

August 2016



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Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, August 4th, 7:30pm.

<u>Where:</u> Foundry United Methodist Church. 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. In Virginia Beach next to Beach Ford.

<u>August Speaker:</u> This month will be a "Show Me, Don't Tell Me" meeting. The topics will be focused around surf fishing. Members will be presented a variety of information to learn more about of some surf fishing techniques including different tackle, species, and gear.

Lynnhaven Fishing Pier Results - July 10th

The summer fishing season is in full swing and so is our monthly Summer Pier Tournament. Club member Patty Searby took one of the prizes. Ken Leach and Robert Kent also performed well and grabbed one of the available prizes. Mario wasn't as lucky this month in the youth division. He was beat out by Noa, one of the family members who own the pier. Congratulations to our winners! There were 22 adult and 2 child entries for July. A total of 21 fish were measured for competition. The August competition will take place on August 14th. Please let Gary know if you are available to volunteer at the next meeting.

Adult Division Winners

Croaker – 8 1/4 in. – Patty Searby Bluefish – 11 1/4 in. – Robert Kent Roundhead – 10 3/4 in. – Ken Leach

(No Picture This Month)

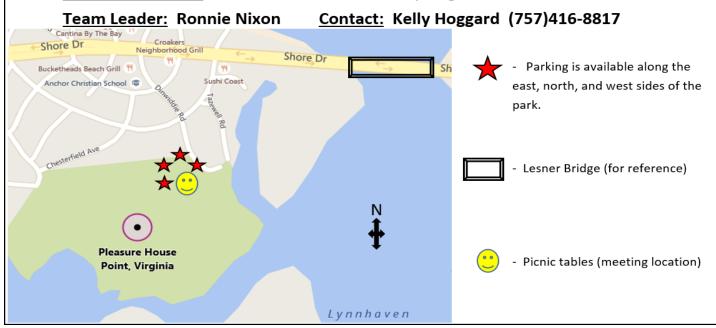
Kids Division Winner

Roundhead - 10 in. - Noa S.

VBAC Lynnhaven Crab Creek Clean-Up

Clean the Bay Day is **Saturday morning**, **August 14**th, **10:00-12:00**. **Free lunch** is always provided. Please come out and support a very special event run by our angler's club.

Meeting Location: Pleasure House Point Park, Virginia Beach.



VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB & LYNNHAVEN FISHING PIER

2016 SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENT



ADULT ENTRY FEE - \$20 CHILD ENTRY FEE - \$10



Entry fee includes admission to pier.

\$150 GUARANTEED ADULT PAYOUT \$50 PIER SHOP GIFT CERTIFICATE TO CHILD

8 AM to 4 PM

9 OCT weather permitting
SPECIES
CROAKER
BLUE FISH
SPOT

RULES

Tournament is open to all. Rain or shine.

Fish must be caught on the pier during Tournament times and alive when brought to the judging table.

Winner will be determined by length.

Ties will be determined by earliest entry time.

Winners do not have to be present at 4 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



Child's prize will be for largest fish caught that day from the three species. Please park in lot across the street from pier in parking slots 22 or greater.

Visit our websites for the latest updates to the Tournament: www.lynnhavenfishingpier.com virginiabeachanglersclub.org www.facebook.com/LynnhavenFishingPier

Surf Fishing Tournament Dues

Make sure that you've spoken with Robbie Parks about your dues for the fall surf fishing tournaments. All dues are required to be paid the meeting prior to the month of fishing. All dues for the September Hatteras Village Tournament are due at the August 4th meeting. The amount due is \$57.

Anglers Club Challenge

There has been an extreme lack of interest to fish this year's anglers club challenge. The club will not be fielding a team and but will still make a donation to the organization. The club has scheduled a clean-up on that date and asks that you take time to go down to Lynnhaven on Saturday morning for an hour and help clean up our local waterways and marshes.

Recent Boating Accident

Bob Stuhlman recently received some burns in a boating accident. Bob is in good spirits at this time. If you haven't already heard or spoken with him, feel free to call him and offer your thoughts or prayers while he is healing.

