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Virginia Beach Anglers' Club

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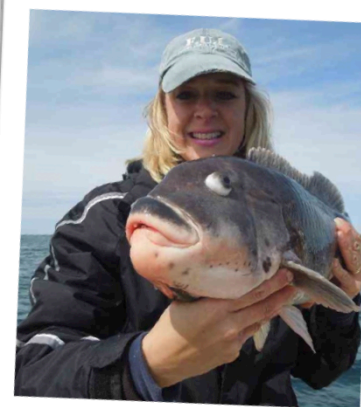
April 2013

Togs in the Box

Fishing Report by Beth Synowiec

How does one measure the winter season nearing its end? Perhaps one may simply look at the calendar (even if its snowing), or depend on the famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil not seeing his shadow, or even take the 'honeybadger' approach, but there is another method that has proven itself from year to year. It is a much more exciting approach, especially for anglers. It's called "the Tog in the Box" approach. The closeness of spring can be measured by the average size of the togs in the box! The more the togs are biting and the bigger they are, then the closer we are to spring. It's just that simple, and by the looks of the fish box: Spring is here! So, the togs have spoken and quite nicely if I may add.

While fishing with Wes on an offshore wreck, we boated 26 of them. The bait was female blue crab that we sectioned off in quarters, some with and some without clam. On occasion, a shrimp was tossed in the mix. At the end of the day, the fish box contained the two-person limit of 6 fish: 4 were weight citations and the smallest in there was 21 ½ inches. Wes and I both caught 2 weights apiece and were tossing back 21-inch fish. The action was incredible and the day was simply a blast. The water temp ranged between 43.7 and 45 degrees and the ride out was not as bad as predicted, but the spray on the ride back... well let's just say, it was not a dry run! Thank God for Grundens!



Beth Synowiec and Wes with their citation-worthy Togs!



Events

Upcoming Club Meetings

APRIL 4 at 7:30pm

Ken Lampert on catching speckled trout and puppy drum on the Elizabeth River

Board Meeting: April 18

Adopt A Spot: 10am on May 4th, June 1st (Clean the Bay Day), July 6th, September 7th, and November 2nd.

May 1-5

*Ocracoke Invitational
Surf Fishing Tournament*

May 11

*Hunt For Hardheads
Club Challenge*

June 9

*First Lynnhaven Fishing
Pier Tournament*

June 14/15

Cobia Tournament

June 29

Flounder Bowl



Togtastic!

Above: Beth Synowiec with the tog haul from her trip with Wes.

Below: Another very successful tog trip.



Recipe Corner

TOG TOTS

Capt Otis Ricks

Ingredients

Tog filets, cut into biscuit-size chunks

1 cup McCormick Seafood breading

2/3 cup water

Frying oil

Heat oil to 375. Combine breading and water into a thick, sticky batter. Evenly coat each tog "biscuit" and place in hot oil. Fry for 8 minutes. Serve with your favorite sauce. Enjoy!

News & Community

Lesner Bridge Replacement: Local government is proposing the replacement of Lesner Bridge. To find out more or voice your opinion, go online and visit:

<http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/sga/projects/pages/lesner-bridge.aspx>

Sponsors Needed to help support the club's fishing trip with children of incarcerated parents. Contact Bob Burstein with any leads you may have.

Coastguard Boating Safety: Vehicle safety checks and boating safety classes are available through the coastguard auxiliary. Get certified, so you don't get caught without the necessary paperwork and gear Contact Craig Huber at 828-6393 with questions or to sign up. Visit <http://www.safetyseal.net> to do a virtual safety check or request an inspection.

Science Under Sail

Aboard the Schooner Alliance

Select Wednesdays, 2-4PM

VIMS and Yorktown Sailing Charters LLC are partnering to teach about the Chesapeake Bay and its marine life from VIMS researchers during 2-hour afternoon cruises on the York River. Email rbadds@cox.net for ticket prices and information.

April 17: Fishes near and far

VIMS graduate student Kathryn Sobocinski will cast a net to see what's swimming beneath the Alliance. A "show and tell" of preserved fishes from places near and far will be shared by VIMS' Collections Manager Sarah Huber. You'll also learn how fish are preserved and catalogued.

May 1: Underwater Vehicles

Join VIMS researcher Rochelle Seitz for a hands-on look at remotely operated vehicles (ROVs), and see how scientists use this technology for environmental monitoring and restoration.

May 15: "Ghost" Pots in the Bay

Team up with marine researcher Kory Angstadt to learn how VIMS scientists and local watermen use sonar to locate derelict, "ghost" crab pots on the floor of Chesapeake Bay so they can be removed to protect marine life.

May 29: Drifters and Jellies

VIMS Professor Deb Steinberg will use zooplankton netted from the York River to discuss the wonderful variety of Bay "drifters" and the important role these creatures play in marine ecology and food webs.

Club Boat Sharing

share the ride, share the expense

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Please contact Victoria Jones to add or remove your name from this list.

Club Reminder

Annual dues for the Virginia Beach Anglers Club were due by April 1, 2013. If you have not renewed your membership for 2013, now is the time! As you may know your VBAC membership provides numerous and valuable benefits and activities including:

- Outgoing and friendly club members
- Monthly meeting and social event
- Crab Creek Boat Ramp clean up program
- Seaton House Youth Fishing Trip - Sept 22
- Guest speaker program
- Year long Prize Fish Competition
- Monthly Prize Fish Recognition
- Fish Roulette Competition
- Monthly newsletter
- Fall Oyster Roast - Oct 5
- Winter Awards Banquet
- Family Day Beach Party - July 28
- Sponsored competitions with other area fishing clubs

- Hunt for Hard Heads - May 11
- Club Challenge - August
- Toys for Tots Rock Fish Tournament - December
- Sponsored Outer Banks Surf Fishing Tournaments
- Ocracoke Invitational - May 1-5
- Hatteras Village Surf Fishing Tournament Sept 5-6
- Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament - October 9-12
- Cape Hatteras Anglers Surf Fishing Nov 5-9
- Sponsored New Jersey Surf Fishing Tournament
- Long Beach Island - September 28
- Fund Raising Tournaments: Cobia - June 15
- Rock Fish Rodeo - December
- Four Lynnhaven Pier Tournaments
- Club Charter Trips
- Rules and Regulations Updates
- Annual Christmas Party

It's not too late to get current with the club so you are eligible to participate in tournaments!

WANTED

Poster Designer

We are looking for a club member to design a poster for this summer's Lynnhaven Fishing Pier monthly tournaments. If you would like to help, please contact Jerry Hughes at jandmahughes@cox.net

Membership fees are **\$30** for individuals and families. Members must be current to be eligible to participate in tournaments. Pay at meetings or mail to VBAC, PO Box 8602 Virginia Beach, VA 23450

**DO
YOUR
DUES**



Thanks for serving!

Club members manning the VBAC table at the Great Bridge Fishing Flea Market. There was a great turnout!





VBAC MISSION & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Virginia Beach Anglers' Club 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 objectives are to:

- 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 fundraising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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