



June 2016



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### Monthly Meeting:

**When:** Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.

**Where:** Foundry United Methodist Church. 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. In Virginia Beach next to Beach Ford.

**July Speaker:** July features Sam Sellard. Sam will be speaking about wreck fishing for flounder. Sam is the president of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Anglers Club. In his 8 years living in Virginia, Sam has accumulated both VA Expert and Master Angler Awards in the state of Virginia and is a five-time Angler of the Year in the ES VA Anglers Club. Come out and learn the techniques used for grabbing some large flounder off local wrecks.

## Lynnhaven Fishing Pier Results – June 12<sup>th</sup>

The start of the summer fishing season is upon us and so is our monthly Summer Pier Tournament. Club member Patty Searby took all the prize money in the adult's division. Last year, the youth division was dominated by Mario and he appears to be the one to beat this year too. Congratulations to our winners! There were 14 total participants and 9 club members who came out to help. Looking forward to our next tournament on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let Gary know if you are available to volunteer at the next meeting.

### Adult Division Winners

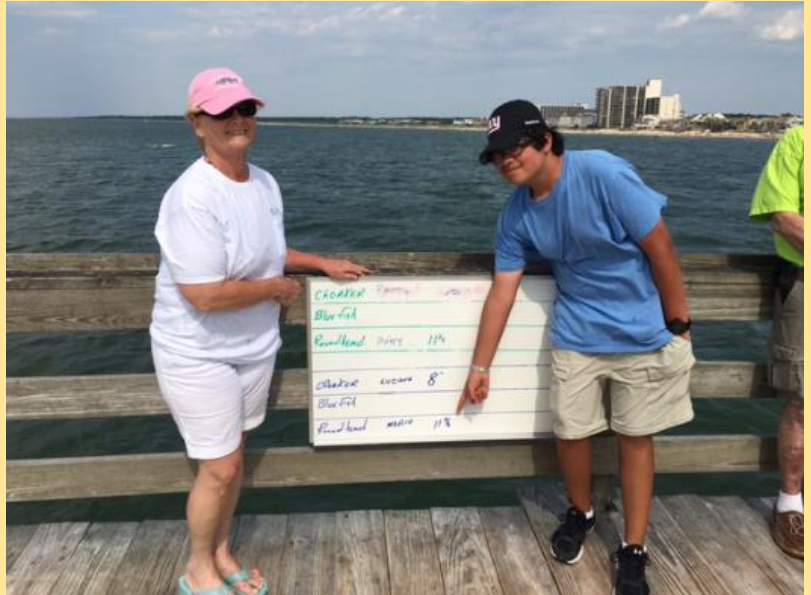
**Croaker – 10 in. – Patty Searby**

**Bluefish – No Entry**

**Roundhead – 11 & 3/8 in. – Patty Searby**

### Kids Division Winner

**Roundhead – 10 & 1/8 in. - Mario K.**



## Seton Youth Fishing Day – June 25<sup>th</sup>

The Seton Youth Fishing Trip was held on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. The day started out overcast with a stiff breeze but by noon the sun came out and the wind dropped somewhat. The children and their mentors were able to get out on the Judith Ann for the half day fishing excursion. There were quite a few fish caught, mostly croakers and a few grey trout. When everyone returned, Chef Jerry Mariano and his cooking crew put out a wonderful meal, followed by awards and raffle prizes. Every child won something. I think they all had a great time! I would like to thank all the club members who came out to help. Without their support, we never would have been able to provide the quality of outing that we had.

Thanks again.

Bob Burstein



## VBAC 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Cobia Classic – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

There were 15 boats that registered and fished this year's Cobia tournament held this past Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Capt. George Trice aboard his boat 'Souwester Sport Fishing', out of Poquoson, with his mate Treat Graham took first place with a 55# 8oz Cobia. While it certainly is a nice fish, worthy of the \$1,000.00 first place prize, it so happens that it was the only fish weighed in on Saturday. But wait, the story gets better! George and Treat were sight fishing and early in the day landed a 51" fish. Because of this year's rules that limit the number of cobia over 50" per boat to 1, in a very gutsy move, they released that fish, and were later rewarded with the 55# 8oz fish they ultimately weighed in. All in all, the boys reported that they hooked and landed a total of 8 fish that day, before starting the hour plus run across the bay to Long Pointe Bay Tackle shop for the weigh in. I'm sure these guys will be back again next year, so club members better be prepared to bring your 'A' game, if you plan to be competitive!

