



February 2015

Tight Lines

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Monthly Meeting:

When: February 5th, 7:30pm.

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

Bring Your Notebook: Edward Lewis will be speaking about Largemouth Bass fishing.

Synopsis: My name is Edward Lewis. I have been a member of Virginia Bass Federation since 1986 and a member of Princes Anne Bass master. I am the owner of the company Pro Style Baits Inc. that makes spinner baits, buzz baits and some striper baits. I have been on the state federation eastern division team two times. I am now the team captain of the Bass Pro Shop Nitro Fishing Team. Also, I am on the Bass Pro Shop Pro Staff, Mercury Pro Team, and Solarbat sun glasses Pro Staff. The team and I fish all over the east coast, BFL, Weekend Series, and ABA's, Club and State tournaments. I currently run a Nitro Z-9 bass boat and will be glad to take any one fishing when the weather improves. See you all at the seminar!

Urgent News

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club has changed email addresses! Our new email address is VBAnglersclub@gmail.com. Please be sure to add VBAnglersclub@gmail.com to your contact list.

2015 Membership Reminder:

Don't forget to renew your membership at the next meeting.

2015 membership dues need to be paid by the March Business Meeting scheduled for March 5, 2015. Payment of your dues will insure continued receipt of the club newsletter, eligibility for club functions and reduced ticket costs for the banquet scheduled for March 14, 2015. In order to be considered for selection to a VBAC Surf Fishing Tournament Team, a person must hold an active club membership prior to selection. Selection for fall tournaments will be held at the March Business meeting. To be eligible to compete in the VBAC Prize Fish Competition, a member must be in good standing before the catch can be recorded. Membership remains at \$30. One oyster roast recoups the value of your membership fee.

Membership Benefits List!

For many years, the anglers club has had numerous recurring sponsors. From tournaments, raffle prizes, sponsor placements, calendar ads and donations for charity events... The Virginia Beach Anglers Club has been fortunate for these sponsors to support us. At the most recent board meeting, we decided to work harder to make sure that all the club members are more aware of who our sponsors are. Some of these sponsors already offer incentives just for mentioning the clubs name. These include the **coupons** that are available for everyone to use in their **2015 Club calendars**.

Unfortunately, an official list of these types of sponsors has not been readily available. In the coming months, we hope to better inform our membership of who these businesses are and what they might offer just for walking in the door. Until then, if you know that a business is affiliated with VBAC, don't be afraid to mention you belong to the club. You might just walk away with extra cash in your pocket!



Crab Creek Clean-Up January 10, 2015

Nine hardy souls came out Saturday morning, January 10th to perform our VBAC civic duties, of cleaning up around Pleasure House Point marshlands and the local park. Temperatures started out in the upper 20's with winds 10 to 15. We were able to gather six bags of garbage from the environment. A Lunch of a hardy chicken soup and french bread helped the group keep warm after the cleanup was completed. We want to see more come out on the next cleanup scheduled for 3/7/2015

NOTE: In 2011, Virginia Beach Anglers Club adopted the Crab Creek/Lynnhaven boat ramp as our Community Service project by performing "adopt-a-spot/ Waterway cleanups". With the construction project to build the new Lesner Bridge, we voluntarily agreed to move over to Pleasure House Point. The cite, owned by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the City of Virginia Beach, contains 118 acres of marshlands & wildlife habitat including the local water and park as our temporary cleanup spot. Please come and help support our Community Service Project!



Fishing Report:

Fellow angler Jerry Hughes went out to do some striper fishing in early January. Plenty of whales sighted off Cape Henry, but there were no fish to be had. Picture courtesy of Jet Ski Brian.

2015 VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge!

Last year's Roulette results are in! The 2014 VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge was enthusiastically supported by 28 anglers (fresh and salt water). The target species randomly drawn during the March 2014 meeting were;

Species	Winners
Spanish Mackerel	Jerry Hughes 2lbs 12oz
Sunfish/ShellCracker	Melanie Bayford 1lb 14oz
Roundhead	Doug Wehner 1lb 7 oz
Spot	David Reynolds 13 oz
Chain Pickerel	No entries

Congratulations to our winners- they will split the pot of \$560.00, 4 ways (or \$140.00 each). The payout will take place at our February Meeting!!

As a reminder, here's how it works- interested club members put \$20 in a pot by the March meeting (Mike Anderson holds the pot). At the March monthly meeting, we will draw the names (species) of five fish from the club's leader board*. These fish will be the targeted species eligible for winning a lucky VBAC angler a share of the pot. The angler with the heaviest catch for the selected species by Dec 31, 2015 will share the pot with the other winners. This format will provide an even opportunity for salt, surf, and fresh water anglers, as both fresh and salt water species are eligible for the drawing.

*(Wahoo, Tuna, Gar, and Amberjack will not be part of the drawing)

So Remember:

Open to Club Members ONLY

Must pay to play (or at least let George Gabriel know your intent to participate) by the by March 2015 club meeting. Drop George a note through the club's email VBAnglersclub@gmail.com if you can't make the Feb or March meetings)

Five fish to be drawn from leader board.

