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Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, October 5th, 7:30pm.

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

October Speaker: The October Speaker is unknown at this time and will be passed to the membership via email when known.

September VBAC/Lynnhaven Pier Tournament Results – September 10th

The September tournament was a little tough due to weather conditions. Strong breezes from a nearby storm kept a few of the fisherman away but others were happy to be on the pier. A lot of our regular club members were absent due to a surf fishing tournament in Hatteras. In response, a few club members did make it out to help and assist with some of our newer members making their first or second appearance. Thanks to all the volunteers and help. There is one month left to fish the pier and the tournament. The pier is expected to close permanently at the end of October and be sold to a nearby developer. More information can be found here: [Pilot Online](#)

Adult Division Winners

Croaker – 11 & 3/4 in. – Ronnie Harris

Bluefish – 11 & 1/8 in. – Suzie Ruble

Spot – 10 in. – Ira Johnson

Kids Division Winner

No Entry



In-Club Surf Fishing Tournament – Saturday, September 16th

The 2017 Fall Intra Club Surf Fishing Tournament was held Saturday 9-16-2017 at Sandbridge. We had great weather and a very good turnout. Fifteen club members took part in the tournament. There was a total of 7 fish caught. We want as many people as possible to score points, so we start the scoring 8 inches. Jim Wisenberg and Carl McCoy each had 1 fish for 2 points, Doug Wehner had 1 fish for 4 points, Larry Harmon caught 3 flounders for 6 points (8", 9", 10"), and the big winner was Rob Stommel with a 14" flounder good for 7 points. There were a couple of fish caught that didn't make the 8" minimum. The fishing could have been better but it was a great day to be on the beach and everyone seemed to have had a good time. Mike Anderson fixed lunch for everyone, Thanks Mike for the great meatball subs. Thanks to everyone who came out to fish.

Make plans to attend the next intra club surf fishing tournament in May of 2018.

Tight Lines

Robbie Parks

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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VIMS Data Collection – Susanna Musick

Susanna Musick will be visiting our club meeting in October. She will be picking up cobia samples and sampling kits from members who participated in this year's study and has not been able to return them. She will also be able to answer questions regarding future participation and programs you might be interested in for 2018.

VBAC Fall 2017 Oyster Roast – Saturday, October 14th

The fall season is here and that means its oyster time! Our annual oyster roast has a new location for those who found it hard to make it all the way out to sandbridge. We will be holding this years oyster roast at the Brock Center in Virginia Beach. The exact location is not fully known but it will be somewhere immediately surrounding the Brock Center building. Parking should be done in the Brock Center parking area or in the parking spaces surrounding the nearby park (our current clean-up location). There is also additional parking on Marlin Drive with a short walk through a paved path in the nature reserve. Additional details including a map will be offered in an updated email early next week.

All club members are asked to bring their usual oyster knife. Be sure to mark it in some way so you can identify it from all the others in case you lend/barrow/drop your knife and it is found later. Soda and water will be provided. Anglers can bring additional adult beverages of their choice. There will be a secondary menu item yet to be determined, but considerations include philly cheesesteaks, BBQ, chicken, etc. Please bring a side dish to share with your fellow club member. Something like a green bean casserole sounds really good right now! There will be open grill space for additional cooking options. If you want to bring something like a burger or steak for you or a member who wishes to have their own meal, we can cook it to order. Just bring the necessary meat/cheese/bread/etc.



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Winner will be determined by length.

Ties will be determined by earliest entry time.

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All prize money will be awarded. If no entry in a species, prize money will be
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- 1 Species = \$150 to the winner
- 2 Species = \$75 each winner
- 3 Species = \$50 each winner



