



May 2019

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

## *Tight Line*

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## Upcoming Events

### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When: Thursday May 2, 2019 7:30pm.**

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

**Meeting Speaker: Mark Lozier (Member & Guide).**

**Meeting Subject: Spring inlet fishing and early  
summer fish.**

### **April & Future Information Notes:**

- **Ocracoke Invitational Surf Tournament May 2 – May 4**
- **Crab Creek Clean-Up May 4**
- **West Marine VBAC May 18, 10-2**
- **Hunt for Hardheads – May 18**
- **Little Island Spring Open Surf Qualifier – May 18**
- **Ocean View Pier Tournament - June 9**
- **Salvo Surf Open Fishing Qualifier – June 15**
- **Seton Youth Fishing Trip - June 29**

#### **This Month's Quote**

**“If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month”. Theodore Roosevelt**

# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Bowfin	Jerry Hughes	5 lbs.
Yellow Perch	Jay Graber	4 oz.
Bluefish		
Flounder		
Spadefish		

Submissions  
Virginia Beach Anglers Club:  
[vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gmail.com)  
Kelly Hoggard: 757-416-8817 or  
[fishnkelly@msn.com](mailto:fishnkelly@msn.com)

## Catch-A-Ride

### BOAT

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450 (FW)

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

*Add your name to either list by sending an email to*

*[vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gmail.com)*

## **Our April Meeting Speaker**



**Thanks to the best  
doggone tog  
fisherman we  
know !!!**

**He just makes it  
look easy**

**Doesn't he!!!**



**GBFA / PAC / VBAC / NAC**  
**“HUNT FOR THE HARDHEADS”**

**A croaker, bluefish, and flounder fishing challenge between the Great Bridge Fisherman’s Association, Portsmouth Anglers Club, Virginia Beach Anglers Club and Norfolk Anglers Club.**

**Date:** Saturday, May 18, 2019

**Location:** Portsmouth City Park

**Lines In:** 7:00 AM

**Measure In:** Starts at 12:30 ends at 1:30 PM

**Entry Fee:** \$30.00 / Boat (3 angler teams)....Additional Anglers \$10.00

***(The club is sponsoring 5 boats and crews) Submit your boat and crew ASAP!)***

**Includes:** Fishing, Picnic and Wish A Fish Donation!

Picnic only \$5.00

**WINNING CLUB HAS THEIR NAME ENGRAVED ON THE COVETED  
HUNT FOR HARDHEADS TROPHY  
(AND BRAGGING RIGHTS!)**

**RULES:**

1. Clubs are limited to five boats per club. Team Captains must be club members.
2. Teams must register and pay in advance through their own club’s tournament director.
3. Boats may depart from any VA port.
4. The eastern boundary will be 500 yards east of the HRBT.
5. Fish will be measured by length only, if the exact length tie is encountered a girth measurement will decide.
6. Points Structure...The longest legal fish of each species will earn 5 points, the 2nd longest legal fish earns 4 points, 3rd longest legal fish earns 3 points, 4th longest legal fish earns 2 points, and the 5th longest fish earns 1 point.
7. The Club with the Most Points Wins!

## 2019 Little Island Spring Open Surf Fishing Qualifier

**Saturday, 18 May 2019**

**DATE:** Saturday, 18 May 2019

**VENUE:** Little Island Park, Sandbridge, VaBch (Pavilions 1 &2)

**SCHEDULE:** 0700-1100: Competitive Surf Fishing Session on the beach  
1100-1145: Angler Development Session on the beach  
1200-1300: Light Lunch, Drinks, Awards & Recognitions

**COST:** FREE to all VBAC members in good standing (dues paid)  
\$20 for Non-members (cash or check payable to "VBAC")

**RAIN DATE:** Sunday, 19 May 2019

***All interested anglers must register no later than Sunday, 12 May 2019.***

Sign-up sheets will be available at the May VBAC General Membership meeting, or interested anglers may contact John Germanos at:

**Phone/Text:** (757) 285-1909 or **E-Mail:** [jgermanos@germanosdefense.com](mailto:jgermanos@germanosdefense.com)

Walk-ons may be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but the Surf Committee reserves the right to turn away unregistered anglers and/or non-members that have not paid the requisite entry fees.

[Click here for rules, guidelines, scoring schedule, and angler scoresheet.](#)

### **2018 Little Island Spring Open Results:**

**Winner -** Kelly Hoggard: 5 Fish for 20 Points

***Kelly earned a position on VBAC's 2019 CHAC Tournament Team!***

# 2019 Monthly Pier Tournament

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VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB  
&  
OCEAN VIEW FISHING PIER

## 2019 SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENT



ADULT ENTRY FEE - \$10

CHILD ENTRY FEE - \$5



\$150 GUARANTEED ADULT PAYOUT

\$50 PIER SHOP GIFT CERTIFICATE TO CHILD

8 AM to 4 PM

9 JUN

14 JUL

11 AUG

8 SEP

13 OCT  
weather permitting

SPECIES

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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)



## 2019 Salvo Spring Open Surf Fishing Qualifier (MAJOR)

**Saturday, 15 June 2019**

**DATE:** Saturday, 15 June 2019

**VENUE:** Salvo Village, Hatteras Island, NC

**SCHEDULE:** 0700-1100: Morning Surf Fishing Session on the beach  
1100-1145: Angler Development Session on the beach  
1200-1330: Light Lunch at Tournament HQ in Salvo  
1400-1800: Afternoon Surf Fishing Session on the beach  
1830-2000: Awards & Dinner at Tournament HQ in Salvo

**COST:** FREE to all VBAC members in good standing (dues paid)  
\$20 for Non-members (cash or check payable to "VBAC")

**LODGING:** All participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements. Limited lodging is available at the Tournament HQ. Contact John Germanos for rates and availability. Below are alternatives near Tournament HQ.

**Cape Hatteras KOA, Rodanthe:** (252) 987-2307 or (800) 562-5266 for general info. BOOK NOW to assure availability.

**Website:** <https://koa.com/campgrounds/cape-hatteras/>

**Camp Hatteras RV Resort & Campground, Waves:** (252) 987-2777. Rental units available. BOOK NOW to assure availability.

**Website:** <https://www.camphatteras.com/>

**RAIN DATE:** Saturday, 22 June 2019

***All interested anglers must register no later than Sunday, 09 June 2019.***

Sign-up sheets will be available at the May, and June VBAC General Membership meetings, or interested anglers may contact John Germanos at:

[jgermanos@germanosdefense.com](mailto:jgermanos@germanosdefense.com)

Walk-ons may be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but the Surf Committee reserves the right to turn away unregistered anglers and/or non-members that have not paid the requisite entry fees.

[Click here for rules, guidelines, scoring schedule, and angler scoresheet.](#)

# General Announcements



## Stakeholder Outreach Survey for Recreational Fishermen in the Mid-Atlantic

Dear Recreational Fisherman,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Coastal Acidification Network (MACAN). We are a collaborative network of scientists, industry stakeholders, federal and state agency representatives, and resource managers who work together to coordinate regional research and monitoring efforts related to coastal and ocean acidification. One of our goals is to raise awareness about changing ocean conditions; another is to gain a better understanding of perspectives from the recreational fishing community and other industry stakeholders in the region.

