



February 2018



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- Call Russel Willoughby 757-818-0058**

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Monday February 1, 7:30pm.

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

February Meeting Speaker: A SHOW AND TELL EVENT!!! Get all sorts of interesting facts and info on knots and when to use 'em, types of tackle for certain situations, and reel repair from each of these 4 speakers: Don Schnare (Ocean's East), Robbie Parks, Steve Wray, and Mark Lozier.

February & Future Information Notes:

- 1) Boat Show is being held the weekend of February 9-11. Please contact Russell Willoughby (757) 818-0058 or email him at makomugs60@verizon.net as he needs volunteers to represent the club at the table. Free admittance to all volunteers!**
- 2) The next FMAC meeting will be February 12th at 6 pm. The primary topic will be this winter's cold stun events. The discussion will not be limited to speckled trout, but that is the key species affected by this winter's temperature. Staff will also supply some recent information from North Carolina and a reminder of what the Commission did in 2014. Contact Butch Eason if you'd like to attend 757-681-6019.**
- 3) VBAC Awards Banquet on February 24, 2018, get your tickets!**
- 4) Lake Smith Crappie Tournament March 3, 2018. Tell a friend!**
- 5) Great Bridge flea market will be held on March 10, 2018. See Preston Mangum or email at “ pmangum@roseandwomble.com “ if you have items to sell or would like to help.**
- 6) Poquoson Kiwanis Club Flea Market is scheduled for March 17, 2018, if you have any interest, please let one of the board members know at the February meeting.**
- 7) Club Dues are due! \$30.00 (covers you or your entire family).**
- 8) Bob Burstein is trying to find who would like to participate in a lead pouring day and what type weights they would like made. Please email him in care of the club email or him at “ rburstein2747@msn.com ”.**
- 9) Fishing Roulette “Wheel Spin” at March meeting.**

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

Updated: December 22nd

Species

Current Leader

Weight

Saltwater:

Coming in March!!!!
Only \$20.00 to enter for the year!

Freshwater:

Heaviest fish wins! The VBAC Roulette is eligible through the entire calendar year of 2018. 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.

BOAT

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450 (FW)

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FEBRUARY 1ST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Following the presentations, we will hold a chinese raffle. If you would like to donate an item to be raffled, please contact Jerry Mariano (757-618-0710) to coordinate raffle item pickup prior to the banquet.

Volunteers needed for 5:00 set-up and later take-down

President's Corner

Welcome all to another year of VBAC functions and activities. I am looking forward to an enjoyable year of VBAC camaraderie, fishing, and enjoyment of Virginia's coastal living. Following up on this past year, our calendar is chock full of fun activities, like fishing opportunities and tournaments, helping keep the Bay clean, introducing our passion to the youth in our community (like Seton Youth), and educating and keeping our members and guests informed on tactics, techniques, safety and good stewardship of our resources through our monthly speaker program.

I encourage you to-

- Be sure to follow us on Facebook; pay attention to your VBAC 2018 calendar to keep up with current and upcoming activities and events; visit our website; or get a copy of our club tri-fold which lists the calendar of activities for the year.
- Remember to open emails from the club which contain informative information regarding upcoming events; calls for action involving ongoing legislative matters (state and federal); or our monthly newsletter where our members share their fishing stories and experiences.
- Support those who support us; our website and newsletter boast the vendors who contribute to our many successes throughout the year. Please thank them by patronizing their businesses- and don't forget to mention you are a VBAC member.
- (Lastly)- **Stay involved!** Like any club, we rely on our member's participation to keep us functional and viable. While we all enjoy the camaraderie of our monthly meetings, I assure you, you will achieve equal or greater satisfaction when you also participate in the many club activities and events, like-
 - Annual VB Boat Show
 - Our Awards Banquet
 - Seton Youth Day
 - Surf Tournaments
 - Boating Tournaments
 - Club sponsored fishing trips
 - Oyster Roast

Your Board and Committees work hard to bring you, our members, interesting and enjoyable angling activities, while ensuring we remember to give a little back to our community. We are always open (and encourage) to suggestions for ways to improve; or add new and exciting events or activities. **Tightlines-** a Healthy and Enjoyable New Year to you and your families!