Great job George and Treat.  
Congratulations!



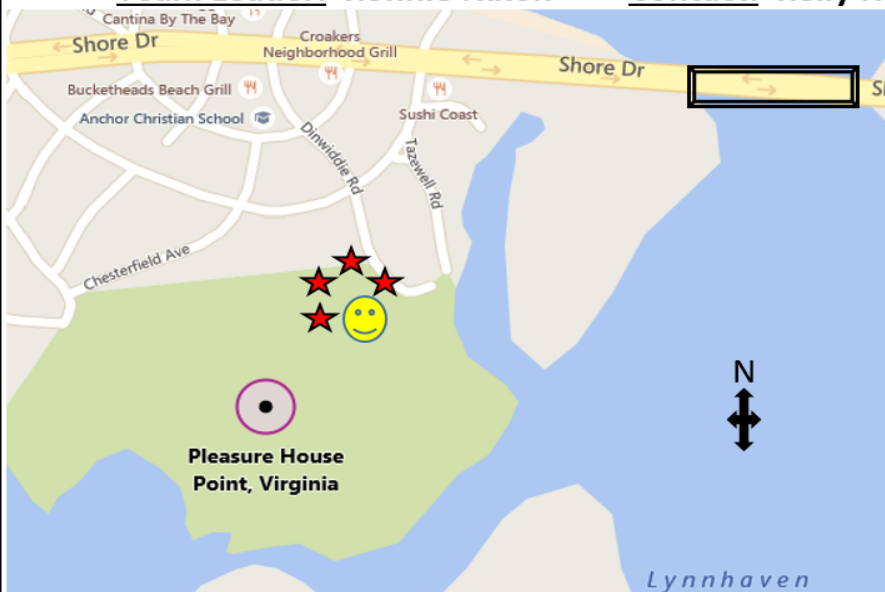
## VBAC Lynnhaven Crab Creek Clean-Up

Clean the Bay Day is **Saturday morning July 9<sup>th</sup> from 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.**

**Team Leader: Ronnie Nixon      Contact: Kelly Hoggard (757)416-8817**



- Parking is available along the east, north, and west sides of the park.



- Lesner Bridge (for reference)



- Picnic tables (meeting location)

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## RULES

Tournament is open to all.  
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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.

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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.  
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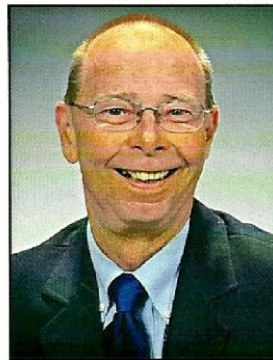
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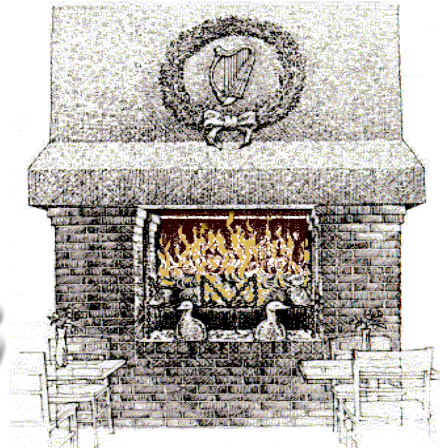
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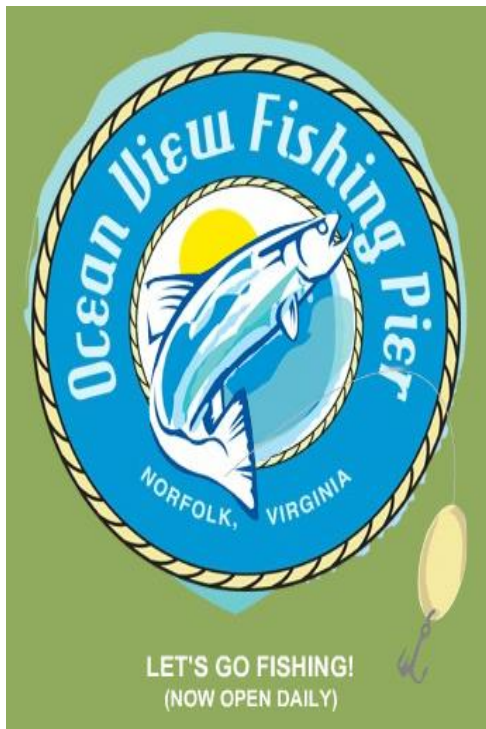
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-Craig Huber

