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Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, December 7th, 6:30pm.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church, 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach next to Beach Ford.

December Meeting: The December meeting always features our annual Christmas Social. Please bring a dish to share with all your fellow club members. The meeting will have minimal business to discuss except for our 2018 elections.

Surf Fishing Report: 2017 Year End Summary

Our teams represented the club very well this year. Overall we finished in the top third in almost all of the tournaments. Listed here are the tournaments, fish scored, points, finishing place and who gets to return this year.

Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

4 fish	9 points	21 st place	(80 +/- teams)
Returning: Steve Wray 2/3	Jerry Hughes 1/4	Butch Eason 1/2	

Hatteras Village Civic Assoc. Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

"A" 5 fish	10 points	21 st place	(68 teams)
Returning: Butch Eason 4/8	Russell Willoughby 1/2		

"B" 0 fish 0 points Tied for Last

Returning: (2 determined by surf fishing committee; 4 drawn from pot)

Long Beach Island Fishing Club Surf Fishing Tournament

"A" 3 fish	24.00 points	16 th place	(46 teams)
Returning: Kelly Hoggard 1/1	Jerry Hughes 1/11	Doug Wehner 1/12.00	

"B" 5 fish 51.25 points 6th place

Returning: Patty Searby 2/28.25 Bob Stuhlman 1/11.50 John Germanos 1/11.50

Note: [PATTY SEARBY was high woman's scorer for the Tournament](#)

Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

2 fish	8 points	place	(80 +/- teams)
Returning: Jim Wisenberg 1/6	Doug Wehner 1/2	(4 drawn from pot)	

Cape Hatteras Angler's Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

13 fish	49 points	37 th place	(120 teams)
Returning: Robbie Parks 4/26	Russell Willoughby 4/16	Jim Wisenberg 2/3	

Thanks to all of you who participated on the teams in 2017!

We will be drawing the names for the 2018 Ocracoke Team at the February club meeting and the names for the fall tournaments at the March club meeting. Registration forms will be in the upcoming newsletters and I will have forms at the meetings.

Tight Lines!!

- Robbie Parks

Virginia Beach Angler's Club

December Crappie Tournament

Lake Smith Shore or Boat

December 9th, 2017



Entry Fee: \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per child under 16

Registration: Early by email or phone or December 9th at the ramp

Location: Lake Smith

Lines In: 8:00 AM

Weigh-in Time: 3:30 PM until 4:15 PM

Prize paid on the heaviest single fish

\$150 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize, 2nd Place Prize Guaranteed \$75.00

Prizes can increase based on the number of entrants.

Early Entry: Phone or email entry name(s) and number of anglers to: Preston Mangum (Tournament Director) 757-582-1450 or PMangum@RoseandWomble.com.

Foundry United Methodist Church

There are multiple opportunities to give back to the church this time of year. They have their annual Christmas tree sale in the front side of the church facing Virginia Beach Blvd. The church also feeds the homeless and local families year-round and could use the extra supplies right now in time for Christmas. If you have any non-perishable food items, they could surely use some to feed those in need. Donations can be left on the food shelves in our meeting area.

VBAC December Elections

The club will hold their annual elections this Thursday at the annual Christmas Social. Please take time to vote when the ballots are handed out. There is a slightly new election process starting this year but the same number of individuals will be voted on. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the board members at the December meeting.

Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive!

Sea Tow Hampton Roads and the local angler clubs will be collecting toys this year for the "Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive". We will be collecting new and un-giftwrapped toys. Last year we were able to collect over 800 toys due to the Angler Clubs tremendous participation. The only thing we are asking of club members is to bring a toy to your monthly Angler's Club meeting in the months of October, November and December. Sea Tow Hampton Roads will attend your meeting and collect the toys. If for some reason you are not able to make the monthly meetings, you can visit www.facebook.com/SeaTowHamptonRoads for locations where drop off boxes are available.

In December, we will invite all the area clubs to our office for hot apple cider, donuts & pizza and we will stuff the Sea Tow Boat with toys that we have collected. The Marines from Toys for Tots come to the Sea Tow office and receive the toys. We would like to get a group shot of all clubs surrounding the Sea Tow boat stuffed with toys. This date will be determined when the time gets closer.

Every little bit helps and will make someone's holiday a little brighter. Thank-you again for your support. If you have any questions, you may contact Ed or Karen Schrader at 757-496-1999.