Weight will determine winner.

Gotta be in it to win it!!!!

A Chance to Give Back

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' 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 and see me.

Boat Show

The Boat show is back in town from February 6th-8th. Please check in this Thursday at the monthly meeting that all the needed volunteers have signed up. Russell Willoughby and Gary Doerhoff are in charge of scheduling the volunteers. For anyone planning to attend as a spectator, make sure you check [Captain Max King on Facebook](#) for a \$2 coupon off your admission.

Surf Fishing Report:

This month we will be drawing names for the Ocracoke surf fishing tournament to be held on April 29th-May 2nd, 2015. In March, we will be drawing for all the fall tournament teams. You must have your dues paid and have participated in at least one event in support of the club in 2014 to put your name in the hat to be drawn or to return to a tournament as a returning team member. The tournaments are a lot of fun to fish and a great way to spend time with fellow club members.

Tight Lines!
Robbie Parks

Surf Fishing Information – By Robbie Parks

The new year is here and time to be thinking about this year's surf fishing tournaments. They are a lot of fun to fish and a great time to hang out with fellow club members. A lot of the guys that fish these tournaments have years of surf fishing experience and are willing to share their knowledge with each other and any new guys. We want everyone to do well so the team does well.

I want to explain a little of how our club selects surf fishing teams for these tournaments. First of all, your dues for the current year must be paid and you must have participated in at least one event to help out the club in the previous year to be eligible to be on a team. The tournaments we participate in all have six man teams. We fill our teams by the three high scorers from last year's team getting to come back on this year's team and drawing three names from the pot to fill the other three positions. This gives us at least three experienced members on each team and gives everyone in the club a chance to put their name in the pot to be drawn.

We participate in five tournaments during the year. Ocracoke in the spring and Hatteras Village, Long Beach Island, Nags Head and Cape Hatteras Angler's Club in the fall. We field two teams in Hatteras Village and Long Beach Island. Only one team in the other three. The expenses for team members involve participation fees, lodging, meals, travel, and bait. Team members pay a \$20 participation fee to help offset the entry fee paid by the club except for the Long Beach Island tournament. Lodging cost from \$90 to \$160. Travel and meals is approximately \$100. Each team member gets his own bait \$25. For the Hatteras Village and Nags Head tournaments this run in the \$275 to \$300 range. Each team member fixes one meal for the whole team \$35 to \$40. For Ocracoke, and Cape Hatteras Angler's Club in the \$325 to \$375 range. The higher expenses for these two are primarily due to higher lodging costs. The Long Beach Island tournament also cost in the \$325 to \$375 range due to higher lodging and travel expenses. These figures are a general rule and could be higher or lower than stated. You will also have to have the proper fishing licenses (NC nonresident saltwater annual license \$30) and permits to drive on the beaches (\$120 annual, \$50 seven day). New Jersey also requires you register as a saltwater fisherman to fish there at no cost (done on line).

The Ocracoke Tournament will be held on April 30 and May 1, 2015. The drawing for team members will be at the February meeting. All the other tournaments are held in the fall and the drawing for them will be at the March meeting. For the Ocracoke tournament the \$20 participation fee and \$40 lodging deposit (\$60 total) are due at the March meeting with the balance of the Lodging due at the April meeting. The \$20 participation fee and \$40 lodging deposit (\$60 total) for each team you are on is due at the April meeting with the balance due at the meeting the month before the tournament.

If you have any questions about the surf fishing tournaments just catch me at a meeting and I will be happy to answer them if I can.

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Robbie

Important information:

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club gladly pays for many of the tournaments that the anglers club is involved in throughout the year. The club requires that you volunteer at least once in the previous year for anyone who wishes to put their name in the hat for a free tournament entry (boat or surf). NOTE: this is not a requirement! If you do not volunteer at least once, you will be simply be placed at the end of the alternates list. There are dozens of activities per year that are available with many different types of opportunities. It's very difficult to go a full year without participating in some way. If you're a new member, keep in mind that there are events almost every month that require some help.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 3, 2015



VBAC FALL FISHING & BOATING FLEA MARKET

*Capt. Max King's Marine
3829 Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455*

*For more information and vendor opportunities contact
Bob Stuhlman 757-374-7372
Bob Burstein 267-994-7423*

E-mail: 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

Acoustic Tagging Program

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club received an email regarding an acoustic tagging program that is currently in need of support. Patrick McGrath from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) asked that we help spread the word of the new program trying to gain a foothold in our area. Acoustic tagging programs are common with larger fish like shark. VIMS is attempting to use the same kind of program and data to analyze Speckled Trout marine ecology. As members of the fishing community, it is important that we help do our part to support these types of programs. There were some materials forwarded to us by members of both VIMS and the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB). A few copies will be provided at this month's meeting.