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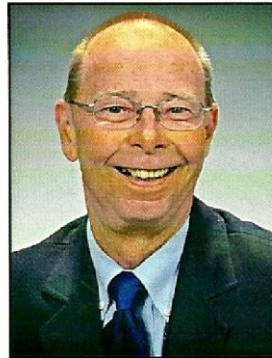
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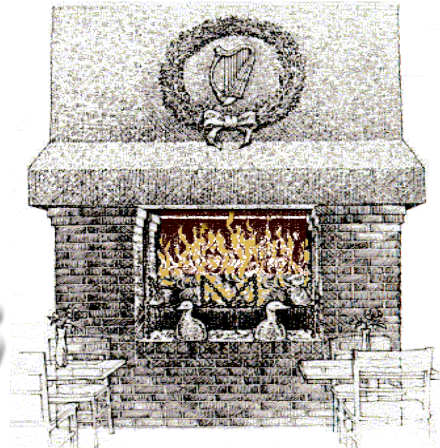
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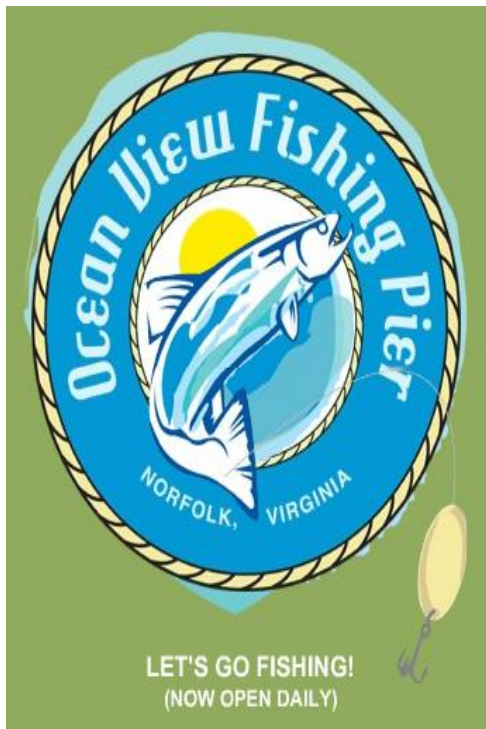
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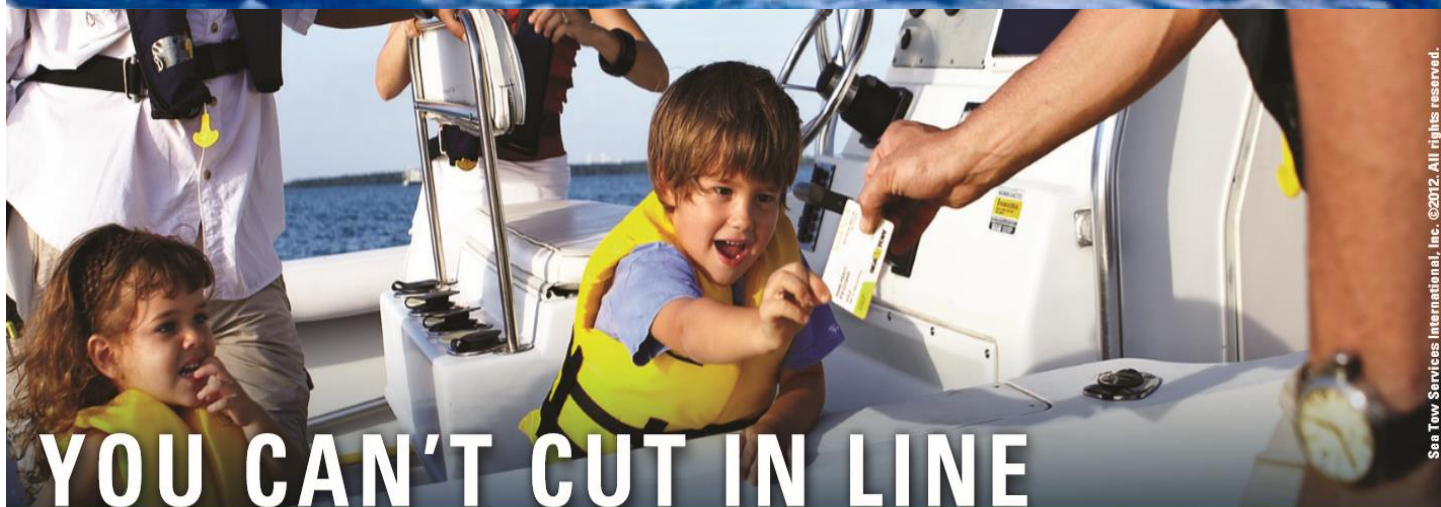
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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017

Updated: September 15th

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Saltwater:</u>		
Cobia	None	
Croaker	David Reynolds	1 lb. 03 oz.
Speckled Trout	Ike Eisenhower	3 lb. 4 oz.
<u>Freshwater:</u>		
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.

