



May 2016

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Lines

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Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, May 7th, 7:30pm.

Where: Foundry United Methodist Church. 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. In Virginia Beach next to Beach Ford.

April Speaker: Undetermined at this time. The speaker will be announced on Facebook and via email.

Ocracoke Surf Fishing Tournament – April 27/28/29

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club participated in the annual Ocracoke Surf Fishing Tournament last weekend. Again, we put in a solid showing finishing in **14th place out of 80 teams**. The team managed 16 scoring fish for 26 total points. That included a nice 15 inch bluefish that was caught by Jerry Hughes. Our club consistently competes well at regional surf tournaments. Fishing was a little tougher than usual. Teams had to make do with the occasional roundhead and bluefish bite. Our team rented the cottage for a full week and did plenty of fishing prior to the tournament. A couple pictures were provided to show the team in action.

Team Scoring: (* = returning in 2017)

- *Steve Wray – 8 fish for 11 points
- *Jerry Hughes – 1 fish for 6 points
- *Butch Eason – 3 fish for 4 points
- Stan Sutliff – 2 fish for 3 points
- Larry Harmon – 1 fish for 1 point
- Carl McCoy – 1 fish for 1 point



May Intra-Club Surf Fishing Tournament – May 21st

This is a reminder of our intra-club surf fishing tournament and is open to all members. We will be fishing the beach at Little Island Park, down in Sandbridge. Just south of the fishing pier. The tournament fishing time is usually around 8-11am but we often get there a little early to get the lines wet. Lunch will be after the tournament. Last May's winner was Bob Burstein with a largest fish format – 18.5". While we were fishing last year, there were a half dozen 30+ inch red drum caught and they are only getting bigger. If you are interested in surf fishing but don't really know how, plenty of us surf fish regularly and would be glad to help out or supply some tackle for the event. Just get in contact with us ahead of time. See you all out there!



Seton Youth Fishing Day - June

Bob Burstein will be soliciting volunteers for our annual Seton Youth event soon. Please make sure you check with him by the June meeting so he knows he can count on you to be there. The kids had a great time last year and the weather was great. If you remember, we had tons of prizes to give away and everyone was stuffed full of hamburgers and hot dogs. Some of the kids even went home with new bikes and scooters!

Club History Preservation

Did you know that one of the earliest VBAC banquets were held by chartering a round trip on the ferry that went between Virginia Beach and the Eastern Shore before the CBBT was built? One of my favorite parts of being in the club is hearing about the old stories from long before I was a member. In the coming months I will be soliciting hard copy materials, stories, interviews and other club related memories from our more seasoned club members. Even if you are a recent addition, I would like you to take some time to record your favorite memories or stories about the club and share them with me. I don't wish for the rich history of our club to be forgotten. This will be a very time consuming but entertaining endeavor and I look forward to what we can share together. **-Kelly Hoggard**

Hunt For Hardheads

May 14th, 2016

VBAC, GBFA, NAC, and PAC will be competing for bragging rights. For those that are fishing, here's some basic information if you are participating.

Tournament Headquarters:
Portsmouth City Park

-Lines in 7:00 am.

-Measure in 12:30-1:30pm.

-Boundary is 500 yards east of HRBT and inwards through regional rivers.

-Picnic style lunch is afterwards.

-Bring your net!

VBAC Hats, T-Shirts and Embroidered Apparel See Jack Guthrie at each club meeting.

VBAC Club Members – We have a good inventory of mixed colors and sizes of T-Shirts and Hats.

- Short Sleeve Tees up to size 5X – Priced by size, ranging from \$18.00 to \$22.00.
- Long Sleeve Tees up to size 5XL – Priced by size, ranging from \$20.00 to \$25.00
 - Hats – mixed colors for \$12.00

Also, if Embroidered Items are wanted between meetings, then call Jack at (757) 647-4490 for details.

- Short Sleeve Polo Shirt
 - All Season Jacket
- Zip Up Hooded Sweatshirt
- Pull Over Hooded Sweatshirt
- Short Sleeve or Long Sleeve Fishing Shirt

VBAC Crab Creek Clean-UP May 7th Cancelled!!

The May clean-up has been cancelled due to schedule conflicts. The clean-up schedule will continue in June.

Boaters Warehouse

Get Out On the Water Event!

