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2012

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# Tight Lines



The Virginia Beach Anglers Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Foundry United Methodist Church located at 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA next to Beach Ford.

- Guest Speakers
- Refreshments
- Raffles
- Prize Fish

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## Club Pics



Adopt-a-Spot Cleanup in July - Story on page 4



A VBAC Member has done something pretty cool. Check out page 5 for details and story.

# Officers and Board Members for 2012

## Officers

|                     |                    |          |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------|
| President           | Larry Regula       | 472-7183 |
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| 2nd Vice President  | Jack Guthrie       | 689-8773 |
| Treasurer           | Mike Anderson      | 481-1296 |
| Recording Secretary | Russell Willoughby | 965-4810 |
| Newsletter Editor   | Steve Harrington   | 232-1529 |

**Please do not hesitate to call one of these people with any questions you may have.**

**Next Board Meeting:**  
@ Foundry United  
Methodist Church

## Board Members

|              |               |                |              |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| Robbie Parks | Jerry Mariano | Kevin Synowiec | Ronnie Nixon |
| Butch Eason  | Bob Stuhlman  | Bob Burstein   |              |
| Doug Wehner  | Ed Buckley    | Jerry Hughes   |              |

## Members' News

**Membership Dues are DUE:** The membership dues for the VBAC are \$30 for individual or family. You can pay them at the meeting or mail to VBAC, P. O. Box 8602, Virginia Beach, VA 23450.

**NOTE: Only members in good standing are eligible for tournament competition consideration!**

### Have a boat and need a crew?

Rich Maquire - needs crew 619-4851  
Bob Wuorinen - available 486-8588  
Leonard Harris - available 455-8667  
Jerry Mariano- available 563-6365  
David Harwood- available 340-6187  
Tony Carpinelli- available 214-1480  
John Connelly- needs crew 971-2588  
Ben Krause- needs crew 486-3721  
Bruce Agnor- available 302-562-4783  
Brian Brewster- available 202-2580  
Wayne Burton- needs crew 420-3117 or 620-0413  
Jack Guthrie- available 647-4490  
James Tarr- available 351-0571

### Want to fish but need a boat?

Howie Dorfman- available 621-2220  
Wayne Johnson- available 689-0367  
Frank Donohue - need crew /available 589-8021  
Eddie Wright- available 757-617-1079  
Pete Federico 908-887-3113

Share the ride and share the expense. If you would like your name added or deleted call Steve Harrington @ 757-232-1529; or email SNOTY@AOL.COM

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| 19       | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23                                                                                      | 24  | 25       |
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**Upcoming Dates:**

**AUGUST**

**▶ Monthly meeting for August is on the 2nd beginning @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church. More info on page 4.**

**\$ Club Challenge. More info on page 6.**

**◆ This month's Board meeting is on August 16th @ 7:30 pm at Foundry Church.**

**SEP**

**Monthly Meeting for SEP is on the 6th.**

# CLUB NEWS

## **Giving Back to our Community VBAC 2nd Year supporting ADOPT-A-SPOT program**

July 7th VBAC Adopt a SPOT Cleanup:

With temperatures hovering in the 100 degree range, the Virginia Beach Anglers Club cleaned the Lynnhaven boat ramp July 7th. The temperature continued to climb, no breeze could be found, but the 10 club members who participated stuck it out for two hours. The area looked fantastic when completed. The Virginia Beach boat ramp attendants greatly appreciate our club taking an active role in keeping the boat ramp clean.

Next scheduled clean-up is September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Come out and help keep your community clean!

For background on ADOPT-A-SPOT, our Club has been granted an ADOPT-A-SPOT/WATERWAY on the Lynnhaven Inlet and Chesapeake Bay at Crab Creek Boat Ramp/ Lynnhaven Beach in Virginia Beach. We signed up to perform a clean-up of the beach area at the Crab Creek Boat Ramp beginning back in January 2011. Last year's clean-ups were supported by a number of our members, with very clean results at the Creek.

