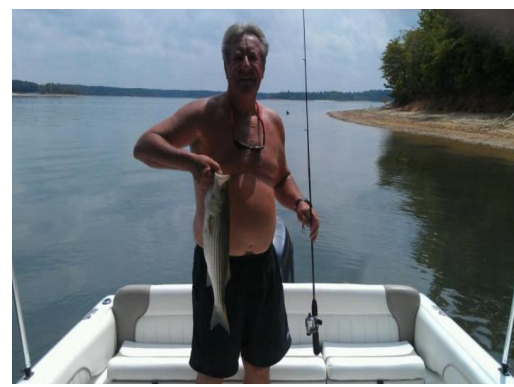
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## **Club Pics**

**Mixed Bag:** Went with Lord Willoughby and Master Cook (retired) Jerry Mariano to the Chesapeake Light tower reefs on July 31st and caught a mixed bag. One of note was a 3LB 8 Ounce Trigger fish. Also caught a tagged Black Sea Bass.



**Fresh Water Striper:** 22 inch striper caught on 6 lb test line with ultralight rod at Kerr Lake by Butch Eason. Since he had no net, he had to pick it up by the lip.



“Weather to Go or Stay” story by Beth on page 6



## Officers and Board Members for 2012

### Officers

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**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  
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Upcoming Dates:

## **SEPTEMBER**

▶ Monthly meeting for September is on the 6th beginning @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church. More info on page 4.

◆ This month's Board meeting is on September 20th @ 7:30 pm at Foundry Church.

## **OCT**

Monthly Meeting for OCT is on the 4th.

Annual VBAC Oyster Roast. More info on page 4.

# CLUB NEWS

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

Next scheduled clean-up is September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Come out and help keep your community clean! The last one for the year will be November 3rd.

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.

## **September Monthly Meeting**

This month's meeting will be September 6th at 7:30 PM at the Foundry Methodist Church. The church is located on Virginia Beach Blvd., near Beach Ford. Guest speaker TBD.

Directions and additional information can be found at our website, [www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org](http://www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org) or by calling Bob Stuhlman at 757-374-7372.

The meeting is free, guests are always welcome, we have a great raffle each meeting and refreshments will be served. Please join us Thursday night.

## **Annual Oyster Roast**

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB'S ANNUAL OYSTER/PIG ROAST WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012 AT 12 NOON AT LITTLE ISLAND STATE PARK AT SANDBRIDGE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND (PAVILION 1).

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BRING YOUR SURF ROD AS WE ARE ONLY STEPS AWAY FROM THE BEACH OR THE PIER (PEOPLE FISHING WILL NEED TO HAVE APPROPRIATE LICENSING).

## **Striper Fish Update**

The VMRC took away the slot (28-34 inches) in the striper regulations. Now the bay season that runs from Oct 4-Dec 31 is two fish per person. Fish have to be over 18 inches and less than 28 inches, although one of the two allowed can be over 28 inches.

<http://www.mrc.state.va.us/regulations/swrecfishingrules.shtml>

## **Dogfish catch limit increase**

Catch limit for dogfish increased for 2012 fishing year. The catch limit for commercial fishermen targeting dogfish has increased by more than 5 million pounds over last year, a significant increase that reflects the abundance of the species.

The commercial quota has been set at 35.694 million pounds or 16,191 metric tons and the overall catch for the 2012 fishing year has been set at 44.737 million pounds or 20,292 metric tons, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced on Tuesday. The new measures went into effect July 1.

Spiny dogfish were declared overfished in 1998 requiring conservation measures to rebuild the stock. Those measures proved successful and the stock was declared to be rebuilt in 2010, allowing regulators to permit much larger catches. In 2010 the catch limit was 15 million pounds and it was just 10 million pounds the previous year.

The new catch limit for 2012 is expected to result in positive economic impacts for the spiny dogfish fishery, according to a release from NOAA. Once regarded as trash fish, a number of waterfront businesses in New Bedford now process dogfish which, along with skate wings, are sold mostly in the European market.

## **VBAC Member Info**

If there is enough interest, we will make some VBAC cloth patches with the new design on them. Please notify a board member if you are interested in obtaining one of these patches.

Old info: VBAC is a member of BoatUS Cooperating Group. That entitles Club Members to 50% off the joining fee which is about \$15 savings. Anybody who is a member of BoatUS needs to let them know you are Member of the VBAC and ask for the BoatUS cooperating Group Discount when you renew. Doink has the applications which contain the Group Member number on them. Let him know if you need the application or Group Cooperating Number. We need 6 members to use this discount for us to keep it.

## **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)

# **FISHING NEWS**

## **Fishing Tales**

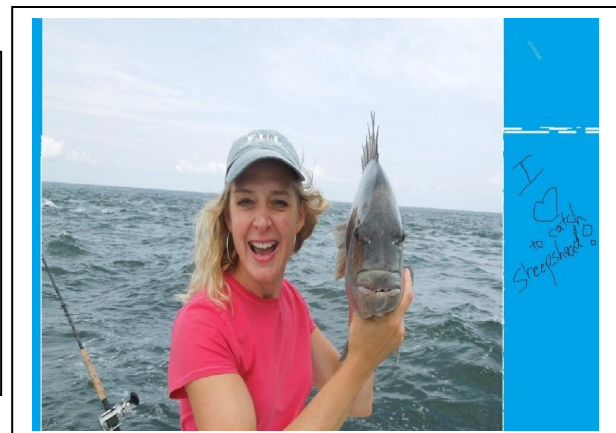
### **‘Weather’ to Go or Stay, flounder and sheep report August 27 2012 weight citation by Beth Synowiec**

