

April 2015

Tight Lines

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Monthly Meeting:

When: April 9th, 7:30pm.

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

<u>Bring Your Notebook:</u> MPO William Thompson of the Virginia Marine Police will address the issue of the poaching of Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum that occurred on the Elizabeth River.

<u>Synopsis:</u> MPO William Thompson will speak about the importance of recreational anglers and how they can impact the work of the Virginia Marine Police. Our role as dedicated anglers and stewards of Virginia's natural resources requires us to be vigilant and help the Virginia Marine Police identify and catch thieves. All of us are responsible stewards of Virginia's marine resources now and for the future.

Due to winter weather conditions across the region, the March 5th meeting was cancelled. Events that were scheduled for March 5th were done as part of a social hour before the start of this year's banquet on March 14th.

2015 Fishing Roulette

This year's pot is the largest yet, well over \$600. The following species were selected for 2015:

Croaker Spot Flounder Tautog Crappie

Fall Surf Tournament Selections

The fall surf tournament teams were selected during the social hour at the banquet. The top three scoring anglers from each team automatically qualify for the following year's tournament. *-Denotes returning angler

Hatteras Village, North Carolina: September 10-12, 2015

Team A:Team B:Alternates:Jerry Hughes*Cheryl Johnson*NONE

Robbie Parks*

James Yandle*

Rick Hoggard

Melanie Bayford

Bill Mannschreck

Larry Regula*

Butch Eason*

Carl McCoy

Bob Stuhlman

Steve Wray

Long Beach Island, New Jersey: September 25, 2015

Team A:Team B:Alternates:Robbie Parks*Bill Mannschreck*NONE

Jerry Hughes*

Doug Wehner*

Greg Wehner

Kelly Hoggard

Russell Willoughby

Bob Stuhlman*

Larry Regula*

George Gabriel

Jerry Mariano

ANGLERS NEEDED

Nags Head, North Carolina: October 7-10, 2015

Team A: Alternates:

Jerry Hughes* Robbie Parks

Doug Wehner*

Bill Mannschreck

Larry Regula*
Carl McCoy
Kelly Hoggard
Rick Hoggard

Cape Hatteras Anglers Club, North Carolina: November 4-7, 2015

Team A: Alternates:

Doug Wehner*

Carl McCoy

Mark Wrav*

Rill Mannschrock

Mark Wray*

Larry Regula

Bill Mannschreck

Russell Willoughby

Robbie Parks Bob Stuhlman Jerry Hughes

2015 Awards Banquet

Congratulations to all the award winners. Rob O'Reilly from VMRC gave a short lecture about the processes at the commission and what we can do to impact decision making. This year also saw a variety of very nice raffle prizes. If you missed the banquet, you missed the event of the year.

Member of the Year award: Bob Stuhlman

Dr. James C. Wright Conservation Award: Lewis Gillingham – Virginia Salt Water Tournament



Awards Banquet Sponsors

Please don't forget to support all the sponsors of the Virginia Beach Anglers Club. Not only do these businesses support us, but most of them also support other local non-profit and charity organizations. It is always appreciated that they are willing to give something back to their community.

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<u>Lynnhaven Pub</u> <u>Smithfield Station Marina</u> <u>Virginia Aquarium</u>

Waterman's Surfside Grill



A Chance To Give Back

HOFNOD

Bob Burstein has a few friends that are doing a HOFNOD (Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs) program for kids in the spring and need fishing rods and reels for the kids to use. It is a fresh water lake event, so they need 5-6' one piece rods with closed face bait casting reels. The equipment doesn't have to be new, but the reels must work and the rods need to have all the guides intact. They will put new line on all donated reels. Any member that has equipment to donate, please bring it to the meeting.

Thank You – Bob Burstein

Surf Tournament Dues

The team members for the fall tournaments were drawn at the banquet on March 14th. Congratulations to all whose names were drawn. The \$20 participation fee and \$40 lodging deposit for each tournament you are a team member of is due at the April 9th meeting. The **FULL BALANCE** of any money owed for the Ocracoke Tournament is also due on April 9th.

