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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



September Adopt a spot cleanup. Story on page 4.



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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
Jerry Mariano- available 563-6365
David Harwood- available 340-6187
Bruce Agnor- available 302-562-4783
Jack Guthrie- available 647-4490

Want to fish but need a boat?

Pete Federico 908-887-3113
Wayne Johnson- available 689-0367

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Upcoming Dates:

OCTOBER

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

\$ Annual VBAC Oyster Roast. More info on page 5.

◆ This month's Board meeting is on October 18th @ 7:30 pm at Foundry Church.

NOVEMBER

Monthly Meeting for NOV is on the 1st.

Next adopt a spot cleanup on the 3rd at 1000.

CLUB NEWS

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

The September 8th Lynnhaven boat ramp clean-up went well (Lord Willoughby is missing from the photo). Thanks to all that participated, your efforts are really seen by all.

The last clean up for the year will be November 3rd, at 10am. Please make a point to come out and help participate in our service project to the fisherman and the community!

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.

October Monthly Meeting

This month's meeting will be October 4th at 7:30 PM at the Foundry Methodist Church. The church is located on Virginia Beach Blvd., near Beach Ford.

We are pleased to have Carl Herring speak at our October meeting. Carl will be speaking about catching speckled trout and crappie. Mr. Mirror Lure will be sharing his extensive knowledge; if you have any questions about how to catch these species, you will want to attend.

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 Thursday night.
Please join us next Thursday night.

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).

MAIN COURSE: MISS PIGGY, SALTY OYSTERS, CHEF SURPRISE. YOUR FAVORITE SIDE DISH OR DESSERT IS WELCOME

BRING YOUR SURF ROD AS WE ARE ONLY STEPS AWAY FROM THE BEACH OR THE PIER (PEOPLE FISHING WILL NEED TO HAVE APPROPRIATE LICENSING).

It is also not too early to pay your dues for 2013.

If you bring a new member to the Oyster Roast, their 2013 memberships starts with the 2012 Oyster Roast and is good to the end of 2013. As a bonus you will be awarded 5 raffle tickets for signing up a new member.

If you bring a new member to a meeting and that member joins the club you will also be rewarded with 5 raffle tickets for your action.

VBAC Member Info

If there is enough interest, we will make some VBAC cloth patches with the new design on them. Please notify a board member if you are interested in obtaining one of these patches.

Old 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

My first billfish; 6 Citation Marlin fishing report Sept 14 2012

Beth Synowiec

I got a call a few days ago from David who was itching to get out and get on a marlin. He asked if I was in. Heck yeah! Early Friday morning we waited at the dock, when everyone arrived, the Matador then took off towards cigar. With Capt Jake at the helm, I knew we were in for some serious fish. We talked about it and the folks decided that I was up first. The line went off before we even had the entire spread out! Shawn, the head mate, yelled my name, I stepped forward and the fun began. The white marlin's beautiful body thrust up in the air and we all witnessed the famous 'marlin dance.' It was Game On! To see the beauty of this fish was incredible. I continued to crank like crazy. Jake did some backing up at times and the waves too became a part of the action of the fight. Before I knew it, the fish was at the boat. Holy Shikes! Shawn released the fish and then gave me the leader line as a souvenir to keep. That was only the beginning, with the spreader bar bringing them to the boat, the marlin started to appear. The lines started to run wild and we got another, and another, and another... This went on for six runs which produced five whites! We only lost one the whole day. One of the highlights was when Jody suggested we bring one aboard! I had never seen one up close, so I was stoked about it! That experience was incredible! By now the crew, which consisted of head mate Shawn, Ryan, David, Lori, Susi, Jody, and me, had all been satisfied with the whites. We had six people fishing and everyone had landed a white but Ryan who 'opted out.' He said that he had caught more than his share of marlin on previous trips and he was just going to kick back and relax. He was totally relaxed and having a great time he said. So the marlin rotation started again. It was now afternoon and the pandemonium of fish after fish had subsided. I can recall David talking the night before about how bad he wanted to catch a blue marlin. It was a yearning that was not going to subside until he got one. I told him that if it was meant to be (with "the Guy upstairs"), that it would happen. He just needed to trust that. I stood there with my belt already around me as I sensed something was about to happen. Suddenly a line went buzzing and David was standing near the line. I thought I heard Jake yell my name to take it. I never stepped forward to grab the line, instead David turned and looked around for who was going to take the fish. I looked at him and said "take it!" David asked "are you sure?" I said, "yes!" He looked shocked but was happy at the same time. He started cranking on the line and this fish was putting up a sweet battle. His smile and his occasional laugh indicated to all of us that this was a very good fight. That is not what sealed the deal though for an incredible trip. It was when the fish finally appeared at boatside and this fish's true colors were revealed. *It was a Blue!* The final tally of the day was 5 whites and 1 blue. What an incredible day on the water! **Thank you to Capt Jake and mate Shawn and the entire crew. You guys are awesome!!!** The crew was fun with many laughs and even a couple of us did a little swimming at the dock when we returned. It's a tradition for someone who gets their first billfish to go into the drink.