Kevin and I had originally planned on going to some offshore wrecks today. When we checked the weather, we saw thunderstorms on the horizon and decided to stay safe and just fish inshore. We then decided to pull up to CH wreck and we dropped our lines. We were both using live bait with a standard 3 way & 4/0 hook rig with 10 to 12 oz of weight. Within 38 minutes I had limit. Within an hour we had 6 nice keepers in the box. Bite was solid for a good 45 minutes and then stopped due to a kicking current. It became hard to hold position so we stuck around for another 20 minutes and then left. We had some crab on board and decided to see about some sheep. It would be a while before the current would allow us to sheep hunt so we made the best of that time. I kicked back and finally ate some breakfast and then slammed a water and a Gatorade. Then it rained hard for a good 30 minutes. We stayed until the rain subsided and then finally were able to drop our lines. It was still before noon. Kevin drops his line and in a matter of minutes his rod tip goes nuts and his reel starts singing the sheep song...SWEET I thought! I pulled my line up and grabbed the net. The fight lasted a good 5 minutes and I could tell this fish was a heavy one when I lifted it with the net into the boat...25 inch beauty! We stuck around for a little while longer and even though we still had bait the sky began to look like another storm was approaching...this one looked larger and more dangerous from the clouds. We chose the safe route and headed back to the ramp. Not even 2 minutes after I drove the boat onto the trailer, I turned around and saw lightning hit the water. Better safe than sorry I thought. Congrats to Kevin on his largest sheep to date: 11 lbs 4 oz!



## What to do on a Wed...A Classicrockfish Citation Sheepshead Report for Aug 22 2012

by Beth Synowiec. So what do you do when you actually end up having a few hours free in the morning on a Wed? You go sheepshead fishing, of course...and so we did. Kevin and I headed out to the CBBT area around 7:30 AM and we hit more than our fair share of pilings. About 20 minutes after the hunt began, I had a 18 1/2 inch tog on the boat that bit on a fiddler; then Kevin pulled in a nice 17 1/2 on a fiddler shortly after that...they were both welcome additions to the box. We continued our search and then it finally happened around 10:30 AM, Kevin's line went screaming and the 25 lb line snapped & got the last word. A few minutes later, the same thing happened on my line. We rigged with some heavier 40lb test and boy am I glad we did. Within about 15 minutes, I hear Kevin yell out "oh hell yeah!" and his rod tip buckles over and then the classic sheepshead "insta smile" appears on his face. Then he yells it's a "sheep!" I quickly grabbed the net to help Kevin. His fish took drag multiple times but soon approached the boat. Kevin had worked up a sweat and then another minute later a 24 inch bait snatcher appeared. We took a few photos and then Kevin released it back. About 25 minutes go by and it's my turn now. ZZZZZZZ the pole does a double take, I continue to crank as the pole bends like crazy. This fish zipped, pummeled, and continued to take some serious drag! I was concerned it may break the line at one point so although I kept cranking I tried my best not to muscle the fish too much...but then it headed for some rocks. I cranked harder. I got him up half way and zip down again he went. The fight lasted about 5 minutes and was fantastic! Kevin grabbed the net and he boated my just shy of 25 inch beauty... the fish looked like it could be a weight citation. I debated and then said what the heck, and threw it in the box. Then Kevin lost another one due to the sheep's innate crafty bait stealing abilities. Katie then called me on the phone asking about her school orientation. Clara too had something for school! She had to go to as well. We had only about 30 more minutes until we had to call it. I kept thinking how much I would like a release citation before we had to go. About 20 minutes later, down to the last few minutes we had, my line starts zipping like it is on fire! I cranked down on it and wham "fish on!" This one fought like a champ but not as rough as my first. I get the convict to the boat and measured it. It measured at 24 1/2 inches but actually felt heavier in weight than my first. Now I had a decision to make. I took a couple silly photos with it first (see last 2 photos) and then let it go. It was 12:10 PM and we had to leave! We secured the boat and headed back and reached the dock by 12:50 PM. What a great morning on the water!



## Surf Fishing Report

It is time for the fall surf fishing tournaments to begin!! Following are the dates for the tournaments:

Hatteras Village Civic Association	September 6 – 9	Fish: Fri – Sat
Long Beach Island Fishing Club (NJ)	September 21 – 23	Fish: Sat only
Nags Head Surf Fishing Club	October 3 – 7	Fish: Thr – Fri Individual: Sat
Cape Hatteras Angler's Club	November 7 – 11	Fish: Thu – Fri Individual: Sat

The list of all the team members is also in this newsletter (below) so you can double check your teams and dates.

For those of you who are new to the club and are interested in getting on a surf fishing team, this is how it works. Each of the teams is made up of 6 club members. The 3 highest point scorers from each of the current year's team get to return the following year to that tournament. The other 3 positions are drawn from names in the pot. The names are drawn in February for the Ocracoke Tournament which is usually in the first week of May each year. All the names for all of the fall tournaments are drawn during the March meeting.

The above tournament dates are close to what they are each year. The club pays for the entry fee for the teams and the team members pay for all other expenses (lodging, meals, bait, etc.). If you have any questions about how it works feel free to catch me at any meeting and I will be glad to answer any questions.

Tight Lines!!  
Robbie



**VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB  
2012 TOURNAMENT TEAMS**

**Hatteras Village:**

**Team "A"**

Cheryl Johnson  
Carl McCoy  
Stan Sutliff  
Doug Wehner  
Steve Wray  
James Yandle

**Team "B"**

Melanie Bayford  
Butch Eason  
Andy Spencer  
Robbie Parks  
Larry Regula  
Jim Wisenburg

**Alternates**

Kelley Hoggard  
Mark Wray  
Jerry Hughes

**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  
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Melanie Bayford  
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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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or VBAC website

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