



VBAC Intraclub Surf Fishing Qualifying Series

15 June 2019 Salvo Spring Open

Angler Information Package



TOURNAMENT RULES AND GUIDELINES

Anglers are responsible for:

- a. Arranging transport to/from designated fishing areas. ORV access is not required to compete - site selection will assure PED access. Arrive early enough to allow adequate time to set-up!
- b. Providing all equipment, bait, and tackle required to participate in the event.
- c. Arranging travel and lodging as required. In some cases, lodging may be available at or near the Tournament HQ on a first-come-first-serve basis for the Salvo events (up to 15 angler accommodations).
- d. Having all appropriate licenses, ORV passes/stickers, and observing/knowing all applicable fishing regulations, size limits, and published VBAC rules.

At no time shall any angler have more than two lines in the water.

Float rigs, balloons, plastic bags, etc. will not be allowed. No cast nets may be used during a fishing session. Chumming or chum pots at any time are not permitted. Teams doing so will be disqualified.

Not more than two hooks are allowed on one line at any time with the exception of two double hooked rigs, and artificial lures with hooks according to manufacturer's specifications.

All tournament fish must be caught on hook or lure and landed on the beach by the angler.

No lines are permitted to be in the water prior to starting time. All lines must be reeled in at the stopping time. Any fish hooked prior to end of the session will be scored when landed.

It is the angler's responsibility to fish within the established boundaries of the designated fishing area.

All fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the compressed tip of the tail once it has been determined the fish meets the minimum legal-size limit. Largest fish determined by length to the nearest quarter inch.

If an angler chooses to keep a legal fish, that fish must have its tail clipped by one of the judges.

Any angler with questionable fish as determined by the Chief Judge, will be disqualified from the competition.

In the event that an angler is unable to physically cast for themselves, a designated casting person must be identified before fishing begins in writing.

The event winner is determined by total points scored. First tiebreaker is total number of fish caught. Second tiebreaker is largest fish caught. If still tied, a winner will be determined by the flip of a coin by the Chief Judge.

NOTE: The rules governing this tournament were compiled for the purpose of establishing a set of rules that would be fair to all and to give all a chance to compete on equal footing. The Virginia Beach Angler's Club trusts that the rules will be accepted in good faith by all registered anglers.

Helpful Information, Tips, and Lessons Learned

Consider organizing one or more practice sessions over the 2 or 3 days preceding the tournament to get into the rhythm of the island. Fish morning and afternoons and try different baits and techniques to explore which species to target and how. This also affords you time to talk to locals and visit area tackle shops.

Arrive early enough to allow plenty of time to haul your gear in and get set up on the beach. A beach cart with large wheels is an excellent way to do this efficiently and effectively.

Expect to catch Sea Mullet, Bluefish, and Croaker, but Spanish Mackerel, Cobia, and Drum may show up.

Fish what you know (conventional or spinner), but consider having several different set-ups ready to fish, and have them queued-up to minimized downtime and keep an active line in the water.

- **Set-up #1:** Classic bottom fishing rod for sea mullet (aka roundhead) and other bottom feeders.
- **Set-up #2:** Drum rod with either a fish finder rig or mullet rig ready to go.
- **Set-up #3:** Metal rod that can throw 1-to-2-ounce Stingsilver-type lures for Spanish Mackerel & Blues.

Must-Haves on the Beach:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sand Spikes (1 per rod) • Sunscreen & long sleeves • Measuring tape/board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-gallon bucket • Food/drink cooler & ice • Polarized sunglasses & hat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bait knife & board • Bait cooler & ice • Hand rags/towels
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Must-Haves for Driving on the Beach:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shovel • Tire inflator (optional) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tire pressure gauge • Jack & boards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current ORV sticker • Tow-chain or heavy rope
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Recommended Rigs & Tackle:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classic hi-low bottom rig • Fluorocarbon dropper loops • Multiple sinker types/weights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fireball rigs (small & large) • Mullet rigs (small & large) • Multiple Stingsilvers (color/wt.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fishfinder rigs • Custom "Tournament Rigs" • Shock leader material
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Recommended Bait (if available): (match the bait to your set-up)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh finger mullet • Fresh shrimp • E-Z Flea Fish Bites • Bloodworm Fish Bites • Fresh bluefish (cut bait) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh cob mullet (cut bait) • Fresh or frozen squid strips • Electric Chicken Fish Bites • Fresh clams • E-Z Shrimp Fish Bites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh Spot (cut bait/heads) • Live/fresh bloodworms • Fresh Bunker • Live sand fleas & blue crabs • E-Z Clam Fish Bites
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Non-essential Convenience Items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach chair • Water shoes • Rain Gear & chest waders • Braid scissors • Hook sharpener/file 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach towels • Sand flea rake • Reel covers • Sharp fillet knife • Needle-nose pliers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weigh scale • Cast net (not while fishing!) • Casting gloves (for braid) • Multi-tool (i.e. Gerber) • Silicon spray
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SCORING SCHEDULE

This is a catch and release tournament. All fish should be returned alive to the ocean. While waiting for a judge, place fish in a bucket of water until a judge is available. Each Angler must have their own 5-gallon bucket.

NOTE: Anglers MUST review all 2019 State Recreational angling and Tournament Rules PRIOR to fishing!

Each angler may enter up to **10 scorable fish per session** (morning and/or evening) IAW eligible species and minimum size requirements listed below. Fish must also meet minimum **legal**-size limits to score.

Except for "Trash Fish," points are recorded based on **total length** of each scorable fish as measured from tip of snout to pinched down tail. All "Trash Fish" shall be recorded as "One Inch" and scored as one point per fish.

Examples: A 14-inch Bluefish scores 14 points. An 8-inch Croaker scores 8 points. A 6-inch Spot is **not** scorable. A stingray scores 1 point (regardless of size). A 17-inch Red Drum is **not** scorable. A 48-inch Shark scores 1 point.

--- ONLY THESE FISH ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SCORING ---

--- 8 Inch Fish

Bluefish, Croaker, Pompano, Sea Mullet (Roundhead), Spot, Puffer Fish, Pigfish, Sand Perch; Blue Runner, Porgy

--- 10 Inch Fish

Sheepshead (FL)

--- 12 Inch Fish*

Grey Trout (TL); Spanish Mackerel (FL) (**Note:** King Mackerel must be 24")

***Black Sea Bass minimum size is 12-1/2 inches**

--- 14 Inch Fish

Speckled Trout; Black Drum (14"-25" slot)

*Unlawful to possess Black Drum in NC greater than 25" in total length; however, oversized drum will be scored.

--- 15 Inch Fish

Flounder (TL)

--- 16 Inch Fish

Tautog

--- 18+ Inch Fish

False Albacore; Red Drum*

*Unlawful to possess Red Drum in NC greater than 27" in total length; however, oversized drum will be scored.

--- 36 Inch Fish

Cobia (FL)

--- Trash Fish (worth one point each)

Stingray, Skate, Dogfish, All Sharks, Sea Robin, Ribbonfish, Oyster Toad, Lizard Fish, Spiny Puffer

VBAC Salvo Spring Open Angler Scoresheet

Angler Name: _____

VBAC Member: Yes / No

Date: _____

	FISH (AM Session)	LENGTH	PTS		FISH (PM Session)	LENGTH	PTS
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

AM Session Subtotal: _____

PM Session Subtotal: _____

TOTAL # FISH: _____

POINT TOTAL: _____

LARGEST FISH: _____

Angler's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notes and/or Narrative for Newsletter Article: *(can add pics here or send separately)*