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

2018 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 – Dave Anderson
Raffles:	Chair – Preston Mangum
Audit Committee:	Chair – Mike Anderson
Surf Tournaments:	Chair – Robbie Parks
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
Pier Tournaments:	Chair – Gary Doerhoff
Prize Fish:	Chair – David Reynolds
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 – Patty Searby

Saltwater Fishing News

This article was submitted by Rob Jordan

February Black Sea Bass Season

The National Marine Fisheries, in response to recommendation from the Mid-Atlantic Council, has proposed opening Sea Bass Season for the entire month of February to those States who wish to participate. Due to the fact that the last stock assessment showed that the species was not overfished nor subject to overfishing, the intent is to take advantage of the healthy stock and allow increased access to the fish. The existing catch rules (12.5 inch minimum length and 15 fish per day bag) would remain in effect. The only slight drawback, is that participating states will have to “pay back” the poundage allotment for the fish taken in February by making some adjustment in the regulations during the regular season (probably by closing the season a few days in either part of the split season).

So far, it appears that only Virginia and North Carolina are interested in participating. Maryland and Delaware are considering participation but still “iffy”. States north of Delaware apparently feel that their weather in February will be too cold to permit much recreational participation.

The proposed February season and additional management program changes are contained in Amendment XXX to the Fisheries Management Plan for the Atlantic Coastal Region. The

ASMFC is holding Public Hearings this month in all states to receive input. The Virginia Public

Hearing will be January 16 , 6 PM, at VMRC Headquarters, 4th Floor Conference Room, 2600

Washington Ave., Newport News, VA. Written comments may also be forwarded to Caitlin

Starks, Fishery Management Plan Coord., [1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200](#) A-N, Arlington, VA

22201. [\(703-842-0721\)](tel:703-842-0721) -fax). or e-mailed to comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Addendum XXX).

Thanks,

Rob

Saltwater Fishing News Continued

The following is a brief on Striped Bass. Please click the shortcut to be taken to the page.

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Inland Waters Closed to Spotted Seatrout Harvest

Recreational harvest of spotted seatrout in inland waters under the jurisdiction of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has closed by rule following a proclamation from the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) that closed all coastal and joint waters to spotted seatrout harvest. DMF issued the proclamation due to widespread cold stun events. [MORE](#)

This Article has been contributed by Gregory Wehner

Fishing in Hampton Roads came to a near halt after January's sudden freeze; it's been slow ever since.

Inshore fishing in Virginia Beach has been fairly quiet, according to Claude at Princess Anne Distributing, but those willing to take the trek down to Hatteras should not have any problems finding drum south of the point. In fact, the drum that were able to outrun the freeze to get out of the sound and into the ocean, are hanging in areas like the old Frisco Pier and biting on shrimp and mullet as well as pink and green-tail jigs.

Robbie at Ocean's East, concurred, noting that a few trout are being caught here and there, but the catfishing along the James has really been steady, with fish in the 70-80 pound range being landed. Robbie also said largemouth bass and crappie are beginning to bite, and the best bet right now—while it's certainly slow—is to use small and medium shiners for crappie and jigs and crankbaits for bass.

A few boats out of Oregon Inlet are beginning to see a the tuna bite pick up, and one boat that went out of Rudee Inlet reported skipjacks at the Canyon.

Robbie added that sea bass season opens on February 1, and should provide for some action.

As for me, I'm stuck on Long Island and the fishing is dead along the beaches. If I had a boat, I would take advantage of the cod bite, which only just picked up this week.

While the fishing is slow, you might want to check out a few shows that are coming up. The Mid-Atlantic Fishing Expo takes place on February 3 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center and the 65th Annual Mid-Atlantic Sports & Boat Show takes place at the Virginia Beach Convention Center from February 9 through 11.

Surf Fishing News

Surf Fishing Committee for 2018

Robbie Parks - Chairman

Mike Anderson

Bob Burstein

Butch Eason

Jerry Hughes

Carl McCoy

Doug Wehner

From Butch Eason,

Something very important for this year on North Carolina beach permits this year in the state of Virginia the inspection permit will be put on the left side of the driver windshield so the beach permit will have to be either slightly above that or to the right of it.

