



March 2019

VIRGINIA BEACH ANGLERS CLUB

Tight Line

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday March 7, 2019 7:30pm.

**Where: Foundry United Methodist Church,
2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach next to
Beach Ford.**

**Meeting Speakers: Wolfgang Rain (Fisheries liaison
for the Dominion Offshore Wind Project).**

Meeting Subject: He will give us an update on the test project planned for installation off the coast of Virginia in the summer of 2020. Referred to as the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind project ("CVOW"), it will consist of 2 six-megawatt wind turbines located about 27 miles off of Virginia Beach. His talk will include a general overview of the project, its current status, and other related topics of particular interest to the fisheries community. "

**Reminder: Drawing for Surf Tournaments this
meeting. Dues must be paid in order to participate.**

March & Future Information Notes:

- **Great Bridge Flea Market – March 9**
Bring your pre-marked flea market items into the
March meeting and give to Preston!!
- **Crappie Tournament – March 30**
- **West Marine VBAC Club Table – April 13 10AM – 2PM**

This Month's Quote

You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough. ~ Mae West

VBAC Fishing Roulette 2018

Species

Current Leader

Weight

It's time again to ante up for the VBAC Fishing Roulette. Members pay \$20 to enter. Your roulette entry fee is due and the wheel spin takes place during the March membership meeting. See Kelly Hoggard at the March 7th meeting or contact him to get your name on the list.

Roulette Details:

A roulette style wheel will be spun and 5 fish are selected at random. Both freshwater and saltwater fish are chosen for the competition. Any fish caught by a paid participating member from 1/1/19 to 12/31/19 is eligible to win a prize. There is no minimum size to win and all entries must be submitted by VBAC prize fish form to the prize fish committee. The total money in the pot is split five ways and the heaviest fish in each category wins. It is expected that you submit a picture of your fish with your entry. Pictures of you and your fish also qualify for the annual VBAC fishing photo contest.

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Kelly Hoggard: 757-416-8817 or
fishnkelly@msn.com



Catch-A-Ride

BOAT

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Rich Maguire (757) 619-4851
Rob Stommel (703) 244-1282
Bob Stuhlman (757) 374-7372

CREW

Pete Federico (908) 887-3113
Kelly Hoggard (757) 416-8817
Victor Minak (703) 888-8992
Add your name to either list by sending an email to
vbanglersclub@gmail.com

Important Notice!!!!

2019 Membership Dues

A reminder to all members, 2019 membership renewals are due by the end of March. Dues are just \$30 per year.

Membership dues are required for eligibility to club sponsored fishing events. Those would include surf fishing tournaments, boat fishing tournaments, monthly and yearly fishing competitions, our annual oyster roast, and club sponsored boat fishing trips. Current membership holders also receive updates of club events and important information via email on a regular basis. You can see Chris Schneider at our monthly meetings to pay your dues. If there are any questions about the membership to VBAC, please contact us by either our Gmail account or inquiring at the monthly meetings.

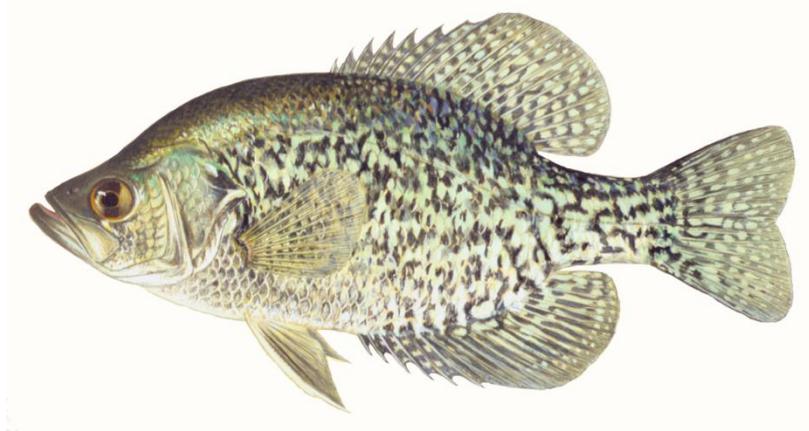
We draw for the spring fall surf fishing teams at the March General Membership meeting. If you wish to be considered for a team position your dues need to be up to date.

