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## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Meeting:

**When:** Thursday, January 4, 7:30pm.

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

**January Meeting Speaker:** To be announced.

### **January & Future information notes:**

- 1) Boat Show is being held the weekend of February 9-11. Please contact Russell Willoughby as he needs volunteers to represent the club at the table.**
- 2) VBAC Awards Banquet on February 24, 2018, get your tickets!**
- 3) Lake Smith Crappie Tournament has been rescheduled for March 3, 2018. Tell a friend!**
- 4) Great Bridge flea market will be held on March 10, 2018. Please see Preston Mangum if you have items or would like to help.**
- 5) Poquoson Kiwanis Club Flea Market is scheduled for March 17, 2018, if there is any interest, please let one of the board members know as soon as possible.**
- 6) Club Dues are due! \$30.00 (covers you or your entire family).**

### **Offshore Anglers – New Regulations Effective Jan 1, 2018 !!**

New regulations affecting the recreational taking of swordfish, tuna, and shark is available on the following website: [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/news/breaking\\_news.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/news/breaking_news.html)

A copy of an email sent to Bob Stuhlman from William C. Baker, President, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Dear Robert,

48,000+ trees in the ground.

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What a year it has been. And that's just the start!

[Take a minute to explore everything your support made possible. Click here to see our interactive 2017 Year in Review, celebrating our 50th year of working with you for our rivers, streams, and Bay!](#)

Thanks to your support, we saw incredible signs of progress in the Bay and its rivers and streams this year.

Dead zones are shrinking, oysters are rebounding, and underwater grasses are making a comeback.

But as we celebrate this progress, we are more aware than ever of the dangers facing the Bay. While the proposed Trump administration budget zeroes out federal funding for Chesapeake Bay restoration and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt continues to erode federal environmental protections for air and water, we are undeterred. Together we will continue to fight even harder for healthy, resilient waters that are critical to our health, economy, and way of life.

2017 marked CBF's 50th anniversary, and we celebrate all that we have accomplished in the past five decades. But more than that, we look forward to what lies ahead.

[With your vision, passion, and steadfast support, a saved Bay is within our reach. We hope you will enjoy scrolling through our 2017 Year in Review, which shares some of the achievements you've made possible.](#)

Thank you for your belief in a better future and for your continued commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. **Together, we're moving forward, making history—a saved Bay that is the world's greatest environmental success story.**

For the Bay,

William C. Baker  
President  
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017

Updated: December 22nd

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Saltwater:</u>		
Cobia	David Smith	56 lb. 00 oz.
Croaker	David Reynolds	1 lb. 03 oz.
Speckled Trout	David Smith	4 lb. 08 oz.
Striper	???	
<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.

## Catch-A-Ride

### BOAT

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Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282  
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### CREW

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Victor Minak (703) 888-8992  
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## Conservation and Regulations

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

**Menhaden - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC):** The ASMFC recently voted on menhaden catch quota along the east coast for coming years. There were more than 100,000 submissions to decrease catch quota, but rather, the total quota was increased nearly 20%. One good benefit that came from the most recent vote was the reduction of the Chesapeake Bay quota by 41%. It is a win for our region but overall impacts need to be monitored as the fish hopefully recovers here.

**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](#)

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 features 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 2018.

**December: Striped Bass      Winner: Could be you!**

### 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

## 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:	<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>
Pier Tournaments:	<b>Chair – Gary Doerhoff</b>
Prize Fish:	<b>Chair – David Reynolds</b>
Nomination Committee:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard</b> <b>Co. Chair Beth Synoweic</b>
Conservation and Regulations:	<b>Chair – Butch Eason</b> <b>Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard</b>
T-Shirt Committee:	<b>Chair – Needed</b>

## VBAC December Election Results

**Congratulations to the newly elected Virginia Beach Anglers Club 2018 Officers and Board of Directors. Elections were held Thursday evening as a part of our well attended Christmas Social. Thanks to all who participated and provided a great assortment of food, donated to the church food drive and brought a toy in support of the Sea Tow Toys for Tots program!**

### Officers

<b>George Gabriel</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Bob Burstein</b>	<b>1st Vice President</b>
<b>David Reynolds</b>	<b>2nd Vice President</b>
<b>Mike Anderson</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Russell Willoughby</b>	<b>Recording Secretary</b>
<b>Bob Stuhlman</b>	<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>

### Board Members

<b>Chairman of the Board</b>	<b>Larry Regula</b>
<b>3 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Gary Doerhoff</b>
<b>3 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Pete Federico</b>
<b>3 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Pat Serby</b>
<b>2 Year Board Member</b>	<b>David Anderson</b>
<b>2 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Butch Eason</b>
<b>2 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Ronnie Nixon</b>
<b>1 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Mark Lozier</b>
<b>1 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Preston Mangum</b>
<b>1 Year Board Member</b>	<b>Jerry Mariano</b>

### Sea Tow Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive!

Once again, the toy drive was a resounding success! Pictures and a note from Karen follow on this page and the next.







Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sea Tow Stuff-a-Boat Toy Drive for 2017 was a huge success. With all the outstanding support of the Local Angler Clubs and Local Businesses we were able to collect over 1440 Toys this year.

On Dec 15 the Local Angler Clubs arrived at the Sea Tow office to stuff the boat with toys and enjoy donuts and hot apple cider. What a wonderful feeling to see that Sea Tow boat and truck overflowing with toys. Not to mention that we also had 15 new bikes this year.

The Marines arrived we enjoyed pizza followed by a photo shoot. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program here in Hampton Roads arrived with a huge box truck and we filled it up!! They headed back to the distribution center in Kempsville where they sorted out all 1440 of the toys by age for distribution.

Again, Thank you all for your continued support in helping make this event a huge success. This is most definitely a team effort event.

Happy New Year to all.

Ed and Karen Schrader

# Surf Fishing News

## *Surf Fishing Committee for 2018*

**Robbie Parks - Chairman**

**Mike Andersen**

**Bob Burstein**

**Butch Eason**

**Jerry Hughes**

**Carl McCoy**

**Doug Wehner**

**The Surf Fishing Committee recommended and the Board of Directors approved allowing the winner of the Spring and Fall Intra-Club surf fishing tournaments a chance to be on a surf fishing team of their choice the following year. They must be in good standing (dues paid) and must have fulfilled their service requirement to the club. They must declare which tournament team they wish to be on prior to the drawing for the Ocracoke Tournament the following year. Make your plans now for these tournaments. The dates are in your VBAC calendar (May 19 & September 15<sup>th</sup>).**

**The Surf Fishing Committee selected Carl McCoy and Larry Regula to return on the Hatteras Village Civic Association Team "B" in 2018.**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. On December 2nd this year, I got a call from a friend of mine and he told me they were catching large sea mullet on Hatteras Island, NC. I would have loved to have gone immediately but as responsibility would be, I had to wait until the next morning to go down. Not a lot of people can go at the drop of the hat, ha! ha! Fortunately, I have a wife that understands, or "puts up with me" thank goodness. So based on my past experiences, I thought it would be a good idea to try and go down for a couple of days. So I called a friend of mine, Jim Wisenberg, who actually wanted to leave that night but I couldn't go until the next morning. We made a last minute reservation at the Lighthouse Motel in Buxton, NC. We arrived at about 1 p.m. and after unloading our stuff at the Lighthouse Motel, we went down Ramp 34 in Avon. We pulled down on the beach and caught the last third of an outgoing tide. No one was around so there was no one to ask if any fish had been caught. It was one of the few precious moments where no one was around and we were catching fish like mad on fresh shrimp that we had purchased on the side of the road on the way down. I spotted a place along the beach where there was a wash-out and a sandbar with a decent trough between the sandbar and the shore. The water was not very rough at all but it looked good for some reason. We set up on the beach and I sat my rod up with single drops with a 20 lb. fluorocarbon leader and only had to use a 2 oz. weight. I threw out for the front side of the bar and Jim was fishing towards shore more in the trough. It had not been two minutes and I caught a sea mullet that I could tell right away was a citation. I caught four more after that. All were over a pound. Then I caught another citation, 1 1/2 lb. And then three more mullets that were over a pound. Numerous after that were pushing a pound. All were in the 13-15 inch range. Jim caught a 26 inch black drum and a 18 inch black drum and several sea mullet that were around a pound. Not very often have I been fishing when I could tell someone "you should have been here yesterday". In this case, yesterday was today. What a wonderful trip we had. We were actually tired from catching fish, ha! ha! Tight Lines, Butch Eason, very happy fisherman