## Boater Safety Requirement

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a [boating safety education compliance requirement](#). This requirement was phased in over the last several years and on July 1, 2016, all operators of PWCs (Personal Watercraft such as jet skis, Sea Dos, Wave Runners) and operators of Motorboats with a 10 hp or greater motor, will be required to have a boating safety education course completion card on board when operating a PWC or Motorboat.

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Credit: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/>

**As of July 1, 2015, all PWC operators age 14 and older and motorboat operators 50 and younger must complete a boating safety course. Beginning July 1, 2016, all PWC operators age 14 and older and all motorboat operators regardless of age need to take a boating safety course.**

**PWC Age Restriction: No person under the age of 14 may operate a PWC. Those operators 14 and 15 MUST show proof of completing an approved and accepted boating safety course either in a classroom or online. The challenge exam or other provisions of the Education Compliance Requirement do not meet the requirements of the age restriction law.**



Virginia Department of  
Game and Inland Fisheries



# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2016

(Updated June 2<sup>nd</sup>)

| <u>Species</u>            | <u>Current Leader</u> | <u>Weight</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b><u>Saltwater:</u></b>  |                       |               |
| Croaker                   | No Entry              |               |
| Puppy Drum                | No Entry              |               |
| Roundhead                 | Butch Eason           | 1lb. 00oz.    |
| <b><u>Freshwater:</u></b> |                       |               |
| 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.

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## 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:

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Boat Show:                  | <b>Chair – Russell Willoughby</b> |
| Calendar:                   | <b>Chair – Bob Burstein</b>       |
| Crab Creek Clean-Up:        | <b>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>       |
| Great Bridge Flea Market:   | <b>Chair – Preston Mangum</b>     |
| VBAC Flea Market:           | <b>Bob Stuhlman</b>               |
|                             | <b>Bob Burstein</b>               |
| Banquet/Oyster Roast:       | <b>Chair – Jerry Mariano</b>      |
| Seton Youth:                | <b>Chair – Bob Burstein</b>       |
| Raffles:                    | <b>Chair – Preston Mangum</b>     |
| Audit Committee:            | <b>Chair – Mike Anderson</b>      |
| Surf Tournaments:           | <b>Chair – Robbie Parks</b>       |
| Club Tournaments:           | <b>Chair – George Gabriel</b>     |
|                             | <b>Co. Chair – Bob Burstein</b>   |
| Lynnhaven Pier Tournaments: | <b>Chair – Gary Doerhoff</b>      |
|                             | <b>Co. Chair - NEEDED</b>         |
| Newsletter:                 | <b>Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>      |
| Prize Fish:                 | <b>Chair – Chris Schneider</b>    |
| Nomination Committee:       | <b>Chair – Butch Eason</b>        |
|                             | <b>Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>  |
|                             | <b>Co. Chair – Beth Synoweic</b>  |

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*Saturday, October 22, 2016*

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## 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

July: **CROAKER**

June: **COBIA – Rick Hoggard – 61lb. Cobia**

May: **Robbie Parks – 1 lb. 09 oz. Bluefish**

April: **Kevin Synowiec – 19 lb. 06 oz. Tautog**



## VBAC Fishing Contest June Entries

### Father's Day

I couldn't resist the desire to go fishing after waking up to calm conditions on Sunday. The weekend blow had subsided and my dad called me around 1:30 to confirm a plan. We didn't manage to leave the dock until around 4:30 in the afternoon. Less than 20 minutes into our chumming setup, the first line goes off. One of my live croakers is picked up and immediately the fish runs to the bow and around the anchor line. After an extensive fight that includes the anchor line, motor, chum bag, and another line, we finally got the fish into the boat after about 35 minutes of fighting her. We saw two other fish while fighting the first but decided to call it a day after less than an hour of fishing. The final measures tallied at 61 pounds and 59 inches. It has been many years but I've been working hard to pay back my dad for all the recent trips he hasn't caught one. It turned out to be a very special Father's Day with no expectations of how the day might have played out. This cobia season has been pretty successful and this one has topped it off for sure.  
-Kelly Hoggard