2016: <http://www.13newsnow.com/news/marines-collect-boat-load-of-toys-for-needy-kids/369577642>



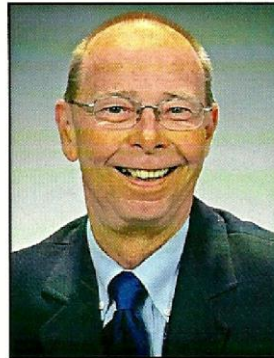
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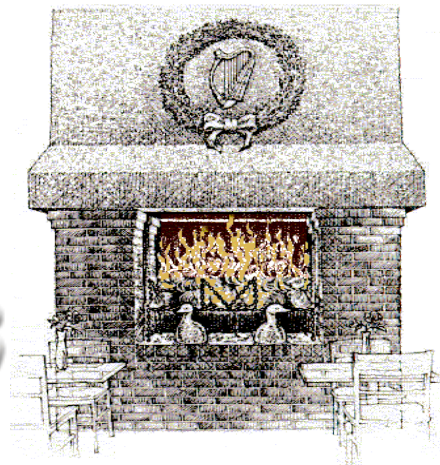
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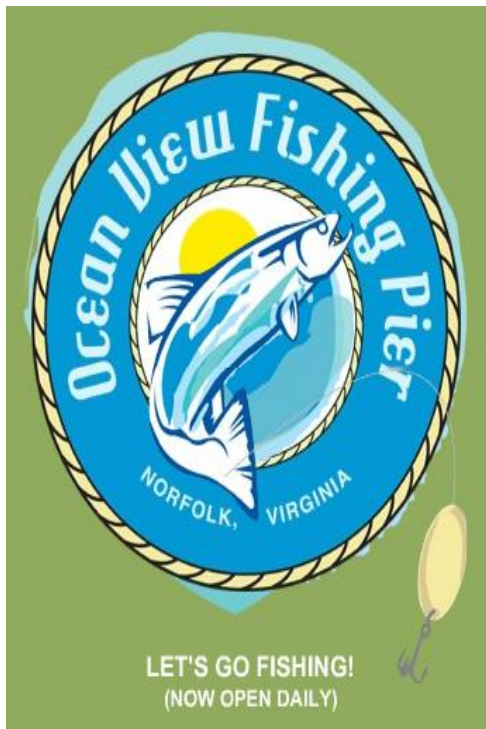
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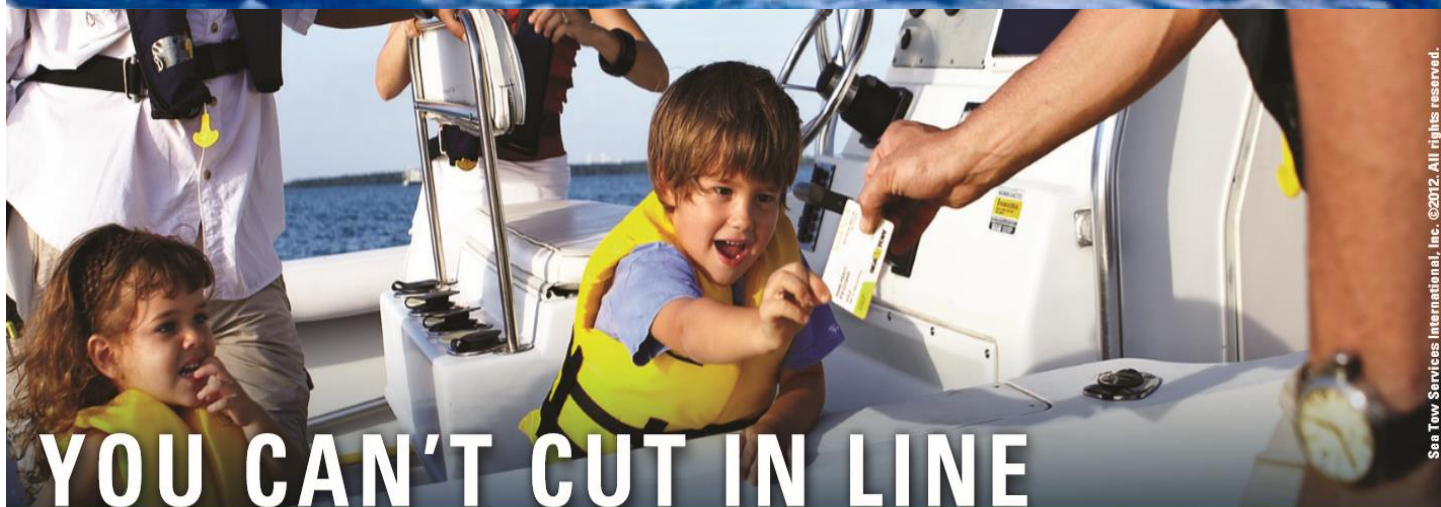
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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017

Updated: October 15th

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Saltwater:</u>		
Cobia	David Smith	56 lb. 00 oz.
Croaker	David Reynolds	1 lb. 03 oz.
Speckled Trout	David Smith	4 lb. 08 oz.

