



March 2018



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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday March 1, 7:30pm.

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

March Meeting Speaker: Carl Herring from the Tidewater Anglers Club. Subject: Crappie fishing. Great Topic for the upcoming Crappie Tournament!

February & Future Information Notes:

- 1) **Fishing Roulette “Wheel Spin” at March 1 meeting.**
- 2) **Lake Smith Crappie Tournament March 3, 2018. Call, text, or email Preston if you would like to help. Key times are 7:00AM - 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM, 757-582-1450 and “ pmangum@roseandwomble.com “.**
- 3) **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.**
- 4) **Club Dues are due! \$30.00 (covers you or your entire family).**
- 5) **Ocracoke tournament deposit money (\$60.00) needs to be in by the March 1 meeting. If you haven’t already paid, please bring it to the meeting.**
- 6) **The club is in the early stages of planning for a lead pouring party. We would like to know if anyone would let us borrow any of their sinker/jig molds to be used for the event. We are also in need of melting/pouring pots for small jigs and any and all related support material for a lead pouring event. Please let us know what you may be able to share. Please email Mike Anderson (andersonkids@verizon.net) with your items. Our last lead pouring party was very successful due to the combined input from our members.**

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

Species

?

Current Leader

?

Weight

?

As a reminder, here's how it works— interested club members put \$20 in a pot by the March meeting (Mike Anderson holds the pot). At the March monthly meeting, we will draw the names (species) of five fish from the club's leader board*. These fish will be the targeted species eligible for winning a lucky VBAC angler a share of the pot. The angler with the heaviest catch for the selected species by Dec 31 will share the pot with the other winners. This format will provide an even opportunity for salt, surf, and fresh water anglers, as both fresh and salt water species are eligible for the drawing. Fish caught in Virginia or NC waters qualify.

*(Wahoo, Tuna, Gar and Amberjack will not be part of the drawing)

So Remember:

Open to Club Members ONLY

Five fish to be drawn from leader board

Weight will determine winner (not length)

Must pay to play by the March meeting (can't make the meeting- just contact Dave Reynolds to commit- we'll take your IOU)

Gotta be in it to win it!!!!

Catch-A-Ride

BOAT

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450

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Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851

Bob Stommel (703) 244-1282

Bob Stuhlman (757) 374-7372

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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

Virginia Beach Angler's Club

Spring Crappie Tournament

Lake Smith Shore or Boat

March 3rd, 2018



Entry Fee: \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per child under 16

Registration: Early by email or phone or March 3rd at the ramp

Location: Lake Smith

Gate Opens at 7:00 AM

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 entry name(s) and number of anglers to:

Preston Mangum (Tournament Director) 757-582-1450

or email: "PMangum@RoseandWomble.com"

Classified Page

3/01/2018 **Propeller:** Mercury Black Max. New in box.

Diameter 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", pitch 21, Rotation - RH, aluminum, with hardware. New on internet, discount price is \$144.00.

Will sell for \$60.00. Melanie Bayford 804-210-1212

If you would like to place an ad,
Call (757-582-1450), text (757-582-1450),

Or

Email at Pmangum@roseandwomble.com

Ads run until cancelled or for 60 days,
Whichever comes first

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

The 2018 Boat Show

The following club members helped at the boat show: Jerry Hughes, Gary Doerhoff, Mike Halprin, Carl McCoy, Jim Wiesenberg, Steve Lockyear, Bob Burstein, Ronnie Nixon, Pat Searby, Butch Eason, Doug Wehner, Carol Wehner, Marshall Weathers, John Fermanos, Chris Schnieder, Michelle Schnieder, Mel Bayford, Joe Ferrara

The boat show was a success for all who participated. Good crowds, lots of great boats, happy dealers. The club reached out to many people attending. We attracted new members, and promoted and provided information to many about local fishing. Myself, and the club thank those who volunteered and worked the show. Russell



Saltwater Fishing News Continued

The Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program celebrates 23 years and more than 300,000 fishes!