## VBAC Fishing Contest June Entries

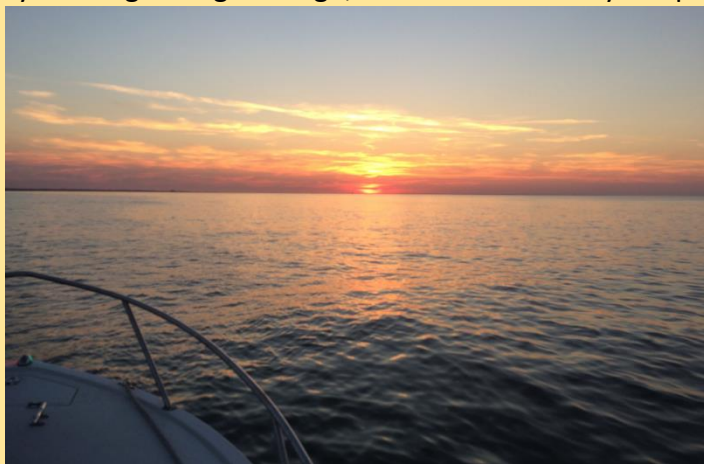
### Stommel Brothers

When attending the Virginia Beach Anglers Club awards banquet in March, my brother John and I took a shot on the raffle for a cobia trip with FINAO Sportfishing Charters. Much to my surprise, I ended up the winner! I want to thank the club for the opportunity to fish with such an experienced and hardworking crew headed by Captain Austin Hayne. The day proved to be a real blast. Ended up nailing two nice cobia by the way of sight casting. John's fish was the larger of the two we brought home. It measured 54 inches. My fish ended up measuring 49 inches. It was indeed a thrill to see him enjoy catching a cobia so much. Best to all the members! - Rob Stommel



### Fun Afternoon Trip

Rob Stommel and myself went out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June to get in on the early season action. We fished close to the bridge expecting plenty of small fish. We fought many smaller sharks and a ton of large Cow Nose Rays. They were by far the biggest I had ever see them, some of them weight well over 100 pounds with 4-5 foot wingspans. It was a challenge just to get them close enough to the boat to cut the leader. We did end up hooking this nice cobia as my first of the season. This nice little 42 inch fish made a great dinner. The weather has been good on the days I have had off and have been on the water enough to know what time the currents are turning over. The key this year for me has been my live baits. Make sure you bring enough though; the sharks will eat you up.



### Four Play

I took out fellow Virginia Beach Anglers Club members Jerry Hughes and Victor Minak on June 30<sup>th</sup> to try and top my dad's biggest for the month. Because of the time the tide turned, we decided to meet at the dock around 10:30. After catching bait, we set up on the fishing grounds around 12:00 in the afternoon. There was a pretty good outbound current but it had just started slacking. About a dozen sharks into the setup, I was having a difficult time keeping more than 2 or 3 lines wet at a time. Jerry's first cobia (43") grabbed one of the live baits. Before we could even get this fish into the boat, a second fish hits and runs away from the boat. Victor's fish, nearly 100 yards out, was easy to identify as a big cobia when it first surfaced. After a short time playing with it and a near miss with the chum bucket, we had two cobia on the deck without even putting the second fish away. Victor's fish measured 52 inches. Over the next 30 minutes, we had 2 more cobia on and were both boated, but shorter than the first two (37" and 42"). 90 minutes on the water and 4 cobia is a pretty good ratio. We stayed long enough to use the rest of the live baits but no more takers. When we returned to the dock, it was easy to tell we had two male fish after weighing them. Both were lighter than normal for their lengths. The smaller weighed in at 24# and the larger at 36#. I later learned that the sight fishing boat near me was Captain Austin Hayne, and he had pulled a 58# female out of the tail end of my chum slick and at about the same time that we were catching ours. It is likely the fish that the two larger males we caught were following. Another great day on the water. -Kelly Hoggard



