

July
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



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Officers and Board Members for 2012

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President	Larry Regula	472-7183
1st Vice President	George Gabriel	619-1638
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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Upcoming Dates:

JULY

▶ Monthly meeting for July is on the 5th beginning @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church. More info on page 4.

\$ Adopt-a-spot cleanup at Crabcreek July 7th. More info on page 4.

◆ This month's Board meeting is on July 19th @ 7:30 pm at Foundry Church.

Aug

Monthly Meeting for Aug is on the 2nd.

CLUB NEWS

Giving Back to our Community VBAC 2nd Year supporting ADAPT-A-SPOT program

Next scheduled clean-up is July 7th 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.

July Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be July 5th at 7:30 PM at the Foundry Methodist Church. The church is located on Virginia Beach Blvd., near Beach Ford. Guest speaker will be Jimmy Kolb and he will be talking about catching flounder using live bait, jigs, strip baits, and wire lining. He will have sample tackle set-ups and will talk/demonstrate all the popular methods to catch flounder, including his own very special technique.

Directions and additional information can be found at our website, 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 next Thursday night.

Special thanks to last month's guests, Rohn and Marissa, from the restaurant "757 Crave" who prepared mahi and flounder dishes (thanks for the fish donations Beth); both fish types were served with delicious toppings. Also, thanks to the fish filet team who not only quickly carved up a flounder, but also threw in a finger for good measure.

Note from Virginia Beach SPCA

The Virginia Beach SPCA Wildlife Program provides services to the public including a referral line, wildlife rehabilitation, education, and transporting injured/orphaned wildlife to appropriate rehabilitators. We take in approximately 1,800 injured and orphaned wildlife each year and have witnessed firsthand the injury and death that can occur as a result of fishing line that is not disposed of properly. That is why we are collaborating with Lynnhaven River Now, the Virginia Aquarium, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation, and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to execute a fishing line clean-up on Saturday, July 14 from 9am-12pm. In addition, we will be installing fishing line recycle bins at all of our clean-up sites. We are looking for individuals and groups that are interested in advertising this event in community newsletters and posting it on community bulletin boards, websites, and facebook pages. We are also recruiting volunteers for the actual clean-up on July 14 and asking for donations of gloves, small scissors, and a few other supplies. Please visit our website at www.recycleyourline.com for more information about this exciting initiative and feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Cindy Gendron

Virginia Beach SPCA

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VBAC Cobia Tournament

Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with us for the Cobia tournament but most certainly a good call by the VBAC board to postpone...it would have been miserable.

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 Beth

With all the scheduled performances for Clara at Op Sail this weekend, the outlook of getting to fish was slim, but I always tell my kids where there is a will there is a way. I called David and Ben knowing they still were both in need of paper reds before I left for Waterside with Clara and told them to get bait together and meet us at the ramp after the last show. I managed to get out on time and we met a 6PM at the Lynnhaven boat ramp. At 6PM, we quickly departed the Lynnhaven boat ramp and headed to the first location. This spot at first looked great on the GPS but after 40 minutes of nothing, I knew we had fallen for “a tourist trap.” I had mentioned the next spot on the way out a few times; we all agreed that we needed to check it out, so we did. When we got there, I told Ben and David to drop the anchor. We set up our lines. We had live female blue crab (most productive), clams, and even some live bait. We used standard fish finder rigs with J hooks and yes, I had the magic bead on one of my spinner rods. With our lines out now, the first rod went off. Ben grabbed it and the fish came off. This happened again and then finally Ben got his first red drum, a 44 incher (on the “magic” bead). David was up on the cobia tower having fun and joking around...and suddenly then another line went off ZZZZZZZZ. Just to see him get down off the tower like that I knew it was going to be a crazy fun night. David fought the fish and landed a 45 incher. Then another rod went off and Ben grabbed it; the fish was off. Then another rod went off, I grabbed it and fought this fish for a while and before I even got the fish to the boat Ben grabbed the next rod going off and had another fish on. These two fish were insane and next thing I know, Ben’s fish darted across my line. Everyone on the boat said my fish was off but I knew better. A few minutes later, Ben boated his first red drum citation at 46 inches. His fish needed to get back in the water after they de-tangled a few things and my fish was still hanging on, and almost to the boat. Ben said he didn’t need a photo, but I really wish we had one. :0(The crew then helped me get my fish to the boat by clearing some stuff and having the net ready. She finally arrived after 5 episodes of diving and trying to get away. She was a nice 45 incher. Then a minute after, another line went off. Kevin grabbed that rod and landed a nice 45 incher. David had hooked up and was on the bow of the boat. I know how much he loves his release reels so when I was standing right next to the reel and it went crazy (even though I knew he had something going on up in the bow), I called him. He looked up and I said “get over here, your release reel is calling you.” Kevin took the rod he was holding and shortly after that, the fish came off. David quickly ran to the back of the boat. This fish was a true fighter but the reel got him in quickly. David’s smile and laugh said it all. His first redfish paper; this was a fat, feisty fish with 46 inches of pure red! Shortly after David boated his fish, he and Ben wanted to go home. Me, I could have easily stayed for a few more hours. Kevin was really tired and so we packed up and left to head home just shortly after 11PM. All in all, the night was amazing, we had 11 hook ups and boated 6 reds with 2 first time papers for a father and a son. A father and son night to remember, indeed.



