



June 2018



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## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Meeting:

When: **Thursday June 7, 7:30pm.**

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

**June Meeting Subject: To Be Announced**

**June Meeting Speaker: To be Announced**

### **June & Future Information Notes:**

- 1. June 2nd - Crab Creek Clean-Up. C'mon Down and Help!**
- 2. June 10 - Fish Tournament on the Ocean View Pier!**  
**Bring a rod & bait and compete to win **cash!****
- 3. June 23, 2018 Seaton House fishing trip for the kids. If you haven't yet volunteered, please call Bob Burstein at 267-994-7423. This event will melt the hearts of all who volunteer. Plus LUNCH will be served!**
- 4. June 23, 2018 Hunt For Hardheads make-up tournament**
- 5. JULY MEETING IS JULY 12 At Foundry United Methodist Church!**
- 6. December 8, 2018 Crappie Fishing Tournament on Lake Smith. (See Brochure). Tell your friends!**

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Croaker	NOTHING YET	
Puppy Drum	Jerry Hughes	6# 12.8 oz
Sea Bass	Jerry Mariano	4# 8oz
Bowfin	James Eisenhower	6#
Sunfish	Russel Willoughby	1# 2oz

## 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  
Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817  
Victor Minak (703) 888-8992  
Gerald Segelstrom (724) 809-7868

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB  
&  
OCEAN VIEW FISHING PIER

# 2018 SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENT



ADULT ENTRY FEE - \$20  
CHILD ENTRY FEE - \$10



Entry fee includes admission to pier.

\$150 GUARANTEED ADULT PAYOUT  
\$50 PIER SHOP GIFT CERTIFICATE TO CHILD

8 AM to 4 PM

10 JUN	15 JUL	12 AUG	9 SEP	14 OCT <small>weather permitting</small>
SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES
CROAKER ROUNDHEAD BLUE FISH	CROAKER ROUNDHEAD BLUEFISH	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT	CROAKER BLUE FISH SPOT

## RULES



Tournament is open to all.  
Rain or shine.

Fish must be caught on the pier during Tournament times and  
alive when brought to the judging table.

Winner will be determined by length.

Ties will be determined by earliest entry time.

Winners do not have to be present at 4 PM.

All prize money will be awarded. If no entry in a species, prize money will be  
divided and awarded to the winner with largest entry in remaining species.



1 Species = \$150 to the winner  
2 Species = \$75 each winner  
3 Species = \$50 each winner

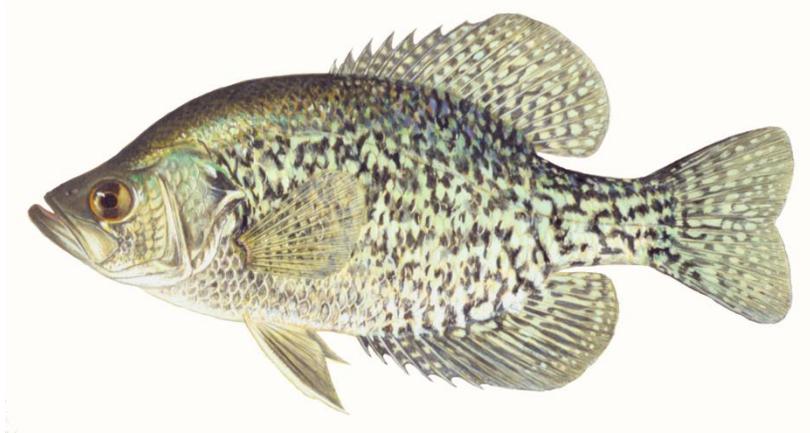


Child's prize will be for largest fish caught that day from the three species.

Visit our websites for the latest updates to the Tournament:

[vbanglersclub.com](http://vbanglersclub.com)    [oceanviewfishingpier.com](http://oceanviewfishingpier.com)

Virginia Beach Angler's Club  
**Crappie Tournament**  
**Lake Smith Shore or Boat**  
Saturday, December 8, 2018



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

Space is Limited!

Early Registration email: [pmangum@roseandwomble.com](mailto:pmangum@roseandwomble.com) or call: 757-582-1450

(number of anglers & child or adult)

General Registration at ramp on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup>

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.**

All boats must have Norfolk City Lake Permits

# *General Stuff*

## **A note from Gary Doerhoff**

### **Re: Upcoming Pier Tournament**

June 10 is almost upon us. This date is the beginning of our Summer pier tournament. After a successful and enjoyable run at Lynnhaven, VBAC has partnered with the Ocean View Fishing Pier. The rules and parameters are the same. The needs for club participation are still there. A sign-up sheet will be at the June 7 general meeting. You can also call Bryan Watkins at 831-9724 or Gary Doerhoff at 404-4727 to sign up to help. Don't forget, **working a shift gets you on the pier to fish at no charge** before or after your turn at helping so bring a rod (or two!). TKS

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## **The Seaton Youth Event**

VBAC will be having our Annual Seton Youth Fishing Trip on June 23. For those of you who are not familiar with the event, the club charters a head boat for an afternoon, and we take children from the Seton Youth Shelters out on the water to fish. Seton Youth Shelters cater to children whose parents are incarcerated. We take the kids and their mentors, the volunteers that work with the children, out for a fun day of fishing on the water. Once we are done fishing, we have a picnic and a raffle for the kids.