-Robbie Parks

Hunt For Hardheads Tournament

The following captains have entered a boat/crew for the Hunt for Hardheads Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for

MAD

I would like to introduce you and your club members to the Tidewater Chapter of Military Appreciation Day. We are not a fishing club. We are a non-profit volunteer organization that conducts an annual fishing event during which volunteers take active duty troops of all services out for a day of inshore and/or offshore fishing. For the troops, the fishing is FREE! At the end of the day the troops, their families and the boat volunteers are treated to a BBQ - which is also FREE!

Our third annual event, MAD Tidewater 2015, is scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2015. The BBQ will be held at Wallace's Bait and Tackle Shop in Hampton. Boat launch/recovery is available at the free public ramp at that location. However, boat owners may launch/recover at any location they desire, as long as they return to port early enough to get themselves and their troops to the BBQ on time!

We are seeking volunteers to assist with event planning and coordination, and volunteer boat owners to provide seats for the troops. No boat is too big or too small! Whether a boat can support a dozen troops or just one, each enables us to meet our goal of providing "One, Simple Thanks!" to the troops in appreciation for their service.

Information on our organization is available at MilitaryAppreciationDay.org. Interested individuals may also use the site to volunteer for this event, or any of the other 2015 events in the North Carolina, South Carolina, or Delaware chapters.

A.J. Cole, Sr.
Vice President
MAD Tidewater Chapter
madtidewater.viceprez@militaryappreciationday.org

May 9th. Captains may still be looking for anglers. Please check with them at the April 9th meeting.

Ronnie Nixon - Butch Eason - Kelly Hoggard - Russell Willoughby - Larry Regula

New Buddy Board Under Development

At the start of the year, the old buddy board was removed to be updated and include new boat owners and anglers interested in hooking some fish together. This new buddy board will be called "Catch-A-Ride". At the April membership meeting, a note pad will be passed around to acknowledge whether you are a boat owner or an available angler looking for boat/crew to fish with. This is a great opportunity for members who want to learn more about fishing. Those of us who are seasoned veterans will have a chance to meet newer members and share some of the knowledge we've gained from all these years on the water. If you own a boat, you know how expensive it is to operate. The Catch-A-Ride buddy board system will help all of us hit the water more often. It will also reduce costs while fishing and make some new friends in the process.

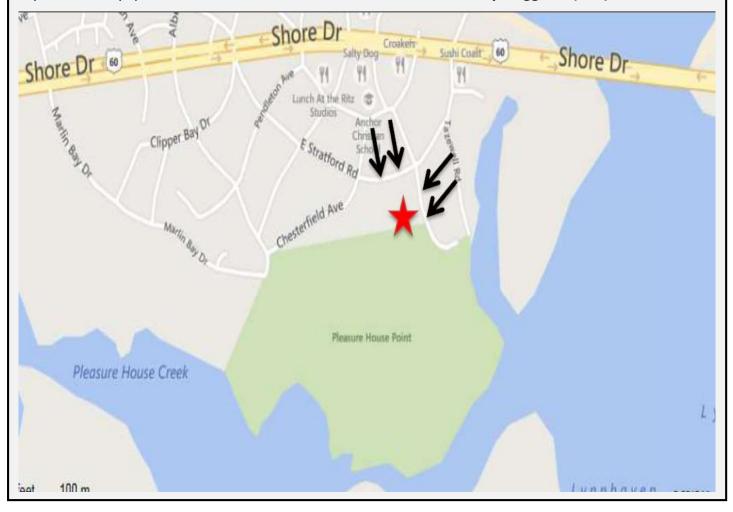
VBAC Crab Creek Clean-Up:

When: April 11th, 10am-12am.

Where: Pleasure House Point, Virginia Beach, next to the Brock Center.

What to Bring: An appetite for your FREE LUNCH!

If you have any questions about the event or location - contact Kelly Hoggard: (757) 416-8817.