Dr. Ike went fishing for cobia with Russell Willoughby and Jerry Hughes on Wednesday, 6/29 in Russell's 21 foot Mako. The day began early as we were trying to make the beginning of the turnover from incoming to outgoing currents but mechanical complications on the boat had us out at the 9ft shoal area bayside right after the current turned. It was choppy with winds NW 10-12 mph most of the day which made it tricky to keep from being thrown out of the boat at times. We had chum bags out on top and bottom and proceeded to catch one shark, cownose ray or clearnose skate after another for hours. Finally, as the current started to slow down, my rod went off and I started fighting what I at first thought was a shark with it making a fast long run. Then it made a lot of head shakes until I got it closer to the boat when we could finally see it was a cobia, my first this year. When he saw the boat, he made another strong run and started to circle the boat. We managed to keep him from crossing out other lines which was amazing considering he went around us a couple of times before I was able to get him near enough for Jerry to net him. This cobia measured out 43 inches and 28.5 lbs. A nice size fish to eat. Unfortunately, this cobia was the only one we caught or hooked up for the day. We stayed until about an hour after the incoming tide started and didn't get anything but critters. Nevertheless, we made several meals out of this fish. Blessings. -Dr Ike.



## Fishing Reports

### Three Shellcrackers Citations in Lake Prince



Citation shell crackers (aka sunfish) that I caught on Russell Willoughby's boat with him at Lake Prince are in the pic. The one on the right was 2 lb. 4 oz., and the one on the left was 1 lb. 14 oz. but obviously longer. Russell had caught a 1 lb. 4 oz. shell cracker early in the day but unfortunately we didn't get a pic of it. Those that I caught were at the last stop of the day around 3:00 pm. Russell's was caught at the first stop of the day around 8:00 am. Otherwise it was all small shell crackers and bluegills throughout the day. I did catch one bluegill that weighed 12 oz. at Ocean's East Bait and Tackle

where we weighed all the fish. It was a hot day but nice breeze most of the day. We decided to stop in the shade for the last casts to stay out of the sun and as soon as my bait hit the bottom the 1 lb. 14 oz. shell cracker was on. At first I thought it was a catfish or striper as it gave me a fit trying to get it to the surface. But as soon as it got to the surface we knew it was a shell cracker. I netted it and after unhooking, weighing it and taking a picture I thought maybe there are more and put the baited jig back in the same place so I put my bait down again in the same place and instantly I had the bigger one on. Again my ultralight rig was almost completely bent over as I fought it to the surface. While this 2 lb. 4 oz. fish was shorter it was obviously fatter girth wise, likely a female. I still can't believe how big they were, since I've never seen shell crackers so big. Both were caught on red wigglers on a naked jig using my ultralight spinning rig Shimano rod/Abu Garcia reel. In all this was another great day of fishing the lake with Russell. If I don't watch it he'll start charging me charter fees. LOL. Blessings. -Dr. Ike

### Red Drum Frenzy

I went fishing with Henry Troutner and wife Mary on their boat along with Russell Willoughby and Ned Smith to the Nautilus Shoals area near Fisherman's Island for red drum yesterday. Fishing began around 3:30 using blue crab halves and in no time Henry and I picked up a couple of fish on the incoming current. Henry Troutner's first drum was caught on his Penn Battle 4000 rig which with only 20 pound line so he had to fight the fish for 20 minutes to get it to the net. But after those two no bites were had other than Mary's fighting a southern ray until around 8:30 when the current shifted to outgoing and then the bite was on! All four rods went down and we had a fishing frenzy going on. Ned and Russell and Mary each brought a fish to the boat but mine wrapped around the rudder and I had to cut the line. But shortly after re-rigging I had another one on, a 45 inch one, the biggest of the night. I ended up with hooking one more but that one pulled the hook after a few minutes. In all 8 red drum between 40-45 inch long were caught by us and released healthy and we left them still biting. It was a wild finish to a great trip. Blessings. -Dr. Ike



# 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.

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