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### Monthly Meeting:

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

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

<u>May Speaker:</u> The summer season is on! July features Mark Lozier to speak about inshore and shallow water flounder fishing. Mark is owner and operator of First Landing Kayak Fishing Services and is an excellent guide in the local inlets. He also works at Ocean's East Bait and Tackle, keeping up to date on daily fishing reports.

# June VBAC/Lynnhaven Pier Tournament Results – June 11th

The annual summer pier tournament is up and running. June featured a month of good participation with a variety of anglers and fish to make the ruler. It was a wonderful summer day with great weather. Gary would like to thank all participants who either fished or assisted with

club duties on the pier that Sunday. A reminder that the next pier tournament is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Gary has had good participation with volunteers in the morning but needs additional volunteers to help in the afternoons. Please come out and support this event. Don't forget that all volunteers are allowed to fish

the pier for free during the tournament.

#### **Adult Division Winners**

Croaker – 10 in. – Chris Allen

Bluefish – 10 & 1/4 in. – Jose Torres

Roundhead – 11 & 1/2 in. – Jose Torres

**Kids Division Winner** 

Roundhead - 10 & 3/8 in. - Jeremy Wilkins Jr.





## Seton Youth Fishing Day: RESCHEDULED – Saturday, August 19th

The annual Seton Youth Fishing Day was rescheduled due to weather. The trip has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a huge event for our angler's club each year and we need lots of club volunteers to participate and make it successful. All volunteers need to be at the parking area in front of the Ocean View Fishing Pier by 10:30am. A total of about 20-25 volunteers are needed to help the kids on the boat. Most of the participants, including some mentors have never been fishing before. It is very important we have enough volunteers to help with all the kids. Call Kelly Hoggard at (757) 416-8817 to enlist your services on the boat.



## **VBAC Boat Fishing Trip Aboard the Ocean Pearl – June 14th**

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club sponsored a fishing trip aboard Steve Wray's Ocean Pearl with mate Cheryl Johnson. The members who came out included Ronny Hillin, Dave Anderson, Victor Minak, Ken Copenhaver, Rob Stommel, Marshall Weathers, and Ike Eisenhower. While the trip was originally scheduled as a tautog trip in April, weather had postponed and rescheduled the trip multiple times. Spadefish was on the menu today and that's what we targeted. We launched from Long Bay Point at 6:00am as the water was a little choppy but it settled down as we traveled first to the third island. No luck was to be had there and the decision was made to head out to the Anglo-African wreck. While normally productive, neither site had any fish to offer. We finally decided to set-up on the ocean side of the 4<sup>th</sup> island. Our 1/O hooks were set up on fluorocarbon, some with bobbers and some without. Action was hot and heavy early. We ended with a 9 man limit of spades, mostly measuring around 5 pounds. Marshall also managed a pair of triggerfish and seemed to be the hot hand during the fishing. We left them biting at around 1pm and headed on in. It was a great day with the guys and we had a lot of fun. Thanks to the anglers club for setting up the trip and thanks to Kelly for coordinating everyone.

Blessings,

Ike Eisenhower





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### **New VBAC Hats!**

The club has taken time to look into our future hat and t-shirt purchases and has gone ahead and ordered new summer hats! They, and the t-shirts ordered in late spring will be available for purchase at the July meeting. The club has multiple colors available of our new model hats and shirts for you to purchase. Make sure you bring a few extra bucks Thursday and look good the rest of the summer in your stylish new hat!

## **Additional Meeting Information**

At the conclusion of the July meeting, the club will have hotdogs, snacks, and drinks for all who come out to the meeting. Save a little space at dinner for your hotdog. August will feature our annual ice cream social. Those who appear at the August meeting will get their sweet tooth on with a scoop of ice cream and toppings.

## **Fishing Reports**

Make sure that you take time to send in a fishing report and any related pictures that you can to the newsletter editor directly or the club gmail account. When you do catch a fish of larger size, make sure you measure and weigh your fish so it qualifies for our annual fishing competition. Each month also features a fish of the month competition which requires a submission to the newsletter to qualify.