Friday through Sunday, Boaters Warehouse in Virginia Beach near First Colonial road and Laskin Road will have a big sale for boaters and fisherman getting ready for this summer's season. There will be a variety of gifts and prizes for customers. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be on hand from 10-3pm on Saturday to do safety inspections of trailered boats. This is a great chance to make sure your boat is ready for the water. In addition, all safety equipment will be 20% off. Get down there and find a good deal. There is a lot of overstock from the closing of the JANAF location and they plan to have it all sold this weekend.

VBAC Fishing Contests!

Aside from our standard competition of monthly fishing divisions, we've upped the ante on some additional contests. These high stakes contests have been very successful at providing competition between anglers, even when on the same boat! Make sure you get out on the water to get in on the action.

NEW – Monthly Fishing Contest!

Our new Monthly Fishing Contest is open to all club members in good standing. One fish is selected by the tournament committee prior to the month of competition. **The largest fish by weight will determine the winner** and must be submitted via the standard VBAC fish entry form. [The form is available on our website](#). Eligible anglers compete for a monthly prize of \$30. All entries must be received by the start of the next general membership meeting in order to qualify. The contest requires the fish to be weighed on a **certified scale**. A **photo** and **short story or caption** are required as part of the contest rules. There is **no minimum size limit except for the fish to meet state regulation requirements** (i.e. No flounder less than 16 inches). Submissions to the newsletter can be sent to our club email address: VBAnglersclub@gmail.com

April: **TAUTOG – Kevin Synowiec: 19lb. 6oz.**

May: **BLUEFISH**

Fall Surf Fishing Tournament Openings!

There are still three openings that need to be filled for the fall surf fishing tournaments.

1 Opening for Hatteras Village – September 8/9/10

2 openings for Long Beach Island, NJ – September 23

Don't feel excluded if you aren't familiar with surf fishing. We can help you get acquainted with the sport and give you more details about lodging, food, equipment or any other questions you might have.

Please contact us back through via the Gmail or talk to Robbie Parks at one of the general meetings.

Function and Activities Manual

The Virginia Beach Anglers Club pursues many activities that are an integral part of the clubs functions. The board and officers sit down every couple of years to update it. We have made a number of additions or changes and has been approved by the board. The Function and Activities Manual as well as the Club Bylaws are always available for review on the website. A copy will be available at the May 5th meeting if you would like to review it or learn more about the club.

Coast Guard Vessel Safety Inspections

Coast Guard vessel safety inspections are available to the public for free. The process is very simple and they meet you anywhere that is convenient for you. They will meet you at a house, boat ramp, or marina... Wherever your boat is stored.

To get to the website for a Vessel Exam go to <http://safetyseal.net>.

You will be redirected to the webpage:

<http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=i-want-a-vsc>

Fill in the form provided and submit, and a Vessel Examiner nearest to your zip-code will call you or email you to set up a vessel exam in your driveway, at a boat ramp, or in a marina, wherever you have your boat. It does not need to be in the water to be examined.

For a "Virtual Safety Check", to see for yourself ahead of time what will be examined, [Click Here!](#)

-Craig Huber

Boater Safety Requirement

In 2007, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a law to establish a [boating safety education compliance requirement](#). This requirement was phased in over the last several years and on July 1, 2016, all operators of PWCs (Personal Watercraft such as jet skis, Sea Doos, Wave Runners) and operators of Motorboats with a 10 hp or greater motor, will be required to have a boating safety education course completion card on board when operating a PWC or Motorboat.

Click on any of the buttons or links to access those parts of the VDGIF website.

Credit: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/>

As of July 1, 2015, all PWC operators age 14 and older and motorboat operators 50 and younger must complete a boating safety course. Beginning July 1, 2016, all PWC operators age 14 and older and all motorboat operators regardless of age need to take a boating safety course.

PWC Age Restriction: No person under the age of 14 may operate a PWC. Those operators 14 and 15 MUST show proof of completing an approved and accepted boating safety course either in a classroom or online. The challenge exam or other provisions of the Education Compliance Requirement do not meet the requirements of the age restriction law.



**Our Advertisements for 2016 are not yet prepared.
You will see them in the June edition of Tight Lines through
the May edition of Tight Lines in 2017.**

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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2016

(Updated April 20th)

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
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Saltwater:

Croaker	No Entry	
Puppy Drum	No Entry	
Roundhead	No Entry	

Freshwater:

Crappie	Steve Harding	2lb. 9oz.
Sunfish	Butch Eason	0lb. 10.4oz.

To All Participants! A reminder that this is a yearlong fishing contest. Please remember, all puppy drum weighed must be of legal slot size length when the weight is recorded. If you have any questions, call Chris at 737-1115.

