

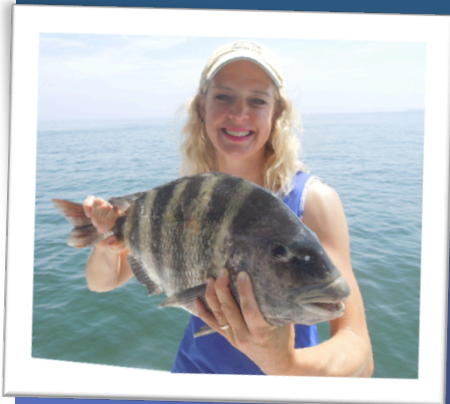
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Virginia Beach Anglers' Club

TIGHT LINES

August 2013



Sheep Run!

Fishing report by Beth Synowiec

We only had a few hours to investigate the sheep scene on Monday July

22, due to the VMRC finfish meeting scheduled for that evening. Kevin and I headed to the CBBT, along the pilings on the first island. We used bottom rigs rather than Carolina due to the current, Owner 3/0 all purpose hooks with beveled end and size 6 treble hooks (4x strength), and fiddler crab for bait.

We hoped for about 29 minutes and then all of the sudden - WHAM- my drag went nuts and so did my heart. I immediately knew what was on the other end of my line. A few minutes later, I had boated a **7 1/2 pound** sheepshead. The feeling of landing that fish was comparable to the adrenaline that a roller coaster junkie experiences on a thrilling ride, times three!

We hopped around to a few more locations and caught and released a few tautogs. And then about 2 hours later, right before the storm, my line went zip, zip, zipping again- this fish meant business! I could tell I had a nice one on the line, as it darted and ran and tried multiple times to break either me or my line. He lost, and I boated the feisty sheep that weighed in at over **9lbs.**

The sky began to get very dark around 12:30 and we made it back to the dock by about 1:00 pm. Not bad for a first trip of the sheepshead season!

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Events

Aug 1: Club Meeting at BOATER'S WAREHOUSE (550 First Colonial Rd),

Charter Capt. Kevin Bremer on off-shore marlin fishing

Adopt A Spot: September 7th, and November 2nd.

Aug 9-10: Catchin' for Kids Tournament

Aug 11: Lynnhaven Pier Tournament

Aug 15: Board Meeting

August 21 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Hampton Bass

Pro Shops: Deep Drop Anglers' Port

Meeting to discuss best handling practices when releasing fish, and learn about how anglers on other coasts are improving survival of angler-released fish. Email MKSmith@basspro.com to register.

September 5-6: Hatteras Village Surf Tournament

September 21: Club Oyster Roast!!



Calendar Contest:

Now accepting photo entries for the first annual VBAC calendar. The theme is *Seasons of the Chesapeake*. Submit a high-resolution photo to petefeds@gmail.com or bring a print to a meeting and see Pete Federico.



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

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Surf Fishing Report

By Robbie Parks It is fast approaching surf fishing tournament time. I have noted the tournaments, dates, balance due for lodging, and month balance is due. See me at the meeting or make arrangements to get your money in to the club.

Tournament	Date	Amt Due	Meeting
Hatteras Village	Sept 5-7	\$50.00	August
Nags Head	Oct 9-12	\$52.00	September
CHAC	Nov 6-9	\$103.00	October

If you get a chance get out there and try some surf fishing. I have fished Sandbridge, Lesner Bridge, and North End of beach. All small stuff: Croakers, spot, roundhead, skates, etc. I did hear of a 40-pound cobia being taken from the beach in Backbay Refuge. I have not caught a single bluefish from the beach or seen one caught as of now. The water is still pretty cool. Tight lines!

News & Community

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. VMRC FinFish Management Advisory Committee met July 22, 2013

Finfish Committee

We are sad to announce that Joe Palmer Jr. of Virginia Beach has passed away. We send our deepest sympathies out to his family and friends. **From the VMRC :** Governor Bob McDonnell today announced his appointment of A.J. Erskine of Kilmarnock and Dr. Ken Neill of Seaford to the board of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Mr. Erskine is a past-president of the Virginia Seafood Council and a scientist with a long record of success in the oyster aquaculture industry. Dr. Neill is a dentist who has achieved master angler status for his many accomplishments as a saltwater recreational angler. Their terms are for four years. They replace Associate Commissioners Carter Fox and Rick Robins, who each served

two four-year terms and, as a result, were ineligible for reappointment.

