

November 2017



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Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, November 2nd, 7:30pm.

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

<u>November Speaker</u>: The November Speaker is Zach Bowles. Prized as a commercial seafood product, Swordfish is also a popular prize for local offshore anglers. The cooler weather is moving fish down the coast and it's a great time to get in on the action. Come see Zach to learn more about how to catch one of these great fish.

October VBAC/Lynnhaven Pier Tournament Results - October 8th

The 2017 Summer Pier Tournament has come to a close. We were fortunate enough not to have weather adversely affect any events and had overall good attendance in what might be the last year of our pier tournament. A lot of people have put in their time and effort this year and we would like to thank all the fisherman, fisherwomen, club volunteers as well as the pier family and staff for being so accommodating throughout the summer fishing season. Without all of you, this event would not be the success it has been.

Adult Division Winners

Croaker – 8 & 3/4 in. – Roland Santos Bluefish – 11 & 1/2 in. – Roland Santos Spot – 9 & 1/4 in. – Roland Santos

Kids Division Winner

Bluefish - 10 in. - Celine O'Connor



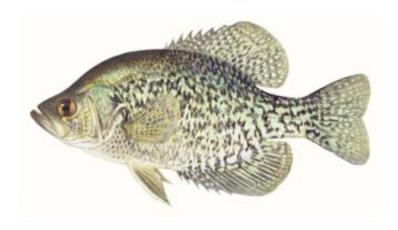
VBAC Fall Oyster Roast – October 14th

Our annual oyster roast was amazing this year. The new venue at the Chesapeake Bay Foundations Brock Center as well as all the great food and people made for a fun time for all those who attended. There is no shortage of fun at our group events and we encourage you to come out at events like our oyster roast and awards banquet if you don't often make out to club events. This is also a great opportunity to meet new anglers and form new fishing partners. The Christmas Social will be held at the December membership meeting.



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.

VBAC Officer and Director Succession Plan

Succession Plan

At the August Board of Directors meeting, your Board decided to propose a change to the club's Officers and Directors election procedures by creating a succession plan. The purpose of this proposed change is to try to increase the opportunity for the general membership to participate in the club's decisions at the Board level by running for office. Your Board believes that while the Officers and Directors are elected annually, there is a reluctance on the part of the general membership to openly challenge an incumbent running for reelection, even though that person would like to participate as an Officer or Director. This succession plan is designed to create that opportunity.

The Officers and Directors will run for reelection annually, that will not change! However, the proposed plan for the offices of President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President will be expected to serve for a two-year period and then move up to the next office. For example, the President elected this year will be expected to serve for two years and then become the Chairman of the Board for two years. The 1st Vice President will move up to the President and the 2nd Vice President will move up to 1st Vice President. Therefore, every two years, we will elect a new 2nd Vice President from the general membership.

The Board of Directors will have a similar succession plan. The Board consists of nine members elected at large from the general membership annually. We propose that starting this year, 3 members will be elected to serve a three-year term, 3 members – a two-year term and 3 members – a one-year term. Therefore, annually after this year, only three members of the Board will run for reelection for a new three-year term.

The offices of Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary while also elected annually, they will not participate in this succession plan. We believe these 'skilled positions' require permanence and the club benefits from having the same individual in that position for many years.

Unfortunately, to implement these changes, the By Laws of the club need to be updated. Therefore, the Board of Directors is formally recommending the proposed changes at this meeting. The proposal will be posted in the newsletter this month and next month. I will announce this again at the October general membership meeting and we will vote on the proposal at the November general membership meeting. If approved in November, then at the December annual meeting, the new succession plan will be implemented with the annual election of Officers and Directors.

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VBAC Club Sponsored Sea Bass Fishing Trip - December 16, 2017

The Board of Directors of your club have decided to subsidize a second fishing trip for members in 2017. We are planning a sea bass fishing trip onboard Capt. Steve Wray's Ocean Pearl for Saturday, December 16, 2017. The club will pay for half of the \$1,000.00 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 \$62.50 plus a \$20.00 tip for a total of \$82.50.

At the November General Membership meeting on 11/2/2017, 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 workers list) and submitted their name plus a check payable to VBAC for \$82.50. 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, see Mike Anderson.

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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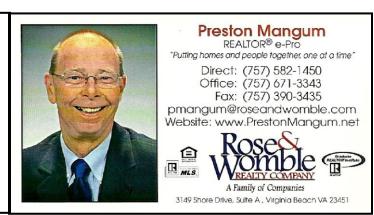
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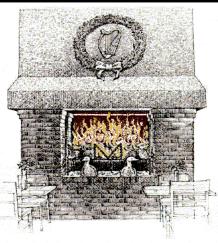
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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017

Updated: October 15th

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

Saltwater:

CobiaDavid Smith56 lb. 00 oz.CroakerDavid Reynolds1 lb. 03 oz.Speckled TroutIke Eisenhower3 lb. 04 oz.