Virginia Beach Angler's Club

Spring Crappie Tournament

Lake Smith Shore or Boat

Saturday, March 30, 2019



Entry Fee: \$20.00 per adult angler, \$10.00 per child under 16

Early entries contact Preston (info below) or register on March 30 at ramp.

Location: Lake Smith

Lines In: 8:00 AM

Weigh-in Time: 3:30 PM until 4:15 PM

Crappie tournament prize paid on the heaviest single crappie fish.

\$150 Guaranteed 1st Place Prize, 2nd Place Prize Guaranteed \$75.00

Shore Anglers Only: Heaviest fish of any species wins rod/reel combo

Early Entry: Phone or email entry name(s) and number of anglers to: Preston Mangum 757-582-1450 or PMangum@RoseandWomble.com.

Virginia Beach Anglers Club

Lake Smith Crappie Tournament Rules

March 30, 2019

Time: Lines in 8:00am - Weigh-in 3:30 – 4:15.

Location: Lake Smith.

Gates open at 7:00 AM

Entry Fees: \$20.00 per Angler, \$10.00 for children under 16.

Registration: Register on day of tournament at judge's table before fishing.

Boat check before entering water.

Prize paid on the heaviest single fish.

Except for shore anglers, an angler may win only one place.

\$150.00 guaranteed 1st place, \$75.00 guaranteed 2nd place. Prizes can increase based on number of entrants. Shore anglers may win shore & crappie tournament prize. (see below).

Shore anglers may enter any fish caught during competition. A single prize will be awarded to the overall largest fish caught from shore irrespective of species. Should a crappie be caught by a shore angler, it may be entered in the tournament as a crappie catch in addition to entering for the shore prize.

Use of all nets (except landing net) will disqualify angler.

All entrants wishing to weigh in a fish must check in with tournament director at end of dock no later than 3:30.

Early catch submission is permitted.

Ties will be decided by the earliest entry.

Decision of the weigh-master is final.

VBAC 60th Anniversary

The Virginia Beach Angler's Club celebrated their 60th year last Saturday night, February 16, 2019. At the banquet we dined on an excellent meal and recognized those members who had excelled in salt water and fresh water fishing.

The meal preparation was orchestrated by Gerry Mariano and assisted by John Gabriel, John Germanos and Mark Wray. We had the pleasure of various Appetizers, Prime Rib, Seafood Newburg, Rice, Green Beans and Peppers, Roasted Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Rolls and Butter, and a multitude of deserts provided by the members and Banana Foster. The meal was excellent. If you missed the banquet you missed a real treat.

Chris Schneider, Prize Fish Chairman and George Gabriel, Master of Ceremonies led the recognition of the award-winning anglers. Thirty-five different species were submitted for consideration. Twenty-two anglers were recognized for their Top Salt Water entries (catch or release) and seven anglers were recognized for their Top Fresh Water entries (catch or release). Based on the club minimum size guidelines, two anglers were recognized as Expert Anglers and five members were recognized as Master Anglers. We also recognized the anglers that were the Most Outstanding Salt and Fresh Water fisherman, the Male and Female Catch or Release Anglers of the year and the Male and Female Surf Fishing Anglers of the year

The last two awards presented were the Dr. James C. Wright Conservation Award and the prestigious Member of the Year Award. Delegate Barry Knight was recognized for his work to maintain and improve the quality of the Chesapeake fishery through his efforts in the Virginia Assembly. Finally, we recognized Bryan Watkins as our Member Of The Year. This award recognizes an outstanding VBAC member who has given much time and effort to improving the quality of the VBAC.

The evening ended with a Chinese Raffle of over 60 items. Numerous very fine items were won including, many rods and reels, fully equipped tackle boxes, electronics for the boat and home, Go Pro camera, tackle, lures and other items. The table center pieces, designed and made by Maureen Gabriel, were also raffled off.

Pictures below.







VBAC 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE MUG

At the recent Awards Banquet held on February 16th, each member and their guest were presented a Virginia Beach Angler's Club 60th Anniversary commemorative mug. If you were unable to attend the banquet (you missed a good one) each member may pick up a mug from Patty Searby at the March General Membership meeting.

This will be the only opportunity for those members who missed the banquet to pick up a mug. Those mugs that were not picked up at the March meeting will go on sale for \$15.00 commencing the April meeting.