Dogfish was discussed and the possibility of transferring permits was mentioned. Questions about whether there should be a time frame extended if the transfers are allowed. Originally 102 permits existed, but after letters were sent out to various inactive permit holders, that number has been reduced to 82. Dogfish permits will be discussed at the next meeting.

Fishery violations in terms of sanctions were discussed and the staff of the VMRC is putting together a detailed report law enforcement package to be presented to the commissioner on August 20, 2013.

Due to lower reported catches as well as smaller size of spot and croaker (particularly in the inshore areas), a suggestion was made to place lower limits on these species.

As always, if you want to voice your opinion/concern about these or any issues related to finfish, please write or attend the next meeting (September-please see VMRC webpage for details).

Adopt-a-Spot Cleanup Crew

With the July 4th holiday just prior to our scheduled Adopt a Spot cleanup date, the beach and launch areas were in need of attention. Despite hot humid weather, we had 5 great volunteers come out to help get the boat ramp area back in shape. Thanks to all who participated!

Mark your calendars for the next Adopt a Spot cleanup on **Sept 7th**. These cleanup times are a great way to get to know other club members while earning participation credit. Not to mention, it helps keep our community looking great. See you then!!



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14th**

11 AUG 2013 | 8 SEPT 2013

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**CROAKER
FLOUNDER
SPOT**

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Tournament is open to all who wish to participate.
Sign up at the Lynnhaven Fishing Pier.

Rain or shine.

Fish must be: caught on pier during tournament times,
alive when brought to judging table,
of legal size

Winner in each species will be determined by length.

Tie breaker: winner is the angler who caught/measured their fish first.

Winners do not have to be present at 6 PM.

All prize money will be awarded*. If no entry in a species, prize money will be divided and awarded to the winner with largest entry in remaining species.

1 Species = \$150 to the winner
2 Species = \$75 each winner
3 Species = \$50 each winner

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For more information visit our websites:

www.facebook.com/LynnhavenFishingPier

www.lynnhavenpier.com/

www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org

* In the event no fish are scored, the winnings will be rolled to the next month.

Pier Tournament

Seventeen anglers signed up for the July 14th pier tournament. Lots of Spot, Roundhead, Bluefish, and Croakers were caught.

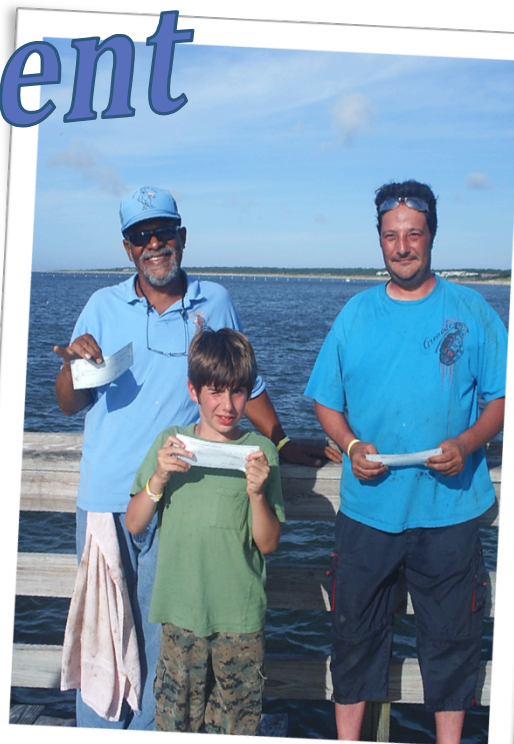
There were four winners, as follows:

Croaker : **Todd Petro** 9 1/4" \$50

Bluefish : **Alex Kavaglia** 11 3/4" \$50

Roundhead : **Rick Kodiak Crews** 12 1/4"
and **Baran O'Connor***

**Rick Made the decision to split his \$50 with the runner-up Baran O'Connor, whose roundhead was just short of his. Baran is one of VBAC's junior members!*



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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