



December 2015

Tight Lines

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Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, December 3rd, 7:30pm.

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

What to Bring: It's December again which means we are doing our annual Christmas gathering next Thursday! Please bring a covered dish to share with the rest of your fellow club members.

Also: Keep a lookout for the Christmas toy drive and church offerings! -Page 10-

What NOT to Bring: Old Thanksgiving leftovers! Nobody wants those old leftovers. Well.. except for Kelly... So, please DO bring them!!!

Surf Fishing Report: 2015 Year End Summary

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club made another strong showing in this year's CHAC Surf Fishing Tournament. The team scored 114 points on 68 fish and finished 18th out of 120 teams. Congratulations to a local team; Tidewater Anglers Club won the tournament on a huge 500 point session catching 8 bull reds from the surf.

Intra Club Surf Fishing Tournaments – May/September 2015

May	Bob Burstein:	18.5 inch Bluefish
September	Bob Stuhlman:	7 fish – 11 points

Ocracoke – May 2015

Team A:	7 fish	14 points	30 th place out of 80 teams
Returning Anglers:	Steve Wray (3/7)	Stan Sutliff (2/5)	Butch Eason (1/1)

Hatteras Village – September 2015

Team A:	0 fish	0 points	Last place out of 68 teams
Returning Anglers:	Two competing anglers to be selected by random drawing.		

Team B:	28 fish	105 points	4 th place out of 68 teams
Returning Anglers:	Butch Eason (9/39)	Cheryl Johnson (7/26)	Steve Wray (7/20)

Long Beach Island – September 2015

Team A:	6 fish	98.25 points	7 th place out of 42 teams
Returning Anglers:	Doug Wehner (3/47)	Jerry Hughes (1/18.25)	Bob Stuhlman (1/17.50)

Nags Head – October 2015

Team A:	41 fish	44 points	11 th place out of 80 teams
Returning Anglers:	Doug Wehner (18/19)	Larry Regula (10/11)	Jerry Hughes (6/6)

Cape Hatteras – November 2015

Team A:	68 fish	114 points	18 th place out of 120 teams
Returning Anglers:	Doug Wehner (17/31)	Mark Wray (14/21)	Jerry Hughes (13/21)

Thanks to all of you who participated on the teams in 2015!

We will be drawing the names for the 2016 Ocracoke team at the February club meeting and the names for the fall tournaments at the March club meeting. Registration forms will be in the newsletters and I will have forms at all of the meetings. Please make sure that your dues are up to date before any of the tournament drawings.

Tight Lines!!
Robbie Parks

VBAC Fishing and Boating Flea Market – November 7th

On November 7th, the club had our 3rd annual fishing and boating flea market. We had to postpone our flea market scheduled on the previous date in October due to the expected effects of hurricane Joaquin. The weather forecast for the November date was in question, but the rain held off until around noon when a few showers popped up. By one o'clock, the bottom of the cloud dropped and most vendors decided to pack it up. There were a lot of fast and furious deals made early on and if you left empty handed, that was your own fault. We want to thank all of the vendors and volunteers that came out to help on the many days and hours that were spent leading up to the event and on the day itself.





Clean-Up November 8th

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to support the club clean up in 2015. Many of you helped keep the Chesapeake bay and Lynnhaven river system clean. There were 10 volunteers this month and it is greatly appreciated. See you all again on January 9th!





Virginia Beach Angler's Club

24th Annual

Rockfish Rodeo

November 27th and 28th, 2015



ENTRY FEE: \$100 Per Boat
(After November 20th - \$125 Per Boat)

Registration: Long Bay Pointe Marina - Friday, November 27th @ 6:00-7:00pm
Captains Meeting: Long Bay Pointe Marina - Friday, November 27th @ 7:00pm
Lines In: Following Captain's Meeting
Weigh In: Long Bay Pointe Marina - Saturday, November 28th @ 3:00-4:00pm
Awards and Party:  - Saturday, November 28th @ 6:00pm

\$500 GUARANTEED MINIMUM FOR 1ST PLACE

Additional Prizes Based on the Number of Entries

LONG BAY POINTE MARINA – 2109 WEST GREAT NECK ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA
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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 Virginia Beach Anglers Club.

