



January 2015

Tight Lines

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Monthly Meeting:

When: January 8th, 7pm.

Where: The Boaters Warehouse on 550 First Colonial Road in Virginia Beach. The store is located in the Kmart shopping center of Hilltop square.

Bring Your Notebook: Captain Russ Kostinas will speak about offshore bluefin tuna fishing.

December Christmas Party:

Larry Regula Keeps the crowd busy while some of us sneak around to get the food early!



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.

Election Results:

At the December Christmas meeting, our annual elections were held for the positions of Officers and Board.

Officers.....

President: Larry Regula

1st Vice President: George Gabriel

2nd Vice President: Bob Stuhlman

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Jerry Hughes

Newsletter Editor: Kelly Hoggard

Board of Directors.....

Bob Burstein; Gary Doerhoff; Pete Federico;

Jack Guthrie; Jerry Mariano; Ronnie Nixon;

Robbie Parks; Chris Schneider; Andy Spencer

Catchin' For Kids Rockfish Tournament:

Each year the Virginia Beach Anglers Club tries to sponsor three boats in the Catchin' For Kids tournament. For those of you who do not know much about it... The tournament raises funds for the Toys for Tots



Foundation. It is a great event with great food. A number of our members either fished or came out to spend some time together. Everything is done to benefit the kids. If you didn't make it out this year, be sure that you try to find your way on a boat for 2015. A similar tournament is held every summer in August if you don't like the cold weather. Thank you to George Gabriel, Russell Willoughby and Kelly Hoggard for participating with their boats.

VBAC Rockfish Rodeo:

The 2014 Rockfish Rodeo was again based out of Capt. Max Kings Marine. There was an overnight forecast for windy conditions that kept a few crews from making the attempt to fish. The handful that came out battled for first place in our annual tournament. Team Red Hawk pulled in a monster trophy bass that weighed in at 50.85 pounds! Thanks to all our sponsors that helped make this event successful. Murphy's Irish Pub, Rodfather Custom Rods and Seatow.



VBAC Crab Creek Clean-Up:

When: January 10th, 10am.

Where: Pleasure House Point, Virginia Beach

What to Bring: Warm Clothes and an Appetite for Your FREE LUNCH!

Because of the construction on the new Lesner Bridge, we have temporarily moved our cleaning efforts to the nearby Pleasure House Point city park. Parking is available along both sides of the park near the intersection of E Stratford Rd and Dinwiddie Rd. Marked by the arrows in the picture below. Mike Anderson will be running the crew this weekend and he will need everybody to help to get the park clean. If there are any questions about the location, please ask at the membership meeting on Thursday. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have any questions, please contact Kelly Hoggard at 757-416-8817.



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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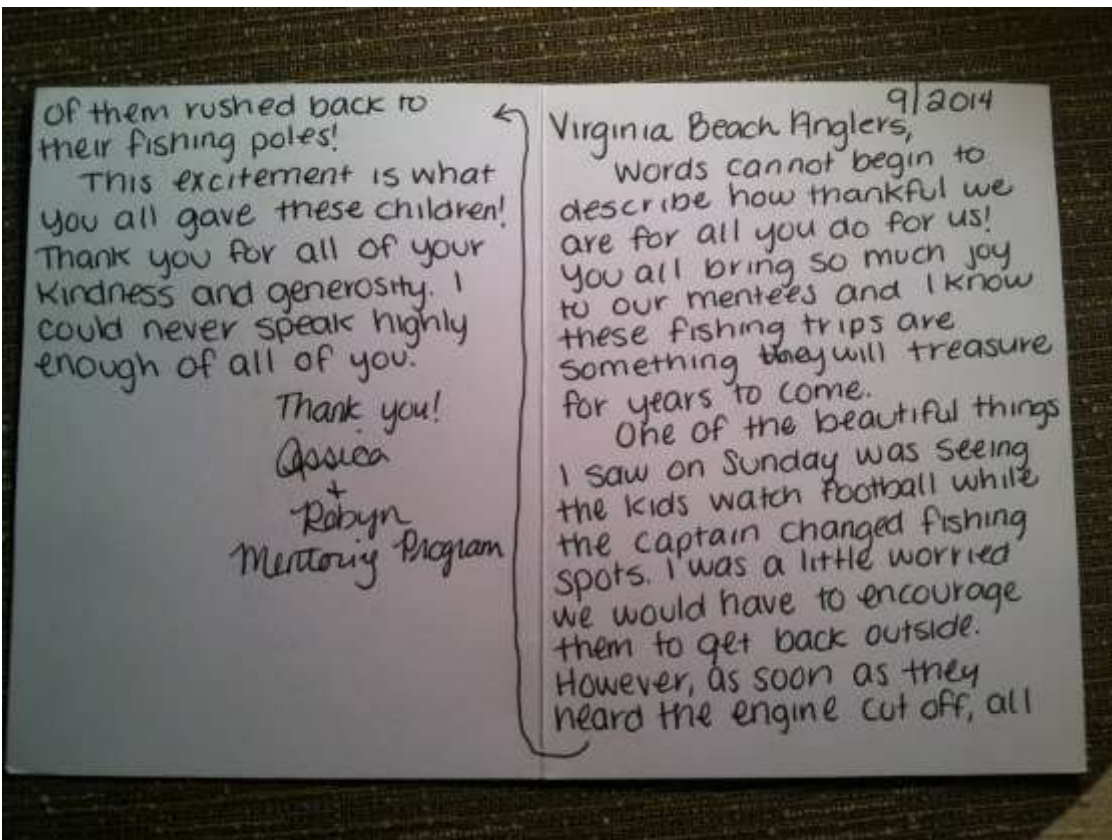
Robbie

