

Virginia Beach Anglers' Club

MGHULINES

February 2013

Droppin' Deep

Fishing Report by Beth Synowiec

I spoke to my good friend "Florida" Will and asked him if he wanted to venture off towards the Triangles in our boat for some deep dropping. He was delighted and offered his larger boat with radar so we could venture out even farther. So Capt "Florida" Will, Mike "da beem" D, Brandon "Big B", Kevin "Paper boy" Synowiec and me "Classic" headed out in search of some pullage. We drove 65 miles plus offshore to the wrecks. The trip started out quite foggy, but it lifted after we passed the Chesapeake Light Tower. By the time we got to location, we were already removing jackets because the weather was so incredibly nice, especially for January. We used mostly salted Boston mackerel & squid for bait, and the deep drop rigs were double dropper bottom rigs with a 1 1/2 inch to 2 inch loop with either a 5/0 I or circle hook, a sinker line that was about 8 to 10 inches, and 14 to 20 oz weights. Depth was 260 plus ft. The bite was almost immediate and lasted throughout the day, with the award for biggest fish going to Kevin, who bagged 4 citations himself: 2 sea bass (5 lb 12 oz & 6 lb 2 oz), and 2 blueline tiles (13 lb 6 oz and 17 lbs)! Kevin was absolutely bringing his best game; he was on fire out there! We hit the 5-person limit of sea bass, all quality size, ranging from 3 1/2 to more than 4lbs. We also managed 3 nice sized bluefish (28, 31 and 33"), and were back at the dock by 7:30 pm. Thank you, Capt Will and to the entire crew for an amazing day on the water!



SCORE!

Beth Synowiec shows off a 4lb 12 oz beauty!

ABOVE: Kevin Synowiec with a citation-worthy blue line tile **BELOW:** the haul from the Synowiec's deep drop trip.

Events

Upcoming Club Meetings
February 7 at 7:30pm

Lou Rajnys of Chumlord Fishing, will be speaking on catching sea bass.

Foundry United Methodist Church
2801 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Board Meeting: February 21

Adopt A Spot: 10am on March 2nd, May 4th, June 1st (clean the bay day), July 6th, September 7th, and November 2nd.

Annual Club Banquet
March 16, 2013 at 6:30pm

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on First Colonial Road.

Chef Jerry will be serving sliced steak, chicken & mushrooms, vegetables, roasted red potatoes, tossed salad, and rolls & butter.

Members are asked to bring a dessert. Cost is \$15 for members / \$20 for guests. See Sue Smith for tickets at the February and March meetings.







Clockwise from left: Kevin Synowiec and his seabass, Mike D., Brandon, Captain Will.





ADOPT A

On January 5th, volunteers from the Virginia Beach Anglers Club ventured out in 40 degree weather for the bimonthly cleanup of the Lynnhaven boat ramp. The area looked fantastic when completed, and the Virginia Beach boat ramp attendants greatly appreciated our club taking an active role in keeping the boat ramp clean. The next Adopt a Spot Cleanup will be March 2nd. Come help keep our community clean! Note: this service qualifies you to participate in club tournaments.



Surf Fishing Report

By Robbie Parks

It's hard to think of this as the time to be for the 2013 surf fishing preparing The first order of tournament season. business is the May Ocracoke tournament. Returning members are Butch Eason, Steve Wray, and Carl McCoy. We will be drawing names to fill out that team at the February 7th meeting. If you are interested in going and are a member in good standing (dues paid) and have helped out in *at least one* club activity in 2012, register by seeing me at the meeting or printing and mailing the registration form below to VBAC Attn: Robbie Parks • P.O. Box 860 • Virginia Beach, VA 23450

The \$60.00 tournament fee will be due at the March 7, 2013 meeting and the balance of the lodging will be due at the April 4, 2013

meeting. If you have any questions you can call me on my cell phone (435-4585).