As an avid recreational fisherman in the Mid-Atlantic, we would like to hear from you. We would like to understand how coastal and ocean acidification might affect your recreational fishing activities now or in the future. We'd also like to hear your thoughts about actions that can be taken to prepare for and adapt to coastal/ocean acidification. By gaining a better understanding of the recreational fishing community's concerns, we hope to align MACAN's future research priorities with current information needs and identify opportunities to engage community members in future monitoring programs or educational partnerships.

**Please help us in these efforts by participating in MACAN's Stakeholder Outreach Survey.**

The survey can be accessed by clicking on this link: [Recreational Fishermen Survey](#)

It should only take 5-10 minutes to complete. Your responses are voluntary and anonymous.

**Please respond by June 14, 2019.**

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact survey coordinators Kirstin Wakefield at [Kirstin.wakefield@gmail.com](mailto:Kirstin.wakefield@gmail.com) or Grace Saba at [saba@marine.rutgers.edu](mailto:saba@marine.rutgers.edu). If you'd like to learn more about MACAN, please visit [www.MidACAN.org](http://www.MidACAN.org), or send an email to: [info@MidACAN.org](mailto:info@MidACAN.org).

Sincerely,  
Kirstin Wakefield

This survey is a collaborative effort with MACAN and Rutgers University. For more information, please contact Dr. Grace Saba, Assistant Professor, Center for Ocean Observing Leadership, Department of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University, 71 Dudley Rd, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Email: [saba@marine.rutgers.edu](mailto:saba@marine.rutgers.edu)

# General Announcements

**This and the following 4 pages are to alert our club members to the Striped Bass Issues and notify them of the measures being proposed and considered. Your input to the appropriate parties and participation in any activities would go a long way to adding volume to the needed voices.**

On April 23, 2019, the Marine Resources Commission will consider an emergency staff proposal to eliminate the Bay, Coastal and Potomac River Tributaries Spring Trophy-size Striped Bass Recreational Fisheries described in Chapter 4 VAC 20-252-10 et seq.

The justifications for this proposal include the status of the coastal striped bass stock that is overfished. This means the spawning stock is low and not biologically stable. Overfishing has been occurring for several years meaning the rate of striped bass removals from the stock has caused an overfished condition. The number of striped bass harvested recreationally by Virginia fisheries has declined markedly since 2010 when 368 thousand striped bass were harvested from all tidal Virginia waters. In 2018, preliminary recreational striped bass harvest is less than 52 thousand fish. The reporting rate for the trophy-size recreational striped bass fisheries has been low and ranged from 37 percent to 50 percent, from 2015 through 2018. All these factors have contributed to the staff proposal for these emergency actions, and section § 28.2-210 of the Code of Virginia authorizes these amendments for the protection of the striped bass resource.

The emergency amendments proposed by staff include: 1) elimination of the open season for the Bay spring trophy-size striped bass recreational fishery of May 1 through June 15, inclusive, whereby a 36-inch minimum size limit has been in effect; 2) elimination of the open season for the Coastal spring trophy-size striped bass recreational fishery of May 1 through May 15, inclusive, whereby a 36-inch minimum size limit has been in effect; and, 3) elimination of the open season for the Potomac River tributaries spring striped bass recreational fishery of April 20 through May 15, inclusive, whereby a 35 inch minimum size limit is in effect.

Staff proposes an effective date of April 29, 2019 for the emergency regulation. If the Commission adopts the emergency regulation, a public hearing on this issue would be requested for May 28, 2019.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: April 17, 2019

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

Contact: Ellen Bolen

Email: [Ellen.Bolen@mrc.virginia.gov](mailto:Ellen.Bolen@mrc.virginia.gov)

## **Virginia, Massachusetts and Connecticut Urge Swift Action to Protect and Rebuild Dwindling Striped Bass Stocks**

*~ Key fishing states ask Atlantic States Commission to move quickly on strong conservation measures ~*

**RICHMOND**—Today, Virginia, along with Massachusetts and Connecticut, called on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) to take swift action to protect and conserve striped bass for present and future generations of anglers.

In a letter to Chairman James S. Gilmore, Jr., the three states expressed serious concern regarding the overfished state of striped bass stocks and urged the Commission to adopt a new Addendum to Amendment 6 of the Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP), with the goal of significantly reducing fishing mortality.

A recent scientific assessment of striped bass shows the striped bass population has been below the sustainable threshold for the past 6 years and overfishing has been occurring since 2010.

“The state of our striped bass fishery is shameful, especially considering that it was fully rebuilt just a few years ago,” **said Secretary of Natural Resources Matthew J. Strickler**, “We need immediate action to reduce striped bass harvests to sustainable levels to ensure we have better fishing in future seasons.”

The three states asked the ASMFC to start the process of developing an addendum to be finalized by the annual meeting in October, asking the Commission to consider a range of options, including season length and size limit, rewarding states who take early action.

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VMRC continued:

“Conservation of this prized recreational and commercial species is crucial, and a recent assessment of striped bass has indicated that the resource is below a sustainable level,” **Virginia Marine Resources Commissioner Steven Bowman said**, “It is critical that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission takes strong and enforceable actions to address the striped bass decline no later than October 2019. The Commission should consider all options to reduce fishing mortality and incentivize states to take conservation actions this fishing season.”

“Scientific evidence and what fishermen in our states are seeing on the water tell us that bold action to protect striped bass is long overdue. Rebuilding striped bass stocks and sustaining them at target levels of abundance is incredibly important to fisheries in our states. We urge the Commission to implement measures that will reduce striped bass harvests to sustainable levels as quickly as possible,” the states said in their letter.

The three states have advised the ASMFC to commit to going beyond current measures to return striped bass stock to target level of biomass and fishing mortality indicative of a healthy fishery.

“Virginia is proposing swift action in response to the scientific assessment to reduce catch and start to return this population to healthy levels,” **Commissioner Bowman said**, “We look forward to working with other states to ensure effective and enduring conservation measures are enacted throughout the range of the fishery





COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Marine Resources Commission

Building 96

Matthew J. Strickler 380 Fenwick Road Steven G, Bowman Secretary of Natural Resources Fort Monroe, VA 23651 Commissioner

April 5, 2019

Chairman James S. Gilmore, Jr.  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
1050 N. Highland street, Suite 200A  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Chairman Gilmore,

Please accept our commitment to participate in the striped bass rebuilding plan that we expect the ASMFC will promote at its April 30, 2019 meeting. We fully support reducing the current (2017) fishing mortality rate of 0.307 to the target fishing mortality rate of 0.197 or lower within one year.