# VBAC Lynnhaven Crab Creek Clean-Up

Our Next monthly clean-up is Saturday morning, July 8th from 10:00-12:00.

Free lunch is always provided. Come out and support a very special event run by our angler's club.

Meeting Location: Pleasure House Point Park, in Virginia Beach, next to the Brock Center

Team Leader: Ronnie Nixon

Contact for Information: Ronnie Nixon: (757)536-6264, Kelly Hoggard: (757)416-8817



# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB LYNNHAVEN FISHING PIER

# 2017 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

11 JUN	9 JUL	13 AUG	10 SEP	8 OCT weather permitting
SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES
CROAKER ROUNDHEAD BLUE FISH	CROAKER ROUNDHEAD BLUEFISH	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT	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.

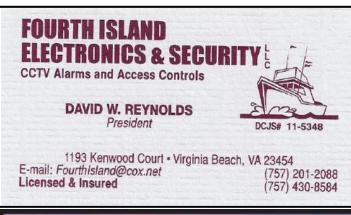
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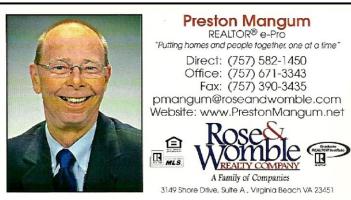
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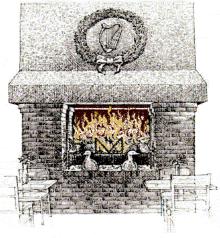
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# **VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017**

**Updated: April 1st** 

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

Saltwater:

**Cobia** None

**Croaker** None

**Speckled Trout** lke Eisenhower 3 lb. 4 oz.

**Freshwater:** 

Blue Catfish Bob Stuhlman 48 lb. 00 oz.

**Sunfish** None

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

### **BOAT**

Howard Anchors (724) 822-4933

**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

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	
Newsletter:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard	
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.

**Cobia Gaffing Prohibition and VMRC:** At the June 24<sup>th</sup> VMRC meeting, a group of anglers attempted to change the gaffing prohibition during the public comment section of the latest meeting. There was no support of the group by the commission. The group argued their opinions but nothing seemed to matter. The commission will presumably address the matter again next year if we even have a cobia season.

**South Atlantic Marine Fisheries Commission:** SAMFC had their summer meetings in mid-June in Florida. A big thanks to Will Bransom and Billy Gorham to make the attempt and represent the region on matters regarding cobia. The emergency action that was deemed reasonable by the committee in a previous committee meeting went unheard, and actions going forward include the likelihood of MAFMC taking over cobia management. This could be very troubling and could lead to a complete closure of the cobia season if quota and limits remain constant.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC): MAFMC is in the process of gathering data regarding a chub (tinker) mackerel fishery. Right now, the fishery is only a by-catch fishery that boats will harvest mackerel while trying to find schools of squid. The total value of the fish is currently about \$0.15 to \$0.25 per pound. At millions of pounds, they could decimate the most reliable food chain for a variety of migratory species including tuna, billfish, sailfish, etc. This is a process that will likely continue and be voted on in the fall of 2018. There will be time before then to submit comments and our anglers club will stay informed on the topic.

**VIMS – Cobia Related Research:** There are four major categories of research underway in the Chesapeake Bay regarding our cobia population. For those interesting in participating in the cobia studies this summer, you can contact Susanna Musick at VIMS by emailing susanna@vims.edu

