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Virginia Beach Anglers' Club

TIGHT LINES

December 2013

Stripers on the Pole

Fishing report by Kelly Hoggard

I went fishing on Sunday December 1st for some stripers out by Plantation Light. Was great weather; light winds and sunny. The fish was 44 and 1/2" and 33.4 pounds. Was a fun fight and our first striper of the season.



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Events

December 5: General Elections, Christmas Party--If you will be bringing any children, please contact vbangersclub@yahoo.com with names & ages so we can pass the message on to Santa. **Please** bring a side-dish or dessert to share and a nonperishable donation (stuffing mix, mac & cheese, peanut butter, pancake mix, canned: fruits, vegetables, yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, etc) for the *Foundry United Methodist* holiday food drive for needy families.

December 6-7: Catchin' for Kids Rockfish Tournament- contact Larry Regula (757-472-7183) ASAP if you want to be entered to participate on a club-sponsored boat. At least \$5000 prize guaranteed!

December 13-14: VBAC Rockfish Rodeo Entry is \$100 per boat with at least \$1500 in cash and prizes guaranteed!(see pg 4 for more details)

Coming in 2014....

February 21 Club Banquet. This event recognizes the exceptional fishing accomplishments for the last year. However, attendance is not limited to those receiving awards and guests are also welcome. The cost is less than going out to dinner. The food is fabulous, the raffles are fun, and the company is outstanding. If you want to help with the banquet, have any new or gently used items to donate for the banquet raffles, or know of any businesses that might want to donate, please contact Coordinator Sue Smith by email: lil_suzy@msn.com or by phone at 757-340-8022.

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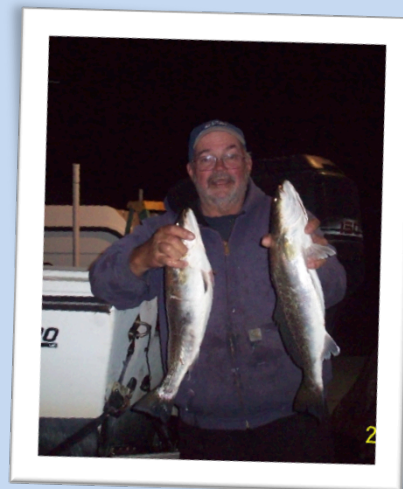
Please contact Victoria Jones to add or remove your name from this list.

Elizabeth River Update

Fishing report by Russell Willoughby

November 17:

Seven speckled trout, one citation....



Community Update

November 22- The VA Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament Advisory Committee voted to end part of the citation program. All levels of master angler past 1 have been eliminated for 2014. The system was set up so at each level (Master level 1, 2, 3 etc.), you had to catch 25 citations. Only one citation per species per year would count towards the 25 total. Also, to qualify for each level, you would have to have a certain number of different species. After getting level 1, you would need five more different species in your total count, level 2: 10 different species in the total count from level I and II. Then level 3: 15 different species from the total count of 75 citations from level 1, 2 and 3. Because there are only so many species, the levels end. It is my understanding that a level was given that was mathematically impossible so the committee decide to

eliminate the program instead of fixing the problem. Personally, I have used the program to set goal and push myself to fish for different species out of my comfort zone and to go fishing when I would want to same it is to cold, to hot, to calm, to windy, to sunny, to rainy or any other excuse. It is my understanding that not every committee member was in favor of this action, including Lewis Gillingham who is head of the citation program. Also it is my understanding that Lewis does not vote; only the committee members vote on it. If you are in favor of the different Master Level programs, I am asking you to contact Lewis at 757-491-5160 or vswft@mrc.virginia.gov and tell him you want the program back.

Thanks.

--Wes Blow

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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22nd ANNUAL

ROCKFISH RODEO & BLUEFISH ROUNDUP

December 13th and 14th, 2013



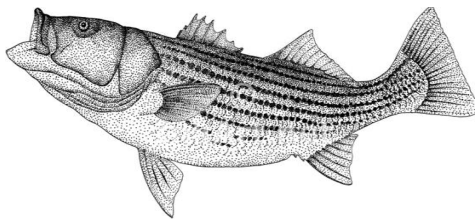
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Registration

Friday, December 13th, from 4:30- 6:00pm

Captain's Meeting

Friday, December 13th @ 6:00pm

Lines In

Following Captain's meeting

Weigh In

Saturday, December 14th from 3:00-4:00 pm

Awards and Party

Saturday, December 14th to follow at Max King's Marine, 3820
Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA

CASH & PRIZES

FINAL PRIZES BASED ON 50 ENTRIES*[\$1500.00 cash and prizes guaranteed]

FIRST PLACE worth \$2750.00 SECOND PLACE worth \$1500.00

THIRD PLACE worth \$750.00

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: MAX KING'S MARINE

3820 SHORE DRIVE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

ENTRY FORM

Entire form must be filled out to be eligible for any awards. Make checks payable to VBAC

Captain's Name _____ **Address** _____

City _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

Boat Name _____

Angler 1 _____ **Angler 2** _____

Angler 3 _____ **Angler 4** _____

Angler 5 _____ **Angler 6** _____

[Point of Contact: Larry Regula 757.472.7183]

