

# June 2015

# **Tight Lines**

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#### Monthly Meeting:

<u>When:</u> June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm.

<u>Where:</u> Foundry United Methodist Church. 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. In Virginia Beach next to Beach Ford.

**Bring Your Notebook:** The June speaker is TBD. The anticipated topic will be fishing for cobia.

Synopsis: TBD

<u>Additional Speaker:</u> We will have Erica Locher, a Park Ranger from Back Bay Wildlife Refuge speaking about upcoming scheduled events for the summer of 2015.

#### Hunt for Hardheads Tournament – May 9<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to the anglers with the Virginia Beach Anglers Club that fished the recent hunt for hardheads tournament. Not in the picture is George Gabriel, Larry Regula and Jerry Mariano. Everyone fished hard in a very tough tournament that hosted some unbelievable fog. We still managed to come in second. Great Bridge took first place again.



## Members Surf Fishing Tournament on May 16<sup>th</sup> - Pictures by Robbie Parks

Twelve fishing buddies came out on a lovely day with a little breeze to our backs. Some seaweed and cool water temps kept the smaller fish at bay. Congratulations to the winner: Bob Burstein! Winning fish: 18.5 inch Bluefish.



## VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COBIA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Entry Fee - \$100.00 per Boat (after June 13<sup>th</sup> - \$125.00 per Boat) Registration Deadline Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM Captain's Meeting Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> @7:30 PM Lines-In Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 AM Weigh In June 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 PM \$1000.00 Guaranteed 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize Other prizes determined by number of entrants TOURNAMENT HEADQUATERS: LONG BAY POINTE MARINA 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 VBAC

| Captain's Name               | Address                 |                  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| City                         |                         | Phone            |
| Boat Name                    |                         |                  |
| Angler#1                     |                         |                  |
|                              | Angler#4                |                  |
| Angler#5                     | Angler #6               |                  |
| Email:                       |                         |                  |
| Mail entries to:             |                         |                  |
| Virginia Beach Anglers Club, | P.O. Box 8602, Virginia | beach, Va. 23450 |
|                              | 1 1 1757 640 4600       | 11.100 1.100 1.  |

Point of Contact: George Gabriel (757.619.1638) email: VBAnglersclub@gmail.com

# **Clean the Bay Day!!**

#### When: June 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-11am.

Where: Pleasure House Point, Virginia Beach, next to the Brock Center.

What to Bring: Some People have found it useful to bring a 5 gallon bucket to help carry and hold your bags open. ALSO: Bring an appetite for Free Lunch!

If you have any questions about the event or location - contact Kelly Hoggard: (757) 416-8817.



#### HOFNOD

Bob Burstein has a few friends that are doing a HOFNOD (Hooked On Fishing Not On Drugs) program for kids this summer and need fishing rods and reels for the kids to use. They need 5-6' one piece rods with casting reels. The reels must work and the rods need to have all the guides intact. They will provide all the rest. Please bring to the meeting. Thank You – Bob Burstein

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

Bob Burstein will be gathering volunteers at the June meeting for this year's Seton Youth Fishing Day. There is a wide range of jobs to be completed and many volunteers are required. Many of you have already participated in the previous year's events and know what the format will be like. Instead of the cook-out and awards ceremony on the pier, we will be doing it on the beach. We will need lots of help!





| Club T-Shirts<br>The club will be ordering new club  | VBAC Fi                       | shing Roulett      | e 2015        |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| shirts similar to the tan color and sea<br>foam green colors that many of the<br>club members currently wear. To<br>save some costs, they will be ordered<br>as a group at the next club meeting.<br>Club members can chose to | <u>Species</u>                | <u>Leader</u>      | <u>Weight</u> |
| individualize their shirts. Most of our  | Saltwater:                    |                    |               |
| standard hats and shirts are still<br>available. For more information,<br>please contact Jack Guthrie prior to   | Flounder                      | None               | None          |
| or at the June 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting.  | Spot                          | None               | None          |
| Jack – (757) 647-4490  | Croaker                       | None               | None          |
|  | Tautog                        | Beth Synowiec      | 16lb 15oz.    |
| Fishing Forum  |                               |                    |               |
| Tidewaterfishing.net has released a<br>VBAC specific forum for us to interact<br>and share information or experiences<br>with each other. More details will be<br>shared at this month's meeting.                              | <u>Freshwater:</u><br>Crappie | Russell Willoughby | 0lb 9oz.      |

# **Catch-A-Ride**

#### I need a crew

Jon Calhoun (757) 377-3360

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450

Jeremy MaGuire (757) 407-0493

Rich MaGuire (757) 619-4851

Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282

Bob Stuhlman (757) 374-7372

#### I need a boat

Michael Anderson (757) 481-1296 Pete Federico (908) 887-3113 Stan Sutliff (757) 232-1107