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) NEWS RELEASE: Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Data Workshop Scheduled for September 26-29, 2017 in Arlington, VA. This workshop is designed to start the process of determining the next striped bass benchmark stock assessment. The assessment will evaluate the condition of Atlantic Striped Bass stocks from Maine to North Carolina and inform management of those stocks. The workshop will review all available data sources for Atlantic Striped Bass and identify data sets that will be incorporated in the stock assessment. The workshop is open to the public, with the exception of discussions of confidential data, when the public will be asked to leave the room. For data sets to be considered at the workshop, data must be sent in with accompanying methods description to Dr. Katie Drew (kdrew@asmfc.org) by September 1, 2017. Data sources include but are not limited to, data on recreational and commercial landing and discards, catch per unit effort, biological samples, and life history information. All available data will be reviewed and vetted by members of the atlantic striped bass stock assessment subcommittee for possible use in the assessment. For more information, please go to the following link: http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/594ae1b7pr27AtlStripedBassDataWorkshop.pdf

## **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. (<u>Please note:</u> 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.

April: Crappie Winner: Larry Regula
May: Red Drum Winner: Ike Eisenhower

June: Cobia Winner: Find out on Thursday

July: Flounder Winner: Possibly You!

Go out and catch some fish!

## **Fishing Reports**

#### **Opening Day Cobia Fishing:**

Ronny Hillin and I gave his boat a good run going out to the CBBT to try for a cobia on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We stopped outside of little creek for some croakers but there were a lot of spot and trout to fish through to

find them. After a run to the grounds, we set up for a cobia and were in the sharks thick all morning. a few hundred yards from the boat after the reels were nearly spooled. No sight of any cobia that day. There was a good run on one of the rods as the tide was still strong. It didn't fight like a shark or cobia so it

rods as the tide was still strong. It didn't fight like a shark or cobia so it was a little unknown until we saw it clearly behind the boat. This lovely 41" red drum was a good catch for Ronny. The fight was fun and it was an all in all good day. Hoping to get out again soon this summer.

-Kelly Hoggard

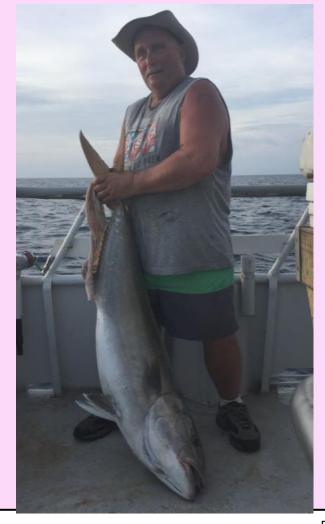


### **VBAC Members Fish the Keys:**

A couple of our anglers regularly make a trip down to the Keys each year to participate in a 3-day trip aboard the Yankee Capts. The boat specializes in bottom fishing while staying away from the dock for the entire fishing trip duration. This trip featured club members Bob Stuhlman, Jerry Mariano, and Ray Sherman. They enjoyed a variety of catches including amberjack, grouper and snapper. A variety of









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### Jerry Hughes went Cobia Fishing:

Jerry Has been busy catching cobia in June. He was 4/4 for cobia that included a 41, 42, 48, 50" cobias. This 50" caught while fishing with Marshall Weathers made for some good cobia bites.



**Spadefishing CBBT:** Got invited to go spade fishing with Ronny Hillin yesterday (7/3). We headed out at 6:00am and went straight to the CBBT. We were first to anchor up. Clam chum and the baits were out earlier and were soon catching one after another big spadefish from 19-21 inches. At times, we had double hookups. Great fighting fish. The one in my picture ended up going all around the boat and ripping off line, entangling three or four others and caused a huge mess. We got him howerever. The biggest weight in at about 7.5 pounds and was 21 inches long. Finished the day around noon and kept our limit of 8 after catching about a dozen. Thanks for the great catches and great fishing trip Ronny! - Ike