We need member help to set up, cook, help on the boat, and help with the clean up. There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting, however, if you are unable to attend the meeting, you are more than welcome to show up the day of.

Where: Ocean View Fishing Pier

When: June 23, 2018 at 10:00 am

If you have any questions, feel free to ask Dave Anderson at [andersondw90@gmail.com](mailto:andersondw90@gmail.com)

## **This Month's Quote**

“My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it.” – Koos Brandt

# West Marine "Fishing Frenzy" Event



Virginia Beach Anglers Club

1st Annual West Marine/VBAC  
Fishing Frenzy Kids Day

The event was held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm in the parking lot in front of the West Marine store in Loehmans Plaza shopping center. The weather was great, the turnout was fine, and I think the participants, both adults and children, had a good time. The Virginia marine Police were there with a trailer that held the biggest and fastest personnel watercraft known to mankind. The kids were really thrilled to climb up and sit on top. Capt. Rob Berryman talked about water safety and conservation of our marine resources, as well as having numerous handouts for the kids.

VBAC manned three other tables. A welcome and signup table, one to teach the children how to tie knots and set up rigs and a casting station, to teach kids how to cast a fishing rod. However, the highlight of the day was George Gabriel, Jerry Mariano & Chris Schnieder serving hot dogs, chips, sodas & water to everyone. We also had frozen ice cream sandwiches. West Marine provided all the tackle components, safety equipment and the casting rods and reels, as well as all the food and drinks necessary to make this event as successful as it was.

I would like to thank West Marine and store manager Karen Roberts for the support they provided for this years event. We are already in the planning stages for next year. Thank you also to the VBAC members who helped with this event. Mary Bradley, Robert Oliver, Rob Stommel, Pat Searby, Russell Willoughby, Bob Stuhlman, Brian Watkins, Gary Doerhoff, David Anderson



# VBAC Classified Page

Enter your ad by phone, text or email to Preston Mangum 757-582-1450 or [pmangum@roseandwomble.com](mailto:pmangum@roseandwomble.com)

Ads are free and good for 90 days or until sold.

Mobile Rod Rack FREE



Call Preston 582-1450

**2013 Metallic gold Ford 150 XLT North Carolina Edition, 4x4, crew cab, V8, new tires, wheel well liners, floor mats, spray bed liner, bed cover, brush guard, 61K miles. Excellent condition. \$22,800.00 Call Steve Lockyear (757) 456-5105 4/18**



**14' Flat Bottom Jon Boat. Doesn't leak. Trailer. Clear titles. \$350.00 OBO**

Call Gary Doerhoff 757-404-4727. 5/18



**I ran charters for many years and have served as club president and board member. I have numerous tackle, rods, reels, and other assorted gear for sale. High-quality, high-end custom gear.**

**Some, which have never been used. Butch Eason is knowledgeable on the type of gear I have. Anyone who is interested can reach me, Mike Marsala, at 757-724-6453. Please leave a message if there is no answer. 5/18**

## 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 – Dave Anderson</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 – Chris Schneider</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 – Patty Searby</b>

# *Saltwater Fishing News*

The following page reflects the Prize Fish requirements updated on March 15, 2018.  
Please save for your files.

Eligible Saltwater Species and Minimum Weights are:

\*\*\*\*\* Modified/updated March 15, 2018. Based on 75% of Virginia Citation Requirements.

## Virginia Citation Requirements

## 2018 VBAC Requirements

	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	
Amberjack	Release only	50"	Release only	38"	
Bass, Black Sea	5 lb 0 oz	n/a	3 lb 12 oz	17"	
	*****				
Bass, Striped (SW)	40 lb 0 oz	44"	30 lb 0 oz	33"	
Bluefish	16 lb 0 oz	36"	12 lb 0 oz	27"	
Cobia	55 lb 0 oz	50"	41 lb 4 oz	38"	*****
Croaker	3 lb 0 oz	20"	2 lb 4 oz	15"	*****
Dolphin	25 lb 0 oz	n/a	18 lb 12 oz	35"	*****
Drum, Black	80 lb 0 oz	46"	Release only	35"	
Drum, Red	Release only	46"	Release only	35"	
False Albacore	Release only	32"	Release only	24"	
Flounder	6 lb 0 oz	26"	4 lb 8 oz	20"	
Gray Triggerfish	4 lb 0 oz	20"	3 lb 0 oz	15"	
Jack Crevalle	Release only	40"	Release only	30"	
Kingfish (roundhead)	1 lb 8 oz	16"	1 lb 2 oz	12"	*****
Mackerel, King	20 lb 0 oz	n/a	15 lb 0 oz	33"	
Mackerel, Spanish	4 lb 0 oz	26"	3 lb 0 oz	20"	
Marlin, Blue	Release only		Release only		
Marlin, White	Release only		Release only		
Pompano	1 lb 8 oz	16"	1 lb 2 oz	12"	
Sailfish	Release only		Release only		
Sharks	Release only	72"	Release only	54"	
Sheepshead	10 lb 0 oz	24"	7 lb 8 oz	18"	*****
Spadefish	9 lb 0 oz	22"	6 lb 12 oz	17"	*****
Spearfish	Release only		Release only		
Spot	1 lb 0 oz	13"	12 oz	10"	*****
Swordfish	100 lb 0 oz	Any	75 lb 0 oz	Any	
Tarpon	Release only	36"	Release only	27"	*****
Tautog	9 lb 0 oz	23"	6 lb 12 oz	17"	*****
Trout, Gray	9 lb 0 oz	30"	6 lb 12 oz	23"	*****
Trout, Speckled	5 lb 0 oz	24"	3 lb 12 oz	18"	*****
Tuna, Bigeye	70 lb 0 oz	n/a	52 lb 8 oz	38"	*****
Tuna, Bluefin	100 lb 0 oz	60"	75 lb 0 oz	45"	
Tuna, Yellowfin	70 lb 0 oz	n/a	52 lb 8 oz	38"	*****
Tilefish, Blueline	10 lb 0 oz	n/a	7 lb 8 oz		*****
Tilefish, Golden	30 lb 0 oz	n/a	22 lb 8 oz		
Wahoo	35 lb 0 oz	n/a	26 lb 4 oz	38"	
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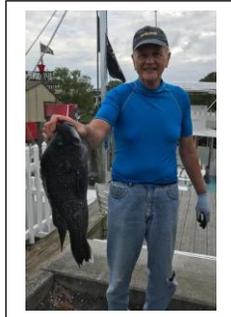
# *Saltwater Fishing News Continued*