We realize this is the second time in six years the ASMFC must accept the difficult challenge to revitalize the striped bass resource and the fisheries that depend on this prized resource. In Virginia, we need to take a first step towards the expected reduction plan that awaits all states. Virginia has enjoyed three spring trophy-size fisheries since 1995, with the Chesapeake, Coastal and tributaries of the Potomac as sites for these recreational fisheries. On April 23, 2019 the VMRC Commission will consider an emergency proposal from its staff to eliminate these three trophy-size striped bass fisheries. Our intent is to curtail the harvest of larger striped bass in the spring.

The trophy-size fisheries are managed by a one-fish possession limit and 36-inch minimum size limit in all areas except the Virginia tributaries of the Potomac River where the minimum size limit is 35 inches. The open trophy-size fishing seasons vary by area, with the Bay season as May 1 through June 15 being the longest. The amount of savings in harvest from this proposed emergency action, is not extensive, likely less than one percent of all harvested striped bass in 2017. We do request that any harvest savings from this action be applied to any savings in mortality required by ASMFC in the near future.

Concerning the technical feasibility that may be available to construct reduction strategies, we are concerned about the disproportionate geographical distribution of dead discards. Virginia usually enjoys a modest discard rate in its recreational striped bass fisheries. From 2015 through 2018 Virginia averaged 4.4% of the coast-wide dead discards. Since the fishing mortality rate is

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influenced by the magnitude of harvest and dead discards, we hope the ASMFC can plan to include both components of mortality in its overall plan for reduction in the fishing mortality rate.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. We will provide you with the outcome of our Commission's action on this emergency proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bowman".

Steven G. Bowman

# Black Seabass

FMAC Committee Members and Interested Parties:  
Good afternoon.

Pertaining to the makeup days for the winter black sea bass fishery:

FMAC members: You had asked for alternate closure dates, within May 15 through December 31, to closures in Wave 3 (May-June) and Wave 5 (September-October). Recall that 21 days of closure would be required for a Wave 3 or Wave 5. Staff chose some dates for other time periods you asked for.

Please send your preferences as soon as possible because there will be an ASMFC technical committee call on April 8 to review new options. So far, only the WAVE 3 and WAVE 5 options have been approved. It is very important that your feedback on these closed days reach me by Friday this week.

Thanks,

Rob

Option	Closure Dates	Wave	Daily Landings Rate (harvest/days by wave, 2017-18)	Total Savings (pounds)	Days closed to achieve 10,082lbs
1	June 1-21	3	486	10,203	21
2	June 17-July 15	3/4	486/223	10,146	29
3	July 9-August 22	4	223	10,083	45
4	August 17-September 14	4/5	223/483	10,100	29
5	October 10-31	5	483	10,133	21
6	October 20-December 31	5/6	483/79	10,148	72

# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

## Prize Fish Contest



### Official Catch Entry Form



#### AGE DIVISION

Fry 1-6

Guppy 7-12

Junior 13-17

Adult

Mail to: Virginia Beach Angler's Club

% Prize Fish Contest

P. O. Box 8602

Virginia Beach, VA 23450

#### CATEGORY

Surf/Pier/Shore Saltwater

Boat Saltwater

Freshwater

Ladies

Angler: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Species: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Girth: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Girth: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Girth: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Girth: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Girth: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs. \_\_\_\_\_ oz.

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Girth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Weighed: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I hereby certify that the statements above are true and I have complied with the rules of the contest"*

Anglers Signature

Phone #



1. The contest will run from January 1 through December 31. All entries from the previous year must be turned in by the regular January business meeting.
2. To be eligible for monthly awards, entries may be mailed to the VBAC Post Office Box, the Prize fish chairperson or placed in the hands of the Prize Fish Committee before the regular business meeting begins, following the month the fish was caught. To be eligible for the annual awards, all entries must be submitted no later than the second meeting following the catch. Catches made in December must be turned in by the following January meeting to be eligible for the previous year's awards.
3. The contest is free and open to all members in good standing whose dues have been paid before the catch, according to the club bylaws. There is no entry fee to participate.
4. The territorial limits for the contest shall be the waters of Virginia and North Carolina and their coasts.
5. To be accepted for entry, fish must be taken on hook and line and must follow all recreational fishing regulations as determined by the state to which it was caught. Only fish caught in waters open to public fishing may be submitted for entry to the Prize Fish Committee.
6. To qualify for entry as a catch, all fish must be weighed on certified scales.
7. In order to qualify for a club record, the fish must be weighed at an official state weigh station.
8. Weights should be converted to pounds and ounces. A witness must be present and must sign the form. If the fish qualifies for a VA or NC state tournament citation, that receipt will meet these requirements.
9. Entries in the monthly contest must meet "minimum club weight requirements" and will be considered for the annual contest. Minimum acceptable weights and lengths are set by the Prize Fish Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
10. Acceptability of entries will be at the discretion of the Prize Fish Committee whose decision will be final.
11. In the case of a tie in the catch category, length, then girth will be used to determine the winner.

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# VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

## Prize Fish Contest



### Official Release Entry Form

#### AGE DIVISION

☐ Fry 1-6  
☐ Guppy 7-12  
☐ Junior 13-17  
☐ Adult

Mail to: Virginia Beach Angler's Club  
 % Prize Fish Contest  
 P. O. Box 8602  
 Virginia Beach, VA 23450

#### CATEGORY

☐ Surf/Pier/Shore Saltwater  
☐ Boat Saltwater  
☐ Freshwater  
☐ Ladies

Angler: \_\_\_\_\_ Species\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please Print) Only One Species per Form

1. Date of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Tagged? Yes No  
 Bait: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Date of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Tagged? Yes No  
 Bait: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Tagged? Yes No  
 Bait: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Tagged? Yes No  
 Bait: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Date of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Tagged? Yes No  
 Bait: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Catch: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Tagged? Yes No  
 Bait: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Angler's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I hereby certify that the statements above are true and I have complied with the rules of the contest"*

\*\*\*All fish submitted to the VBAC prize fish committee must meet the rules of the prize fish contest\*\*\*

\*\*\*Contest rules are part of the VBAC Functions and Activities Manual, available online at [VirginiaBeachAnglersClub.org](http://VirginiaBeachAnglersClub.org)\*\*\*



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# Our Crab Creek Clean-Up Day



Once upon a time, an intrepid group of people gathered in the cold misty morning to go forth and slay the trash dragon.

Onward they charged into the unknown knowing only that they must emerge victorious!



Only after vanquishing the enemy and emerging unchallenged and victorious did they feast, drink, and raucously toast to their slain enemy and their success!

***Thank you!!!!***



# Hats & T-Shirts

## Inventory Clearance Club T-Shirts and Hats

Club T-shirts and hats are available in the old and new varieties.

Please see Patty Searby at the General Membership meeting.