February 19, 2018

Susanna Musick

Since 1995, the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP) has tagged recreationally important finfish with the help of volunteer anglers. The program is a cooperative effort between the Marine Advisory Service program at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and Saltwater Tournament at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC), with funding from state saltwater license funds and VIMS. In 2017, VGFTP anglers tagged more than 19,839 fishes and had 1,541 recaptures. These results were the result of the hard work from volunteers who make time to tag and release fish, and collect and report data. The VGFTP recognized the efforts of the program's top taggers at the annual awards ceremony hosted in Hampton at Bass Pro Shops on February 16. The top taggers in 2017 were:

	Winner	Runner up
Overall tags	Ed Shepherd (Yorktown)	Scott Vinson (Williamsburg)
Overall recaptures	Ed Shepherd	Scott Vinson
Black drum	Ed Shepherd	Tom & Trevor Embry, (tie) Doug Casady (Williamsburg), (VA Beach)
Black sea bass	Ed Shepherd	Rob Collins (Norfolk)
Cobia	Jorj Head (Seaford)	Wes Blow (Newport News)
Flounder	Ed Shepherd	Scott Vinson
Red drum	Ed Shepherd	Sheldon Arey (VA Beach)
Sheepshead	Joe Hudgins (Chesapeake)	Bill Knapp (VA Beach)
Spadefish	John Knight (VA Beach)	Ryan Smith (Harpers Ferry)
Speckled trout	Ed Shepherd	Scott Vinson
Tautog	Rob Collins	Mike Griffith (VA Beach)
Triggerfish	Bill Knapp	Rob Collins

(Pictured in PHOTO, L-R: Lewis Gillingham (VMRC), Ed Shepherd, John Knight, Sheldon Arey, Wes Blow, Trevor Embry, Tom Embry, Susanna Musick (VIMS)).



Surf Fishing News

Surf Fishing Committee for 2018

Robbie Parks - Chairman

Mike Anderson

Butch Eason

Carl McCoy

Bob Burstein

Jerry Hughes

Doug Wehner

Ocracoke Surf Fishing Team

2018

Team 1

Returning from 2017: Jerry Hughes

Butch Eason

Steve Wray

Drawn for Team: Mark Wray

Russell Willoughby

Doug Wehner

Team 2

Drawn for Team: Jim Wisenberg

John Germanos

Stan Sutliff

Carl McCoy

Bob Burstein

~~Cheryl Johnston~~ 2/3/18

Bill Peebles

Alternates:

~~Bill Peebles~~

Patty Searby

Bob Stuhlman

Gary Doerhoff

Larry Regula

Surf Fishing News Continued

REGISTRATION FORMS for DRAWING POSITIONS

2018 SURF

FISHING TEAMS

We have six teams fishing in four fall tournaments. All positions for the fall 2018 teams will be filled and the alternates ranked from a drawing at the **March 1, 2018** business meeting. The positions for the Ocracoke tournament were drawn at the February business meeting. You must be a member of VBAC in good standing (dues paid) and have participated in supporting the club in at least one club activity in 2017 to be eligible to have your name drawn or return as a returning team member (new members are exempt from the previous year's activity requirement). A registration form is required for **EACH** tournament you wish to apply for, I will have forms at the March 1, 2018 meeting, or you can mail in your form to the addresses below, or you can fill out the form in the news letter and bring it to the meeting. They must be turned in by 7:30 p.m. that night. You do not have to be present to have your name drawn. You will need access to surf fishing equipment, make travel arrangements, meet your share of the team lodging and any additional team expenses

FEES: \$60 **per tournament** that you are a team member of (except Long Beach Island) is due at the April 5, 2018 business meeting and the balance of lodging for each tournament due at the May 3, 2018 meeting.

OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2018

1.) *Hatteras Village Civic Association* *September 6-9, 2018*

Team A: 4 positions: (Returning: Butch Eason & Russell Willoughby)

Team B: 4 positions: (Returning: Larry Regula & Carl McCoy)

2.) *Long Beach Island Fishing Club* *September 22, 2018*

Team A: 3 positions: (Returning: Kelly Hoggard, Jerry Hughes and Doug Wehner)

Team B: 3 positions: (Returning: Patty Searby, Bob Stuhlman and John Germanos)

3.) *Nags Head Surf Fishing Club* *October 3-7, 2018*

4 positions: (Returning: Doug Wehner and Jim Wisenberg)

4.) *Cape Hatteras Angler's Club* *November 1-4, 2018*

3 positions: (Returning: Robbie Parks, Russell Willoughby & Jim Wisenberg)

Cut out and bring to March 1, 2018 meeting -or- Mail to: Robbie Parks c/o Surf -or- VBAC Surf Committee

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Surf Fishing News Continued

The following is an email from the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association

Once again, we are being threatened with access restrictions to the beaches of North Carolina.