## Black Sea Bass Trip

### Black Sea Bass Fishing

I went out on the Rudee head boat the Rudee Angler. We went out about 20 miles offshore. The fishing was very good. I and most of the people on board limited out. Most of the fish I caught were in the 2-3 lb range. My largest was 4lb 12oz. Several others caught citation sized fish. We were using squid on 2 hook rigs with an 8 oz weight. Despite a stormy forecast we had no rain and it was not too rough.

Victor Minak



### Way South and Virginia Fishing Report, 6/1/2018:

Virginia's waters are now busting wide-open with multiple opportunities - at least, when the weather gives us a break long enough to go fishing. **Oceans East** reported that red and black drum have moved in on the shoals at the mouth of the Bay, and are providing a stellar fishery for anglers using blue crab and peeler crab baits, set on bottom on 10/0 circle hooks with fishfinder rigs. Clam baits have also been catching fish. Around the [CBBT](#) taugtog are closed but still biting; fortunately, more [flounder](#) have begun to appear in the area. The best offering for the flounder has been four to six inch Gulps, Swimming Mullet and Jerk Shad, on a jig head or bucktail. Some spadefish have now appeared as well, for anglers fishing closer to structure with small hooks and sea clam bits. Cobia, meanwhile, are being encountered both outside and inside the CBBT as they migrate into the Bay. Most of the fish caught thus far have been accidental encounters while sight-fishing, though as the season officially starts today inside the Bay we expect that to change, as chummers can really begin targeting this species as well. Reports are that the numbers being spotted just outside the Bay are huge - in some cases dozens per day by anglers who aren't even targeting them - so hopes are high for a phenomenal cobia season. Brush up on your sight casting and chumming tactics, by checking out [The Cobia Are Coming](#).

Croaker continue to expand their presence in the lower Chesapeake, and have become the mainstay at most of the area piers from Yorktown south and also over towards Kiptopeke. There's been a good croaker bite for anglers soaking bloodworms on bottom in the lower Rap as well. Most of the fish aren't jumbos, but there are plenty of keepers in the mix. Unfortunately, there's also high/discolored water coming down pretty much all the rivers thanks to all the monsoons we've had lately, ruining a lot of the up-river areas for the time being.

