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Virginia Beach Anglers' Club

TIGHT LINES

November 2014

Fishing Report

**by Melanie
Bayford**

On Oct 2, I decided to try my luck at Lake Prince. Don had a prior commitment, so I went by myself and trailered to Lake Prince. I went to a place that Don and I had scouted previously. My bait was in the water less than five minutes when the fish struck. It ran me all around the boat and under the boat twice. When I first netted it, I thought it was a crappie. Then I realized it was a HUGE shellcracker. It weighed in at 1 lb 14 oz. I am hoping it will stay the biggest for the Roulette, and it should also be a new club record for now.



2015 Club Calendars

are available for purchase and they are gorgeous! Featuring stunning photographs from club members and valuable coupons from area businesses, these calendars are a steal at \$10 for members and \$15 for the public.

Events

November

November 6: Club meeting. Speaker **Pete Esgro** from Rockhound Charters will be talking about live baiting rockfish in the Bay, using planners, and control depth fishing.

November 8: Adopt-a-Spot cleanup at 10am (see map below for parking information and meeting location)

November 5-9: Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament (one team)

December

December 4: Annual **Christmas Party** (monthly meeting, board elections)

December 12-13: VBAC Rockfish Rodeo Tournament

WANTED.

Party People!

Do you like to party?

Have a good time?

Meet new people?

Then we have a club position just for you! A friendly, outgoing individual is needed to help coordinate the Annual Awards Banquet. This banquet is a time when club members come together to socialize and celebrate another great year of fishing, as well as participate in lively raffles and door prizes. Coordinator duties include maintaining a guest list, planning event décor, and reaching out to individuals and companies to obtain donations for raffle items and door prizes. On the day of the banquet, the coordinator also organizes the items for display. You will be provided with a crew to assist in set up.

If you are interested in coordinating this great event, please contact event chairman Jerry Mariano.