Hats & T-Shirts

Inventory Clearance Club T-Shirts and Hats

Club T-shirts and hats are available in the old and new varieties.

Please see Patty Searby at the General Membership meeting.

Short Sleeved Pocketed T-Shirts 10.00 ea



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ALL HATS \$15.00 EA



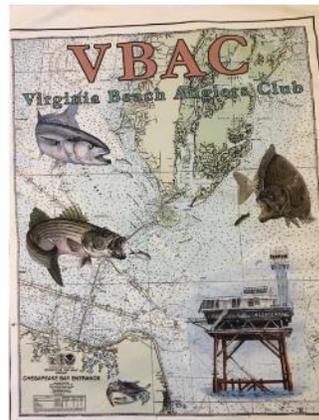
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Club Fishing Records List Being Updated

It came to our attention that the Club Fishing Records List had not been updated in many years and needed to be overhauled. Our Prize Fish Committee chairman Kelly Hoggard spent time cross referencing all of the records available on the website. He has created an updated table that has removed duplicated species under different names and updated all records up to the completion of the 2018 fishing awards season. The list has also been reformatted to be easier to read and compare similar species.

All members are encouraged to review any records they have obtained. If you have paperwork that proves a record should be yours, you should submit that to the Prize Fish Committee in hand or by email by the March 7th meeting if possible. The Club Fishing Records List will be reviewed by the Board and Officers at the next board meeting prior to publication. -VBAC Board and officers.

Saltwater Species

African Pompano	18 lbs	0 oz	10/3/1974	Mike Hayes
Alfonsino	8 lbs	2 oz	1/27/2018	Kevin Synowiec
Amberjack	94 lbs	4 oz	9/24/1987	Jim Robinson
Atlantic Cod	6 lbs	8 oz	3/29/1964	Marion Hutson
American Eel	17 lbs	0 oz	12/17/1977	Mike McIntyre
Atlantic Bonito	5 lbs	0 oz	6/3/1990	Steve Wray
Atlantic Mackerel	2 lbs	3 oz	2/21/1990	Steve Wray
Barracuda	46 lbs	8 oz	11/3/1990	Bill Edmonds
Barrelfish	11 lbs	14 oz	11/19/2018	Beth Synowiec
Black Sea Bass	7 lbs	14 oz	12/7/1991	Connie Matthews
Black Drum	92 lbs	0 oz	5/6/1978	Brad Neal
Blue Marlin	515 lbs	0 oz	4/22/1990	C. K. Smith
Bluefish	21 lbs	8 oz	12/9/1984	John M. Cloud
Blueline Tilefish	20 lbs	0 oz	8/19/2003	Dr. Jim Wright
Blue Runner	7 lbs	8 oz	6/20/1992	Darla Obal
Butterfly Ray	75 lbs	0 oz	8/5/1973	Erma A. Golden
Calico Grouper	20 lbs	8 oz	9/3/1973	Mike Hayes
Cobia	85 lbs	0 oz	6/21/2003	Larry Wales
Crevalle Jack	37 lbs	6 oz	9/11/1988	C. K. Smith
Croaker	3 lbs	15 oz	10/3/1978	Chester Spence
Dolphin	54 lbs	12 oz	7/22/1973	William Scott
False Albacore	20 lbs	14 oz	6/25/1989	David Ingham
Flounder	12 lbs	10 oz	8/27/1977	Brad Neal
Golden Tilefish	41 lbs	0 oz	12/30/2010	Beth Synowiec
Grey Triggerfish	8 lbs	12 oz	9/19/1987	John Cloud
Grey Trout	15 lbs	15 oz	5/5/1976	Billy Reid
Houndfish	7 lbs	6 oz	7/13/1986	Tom Hall
King Mackerel	63 lbs	1 oz	7/14/2007	Sue Smith
Ladyfish	1 lb	8 oz	9/29/1987	Gene Farrar
Ling	5 lbs	1 oz	3/7/2004	Reese Bowles
Mangrove Snapper	1 lb	6 oz	9/3/1977	David Gwaltney
Margate Grunt	2 lbs	4 oz	5/20/1989	Jamie Vaughan
Orangespotted Filefish	2 lbs	0 oz	8/1/1974	James Wright
Oyster Toad	2 lbs	4 oz	8/27/1978	Charlotte Wright