Surf Fishing Report

The Hatteras Village Tournament was very typical. Either you were in the right spot or not. The A team did very well the first day and made a respectable showing overall. They had 12 fish for 26 points in the first session which made them **Session Winners** for the first session. They finished with 27 fish and 61 points and in 8th place. The B team didn't fair quite so well. They caught 8 fish for 19th place and tied about 5 other teams for 45th place. The winning team had 119 points and second place had 118 points.

The Long Beach Island Tournament was a lot of fun and both of the teams we send did well. The scoring in this tournament is done differently than in the Hatteras tournaments. At LBI the scoring is done by total length of fish caught. The winning team had 35 fish for a total of 501.75 inches (points). Our A team finished in 9th place with 26 fish and 353.75 points even though we were a man down. Someone dropped off the team and a replacement could not be found on short notice. The B team finished in 10th place with 23 fish and 307.00 points. I think there were 72 teams in the tournament so 9th & 10th are pretty good. Kelley Hoggard missed having the biggest bluefish by ¼." His was 20 inches and the biggest was 20¼." Nice job Kelley!

The Nags Head Tournament is October 3rd -7th and some of us will miss the meeting. The team members are Carl McCoy, Doug Wehner, Kelley Hoggard, Jerry Hughes, Jim Wisenburg and me. Wish us well!

The balance of the lodging (\$96.50) for the November tournament is due at the October 3rd meeting. I will not be there so you can give your money to Mike Anderson (treasurer) or mail it to the club mail box (P.O. Box 8602, VA Beach, VA 23450).

I heard today that some nice drum have been caught out of the surf at Sandbridge. If you get a chance give them a try.

Tight Lines!!
Robbie

Fishing related info

Gulf Fisheries rebounding from BP oil disaster

Gulf of Mexico fisheries are rebounding from the BP Plc (BP/) oil spill, landing more fish last year than in 2009, the year before the worst U.S. offshore marine disaster, the government said.

The total catch was 25 percent bigger last year than in 2009, and 55 percent more than in 2010, the National Marine Fisheries Service said today in a report. In April of that year, the Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded, killing 11 workers and triggering a spill the government estimated at more than 4 million barrels.

“Our fisheries are on the way up,” Harlon Pearce, chairman of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, said in an interview. Some species are doing better than others, and the industry will “need another year or two of stabilization” before it’s back completely, he said.

The disaster hurt fisheries that last year provided about a fifth of the seafood landed by U.S. fishermen, a catch valued at a record \$5.3 billion, according to the report. The country’s haul was the biggest in volume since 1994. The U.S. is the world’s fifth-biggest fishing nation, after China, India, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The 2011 catch from Gulf states totaled 1.984 billion pounds, up from 1.283 billion in 2010 and 1.583 billion in 2009, the National Marine Fisheries Service, a unit of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said in the report. Landings of menhaden, a fish used mainly for oil and meal, were up 66 percent over 2010. That species accounted for much of the Gulf’s growth, while oysters, crabs and shrimp are still struggling to surpass pre-spill catches, Pearce said.

Nominations for the Recreational Fishing Advisory Board 2013

Memo from Robert L. O’Reilly, Chief, Fisheries Management Division

I think all or most of you are familiar with the Virginia Saltwater Recreational Fishing Development Fund (your license money) and the role of the Recreational Fishery Advisory Board (RFAB). The RFAB reviews proposals and makes recommendations for funding to the Commission and this process ultimately leads to improvements in conserving and enhancing finfish species, fishing access and facilities, law enforcement, education, administration of the Virginia Saltwater Sport Fishing Tournament, fisheries research and data collection, and habitat improvement. The following link highlights this process.

