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Monthly Meeting:

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

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

May Speaker: The May meeting features Captain Jake Hiles of Matador Sportfishing Charters. He will be speaking about catching big drum along the oceanfront and Chesapeake Bay. The drum bite is really picking up this past week and it would be a good time to learn how to catch a monster of your own.

VBAC Lynnhaven Crab Creek Clean-Up

Our Next monthly clean-up is **Saturday morning, May 6th 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**



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

▭ - Lesner Bridge (for reference)

😊 - Picnic tables (meeting location)

Intra-Club Surf Fishing Tournament – Rescheduled for May 13th

There is a calendar change for the intra-club surf fishing tournament at Sandbridge. The original date was set for May 20th but that is the same day as the Hunt for Hardheads. There are several club members who like to fish in both of these events. In order to give them a chance to fish in both events, the date has been changed. It should be mentioned that this is the Saturday before Mother's Day. Hopefully this will not be a problem. We should have some decent fishing by that time. It is always a good idea to get out early and see what is biting. For new members of the club, the way this works is we meet at Sandbridge at 7:30 – 8:00am on the beach. Lines-in is at 8:00am and fish caught after that time count in the scoring. We fish until about 11:00am then have a lunch at one of the pavilions and we are done by noon. You are always welcome to continue fishing if you want – some do. It is always a good time and you get bragging rights until the fall tournament. If you wish to learn more about surf fishing, just see Robbie Parks at one of our meetings.

Tight Lines

Robbie

Hunt for Hardheads Fishing Tournament

Each year, the south side fishing clubs battle it to the death (of a few fish) to obtain bragging rights over other local clubs. The tournament features a morning fishing session followed by weigh in around lunch time. A luncheon is provided to all participants where we can mingle with other clubs and their representatives. After the scores are tallied, the winner is crowned. Each club is allowed to fish 5 boats with 3 anglers and the option to pay for additional anglers on a boat. All money collected for the event will benefit a local chapter of Wish a Fish. Last year, it was our club that reigned supreme but we need some boats and anglers to fill empty spots left on our sign ups. Please make an effort to sign up and fish for this year's event at our May club meeting. If you cannot make this month's meeting but would like to participate, you can email us and I will get you into an open spots.

Date: Saturday, May 20th, 2017

Headquarters: Portsmouth City Park

Lines In: 7:00 AM

Fish Measurement: 12:30-1:30 PM

Entry Fee (includes picnic): \$30 per boat, Additional Anglers - \$10

Picnic Admission Only: \$5

Rules:

- 1- Clubs are limited to five boats. Team captains must be club members.
- 2- Teams must register in advance.
- 3- Boats may depart from any Virginia port.
- 4- The boundaries for fishing is any waterway and river 500 yards outside of the HRBT and inward to the James and Elizabeth rivers and their tributaries.
- 5- Fish are measured by length only.
- 6- Qualifying fish include Croaker, Bluefish, and Flounder.
- 7- Points are awarded based on total length: 5 points for 1st, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th, and 1 point for 5th for of each eligible species.
- 8- Whichever club accumulates the most points, wins the tournament.



Upcoming Events Schedule and Information

Wednesday, May 3rd – Saturday, May 6th: Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament

VBAC will send one team of six fishermen to this year's tournament. Wish our anglers good luck!

Thursday, May 4th: May Membership Meeting

Expected topics on the May meeting could include sea bass, drum, surf fishing, or freshwater fishing.

Saturday, May 6th: VBAC May Lynnhaven Clean-Up

The clean-up will include lunch. This is a great opportunity to get some walking time in and see the local nature surrounding the Lynnhaven inlet.

Saturday, May 13th: Intra-Club Surf Fishing Tournament

Details about the date change and events are in the previous page of this newsletter. If you are new to surf fishing or wish to learn more, there are a large group of avid surf fisherman in the club who would be glad to help show you how fun and easy it can be. Approach Robbie Parks at one of our meetings to learn more.

Thursday, May 18th: Ocean Pearl Seabass Trip

In March, 10 lucky anglers were selected for a trip aboard the Ocean Pearl to fish for tautog in April. Unfortunately, the weather was rough with strong winds and storms so the trip has been rescheduled as a seabass trip on May 18th.

Saturday, May 20th: Hunt For Hardheads Fishing Tournament

The Hunt for Hardheads is an annual "Bragging Rights" tournament held between local anglers clubs each year. VBAC is currently looking for 5 boats and captains to fish the tournament. Qualifying fish include bluefish, croaker, and flounder. Fishing boundaries are the HRBT and inward to the James, Elizabeth rivers, etc. More details including official rules will be in the May 2017 newsletter.

Thursday, June 1st: June Membership Meeting

Expected topics of the June meeting could include tuna, cobia, or drum fishing.

Saturday, June 3rd: VBAC June Lynnhaven Clean-Up (Clean the Bay Day)

The clean up will include lunch. Trash flow tends to increase during the summer and extra hands are always needed. The first Saturday in June is also a state-supported "Clean the Bay Day."

