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Virginia Beach Anglers' Club

TIGHT LINES

December 2014

Events

December

December 11*: *Annual Christmas Party*

Please note date change from last newsletter Please bring a dish to share with your fellow members. Also, club elections will be held at this meeting.

December 5-6: Catchin' For Kids Rockfish Tournament

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December 12-13: VBAC Rockfish Rodeo Tournament (see pages 3-4 for more details)



2015 Club Calendars

are available for purchase and they are gorgeous! Featuring stunning photographs from club members and valuable coupons from area businesses, these calendars are a steal at \$10 for members and \$15 for the public. ***Last chance*** to get them at the December meeting!

Legislative News

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing December 9, 2014 and some of the following topics will be addressed:

1. A three year reduction on **Striped Bass** (They are reviewing various options currently)
2. A management plan for the **American Eel** (catching, limits, etc)
3. Daily catch landing limit for commercial **Speckled Trout**
4. an emergency amendment requested by industry to maximize value allowable quota pertaining to **Summer Flounder**
5. Allowable landings for commercially caught **menhaden**.

They will also address board funding on the artificial reef project. For further information regarding specifics of any these topics and for more information about the public hearing scheduled December 9 2014, please refer to online website for Virginia marine resources commission. www.mrc.virginia.gov

Mid-Atlantic Ocean Recreational Fishermen: Opportunity to Shape Ocean Planning in the Mid-Atlantic Region

An exciting opportunity has arisen for recreational fishermen to help shape an ocean action plan for the Mid-Atlantic region. Ocean planning is a process that aims to better coordinate the activities of all ocean uses, including shipping, offshore energy, mining, military needs, recreational users and conservation. Weighing in now will help ensure that the spatial needs of recreational fishing are met, while accounting for the best interests of all other ocean uses, including emerging new technologies.

The opportunity comes from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body (MidA RPB), made up of representatives from federal agencies, coastal tribes, state agencies and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. On October 24th, the MidA RPB released a series of draft documents for public comment. These documents propose options for advancing a Mid-Atlantic Ocean Action Plan and outlines options on how recreational fishermen can have a continued voice at the table.

WANTED.

Party People!

Do you like to party?

Have a good time?

Meet new people?

Then we have a club position just for you!

A friendly, outgoing individual is needed to help coordinate the Annual Awards Banquet. This banquet is a time when club members come together to socialize and celebrate another great year of fishing, as well as participate in lively raffles and door prizes. Coordinator duties include maintaining a guest list, planning event décor, and reaching out to individuals and companies to obtain donations for raffle items and door prizes. On the day of the banquet, the coordinator also organizes the items for display. You will be provided with a crew to assist in set up.

If you are interested in coordinating this great event, please contact event chairman Jerry Mariano.

To review the draft documents, please visit:
<http://www.boem.gov/Environmental-Stewardship/Mid-Atlantic-Regional-Planning-Body/MidA-RPB-Materials.aspx>

To provide comment, email at any time through November 20th
to: MidAtlanticRPB@boem.gov

In addition to written comment, the MidA RPB is hosting a public webinar and series of Public Listening Sessions throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. We ask you to attend the meeting closest to you and represent the interests recreational fishermen through your spoken comments.

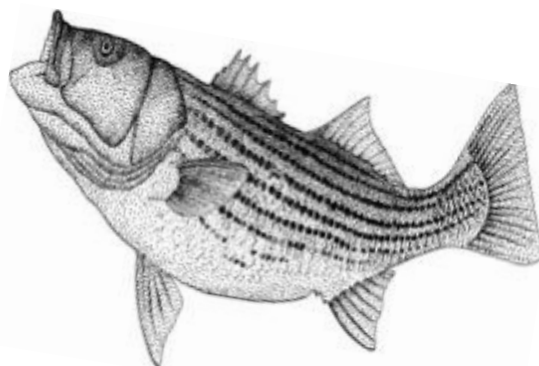
To check the dates and venues of these events, and register, visit: <http://buff.ly/10e0IOS>

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB

23rd ANNUAL

ROCKFISH RODEO & BLUEFISH ROUNDUP

December 12th and 13th, 2014



ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 PER BOAT

(\$125.00 AFTER 12/1/14)

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| Registration | Friday, December 12, 2014, 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| Captain's Meeting | Friday, December 12, 2014, 6:00 p.m. |
| Lines In | Following Captain's Meeting |
| Weigh In | Saturday, December 13, 2014, 3:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Awards & Party | Saturday December 13, 2014 to follow at Max King's Marine, 3820 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA |

CASH & PRIZES

FINAL PRIZES BASED ON 50 ENTRIES *

FIRST PLACE worth \$2570.00 SECOND PLACE worth \$1500.00

THIRD PLACE worth \$750.00

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: MAX KING'S MARINE

3820 SHORE DRIVE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

ENTRY FORM

Entire form must be filled out to be eligible for any awards. Make checks payable to VBAC.