Free Boater Safety Certification Class

Sponsored by the Virginia Beach Anglers Club



Saturday, April 18th, 2015

9:00 am to 3:30 pm



Foundry United Methodist Church. 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Taught by Flotilla Commander Richard Mays Coast Guard Auxiliary and Homeland Security

Free lunch will be provided: hotdogs, chili, chips, and a drink.

Early Registration is **preferred** but not **required**!

Please email: vbanglersclub@gmail.com

Or call:

Butch Eason: Kelly Hoggard:

(757)681-6019 (757)416-8817

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 19th ANNUAL COBIA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT JUNE 19th & 20th, 2015



Entry Fee - \$100.00 per Boat (after June 13th - \$125.00 per Boat)

Registration Deadline Friday June 19th @ 7:30 PM
Captain's Meeting Friday June 19th @ 7:30 PM

Lines-In Saturday June 20th @ 6:00 AM
Weigh In June 20th from 3:00-5:00 PM

\$1000.00 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize

Other prizes determined by number of entrants
TOURNAMENT HEADQUATERS: LONG BAY POINTE MARINA
WEST GREAT NECK ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

ENTRY FORM

Entire entry form must be filled out to be eligible for any prizes and entry fee must be sent with the completed form. No cash by mail. Please make checks payable to VBAC

Captain's Name	Address		
City	Zip	Phone	
Boat Name			
Angler#1	A		
Angler #3			
Angler#5	Angler #6		
Email:			

Mail entries to:

Virginia Beach Anglers Club, P.O. Box 8602, Virginia beach, Va. 23450

Point of Contact: George Gabriel (757.619.1638) email: VBAnglersclub@gmail.com

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

2015 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	Chair - Russell Willoughby	
Calendar:	Chair - Bob Burstein	
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	Chair - Kelly Hoggard	
Great Bridge Flea Market:	Chair - Preston Mangum	
VBAC Flea Market:	Chair - Bob Stuhlman	
	Co. Chair - Bob Burstein	
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair - Jerry Mariano	
Seton Youth:	Chair - Bob Burstein	
Raffles:	Chair - Preston Mangum	
Audit Committee:	Chair - Mike Anderson	
Surf Tournaments:	Chair - Robbie Parks	
Club Tournaments:	Chair - George Gabriel	
	Co. Chair - Andy Spencer	
Lynnhaven Pier Tournaments:	Chair – Jerry Hughes	
	Co. Chair - Pete Federico	
Newsletter:	Chair - Kelly Hoggard	
Prize Fish:	Chair - Chris Schneider	
Nomination Committee:	Chair – Butch Eason	
	Co. Chair - Beth Synowic	





3rd Annual

VBAC FALL FISHING & BOATING FLEA MARKET

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015

Time: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Capt Max King's Marine 3829 Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Admission: \$3.00 per person, 12 years and under FREE

For more information and participation opportunities contact

Bob Stuhlman 757-374-7372 or Bob Burstein 267-994-7423

vbanglersclub@gmail.com virginiabeachanglersclub.org

Seton Youth Fishing Day

The Seton Youth Fishing Day is coming up on June 27th, 2015. Please be sure to set a reminder on your calendars and approach Bob Burstein if you're available to help out that day. Remember, the kids and their mentors are usually taken out on the Head Boat, the Judith Ann, based out of Ocean View Fishing Pier. If it is too rough, then the pier is used as the fishing location. Plenty of people are needed to help the kids and mentors fish as well as set up the area being used on the beach for the cooking and awards ceremony for the kids.

Thank you all for your help!

Opportunity to Surf Fish in Hatteras

Any interest among Club members to share a Cape Hatteras April Rental?

Bill Mannschreck has checked with Midgett Realty and there are a number of Houses available in this off-season at reduced prices (\$570-700/week). Mid-April should be great for blues, sea mullet and blowtoads (fabulous eating), not to mention plenty of puppy drum. We could handle at least 6 for the entire week or have 6 for the first 3 days and another 6 for the end of the week. The cost could be just \$100/person or even less if doing the 3 + 3 day route.. For those new to surf fishing, Bill is more than willing to pass on what he knows. Call Bill Mannschreck at (757)340-0885 if you are interested and we can work out the specifics.