Pigfish	3 lbs	2 oz	10/31/1974	Ellen Jeffords
Pinfish		15 oz	7/8/1973	Mike Hayes
Pompano	2 lbs	6 oz	8/25/2018	John Germanos
Pollock	22 lbs	6 oz	3/20/1976	Mike Hayes
Red Drum	70 lbs	0 oz	3/31/1985	Ted Tranquillo
Red Hake	4 lbs	8 oz	5/14/1973	Jim Robinson
Red Porgy	10 lbs	8 oz	10/1/1976	Mike Hayes
Red Snapper	34 lbs	8 oz	10/23/1977	Anthony Whitehurst
Ribbonfish	1 lb	3 oz	1/1/2014	Beth Synowiec
Roundhead	2 lbs	4 oz	8/19/1973	Ed Jeffords
Sailfish	46 lbs	0 oz	8/9/1980	Buddy Vaughan
Scup	3 lbs	10 oz	4/3/1976	Mike Hayes
Shark, Blacktip	85 lbs	0 oz	6/11/1975	James Wright
Shark, Brown	183 lbs	0 oz	6/15/1978	Don Lips
Shark, Dusky	574 lbs	8 oz	6/12/1976	Gary Seay
Shark, Hammerhead	245 lbs	0 oz	11/10/1975	Larry Harmon
Shark, Lemon	279 lbs	12 oz	7/6/1977	Bill Walker
Shark, Mako	179 lbs	0 oz	6/22/1977	Gary Seay
Shark, Sand Tiger	331 lbs	0 oz	9/30/1976	Gabe Kovacs
Shark, Silky	194 lbs	0 oz	4/24/1978	Don Lips
Shark, Thresher	115 lbs	4 oz	10/18/1980	Tom Hall
Shark, Tiger	1004 lbs	0 oz	9/6/1980	Gary Seay
Sheepshead	14 lbs	0 oz	10/5/1991	James Wright
Short Bigeye	2 lbs	8 oz	6/25/1988	Roberta Cloud
Snowy Grouper	55 lbs	10 oz	6/7/2008	Randy Morton
Spanish Mackerel	9 lbs	0 oz	11/14/1993	C. L. Bradshaw
Speckled Trout	11 lbs	3 oz	1/16/2006	Steve Wray
Spadefish	10 lbs	4 oz	6/20/2003	Kelly Hoggard
Spot	1 lb	8 oz	11/8/1978	Cliff Golden
Spottail Pinfish	1 lbs	12 oz	4/22/1990	C. K. Smith
Spotted Hake	12 lbs	15 oz	1/27/2018	Kevin Synowiec
Striped Bass	54 lbs	0 oz	12/6/1972	Bob Nagle
Swordfish	395 lbs	0 oz	7/8/1978	Nick Durney
Tuna, Albacore	45 lbs	8 oz	10/7/2003	Dr. Jim Wright
Tuna, Bigeye	280 lbs	0 oz	7/17/1993	John Norris
Tuna, Blackfin	26 lbs	0 oz	4/26/1975	Bruce Wright
Tuna, Bluefin	393 lbs	0 oz	11/5/2003	Dr. Jim Wright
Tuna, Skipjack	16 lbs	12 oz	6/26/1993	Bob Pride
Tuna, Yellowfin	133 lbs	0 oz	4/26/1981	Don Strattman
Tarpon	94 lbs	0 oz	6/24/1967	Louis Hughes
Tautog	22 lbs	9 oz	3/5/2004	Dr. Julie Ball
Vermillion Snapper	4 lbs	8 oz	9/3/1973	Mike Hayes
Warsaw Grouper	58 lbs	0 oz	5/28/1978	Chester Pawlowski
Wahoo	77 lbs	12 oz	5/13/1973	William Scott
White Marlin	77 lbs	8 oz	8/21/1974	Phillip Quam