SAFMC Cobia Amendment Scoping Meetings

The South Atlantic Marine
Fisheries Commission is meeting
with anglers across the regions
affected by this year's closures
and regulation changes. There is a
lot to discuss and it is important
that all anglers provide their input
and be heard. There are two
meetings within distance of our
region.

August 9th, 2016, 6:00 PM Hilton Virginia Beach 3001 Atlantic Avenue Virginia Beach, VA 23451 757-213-3001

August 11, 2016, 6:00 PM Hilton Garden Inn 5353 North Virginia Dare Trail Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 252-261-1290

Meeting Presenters and Topics

Tommy Farmer – Speaking about how to get the most out of your equipment on the beach.

Doug Wehner – Flounder fishing from the surf.

Jerry Hughes – Mullet rig fishing for bluefish and others.

Steve Wray – Fishing for roundhead.

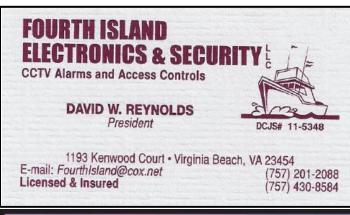
Robbie Parks – Other general surf fishing knowledge and equipment requirements to fish.

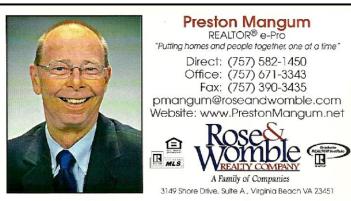
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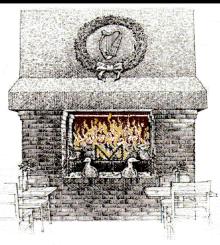
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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2016

(Updated June 2nd)

<u>Species</u> <u>Current Leader</u> <u>Weight</u>

Saltwater:

Croaker No Entry

Puppy Drum No Entry

Roundhead Butch Eason 1lb. 00oz.

Freshwater:

Crappie Steve Harding 2lb. 07oz.
Sunfish Ike Eisenhower 2lb. 04oz.

To All Participants! A reminder that this is a yearlong fishing contest. Please remember, all puppy drum weighed must be of legal slot size length when the weight is recorded. If you have any questions, call Chris at 737-1115.

Catch-A-Ride

BOAT

Howard Anchors (724) 822-4933

Jon Calhoun (757) 377-3360

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450

Jeremy Maguire (757) 407-0493

Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851

Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282

Bob Stuhlman (757) 374-7372

CREW

Pete Federico (908) 887-3113

Jack Guthrie (757) 647-4490

Ronnie Hillin (757) 848-3535

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

Participation Needed!

Listed below are many of the committees and their respective captain (or co-captains) that represent each committee. All of these hard working club members need help fulfilling their goals for the events that are planned during the year. No matter your current role in the club, everyone is encouraged to help in any way possible. There are no special skill requirements needed... It just requires a little bit of time and input. Take an active part in the club and help make a difference in our community.

Thank you all for your consideration - VBAC Officers and Directors

2015 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

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Chair - R	onnie Nixon
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Chair - Je	rry Mariano
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Chair - Ch	ris Schneider
Chair - B	Butch Eason
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Co. Chair - I	Beth Synoweic



VBAC Fishing Contest!

Our new Monthly Fishing Contest is open to all club members in good standing. One fish is selected by the tournament committee prior to the month of competition. The largest fish by weight will determine the winner and must be submitted via the standard VBAC fish entry form. The form is available on our website. Eligible anglers compete for a monthly prize of \$30. All entries must be received by the start of the next general membership meeting in order to qualify. The contest requires the fish to be weighed on a certified scale. A photo and short story or caption are required as part of the contest rules. There is no minimum size limit except for the fish to meet state regulation requirements (i.e. No flounder less than 16 inches). Submissions to the newsletter can be sent to our club email address: VBAnglersclub@gmail.com

