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Virginia Beach Anglers' Club

TIGHT LINES

January 2014

Rockfish Rodeo

Fishing report by Victoria Jones

The morning of the Rockfish Rodeo was cold and sunless as we set out from Vinings Marina on the Hoggard's Reel Classic with Captain Kelly at the helm. A few streaks of pink along the horizon indicated the rising of the sun, but not the temperature!

With wriggling eels on the hooks, we set to wrangling some rockfish. It wasn't long before the first fish hit, and Phil Fowler persuaded the monster 41 lb striper to join our crew... for dinner. Unfortunately, it seemed to be the only fish in the neighborhood, so when the rain began, we headed to the weigh-in at Max King's Marine. It soon became clear that Phil's fish was the only one coming to the party, and the Reel Classic won the tournament!



Events

January 2: Club Meeting Captain Skip Feller speaking on deep drop trips. The first annual **CLUB CALENDAR** will be available at this meeting. Ten dollars for this gorgeous piece of art!

February 15*: Club Banquet *NOTE DATE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER*

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.

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VBAC Holiday Meeting

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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