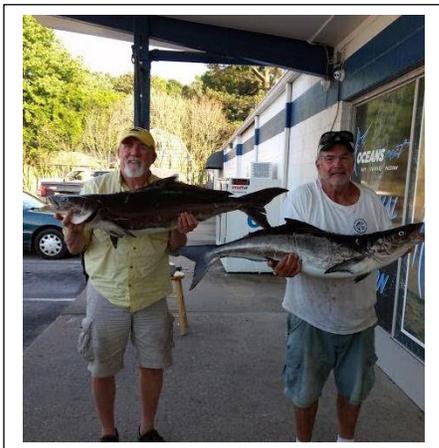
# *Saltwater Fishing News*

## *Cobia!*

First Day of Cobia Season,

Russell Willoughby and Jerry Hughes invited me to fish for cobia on the first day of the cobia season in Jerry's boat. I hadn't caught a cobia in years and Russell had not in two years so we were really anticipating catching one. Jerry however had caught several last year so he lead the way to his favorite cobia spot with the last of an out going tide. It was really gray and cloudy in the morning and the wind was SW but enough to make it pretty choppy heading out to the first spot. Nothing at all was caught until the sun came out about 11 AM and the wind died down and the tide shifted to incoming when Russell had the first cobia on. The cobia put up a good fight for Russell and several runs after getting it near the boat so we were able to see clearly it was over 40 inches. Nevertheless he was able to get it to the boat and Jerry gaffed it solidly and pulled it in with no problem and it measured 48". We moved several times all around the 9 foot shoals as the tide changed again. Sharks and southern rays were frequent diversions until Jerry hooked up one shark that we really didn't know what it was until he fought it near the boat. It took a long run towards the bridge and Jerry had a huge fight on his hands but he kept the pressure on and we could see it was clearly over 6 ft when he got it near the boat (using Russell's extended arms which he says is 6ft, one inch) before we cut it at the leader. Release citation for sure what I think was a large sandbar shark from looking at me shark identification book. Then I got a hook up which grabbed the bait and went on a long run before I was able to turn him. Great fight and it came to the surface early in his battle to the boat so I clearly knew I was fighting a cobia at least as large as Russell's fish. Russell gaffed this one once he tired out and it measured 46" but looked a little fatter than Russell's fish. Unfortunately no cobia graced Jerry's lines the whole day. We used menhaden cut up for bait and Super Bee chum. My cobia weighed out at Ocean's East as 33 lbs and 6 oz and Russell's weighed out at 33 lbs. Solid fish but no citations. Overall it was a long day but a great day chumming for cobia on the first day of the season. Thanks Jerry and Russell for inviting me along.

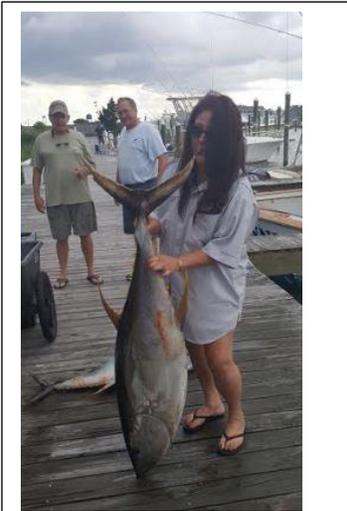
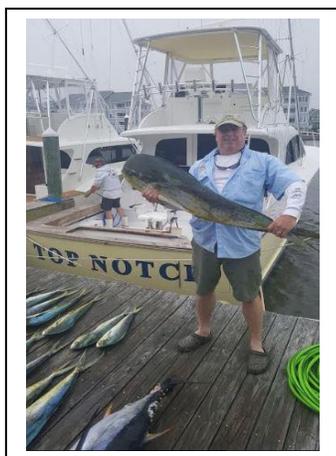
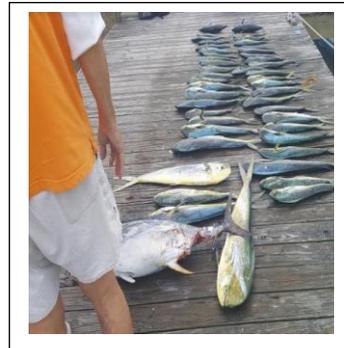
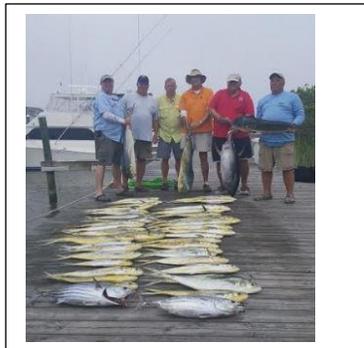
Blessings,  
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# *Saltwater Fishing News Continued*

Bob Burstein, Bob Stuhlman, Mike Anderson, Larry Regula, Jerry Mariano and myself had planned a Tuna trip out of Pirates Cove Manteo fishing on board Russ Kostinas' Top Notch for the 21st of June. We all met at my rental house on the evening of the 20th for some dinner and good conversation and an early bed time as our charter was leaving at 0415. The next morning we headed out on our adventure a 2-2.5 hour run had us on the warm water and beautiful thick weed line and then the action began with Mahi, we had as many as 4 on at a time and these weren't little chicken dolphin, many were gaffers. At times it was like a Chinese fire drill we were running around and under each other, the only problem we had was that you weren't sure how big your Mahi was because at times you had 10lbs of grass on the fish, so we said we now have grass fed Mahi. A pleasure was that we teased each other very all in good fun, but Captain noticed it and he said wow you guys don't cut each other any slack, he could we were all good friends and nobody took offense. Well after 44 Mahi, we decided to go chase Tuna. First up in the chair was Bob Burstein and he hooked up a nice 60 lb yellow fin, the only problem Bob had was that as he got it to the boat a 6 ft Dusky shark thought was a buffet line and was chewing on it's back end, but Bobby Kostinas the was able to pull the tuna away from the shark saving the tuna. After that we hooked some false albacore (great for bait). Then Larry Regula hooked into a big tuna and as it was getting to the boat it broke off. Then as we getting ready to call it a day we saw some whales with big tuna busting around we circled around and it was my turn, fish on! My Rod was bent over and my reel was screaming, there was no slowing down this fish, quickly I was down to backing when the fish finally stopped. I managed to get the backing and 400 yards of line back when he took off again, oye! I managed to get it back to the boat, this time huffing and puffing, sweating like crazy, when the fish took off again, this time a lot of swear words were yelled at the fish lol. I managed once to get the fish back to the boat when the the line broke. I was heartbroken but had a blast and would do it all over again in a second. At the end of the day we had 330lbs of fish and had and great time with good friends and made memories that will last a lifetime. Big thank you to Russ, Gene and Bobbie Kostinas from the Top Notch you guys are the best. Remember Jerry Mariano the wheels on the bus go round and round and the line on my reel goes out and out. Great fishing, Great memories, Great times, Great friends that's what it's all about! Till the next time.