VBAC Adopt-a-Spot Map

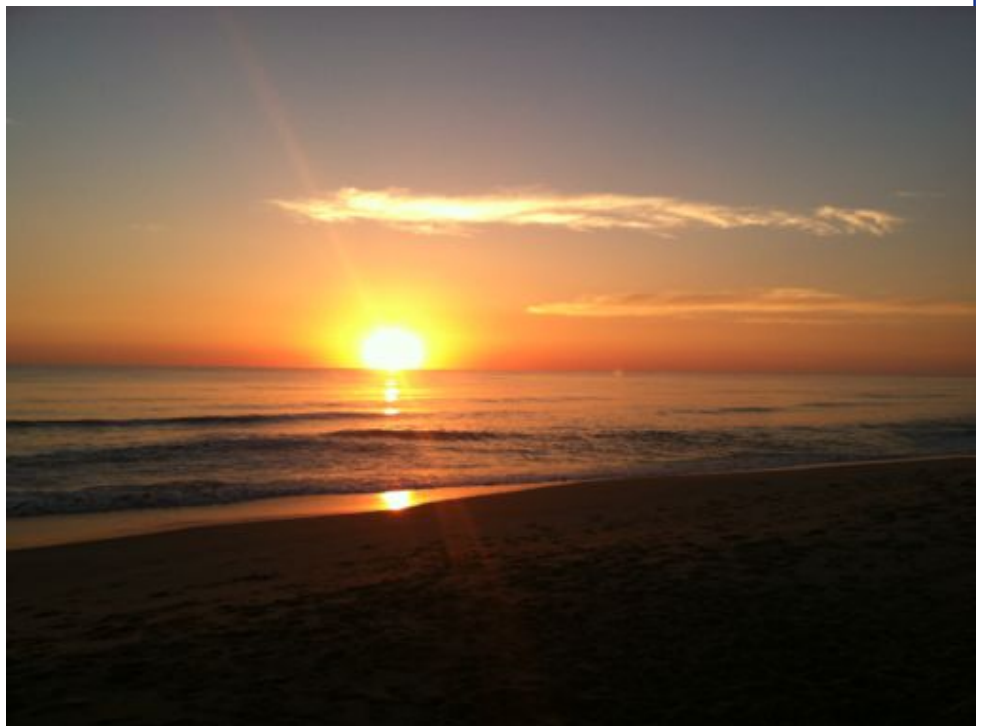


Nags Head Surf Fishing Tournament



October 8-9: With a nor'easter playing a large part in last year's tournament, there was much hope for this year to be different. Day one started just south of Jennette's Pier. A stiff Northeast wind of 20+ mph gave a challenge to the teams, but luck was on our side. The wind pushed all the bluefish inshore where the bait were struggling in the surf. Many bluefish were scored and it led to a 32 point, 6th place start after the first session. Session two ended with a disappointing finish of only one fish scored. The team was pushing hard to stay ahead of the pack in 18th place.

Day two started with high hopes. Calmer seas and sunny conditions prevailed but not much was working. If it was small enough not to score, we caught plenty of it. Small black drum, pompano, bluefish and roundhead dominated day two. Eight points scored on day two with what seems like 100 fish caught. With hopes dashed, the final result was 15 fish for 42 points. But that was good enough for a 24th place finish out of 80 teams!



Returning for 2015: will be Doug Wehner (15pts), Jerry Hughes (12 pts) and Larry Regula (11 pts). Rounding out this year's team were Kelly Hoggard (4pts), Jim Wisenberg (0pts), and Carl McCoy (0pts).

Monster Flounder



caught by **Bob Stuhlman** while spot fishing in Lynnhaven

Russell Willoughby's recent puppy drum catch, and 2lb 14oz freshwater brown trout (caught in Bath County, VA)



Virginia Beach Anglers Club Fall Flea Market

October 11, 2014 The crew assembled at O dark 30 at Captain Max Kings Marine on Shore Drive. Wind and pouring rain started off the morning around 5:30 when a couple dozen volunteers showed up to move in the vendors. A little wet, but all went well and the doors opened as scheduled at 7:30 am. As the sunshine broke out, people packed in and filled the parking lot. Nobody could resist the great selection and good prices! Most visitors walked out with at least a fishing rod and a bag full of goodies. One shopper even took multiple trips to load up the boxes of treasures he found for Christmas gifts. A great time was had by all, including the volunteers. Many of our vendors are already looking forward to next year's event.

Many thanks to the vendors who were part of the successful effort. A huge thank you goes out to **Bob Stuhlman** for all the work he put in spearheading this event and to his "supporting cast":

Mike Anderson,
Bob Burstein,
Pete Federico,
George Gabriel,
Kelly Hoggard,
Preston Magnum,
Jerry Mariano,
Ronnie Nixon,
Larry Regula,
Robbie Parks,
Russell Willoughby,
and each of
volunteers.





Oyster Roast

October 25- *Great weather, great people and another great oyster roast!* One of the best turnouts that we've had in a while for this year's event. Jerry Mariano and the crew put together a great spread of food including sausages and peppers, hotdogs and hamburgers. There were more oysters this year than we could eat and a few of us were stuffed after putting them all away. Sides and desserts were brought by the members and guests who came out to enjoy the festivities. As always, there was a lot of friendly chatter, some surf fishing, and corn hole board activities. Team Regula still held their own on the Corn Hole Front. Members were amazed when a potato launcher was used as an experimental caster for the surf fishing. For anyone interested, it works a lot better than we expected! A few fish were caught and the bluefish action is still decent on the pier down there for anyone who decides to make the drive on a nice day. This was also a great opportunity to learn more about the new members in the club. For anyone who missed out, make sure to check your new club calendar and circle the date for next year's event.



Legislative News

Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing December 9, 2014 and some of the following topics will be addressed:

1. A three year reduction on **Striped Bass** (They are reviewing various options currently)
2. A management plan for the **American Eel** (catching, limits, etc)
3. Daily catch landing limit for commercial **Speckled Trout**
4. an emergency amendment requested by industry to maximize value allowable quota pertaining to **Summer Flounder**
5. Allowable landings for commercially caught **menhaden**.