Short Sleeved Pocketed T-Shirts 10.00 ea



LIMITED SIZES AND COLORS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

**ALL HATS \$15.00 EA**



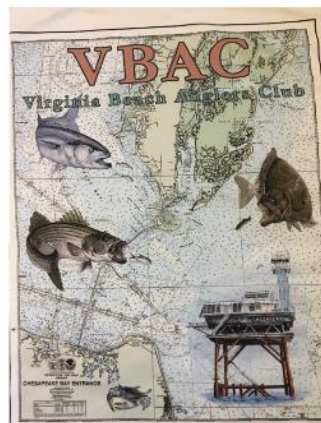
## LONG SLEEVED PERFORMANCE SHIRTS

**\*OFFERS SUPERIOR PROTECTION WITH A UPF RATING OF 50+ WHILE KEEPING YOU COOL WITH MOISTURE WICKING TECHNOLOGY**

**\$25.00 EA**



(FRONT)



(BACK)

## **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 – John Germanos</b>
Club Tournaments:	<b>Chair – George Gabriel</b> <b>Co. Chair – Bob Burstein</b> <b>Chair – Gary Doerhoff</b>
Pier Tournaments:	<b>Co. Chair – Bryan Watson</b>
Prize Fish:	<b>Chair – Kelly Hoggard</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>

**If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,  
Please Speak to the Chair. Help is Appreciated!**

# *West Marine May Event*

West Marine Virginia Beach Presents



## **Know Your Garmin!**

**Saturday, May 18th • 10:00 - 2:00**  
**Pick Your Seminar or Attend Them All!**

- *Plan Your Next Cruise with Garmin*
- *Fishing with Livescope Sonar*
- *Using Active Captain*
- *Garmin InReach for Safety & Communication*
- *Chat with Garmin Representative Amanda Funk*

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# Good Times on the Good Times with VBAC & Capt. Andy

*Captain Andy Piland and our crew of VBAC Anglers fought off the sharks to earn 7 Blackfin Tuna Citations and an 8-foot Bull Shark Release Citation!*

Special Thanks go out to First Mate Tim and Captain Andy for another great fishing experience aboard the Good Times out of Hatteras Harbor, NC!

All six VBAC anglers caught Tuna with 7 citation-sized fish!

The catch included 9 blackfin tuna, 2 amberjacks, and a nice mahi.

Six large AJs were bitten-off with one replaced by an 8-foot Bull Shark for a hard-earned release citation.

All in all, every VBAC angler earned a citation on this trip!

The “Award-Winning” VBAC Crew included:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Bill “The Colonel” Frunzi:    | Citation Blackfin Tuna      |
| • George “G-Man” Gabriel:       | Citation Blackfin Tuna      |
| • Chris “Dice Man” Schneider:   | Citation Blackfin Tuna      |
| • Mike “Pops” Anderson:         | Citation Blackfin Tuna      |
| • Jerry “The Stallion” Mariano: | Citation Blackfin Tuna      |
| • John “The Bull” Germanos:     | Release Citation Bull Shark |

This was The Colonel’s first offshore trip, and he managed to boat his first Mahi and a fat 25-lb citation Blackfin – not bad for a Rookie! Pretty work Bill!

The 4-6-foot seas kept the boat rocking throughout the day. We started out with the Green Stick in action and several ballyhoo lines trolling underneath, but the Tuna were finicky and uninterested in these initial offerings, so Capt. Andy moved on to Plan B – The Red Kite!

As Tim prepared for the transition to the Kite, Capt. Andy drifted us over the rock piles near Diamond Shoals Light Tower, and out came the jigging rods!

Bill was handed the Stallion’s “new” jigging rod and was immediately greeted by a tackle-bustin’ Reef Donkey that pulled the reel from its seat and turned Jerry’s new rig into a yard sale! Thanks to Tim, the reel and rod were salvaged with only a bent guide, damaged ego, and lost fish in the debit column!

John and Tim had the next two AJ bites bitten off by the sharks – man, were they thick out there! Sharks 2, VBAC 0. Whew.

Pops Anderson got into another AJ that seemed to be having its way with him until another shark ended that fight, and Old Pops reeled up what was left – a very large AJ head bitten-off behind the gills! Wow. Sharks 3, VBAC 0.

The Dice Man FINALLY got an intact AJ up to the boat, and a clean gaff-job by John put it on ice to open the scoring! Sharks 3, VBAC 1! You go Chris!

The next hook-up was another classic AJ battle as the Reef Donkey strained angler and tackle as AJs do! The fight mysteriously waned as the G-Man eased the weary fish up to the boat, albeit with a LARGE chunk bitten out of the shoulder loin! AAArg! Sharks 3.5, VBAC 1.5!



***Chasing the sunrise – great start to a great day!***



***VBAC Angler Bill Frunzi with his first Blackfin Tuna.***



***John worked around this 24-lb shark-bitten AJ to salvage some quality meat!***



John immediately jigged-up another nice fish only to have it replaced by an aggressive 8-foot Bull Shark...wrestling that dude with the jigging rod for 20 minutes turned his arms to noodles, but he turned it on its side and got it to the boat where Tim cleanly removed the hook for well-earned release citation!

After getting that Bull to the boat and having another AJ bitten off, we switched back to chasing the Tuna.

Tim deployed the Red Kite and the VBAC crew manned two flat lines trolling ballyhoo. Within minutes we had a "fish-on" and The Colonel was reeling in his first ever Mahi – a tasty 10-pounder for the grill!

Once Bill broke the ice, it was "Game On."

The Red Kite got hot, and fishing immediately picked up as we had close to 50 bites over the next two hours, but many were of the bump-n-run variety. Nevertheless, Captain Andy put in some overtime, and we boated nine quality Blackfin Tuna.

After going toe-to-toe with that Bull Shark, John was more than happy with the prize for the smallest Blackfin at 9 pounds while cousin George tipped the scales with the largest – a 36-pounder that nearly doubled the 20-pound citation!

The other seven Blackfin went 16, 21, 24, 25, 25, 28, and 33 pounds...some really high-quality fish for the table!

We ended the day with a nice double hook-up and landed both fish without a hitch. Great work Tim!

A fitting end to a classic VBAC-style Wicked Tuna adventure!



*Bill with his first Mahi!*



*G-Man vs. Charlie Tuna!*



*The Stallion in Action!*



*Nice gaff Tim!*

## Food, Fellowship...and FUN!

As with all VBAC events I have participated in, the Food, Fun, and Fellowship stand out as much as the great Fishing experience, and this event was no different! What characters! We are indeed an Eating Club with a Fishing Problem!



*Ouch! A 30-lb AJ is now only 24 lbs!*



*Chris and Mike "resting their eyes." They are so Cute at this Age!*







*John preparing to fillet a fat Tuna!*



*Fresh Blackfin Tuna Steaks for grilling!*



*Blackfin "trimmings" to Blacken!*



*Fresh Blackfin Tuna on the Barbie!*



*Tuna Grilled RARE VBAC-style!*



*Blackened Blackfin Tuna Bites!*



*Blackfin Tuna Sashimi "trimmings" – F-r-e-s-h!*



*Sesame-encrusted Blackfin Tuna ready to pan-sear!*



*Wasabi, pickled ginger, and soy sauce!*



*Sesame-encrusted Tuna Sashimi!*



*Pan-seared RARE - delicious!*





***The VBAC Crew: Plenty of Sesame-encrusted Tuna Sashimi, Blackened Tuna Bites, and Grilled Tuna for all!***

**Can't wait til our next trip with Captain Andy for more VBAC-style Good Times on the Good Times!**

***Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos***

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# Chef's Corner: Thai Stingray Fish Cakes with Sweet Chili and Oyster Sauce

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MAY 2019

*This paradigm shift enters stingray into the upper echelons of gourmet cooking and infuses complex Thai ingredients into a dish that will knock your socks off!*

In the angling community, I am known for my ability to change perceptions and break down paradigms when it comes to many oft misunderstood fish and their place on the scale of palatable table fare.