Freshwater Species

American Shad	4 lbs	8 oz	3/7/1974	Mike Ney
Black Crappie	2 lbs	8 oz	4/14/1963	William Mosley
Blue Catfish	63 lbs	0 oz	1/20/2014	Mike Anderson
Bluegill	1 lb	8 oz	5/6/1983	Bill Schieman
Bowfin	8 lbs	10 oz	1/1/2012	Ron Jeffords
Brown Trout	2 lbs	12 oz	1/1/2012	Russell Willoughby
Carp	33 lbs	4 oz	5/1/1984	Bill Schieman
Chain Pickerel	5 lbs	13 oz	5/6/1981	Bill Schieman
Channel Catfish	18 lbs	8 oz	3/7/1993	Mike Todd
Flathead Catfish	8 lbs	1 oz	3/30/1962	Carl Johnson
Hickory Shad	2 lbs	9 oz	1/1/2012	Josh Regula
Largemouth Bass	11 lbs	0 oz	3/31/1972	Walter Ellis Jr.
Longnose Gar	15 lbs	4 oz	4/23/2006	Steve Wray
Rainbow Trout	3 lbs	2 oz	4/8/1972	Wayne Singleton
Shellcracker	2 lbs	4 oz	6/9/2016	James Eisenhower
Smallmouth Bass	3 lbs	2 oz	8/1/1983	Doug Clough
Striped Bass	33 lbs	0 oz	4/11/2006	Steve Harding
Yellow Perch	2 lbs	0 oz	2/15/1989	Roy Cahoon
Walleye	6 lbs	14 oz	7/21/1983	Larry Haack
White Perch	1 lb	11 oz	4/7/1983	Bill Schieman

Photo Contest

The Board of Directors and the prize fish committee have refreshed and updated a photo contest open to all club members. For 2019 and beyond, a \$50 cash prize will be awarded to the club member who submits the winning photo. For the club fishing roulette and photo contest, a photo of the angler, with his/her catch, will be required. All other roulette rules remain unchanged. A committee, comprised of Board members, will evaluate all photo submissions and select a winning photo.



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

Saving a National Treasure

Saturday marked the end of Virginia's 2019 General Assembly, and I'm happy to report **it was a great session for clean water!** With unprecedented investments in critical clean water programs, it's clear our legislators value the Bay and Virginia's rivers and streams. [Learn more about the successes you helped make possible!](#)

A family enjoys the sunset at Virginia's First Landing State Park. Photo by William Thomas.

[Learn More](#)

The historic investments in clean water include—

- A record \$89.7 million for Virginia's Agricultural Cost-Share program for farmers to install pollution-reducing practices, such as manure sheds, cover crops, excluding livestock from streams, streamside buffers, and more.
- \$4 million for oyster replenishment and restoration efforts—the highest amount for one year, to help this iconic bivalve return.
- \$10 million for the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund, which provides matching grants to localities for projects that reduce the flow of polluted runoff into local waterways.

Beyond the budget, legislators also passed many measures friendly to clean water, such as maintaining rules to reduce polluted runoff, improving relationships between landowners and the oyster aquaculture industry, and requiring the cleanup of coal ash ponds. [Get up to speed on all things clean water from Virginia's 2019 legislative session!](#)

We didn't win every battle, however. A bill to help localities increase their tree canopies died in committee. Also failing in committee were bills to ban offshore drilling and to transfer management of menhaden, a critical forage fish, from the General Assembly to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

Continued on the next page.

But we have many successes to celebrate from this legislative session. **Your voice and your advocacy efforts helped keep Virginia's rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake Bay near the top of legislator's priorities.** [Take a moment now and thank them for their support for clean water!](#)

[Many, many thanks.](#)

Rebecca Tomazin
Virginia Executive Director
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

P.S. Though session is now over, our fight for clean water continues in full force. We are continuing to keep a close eye on the proposed [Atlantic Coast Pipeline and its potential compressor station in Buckingham County](#). This month, CBF filed a lawsuit challenging the compressor station permit, together with the Southern Environmental Law Center and local partners Friends of Buckingham. We are concerned about this project jeopardizing the health of this rural, minority community in addition to negatively impacting our environment. Emissions from the facility would add a new source of pollution to Chesapeake Bay waterways and contribute to climate change. **We'll keep you updated!**

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Council Meeting

Mid-Atlantic Council Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA: March 6-7, 2019

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's meeting to be held March 6-7, 2019 at the [Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront](#) (3001 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, Telephone 757-213-3000).

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will be posted at <http://ww.mafmc.org/briefing/march-2019> as they become available.