Currituck County is planning to adopt an ordinance that will require all non-residents to purchase a permit to park on the beaches north of Corolla. The 10-day permit will cost \$50.00 and an Annual Permit will cost \$150.00, as it stands at this date.

There is a State Right-of-Way north of Corolla for Route 12 across the beach to the Virginia Line. Currituck County has acknowledged this in previous attempts to close the beaches to visitors. They are now trying to restrict access by requiring a Parking Permit for those who want to stop along this State Right-of-Way. There is also the possibility that Currituck County will exempt ALL Currituck County Residents from this permit requirement, as they have in other regulations, such as 4-wheeler restrictions. There has been little disclosure of this proposed action which could take place as early as the Board of Commissioners Meeting on February 19, 2018. The media has been the only source of information about this action.

Under North Carolina law, a county can set their meeting schedule in January and not put it on their public calendar for the rest of the year, with the exception of special or called meetings which require public notice. Since this proposed ordinance is classified as a "police matter" it does not require a public hearing. Because of this, the Currituck County staff and the Commissioners are fine tuning this ordinance behind closed doors as I write this.

The only input you will have is to email your concerns to:

- the County Commissioners at: commissioners@currituckcountync.gov
- the State Representative in the House for District 1 at: Bob.Steinburg@ncleg.net
- and to the State Senator for District 1 at: Bill.Cook@ncleg.net

I urge you to question the right of the county to restrict access, especially along a State Right-of-Way for Route 12 and their right to restrict parking on state property.

You do not have to be a resident of Currituck or North Carolina to address this issue!

You may address it as a visitor and how it may affect your future visits and expenditures for goods and services in Currituck County. Remember to point out that this area's economy is based on tourism.

Please get involved! Send your comments by email today to the addresses listed above!

Freshwater Fishing News

Submitted by Melany Bayford.

February 19, 2018. I had a super nice day on Lake Smith with Preston last week. The weather was sunny and comfortable. The fish were finicky. I think I got robbed a few times since a lot of hooks came back up empty. Only saw one bite and got the one fish. The bobber went down right after it hit the water. Preston was right there with the net and got him in. Fish was a release size for a club minimum, so it was his lucky day and he was put back in the water. It was a good experience to pre-fish the lake for the upcoming crappie tournament. Hope to see a lot of you there. Melanie



February 21, 2018. Today I decided to take the boat for a run with the gas motor to make sure it was ready for crappie tournament on March 3. Also took fishing rods and bait to see if anything was running in the Piankatank River. I was fishing by myself. I anchored in a promising area (Dr Ike knows where it is) and put some baits out. 50 yards from my location, fish were hitting the surface. I moved the boat to the more active location. I had only put out half of the rods when my favorite one had the line screaming off of it. I had a big channel catfish on board. He gave me a good workout. Net was not ready to be used, but I got it together. When I had the net on him I realized how big he really was. Had to pull him up over the side with great difficulty. Then the challenge of getting him into my too small cooler. Need a bigger boat also?? I called my neighbor Jesse to help me get the fish out of the boat and he went with me for the weigh in to tote the fish. We had to go to West Point to get it weighed. He also plunked the fish in my lap for the photo. Weighed in at 42.1 pounds. Excellent Day!! Motor ran fine also. Bonus. Melanie



Freshwater Fishing News Continued

Fishing the Lake Smith 2/22/2018

Went fishing with Russell Willoughby yesterday on Lake Smith. We started fishing around noon trying out new places and it only took us about a half an hour to find a motherload of fish. We started catching one crappie after another with Russell catching the first one that weighed out at 1lb 2 oz and then I promptly got hooked up with a fish near the same size. Then I got onto a big fish that just started traveling all over the area and pushed my little ultralight rod to its max and almost got wrapped in a tree and my anchor line. We knew it was going to be a bass and a big one that weighed out 3 lb 14 oz, 18 inches long that I released. My biggest to date. I also caught two other bass that were smaller and so did Russell. We caught steady for about an hour and a half and then it all settled down when the sun came out. We tried one other new place that produced one keeper crappie and several bluegill. We ended up catching about 16 fish and keeping 6 crappie each a pound or slightly under. Great day finding two new good spots on the Smith. Blessings, Ike.