Our commitment to this worthy endeavor requires that we conduct 6 clean-ups per year. The scheduled clean-ups for 2012 will take place the Saturday following our monthly meeting of January, March, May, July, September, and November. We anticipate meeting in the parking lot at Crab Creek by 10:00 am Saturday mornings to begin our session. The club will serve a lunch to our volunteers at each session.

### **August Monthly Meeting**

This month's meeting will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Foundry Methodist Church. The church is located on Virginia Beach Blvd., near Beach Ford. Guest speaker TBD.

Directions and additional information can be found at our website, [www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org](http://www.virginiabeachanglersclub.org) or by calling Bob Stuhlman at 757-374-7372.

The meeting is free, guests are always welcome, we have a great raffle each meeting and refreshments will be served. Please join us Thursday night.

## **Congrats Beth**

On behalf of VBAC, I would like to recognize one of our member's achievements and new appointment. Beth Synowiec of Virginia Beach has recently been appointed to serve on the Virginia Marine Resource Commission's (VMRC) FinFish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC). Beth was first recognized about 7 years ago in the fishing community under her boat name Classicrockfish in which she began to write about her fishing journeys on the water under various fishing forums. She has since helped many anglers who wish to learn her different methods that she uses to catch fish. She also is pro-active about sending samples of fish to the VMRC collection program for additional species research and was complimented for the work that she provided towards the Grouper Tilefish meeting a couple of years ago. Originally she was a member of the Portsmouth Anglers Club and she later joined the VBAC serving as the treasurer for a year. She has been awarded the VBAC top female angler 4 years in row and has been Virginia expert angler for 2 years in a row. She is also a member of the Norfolk Anglers Club (NAC) and received the angler of the year award for 2010 as well as top female angler of the year award that same year for the NAC. In 2010 she landed 12 citations in 8 different species, as a result of this, the NAC President verbally suggested that females be viewed as direct competition to the rest of the club. The NAC board voted on it and thus completely removed the separate "female angler category;" therefore, that category no longer exists in their club awards. The following year, Beth was awarded release angler of the year for both clubs. Her passion for recreational fishing has been viewed by many as contagious. Beth Synowiec is now the first woman in the state of Virginia to hold a seat on the VMRC's Finfish Management Advisory Committee. Way to go Beth; we're proud of you, Butch Eason

## **Annual Oyster Roast**

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB'S ANNUAL OYSTER/PIG ROAST WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2012 AT 12 NOON AT LITTLE ISLAND STATE PARK AT SANDBRIDGE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ISLAND (PAVILION 1).

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BIG GEORGE IS CHALLENGING FIREMAN LARRY TO A CORN HOLE SHOW DOWN!

## **Club Challenge**

**Heads Up Guys and Gals:** The Club Challenge is August 18<sup>th</sup> and **OUR** Club needs for **YOU** to enter your boat or sign up as an angler to fish in the challenge. The Club will pay the entry fee for up to 5 boats to enter and we are allowed 4 anglers per boat. For those who may not be familiar with the Challenge, it is a competition among the fishing clubs for “Bragging Rights” for the next year. There will be a signup sheet at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting so sign up and join the fun.

## **Attention All Saltwater Anglers**

We need your help. Our Fisheries Management Division needs your input for how often you use the boat ramps in your area. We must have this information by August 31, 2012. Please click on the below link to print out the forms pertaining to the boat ramps you use. Please fill them out and send them to the POC below via mail, fax, or email as soon as possible. This will help to more accurately weigh the catch and effort data we receive from the fishing surveyors at the boat ramps. Good data is better for everyone interested in science-based, sustainable fisheries. [http://mrc.virginia.gov/Forms/MRIP\\_Access-sites/index.shtm](http://mrc.virginia.gov/Forms/MRIP_Access-sites/index.shtm)

There are different forms depending on where you live but send them to:

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**2600 Washington Avenue**  
**3rd Floor**  
**Newport News, VA 23607**  
**757-247-2264(FAX)**  
**Joe.Grist@mrc.virginia.gov**

Additional user info:

After you get to the website by clicking the link and selecting the appropriate form, a pdf with MANY pages will pop up. Save the pdf to the desktop on your computer, then scroll through the document and enter info into the appropriate sites. Save the completed file on the computer, then send the completed pdf file as an email attachment to the VMRC (follow their instructions). Alternatively, anglers could print out only the pages they wanted to answer, then postal mail that to the VMRC when done.