Captains Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Boat Name _____

Angler 1 _____ Angler 2 _____

Angler 3 _____ Angler 4 _____

Angler 5 _____ Angler 6 _____

Point of Contact: George Gabriel (757) 619-1638

Email: VBAnglersclub@gmail.com

ROCKFISH RODEO RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The deadline for registration is **Friday, November 27, 2015 @ 7:00P.M.**
2. The 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 if paid on or before November 20, 2015. Thereafter, the fee is \$125.00.
4. The Tournament Committee advises all participants to attend the Captains Meeting to insure they are aware of any rule changes or clarifications prior to the start of the tournament.
5. At the Captains Meeting, the Tournament Committee will decide if Saturday is fishable. If Saturday is declared not fishable, the tournament will be rescheduled for Sunday.
6. Each boat entered in the tournament will be eligible for only one prize.
7. The Tournament Committee has the right to inspect all vessels entered in the competition.
8. A vessel may not be replaced after the entry deadline, unless broken down. A tournament official must be notified of the change prior to "lines in".
9. "Lines in" is no earlier than the completion of the Captains Meeting on November 27th, 2015.
10. Any boat entered in the tournament must leave and return to a Virginia port while fishing the tournament.
10. All fish must be caught on hook and line.
11. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way.
12. Two or more vessels congregating close enough to pass fish may be disqualified from the tournament.
13. **Scales will be open from 3:00P.M. to 4:00P.M.** All fish will be weighed by the official VBAC Tournament Weighmaster in order to qualify for the tournament.
14. All fish must be weighed in at the Tournament Headquarters not later than 4:00P.M.
15. Fish will be checked for freshness and are subject to inspection of stomach contents.
16. All protests must be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the weigh in.
17. **Prizes will be awarded at 6:30P.M. on Saturday, November 28th, 2015 at Murphy's Irish Pub located at 30th and Pacific Avenue, Virginia Beach, Virginia.**
18. Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the first fish weighed in will be declared the winner.
19. A vessel registrant must be present and positive identification is required for all prizes.
20. Winning anglers may be requested to submit to a polygraph test prior to being presented any prize.
21. All fish weighed in the tournament must abide by all rules and regulations established by the Virginia Marine Resource Commission in relation to Striped Bass. This includes but is not limited to: size restrictions, bag limits and the territorial designation of the water to which the fish was caught.

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. I hereby release the Virginia Beach Angler's Club, Rockfish Rodeo, Long Bay Pointe Marina, Murphy's Irish Pub, and all their affiliates from any and all liability. I further understand that the decision to fish and participate in the Rockfish Rodeo is the responsibility of the registrant, captain, or boat owner.

PRINTED NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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December Meeting Topics

Club Elections

Call to all members! December is election month for all board and officer positions for the following year. While there is little change from last year's ballot, we ask that all people interesting in being more involved in the angler's club to step up and take action. If you happen to know somebody that wants take a bigger role, feel free to nominate them. Almost all of us who are a part of the board or officers made the decision to take charge to have more control on club activities that we desired to see developed further. We are always looking for new ideas and want more people to get involved in club activities. Nominate yourself or somebody you know prior to the December 3rd meeting if possible.

December Striper Tournaments

Max King's Pigzilla Rockfish Tournament

Max's annual Pigzilla Rockfish Tournament runs from December 1st to December 31st of each year. The tournament is a winner take all tournament and eligible to those with an invite. The anglers club is offering to sponsor a portion of the entry for up to 4 participants towards his tournament in 2015. The captain of a boat pays for the entry of his boat and as long as he is fishing, fish caught on his boat count towards his entry in the tournament.

Email the club to let us know that you wish to participate.

Catchin' for Kids Rockfish Tournament

The Catchin' for Kids Tournament is December 4th and 5th.

The club sponsors three boats and their anglers to fish in this tournament each year. We need all interested captains and anglers to email their intentions to the gmail account. Club members will fill any available spaces left over by captain's choice.

VBAC Calendars

There are only a couple of individual calendars left for members to buy.

