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### Monthly Meeting:

**When:** Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30pm.

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

**March Speaker:** March features Craig Irwin with Sea Change Sportfishing. Craig will be speaking about Tautog fishing. These critters can be difficult to catch if you're new to the game, but Craig will help make it easy for you.



## Mid Atlantic Boat Show – February 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

The Mid Atlantic Boat Show was again held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. This year, the floor was packed with new boats to tour. The area clubs were fortunate enough to be near the front entrance and allow for a good opportunity for viewing. There were a lot of volunteers and Russell Willoughby wishes to thank all who participated to help the club over the weekend.



### VBAC Banquet

Congratulations to all the award winners. A full summary with pictures of the banquet will be in the April Newsletter.

## Club Sponsored Tautog Fishing Trip – Open to All Members

Due to the financial success of our October 2016 Flea Market and the 2017 Calendar sales, the Board of Directors of your club have decided to subsidize a fishing trip for members. We are planning a tautog fishing trip onboard Capt. Steve Wray's Ocean Pearl for Saturday, April 1, 2017. The club will pay for half of the \$800.00 charter cost, and the members fishing that day will pay the balance plus a tip for the mate. We can accommodate up to 8 members, therefore the cost per member will be \$50.00 plus a \$20.00 tip for a total of \$70.00.

At the March General Membership meeting on 3/2/2017, we will randomly draw the participants for the trip from those who have registered by that day. In order to qualify to participate in the drawing, a member must be in good standing (2017 dues paid and on the 2016 participation list) and submitted their name plus a check payable to VBAC for \$70.00. Anyone who registered and is not selected will have their check returned. If your name is drawn, and **FOR ANY REASON** you cannot make the trip, your funds will be forfeited unless an alternate drawn at the meeting can replace you.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Burstein directly: (267) 994-7423

## **REGISTRATION FORMS for DRAWING POSITIONS 2017 SURF FISHING TEAMS**

We have six teams fishing in four fall tournaments. All positions for the fall 2016 teams will be filled and the alternates ranked from a drawing at the **March 2, 2017** business meeting. The positions for the Ocracoke tournament were drawn at the February business meeting. You must be a member of VBAC in good standing (dues paid) and have participated in supporting the club in at least one club activity in 2016 to be eligible to have your name drawn or return as a returning team member (new members are exempt from the previous year's activity requirement). A registration form is required for **EACH** tournament you wish to apply for, I will have forms at the March 2, 2017 meeting, or you can mail in your form to the addresses below, or you can fill out the form in the news letter and bring it to the meeting. They must be turned in by 7:30 p.m. that night. You do not have to be present to have your name drawn. You will need access to surf fishing equipment, make travel arrangements, meet your share of the team lodging and any additional team expenses

**FEES:** \$60 **per tournament** that you are a team member of (except Long Beach Island) is due at the April 6, 2017 business meeting and the balance of lodging for each tournament due at the monthly meeting prior to the tournament.

### **OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2017**

- 1.) *Hatteras Village Civic Association*      *September 7-9, 2017*  
Team A: 3 positions:      (Returning: Jerry Hughes, Robbie Parks, and David Reynolds)  
Team B: 3 positions:      (Returning: Cheryl Johnson, Mark Wray, and Steve Wray)
  
- 2.) *Long Beach Island Fishing Club*      *September 22-23, 2017*  
Team A: 3 positions:      (Returning: Kelly Hoggard, Greg Wehneer and Doug Wehner)  
Team B: 4 positions:      (Returning: Mike Anderson, and Larry Regula )
  
- 3.) *Nags Head Surf Fishing Club*      *October 4-7, 2017*  
0 positions:      (Returning: Whole 2016 Team – 2016 tournament cancelled)
  
- 4.) *Cape Hatteras Angler's Club*      *November 1-5 2017*  
3 positions:      (Returning: Doug Wehner, Bob Stuhlman, and Russell Willoughby)

Cut out and bring to March 2, 2017 meeting   -or-   Mail to: Robbie Parks c/o Surf   -or-   VBAC Surf Committee  
467 Barcelona Lane      P.O. Box 8602  
Va Beach, VA 23452      Va Beach, VA 23450

**Registration form: Hatteras Village Tournament.****Sept 7-10, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
I have a 4x4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger if needed: yes no  
I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration form: Long Beach Island Fishing Club.****Sept 22-23, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