**Chris Schneider**



# Saltwater Fishing News Continued

From: Beth Synowiec

*Things that go zzzzzzz 🌟🌟 in the night 😊*

## May 25 2018 late evening /early am Drum Report

We headed to Fisherman's Island area, late last night & On the menu for this evening we were offering a nice array of baits including , clam , female blue crab, and peelers. After attempting various combinations with these baits, the winner hands down was female blue crab "with the lids off" 😊 This bait choice produced some real nice Drum action while the current was kicking with multiple red drum hook ups including my release citation ( see photo). All redfish were caught and were released without harm . The fish mouth grip In my opinion really saved the night making it so much easier to hold the fish in the water for the necessary resuscitation and release that these beautiful fish truly need and deserve after under going these exciting battles. I was so glad, to have it with me. We headed back to the dock around 4 am almost out of crab and in need of a shower and some shut eye.

I hope you all get a chance to get out there this weekend for some enjoyable fishing time, family gatherings, picnics, or however you chose to spend your weekend. I only ask that you please take a moment or two to pay respects to those brave men and women who died while serving & defending our wonderful country. Their sacrifices should never go unnoticed , as without them, we would never have the freedom we so much love and enjoy. So, I would like to extend a very special and heartfelt thank you to those men and women and their families. Happy Memorial Day Weekend Everyone & Tight Lines 😊



## North Carolina Cobia!

Oregon Inlet had the most boat trailers I have ever seen at the boat launch!

They were parking in every spot including the fishing Ctr. Saw boat trailers parked on main road as well as in the camp grounds across the street. There were 4 NC game wardens checking each angler and every fish was measured on the returning boats. I was with 4 Other GBFA fishermen. We caught 10 Cobia and kept two.

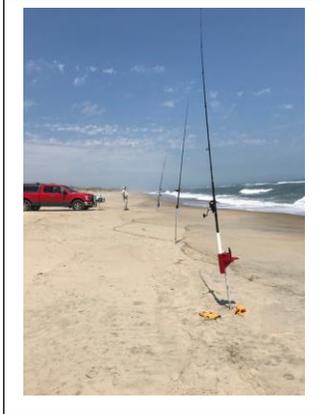
The game warden told me every boat they checked had fish. Saw lots of fish.

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# *Surf News Fishing*

## **Ocracoke Tournament 5-2018**



### **Surf Fishing Report 1 – Ocracoke Tournament**

This year was a bit unusual for in the Ocracoke Tournament in that we were able to field 2 teams this year. The fishing was typical of tournament fishing. Trying to catch scoring fish was a challenge. Team 1 made a decent showing finishing in 13<sup>th</sup> place. They caught 7 fish for 39 points. Doug's 24 inch puppy drum was the big fish for either team and really helped team 1's point total. Team 2 caught 7 fish for 13 points. This finished them in 30<sup>th</sup> place – not bad out of 72 teams. The team members returning from team 1 are Doug Wehner 2/24, Butch Eason 3/6, & Russell Woilloughby 2/5. Returning from team 2 are Stan Sutliff 2/5, Carl McCoy 1/4, & John Geramanos 2/2 (Patty Searby tied with John but John won by a coin toss). The report is that all the team members had a good time in spite of the slow fishing.

Tight Lines!  
Robbie Parks

# *Surf Fishing News Continued*

Surf Fishing VB Oceanfront 5/29/18

I went down about two weeks ago with no luck (caught about 30 skates and nothing else), so I decided to try the exact same spot to see what the difference would be. I had a day off and found a window in the weather on Tuesday (5/29). The bite was immediate with a small shark pup about 16". Shortly, it turned to the Roundhead and small bluefish. I tried a variety of baits and threw a few sand fleas hoping for a larger Roundhead. I was immediately rewarded with a nice 11" Roundhead and a 17" striper. Nothing else hit them through the remainder of the day. I had one club minimum Roundhead I caught at low tide on the far edge of the bar (less than a foot of water). I even managed a couple of casts with the Roundhead coming on shore two at a time. Overall, I was rewarded with the following catches: 2 shark, dozens of roundhead, 3 bluefish, 4 croaker, 2 stingray, 7 skate, 11.25 inch puffer, and a striper. I was excited to catch the striper as it was the first of my career from the surf. I tried some cut bluefish but only the skates and stingrays took interest. I had a couple of large (Roundhead) bites but didn't see the result.

The weather held off nice but a peek of sunshine made it feel hot. There was a light east wind and it was very cloudy otherwise. I fished the middle of the outgoing tide through low tide and the first hour of the other side, about 5 hours in total (12-5pm). I have found the better bite is as far as you can cast, but the striper and some Roundhead were in the surf between the bar and the shore where a noticeable horizontal rip was present. The best bite was right on the far edge of my casting range and the bar where the bottom flattened out. Hits were almost immediate when dragging my baits into that zone. I have found the area from 45th-50th on the ocean front to be very consistent throughout the summertime. There is plenty of street parking available on some of these roads. Unfortunately, there will be more beach goes soon so get out there late or early for the most space to fish. Don't be afraid to read the surf and find a spot that suits your fishing methods.