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 atleast 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.



The Seton Youth Foundation sent us a thank you note for the efforts we've put in to help put some smiles on their children's faces. I've taken pictures in order to share the message as it was delivered to the club.



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

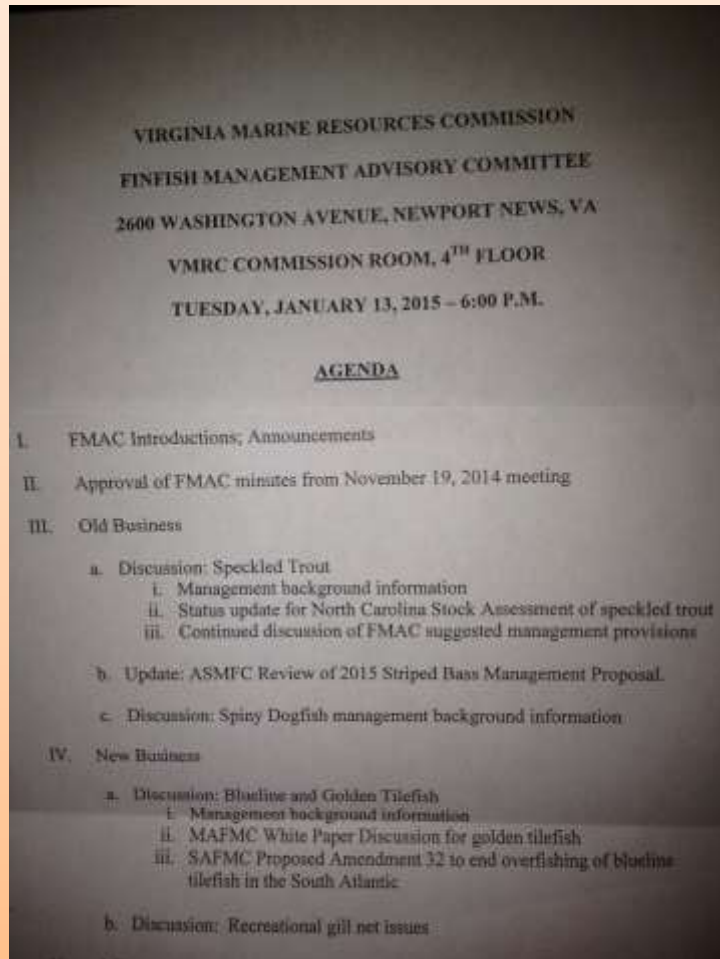
Italian Bread

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.



Regulation News



VMRC has sent a letter addressed to the Finfish Management Advisory Committee to receive discussion and recommendations about management for some of our local fisheries. The committee is meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 and will likely include the following: Speckled Trout, Blue/Golden Tilefish, as well as some of the Striped Bass management proposals. If you have any interest in learning what they discuss or have something to say about the topic, it is suggested that you make the meeting. The address and other relative information as well as a copy of the formal letter is provided on the left.