Public Comments: Written comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on February 20, 2019 to be included in the briefing book. Comments received after this date but before 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019 will be posted as supplemental materials on the Council meeting web page. After that date, all comments must be submitted using an online comment form available at available at <http://www.mafmc.org/public-comment>.

Webinar: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/march2019>.

Agenda: [Click here](#) for a detailed meeting agenda.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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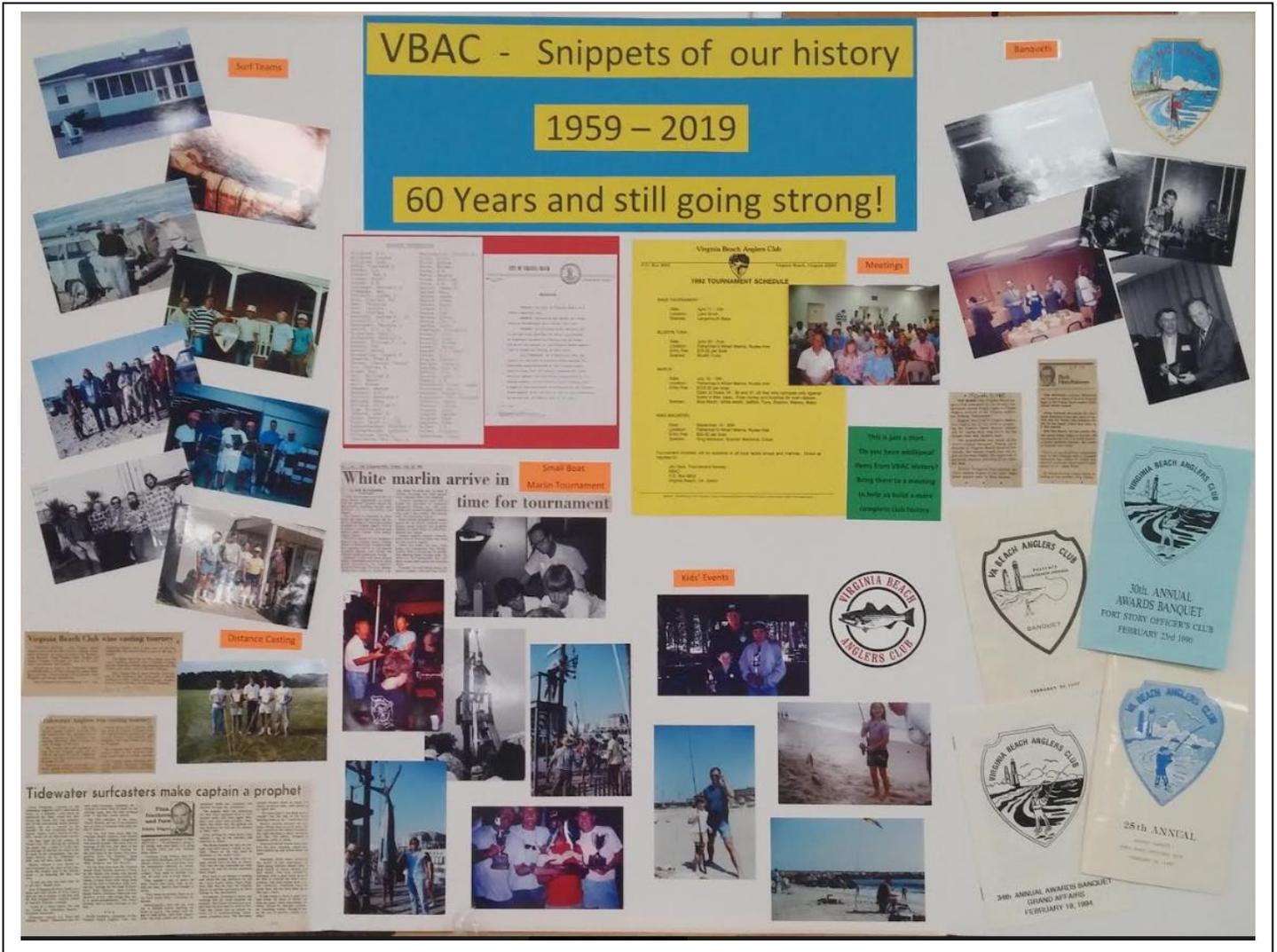
2018 Virginia Beach Anglers Club Committees:

Boat Show:	Chair – Russell Willoughby
Calendar:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Crab Creek Clean-Up:	Chair – Ronnie Nixon
Great Bridge Flea Market:	Chair – Preston Mangum
VBAC Flea Market:	Chair – Bob Burstein
Banquet/Oyster Roast:	Chair – Jerry Mariano
Seton Youth:	Chair – Dave Anderson
Raffles:	Chair – Preston Mangum
Audit Committee:	Chair – Mike Anderson
Surf Tournaments:	Chair – John Germanos
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
Pier Tournaments:	Chair – Gary Doerhoff Co. Chair – Bryan Watson
Prize Fish:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard
Nomination Committee:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair Kelly Hoggard Co. Chair Beth Synoweic
Conservation and Regulations:	Chair – Butch Eason Co. Chair – Kelly Hoggard
T-Shirt Committee:	Chair – Patty Searby

If You Would Like to Help on a Committee,
Please Speak to the Chair. Help is Appreciated!

VBAC History

An article written by Greg Wehner and a poster made by his father, Doug Wenher follows below.



VBAC History Continued

By Greg Wehner

Fishermen tell the best tales about the ones that got away. I have mine. I hooked a king mackerel from the Virginia Beach oceanfront, but a cigarette boat named the Rudee Rocket, freaked the fish out, causing it to bite through the 50-pound monofilament leader, and it got away. Tales like this were told for years on the old Virginia Beach steel pier in the late 50s and early 60s. A group of men fishing at the pier in 1959 were sharing those tales when the idea of a new fishing club in Virginia Beach was spawned.

In 1985, Josh Vaughn, one of the founding members of the Virginia Beach Anglers Club, shared his memories of what it was like. While he could not recall who the first person to say, "Why can't we have a fishing club here instead of having to go all the way to Norfolk," he could spit off names like Sawyer, Dant, Crockett, Morse, Stevens, Davenport and Walker, as those who helped get it started. Mr. Vaughn said when the fishing was slow, they all shared stories. The camaraderie angered members of another local anglers club, he said, and it led to heated exchanges to the point that one of the members of that club taunted the men and called them the Steel Pier Angler's Club. Although that name did not stick, the club was formed under a new name—The Virginia Beach Anglers Club—with a few rules. Money interests would never influence the club, and the club would never be a sounding board for any group or person. Talk of politics was forbidden, and discrimination was frowned upon. So, it did not matter if a person fished from a pier, the beach or boat, nor did it matter if they were using eight-n-bait or a cork bobber with a bamboo pole. They were fishermen - all the same.

In the beginning, the meetings were held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center, the old Dome. During the first pre-organization meeting, Mr. Vaughn made a motion to call the club the Virginia Beach Anglers Club, and it stuck. At the club's next meeting, the charter officers were elected. Serving as the president was Charlie Dant, vice president was Jake Sawyer, and the secretary was Andy Holland. The club's emblem was approved two months later, in February 1960. On it were the old and new lighthouses which represent the City of Virginia Beach. Two boats are seen trolling in the background and a surf fisherman is in the foreground—both elements representing the diversity of the club.

VBAC History Continued

For the first 15 years, men like Mr. Dant, Ellis Mills, Jay Smith and Fred Rushin served as presidents, but in 1974, Betty Smith became the first woman to serve in the spot. Diversity and equality rang true, even back then. In 1960, the club entered the Ocean City Cup in New Jersey. It was considered the “world series” of surf casting. The prize was a tall trophy with a silver Chalice that was valued at approximately \$150,000. When compared with the Stanley Cup back then, the trophy had a higher value. For years, the champions were able to take the trophy home. But that ended when the appraisal was done on the trophy, and it was since kept in Ocean City. That first year that the club entered the casting tournament, it finished in fifth—the worst it ever placed—but every years since, it finished either first or second. Along with participating in casting tournaments, the VBAC participated in fishing tournaments since day one.