Kelly Hoggard



# Surf Fishing News Continued

## VBAC In Club Surf Fishing Tournament by Kelly Hoggard

I went down to Sandbridge for the club surf tournament on Saturday May 12th. The weather was beautiful and the water temps in the mid 60s. I set up at about 7:30 where two bars met with a little rip on the outgoing tide. Lots of grass was in close to shore but if you could cast out to the sandbar or further, there wasn't any grass. I managed to catch a skate a little before 8 o'clock. Then waited nearly an hour before my next bite. I had to cast as far as I could out past the bar to get any action but did manage a couple of Roundhead and one small bluefish. The 13" Roundhead I caught in the picture was my largest since fall 2016. It was nice to have something pull back on the rod for once. I did have something grab my rig and run but no amount of drag or pressure could stop it. I'm guessing it was a shark but could have been a big red drum passing by. I had to lock the spool when I ran out of line and it popped the rig. I've since taken the time to respool my two larger reels just in case it happens again this year. The weather was great with light winds but the fish just weren't cooperating as expected. The fish action is about 2-3 weeks behind normal so far. I expect the fishing to heat up really soon. Expect some small drum and more Roundhead until the end of May or early June, especially around the edges of the sandbars. I'll be fishing more this summer hoping to catch that elusive citation.

My setup: I use a 12' prevail rod with a 6500 Penn Spinfisher III. I also have a 9' ugly stick with a 5500 Penn Spinfisher III and a 7' ugly stick with a 4500 Penn Spinfisher V. I like having the different setups to be able to fish any and all situations out on the beach. The 6500 has 50# braid, I also use it Cobia/drum/striper fishing. The 4500/5500 have 40# braid. I keep a variety of tackle and sinkers to rig up with or cast when needed. If I need more than a 6 ounce sinker, I'll switch to a 6 or 8 ounce Sputnik. I have fished a 12 before but it's a lot of dead weight and hard to cast without practice. I would suggest going home and coming back another day if that is the case. To those who are interested, my best secret is that I use a piece of EZ Flea fish bite about one inch long. All combinations of fish bites, regardless of the color or flavor, just don't work as well as the two sided white/orange ez flea for Roundhead. Live cut Bloodworms work great but I have a hard time with the smaller fish going after them so I don't fish with those. Reeling in a couple hundred feet of line every 2 minutes is not fun. I also add a strip of squid for extra scent (good for some of your other fish like blues or puppies). The cleaner and calmer the water, the less color/float I want on my rigs. Circle hooks are my preference but I found it helps to have enough weight that the weight will cause the circle hook to set on the fish when they first bite and try to run. You have to be sure your hooks are very sharp or you'll get a lot of bites but no fish. With the 6 oz sinker I usually use, you'll know when you get a good fish because the larger Roundhead (about 12+" ) will be strong enough to drag your sinker a few feet and cause your line to go slack. I like to cast as far out as possible and I'll move my baits a little left/right on the cast to see if it makes a difference. I will also move my bait every 2-3 minutes. Usually 10 feet is enough. It also helps to pay attention to the bottom that you feel. If you get bites in the smaller sandy ripples, try to find that by feeling your sinker bump across them and stop there. Down at Sandbridge, a lot of the ripples nearer to shore are deep (6-8") and hold grass or trash or a variety of other things. Those close to the bar are smaller and hold the finer grains of sand.

If you are looking for an opportunity to go fishing together (boat or surf) or just want to learn how to fish, give me a call and I'll be happy to go: 757-416-8817



Tight Lines VBAC Members - Kelly Hoggard

## Surf Fishing Report 2 – Intra Club Surf Fishing Tournament – Sandbridge

On May 12<sup>th</sup> we held our annual Spring Intra-Club Surf Fishing Tournament at Sandbridge in Virginia Beach. It was a beautiful morning. The temperature reached the low 80's. We had a great turnout – 12 club members fished in the tournament and 3 others showed up to help out and offer support. Kelly Hoggard was the high man with 5 fish for 20 points. John Germanos was second with 3 fish for 6 points. Those 8 fish were all that were caught that scored. We start scoring fish at 8 inches in this tournament. The idea is to have as many people as possible score points. Everyone fished hard but the water was probably still a little too chilly for the fish to show up following the cold spring we have had this year. As the water warms up we should see great improvements in our local surf fishing. Go out there and give it a try and practice for the fall intra-club tournament that will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> in Sandbridge.

Tight Lines!  
Robbie Parks

# *Freshwater Fishing News*

Eligible Freshwater Species, Minimum Weight, and Release Lengths.

\*\*\*\*\* Modified/updated March 15, 2018. Based on 75% of Virginia Citation Requirements.