Next to the spiny dogfish, stingray is without a doubt **THE** most underrated and overlooked meat fish across our coastal bays and beaches. I honestly believe this is due to a general fear of the buggy-whip tail & stinger; the unusual physical anatomy of the fish; and limited information on how to properly transform this protein treasure trove into some of the most versatile fillets available – bar none!



**Pan-fried Thai Fishcake Entrée & Sweet Chili Sauce.**



**Thai Stingray Slider – Great Appetizer or Lunch!**

When my family was in the restaurant business, we were one of the first to recognize and popularize several local dishes, most notably – Monkfish. The parallels here are amazing. Once we got past all that slime, the ginormous head, and the anxiety of how to prepare the meat for the table, Monkfish fillets became one of our best sellers, and we made good margin since most fishermen considered them to be trash fish and either discarded them or were more than happy to unload them (sound familiar?). I feel that is where we are with stingray, and the amount of pure edible fillets that come from the two wings of even an average 20-pounder is well worth the processing effort.

Trash fish or game fish? Until now, stingrays have been considered trash fish. Noted for great runs and occasional aerial displays, these powerful fighters are excellent table fare, moving them onto and up my personal game fish list!

Just look at the diversity of these dishes which I have recently created using Stingray as the main ingredient:

- NC-style Stingray BBQ with Cole Slaw and Creamy Potato Salad – most folks can't believe it's not pork!
- Manhattan-style Stingray Fish Chowder with minced Clams and Grilled Garlic Toast
- Stingray Fingers with Honey Mustard, Buffalo Wing, and Barbecue Dipping Sauces, with Celery and Carrot Sticks and my homemade Chunky Bleu Cheese Dressing
- English Pub Stingray Fish-n-Chips with Malt Vinegar and hand-cut homemade fries



- Fran's Stingray & Shrimp Pasta Salad – this is such an amazing beach and general snack food to have in the fridge and eat cold!
- Creamy Stingray and Potato Soup with Oyster Crackers and a dab of Dry Sherry
- Curried Stingray and Vegetables with Turmeric-infused Basmati Rice and Hot Mango Chutney
- Blackened Stingray Bites – these puppies are spicy, Juicy, have great texture, & plain blow away Tuna bites!
- Stingray and Cheddar Sandwich with my homemade Tarter Sauce and hand-cut fries
- Louisiana-style Stingray Gumbo – you'll be amazed by the flavors and texture

And that's just the tip of the iceberg! As I continue to experiment and publish Stingray recipes, and as folks begin to try this overlooked delicacy, I am convinced Stingray will start showing up in local restaurants that are "in the know" and to prominently feature this local fare in the proper light!

***Okay, off the Stingray soapbox, and on with the this wildly delicious recipe!***

## Ingredients:

As with all of my instinctive creations, the ingredients used in this recipe reflect what I had on hand and may certainly be adjusted up or down to suit available portions and/or personal taste, but I must say – this was spot-on for my taste buds at a time when I was looking for something new that delivered some "POP!"

1-½ pounds of stingray meat, finely minced or chopped (I actually used the 1 pound, 9 ounces I had on hand)

5 green onions (scallions) finely minced or chopped (I used both the white and green ends)

½ small white onion, finely minced or chopped (had a small piece in the fridge, so what the heck?)

4-5 cloves fresh garlic, crushed and finely minced or chopped (use less if you are not a garlic fan!)

¼ cup finely chopped cilantro or flat-leaf parsley (wash thoroughly – my batch had sand and needed several rinses!)

½ seeded Ghost Pepper – finely minced (this is ***optional*** as it adds heat, so leave this out or use a Thai chili if you want to go on the milder side of the Scoville scale, but this was judged to be just fine by my wife and youngest daughter, Mia!)

1 teaspoon of finely grated fresh ginger root (*approximately* one small root bulb) – I used a zester, and it worked great



***Slice and Dice Stingray Fillet.***



***Chop & mince to fine texture.***



***Add fresh ginger zest & Thai pepper.***

**NOTE:** For folks that are not as patient or handy with a knife, a food processor may be used – just don't overdo it or you will lose the mouth-feel and texture...which is why I used the knife for all of these "minced" ingredients. In the case of the fish, I recommend hand mincing ½-pound and processing 1 pound to maintain some good texture in the cakes.

2 tablespoons oyster sauce

2 tablespoons sweet Thai chili sauce

2 tablespoons fish sauce



1 tablespoon brown sugar

1 teaspoon sea salt – recommend sprinkling on the cutting board to absorb the garlic oil – something I always do when crushing and chopping fresh garlic!

2 large brown eggs (I used 2 because I like fluffy cakes – 1 egg is fine if you like them with more density)

¾ cup all-purpose flour to bind the fish cake mixture (I started with ½ cup and added ¼ cup to thicken a bit more)

Oil for frying (bacon grease, canola, corn oil, or my favorite – peanut oil)

One of the following to dust the cake before frying: Panko, bread crumbs, or all-purpose flour – I like Panko!



*Chop and mince green onion.*



*Chop and mince cilantro.*



*Combine in large bowl & mix well.*

## **Directions:**

**\*Fast and Easy Mixing Method:** Combine fish, flour, and all other ingredients in food processor, and process until well-combined. Stingray meat is firm, so be sure to coarsely chop before processing – likewise with the veggies!

## **Traditional Preparation:**

Using a sharp knife, chop and mince stingray meat until close to minced-meat consistency – some slightly larger bits are okay to add texture, but it should be pretty well chopped to make sure it mixes well.

Finely chop and mince onion, garlic, cilantro, and ghost pepper.

In a large mixing bowl, combine minced fish, minced vegetables, and zested ginger root with flour, eggs, Thai sweet chili sauce, oyster sauce, fish sauce, salt, and brown sugar.

Thoroughly combine and stir all ingredients into a smooth, homogeneous mixture consistency.

Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to chill and set the mixture or it will be very messy to work with. I let mine “set” for 2 hours to allow all the flavors to meld and distribute. It will firm-up nicely in the fridge.

When you’re ready to cook-up a batch, choose one of the following techniques – I tried them all, and each worked great!

## **Basic Fishcake Patties:**

Heat about ½-inch of oil in a skillet to medium-high heat. I chose bacon grease for my first run. Peanut oil is best.

**TIP:** when forming patties, I get a little grease on my hands to prevent mixture from sticking as much.

Form stingray cakes into flat patties of desired diameter, lightly dust with flour (or Panko), and fry about 4 minutes on each side or until golden brown and cooked through. For crispier texture, roll cakes into Panko or bread crumbs and pat crumbs into cake to adhere for frying. Start with medium heat to cook through. Increase heat a tad to brown if desired.



