



August 2015

# Tight Lines

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### **Monthly Meeting:**

**When:** Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.

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

**Bring Your Notebook:** The August speaker is Captain Russ Kostinas. He will be speaking to our membership about chasing tuna, mahi, marlin and other pelagic (open water) species.

**Synopsis:** Captain Russ Kostinas runs Top Notch Charters. His boat is a 48ft Carolina boat out of Rudee Inlet. Russ has been fishing the waters off of Virginia Beach and the OBX for forty plus years, he is a White Marlin expert. His expertise was recognized by the Salt Water Sportsman magazine as one of the top four Charter Captains of the Mid-Atlantic White Marlin fishery.

## Seton Youth Fishing Day – July 27<sup>th</sup>

Contrary to the weather in June, the July fishing day turned out to be beautiful. Many of us were there early to get everything set up and be prepared for the kids to arrive. The boat arrived just about 12 and we were off by 12:30. Captain Larry Regula was steering the boat to the fishing grounds. Action was hot early as the tide turned over and the kids were having a blast. A stiff wind kicked up during the trip that caused the drift to be fast. We moved our way over towards the navy ships and found some calmer waters but fewer fish were available. A little warm for those who worked on the grill but plenty of cold beverages and water sufficed. The kids and mentors enjoyed an endless supply of hot dogs and hamburgers. Just about everyone went home with a handful of prizes. Thanks to all the club members who came out to help. It was an extremely fun day.

-For those interested, there was a short scare during the boat trip when Bob Stuhlman got a call that his wife was going to the hospital. A big thank you to Larry Regula and Ronnie Boone for arranging immediate transportation off the boat. We are happy to say that she is doing well and was back at home that evening.

**Our Facebook page has 91 photos of the day's activities. Go check them out!**





## Seton Youth Fishing Day – Pictures Continued





## Seton Youth Fishing Day – Pictures Continued



## **VBAC Crab Creek Clean-Up:**

The July 11<sup>th</sup> clean-up was a huge success. Thanks to all 12 club members who came out to share in keeping the Lynnhaven River system and Chesapeake Bay clean! Afterwards, we all ate delicious low carbohydrate tacos! Thanks to Michelle Carter for the photo and for Pete Federico with the low carb suggestion! Just kidding – the leader left the taco shells at home and Mike Anderson helped us make do without standard silverware. See you all on September 5<sup>th</sup>!



## **Committee Chairman Urgently Needed!!**

I (Kelly Hoggard) have stepped down as chairman of the Lynnhaven Boat Ramp Clean Up committee. The club is looking for a non-board member who has interest in being involved in club related activities to take over this event. Our clean-up is scheduled for one day every other month and the total time involved is about 2-3 hours. Please email the club or ask any of the board members how you can help at the next meeting. The next clean-up is scheduled for September 5<sup>th</sup>. I will personally assist you through the end of the year (two days remaining) on how to organize and have a successful event.

**Thanks!**



# VBAC and Lynnhaven Fishing Pier Tournament

## July Results – by Jerry Hughes



### Adult: \$50 each

E. Sutcliffe	Bluefish	12 3/4 inch
T. Browning	Roundhead	11 3/4 inch
J. Kuftack	Croacker	11 inch

### Child: \$50 Gift Certificate to the Fishing Pier Tackle Shop

M. Kuftack	Roundhead	10 3/4 inch
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A huge event for the anglers club! 29 total participants competed for \$200. Thanks to those who came out to help. Jerry Hughes had no volunteers in the last hours of the tournament and was unable to work the table. Please sign up this Thursday and help him out! Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted.

**See you again 9 August 2015.**

# BOAT WANTED!!!

The Catchin' for Kids Anglers Club Challenge is **this Saturday, August 8th**. There was a mechanical issue on one of the boats and they will be unable to participate as scheduled. We need another boat to step up and fish this awesome and fun filled event! Please EMAIL THE CLUB ASAP to get your boat into the field. A knowledgeable crew can be found if you're unable to find enough club members to fish your boat or if you're unsure of your fishing capabilities. It is preferred that your boat hold a total of four people, but three will suffice.

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Tournament is open to all.  
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Fish must be caught on the pier during Tournament times and  
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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



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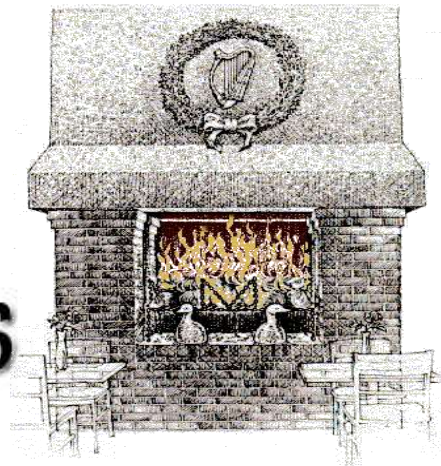
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# VBAC Fishing Roulette 2015

<u>Species</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<b><u>Saltwater:</u></b>		
Flounder	None	None
Spot	David Reynolds	0lb 8.7oz.
Croaker	Kelly Hoggard	0lb 6.4oz.
Tautog	Beth Synowiec	16lb 15oz.
<b><u>Freshwater:</u></b>		
Crappie	Russell Willoughby	0lb 9oz.