Fix for a Stripped Screw Hole

Do you have the problem of a screw hole on your boat somewhere where it has expanded and the screw is too loose to tighten up? Well here is a quick fix! It's permanent and will not back out!

Take a ziptie that is the right size for the screw hole and insert it in the screw hole and tighten down on the screw. Cut off the excess and you have fixed your problem of a screw that will not tighten down!







Free Fly Fishing Classes by Wild River Outfitters

Cost: Free

Equipment Required: None

Days and Times: Saturday: 9-11:30am or 1:00-3:30pm.

Sunday: 1:30-4:00pm.

Dates of the classes:

April 11th, 12th May 10th June 13th, 14th

July 11th, 12th August 8th, 9th September 12th, 13th

Please call or stop by the store to register:

http://wildriveroutfitters.com/ (757) 431-8566

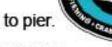
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2015 SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENT



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

7 JUN	12 JUL	9 AUG	13 SEP	11 OCT weather permitting
SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES
CROAKER ROUNDHEAD	CROAKER ROUNDHEAD	CROAKER BLUE FISH	CROAKER BLUE FISH	CROAKER BLUE FISH
BLUE FISH	BLUEFISH	SPOT	SPOT	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. Please park in lot across the street from pier in parking slots 22 or greater.

Visit our websites for the latest updates to the Tournament:

www.lynnhavenfishingpier.com virginiabeachanglersclub.org

www.facebook.com/LynnhavenFishingPier

Speckled Trout: Cold Water Kill

Courtesy David Koubsky and Dr. Julie Ball

Want to update you on what continues to unfold in the ER concerning Speckled Trout.

I fished the ER yesterday for the 5th time since 08 March. Water temps were as high as 53 and have been sustained at or above the upper 40s for some time now. Plenty good for a Speck bite. In addition, per my historical notes, this time of year we should be catching as many as 15 to 25+ Specks per day with the ever present chance of a citation size fish or 2. In my 5 trips, our boat has caught **ZERO Specks** (or Reds for that matter). We have found some isolated pockets of Stripers which is common for this time of year. I have talked with other dedicated, accomplished anglers that routinely fish the ER and they too, have not seen a single live Speckle.

Unfortunately, I think the attached photos speak to the problem. The situation in the ER has gone from bad to worse. In places where we had seen dozens of large dead Speckled Trout a month ago, there are now hundreds, if not thousands. Too many to count. My only guess is that initially, many fish must have died and gone to the bottom. Then, we were only seeing a few of the many that had actually died. Now the fish are bloating, coming to the surface and being pushed in piles to the bank. As bad as the photos are, believe me, they do not do justice to the extent of the kill. You just cannot capture it in a photo.

Though most of these photos were taken in the Deep Creek Cove, there are hundreds of dead in Deep Creek and the main river as well.

I am sure that most of us figured that eventually something like this would happen in the ER after closure of the power plant. It is unfortunate that Mother Nature conspired with the closure to slam us with the coldest stretch of winter weather we have seen in 21 years, break a 119 year old record low temperature (20 February) at 7 degrees, and give us 3 measurable snow events in the same period.

I have identified the location of each photo taken. There is 1 photo of a gent holding and weighing a trout from the bank inside the cove. He measured this fish at 34 inches and it weighed 13lbs 06oz... a month after it died. Imagine what she weighed when alive! It was just 1 of hundreds of 5, 6, 7, 8+ lbers piled here and along the bank. There is no wonder why 70-90% of all registered citation Speckled Trout throughout Virginia annually are (were) caught here.

Whether you loved or hated the ER, was a recreational or commercial fisherman, we have all lost a valuable fishery. Imagine the spawning capability of this huge brood stock now decimated.

No doubt that eventually this area will be re-populated with Speckles. Studies show that many Speckles are "home bodies" so, some will once again try to winter here as they do in many tributaries of the bay. However, I think it unlikely that the ER will ever be what it once was...a world class fishery. Time will tell and hopefully Mother Nature will be more kind for a few winters.