Catch-A-Ride

BOAT

Howard Anchors (724) 822-4933

Jon Calhoun (757) 377-3360

Preston Mangum (757) 582-1450

Jeremy MaGuire (757) 407-0493

Rich MaGuire (757) 619-4851

Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282

Bob Stuhlman (757) 374-7372

CREW

Michael Anderson (757) 481-1296

Pete Federico (908) 887-3113

Ronny Hillin (757) 848-3535

Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817

Victor Minak (703) 888-8992

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLER'S CLUB
20th ANNUAL COBIA CLASSIC TOURNAMENT
JUNE 17th & 18th, 2016



Entry Fee - \$100.00 per Boat
(after June 11th - \$125.00 per Boat)

Registration Deadline	Friday June 17th @ 7:30 PM
Captain's Meeting	Friday June 17th @7:30 PM
Lines-In	Saturday June 18th @ 6:00 AM
Weigh In	June 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM

\$1000.00 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize

Other prizes determined by number of entrants

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** _____ **Phone** _____

Boat Name _____

Angler #1 _____ **Angler #2** _____

Angler #3 _____ **Angler #4** _____

Angler #5 _____ **Angler #6** _____

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

1. The deadline for registration is Friday, June 17, 2016 @ 7:30P.M.
2. The Virginia Beach Angler's Club reserves the right to refuse entry to any angler or vessel.
3. The Entry Fee is \$100.00 per boat if paid by June 11, 2016, thereafter the fee is \$125.00.
4. The Tournament Committee advises all participants to attend the Captains meeting to insure they are aware of any rule changes or clarifications.
5. At the Captains meeting, the Tournament Committee will decide if Saturday is fishable. If Saturday is declared not fishable, the tournament will be rescheduled for Sunday.
6. Each boat entered in the Tournament will be eligible for only one prize.
7. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition.
8. A boat may not be replaced after the entry deadline, unless broken down. A tournament official must be notified on the change before "lines in."
9. All fish must be caught on hook and line.
10. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook and gaff marks.
11. Two or more boats congregating close enough to pass fish may be disqualified from the tournament.
12. Scales will be open from 3:00P.M. to 5:00 P.M. All fish must be weighed by the official VBAC Tournament Weighmaster.
13. All fish must be weighed in at the Tournament Headquarters not later than 5:00P.M.
14. Fish will be checked for freshness and are subject to inspection of stomach contents.
15. All protests must be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the weighing of the last fish.
16. Prizes will be awarded @ 5:30P.M. at Tournament Headquarters, Long Bay Pointe Marina.
17. 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.
18. Winning anglers may be requested to submit to and successfully pass a polygraph test prior to being presented any prize.
19. Boat registrant must be present and positive identification is required for all prizes.
20. All fish weighed must meet the requirements according to Virginia Regulations.

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)

Participation Needed!

Listed below are many of the committees and their respective captain (or co-captains) that represent each committee. All of these hard working club members need help fulfilling their goals for the events that are planned during the year. No matter your current role in the club, everyone is encouraged to help in any way possible. There are no special skill requirements needed... It just requires a little bit of time and input. Take an active part in the club and help make a difference in our community.

Thank you all for your consideration - VBAC Officers and Directors

2015 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	Chair – Russell Willoughby
Calendar:	Chair – Bob Burstein
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Great Bridge Flea Market:	Chair – Preston Mangum
VBAC Flea Market:	Bob Stuhlman Bob Burstein
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair – Jerry Mariano
Seton Youth:	Chair – Bob Burstein
Raffles:	Chair – Preston Mangum
Audit Committee:	Chair – Mike Anderson
Surf Tournaments:	Chair – Robbie Parks
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
Lynnhaven Pier Tournaments:	NEEDED NEEDED
Newsletter:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard
Prize Fish:	Chair – Chris Schneider
Nomination Committee:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard Co. Chair – Beth Synoweic

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 22, 2016

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB'S 4TH ANNUAL FALL FISHING & BOATING FLEA MARKET

*Capt. Max King's Marine
3829 Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455*

*For more information and vendor opportunities contact
Bob Stuhlman 757-374-7372
Bob Burstein 267-994-7423*

E-mail: vbanglersclub@gmail.com



Fishing Reports Monthly Club Competition – Tautog

April 18: Russell Willoughby caught a tog while fishing the 2nd Island with blue crabs. It was a slow day of fishing but Managed to pull in this keeper. It was **3 pounds 9 ounces**.