The Royal Beat-Down

Several weeks ago, at a cordial social gathering, VBAC's only known linkage to royalty, Lord Willoughby, the Duke of Oyster (by blood of course), proclaimed quite assertively that he and his handpicked loyal crew would most certainly and convincingly defend their VBAC Cobia title that they so proudly earned just one year earlier. With encouragement derived from local grog, his Lordship defied any who might challenge to best his guile. Ah, the waters he did know, having slayed many a beast over the years. As for his crew, tried and tested they were; his confidence spilling over like the head on a beer.

Well the challenge was indeed accepted that cool summer night, a makeshift crew was to be amassed, a captain in search of a crew who feared not the mighty Lord Willoughby. And so they assembled a cook, a treasurer, and a wayward traveler by trade, and scurried to join the novice captain in an attempt to defeat the Crown.

The day arrived, a warm summer's dew fell upon the waters, seven captains and their crews departed from points about, in search of the Man in the Brown Suit. Ah, his Lordship and crew were confident that day, so much so, they entered a second competition as well. Yes, Lord Willoughby and crew set out to capture two crowns that day; in search of two elusive quarry (the Wiley flounder and stealthy cobia), but haste not, difficult for the ordinary, but not for royalty.

The seas grew angered; the winds uncooperative, the ships set sail to points not to be shared. His Lordship ever confident he would slay his first prey by daybreak harkened his crew to man their posts while ghosts still roamed the night. His competitors scrambled to amass their haggard crews and made way for destinations he was certain, only luck would save their day.

The day was long, the sea demanding, the fish, well, they had their own plans. As time drew near to weigh-in, curiosity bested the competitors; frantic calls to learn of the Crown's progress and of his competitors, proved inconclusive at best.

Aboard the O'Relax, Captain George encouraged his crew, stay with it lads, we still have 40 minutes to hook and fight a mighty foe and make it back to the dock. This motley crew was not to be discouraged, even after tireless battles with rays and sharks, confidence abound (despite the cook calling home to have provisions acquired for the evening meal), attention was had by all to the task. One last change of bait; hand laying chum to entice the quarry; and suddenly two rods burst with anger. The nimble chef, hungry for fish, jumped to a rod, while the captain secured the second. As the seconds ticked away, chef Jerry's fish leaped out of the water in an effort to spit the hook; the Man in the brown Suit revealed himself! The battle was on. After making quick time of the shark on the other line, all hands on deck danced to action, clearing lines and obstacle while our chef fought his quarry. The give and take of the line lasted 15 minutes, when both chef and dinner tired, but only one tasted the gaff. No time for extended elation, time was a wasting and the weigh-in was a mere 50 minutes away.

The O'Relax and crew entered safe harbor, and joined the crews of the other contestants brandishing their catch. But where was Lord Willoughby? Was he playing with the field like a cat with its mouse? Was this crafty salt baiting the competition into a false sense of excitement; for you see, chef Jerry's fish – weighing in at 34.4 pounds was the best to that point. As the atomic clock ticked its seconds away; the horns blew and the competition complete... First place was to be awarded to the crew of the O'Relax; the defeat of Lord Willoughby was at hand. But wait, perhaps this crafty scourge had in fact bested both prey, as was his intent- NO- the waters would prove unkind to the Duke and his crew that day.

From Melanie Bayford:

Took our neighbor, Kodi, fishing last week and we had a pile of long nose gar just waiting to be caught on the Piankatank River. The photo is of a 44 inch release that he caught. I got 6 club minimum releases of gar that day. Went with Don to the cell on Thursday, and he got a 5 lb 8 oz spadefish. Our position was not good at the cell that day. The rough debris had cut the line on our wreck anchor and we had to re-anchor a little farther out with the danforth.



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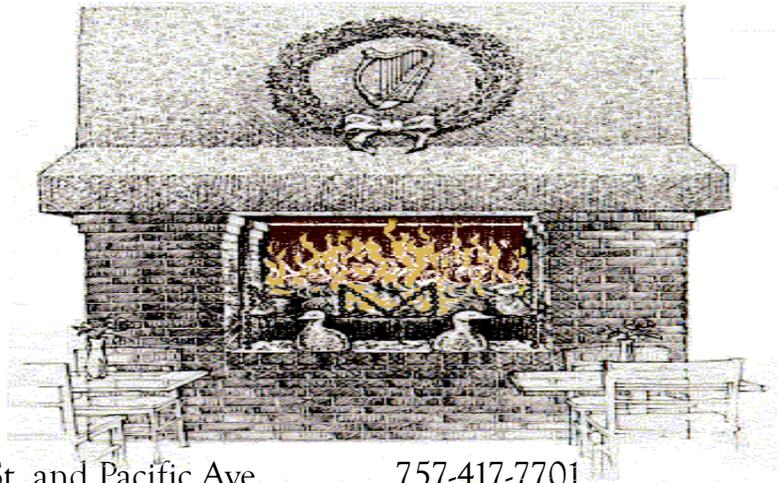
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Our Objective

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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