Make sure you ask around at the Christmas meeting to find any stragglers. Don't forget to check your calendars throughout the year for a reminder of upcoming scheduled events and to use your coupons for the discounts they offer to our vendors. The calendar contains many beautiful photos and don't forget to check if your picture made one of the many mirages.

Membership Dues

Remember to renew your membership for 2016!

VBAC and Sea Tow Christmas Toy Drive

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club and other area angler's clubs are teaming up with Sea Tow to gather toys for this Christmas. All toys donated at a Virginia Beach Anglers Club collection event will result in a raffle ticket for **multiple drawings**.

The drawings include a Sea Tow membership package valued at over \$180. The Anglers Club is offering up a rod and reel combination as well as other prizes. The December VBAC meeting is the last chance to bring a toy before the toys are donated to the local chapter of the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation. Do what you can to make a difference in a child's life this Christmas!



Church Food Drive

All throughout the year, Foundry United Methodist Church hosts many different feeding events for homeless individuals. This time of year especially, the church is in need of supplies to distribute to families who cannot afford to have proper meals. While you're out shopping for your endless feast of turkey, potatoes, and stuffing, please spend a little extra and bring a few non-perishable food items for collection to the church's food bank. Not only will you get a free raffle ticket for each food item you bring, but you'll help end hunger across Hampton Roads.

Church Christmas Tree Sales

For those of you who plan to buy a live Christmas tree this December, look no further than our own meeting host. The church is selling Christmas trees starting on **Saturday, November 28th**. Don't go out and buy your tree from some store just because it is convenient. They only care about your money. Come out and help give back to the community by financially supporting many of the church's charitable causes.

Thank You All
-VBAC Board and Directors

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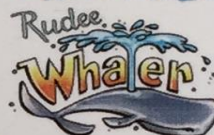


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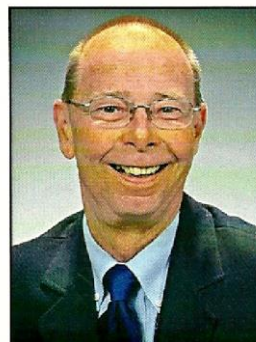


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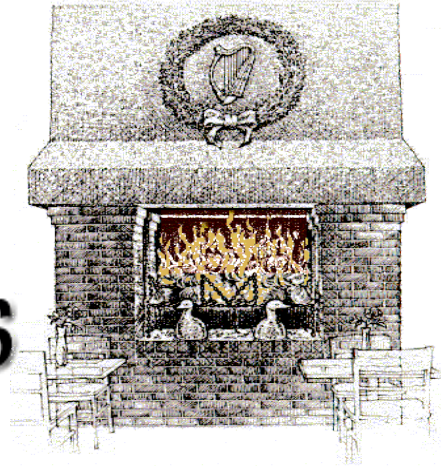
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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2015

(Updated as of October 1st)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Saltwater:</u>		
Flounder	David Reynolds	5lb 01oz.
Spot	Don Bayford	0lb 09.0oz.
Croaker	David Reynolds	1lb 02oz.
Tautog	Beth Synowiec	16lb 15oz.
<u>Freshwater:</u>		
Crappie	Russell Willoughby	0lb 09oz.

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I need a boat

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VIMS Tagging Programs

Anglers Wanted!

The Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program still has some spaces left for 2016!

The Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program is looking for a few good fisherman...

Are you an avid angler? Would you like to learn what happens to the fish you release?

For more than 20 years, our team of dedicated taggers have been tagging fish and contributing data to help us learn more about our favorite game fish species. A cooperative effort between the Marine Advisory Services Program at VIMS and the Saltwater Tournament Program at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the VGFTP was created in 1995 with the overall goal of training and maintaining an experienced group of recreational anglers who volunteer their time and effort to tag

and release their fish catch. We target cobia, spadefish, red drum, sheepshead, summer flounder, black sea bass, grey triggerfish, black drum, speckled trout, and tautog. For more information see: www.vims.edu/vgftp/.

There are still spaces available for the 2016 Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program: to learn more about joining, please contact Susanna Musick:

susanna@vims.edu before December 15, 2015.