Best. jb

A related article was submitted on PilotOnline.com and featured commentary by John Brown. http://hamptonroads.com/2015/03/speck-guru-fears-sky-has-fallen



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Fishing Report!

Scott Melson, a friend of Kelly Hoggard, recently hit the water to check on the Largemouth Bass at a private pond on his property. This 5½ pounder was caught while the water temperature was near 60 degrees on the surface. The bite is better in the afternoon during the warm 70 degree days. He's had multiple catches in shallow water using live bait. Time to go get em!



Freshwater Fishing Offers Cure for Winter Blahs

Fishing was dead this winter, even on freshwater. It was just too cold this year again.

Ron Jeffords and I started freshwater fishing many years ago in order to beat the fishing blahs of winter. It also gives you a chance to keep your boat running unless you are in the habit of winterizing it. Many locations rent small boats for freshwater trips. Always call to check the conditions of the water where you want to fish. Don and I trailered to Newport News Park one day and the launch area was totally frozen.

When I first started freshwater fishing it was trial and error. Made many trips with poor results until the right combinations were found. Best places appeared to be shorelines with a deep dropping slope. Usually larger minnows were best. You can cast shallow with a float and a short drop for bowfin or bass, and place some minnows and/or cut bait on the bottom in deeper water for catfish, bowfin or long nose gar. Minnows always work well for chain pickerel, but they are harder to find. I always use two anchors to keep the boat from spinning around in the wind and tangling lines. #2 snelled hooks are my preference.

During late Feb and early March, the yellow perch become active and plentiful. I use red worms to entice them, as well as small minnows. The Northwest River is a popular spot for yellow perch during that time. #4 or #6 snelled hooks work good for them. (Spot also!)

A nice 55 to 60 degree day in Feb and March is a good way to spend time on the water and have some fun. These past two winters have been miserable. I hope this pattern ends soon. I will be calling Bob's Fishing hole to check on the yellow perch soon, and taking the temperature of the Piankatank to see if the water is warm enough for the fish to bite.

-Melanie Bayford



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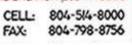


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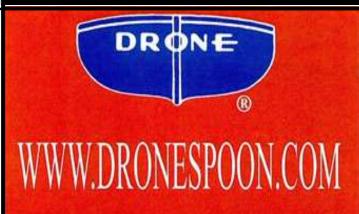
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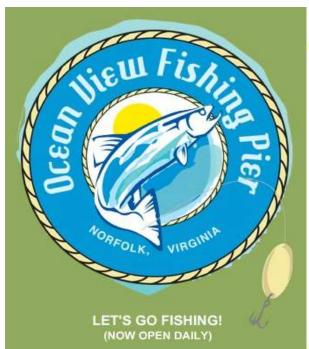














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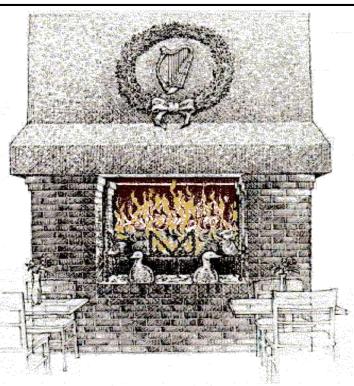
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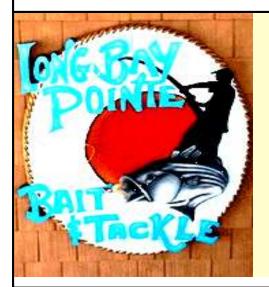
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

Our Objectives:

- Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to management of local and regional fisheries and participating actively, where appropriate, to assure the adoption of sound management policy and practices that best serve the interests of VBAC members.
- Promote interest and participation in recreational angling by conducting programs and activities that encourage sport fishing.
- Educate members and others in the techniques of sport fishing to enhance their enjoyment of the sport.
- Conduct social activities that create a wholesome climate for deriving the maximum pleasure from sport fishing by members, their families and guests.
- Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Larry Regula

First Vice President: George Gabriel

Second Vice President: Bob Stuhlman

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: Jerry Hughes

Newsletter Editor: Kelly Hoggard

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