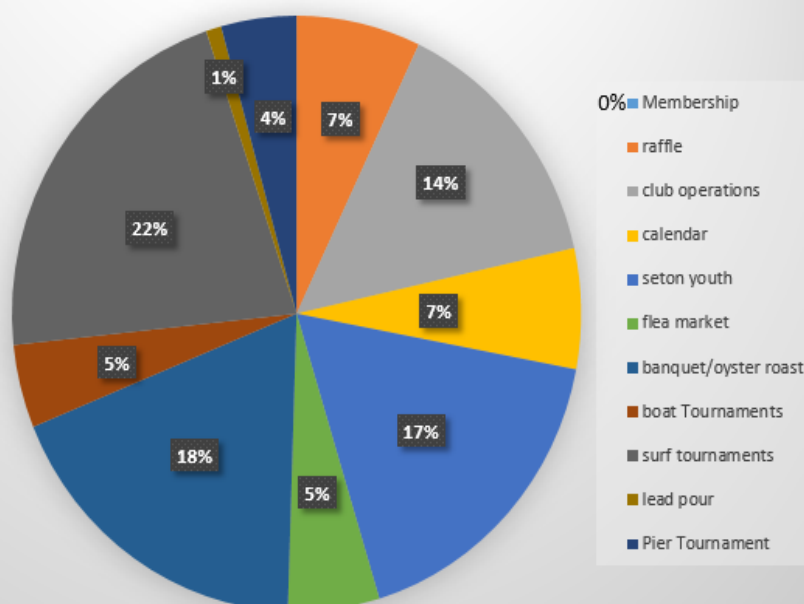
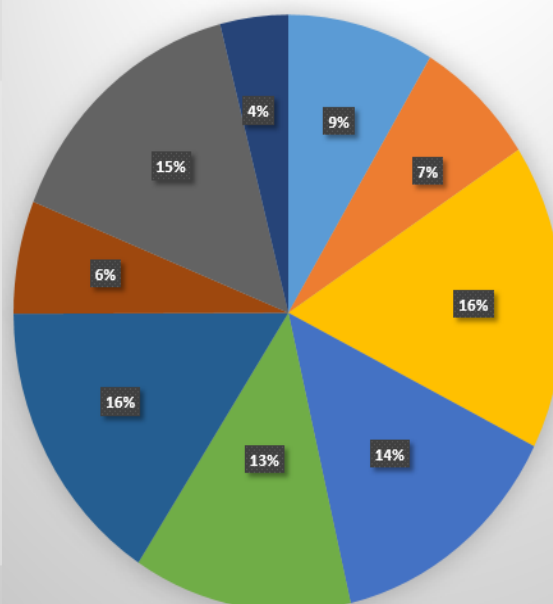
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration form: Cape Hatteras Angler's Club Tournament****Nov 1-5, 2017**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
I have a 4 x 4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger if needed: yes no  
I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In an effort to provide some insights for our membership regarding the expenses of our club and where that money comes from we have prepared 2 pie charts for you. The first shows by percentage the sources of revenue that support you and all club activities. The second shows by percentage those club functions and obligations our revenues fund. Interestingly, club dues only account for 9% of our revenue stream. Also worth noting is the diversity of club functions funded by our revenue. If you missed on any of these benefits make sure you join in on the fun in 2017.