## **VBAC Member Info**

VBAC is a member of BoatUS Cooperating Group. That entitles Club Members to 50% off the joining fee which is about \$15 savings. Anybody who is a member of BoatUS needs to let them know you are Member of the VBAC and ask for the BoatUS cooperating Group Discount when you renew. Doink has the applications which contain the Group Member number on them. Let him know if you need the application or Group Cooperating Number. We need 6 members to use this discount for us to keep it.

## **The VBAC Fishing Roulette**

The second VBAC Fishing Roulette Challenge is underway. The five species of fish for 2012 are: sunfish, blue catfish, chain pickerel, flounder, and tautog. 26 people signed up and will be competing for the prize money. The angler with the heaviest catch for the selected species by Dec 31, 2012 will share the pot with the other winners. Weight will determine winner (not length).

\*(Wahoo, Tuna, Gar and Amberjack will not be part of the drawing)

# **FISHING NEWS**

## **Fishing Tales**

By Preston: Fishing at the Bay Bridge Tunnel, How could you ask for more? Gary Doerhoff, Ken Copenhaver, and Preston Mangum on the day before the holiday. Two gorgeous flounder weighing 3.25 and 4.5 pounds to Preston using the Saltist reel for the first time! What a way to break it in! Sorry Preston. Pics didn't come through website.

## **Surf Fishing Report**

The fall surf fishing tournaments are about to begin. First up is the Hatteras Village Tournament September 6 – 8, 2012. Next is The Long Beach Island Tournament in New Jersey September 21 & 22, 2012. Then comes the Nags Head Tournament October 3 – 6, 2012. Last is the Cape Hatteras Angler's Club Tournament November 7 – 10, 2012. The balance of the lodging for the Hatteras Village Tournament (\$50.00) is due at the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. There is no amount due for the Long Beach Island Tournament. The balance of the lodging for Nags Head (\$52.00) is due at the September meeting and the balance for the Cape Hatteras Angler's Tournament (\$96.50) is due in October.

Tight Lines!!  
Robbie

## **Flounder Fishing Tip**

Mel reports: The best cut bait that we have found is bluefish. It is bloody and really gets their attention. Fresh is best.

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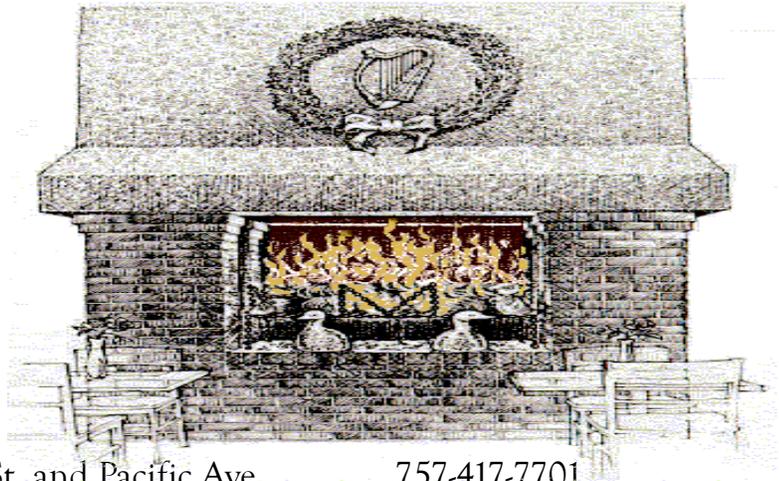
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### ***Our Objective***

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.

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