# Each advertisement is linked to their associated website. Please check them all out by clicking on their ads!

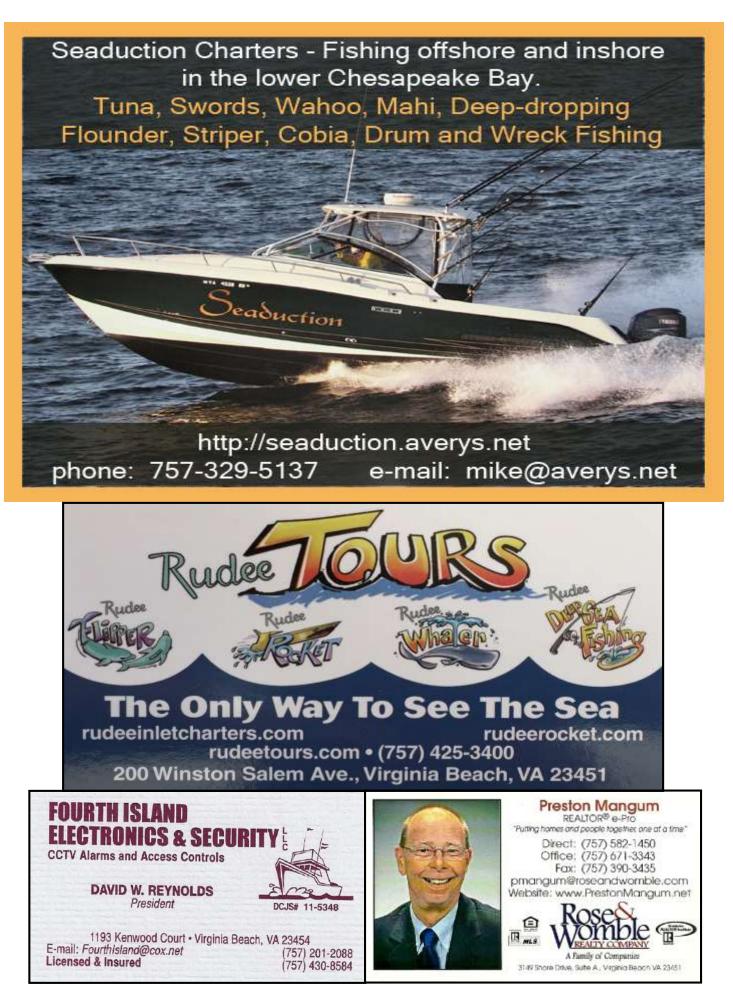


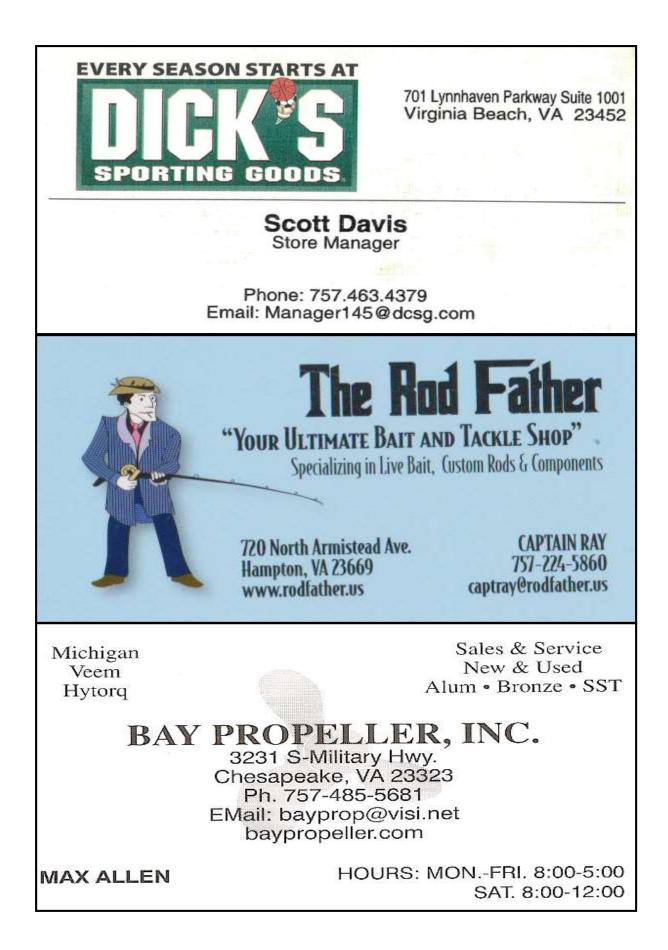
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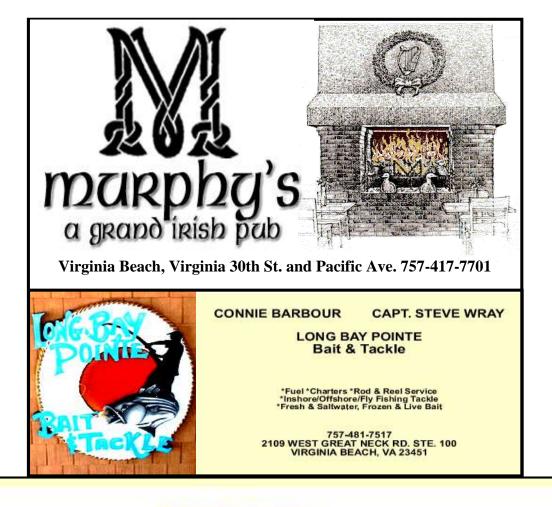