***Panko-coated Stingray Cakes and a little bacon grease***



***Pan-fry over Medium Heat to Brown & Cook Through.***

### **Thai Stingray Burgers and Sliders:**

Form mixture into ¼-pound patties and fry in skillet or griddle on medium heat until brown and cooked through.

Serve on lightly-toasted sesame seed bun with sliced tomato, onion, lettuce, and pickle wedge.

Recommended Condiment: Zesty Lime-Garlic Aioli.

Dine on the deck of your favorite cottage in NC's Outer Banks, and add a slice of melted Swiss, Cheddar, or Provolone cheese to create the perfect Stingray Cheeseburger in Paradise!

### **Thai Stingray Mini-Cake Appetizers:**

Heat a deep fat fryer to 375 degrees Fahrenheit, or in a skillet, raise about ½-inch of oil to just above medium heat.

Form mixture into 2-inch cigar-shaped cakes or 2-inch diameter rounded flat cakes, roll in panko or bread crumbs, and fry until golden brown and cooked through.

**TIP:** Cook 1 or 2 “samples” to make sure you have a feel for your set-up before dropping a large batch in the basket or skillet! This is important to make sure the size of the mini-cake is matched with the right oil temperature to cook through.



***Melting cheese over Stingray mini-cake sliders.***



***Stingray cake slider with BBQ tater chips for lunch!!***

***Serve with any of the following condiments and garnish with cilantro and dressed scallions:***

Sweet Thai Chili Sauce; Hot Chinese Mustard; and/or Zesty Lime-Garlic Aioli

***Contributed by: VBAC Member John Germanos, aka “The Instinctive Chef”***

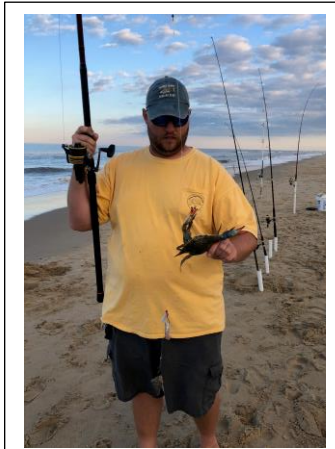
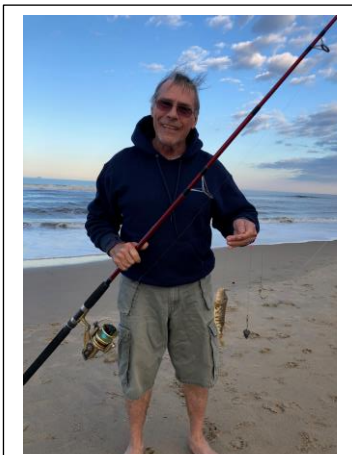
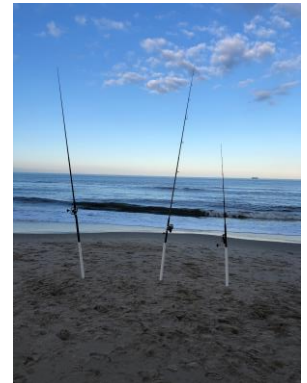
# *Surf Fishing News*

Surf Fishing VB Oceanfront 4/22/19

Another fun night at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Fished with fellow Virginia Beach Anglers Club members Rob Stommel, Mark Wallace, and Bryan Watkins.

Today had all the factors that make it a miserable day surf fishing; cold water, calm surf, and a low tide. But we managed a respectable catch with a few puffers, a few roundhead, and an excess of skates. The northern and southern kingfish were both present and its fun to educate others on the difference. One of them had a huge mark on the side like a big Wray picked him up to try and eat him, then let him get away. As the water warms up, the bite should get better. The full moon in mid May should be a good week to start targeting the summer surf fishing scene.

Anyone who wants notifications anytime I go surf fishing, just let me know (Kelly Hoggard). I'll send a text anytime I go down to fish this summer. I usually fish 1-2 days a week.





# The Spring Bite is Heating Up in the OBX Surf!

*As rising water temperatures move up the coast, the April bite brings life to Hatteras Island!*

Here's a firsthand report of fishing conditions across Hatteras Island for the first half of April 2019.

Fishing the OBX surf in the spring is like choosing a restaurant – just figure out what you want to catch, and head north or south based on the desired species!

It's all about the wind and water temperatures.

Early April saw the Sea Mullet, Puffer, Bluefish, and Red Drum bite turn on from Ocracoke to beaches as far north as Ramp 38.

North of Ramp 38 in Avon, Puffers, Skates, Smooth Dogfish, and Spiny Dogfish were more abundant since they like the cooler water.



***Frisco at sunrise – the start of a great day of catching for Kelly and John!***

**APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>:** VBAC angler John Germanos fished The Point and managed to put a nice Spiny Dogfish in the Cooler along with 17 Smooth Puffer Fish. Cut mullet and shrimp were the preferred baits, although I saw several Puffers caught on a 6-foot rod with a Sabiki Rig and small pieces of green shrimp Fish Bites!

**APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>:** VBAC angler John Germanos was looking to find some colder water to target Spiny Dogfish, which is a prized food fish in Europe. Ramp 38 has always been good to me, so I found a nice cut in the bar and set-up shop. Game on. Using fresh cut mullet, I literally had a bite on every cast. I caught 14 medium-to-large Spinies and kept 4 for the table. I also caught several Smooth Dogfish, Skates, and small Rays. If I had wanted to fill the freezer with hearty fillets, this would have been the day! Most of the fish were released, but several made it to the fillet table!

**APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>:** VBAC angler John Germanos took an “0-fer” at Ramp 34 as the winds and surf really picked up, and the cold temps moved in. It's amazing what a day and 4 miles will do...was hoping to find some bigger fish, but never had a bite! Still a great day on the beach!

**APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>:** VBAC angler John Germanos and Salvo neighbor Jeff hit Ramp 38 to see if the Spinies were still around, but no luck – only a couple of skates and a small Smooth Dogfish. Another empty cooler!

**APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>:** VBAC anglers John Germanos and Kelly Hoggard headed south and fished Ramp 48 in the morning and migrated north to Ramp 38 for the PM bite. Both spots were productive as the temps warmed-up and winds shifted to the Southwest.

All-in-all, John and Kelly released several small flounder, sea mullet, skates, and small stingrays.

However, 15 Sea Mullet (aka Roundhead, Kingfish, Whiting) in the 12-inch to 14-inch class made it to the cooler and fillet table for some tasty fish-n-chips! Hot baits included fresh shrimp, cut mullet, and live sand fleas.



***Puffer looking like me at Thanksgiving!***



***Author with a fat 16-1/2-inch Bluefish.***

As the tide went out, the sea mullet retreated to the backside of the second bar, and Kelly was able to cast just over the bar where he landed most of the larger fish. I came up short and kept pecking away at the Puffers!