For those of you who want to know more of a firsthand account of the program, some of us are currently registered or have previously been a part of this program. Feel free to ask around and find somebody who has more experience. Remember, not all of the fish you catch are long enough to keep. These smaller fish you release make great candidates for the tagging program. You can also report tagged catches and earn possible rewards by going to the following link: www.vasaltwaterjournal.com/report_tagged_fish.php.

Speckled Trout

Acoustic Tagging Program at VIMS

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) has started a new acoustic tagging program to catch, release, and track speckled trout as they migrate through the tidewater region. Previous uses of this acoustic device include the use of acoustic tags to track sharks and sturgeon. The information gained by the use of these tags has been greater than by many other methods of tracking species of migrating fish. As more information about this program becomes available, it will be shared with the angler's club. We may also have Pat McGrath out to speak more about the efforts they hope to achieve with this new acoustic tagging program.

- Dr. Patrick McGrath

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 – Ronnie Nixon
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 – Bob Burstein
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 – Kelly Hoggard Co. Chair – Beth Synoweic

Fishing Reports

Double Daily Limit – by Ike Eisenhower

Went fishing 11-16-15 on my boat the ShelbyKat II looking for tautog with Russell Willoughby. Beautiful day, light West winds, right at the turn of current from ebb to flood. First went to the Cape Henry wreck and despite repositioning several times, only caught togs too small to keep and toads. Russell did hook one that had to be huge but cut his tackle when the tog went into a hole. When the current started to rip so we went to the 3rd Island tube. No luck there. As the current started to diminish, we went over to the 2nd. As the current slacked, it was game on. We began hooking 16-18 inch fish interspersed with 14-15 inch fish catching one after another. Usually involving getting our bait stolen before hooking up. We both found that using a 1/0 treble hook worked best to get them to the boat. The bite actually picked up when the current started moving. We got out limit of keeper fish about two hours of fishing and then began to throw 17 inch fish back until we used up all our blue crabs. Over all I'm sure we threw back at least a dozen togs too short to keep. Several were right at 15 inch and fat. Next year that should be just right. I haven't had a tautog fishing day like this in years. I hope that the weather will allow me to try again soon.

Blessings,
Ike

Catfish Noodleing – by Mike Anderson

Caught 11 catfish today with my son, David. Tried a new method. Noodleing. Fun!



Fishing Reports

Keeping an eye on those puppies – by Jerry Hughes

Puppy drum. Rude inlet on cut mullet. Lots of bluefish.



Striper Season Coronation; version 2015 – by Kelly Hoggard

Went out striper fishing on Wednesday, November 25th with Jerry Hughes. Got an unexpected call from him late Tuesday that he heard I wanted to go fishing. We loaded up the equipment Wednesday morning and made our way out onto the water. The water was fairly calm and we motored straight towards Cape Charles. We set up near the texaco wreck but the east wind and incoming tide pushed us into shallow water on the west side. Much more bait was along the cut on the east side, so we slid on over. Reports of fish were coming in on the radio so we knew there was a chance to bring one home. Made multiple drifts with 8 eels in the water on both sides of the texaco. Went north about 2 miles of Cape Charles and found some great marks, but the water was dirty and again, no bites. Took a run south near the end of the deep cut near the concrete ships. Again, had great marks between 35 and 60 feet of water but not even a knockdown the entire day. Pulled in the rods just after sunset. Around 5:30, got to the baltimore channel and the boat gives a warning light. Overheating. Tore out some parts while we were rocking in a 10-15mph east wind. Found a ring in the impellar assembly that was completely wore out and leaking water into the boat. Water intake pipes were sucking air during operation. Ed Schrader with Sea Tow came around to give me a 2 hour tow back to vinnings in little creek. 14 hours on the boat today. Expect the problem to be fixed relatively easy. Best bite was on last of the incoming around 8-10 in the morning. Know of one fish caught north of the texaco between the wreck and the Baltimore channel.



Continued..



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

Corresponding Secretary: Kelly Hoggard

Board of Directors:

Bob Burstein

Gary Doerhoff

Butch Eason

Pete Federico

Jack Guthrie

Jerry Mariano

Ronnie Nixon

Robbie Parks

Chris Schneider