## Virginia Citation Requirements

## 2018 VBAC Requirements

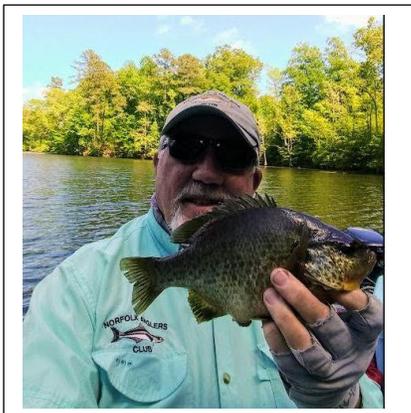
	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	
Bass, Largemouth	8 lb 0 oz	22"	6 lb 0 oz	17"	
Bass, Rock	1 lb 0 oz	12"	12 oz	9"	*****
Bass, Smallmouth	5 lb 0 oz	20"	3 lb 12 oz	15"	*****
Bass, Striped (FW)	20 lb 0 oz	37"	15 lb 0 oz	28"	
Bass, White	2 lb 8 oz	18"	1 lb 14 oz	14"	
Bowfin (Grindle)	10 lb 0 oz	30"	7 lb 8 oz	23"	
Carp	20 lb 0 oz	34"	15 lb 0 oz	26"	
Catfish, Blue	30 lb 0 oz	38"	22 lb 8 oz	29"	*****
Catfish, Channel	12 lb 0 oz	30"	9 lb 0 oz	23"	
Catfish, Flathead	25 lb 0 oz	40"	18 lb 12oz	30"	*****
Chain Pickerel	4 lb 0 oz	24"	3 lb 0 oz	18"	
Crappie	2 lb 0 oz	15"	1 lb 8 oz	11"	*****
Gar	10 lb 0 oz	40"	7 lb 8 oz	30"	
Muskellunge	15 lb 0 oz	40"	11 lb 4 oz	30"	*****
Northern Pike	6 lb 0 oz	30"	4 lb 8 oz	23"	
Perch, White	1 lb 4 oz	13"	15 oz	10"	
Perch, Yellow	1 lb 4 oz	12"	15 oz	9"	*****
Sauger	2 lb 0 oz	18"	1 lb 8 oz	14"	
Shad, American			(Release only)	12"	
Shad, Hickory	1 lb 8 oz	10"	1 lb 2 oz	8"	
Sunfish/Bluegill	1 lb 0 oz	11"	12 oz	8"	*****
Trout, Brook	2 lb 0 oz	16"	1 lb 8 oz	12"	
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Trout, Brown	5 lb 0 oz	25"	3 lb 12 oz	19"	
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Trout, Rainbow	4 lb 0 oz	22"	3 lb 0 oz	17"	
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Walleye	5 lb 0 oz	25"	3 lb 12 oz	19"	
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## *Freshwater Fishing News Continued*

First Shellcracker citations for 2018:

Fished with Russell on May 9th on Lake Prince in my Tracker and began around 10 AM. We were targeting first crappie so we rode all the way to the end of the lake and started working our way back. By 2 PM we had only caught small shellcrackers so we switched tactics and started to target shellcrackers in deeper water. The first place we tried Russell had a good one that weighed at Ocean's East at 1 lb, 2 oz for a state citation that should put him in the lead for the roulette sunfish for a while (until I get one bigger that is, LOL). So I targeted the same place and in no time I had a big shellcracker that weighed out as exactly 1 lb for a state citation. Then Russell hooked something even bigger that started tearing all over the place but finally got off on something on the bottom. It might have been a shellcracker or a catfish, because it was big and bent his ultra-light rod over double but I'd bet on shellcracker. I too hooked a big one that got off as well. But we just couldn't find another even though we put three more hours into it. All were caught on red wigglers under bobbers.