At the March meeting, we will be drawing for the fall tournaments. Returning members are as follows: **Hatteras Village:** A) Carl McCoy, Doug Wehner, James Yandle B) Larry Regula, Butch Eason, Robbie Parks; **Long Beach Island:** A) Robbie Parks, Jerry Hughes, Doug Wehner B) Mark Wray, George Gabriel, Steve Wray; **Nags Head:** Doug Wehner, Carl McCoy, Kelly Hoggard; **CHAC (Buxton):** Mark Wray, Robbie Parks, Doug Wehner.

Finally, this is a great time of year to pull out the reels and service them and change lines if needed to be ready to go when the season starts. It is also a good idea to go through tackle boxes and clean them out. Repair, clean or discard any tackle that needs attention. Sharpening knives and hooks is not a bad idea either. Stay warm!

Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament Registration Form Name: ______ Phone: ______ I have a 4X4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger: yes no Returning: Butch Eason while I am representing VBAC in this tournament. Signature: ______ Date: ______

News & Community

2013 Club Roulette The 2013 Roulette is already underway. Contact George Gabriel to enter. The fee is \$20 per entrant, and the 2012 payout was \$108. Payout will vary depending on number of entrants. The five fish species for 2013 will be drawn at the March meeting.

Deep Drop Trip The club is organizing a February Deep drop trip on the Rudee Angler. Cost is estimated to be \$300 per person. Please contact Larry Regula as soon as possible if you are interested.

Tagging Program: If you are interested in participating in the fish-tagging program, contact Lewis Gillingham.

February 1-3: Saltwater Fishing Expo, \$10Hampton Convention Center (**NOT** the Community Center as stated in January letter)

February 8-10: Boat Show, \$8

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February 22 - March 10: Spring Fishing Classic Show and Sale at the Hampton Bass Pro Shops location.

March 9: Great Bridge Fishing Flea Market Open 8-3pm, \$3 or free for club volunteers working the table.

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





A 36" striper caught by **Jerry Hughes** on a Stretch 25 Chartreuse. Yum, rockfish bites!

Club Boat Sharing

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 Jack Guthrie
 757-647-4490

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

WANTED

Youth Fish Tales:

We would love to feature stories and photographs (if available) of your first or most memorable catch. Submit entries to Victoria Jones at club meetings or email to vmjones84@gmail.com

Raffle Items:

For the club banquet in March. If you have items to donate or know someone who does, please contact Sue Smith at lil suzy@msn.com or 757-340-8022

Legislative News

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/depart ments/sga/projects/pages/lesner-bridge.aspx

Finfish Update

Next Meeting: February 25

Topics: spiny dogfish, update on summer

flounder, fishing sanctions

The ASMFC approved the following options for flounder fishing, with no closed season:

- A) 16.5" minimum size, 4 fish limit
- **B)** 15.5" minimum size, 4 fish limit
- **C)** 16" minimum size, 4 fish limit
- **D)** 16.5" minimum size limit, 5 fish limit

Please express your opinions concerning the flounder regulations and other fishing issues by visiting the VRMC (4th floor conference room, usually 12:00 or after lunch), sending a detailed email to Mr. Rob O'Reilly (rob.o'reilly@mrc.virginia.gov), or writing a personal letter to:

VMRC Main Office 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor Newport News, VA 23607

Please include your name, address, phone, and e-mail address with your comments for the public record. Also keep in mind that although email is faster it is not always most reliable, thus a typed or written letter is encouraged.

-Beth Synowiec

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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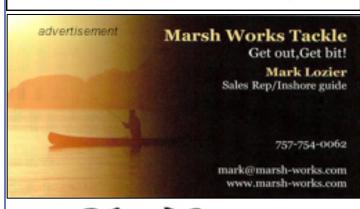
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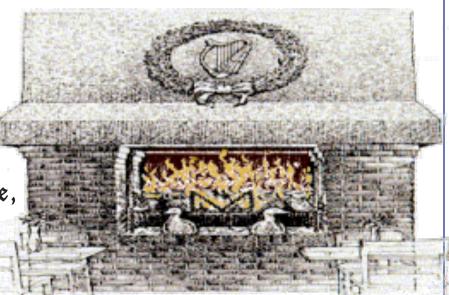
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