## Catch-A-Ride

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## HB 1298 Noncommercial vessels; reasonable suspicion

The following is the Virginia House Bill 1298. It was passed and signed into law this past March. The intention is to limit the number of boardings on a vessel based on the overwhelming number of agencies out on the water at a given time. It doesn't mean you won't get boarded as frequently. It simply lowers the pressure on recreational boaters who frequent waters patrolled by many marine agencies. The official language of the bill is provided below and a link to the [Virginia Generally Assemblies website](http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=151&typ=bil&val=hb1298&submit=GO) is available to view all actions taken on this bill.

<http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?ses=151&typ=bil&val=hb1298&submit=GO>

### SUMMARY AS PASSED:

**Noncommercial vessels; reasonable suspicion.** Requires law-enforcement officers to have reasonable suspicion that a violation of law or regulation exists before stopping, boarding, or inspecting a noncommercial vessel on the navigable waters of the Commonwealth. The bill allows conservation police officers and Virginia Marine Police officers to (i) stop, board, and inspect in order to inspect hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses or creel and bag limits and (ii) conduct lawful boating safety checkpoints in accordance with established policies of the two agencies.

### Portsmouth City Boat Ramp Reopens!

As of last week, the Portsmouth City Boat Ramp closure has partially ended. One side of the boat ramp has been reopened to the public while the other side remains closed for repairs. Due to the lack of a launch and recover duality, getting in and out can be a little difficult at peak times. The city commissioner is unsure of the completion date but you may use the available access as desired. An update will be provided when the ramp is back to full function.

### Public Meeting

#### North Carolina Beach and Vehicle Access!!!

Wednesday, August 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Embassy Suites Hampton Inn,  
1700 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666

Cape Hatteras National Seashore is holding public scoping meetings to consider changes to the Seashore's Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) special regulation as it relates to morning opening of beaches, extending the length of fall and spring seasonal ORV routes, and modifying the size and location of vehicle free areas. Public scoping will help inform the development of alternatives that will be analyzed in an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will be prepared in response to the Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291) pertaining to the Seashore's Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Management Plan.

If you are interested in attending as a VBAC Club Member, Contact Robbie Parks at [ellenandrobbie@aol.com](mailto:ellenandrobbie@aol.com) to coordinate possible carpooling and attend as a group.

## Surf Tournament Information – Robbie Parks

There are still three openings for the Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Tournament that is held in New Jersey every year. The tournament is the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The cost of lodging is based on the cost of the hotel room (about \$125/night for two beds.. that means \$125 for the two days if you split with a fellow club member). Most often, the club members carpool to about 12 members for 6 vehicles. Total cost is usually around \$200 for travel and lodging and a few dollars more for food/bait/tackle/etc. Please email [vbangersclub@gmail.com](mailto:vbangersclub@gmail.com) with your intentions to join the fishing team or contact Robbie Parks directly at [Ellenandrobbie@aol.com](mailto:Ellenandrobbie@aol.com)

### Balance of Lodging Payments and Meeting Due Dates 2015

<b>Name</b>	<b>HVCA Aug. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Nags Head Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>CHAC Oct. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Melanie Bayford	\$57.00			\$ 57.00
Butch Eason	\$57.00			\$ 57.00
Kelly Hoggard		\$62.00		\$ 62.00
Rick Hoggard	\$57.00	\$62.00		\$119.00
Jerry Hughes	\$57.00	\$62.00	\$96.00	\$215.00
Cheryl Johnson	\$57.00			\$ 57.00
Bill Mannscherck	\$57.00			\$ 57.00
Carl McCoy	\$57.00	\$62.00		\$119.00
Robbie Parks	\$57.00		\$96.00	\$153.00
Larry Regula		\$62.00	\$96.00	\$158.00
Bob Stuhlman	\$57.00		\$96.00	\$153.00
Stan Sutliff	\$57.00			\$ 57.00
Doug Wehner		\$62.00	\$96.00	\$158.00
Russell Willoughby	\$57.00			\$ 57.00
Mark Wray			\$96.00	\$ 96.00
Steve Wray	\$57.00			\$ 57.00



## 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:

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

# Fish Tale - Pensacola, Florida

By George Gabriel

Mid July Maureen and I traveled to Pensacola, Fla to go visit some friends who were transferred a few years back. Duke had been one of my steady fishing buds when they were living up here. Those were the days when you could go out catching as many rock fish as you wished. Well for the past few months- Duke had been texting me on a weekly basis with images of his catches down in that area. Daily limits of puppy drum, bass, and speckle trouts were his norm. It seemed he had befriended an old salt who knew his way around the bayous; oh yeah while they living in Pensacola, they traveled 220 miles each way- twice a week to their fishing grounds outside of New Orleans.