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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
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

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
July:	Flounder	Winner: Unknown
August:	Spadefish	Winner: Unknown
September:	Spot	Winner: Find out on Thursday!
October:	Speckled Trout	Winner: Could be you!

Fishing Reports

Spot fishing in Lynnhaven:

Russell did some spot fishing and ran across this nice 10"er.



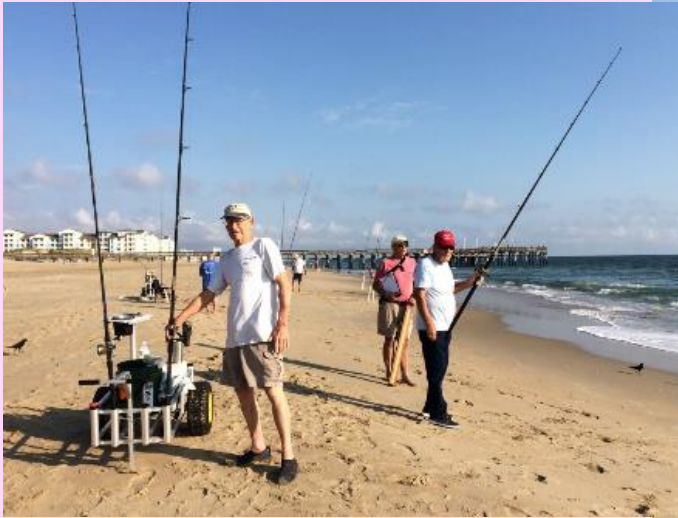
Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Tournament:

Patty Searby had a great catch in the LBI Tournament in September. This 16 & 1/2" Bluefish was the 2nd largest in the tournament by a female angler. Patty took home two different prizes for the female angling category. Congratulations!



Fishing Reports

In-Club Surf Tournament Photos:



Fishing Reports

Lynnhaven Spot 9/7 with Bob Stuhlman:

The spot catch the previous week with Russell was so good I had to go again for more and Bob Stuhlman was finally able to get a day free from helping his wife who just had rotator cuff surgery so we planned for me to pick him up in my Tracker V14 skiff at the Lynnhaven Marina dock on Long Creek and fish on the incoming tide. It was a windy overcast day with NW winds blowing about 10-15 mph so the wind and current were headed in the same direction making the drift fast. We started in the Long Creek and found scattered spot, bigger than my hand there and picked up about a dozen there. Then we headed for the Broad Bay Creek and fished from the Great Neck Rd to the Broad Bay and hit the mother lode as we started catching two at a time. The key was keeping the boat drifting slowly so I kept the engine running in gear with bow in the current while we fished. Of course Bob was bringing in most of them but I could still hook spot while driving. We ended up the day of fishing as the current shifted with about 5 dozen in my cooler (see pic) and since Bob doesn't like to eat spot I was going to have to find friends to clean and eat them. After dropping Bob off at his marina I got a call from Louis checking on how we were catching the spot. He had Doug Wilburn with him as they had just finished fishing the Little Creek and only caught one keeper speck. I asked them if they wanted some spot and they planned to meet me at the Crab Creek ramp. Getting back to the Crab Creek was an effort since the NW wind had increased and I have only a 9.9 hp Mercury 4 stroke on my Tracker but I made it in time for Doug to help me ramp the boat and give him 3 dozen, leaving me 2 for dinner for me and family. Great day fishing and timing for the whole day with friend Bob and Doug couldn't have been happier driving home to Mechanicsville with all those spot for a few meals.

Specks with Louis-Double limit 9/12:

While Louis and I fished several times in the Little Creek the week before and caught a few keeper fish it was really sporadic until 9/12/17. That day the wind was blowing 15 mph out of the east and very overcast and I didn't really expect to catch much but Louis goes fishing almost every day during speck season so I figured I had nothing to lose. We fished the Pretty Lake to start with and only caught a couple of small ones as the tide started to go out after high tide so we just headed to the jetties to see if it was fishable. It was rough so we set up close to the shore/rocks and since it was blowing so hard I started out with a MirrOlures MR-25, Catch 5 chartreuse color which is a heavy lure that suspends in the water. On the first cast it was game on. I hooked up with a fish over 20 inches, then Louis hooked up using a Catch 2000 same color. For about an hour we were hooking up almost every cast. All keeper sized fish at first. We moved along with the school but eventually the bite died off. Mixed in with the keepers were throw back sized fish under 14 inch but in no time we had a double limit of specks 16 to 23 inch long. Best speck catching day of my life. Even Louis agreed with that.