ROCKFISH RODEO & BLUEFISH ROUNDUP RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The deadline for registration is Friday, December 13th at 6:00 pm
2. Virginia Beach Angler's Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler or vessel.
3. The entry fee is \$100.00 per boat; \$125.00 after December 1, 2013.
4. Captain's meeting and fish weigh in will be conducted at Tournament Headquarters (Max King's Marine)
5. The tournament Committee advises all participants to attend the Captain's Meeting to ensure they are aware of any rule changes or clarifications.
6. Prizes for Bluefish will be determined at Captain's meeting
7. At the Captain's meeting, the Tournament Committee will decide if Saturday is fishable. If Saturday is declared not fishable, the tournament will be rescheduled for Sunday.
8. Each boat entered in the Tournament will be eligible for only one prize.
9. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition.
10. A boat may not be replaced after entry deadline, unless broken down. A Tournament official must be notified of any changes before "lines in".
11. "Lines in" no earlier than the completion of the Captain's meeting on December 13, 2013.
12. All fish must be caught on hook and line.
13. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook and gaff marks.
14. Two or more boats congregating close enough to pass fish may be disqualified from the tournament.
15. Scales will open from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. All fish must be weighed by the official VBAC Tournament Weighmaster.
16. All fish must be weighed in at the Tournament headquarters no later than 4:00 PM.
17. Fish will be checked for freshness and are subject to inspection of stomach contents.
18. All protests must be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the weighing of the last fish.
19. Prizes will be awarded following the weigh in at **Max King's Marine, 3820 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA**
20. Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the longest fish will be declared the winner.
21. Winning anglers may be requested to submit to and successfully pass a polygraph test prior to being awarded a prize.
22. Boat registrant must be present to win, and positive identification is required for any and all prize awards.

The following statement must be read, signed and turned in with the entry form

I understand that, as Tournament captain, participant, or boat owner, I am responsible for my boat and occupants at all times. I have read and fully understand and agree to abide by all rules of the Virginia Beach Angler's Club Rockfish Rodeo & Bluefish Roundup. I hereby release the Virginia Beach Angler's Club Rockfish Rodeo, Max King's Marine, and their affiliates from any and all liability. I further understand that the decision to fish and participate in the Tournament is the responsibility of the registrant, captain and/or boat owner.

(Printed Name)

(Date)

(Signature)

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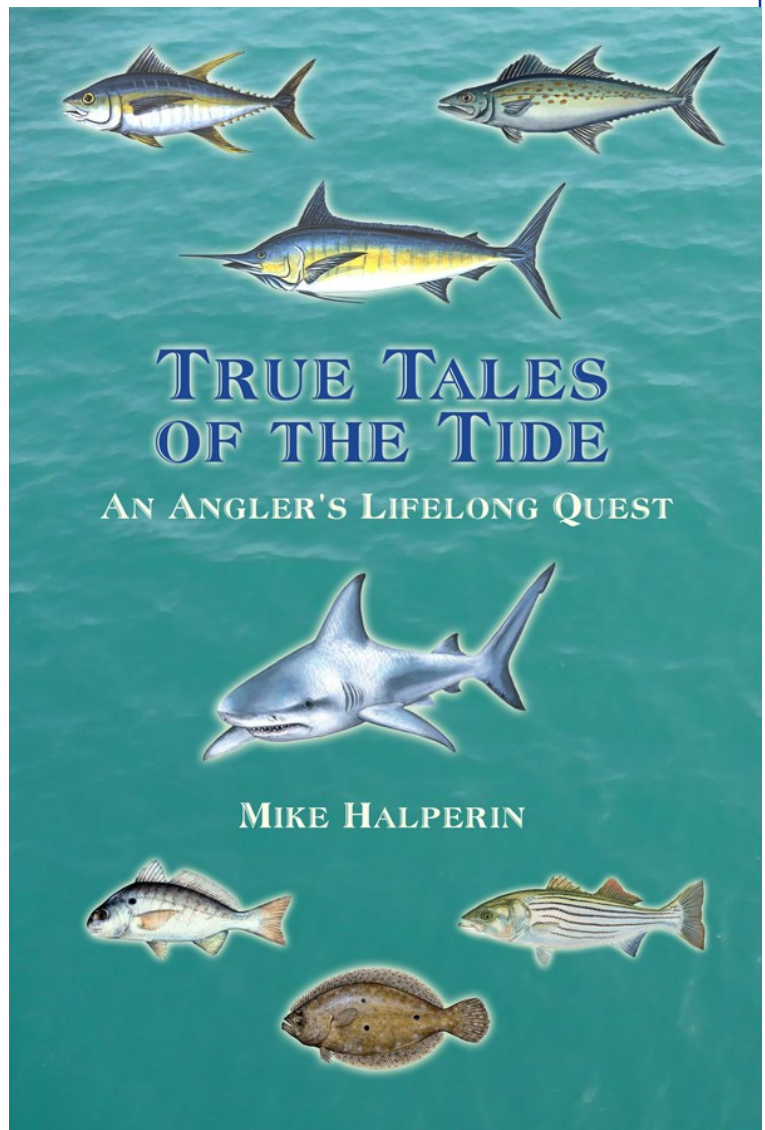
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