Other Regulatory News:

Striped Bass: A new creel limit is in effect for coastal waters off Virginia Beach out to the three mile line. What was two fish per person per day has been decreased to one fish per person per day. Additional information and regulations are available via the [VMRC website](http://www.mrc.state.va.us/recreational.shtm).

Some other links have been provided here for your convenience:

[Virginia Fisherman Identification Program \(FREE-Required By Law\)](#)

[Virginia Saltwater Journal \(Citations\)](#)

[Virginia Saltwater Hook and Line Fishing Regulations \(Size and Creel Limits\)](#)

If you are unable to use one of the links - <http://www.mrc.state.va.us/recreational.shtm>

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**BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER,
THE KIND THAT WOULD BE MISSED;
DON'T BE JUST CONTENT
THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE LIST.
DO ATTEND THE MEETINGS
AND MINGLE WITH THE CROWD;
DON'T STAY AT HOME
AND CRAB BOTH LONG AND LOUD.
DO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART
TO HELP THE CLUB ALONG.
AND TAKE TIME OUT TO VISIT
A MEMBER WHO IS SICK.
DON'T LEAVE THE WORK FOR JUST A FEW
AND GRIPE ABOUT THE CLIQUE.
THERE IS QUITE A PROGRAM SCHEDULED
THAT MEANS SUCCESS, IF DONE.
AND IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED
WITH THE HELP OF EVERYONE.
SO ATTEND THE MEETINGS REGULARLY
AND HELP WITH HAND AND HEART,
BE AND ACTIVE MEMBER
AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART.
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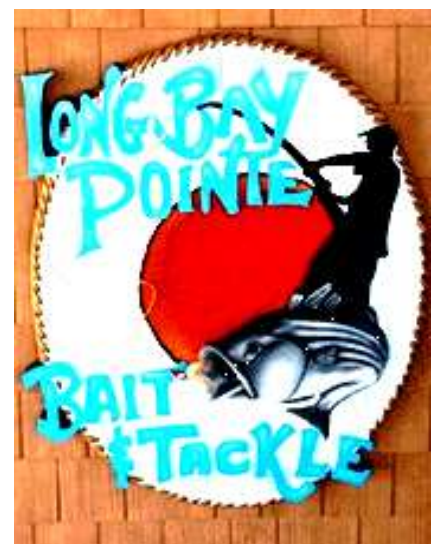
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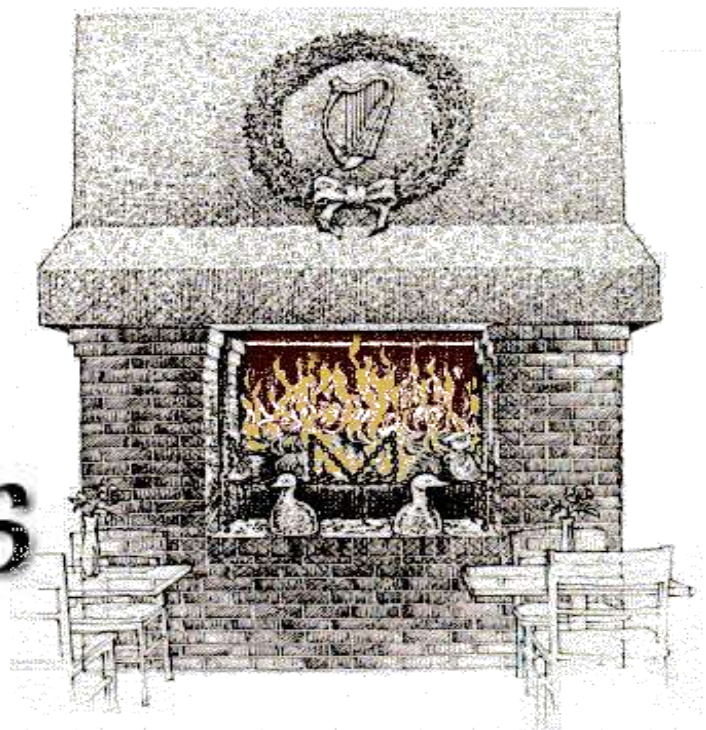


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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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:

- Monitor legislative and regulatory activities relating to the 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.

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