Saturday, June 24th: Seton Youth Fishing Day

Our annual Seton Youth Fishing Day requires all hands on deck. We take a large group of kids fishing aboard the Judith Anne out of the Ocean View Fishing Pier. The club requires a minimum of about 20-25 volunteers and we hope to see you there.

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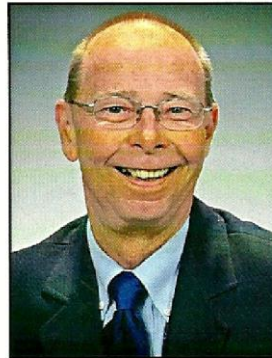
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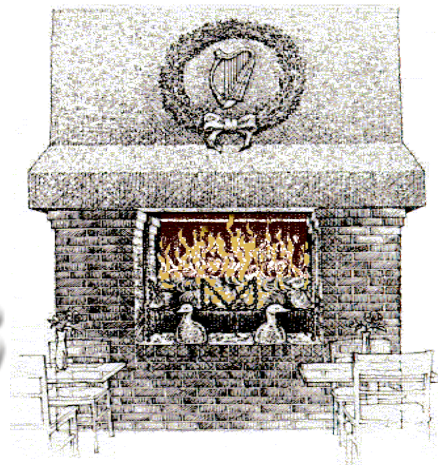
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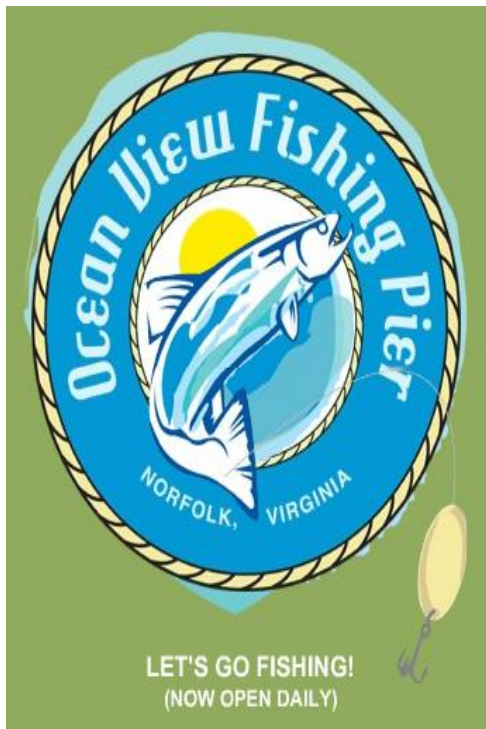
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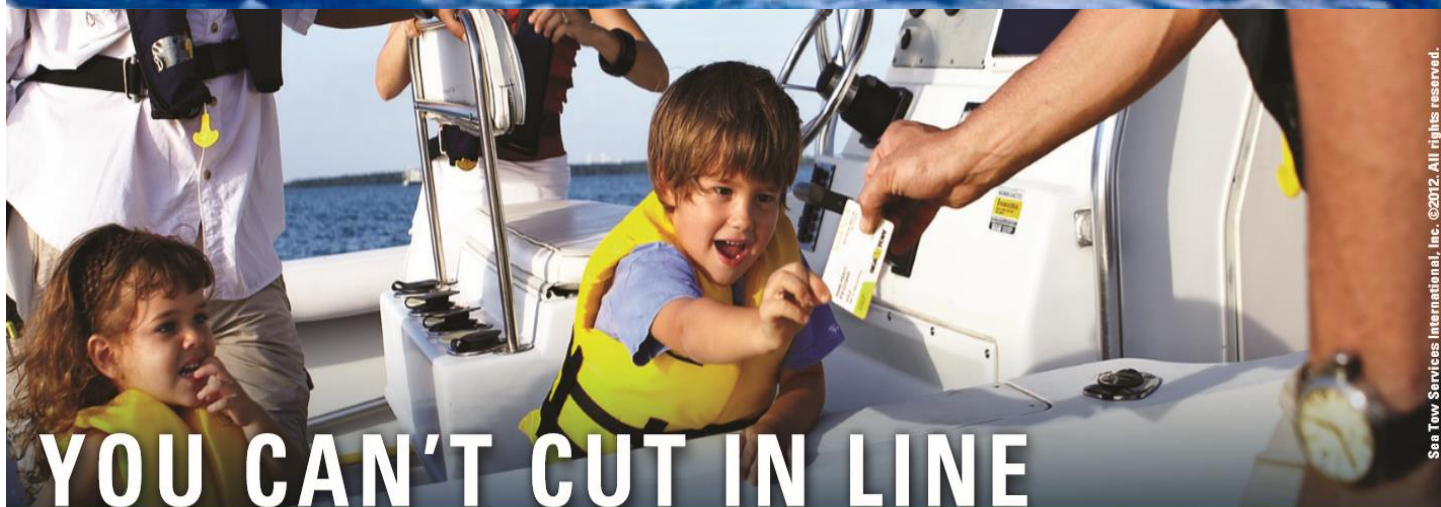
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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017

Updated: April 1st

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Saltwater:</u>		
Cobia	None	
Croaker	None	
Speckled Trout	Ike Eisenhower	3 lb. 4 oz.
<u>Freshwater:</u>		
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.

