

March 2015

Tight Lines

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Monthly Meeting:

When: March 5th, 7:30pm.

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

Bring Your Notebook: Chris Moore will be speaking about the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and his knowledge about marine conservation.

<u>Synopsis:</u> Chris Moore is a senior scientist with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Chris plays an active part in supporting conservation and policy for the local marine ecology. This includes both the recreational and commercial impacts of sustainable fishing. He is also an avid recreational angler and enjoys the outdoors.improves.

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 March meeting.

2015 membership dues need to be paid by the completion of the March 5th meeting. Payment of your dues will insure continued receipt of the club newsletter and eligibility for club functions. Your dues must be paid in full before this month's drawing for the fall surf fishing tournaments and fishing roulette to be eligible. To be eligible to compete in the VBAC Prize Fish Competition, a member must be in good standing before the catch can be recorded. Members who sign up their boat in a club eligible tournament also receive bonus payouts for placing first. Membership remains at \$30 per family. One oyster roast recoups the value of your membership fee. Don't forget to fill out the new membership form for 2015 and pick up your membership card.

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!



Boat Show 2015:

This year's boat show was a wonderful 3 day event. Lots of interested people came out to see the area businesses and organizations that represent the marine industry. It is a great opportunity to see all the friendly faces.

Thanks to all the volunteers:

Coordinator: Gary Doerhoff

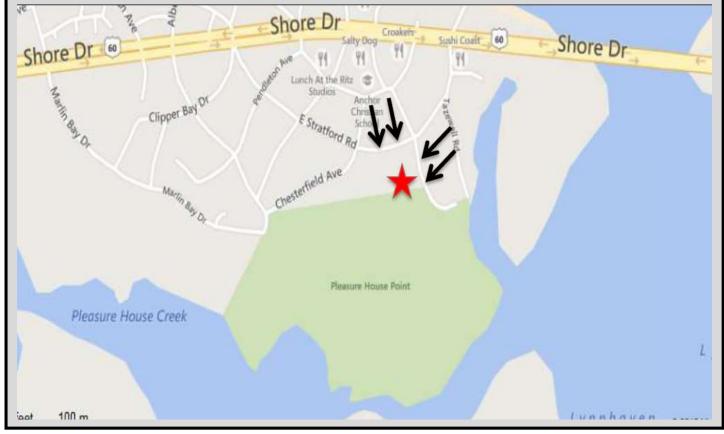
Workers: Butch Eason, Pat Petyon, George Gabriel, Jerry Hughes, Larry Regula, Christi Vu, Steve Lockyear, Ken Copenhaver, Jerry Mariano, Doug Wehner, Robbie Parks, Bob Burstein, ORonnie Nixon, Carl McCoy, Mike Anderson, Dave Reynolds, Bob Stuhlman, Pete Federico, Chris Schneider, Michelle Carter, Mel and Don Bayford.

VBAC Crab Creek Clean-Up:

When: March 7th, 10am.

Where: Pleasure House Point, Virginia Beach.. Next to the Brock Center. What to Bring: Warm Clothes and an Appetite for your FREE LUNCH!

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



APRIL MEETING MOVED

Due to a schedule conflict with the church, the April 2nd meeting has been moved to April 9th.

A Chance To Give Back

HOFNOD

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 5-6' 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.

Thank You – Bob Burstein

VBAC Fish Roulette

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)

Things to 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 meeting). Five fish to be drawn from leader board. **Weight** will determine winner.

Gotta be in it to win it!!!!

MAD

I would like to introduce you and your club members to the Tidewater Chapter of Military Appreciation Day. We are not a fishing club. We are a non-profit volunteer organization that conducts an annual fishing event during which volunteers take active duty troops of all services out for a day of inshore and/or offshore fishing. For the troops, the fishing is FREE! At the end of the day the troops, their families and the boat volunteers are treated to a BBQ - which is also FREE!

Our third annual event, MAD Tidewater 2015, is scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2015. The BBQ will be held at Wallace's Bait and Tackle Shop in Hampton. Boat launch/recovery is available at the free public ramp at that location. However, boat owners may launch/recover at any location they desire, as long as they return to port early enough to get themselves and their troops to the BBQ on time!