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## **Coast Guard Vessel Safety Inspections**

Coast Guard vessel safety inspections are available to the public for free. The process is very simple and they meet you anywhere that is convenient for you. They will meet you at a house, boat ramp, or marina.. Wherever your boat is stored.

To get to the website for a Vessel Exam go to <u>http://safetyseal.net</u>.

You will be redirected to the webpage:

http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=i-want-a-vsc

Fill in the form provided and submit, and a Vessel Examiner nearest to your zip-code will call you or email you to set up a vessel exam in your driveway, at a boat ramp, or in a marina, wherever you have your boat. It does not need to be in the water to be examined.

For a "Virtual Safety Check", to see for yourself ahead of time what will be examined, <u>Click</u> <u>Here!</u>

-Craig Huber

## **Fishing Regulations**

Now is a great time to remember to check the new regulations for the 2015 season. Regulations can be changed at almost any time deemed necessary. It is best to familiarize yourself with the current regulations during the spring and summer seasons. It is not uncommon to go fishing this time of year and end up catching fish that you didn't expect to find in your favorite spots. Some links are provided here to help you find out what the proper regulations are:

Recreational Fishing Regulations Virginia Saltwater Tournament (Citations) License Requirements and FIP VMRC Website

# VMRC and Coast Guard Apps

VMRC and the USCG have both introduce new Apps for smart phones and computers this year. For those of you who are interested, you should go to your device and search in your Google Play (Android) or App Store (Apple) for the appropriate apps. These apps allow access to a number of different interactive services. The VMRC app provides things like Recreational fishing regulations and Saltwater Journal Entry System. The Coast Guard app gives you access to boater safety information.

### **Free Fly Fishing Classes**

Wild River Outfitters is running free fly fishing classes this summer. It is open to anybody that wishes to attend. There are advanced classes also available for those who want to learn beyond the basics. You can register by going to their website or calling directly to the store.



# **101 Fly Fishing Basics**

Cost: FREENo equipment necessarySaturdays:Class 1: 9–11.30amClass 2: 1:00–3:30pmSundays:1.30–4.00pm



- Basic components & nomenclature
- Fly casting instruction & techniques
- Basic knot tying
- Regional fly sections



March 28th March 29th April 11th April 12th May 10th

- June 13th Augus June 14th Augus July 11th Septe July 12th Septe
- August 8th August 9th September 12th September 13th

Please call or stop by the store to register for the class

Visit wildriveroutfitters.com for full details about all our classes!

# Teach A Child To Fish!

Back Bay National Refuge will host children's Learn-to-Fish Classes this summer! Please contact Lori Bowen (757-630-0774) if you're interested in being part of the activities.



Sign-Up!



- **GBFA** has been asked if we could supply 5 or more **committed** volunteers for these instructional days. 5 people is the minimum for these classes to proceed (3 children per instructor).
- GBFA will get full recognition in the advertising of these events by the BBNR. The dates are listed below.
- June 23rd, July 14th, July 28th, Aug 11th, Aug 25 (9AM-Noon)
- If you commit to a date, please make sure you can do it! Or have an alternate on standby.
- Please let Lori Bowen know ASAP if you can help a child learn to fish? We
  must expedite this so the Park Services can start advertising. You can pick 1
  or several days. We very much appreciate any help

## **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 Willoughb |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 Synowie  |





3rd Annual



Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015

Time: 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Location: Capt Max King's Marine 3829 Shore Drive Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Admission: \$3.00 per person, 12 years and under FREE