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March 30, 2017

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May 12-14

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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:	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
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Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
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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 Council (ASMFC): I stumbled across a menhaden resources document that was presented to the public in late 2016. This document entails decisions that ASMFC was looking at regarding menhaden harvest across the east coast. They detail some different information like quota allocation and stock assessment status for menhaden. For those interested in reading about the document, [Click Here](#).

New North Carolina Cobia Regulations in effect May 1st: North Carolina DNR voted in late February to set their cobia regulations for 2017. The coastal season opened on May 1st and runs until September 30th. You can view all of the North Carolina fishing regulations by going to the [NCDENR website](#).

Virginia Fishing Regulations: As our fishing season begins to ramp up. It is a good idea to familiarize yourself with the different fishing species and regulations that are enforced in our state. For example, you might go fishing this weekend and accidentally catch a sheepshead or cobia on the drum grounds and wonder what fish it is or what the limits are (I stumbled upon both of those in the same trip while fishing for black drum two years ago). You can review the regulations on the [VMRC website](#). They also offer a variety of other information including wreck and reef numbers, fishing license links, and state record sizes that you might find of interest.

Chesapeake Bay Funding for the EPA: At a recent town hall discussion with Congressman Bobby Scott, information that he presented showed \$0 of funding for the EPA commission region for the Chesapeake Bay. While this may not be true and may be fixed in the near future, cuts to the EPA are expected to be widespread which means that we need to be more persistent in taking care of our greatest local resource.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC): NOAA Fisheries has published a proposed rule for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Unmanaged Forage Fish Omnibus Amendment. The amendment would implement an annual landing limit, possession limits, and permitting and reporting requirements for certain previously unmanaged forage species and species groups within Mid-Atlantic Federal waters. The purpose of this action is to prevent the development of new, and the expansion of existing, commercial fisheries on certain forage species until the council has adequate opportunity and information to evaluate the potential impacts of forage fish harvest on existing fisheries, fishing communities, and the marine ecosystem. [Proposed Rule Here](#).

Proposed Amendment to Cobia Quotas: At a recent meeting in Charleston, South Carolina, there is an emergency action amendment that will be brought to the next SAFMC meeting which will be voted on to decide if current quota allocations should be reversed to the previous key west boundary. The belief is that this action will not be ratified, but it is encouraging that the committee saw this as a viable option to relieve stress on the situation.

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.

March: Catfish (any species)

Winner: Bob Stuhlman

April: Crappie

Winner:

May: Red Drum

Winner: Possibly You!

Go out and catch some fish!

Fishing Reports

Ocracoke 2017 (left): A few of our guys are down in Ocracoke for the annual surf fishing tournament down there. They tend to be there a few days early to do some extra fishing. Jerry Hughes has been active and caught this nice 8 pound 12 ounce bluefish that measured in at 34 and 3/8 inches. He caught it at ramp 48 in Frisco.



Rudee (right): Jerry was also active in Rudee last month when he caught his 32 inch, 9 pound 5 ounce bluefish inside the inlet. Be careful of the teeth if you happen upon one of these big guys.

Fishing Reports

Bob and Ike go Toggin' on the CBBT 4/5/17:

Went fishing with Bob Robert Stuhlman out of Lynnhaven Marine boatel and right as we hit the bridge we had construction blocking the main Channel (See pic). Made our way around the construction very carefully in the ripping current and the bay looked like a beautiful lake all the way to the CBBT. Outgoing current setup on the second Island in 13-16 ft. on the spine and in very little time Bob started pulling in throwback size tautogs 13-15 inches. I wasn't even getting the nipple on my side of the boat so I just moved over to bump side of the boat despite protests and started catching them also. They loved our fiddler crabs. We ended up with 14 caught between 11:30 and 1pm with three of them going 17 and a half inches. As soon as the outgoing current died and started shifting with the east wind picking up the bite was off and that was the end of the day but what a great catching day it was. Thanks Bob.

Blessings,
Ike



Fishing Reports



Russell's catches for April: Russell went out to rudee and managed a nice puppy drum earlier in the month. He also went out and dropped a line in lake smith. This beautiful 1 pound 12 ounce shell cracked was a great result. Congratulations Russell!

Larry and Steve at Lake Smith:

Went fishing with Steve Harding today, little windy compared to the forecast but a blue bird day. Fishing was slow but we managed to catch a few Pickerel one Yellow Perch, and couple of Black Crappie. The one Crappie that I managed to catch was a 1lb 14oz.



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

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