**Expenditures of \$22K****Receipts of \$26K**



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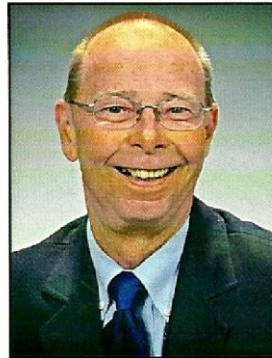
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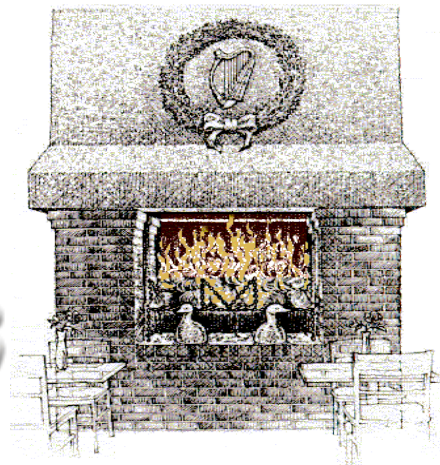
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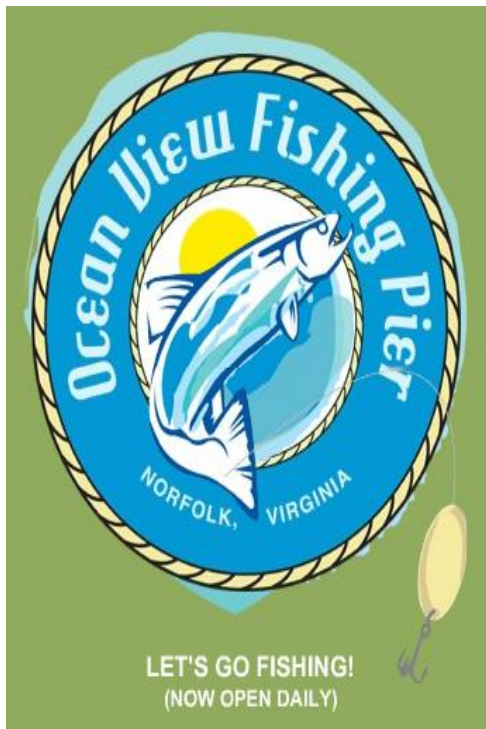
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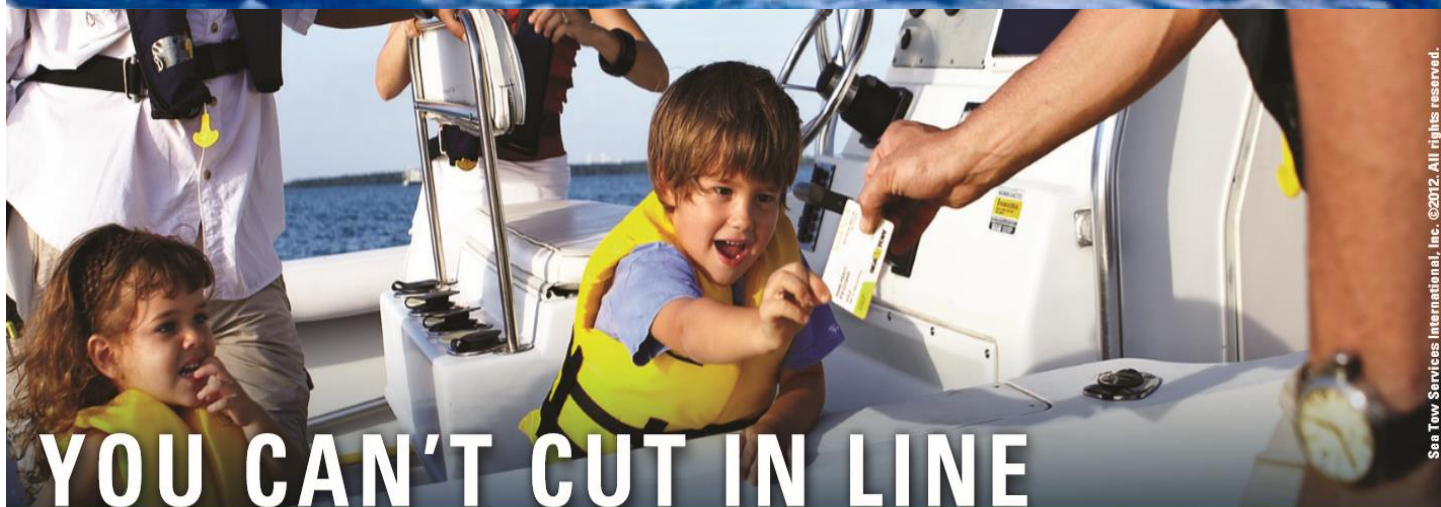
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# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017

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Current Leader

Weight

Saltwater:

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THE 2016 FISHING ROULETTE HAS ENDED. THE 2017 ROULETTE WILL BE SPUN AT THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING. ALL MEMBERS WHO PLAN TO PARTICIPATE WILL NEED TO SUBMIT THEIR MONEY BEFORE THE WHEEL SPINS. REMEMBER TO RECORD AND TURN IN ALL FISH. ALL FISH CAUGHT IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY DO QUALIFY FOR THE ROULETTE IF THAT FISH IS SELECTED.