Freshwater:

Blue CatfishBob Stuhlman48 lb. 00 oz.SunfishRussell Willoughby1 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

BOAT

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

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
Gaichail.	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.

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC): The 2017 Croaker and Spot Benchmark Assessment and Peer Review Reports were completed. There are still some uncertainties in the stocks but the biggest issue with regards to dead discards saw a significant improvement. There is more information available via the official News Release provided by going to this link: http://www.asmfc.org/uploads/file/5981dc67pr31CroakerSpotAssmts.pdf

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

City of Norfolk Recreation, Parks and Open Space: Wayne Green, assistant director of Recreation, Parks and Open Space for the City of Norfolk is hosting open sessions for discussion of possible expansion of fishing and crabbing opportunities within city limits. The next session will meet on Monday, November 6th at 6:00pm at the Norview Community Center. There is also a fishing and crabbing survey available to take at the city's website using the following link: https://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=3443

VIMS – Cobia Related Research: To better understand economic impacts and value generated by recreational fisheries, researchers from VIMS are surveying anglers. The survey includes questions on fishing methods, costs, and preferences and focuses on the recreational cobia fishery. We want to hear from all types of anglers, so please consider participating in the study! Any angler can take the survey online now at this link: www.vims.edu/anglersurvey

To learn more about the cobia related research, please contact Susanna Musick, SUSANNA@VIMS.EDU.

Harmful Algal Bloom flyer from VDH Epidemiology: The Virginia Department of Health issued a flyer to assist people who frequent the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. This flier provides information regarding what an algal bloom is, what it looks like, whether they are harmful, and what to do if you see one. You can call the HAB Hotline at 888-238-6154 or visit http://www.harmfulalgaeva.com for more information.

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.

April: Crappie Winner: Larry Regula May: Red Drum Winner: Ike Eisenhower June: Cobia Winner: Jerry Hughes Flounder July: Winner: Unknown August: **Spadefish** Winner: Unknown September: Winner: Unknown Spot

October: Speckled Trout Winner: Find out on Thursday!

November: Tautog Winner: Could be you!

Fishing Reports

Trout in Lynnhaven:

Fishing in Lynnhaven on Friday, there were lots of small "dinks" everywhere! Action on lures was fair with nothing of any size caught in Steve Harding's boat all day long. Preston finally caught several small trout just before we turned around and headed back toward the ramp. We ended up fishing with live bait and Steve Harding picked up 5 fish, the largest of which was 18 1/4" long. Great eating! – Preston Mangum







Fishing Reports

October 27, 2017

Kevin Synowiec, Dr James Edward Trudeau, and I headed out today. This was Jim's first saltwater adventure ever so we decided to fish some inshore areas today just in case. The day started off flat and calm and Dr. Jim seemed to be doing well & enjoying himself. In fact, He had his first trigger on the boat in no time. Then Kevin caught a gorgeous Flounder on a crab, & he even received some friendly cheers from some anglers who saw him boating his fish as they passed \bigcirc .

We wreck fished for short while and then decided to go to see about some red drum. I had my favorite 2 red drum Rods set up, in addition to the rods we were holding and In no time the first red hit, a 28 inch pup that I caught & released. Then my favorite drum rod went off, I told Dr. Jim to grab it and briefed him on what to expect. His face said it all and he was so excited as he boated and released a 36-inch red drum beauty. He was stoked, and sure enough as he was grabbin' something from his cooler minutes later, my favorite rod went off again. This time Kevin grabbed it, the fight was awesome & Kevin almost had the biggin' to the boat & the leader line snapped about 4 inches up from the hook. It happens to the best of us I said, I rerigged the line and baited it and as I was dropping it sure enough I felt the resistance and wham! fish on! ha ha A blast to fight & Apparently the guys even got the end of the battle on video (and here I thought they were just taking photos, ha!) I boated and released the 47-inch citation beauty and got the line back in the water ... A few minutes went by and wham .my lucky rod went off again! (They just would not leave that rod alone, ha ha). I told Dr. Jim to grab it and he did... The fish was very heavy and the battle lasted at least 6 plus minutes. He almost got the fish to the boat but the fish snapped line about 50 feet away... I think these big reds made an imprint on our friend (2) and I have a feeling he will be back. We made a mutual decision to head back as the wind increased, current became rough and the white caps started appearing more and more. What a great day on the water! Tight Lines Everyone! – Beth Synowiec