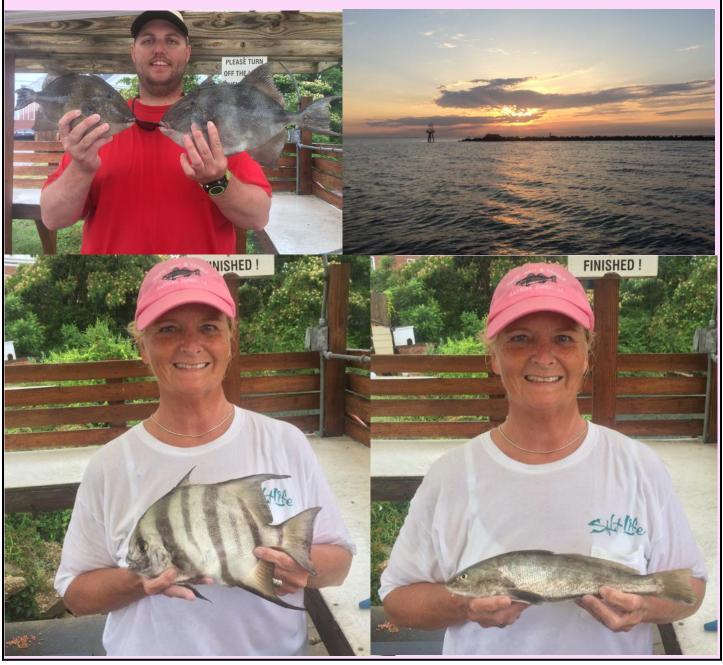
#### **Cobia Fishing:**

Bob Stuhlman got this nice 49" cobia while sight fishing down off Sandbridge in early June. The fish weighed in at 35 pounds and made for a fun day on the water.



#### Spadefish and Cobia Trip June 17<sup>th</sup>:

The winds were a little higher than expected on a Saturday morning. Bait was hard to find but after about an hour, we had enough to give it a go. Went down and anchored in front of the Ocean Pearl at the 4<sup>th</sup> island. Putting a few spadefish baits out and chum but over the course of two hours, had no bites. The squid baits attracted a little bit of everything, including a pair of grey triggerfish for myself. The weather calmed and the tide was slowing down, so we headed over to the cobia grounds and set up for about an hour. Only one cownose and a couple of rays. The storms came in pretty strong and we decided to hide under the bridge while the lightning was pounding the water around us. Patty managed a nice 13.5" roundhead between the pilings. We anchored back up at the 4<sup>th</sup> and managed one spadefish and called it a day before the next round of storms. Thanks to Ronnie Hillin for having us out that day. Turned out to be a lot of fun even though the fish weren't cooperating.



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### **Red Drum Fishing:**

Rob Stommel and Jay Graber went out together on a Tuesday morning in early June to try for a red drum. After fishing for bait unsuccessfully for about an hour, they moved to the east side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> island, where we stopped to try for a cobia. Fishing eels and lures, jay had a fish on in minutes. After netting the big red, we had another on. Both were oversized and released back to the sea. On the eastern shore, we tried for some flounder and managed one nice one and a few roundheads. Great day on the water with Jay.

-Rob Stommel



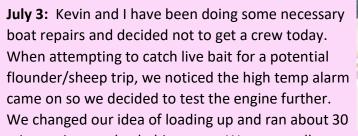
**Doug Wehner:** Went out fishing for some roundhead while prepping for a day with the scouts. Managed about 20 roundhead/kingfish for the group. They were all good eating size and fun to catch!



**Beth and Kevin on the CBBT:** June 15 – Kevin shows up in the early afternoon and says 7 magical and awesome words, do you want to go sheepshead fishing? & of course, I said yes! I threw some stuff on the boat and we hit the bay. Not a bad day at all for the time out there and even managed 2 birthday

citations. Good bite today on fiddler crabs.





minutes just to check things out. We eventually went fishing after the alarm seemed not to come back.



We had a great bite of tautog, tagging 22 of the 24 fish released. As for the huge tub of fiddlers, by mid day, we ran out of bait and luckily, had enough bait left to score 3 sheepshead, including a great 24 incher that we decided to release in honor of Independence day. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> everyone!

# **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

<u>First Vice President</u>: George Gabriel

Second Vice President: Bob Stuhlman

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Kelly Hoggard

#### **Board of Directors:**

**Bob Burstein** 

**Gary Doerhoff** 

**Butch Eason** 

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