April 25: I (Kelly Hoggard) went tog fishing on Monday, April 25th with Ike Eisenhower and Bob Stuhlman. Was planning to take the big boat offshore but the alternator froze up when I tried to start it the week before. Alternate plan was to take the Shelby Kat II out and we fished the bridge tunnel. Left Crab Creek around 7:30. Seas were nice with a swell from the north east and a light breeze from the south - south west. Fished the 2nd Island until the tide turned at 9:00. There were about 4 boats and no signs of any action from anyone. Left there to fish somewhere else but another boat took our spot, so we continued on. Fished the 3rd island for a couple of hours. There were a few togs caught by a boat near the rouge rock, but with about 6 boats fishing the rocks, there was a lot of competition. We got into some nice oyster toads but didn't quite fit our appetites. After the current picked up, we tried to move over to the pilings on the 3rd but the waves were a little aggressive there, ended up on the back side of the 4th with some nice structure on one set. No luck on a couple different sets of pilings. After punishing ourselves with the crossing wind and waves, moved over the 4th island rocks since there was no traffic. Fished the tide turn at about 2:00 but no bites of any kind there. Southwest wind picked up by then and was blowing pretty good around 15kts. Fished with fiddlers and blue crab all day. Our togs weighed a grand total of **0 pounds and 0 ounces**. It was my first day on the water all year. I was eager just to be out and we had a good time together. Drum season is around the corner and looking forward to going out again soon. Catches have already been reported and the boat is ready to go!



Fishing Reports

Monthly Club Competition – Tautog



April 25: Kevin and Beth Synowiec - Noticed a weather window of at least 4 to 5 hours before wind was supposed to kick up so we headed out to an offshore wreck. Gorgeous day spent with my 'partner in crime' Kevin and the Tautog bite was great! We quickly managed limit and then we just kept releasing lost count after 17 plus fish. Kevin's rod went off and the expression on his face was absolutely priceless when this beast hit the deck. This was definitely his biggest tog to date. My rod went off... with a nice biggin too about 25 minutes later & I was stoked to see that big white chin hit the deck. Short, sweet, and to the point trip which is exactly what we both needed after having our boat down for as long as we did... Left location to head back at 12:45 and glad we did because the wind did crank up as predicted up to sw 27 knot winds on the way back. Fish bit mostly on blue crab , and they didn't seem to care about the fiddlers or clams when offered. **Tautog weights 19 lb 6oz and 13 lb 8 oz.** Feels great to be back on the water finally!!!



Fishing Reports

April 11: Reese Bowles and Steve Harding had a 'crappie' day of fishing. Went out on Steve Harding's 'crappie' little boat. The two of them must have looked like a giant spider on the lake. They had ten 25 foot long crappie rods with light 'crappie' bobbers and a small 'crappie' jig. The jigs Reese was using were tipped with a medium 'crappie' shiner. They caught and released 6 chain pickerel, 4 racoon perch, 2 blue gill, and some smaller crappie. Had a nice mess of keepers. Reese learned a lot about the 'crappie' setup. Reese is appreciative of his time on the water with Steve and learning all the fishing tips and tricks.



April 23: via Mike Anderson – My neighbors niece/nephew (age 4 &5) came over the other weekend and wanted to go fishing. My neighbors told the kids that they did not have a pole. The kids did not let that stop them and asked for some tape. Look what they made!! Hook, line, bobber and pole, all ready to go and put together with blue Scott Masking Tape. Very cute! It's cool how creative kids can be and own dreams come to life!



Fishing Reports Snapshots

Josh Regula: Nice Blue Catfish.



Butch Eason: 9.5 inch Sunfish and 13.5 inch Largemouth Bass.



Jerry Hughes: Has a foldable rod rack for sale. Fits a 48 Quart Cooler and 5 rods. Has a trailer tongue insert. Contact him if you are interested in purchasing it.



VBAC MISSION STATEMENT

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 Objectives:

- 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.

2016 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Larry Regula

First Vice President: George Gabriel

Second Vice President: Bob Stuhlman

Treasurer: Mike Anderson

Recording Secretary: Russell Willoughby

Corresponding Secretary: Kelly Hoggard

Board of Directors:

Bob Burstein

Gary Doerhoff

Butch Eason

Pete Federico

Jerry Hughes

Jerry Mariano

Ronnie Nixon

Robbie Parks

Chris Schneider