We are seeking volunteers to assist with event planning and coordination, and volunteer boat owners to provide seats for the troops. No boat is too big or too small! Whether a boat can support a dozen troops or just one, each enables us to meet our goal of providing "One, Simple Thanks!" to the troops in appreciation for their service.

Information on our organization is available at MilitaryAppreciationDay.org. Interested individuals may also use the site to volunteer for this event, or any of the other 2015 events in the North Carolina, South Carolina, or Delaware chapters.

A.J. Cole, Sr.
Vice President
MAD Tidewater Chapter
madtidewater.viceprez@militaryappreciationday.org

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR DRAWING POSITIONS 2015 SURF FISHING TEAMS

We have six teams fishing in four fall tournaments. All positions for the fall 2015 teams will be filled and the alternates ranked from a drawing at the March 5, 2015 business meeting. The positions for the Ocracoke tournament were drawn at the February business meeting. A registration form is required for EACH tournament you wish to apply for. You must be a member of VBAC in good standing (dues paid) and have participated in supporting the club in at least one club activity in 2014 to be eligible to have your name drawn or return as a returning team member. You may mail in your forms or bring them to the March 5, 2015 meeting. They must be turned in by 7:30 p.m. that night. You do not have to be present. You will have to have access to surf fishing equipment, make travel arrangements, and meet your share of any additional team expenses.

FEES: \$60 **per tournament** that you are a team member of (except Long Beach Island) is due at the April business meeting and the balance of lodging for each tournament due at the monthly meeting prior to the tournament.

Cut out and bring to March 5, 2015 meeting--or--Mail to: Robbie Parks c/o Surf -or- VBAC Surf Committee

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		Va Beach, VA 23450
Registration form: <i>Hatteras Village To</i>		
Name		
I have a 4x4 vehicle: yes no I wi I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club gu Signature	II accept a passenger if nee idelines while representing VBAC	ded: yes no in this tournament.
Registration form: Long Beach Island Name		
I have a 4 x 4 vehicle: yes no I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club gu Signature	I will accept a passenger idelines while representing VBAC Date	if needed: yes no in this tournament.
Registration form: <i>Nags Head Surf Fis</i> Name	hing Club Tournament.	Oct 7-10, 2015
I have a 4 x 4 vehicle: yes no I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club gu Signature	I will accept a passenger idelines while representing VBAC	if needed: yes no in this tournament.
Registration form: Cape Hatteras Ang Name	ler's Club Tournament	Nov 4-7, 2015





3rd Annual

VBAC FALL FISHING & BOATING FLEA MARKET

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

Do you like \$\$\$?

Of course, we all do! The Virginia Beach Anglers Club has a table at this year's GBFA Flea Market on March 14, 2015. We have reserved a table for this event and need sale items.

VBAC will sell these items for you and keep 10% of the sale price to pay for the table.

If you are intending to have items for the table, email the Club at: VBANGLERSCLUB@gmail.com

If not enough interest from the Club Members, we will probably not keep the table.

Speckled Trout via Beth Synowic

......20. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed amendments to Chapter 4 VAC 20-280-10 et seq. "Pertaining to Speckled Trout and Red Drum," to establish the annual recreational and commercial management measures for speckled trout. Staff presented data on Speckled Trout, including stock status and recent events of poaching and reports of cold-stun within the bay. Staff presented the data on Speckled Trout, including stock status, and recent events (poaching and reports of cold-stun). The most recent stock assessment found that speckled trout are not overfish, and overfishing is not occurring. Three individuals provided public comment; two individuals were in favor of maintaining status-quo, while one individual was in favor of advertising for a public hearing to discuss amendments to current management measures. After expressing concern over recent poaching and cold-stun events, the commission felt that now was not the time to amend speckled trout management measures, and voted unanimously to take no action.

Free Boater Safety Class Upcoming!

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a boating safety education compliance requirement. The requirement for boating safety education is being phased-in over several years and applies to all Personal Watercraft (PWC)* operators and operators of boats with motors of 10hp and greater.

.... 8. All motorboat operators, regardless of age, shall meet the requirements by July 1, 2016.

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club is going to have a representative of the Coast Guard provide a class for individuals who need a boater safety certificate or want a refresher of all the rules and regulations. Keep in mind that rule changes are made almost every month by the United States Coast Guard and affect regions differently.

Who is invited: Everyone! Friends, Family, and

other Fishing Clubs especially!