Freshwater:

Blue Catfish	Bob Stuhlman	48 lb. 00 oz.
Sunfish	Russell Willoughby	1 lb. 11 oz.

Heaviest fish wins! The VBAC Roulette is eligible through the entire calendar year of 2017. Entries should be submitted via the club fishing contest entry form to the prize fish committee. You can mail your entry to the club if needed.

Catch-A-Ride

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Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

Gerald Segelstrom (724) 809-7868

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

2017 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

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

Conservation and Regulations

Provided by various individuals, conservation organizations, and regulation commissions.

Menhaden - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC): The ASMFC recently voted on menhaden catch quota along the east coast for coming years. There were more than 100,000 submissions to decrease catch quota, but rather, the total quota was increased nearly 20%. One good benefit that came from the most recent vote was the reduction of the Chesapeake Bay quota by 41%. It is a win for our region but overall impacts need to be monitored as the fish hopefully recovers here.

Marine Sportfish Collection Project: The Marine Sportfish Collection Project is a data collection project that comes primarily from recreational anglers. There are a variety of ice chest style freezers around some of the area tackle shops and marinas. After fileting the fish, you place the carcass into a garbage bag and fill out an informational card to be placed in the bag with the fish. You can view more about the project by going to the provided link. [Virginia Recreational Assessment Program](#)

VIMS – Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program(VGFTP): The VGFTP was created in 1995. The program allows for your average recreational angler to tag and release fish to hopefully be caught in the future by other anglers and provide data analysis on the fish you caught. Fish targeted include Cobia, Spadefish, Sheepshead, Red Drum, Flounder, and more. There are some basic requirements and space is limited. 2018 signups will run through December 10th, 2017. You can learn more about the program or sign up by contacting Susanna Musick, SUSANNA@VIMS.EDU.

Monthly Fishing Contest

Much like last year, the club will be featuring a **Fish of the Month** competition open to all members. One fish will be designated each month as the 'fish of the month'. The longest fish measured in that species for the month will win a \$30 prize from the club. The competition runs from March to December for 2017.

Competition Rules:

- The competition is based on the fish's total length. (There is no minimum length requirement to win.)
- Your fish must have a photo with its verified length visible in the picture via a ruler or tape measure behind or next to the fish. (Please note: Take multiple pictures so you can have one of the fish's length and one of you holding your prize winning catch!)
- You must submit the photo(s) along with a short caption or story about your fishing experience for the newsletter.
- The fish must meet the general requirements of the club prize fishing contest and be turned into the prize fish committee.

December:

Striped Bass

Winner: Go Catch One!

Fishing Reports

Fishing on the Piankatank River – Melanie Bayford

I went fishing by myself on the Piankatank River on Sunday, 11/26/17. I decided it best to try a new area. I took four fishing rods and had only three of them out when a big catfish started screaming out some line! He tried to take the line to some cypress knees in the water, then went under the anchor rope and under the boat twice before finding the net. Since he was a 20lb Channel Catfish, I decided to keep for a weight citation. I had to wait until Monday to get it weighed due to the availability of a scale here on Sunday evening in Gloucester. 16 lbs 12 oz was the weight the next day. It was a lot of fun and an exciting fight.



David Smith Speckled Trout – David Smith (Left Picture)

David recently hooked this healthy looking speckled trout. It was big enough to take over the Roulette for 2017. It weighed in at a healthy 4 lb, 8 oz.



Surf Fishing in Wilmington – Kelly Hoggard (Right Picture)

I went down to visit my mom while celebrating my birthday weekend. The weather was fairly nice except for some fog coming in off the water. I walked around a while and ran into a local gentlemen on the sound side who caught a nice keeper flounder with some live finger mullet. The finger mullet were as thick as bee's, some schooling in as little as 6" of water while being chased by the bluefish. I borrowed his cast net and had about two dozen for myself and set up on the inside of the breakwater on the ocean side of Masonboro Inlet. The tide was low when I got there and coming in the entire time. Managed a few nice hits on the live mullet with 2/0 circle hooks. All big bluefish between 14" and 18". They made a nice dinner and I look forward to doing some more surf fishing on the other side of winter.

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.

2017 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Larry Regula

First Vice President: George Gabriel

Second Vice President: Bob Stuhlman

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Kelly Hoggard

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