Acoustic Tagging at VIMS – VIA PAT McGRATH

Hello, please allow me to introduce myself, I am Pat McGrath (patm@vims.edu; feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this article) and I currently work with acoustically tagging fishes at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. Acoustic tags are different than the conventional tags because they emit a signal approximately every minute which includes a unique identifying number. When these tags are implanted into fish, we can then follow their movements for the lifespan of the tag (anywhere from 1 to 10 years). Some tags also include sensors that will tell the swimming depth, surrounding water temperature, or swimming speed. The signals from these tags are picked up by either onboard hydrophones or acoustic receivers. There are over 100 receivers listening for tagged fish within Chesapeake Bay and most major estuaries from Maine to Florida have a receiver array in place.

Currently, we are in year two of acoustically tagging Atlantic sturgeon. VIMS has partnered with VCU, CBL, VDGI, and MdDNR to tag both adult (4-10 ft) and sub-adult (1-4 ft) fish. In 2014, VIMS tagged 9 adults in the Pamunkey River (largest was an 8 ft, 220 lb female) and 47 sub-adults in the James and York Rivers. Several sub-adults that were tagged in the James River during the spring were detected off Long Island several months later. To learn more about the project and see some great pictures please feel free to look at our website and follow my tagging blog (<http://www.vims.edu/research/topics/sturgeon/index.php>).

We currently have a proposal (Temperature selectivity and movement patterns of spotted seatrout) under consideration by the Recreational Fishing and Advisory Board (RFAB) to use acoustic tags with temperature sensors to better understand the behavior associated with speckled trout winter mortality events and the general movement patterns through-out the year. As most of you remember from last winter, thousands of speckled trout died in a cold stun event brought on by near freezing water temperatures. We would like to tag fish in the Corrotoman River and the Elizabeth River to understand the behavior associated with these cold winter temperatures. Do the fish attempt to move away from the cold water, but get overrun by sudden drops in temperature or do fish try to find a deep hole and hope for the best? The information that we will gather will give scientists and managers information concerning seasonal movements, temperature selectivity, and stock identification. More importantly to the recreational angler, the data will produce maps for anglers indicating hot spots for speckled trout and preferred water temperatures. The public comment period for this proposal is currently open and if you would like to voice your opinion for this project, please write to Alicia Nelson at the VMRC (alicia.nelson@mrc.virginia.gov).

Thank you for allowing me to introduce myself, our current work, and our planned future work. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to send me an email (patm@vims.edu).

2015 VBAC Awards Banquet

When: March 14, 2015. Doors open at 6:45 pm.

Where: Greek Orthodox Church, 621 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach.

Price: \$15 per member ahead of the event. \$20 for guests or members at the door.

MENU

Sausage Lasagna

Chicken Parmigiana

Green Beans Italiano

Tossed Salad

Italian Bread

Come enjoy the company and camaraderie of your fellow anglers and their families.

It's time again to see whose homemade dessert will reign supreme, so let's get baking! We will have a tasting team lead by Mr. Taste himself Kelly Hoggard. He may be looking for individuals to help sort out which desserts deserve an award. Also, head Chef Jerry Mariano is often looking for a little help in the kitchen. Please check in with either Kelly or Jerry to see if you can help in any way.





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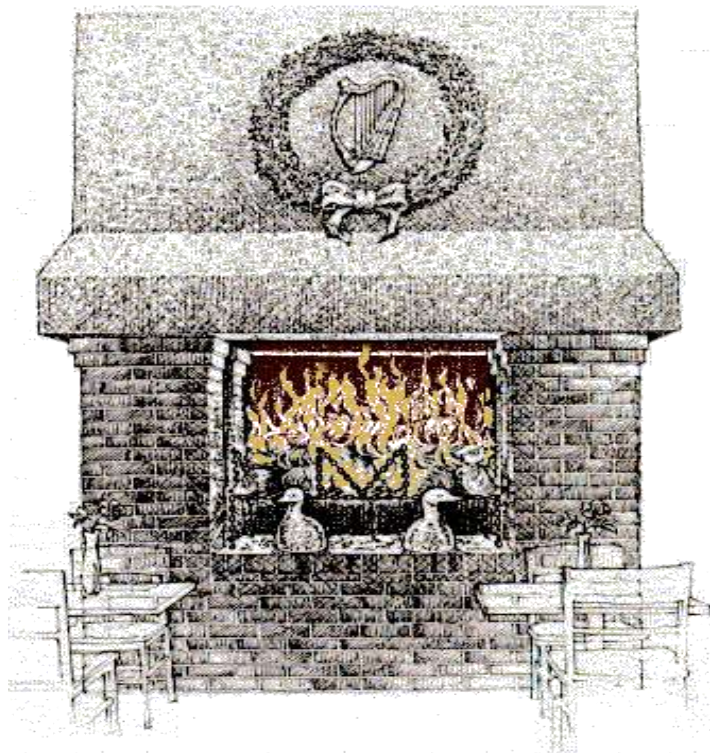
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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

Corresponding Secretary: Jerry Hughes

Newsletter Editor: Kelly Hoggard

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