They will also address board funding on the artificial reef project. For further information regarding specifics of any these topics and for more information about the public hearing scheduled December 9 2014, please refer to online website for Virginia marine resources commission. www.mrc.virginia.gov

CCA VA opposes the projected increase in the Recreational Saltwater Fishing License Fee.

The Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC) is preparing to raise saltwater license fees to increase the funds going into the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund to cover the budget shortfalls mandated by the Governor of Virginia. CCA VA believes that any increases to the recreational license fees will simply be used to pay for more programs that are currently funded by the Virginia General Fund and/or cover existing and future budget shortfalls. The original intent was for this money to go into dedicated funds managed by VMRC "...for the purposes of conserving and enhancing finfish species taken by recreational anglers ..." Instead these monies are being used to support ongoing VMRC functions formerly covered by the General Fund. In recent years, there have been no substantial improvements to recreational fishing core programs. In fact, there was a staff reduction in the Artificial Reef Program from two personnel to just one person.

Accordingly, CCA VA opposes the increase in Virginia Recreational Saltwater License Fees because:

1. The Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund has become an easy target to fix budget shortfalls and fund ongoing VMRC functions previously funded by the General Fund.
2. The Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund is no longer being used for its original legislated purpose as envisioned by recreational saltwater anglers.
3. There is no corresponding increase in proposed Commercial License fees to cover budget shortfalls.

What can you do? Let your representatives in the General Assembly and VMRC know that you object to the proposed increase in the Recreational Saltwater License Fees. You can find your representative in the Virginia General Assembly by going to the website <http://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov/>

CCA Virginia requests that you take a few minutes and send a letter or email to VMRC to oppose the increase in the Saltwater License Fees. Please send a letter or email to Robert O'Reilly requesting that the Virginia Marine Resources Commission does not approve an increase in Saltwater License Fees and list the reasons of your personal objections to an increase in fees. A personal letter in your own words concerning the increase in Saltwater License Fees would be the best way to communicate your desires regarding the issue. Address your letter or email to:

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Sample Letter
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VBAC MISSION & OBJECTIVES

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 are to:

- 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 fundraising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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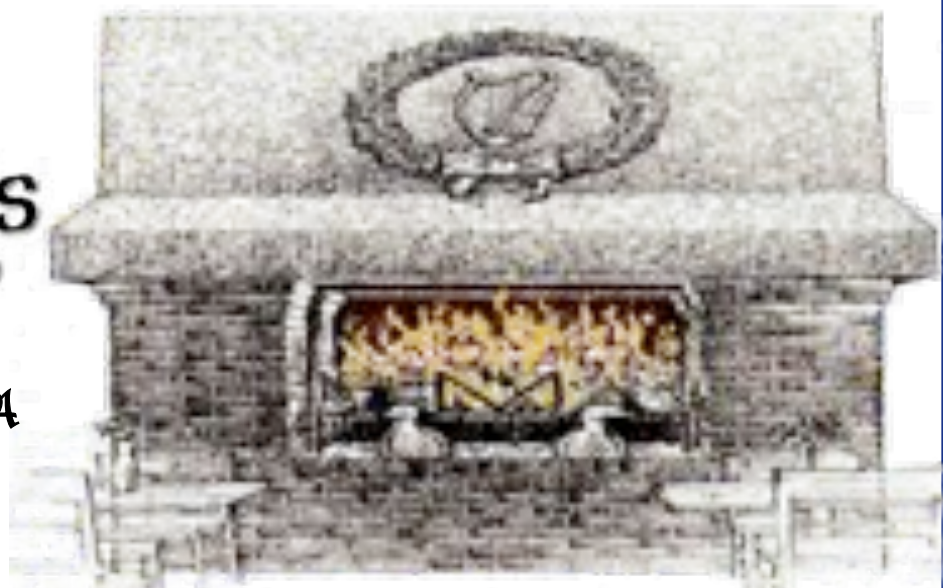
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