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Jack Guthrie (757) 647-4490

Ronnie Hillin (757) 848-3535

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

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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

## 2017 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	<b>Chair – Russell Willoughby</b>
Calendar:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	<b>Chair – Ronnie Nixon</b>
Great Bridge Flea Market:	<b>Chair – Preston Mangum</b>
VBAC Flea Market:	<b>Chair – 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>
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Conservation and Regulations:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>
T-Shirt Committee:	<b>Chair – Jerry Hughes</b>



## Conservation and Regulations

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

**Black Sea Bass:** MAFMC and ASMFC have forwarded their recommended Black Sea Bass Specifications for 2017 and 2018 to NOAA fisheries management for final approval. The 2017 recreational management measures will remain unchanged if approved. The state and federal regulations are 12.5 inch total length, 15 fish per person possession limit, and open seasons from May 15 – September 21 and October 22 – December 31. Additional information and data accompanied by these proposals can be viewed [HERE](#).

**VMRC Funding Issue Resolved (via Dr. Ken Neill, III):** The Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament (the citation program) has been restored. It was slated to be cut fiscal year 2018 (starting July 1, 2017). Richmond listened to Virginia's anglers and the program will remain. The program is funded through the saltwater recreational fishing license. There was a proposal to restore the program through a surcharge to the fishing license (\$3) but that was not done. The citation program is back with no change in license fees.

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM):** The latest issue of the BOEM Ocean Science Magazine is available online. This issue provides an update on their renewable energy program from coast to coast. [You can view it by clicking on this link.](#)

**Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) Meeting:** The FMAC meeting was Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Topics included striped bass, summer flounder, black sea bass, tautog, and cobia. This committee sends regulation suggestions to VMRC for consideration when setting regulations for Virginia game fish. When VMRC makes regulation decisions, the input of anglers, including those who represent the board of the FMAC, are taken into consideration. FMAC meetings are open to the public and anglers input is a high priority when considering proposals to VMRC.

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) Meeting:** VMRC will hold a meeting open to the public on February 28, 2017. Recreational fishing related topics are not discussed prior to noon on any meeting date. Topics include the following. Public Hearing: Summer Flounder. Recreational size limits are expected to be increased to 17". Request for Public Hearing: The commission will set a public hearing date pertaining to cobia and amberjack regulations. Discussion: Black Sea Bass, A public hearing is scheduled for March. Discussion: Simplifying permitting requirements for "Striped Bass", "Amberjack and Cobia", and "Tilefish and Grouper" permits. [You can view more by clicking on this link.](#)

# Fishing Captures

## Northwest River Catfishing

On 2/1 I finally got out fishing for first time this new year. Robert Stuhlman and I went out with Josh Andrews of Shoulder Hog Guide Service on the Northwest River looking to catch big blue catfish. The day was beautiful at sunrise despite being chilly as Josh gill netted fresh gizzard shad for bait. It warmed up as the day progressed but fishing was slow and the first fish caught on the boat was when I caught a blue catfish 27 lb, 36 inch as pictured. I caught him on a Penn Battle II combo with only 10 lb. line and he gave me a great fight since I could not just horse him in the boat. He made several runs as I kept the drag light. Later in the day Bob caught a 10 lb. blue catfish but didn't want to have his picture taken. We were harassed all day with bowfins (as pictured) trying to eat our baits but the baits were too big for their mouths. I did hook two both around 5-6 lbs. They are not very edible I understand but give a good fight. It remained calm most of the day and we saw a bunch of gar rolling on the surface but they never took our bait. Fishing reports from others on the water claimed it was a slow day catching for all. And there were plenty of people on the NW River fishing for both catfish and crappie making good out of the mild weather. Well we just will have to try again for citation size fish (over 38 in or 30 lbs.) but at least Bob got one that is edible size. But overall it was a great day on the water with Josh. He's got a great system for fishing catfish and he knows the NW River like the back of his hand.

Went fishing with guide Josh Andrews again on 2/6 with Bob Robert Stuhlman looking to catch those big blue catfish again. It was before dawn when we got to Bob's Fishing Hole on the Northwest River to meet Josh and in the process of getting in the boat I stepped on the gunwale and it was covered in ice that I didn't see in the dark. Slipped and fell to the deck and hit the gunwale with my right shoulder blade. Hurts like hell. Nevertheless, I wasn't giving up despite the pain. Josh had stayed overnight and had the 33 lb fish (pictured) so we were hoping for more. We ended up with 5 fish (shown on pier) from 4-10+ lbs. Bob got the biggest. The others were caught on floating noodles. But at least we got fish to eat. I'm kind of glad I didn't hook a citation since I don't know that my shoulder would have lasted through the fight. I'm home using heat and naproxen and can move my arm but can't lift it beyond my waist. I'm sure I didn't break anything but bone likely bruised.

Blessings,  
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.

## 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

### Board of Directors:

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