Specks and Flounder with Louis and Taylor 9/15:

Louis invited me to fish with Taylor Lyne his Veterinarian friend from Richmond who had his boat in Vinings Landing also. We had moving current and found the fish but the bite was really slow, just catching one fish here, one fish there all fishing with MirrOlures mostly MR-27's. Louis had the biggest one at 23 inch but it was really fat and likely weighed over 4 pounds. I actually had three fish on that got off the hook which is unusually for me. So we moved around the jetties a lot until Taylor pulled up a 19 inch flounder on a rubber bait. So we switched to rubber in this one place where deeper water was and in no time I had an 18" on. We finished with 4 flounder total, 17-19 inch and 10 specks 16-23 inch but it was a hard day, we moved a lot.

Blessings,

Ike

Fishing Reports



August 31 Bigger Reds in Little Creek:

After such a wonderful catch Louis and I had the day before with the puppies we just had to get back at them in the Creek. We left Vinings Landing at 8:30 am trying to catch the last of the tide again and hoped for bigger ones and man did we find them. As soon as we got there I hooked up on, what I knew from the drag going off, was a big puppy and then Louis hooked up at the same time with a big one too. From that point on we caught one slot size pup after another so that by 9:30 am we had our limit of 10 measuring from 21-25 inches. Of course we had to weed through the throwback sized fish, 15-17 inch so we must have caught a dozen of them. All were on rubber again, Gulp for me and they seemed to like the body without the tail just as much as a whole one with tail. From that point on we threw back all the fish regardless of size. My guess is that we each caught over a dozen in the 21-25 inch range. Again the bite quit when the tide turned. So we cleaned the fish and I then headed to Crab Creek Boat Launch to meet Russell for more fishing in the Lynnhaven.

Fishing Spot and Pups in Lynnhaven 8/31 with Russell:

Since earlier in the week Russell and I had spoken about fishing for spot and pups in the Lynnhaven we had planned to fish on the 31st in the afternoon. The agenda with the incoming tide was to fish spot until high tide which was right at dusk then hit the coves for pups. In Broad Bay Creek we found really fat spot about a dozen of them using nightcrawlers as bait in no time and then headed for the shallow coves that are plentiful in the southern branch of the Lynnhaven and are only accessible at high tide. Russell decided we would try a new spot and right after we set up our lines, Russell using frozen mullet and me using green Gulp swim tails, I had a keeper on my line. Of course this fish had to tangle up a couple of lines but I managed to wrangle him to the boat and in the net, 22 inch. Took a picture of this one and then Russell's line started to pull his rod out of the boat. He grabbed it just in time and had a 23" pup in the boat. Then before I could barely get the fish out of the net another of Russell's lines started moving. This was an 18" that Russell released. I hooked but lost another nice one and Russell caught a couple of throwback sized reds before the sun was down enough for us to barely see our way back to the dock. Russell kept all the fish since I had 5 reds all cleaned already in my cooler. A totally hot bite day for me on both trips and a few meals for Russell. I needed a rest for a few days, I was sore. I understand that Louis went out again but didn't catch many the next day but I had to rest at home and recuperate, my arm was sore from all the pullage of the two days in a row.

Fishing Reports

The Lynnhaven has gone to the dogs, or should I say- puppies... Episode 1:

With the weather cooling and the tides unusually high, it was time to explore some grassy knolls around the Lynnhaven in search of puppy drum. Maureen's skiff would be the craft of choice; shallow enough to get in and out of trouble while exploring otherwise difficult spots to reach. Chef Gerry was an eager accomplice, anxious to hit the water and chase down some dogs; eager that is until I informed him upon his arrival that we would be venturing out in the 16 foot skiff, not the bigger boat. Trying to hide some minor trepidation, Gerry eased into the confined bow of the skiff- and once settled into the stable cockpit, was able to relax. "This isn't too bad" he murmured under his breath. I explained that I wanted to explore some tight spots, and needed the shallow hull of the skiff to ensure we didn't wind up casualties of thin water.

There is no shortage of grassy coves in the Lynnhaven watershed; wanting to stay away from typical areas which receive a lot of "pressure" we went out in search of coves only accessible at flood tides.