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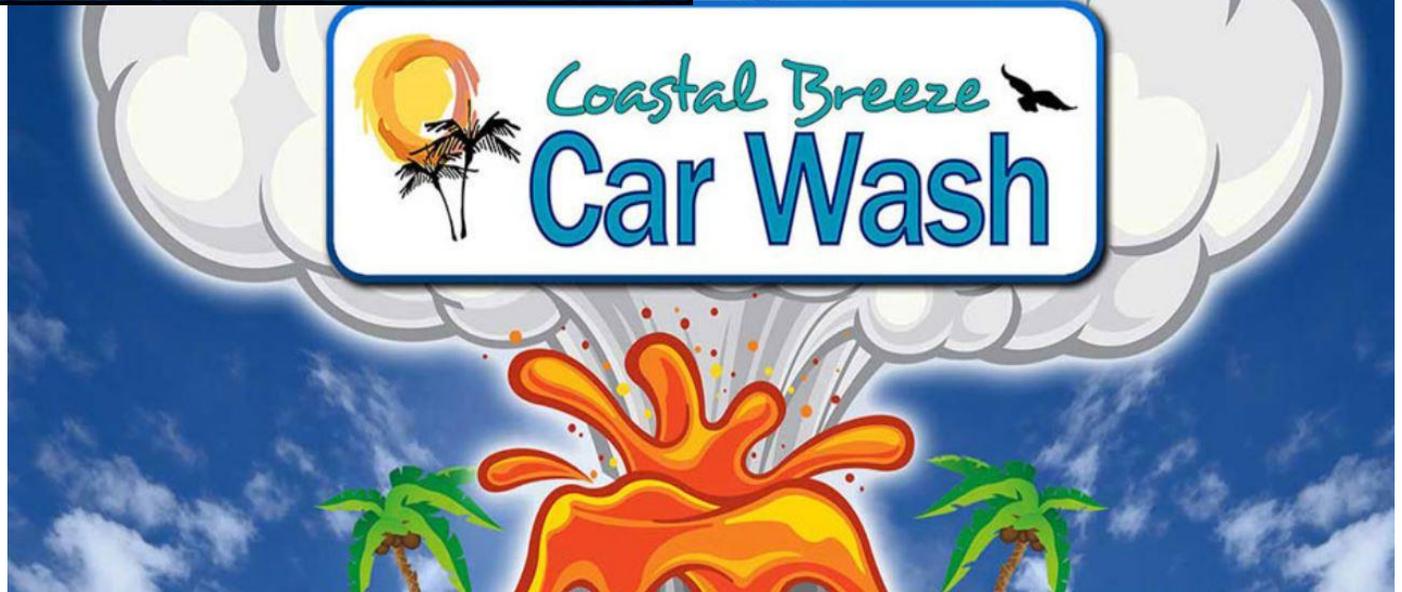
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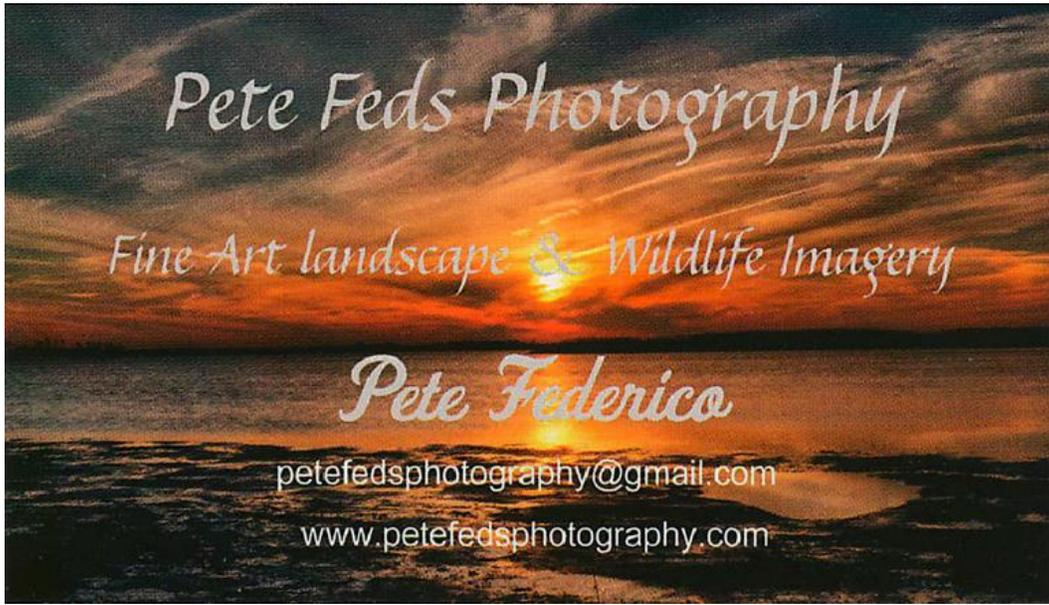
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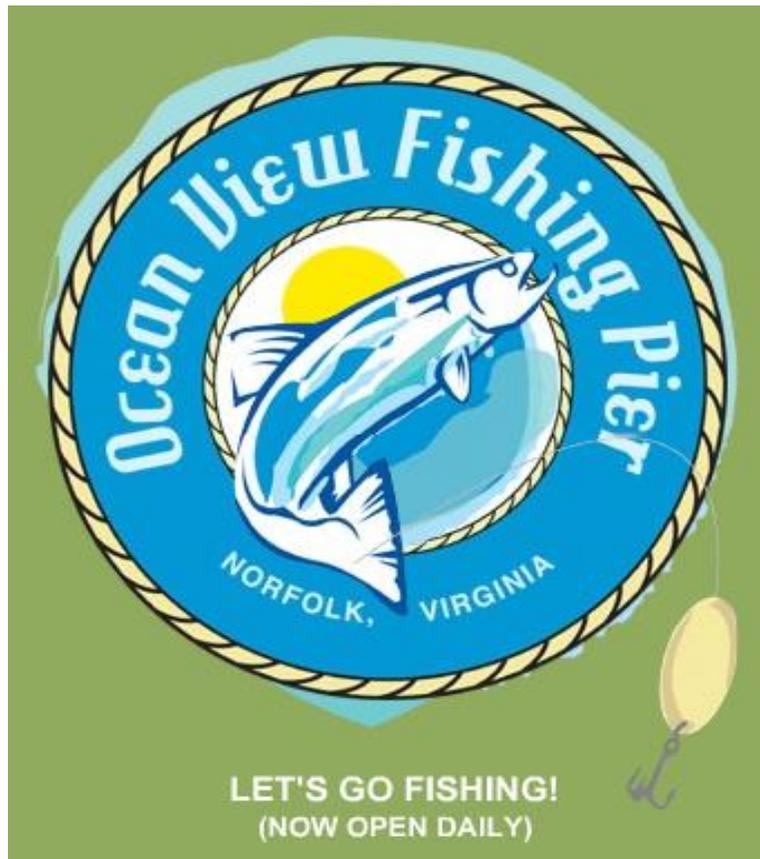
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- ❖ Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of 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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