Surf Fishing Report:

From the surf, a second-hand report from Doug Wehner is Brian Wehner caught a 26 ½” puppy drum from the surf at Hatteras Inlet the week of January 15th. Way to go Brian! On another front, we are going to have a second team in the Ocracoke Invitational Tournament this year, Thanks to our sister club the Sand Witches who are unable to put together a team this year. The top 3 scorers from last year (Jerry Hughes, Steve Wray, & Butch Eason) will return for this year’s tournament plus 3 who’s names are drawn and we will draw 6 names to fill the second team. The rules for 4-wheel drives and club activity participation for the drawing will be in effect. This is a good chance to have your name drawn for a tournament. Come to the meeting and put your name in the pot. I will have the forms at the meeting. Let me know if you can’t make the meeting and if you have met the requirements, I will put your name in for you. Winners, if not present, will be notified.

Tight Lines!
Robbie

Freshwater Fishing News

These tips have been submitted by Melany Bayford.

Backing down a trailer. The easy way that I was taught is to place one hand on the bottom of the steering wheel. Whichever way that you move your hand is the way that the trailer will go.

Cold feet in winter can be relieved by the use of toe warmers. They are inexpensive and tape to the bottom of your socks. I always wear at least two pairs of socks, so I tape it to the first pair and put the second pair over it to help keep it from coming unstuck. Hand warmers are nice too.

In hot weather I wet a medium towel and keep it in the cooler. When I get overheated, I wrap the towel around my neck and feel better instantly. Then the towel goes back into the cooler for the next time. If you are lucky enough have a bunch of fish in the cooler, place your towel in a plastic bag.

I carry a tarp on each boat. This is useful when a rain shower or storm pops up. You can cover your gear and yourself especially if the wind picks up and drives the rain.

I do not like to wear my life jacket. If I am fishing by myself I clip the life jacket waist belt around my waist and the life jacket hangs to one side. It is slightly annoying, but it is attached to me if I need it and not scraping my cheeks in the meantime.

When you are fishing, do not put the following on your hands: Suntan lotion, hand sanitizer, or hand creams.

The last time I catfished here, one person on my boat was not getting bites. I asked about her hands and she had used the hand sanitizer in the port-a-pot before leaving the dock. After scrubbing her hands with fresh water and putting on fresh bait, she started catching fish with the rest of us. I used to rub squid on my hands afterwards if I had to apply suntan lotion.

Most of the time that I fish freshwater, the fish seem to bite for a short period, then stop for a short period. Do not give up too easily and move your boat. If you do not get a bite for more than 20 minutes, then consider a different spot.

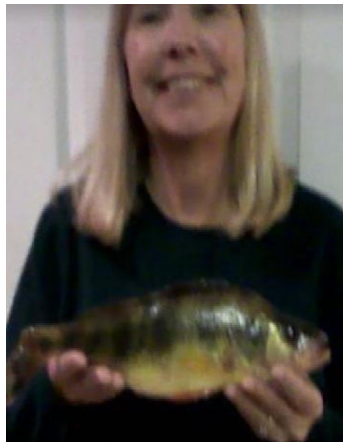
I have learned the hard way that a method which works on one body of water may not work on another body of water. If you are not having success, try to see what people are doing that are catching fish or ask someone at the ramp before you launch. Steve Harding's method of crappie fishing does not seem to work at Beaverdam.

The bobber method for yellow perch does not work at Beaverdam. In both cases the fish are deeper, so mix up your depths and methods to see which is most successful.

Freshwater Fishing News Continued

This report was submitted by Melanie Bayford

I trailered to Beaverdam today (January 21) for another whack at yellow perch. There was still ice on the lake and I was informed that the water temp was 38 degrees. There were no minnows to be had. Their pump and tank is located outside and both had frozen with loss of minnow life. I always try to remember to bring worms, so I tried them today. No bites at all. Did not see others catching any fish either. Water is just too cold. Since I had no luck today, I promised Preston that I would pull up an archived photo. This photo is of my first citation yellow perch caught in Gloucester. If you look close you will see that it only had half a tail. Was still a weight citation caught on the Piankatank Nov 2012.