As much as we planned the trip to go visit our dear friends- my jealousy and eagerness to share in the experience of their prime and well stocked fishing grounds convinced me to take the trip down. A decision that paid dividends- although we had to "work" for the fish- we limited out on puppy drum- caught 8 bass (not limited) and 3 specks(well short of our limit). For them, the day on the water was "very slow" and required more work than usual- you see, they allege that they would typically reached their limits by noon to 1pm; we had to fish until 3pm to accomplish the same. Fishing these bayou waters was definitely different but lots of fun- moving around in 2-3 foot of water looking for puppy's to cast to was challenging but rewarding.

Duke still bothers me with texts 1 or 2 times per week- and they are still sleighing the fish... Hopefully they will leave some for my next visit- in spite of the required 3am departure time en-route to some good fishing.





# Friday Fishing Jitters

By Kelly haggard

Concluding one of the board meetings; Bob Stuhlman, Russell Willoughby and myself got together for a Friday fish day. It was a little windy on Thursday evening when we were at the pier, but decided with the nice forecast that it should be good and fishable. We talked early that morning at about 7 but the water was still a little rough, so we decided at about 12:00 to get together. We left the dock and the winds were okay, about 10knts from the north east. That isn't the best wind to fish in but it was much calmer than expected. We started by fishing at the 2nd island for flounder. There wasn't much biting and they decided with the light current to switch over to jigs. Bob got a good flounder bite that turned out to be a nice 21 inch flounder.



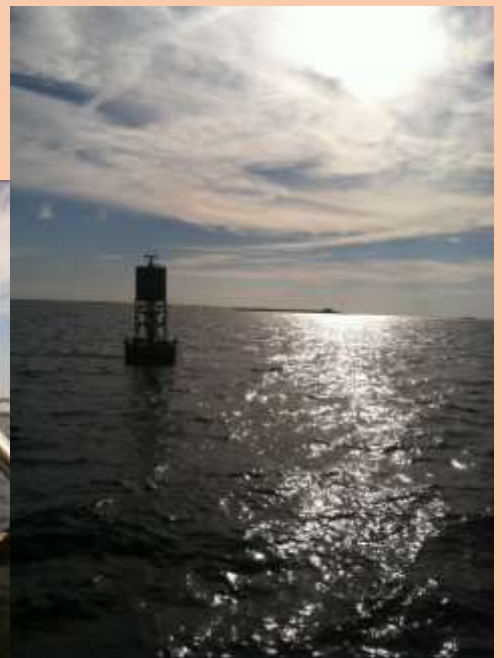
A submarine was going out at that time and we decided it best to leave that area and go to the other side of the island where the bridge was. The current was nice and the boat drifted well, but we just didn't get any bites there. After about 2 hours of fishing flounder, we decided to go to the 3rd island to target some spadefish. It was tough to get the boat anchored so close to the rocks because the wind

was pushing us back into them. When I put the boat in just the right spot, the current was holding it away from the rocks and we were able to fish for about 3 hours there. No bites unfortunately. We had a couple of fish hooked but never got to see any of them. One of them was a big fish but Russell didn't have it hooked for long. When the current started to settle, the wind picked up a little out of the south east. It was time to move. We went back to the 2nd island and fished in the rocks for a sheepshead there. The tide was light but we never got the boat anchored properly. The wind started to kick about 15knts or more from the south east. We had baits down for about 10 minutes when I got that strong hit.. It was not a familiar tug. Turns out that a 3 and a half pound trigger fish had grabbed my crab. That was the first time I have caught one and was very surprised. They are common for some wreck fisherman, but not as much for those of us that stick to the bay. We didn't have any more bites before running out of bait. We went in and got the boat back just in time to get it put on a work rack to clean it off good. Then we cleaned fish and went home. The triggerfish made a great meal for dinner and thanks to Captain Rick Williams for taking time to show me a quick and easy way to get the filet.