For more information and participation opportunities contact

Bob Stuhlman 757-374-7372 or Bob Burstein 267-994-7423

vbanglersclub@gmail.com virginiabeachanglersclub.org

## Memorial Day Cobia Trip – by George Gabriel

#### Payoff for my VBAC membership

Over the holiday weekend I started to receive messages from fellow VBAC members, telling me the cobia bite was on. By the time I prepared to get involved in the action (Monday, Memorial Day) I had the relevant intel informing me where to fish, what bait to use, and a fairly accurate assessment of what my catch would be. Leaving nothing to chance- I set out with a crew that included a member of the Ecumenical Council (my parish priest) together with Bob Stuhlman and Chris Schneider. Placing faith in my fellow club member's intel we headed out to Buoy 13 loaded up with sea clam, fresh crabs, fresh bunker, and other assorted baits. Selecting a promising spot, we anchored the boat and proceeded to deploy a potpourri of baits into the water; and despite Mariano not being on the boat- lines zipped soon after the bunker hit the water. After some time two hungry cobia hit our clam baits within 15 minutes of one another.



While others had the fortune to get some large sheepshead to mix in with their bite- we were able to entice sharks and these 2 friends.

We were entertained by some very funny antics by certain crew members. In one instance, we all jumped to action as Chris Schneider leaped to deal with a rod that suddenly screamed. Chris quickly found himself engaged in battle with a head shaking, determined foe. Beginning to believe the fight would be protracted (the fish wouldn't budge off the bottom) this experienced angler called for the fighting belt! Not soon after clearing the other 6 rods, the concerned crew debated whether to pull anchor to help with the battle. The decision made, the captain manned the helm, while Bob S began to retrieve our hook. As one might predict, with the boat moving- so was the fish- the rod was alive! Adding urgency to the retrieval of the anchor Bob man handled the well placed submerged fluked steel, while angler Chris began to make significant headway. Miraculously both fluked steel anchor and curved steel hook hit the surface at the same time. It appeared this crafty fish slipped Chris's hook and wrapped it onto the anchor. A hardy laugh was had by most of the crew... The anchor would prove to be a true foe to Chris that day- as the winds suddenly began to whip up, we planned our last spread of baits when a large fish hit one of our lines. I say large, because after setting the hook and the drag, the fish continued to rip line- heading towards the surface and as far away from the boat as possible. Looking for redemption, Chris took over the battle, this time confident that something alive was on the end of his line. This determined fish took Chris in all possible directions, the last of which was right to the anchor line. You guessed it- fish on; now fish off. No worries, we'll be back to get the bas----d!

## Two Boats: One Fishing Trip - May 24<sup>th</sup> – by Kelly Hoggard

#### <u>Mistaken</u>

A disastrous end to last Decembers Striper season took much longer to get the boat going this year than expected. After significant man hours and having mechanics volunteer their services, the boat was ready to go.

2am: Normally men my age are rolling into bed around this time on a Sunday morning. I was still up after many hours of fishing gear maintenance and prep to get the best of the next day's fishing experience. A few minutes later, and the car was loaded for an early morning drum trip. All goes smooth until the alarm goes off right before leaving dock. The engine is overheating. The decision is made to clear all the gear and make a trip on another crewman's boat.

4am: With one crewman left behind to catch up on his sleep, the two anglers left make a run for the marina. Jon Calhoun and myself make the trip to Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and launch the boat.



6am: Lines are finally in the water. A still south east breeze blows at 10-15mph and kicks a small chop. The sea is dead. Crab, clam, crab and clam, half crabs.. It didn't matter, not a hit for two hours. We even began nodding off as the waves were like sitting in a rocking chair.

8am: And then it starts! A couple of nibbles and it happens: The line all the way to the left immediately runs over to the right side of the boat and fish on! The fish comes right out of the water about thirty feet from the boat and shakes his head making three consecutive jumps. "Oh my goodness! What kind of shark comes straight to the surface and jumps out of the water?!" The cobia kind it turns out. A short hour later and three fish are on the boat. Two cobia and one Sheepshead. Though one boat was down, spirits were high as there were fish to bring home for the grill. The drum trip yields no sign of any drum. Sometimes it is nice to be a little lucky!



# Last Minute Fishing Pictures – May 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>











# Ocean View Fishing Pier Little Fisherman's SUMMER CAMP



June 15th - 19th • July 13th - 17th July 27th - July 31st • Aug. 17st - Aug. 21st Cost \$225 per Fisherman/Camper Ages 6 to 13

Daily from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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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:**

<u>President</u>: Larry Regula <u>First Vice President</u>: George Gabriel <u>Second Vice President</u>: Bob Stuhlman <u>Treasurer</u>: Mike Anderson <u>Recording Secretary</u>: Russell Willoughby <u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: Jerry Hughes <u>Newsletter Editor</u>: Kelly Hoggard

#### **Board of Directors:**

- Bob Burstein
- Gary Doerhoff
- Butch Eason
- Pete Federico
- Jack Guthrie
- Jerry Mariano
- Ronnie Nixon
- Robbie Parks
- Chris Schneider