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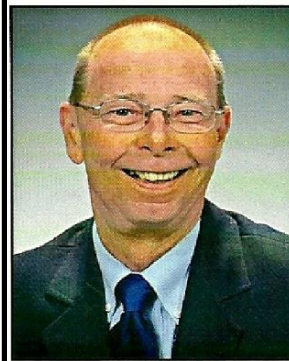
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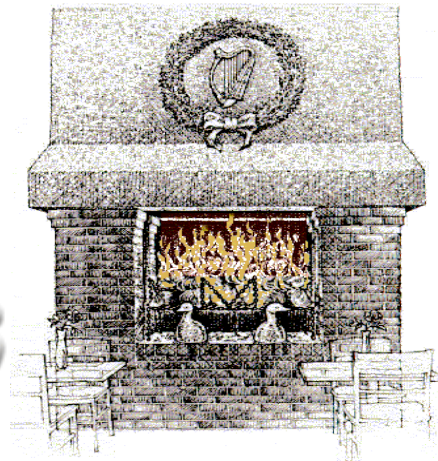
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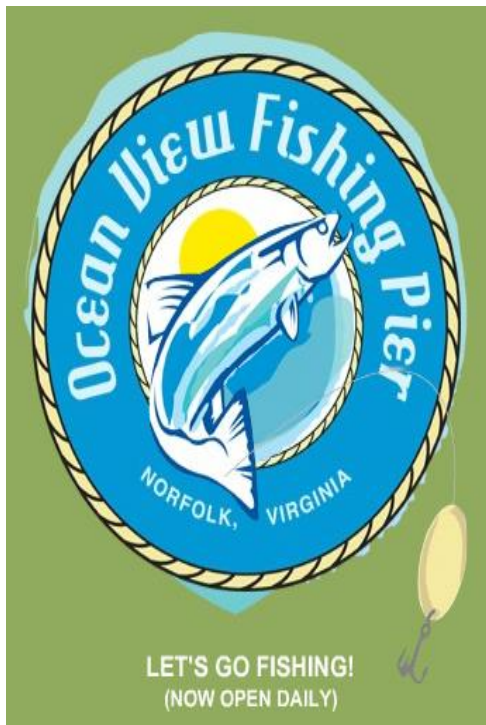
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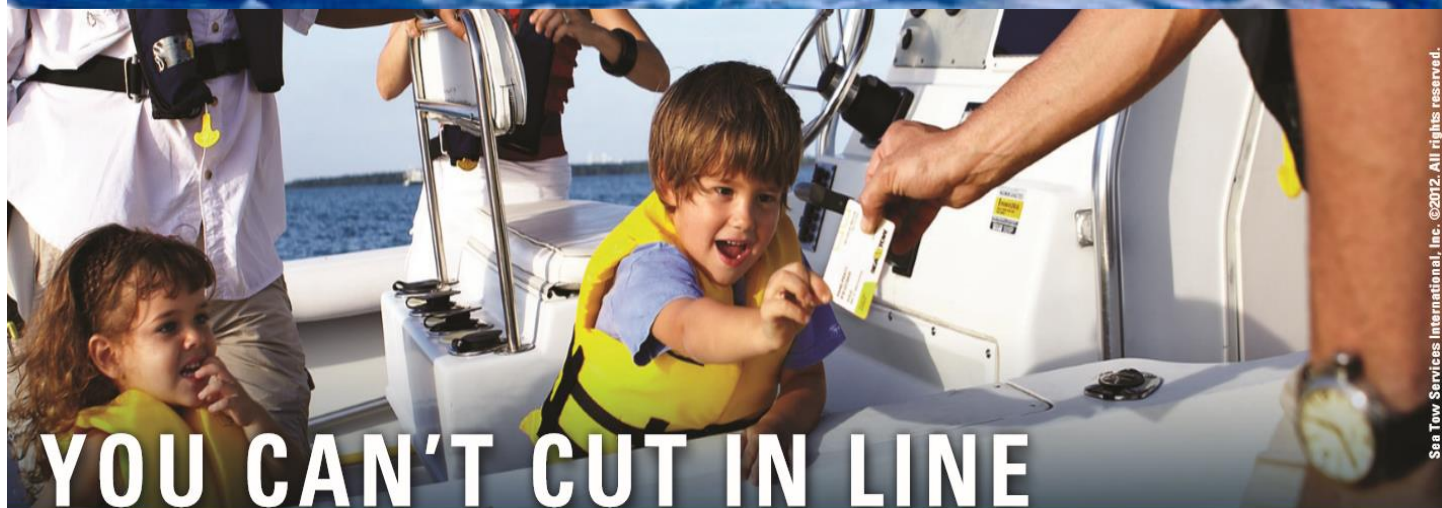
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Our Objectives:

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.

2018 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: George Gabriel

First Vice President: Bob Burstein

Second Vice President: David Reynolds

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

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Corresponding Secretary: Bob Stuhlman

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