August: FLOUNDER
July: CROAKER – NO ENTRY

June: Rick Hoggard - 61 lb. Cobia





Fishing Reports for July Surf Fishing Report by Kelly Hoggard

Myself and a couple of anglers club members have frequently been down at the Oceanfront of Virginia Beach to give it a try in the evenings throughout July. There have been good numbers of roundhead and bluefish in the evenings. A few small pompano, croaker and spot have been in the mix as well as a few sharks. The bite has been best around 6:30pm through 9:30pm. When the light seems almost gone is when the bigger roundhead have been moving into the shallow surf. Look to fish the holes at low tide or the sandy bars or channels at high tide. If you happen to run into the large schools of grey trout, you need to move to a new location because there seems to be nothing else feeding around them. There have been schools of mullet and menhaden moving into the surf and I've heard of some bigger bluefish and a couple of Spanish caught by the locals underneath the baitfish. My best rig so far has been the smaller sea mullet rigs with the sea circle hooks and small corks to keep the baits elevated. Holding the rod isn't always the norm but it is definitely suggested once the sun sets because you can feel the fish bite and the larger fish will often move your sinker and try to unhook themselves before you can get the line tight. I've found that the bigger roundhead are biting hooks with squid. Use a small piece of white fish bite of any flavor with the netting to keep the squid on the hook. The smaller fish will eat you up and take the squid pretty quickly if it is baited alone. The mullet rigs and bait bugs used with strips or chunks of mullet have been producing some better bluefish, but the 1-3 foot sharks have been finding those rigs very regularly. I'm making plans to be down there on Tuesday evening. Give me a call if you want to go.

Fishing Reports

48th Street Oceanfront on July 20th - Kelly Hoggard

I've been sticking to some shore fishing for much of July. The fishing has been great between 44th and 48th street on the oceanfront. Today I managed over a dozen blues with one topping 18.5" and more than 30 roundhead. Most were between 8-10 inches but I did manage 4 fish today between 12-13". A few croaker and even a nice spot mixed in. Everything is eating purple squid and white fish bite combo. I fished starting about 6:45 pm and they were still biting at 9:00 pm after most of the light was gone. Got to watch the fireworks and full moon rise too, which was a great bonus. I caught the largest roundhead of my career that measured in at 13 7/8 inches and is pictured below. I thought it was a shark!





More than Cobia On the Line – Kelly Hoggard

Ronnie Hillin and myself went out to get him a cobia early in July. The weather was tough with a stiff SW breeze at about 15kts. The current was running almost 3 kts during the outgoing tide and three hours of croaker fishing produced no bait. We decided to set up with the chunks of menhaden that was available. A short time after we started to fish, one of the rods was bumped out of the rod holder and fell overboard. It was a very nice jigging rod won at the December meeting in the grand prize raffle. After being unable to fish it off the bottom, we went ahead and fished as usual. Once the boat started to turn, we repositioned lines. One rod was reeled up hooked to a nice looking jigging rod, suspiciously the same as the one lost about an hour earlier. How lucky was that? After fishing for a couple of hours, we finally had that cobia bite! The cobia swam straight to the surface off the bait positioned on the top of the water. After a short fight, Ronnie got him in the boat. It wasn't a very big cobia, measuring at 31 inches but was a lot of fun to see one after such a long day with little to show to that point. We ran out bait and chum and called it a

day shortly after. I've been doing tagging for VIMS this year and this turns out to be the first fish I've managed to take a picture of after tagging. Great day on the water and looking forward to more the remainder of this year.



Additional Fishing Captures



July 7: Dr. Ike was out with some fishing buddies. Still finding those flounder.



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July 31: David Reynolds happened across a cobia while Spanish Mackerel fishing this weekend. Lucky catch!



July 19: Doug Wehner was after a tarpon but hooked this shark. Not exactly what I was after, but at 75", it was fun and didn't bite through the leader! I thought it might have been a Bull Shark, but Mark at Chris' B&T thinks it was a Finetooth Shark. Lots of Fun



July 7: Rob Stommel was reeling in a shark and this nice 47" cobia happened to be on the line instead.

July 13: Jerry Mariano was doing some fishing up in New York earlier this month. This largemouth bass was among the fish who weren't shy of a camera.

VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the VBAC 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:

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 fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

2016 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Larry Regula

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