

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB Fishing for Science
21st ANNUAL COBIA CLASSIC
July 1 through July 30, 2017



Entry Fee - \$125.00 per Captain

Registration Deadline	Friday June 30th @ 7:30 PM
Captain's Meeting	June 30th @7:30 PM
Lines-In	Saturday July 1 @ 6:00 AM
Weigh In	Daily - at Official Weigh Stations
Awards Party	July 31; 6pm Murphy's Pub

First Prize of \$3000.00

Minimum \$1000.00 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize

2nd place \$1500.00 and 3rd place \$1000.00 (based on 50 boat entry)

TOURNAMENT HEADQUARTERS: LONG BAY POINTE MARINA
WEST GREAT NECK ROAD, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

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 _____ Zip _____ Cell phone _____

Boat Name _____

Email: _____

Mail entries to:

Virginia Beach Anglers Club, P.O. Box 8602, Virginia beach, Va. 23450

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

COBIA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Vital data provided from this tournament will help VMRC data collection efforts -and better inform future fishery regulations

- The deadline for registration is Friday June 30, 2017 @ 7:30P.M.
- The Virginia Beach Angler's Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler or vessel.
- The Entry Fee is \$125.00 per Captain and registered boat, must be paid in full before start of tournament
- The Tournament Committee advises all participants to attend the Captains meeting to insure they are aware of any rule changes or clarifications.
- This is a boat tournament. Winners will be determined by the weight of the team's single fish. Each Captain entered in the Tournament will be eligible for only one prize.
- Registered Captains can enter any lawfully caught cobia on his/her tournament registered boat (excluding paid chartered crews).
- Teams with a professional crew member, charter boat captains or commercial hook-and-line license holders must register at the professional entry fee of \$500.00
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition.
- Fish must be caught by rod and reel only. This is a **recreational** fishing tournament. All boats must follow current recreational fishing regulations even if they have licenses/permits allowing them to keep fish outside of recreational size and creel limits. No fish caught during this tournament may be sold.
- All fish must be weighed at an authorized weigh station the day the fish is caught; and reported to the tournament HQ (initial reporting is telephonic, followed by a fully executed tournament weigh form (paper copy obtained at VIRGINIABEACHANGLERSCLUB.ORG). A photo of the entered fish and the catching angler must be submitted via email the day of the catch. Authorized weigh stations are
 - i. Long Bay Point- West Great Neck Rd, Virginia Beach (757-481-7517)
 - ii. Chris's Bait and Tackle- Eastern Shore (757-331-3000)
 - iii. Wallace Bait & Tackle- Peninsula (757-851-5451)
 - iv. Ocean's East- Hampton Blvd, Virginia Beach (757-464-6544)
 - v. Bishop Fishing Supply, Newport News (757-591-9300)
- To report your entry, you must telephonically contact one of the below individuals on the day of the catch:

George Gabriel @ 757-619-1638	Bob Burstein @ 267-994-7423
Larry Regula @ 757-472-7183	Mike Anderson @ 757-481-1296
- Any protest must be submitted by Noon, July 31, 2017.
- Prizes will be awarded at the awards party July 31, 2017- at Murphy's Pub (2914 Pacific Ave, Virginia Beach) beginning 6pm.
- Prizes are awarded solely on the basis of fish weight. In the event of identical weights, the first fish weighed in will be declared the winner.
- Winning anglers may be requested to submit to and successfully pass a polygraph test prior to being presented any prize.
- Boat registrant must be present and positive identification is required for all prizes.
- All fish weighed must meet the requirements according to Virginia Regulations.
- All participants agree that the VBAC, Long Bay Pointe, and any sponsor of this tournament shall not be liable for injury, loss, or damage of any kind resulting from participation in this tournament or from the acceptance or use of any awarded prize.
- Any contestant found guilty of cheating, attempting to cheat, or otherwise deviating from the regulations of this tournament, shall be disqualified and considered ineligible for further and future participation and will be prosecuted.
- The Leader Board will be updated and posted on VBAC's Facebook Page daily.

VBAC 2017 COBIA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT Registration

The following statement must be read, signed and turned in with the entry form.

"I understand that as Tournament Captain, participant, or boat owner, I am responsible for my boat and occupants at all times. I have read and fully understand and agree to abide by the rules of the Virginia Beach Angler's Club Cobia Classic. I hereby release The Virginia Beach Angler's Club, Long Bay Pointe Marina, and their affiliates from any and all liability. I further understand that the decision to fish and participate in the Tournament is the responsibility of the registrant, Captain or boat owner.

(Printed Name)

(Signature)

(Date)