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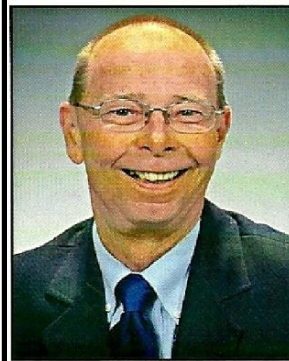
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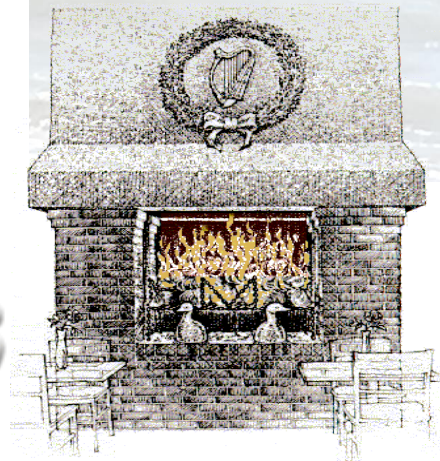
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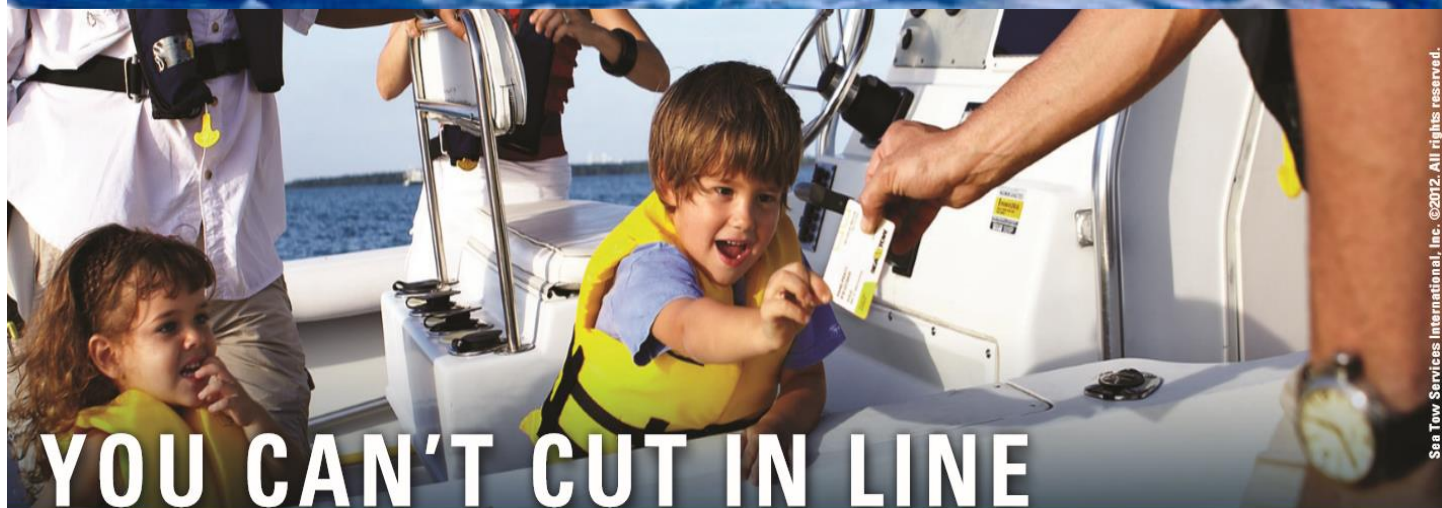


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## Fishing Reports

### Fishing on the Piankatank River – Melanie Bayford

I went fishing by myself on the Piankatank River on Sunday, 11/26/17. I decided it best to try a new area. I took four fishing rods and had only three of them out when a big catfish started screaming out some line! He tried to take the line to some cypress knees in the water, then went under the anchor rope and under the boat twice before finding the net. Since he was a 20lb Channel Catfish, I decided to keep for a weight citation. I had to wait until Monday to get it weighed due to the availability of a scale here on Sunday evening in Gloucester. 16 lbs 12 oz was the weight the next day. It was a lot of fun and an exciting fight.



### David Smith Speckled Trout – David Smith (Left Picture)

David recently hooked this healthy looking speckled trout. It was big enough to take over the Roulette for 2017. It weighed in at a healthy 4 lb, 8 oz.



### Surf Fishing in Wilmington – Kelly Hoggard (Right Picture)

I went down to visit my mom while celebrating my birthday weekend. The weather was fairly nice except for some fog coming in off the water. I walked around a while and ran into a local gentlemen on the sound side who caught a nice keeper flounder with some live finger mullet. The finger mullet were as thick as bee's, some schooling in as little as 6" of water while being chased by the bluefish. I borrowed his cast net and had about two dozen for myself and set up on the inside of the breakwater on the ocean side of Masonboro Inlet. The tide was low when I got there and coming in the entire time. Managed a few nice hits on the live mullet with 2/0 circle hooks. All big bluefish between 14" and 18". They made a nice dinner and I look forward to doing some more surf fishing on the other side of winter.

On Thursday, Dec 21, I decided to try my luck fishing for yellow perch at Beaverdam Park here in Gloucester. My fishing success there has been limited, and many people have told me it is a difficult place to fish. I had a few hurdles to start the day. First, I realized that my bottom reader was in another bag that I did not bring. Then I noticed that the spare battery I brought to run the electric motor did not have wing nut posts to hook motor up to. Beaverdam is electric motors only. Being a mostly prepared person, I decided to grab my jumper cables and try to connect both batteries to get some extra juice. Since both batteries were mostly under my butt, I prayed that I wouldn't catch my rear end on fire.

Two helpful people at the ramp suggested I try areas where seagulls were hitting the water. I trolled around a bit with no luck. Then I anchored and tried bobbers. No luck. Then I noticed two people that appeared to be jigging bringing up some fish. I hauled anchor and tied a few quick bottom rigs. Then I shot a minnow down and drifted. Within minutes I had a nice yellow perch on. Kept drifting and going back to the head of the drift and caught 7 yellow perch in about 20 minutes. I threw them in with the minnows to keep them alive and had the ranger measure for a release. At least one was over 9 inches, so I ran them all down to the water and released them alive. I was needing one more species for a master angler award and got lucky at Beaverdam. Preston asked for pictures so when I went fishing again on Dec. 26, I kept two fish to take a picture. Melanie



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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.

## 2018 VBAC Elected Officials

### Officers:

President: George Gabriel

First Vice President: Bob Burstein

Second Vice President: David Reynolds

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

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### Board of Directors:

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