Fishing Reports

Puppies, Spots, Russell & Nets in the Lynnhaven 10.4.17:

Russell, having been recovering from rotator cuff surgery, had not been fishing with me since the end of August so I just had to get him back out there to enjoy the catch of puppy drum and spot while it was still hot. We launched my Tracker V14 (that I had bought from Melanie Bayford) at sunrise at Crab Creek and headed right for the coves that are only accessible at high tide and started our search for puppy drum. Unfortunately, someone had put out a half a dozen long gill nets throughout Brown Cove which I was able to avoid while heading into the east side of the cove. While the first place we stopped wasn't productive the second was and Russell soon had a 24-inch puppy drum on a gudgeon floating under a bobber. Of course the fish went everywhere tangling lines that needed to be cut in order to continue fishing. Soon afterward I had a 24 incher on a piece of frozen mullet who gave me a nice fight pulling drag (both fish in pictures). Then we both caught throwback sized pups before we left the spot. Moving again Russell had another 24-incher and I had throwbacks. We tried several other places but didn't get any bites so we decided to try the west side of the cove. Again we had to weave through the maze of nets that lined the boat channel. Russell caught a 21 incher around one of the docks and I had another throwback. Since by that time it was almost an hour from full low tide we decided to try the tennis court area for spot but as we headed towards the boat channel again I fouled one of the nets and wrapped up my propeller. Cursing my luck and the man who set these damn things Russell and I cut our way free of the net. I hated to cut the net but we were so tightly wrapped it was the only way to get free. We managed to get set up for spot in a nice place off the channel and promptly caught about 3 dozen spot, most yellow bellies, in a matter of an hour as the outgoing tide started to slack off. There were about a half dozen boats anchored as well and all of us were catching spot after spot. We used night crawlers until we ran out then switched to Fish Baits bloodworm which really worked well. By 1pm we were worn out and the tide slacked so we headed home. Great catching for a half day fishing in the Lynnhaven in the best time of the year, Fall. Water

temperature was 71 degrees. Blessings,

Ike

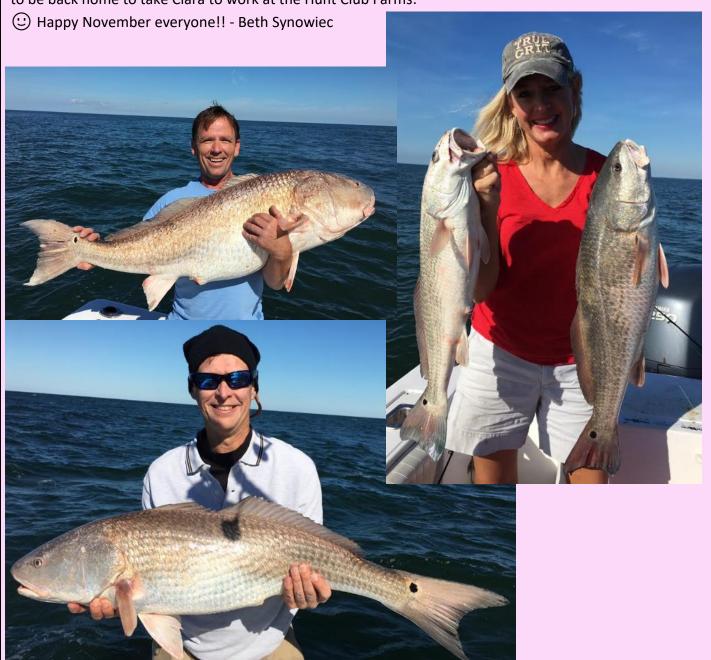




Fishing Reports

Oct 22, 2017

Kevin & I made a quick trip on the bay today and back at the ramp and at the house before 5. We were in search of some fun pullage and I think we found it. We caught 2-person Limit of pups size range between 24 to 26 inches. We kept 4 for our neighbors to eat or smoke as an early Christmas gift & we released the other two 25 inch pups to live another day as well as releasing another drum that measured 27 inches. I mentioned to Kevin on the way out that I was hoping he would get his paper red release drum for the year & that I already had my favorite red drum rod set up and ready to go in the Cuddy When we got to location, Kevin did not even hesitate and had that rod out almost immediately; the rod wasn't even in the water 4 mins and zzzzzzz & Kevin had his paper fish on. The battle was awesome and he proudly boated and then released a beautiful 49-inch red drum. Although we would have liked to stay much longer we had to be back home to take Clara to work at the Hunt Club Farms.



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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

Jerry Hughes

Jerry Mariano

Preston Mangum

Ronnie Nixon

Robbie Parks

David Reynolds

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