We also caught a “keeper” Bluefish and 64 Smooth Puffers, which most definitely made it to the ice chest!

**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>:** The author and 5 other VBAC anglers went Tuna fishing offshore on the Good Times out of Hatteras Harbor. My friends at the dock told me the Bull Drum were schooling up 500 yards off The Point. Translation: “If we get 2-3 days of sustained Southwest winds, the Drum bite will most definitely be “On!” They were right!

**APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>:** VBAC angler John Germanos fought through a challenging Southeast wind and some rough surf to put several nice fish in the cooler, including a 16.5-inch Bluefish, 3 Sea Mullet over 12 inches, and 8 more tasty Puffers!



*Nice pair of Sea Mullet!*



*Kelly's 14-inch Bluefish.*



*Another nice Sea Mullet!*



*One of several “shorts”!*



*Nice fat 14-inch Sea Mullet!*



*Doubling down on Puffers!*



*Pair of nice Spiny Dogfish!*



*The “0-fer” Gopher!*

## Food, Fellowship...and FUN!

Needless to say, all of the fish that we keep is cleaned and iced on the beach to optimize freshness. Below are some pics of our catch and a sample of just a few of the meals already enjoyed by the grace of nature’s bounty!



*A nice 17-puffer day at The Point!*



*Ramps 48 & 38 produced these 64 Puffers – and some pan-fried Puffer Tails!*







***Scaling and gutting on the beach!***



***15 iced-down sea mullet ready to fillet!***



***Some pretty fillets for the fryer!***



***Spiny ready to process!***



***One of two dorsal spines that'll get ya!!***



***Spiny fillets for Fish-n-Chips!***



***Fried Dogfish Belly Po' Boy Sammich!***



***Dogfish fillets packed for the freezer!***



***Spiny Dogfish-n-Chips – delicious!***

April 15<sup>th</sup> isn't just Tax Day – in OBX it marks the day when several of my favorite ORV Ramps are closed around the Salvo and Avon Villages – in particular, Ramps 23, 34, and 38. While this is a bummer, parking areas abound at each ramp, and with a nice beach cart, the fish are only a leisurely stroll away!

I will continue to fish the OBX Surf deep into April to prepare for the Ocracoke Tournament, but this captures my account through 15 April and highlights some of the species common to NC's coastal waters during the early spring.

The preferred baits were fresh cut mullet; shrimp; squid strips; and sand fleas. Kelly Hoggard tied several rigs with peach-to-orange beads that seemed to make sand fleas irresistible to the sea mullet. I reckon it simulated the egg sack color.

We also found that pink beads and small squid skirts seemed to attract bites from the puffers, and my best bluefish hammered that rig. The lesson here is, try something new every once a while and break the tether from those commercially available rigs. You just never know when **YOU** might discover the next secret weapon!

***Tight Lines!***

***Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos***

# Surf Fishing News Continued

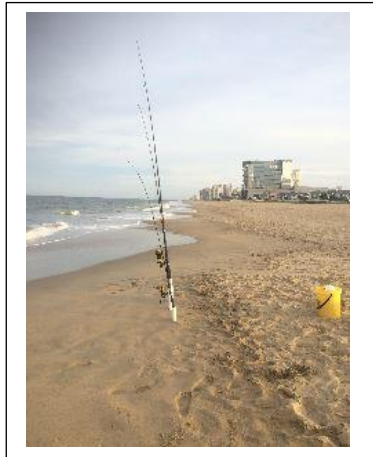
**Kelly Hoggard**

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Surf Fishing VB Oceanfront Solo 4/17/19

The water locally is warming up. I decided at the last minute Wednesday to try the evening bite down at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. The high tide and full moon are coinciding near sunset so I was hoping for some action. I also like the east/southeast wind to provide a little chop. Caught a ton of skates after dark but the puffers were biting prior to sunset. There were also a big school of hundreds of birds diving about a half mile off the beach. A couple menhaden-like fish washed into shore with their tails mangled.

In that last light of the evening, I had a huge run on my super light 7' ugly stick. After about 100 yards of run and nearly 10 minutes of fighting (and walking down the beach), I got the fish near the break. As he got tossed in one of the bigger waves, I put too much tension on him and bent the hook nearly straight (size 2 hook on a roundhead rig I was experimenting with). Had a solid 36-40 inch red drum and it's as close as I've ever come to landing one in the surf. Was one hell of a fun fight though. Moments like that are why we fish. Looking forward to trying again soon.



# Surf Fishing News Continued

## 2019 Salvo Spring Open Surf Fishing Qualifier (MAJOR)

**Saturday, 15 June 2019**

**DATE:** Saturday, 15 June 2019  
**VENUE:** Salvo Village, Hatteras Island, NC  
**SCHEDULE:** 0700-1100: Morning Surf Fishing Session on the beach  
1100-1145: Angler Development Session on the beach  
1200-1330: Light Lunch at Tournament HQ in Salvo  
1400-1800: Afternoon Surf Fishing Session on the beach  
1830-2000: Awards & Dinner at Tournament HQ in Salvo  
**COST:** FREE to all VBAC members in good standing (dues paid)  
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**RAIN DATE:** Saturday, 22 June 2019

***All interested anglers must register no later than Sunday, 09 June 2019.***

Sign-up sheets will be available at the April, May, and June VBAC General Membership meetings, or interested anglers may contact John Germanos at:

[jgermanos@germanosdefense.com](mailto:jgermanos@germanosdefense.com)

Walk-ons may be accepted on a case-by-case basis, but the Surf Committee reserves the right to turn away unregistered anglers and/or non-members that have not paid the requisite entry fees.

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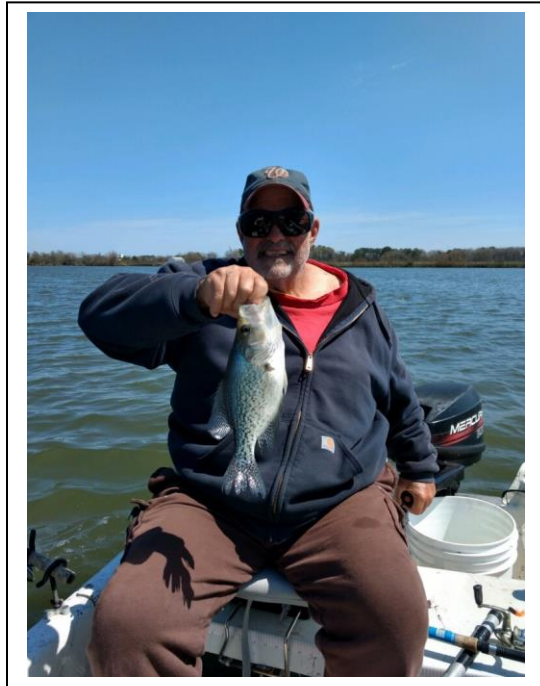
# ***Freshwater Fishing***