Freshwater Fishing News Continued

Blue Catfishing with Ike (James) Eisenhower, Josh Andrews and Bob Stuhlman 2/23/18:
Booked a charter trip for catfishing on the northwest River on Josh Andrews boat with with Bob Robert Stuhlman. It stayed around 39 degrees but the wind was light and the rain held off for most of the trip. Josh gill netted shad for bait and even caught three nice sized crappie that I kept. We finished the trip with me catching a 32lb/42in citation, 27lb/37.5in both released and a 7lb "eater", 2 bowfin 26.5in & 25in released also. Bob caught a 23lb/37in which he released and we caught 3 fish on jugs 21, 17 & 5 lbs. that were kept for eating. We didn't see any other boats on the river the whole day. Great fishing with nobody's wake to deal with. Just cold and started raining right before we left the fishing area. Thanks to Josh Andrews for another super trip he is a joy to fish with. Blessings, Ike.



Freshwater Fishing News Continued

Went fishing today with Russell Willoughby on Lake Smith 2/13/18. Beautiful warm day partly cloudy and we were fishing with small shiners under bobbers. We hadn't been fishing more than a half an hour at our first stop before I had one of my bobbers go down which produced a three quarter pound crappie. After getting in the first one another bobber went down and I brought in a 1-pounder that managed to tie up all of our lines. Once we got the lines clear I put out my lines again and in no time I had a 1 pound 13 Oz crappie in the boat. It was 16 inches long so I released it to take a release citation. That's the one in the picture. Russell's bobber went down one time but the fish got around a stick or something that raked it off the hook by the time we got it back in to the boat. And that was all she wrote for that stop. We moved around to several other places but didn't really get much of a bite until we finally stopped at our old favorite place. There Russell hooked up a 1 lb 4 oz and a three quarter pound crappie in the picture. Right before leaving I hooked up a 1 lb 8 oz, 15 inch crappie and released it for another release citation. We had other hookups and misses but all in all every fish we got to the boat were keepers no throwback. We also saw Preston and Melody fishing at Lake Smith and helped them get on some fish. Overall was great day on Lake Smith. Blessings, Ike



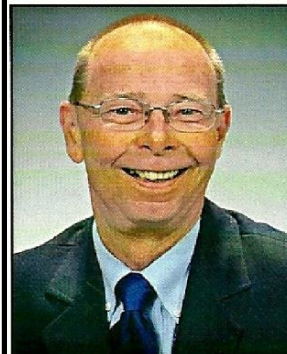
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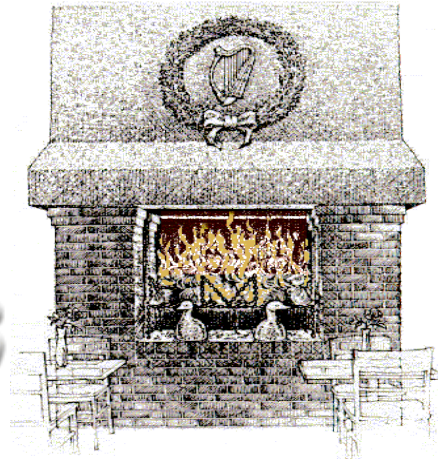
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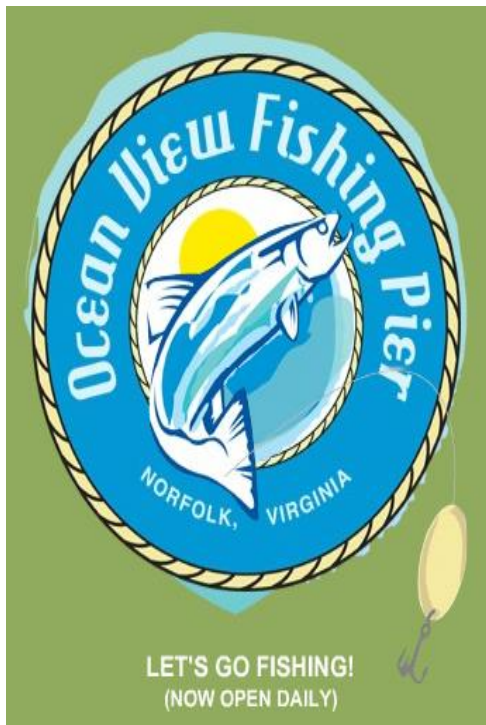
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Our Objectives:

- ❖ 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

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Bob Stuhlman

Board of Directors:

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Jerry Mariano

Preston Mangum

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