Captain's Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Boat Name _____

Angler 1 _____ Angler 2 _____

Angler 3 _____ Angler 4 _____

Angler 5 _____ Angler 6 _____

(Point of Contact: Larry Regula 757-472-7183 or Andy Spencer 757-802-2075)

ROCKFISH RODEO & BLUEFISH ROUNDUP RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The deadline for registration is **Friday, December 12th at 6:00 pm**
2. Virginia Beach Angler's Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler or vessel.
3. The entry fee is \$100.00 per boat; \$125.00 **after** December 1, 2014.
4. Captain's meeting and fish weigh in will be conducted at Tournament Headquarters (Max King's Marine)
5. The tournament Committee advises all participants to attend the Captain's Meeting to ensure they are aware of any rule changes or clarifications.
6. Prizes for Bluefish will be determined at Captain's meeting
7. At the Captain's meeting, the Tournament Committee will decide if Saturday is fishable. If Saturday is declared not fishable, the tournament will be rescheduled for Sunday.
8. Each boat entered in the Tournament will be eligible for only one prize.
9. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition.
10. A boat may not be replaced after entry deadline, unless broken down. A Tournament official must be notified of any changes before "lines in".
11. "Lines in" no earlier than the completion of the Captain's meeting on December 12, 2014.
12. All fish must be caught on hook and line.
13. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook and gaff marks.
14. Two or more boats congregating close enough to pass fish may be disqualified from the tournament.
15. Scales will open from **3:00 to 4:00 pm**. All fish must be weighed by the official VBAC Tournament Weighmaster.
16. All fish must be weighed in at the Tournament headquarters no later than 4:00 PM.
17. Fish will be checked for freshness and are subject to inspection of stomach contents.
18. All protests must be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the weighing of the last fish.
19. **Prizes will be awarded following the weigh in at Max King's Marine, 3820 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA**
20. Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the longest fish will be declared the winner.
21. Winning anglers may be requested to submit to and successfully pass a polygraph test prior to being awarded a prize.
22. Boat registrant must be present to win, and positive identification is required for any and all prize awards.

The following statement must be read, signed and turned in with the entry form

I understand that, as Tournament captain, participant, or boat owner, I am responsible for my boat and occupants at all times. I have read and fully understand and agree to abide by all rules of the Virginia Beach Angler's Club Rockfish Rodeo & Bluefish Roundup. I hereby release the Virginia Beach Angler's Club Rockfish Rodeo, Max King's Marine, and their affiliates from any and all liability. I further understand that the decision to fish and participate in the Tournament is the responsibility of the registrant, captain and/or boat owner.

(Printed Name)

(Date)

(Signature)

VBAC MISSION & OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Virginia Beach Anglers' Club 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 are to:

- 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 fundraising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

Officers

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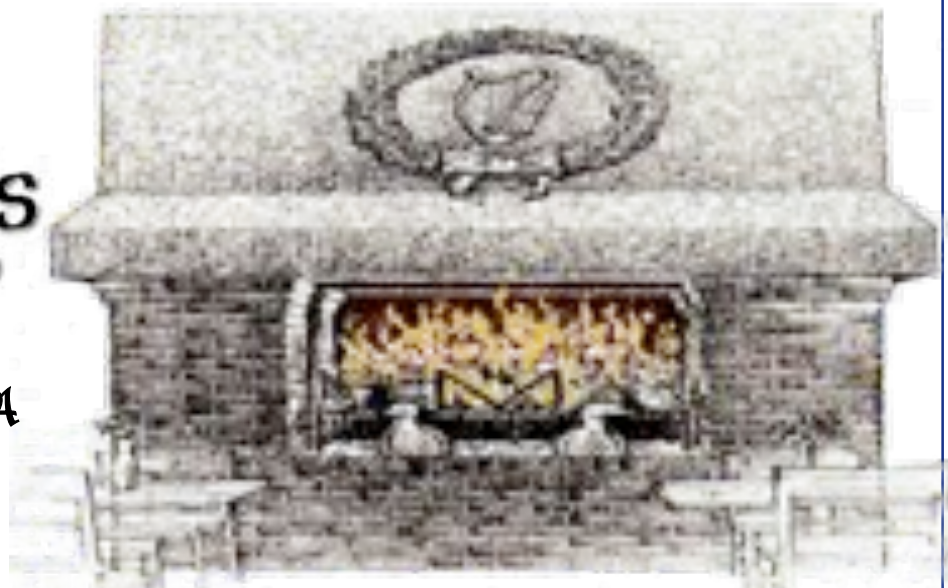
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