**Largest freshwater fish caught during 2019 in this category by species.**

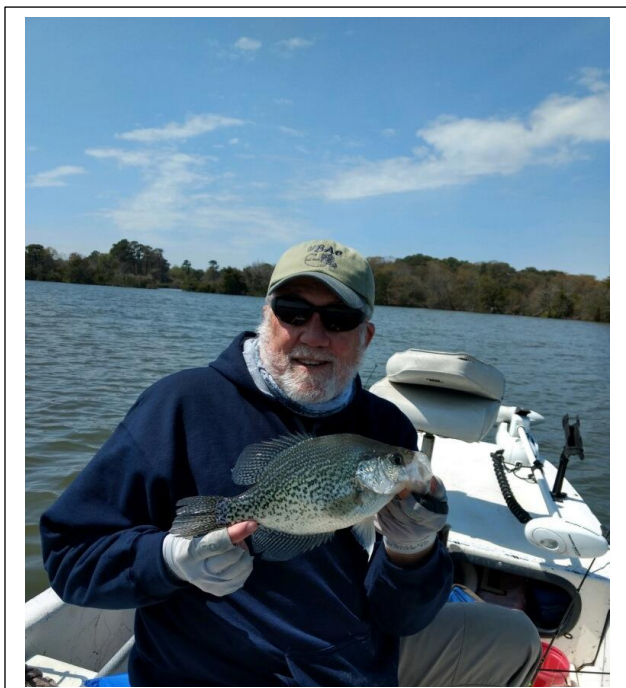
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Crappie		Steve Harding				2lb 10 oz.
Chain Pickerel		Jay Graber		21.75"		
Largemouth Bass		Jay Graber		15.5"		
Bowfin		Jerry Hughes				5 lbs.
Yellow Perch		Jay Graber		8.5"		4 oz.
Blue Catfish		Russell Willoughby		44"		
Longnose Gar		Russell Willoughby		33"		
Bluegill		Melanie Bayford		9"		



## ***Freshwater Fishing Continued***



**Russel & Ike fished Lake Whitehurst on a breezy April 12 day. Here's one of their good looking Crappies!**





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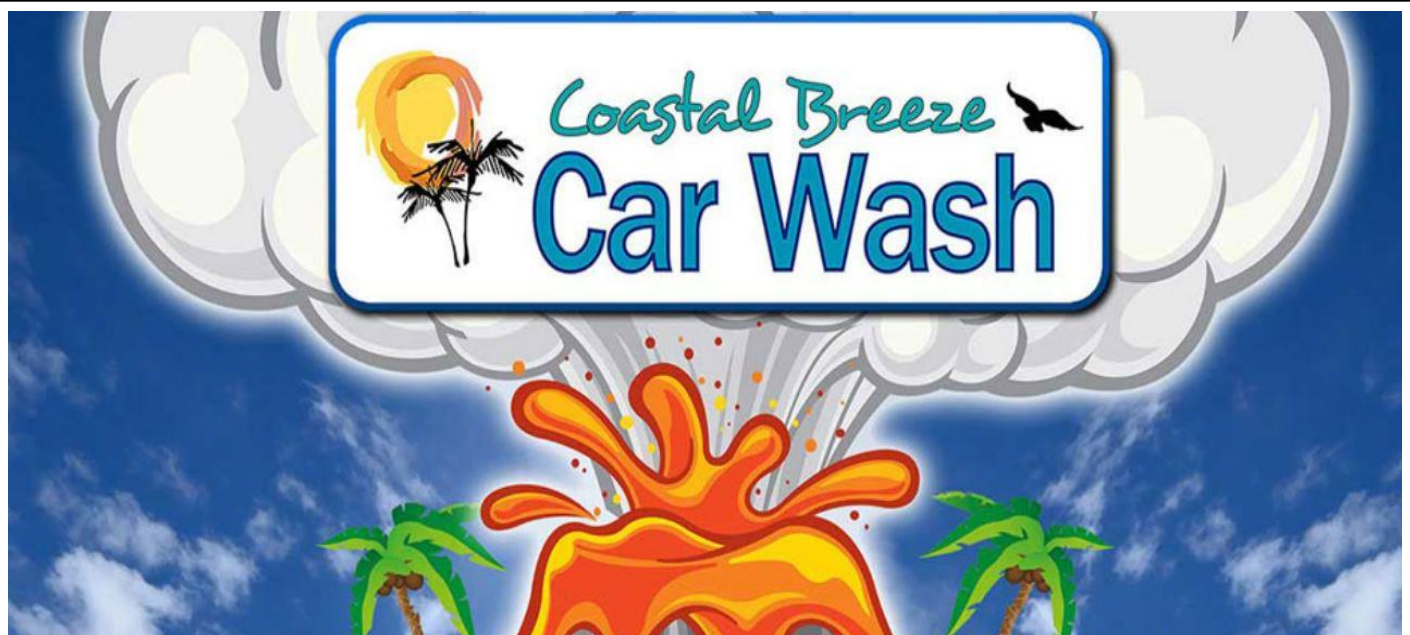

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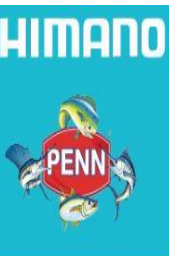
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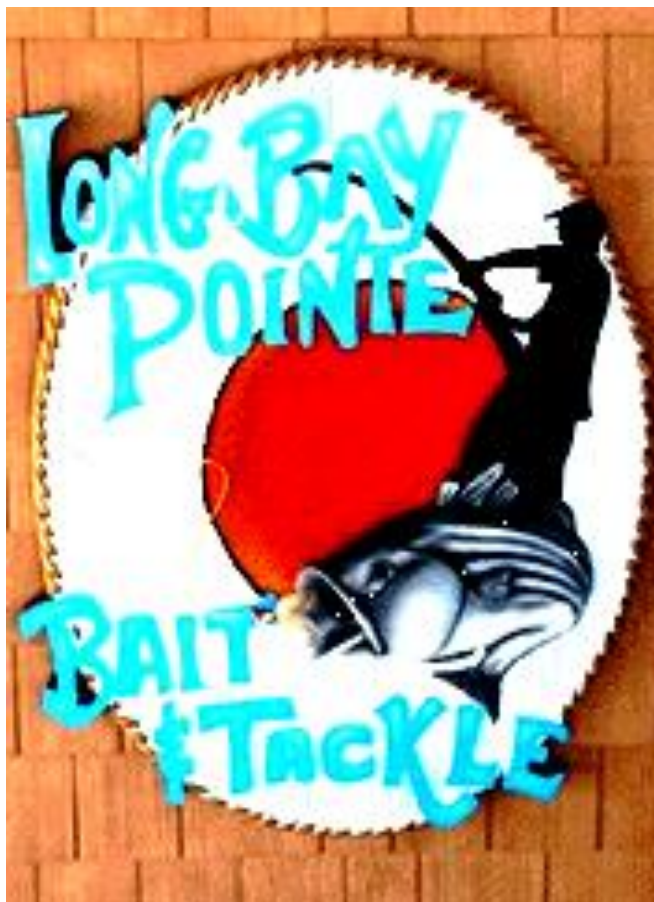


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- ❖ Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of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