When: Undetermined (a Saturday this spring)
Where: Our regular meeting Location (Foundry
United Methodist Church on Va Beach Blvd.)

Cost: FREE!

Food: FREE LUNCH provided!

For those of you skeptical about getting a certificate, know that you must have one as the operator of a vessel. It must be kept on you at all times while you're on the water. Best to keep it with your fishing licenses and registration. If you doubt the likelihood that somebody will check, know that last august when I got stopped on my way to weigh in for a tournament, I was checked for mine... and of course, happily provided my documentation.

For More Information: **CLICK HERE!**

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2015 SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENT



ADULT ENTRY FEE - \$20 CHILD ENTRY FEE - \$10



Entry fee includes admission to pier.

\$150 GUARANTEED ADULT PAYOUT \$50 PIER SHOP GIFT CERTIFICATE TO CHILD

8 AM to 4 PM

7 JUN	12 JUL	9 AUG	13 SEP	11 OCT weather permitting
SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES	SPECIES
CROAKER ROUNDHEAD	CROAKER ROUNDHEAD	CROAKER BLUE FISH	CROAKER BLUE FISH	CROAKER BLUE FISH
BLUE FISH	BLUEFISH	SPOT	SPOT	SPOT

RULES

Tournament is open to all. Rain or shine.

Fish must be caught on the pier during Tournament times and alive when brought to the judging table.

Winner will be determined by length.

Ties will be determined by earliest entry time.

Winners do not have to be present at 4 PM.

All prize money will be awarded. If no entry in a species, prize money will be divided and awarded to the winner with largest entry in remaining species.



1 Species = \$150 to the winner

2 Species = \$75 each winner

3 Species = \$50 each winner

Child's prize will be for largest fish caught that day from the three species. Please park in lot across the street from pier in parking slots 22 or greater.

Visit our websites for the latest updates to the Tournament: www.lynnhavenfishingpier.com virginiabeachanglersclub.org www.facebook.com/LynnhavenFishingPier

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

Speckled Trout – Cold Weather Kill

These pictures are a review of the Cold Weather impact on Trout Fishing in the local area on February 23rd, 2015 from Top Rack Marina north to the High Rise, into Deep Creek to the DC locks. Water temperatures were 34 at Top Rack and 35 to 36 in Deep Creek. The photos attached are of dead fish and an illegal net we found/reported in Deep Creek. An estimated 150 and 200 dead fish along the banks/shoreline and a few floaters. The tide was ebbing during these pics. The lower the water level, the more fish that were exposed. Hard telling the number unseen in the deep. Lots of birds of prey/scavengers having a field day on the carcasses. Other dead fish photos were taken up and down Deep Creek. There were a lot of dead fish all the way to the locks. Most all appeared to be Speckles. — Credit: John W. Reppert II



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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 each for a limited time only!

Events: Speaker, Awards Ceremony, Baking Competition, Raffles, Music

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.



Calendar Coupons:

Below is a summary of what was in the back of your 2015 calendar. Don't forget to use them!







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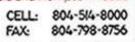


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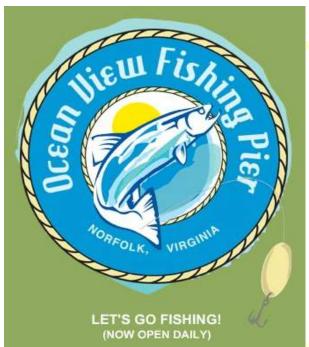














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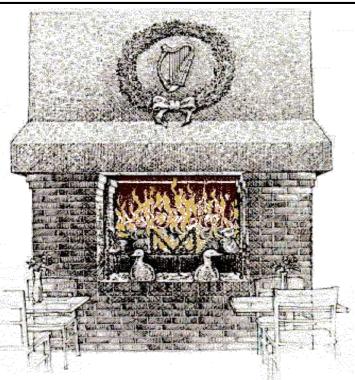
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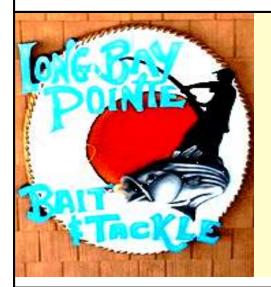
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VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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

<u>Corresponding Secretary</u>: Jerry Hughes

Newsletter Editor: Kelly Hoggard

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