# A Bass Fisherman on a Banana Boat

By Kelly Hoggard

I woke up at about 5:00 that morning and was out the door by 5:30. I stopped by Oceans East and picked up some needed bait and ice. The goal was to get to the marina early to catch a little bait and I was there by 5:50. I tried to catch bait for more than an hour with no luck. The two guys I had meeting me there were Victor and Marc. Victor Minak is a new gentleman to the Virginia Beach Anglers Club and Marc, a college buddy of mine. The dock master didn't get there until about 7:20 and was more than 20 minutes late. We didn't have the boat in the water until about 7:35 and was very upset that my boat didn't get into the water first when I had been waiting there for over an hour and a half. We launched the boat a couple of minutes after it was in the water. It only took a minute to load everything on. I got the boat out and rigged up the rods we needed to catch bait. We caught a lot of little croakers and grey trout right outside of little creek, but the fish were only around 4-5 inches long and we needed the ones that were 8 or 9 inches. The sharks and bluefish like the smaller ones too much. Since the tide wasn't too strong, I decided to go over to the fourth island to get some bait there. The croakers there are the size we need but I had a hard time finding any fish because the sharks are pretty thick around there and most of the smaller fish try to avoid the area. I did manage to catch about 4 croakers that were the right size so we ended up with about a dozen. We tried the up current and down current side of the islands with very little luck. At about 9:00, we went over to the fishing grounds that we normally fish for cobia at. I anchored up on the bay side of the bridge with the outgoing tide pointing us towards the ocean and bridge behind us. We had a bite almost immediately! it was a skate! Not a fun fish to have around the boat, but it was exciting for the two gentleman I had with me. Then it was nearly two hours before our next bite. We had a couple of takers on some of our baits that made me believe they were cobia but they weren't taking the hook. Cobia and red drum tend to just pick up the bait and leave very little evidence of teeth marks or chew marks. There bite looks like somebody rubbed a bait with sand paper. Sharks and bluefish will chomp on the bait and leave bites in the baits. Rays and skates don't have teeth but mouths that crush things. You will see crush marks on the baits where their mouths were.





The tide turned very slowly and a north east wind was pushing the boat towards the south as the tide turned. When the boat was level with the bridge, we made the decision to switch sides and try on the better side of the bridge. We anchored up the first side in about 12-13 feet of water, I decided to try about 8-9 feet on the ocean side. The water clarity was so good you could see the yellow coloring of the sand in the water but couldn't see clearly any of the fish or other objects. We anchored up and had pretty good action early on. A couple of sharks that were smaller around 2-3 feet. Then another skate and small southern ray. We had a large run on one of the rods. It was evident early it wasn't a cobia and the large southern ray came right next to the boat and anchored on the bottom. This ray had to weight around 60 or 70 pounds and had a wingspan of nearly 4 feet wide. It was the biggest I've seen in a long time. As we pulled it up the first time, I was looking for a cobia under it but there were no takers. There was however another ray attached to it as though they were mating. I think it was one of those cases that the one ray was just in a compromised position and the other took advantage. We eventually got it to the boat without seeing any cobia on it and cut the line. It was nearly two thirty and I was considering going home because the tide was now running pretty good. The blue fish had started to eat the eels we were putting out so I rigged one so they wouldn't bother them anymore by putting an extra hook in the back of the eel. We had a couple of runs with sharks and I told the crew that a cobia was to be here any minute. We had something playing with an eel on the bottom. I had put it down about 15 seconds before that and found it to be very interesting. When I brought it up, there was nothing there... So I put it back down. Immediately we had another hit on it, so one of the other guys grabbed the rod and started to reel in... Again, nothing was there, except that when we got it to the surface, there was about a 40" cobia following the eel up to the surface about 5 feet behind the boat!!! Marc had the rod and the second he saw the cobia grab the eel, he pulled hard on the rod!! What a stupid mistake! I tried hard to prevent it but he has no real knowledge of saltwater fishing. Pulling the rod caused the cobia to rip the eel off the hook and he immediately started to toy around with the eel, then ate it and swam away after watching him on the surface for about 8 seconds. It was very unfortunate that things went the way they did on that fish. I've waited years for the opportunity to have a rod in my hand exactly ready to take care of a fish that way and I wasn't the one with the chance. What Marc didn't know is that the eel has the hook in the head and the cobia has to eat the whole eel in order to get the hook. He panicked and yanked as soon as the cobia grabbed about two inches of the tail. We did see two more cobia around 3:15 to 3:30 surface to the sunny side of the boat about 15 or 20 feet off. The cobia were good size but they were up and gone so fast I couldn't get a bait to them in time. At four, we decided to pull anchor and make our way to the dock. As we are pulling anchor, one of my experienced angler asked what to do with the banana peel he had in his hand.. A BANANA!!!! ARGHHHH!!! None the less, he will never stop hearing about that as long as I can remember it. About an hour later, we had cleaned everything and by six were sitting in the Captain's Galley nearby. I had some water to drink and the other two had a beer together. Marc was obviously sun burnt as he was redder than his shirt at that point. We had a very fun day and already looking forward to another trip together.

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- 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.
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