Settling on some promising spots, Gerry and I began to cast our arsenal of bait – following the proven tactics of casting the bait at the grass line. Plastics of various colors were presented, with little reward. Switching to cut bait (finger mullet) on a Carolina rig (using minimal weight) produced a strike almost instantaneously. These puppies weren't shy either- an aggressive hit and run ensued, with the feisty fish taking ample advantage of a relatively loose drag. Soon enough I had a nice fat puppy beside the skiff – whose very site seemed to send the fish into another running frenzy. By the second time the fish came alongside the boat, Gerry stood ready with the net lunging toward the water to secure our prey. After the splashing was over- the fish was still running around in the water- the net was wet but empty. We would learn through the rest of the day that for some odd reason, Gerry was a little cock-eyed of sorts. You see, while Gerry claimed to have visual contact with the fish, the net constantly struck just to the left of where the fish actually was. While we did not lose any fish due to the folly, this kept us both rather amused for the rest of the morning. Overall a good showing for the day with fish weighing up to 4 lbs 14 oz.

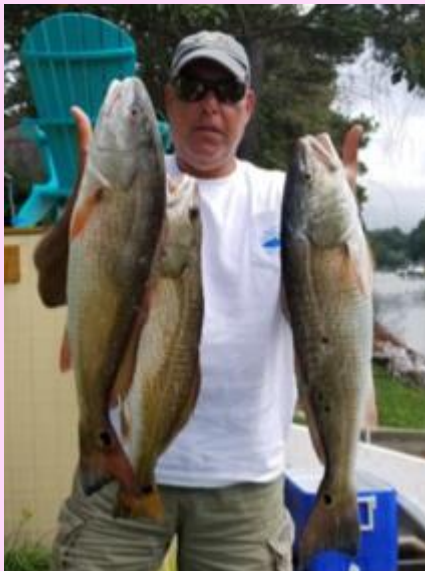


Fishing Reports

Puppies Episode 2: Thanks to some exceptionally windy weather, the waters of the Lynnhaven have surged to unusual highs, making for ideal conditions to hunt for puppies in otherwise unreachable grass beds. For those of you who fished the club's intra club surf tournament on the 16th, you know the fishing was a little disappointing. Upon returning home and checking the tides, I informed Maureen that I was getting up early the next mornong to try and get on some fish. High tide was 830 at Buchanan Creek, and I wanted to take advantage of it. Prepared to make some calls to find a companion for the morning, I did the smart thing and inquired as to whether Maureen would like to join me on this venture. A little to my surprise- after some moments of thought she replied- Yes, I could use a morning on the water. Well the boat was full, time would tell if it would indeed stay that way.

Rising with the dawn the next morning the coffee was on, and the to-go cups were out. I woke up Maureen, and as she stirred I asked- are you still going? With only the slightest of hesitation, she rolled over and replied- most definitely, and jumped out of bed. Spying the to-go cups of coffee, she looked my way and saw an expression that said- no – no time to relax, we are heading out now.... The morning was cloudy with a warm moderate breeze blowing about- off we went. Enjoying the scenery and the ride, Maureen did not pay particular attention to the travels to our destination. When I pulled up to my intended spot, she was a little concerned as to the depth of the water and was convinced there could be no fish there. But once settled in, she was content with the scenic beauty that surrounded her, and left me to my tasks. This trip was solely a cut bait trip- minim casting especially of Maureen was going to play along. As I set about preparing to get both rods in the water, a fish pounced on the bait of the first, as soon as it hit the grass line. Clearly something small- the fish came to the boat and revealed itself to be a colorful little puppy. While not impressed with the size, she was impressed with the swiftness of action. Line back in, let it settle, ready to get line 2 in the water, and again a strike at the bait. Line went tight, then went running- a nice size puppy must have been sitting right next to the little guy we just released. After a nice run, Maureen confidently took the net, thrust it into the water and brought a 23" puppy onto the deck. Smiles all around. I asked- are you ready to fish- and she replied Nah, I'll just sit and enjoy the morning- and net your fish. Works for me.

The fish were particularly aggressive that morning, and eager to eat. Within 1 hour we boated 3 puppies weighing 3lbs 14oz, 4lbs 1oz and 4lbs 14oz, and lost a nice one when he cleverly headed to a piling. The clouds kept coming, the winds picked up a bit, and the lawn needed to be mowed- so after 1 ½ hours homebound we were, with dinner for the table.



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.

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