<http://www.mrc.state.va.us/vsrfdf/index>

The RFAB is made up of nine members from angling groups throughout the state. Angling groups nominate members to serve on the RFAB. The Commissioner of the VMRC reviews the nominees and appoints members to serve on the RFAB. Once appointed, each member serves three years and then is eligible for reappointment. There is no limit on the number of terms a member can serve. Currently the three-year term of three RFAB members will expire in January 2013.

Commissioner Travelstead has requested the angling clubs be contacted and solicited for nominations. Some, or all three of the current members, could be reappointed by the Commissioner. Consideration will be given to current members that desire to continue to serve as well as to the level of interest and experience of any of the nominees. The 2013 cycle for projection submission begins in January so the decision on membership for the RFAB will be made within the next few months. Therefore it would be most beneficial that any nomination be received by October 1, 2012.

"Super Grand Slam Capital of the World?" by Dr. Julie Ball (originally posted on her blog from the Virginia Pilot)

It's no secret that our Mid-Atlantic waters host an amazing fishery. And our offshore fishing scene is no exception. Over the last few years, the deep waters off the coasts of Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland have earned attention as a serious contender in the big game sportfishing scene. And the reason is clear. The big game and billfish action off our coastlines has local ports fighting over self proclaimed titles such as "Billfish Capital of the World," or "White Marlin Capital of the World". And now, perhaps we will add a new phrase up for grabs, "(Super) Grand Slam Capital of the World." Move over Costa Rica, Panama, Cabo, and Venezuela, there's a new game in town!

Our billfish bite usually begins escalating in late July, and continues through October. It is common for boats to return to the docks flying numerous billfish flags during the peak season, with white marlin taking most of the glory. But over the last few years, the appearance of more bill-sporting fish is diversifying the catches for marlin hunters. The fresh billfish on the block is the more tropical-oriented Atlantic Sailfish. More sailfish catches along with a strong showing of blue marlin, and a timely increase in swordfish activity is setting the stage for claims to some of the more coveted sportfishing honors.

Several official and 'unofficial' endearing titles are common among sportfishing communities. It is well-known among old salts that boat releasing three different billfish species in a day is considered a noteworthy 'Grand Slam' in the fishing world. Generally, a hand full of Grand Slams can be expected each year. But with even more players on the billfish scene, what do we call, say...four different billfish species in a day? How about a 'Super Grand Slam'? And yes, we have already had this honor this season. This is a rare feat in any billfishing venue. Captain Jake Hiles fishing out of Rudee Inlet with his crew aboard the 'Matador' claimed this honor earlier this month on an overnight trip when his boat claimed 7 white marlin, 3 blue marlin, a sailfish, and a swordfish!

As each day passes, the 'Grand Slam' honors continue to grow on the billfish front out of Virginia Beach. Captain Steve Richardson, skipper of the Backlash out of The Fishing Center in Virginia Beach, sported a historic 'Double Grand Slam' as a debut for the billfish season, and has since followed up with a total of six 'Grand Slams' to date, and counting!

Many other local boats are also boasting epic marlin catches, with scattered 'Grand Slams'. Now that should put Virginia Beach in position for some sort of "title" in my opinion. I think 'Super Grand Slam Capital of the World' suits us just fine.

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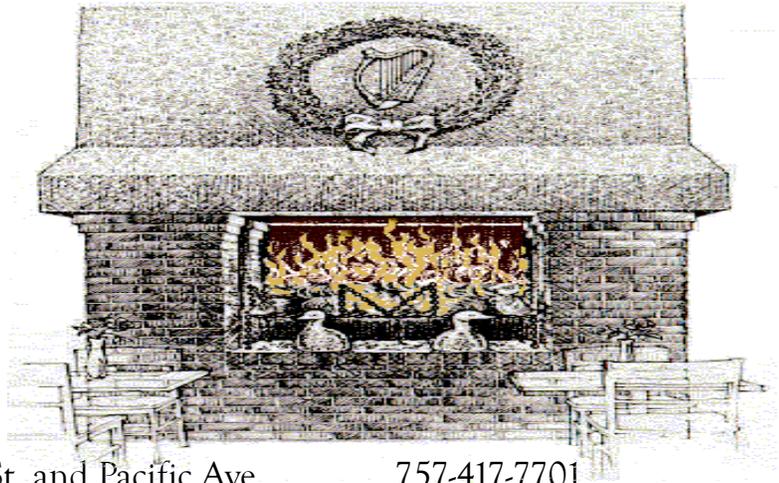
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

Our 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.

Plan and conduct fund raising activities to provide the revenues needed to support these objectives.

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George Gabriel: 757-619-1638 or georgedgabriel@gmail.com
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