In 1960, the club finished first in the Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Fishing Tournament. The club went on to win it again in 1967. VBAC teams continued to compete at tournaments in Ocracoke, Nags Head, Hatteras Village and Long Beach Island—which club members only began attending recently. The club hosted a few surf tournaments in Virginia Beach, but security at Dam Neck and restrictions along city beaches curtailed that. In the late 70s and into the 80s, the club ran a small boat marlin tournament that was very successful and allowed the club, to this day, to have a very comfortable treasury. As for freshwater fishing, the club hosted a bass tournament in the 60s, though details of the event are sparse. Even though political speak was frowned upon all of those years, club members became key figures in the fight against a saltwater fishing license and on fishing regulations. Today, members still speak up on major issues involving regulations and fishing quotas.

Members have been instrumental in educating the public about fishing, whether through hosted tournaments for children, or from a booth at the yearly boat show. While many events, such as the small boat marlin tournament, have been replaced with others or written out of the equation, the club is going strong, thanks to the help of generations of individuals who poured their heart and soul into it. When we all set aside our differences for the sake of the club, and focus on the things that matter—like catching fish and sharing stories about the ones that got away—our club can continue to thrive and will be around for generations to come.

NYCC'S YACHTING COMMITTEE PRESENTS

VA BOATING SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

Topics covered include:

Boating Operations • Safe Boating Practices
Navigation Signs • Boating Responsibilities

Successful course completion, including the written exam, will result in you receiving a VA Safe Boater card.

Free to attend. Ages 16 and up. Space is limited.

To sign up, call Norfolk Yacht Club at 757.423.4500

Visit www.NorfolkYacht.com/Yachting for more details.

Bring a packed lunch or buy lunch from the club.

VBAC Classified Page

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---\$40.00---

Butch Eason

757-681-6019



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To: pmangum@roseandwomble.com

Ads are listed for 90 days or until sold

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Grilling Demo with Jim Baugh of JBO TV / Coastal Angler

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Saltwater Fishing News Continued

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT DIVISION EVALUATION, 1/22/2019

Request for

Public Hearing:

Proposal to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-740-10 et seq., “Prohibits the Snagging of fish,” to include a prohibition on the towing of cobia and striped bass.

Issues:

Towing of fish, particularly of large striped bass, received high profile media attention last month as the late fall striped bass fishery peaked and the majority large cash payout striped bass tournaments were scheduled. Reasons for attaching a large striped bass to a rope and towing it behind the boat are varied. This practice allows the anglers continue to fish and maintain the quality of the catch, keeps the fish alive for substitution of a larger fish (high grading) and most recently, to keep the fish alive and force water into its stomach—added weight, added value at the scale. While fish towed behind the boat may remain alive, as a group if released (or substituted for a bigger fish) they surely suffer a higher mortality rate than a fish released immediately when landed. At least some of last month’s contentions of the prevalence of striped bass being towed behind the boat can be attributed to anglers seeking to add weight to their catch. Trips resulting in a boat limit of large striped bass (one fish per angler) are rare. Additionally Fisheries staff did receive reports during the cobia season that anglers practicing sight casting would be seen towing their one fish over 50 inches. The assumption--the towed fish could be more ethically released when substituted for a larger cobia.

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Saltwater Fishing News Continued

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Background: High-grading of recreationally caught fish, where a smaller legal-sized fish in the angler's possession is substituted for a just caught larger specimen to remain within the legal possession limit, is not a new situation. This is a well-established practice for freshwater largemouth bass fishermen with functioning livewells, particularly when fishing during a tournament with cash or prize rewards. In this scenario legal fish are placed in a livewell and once a limit is reached any heavier fish caught are substituted for the smallest catch in the livewell. Some saltwater anglers have functioning livewells and follow this same procedure. Fish with a very small possession limit, such as striped bass over 28 inches (one fish per person) or cobia over 50 inches (one fish per vessel) are the most likely targets—especially when the angler is participating in a tournament offering cash or major prizes. But few livewells can accommodate large striped bass or cobia. In saltwater, anglers fishing at anchor or drifting, have traditionally placed large fish, such as black drum and cobia, on a stringer. Both of these species are caught primarily during the warmer months of the year. Initially this practice was done solely to preserve their catch but this practice also allows anglers to keep fish alive if they later decide to release their catch. In addition, some anglers will high grade catch once their legal limit has been reached, whether the fish is alive on a stringer or dead in their cooler, and send the smallest fish in their possession overboard.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission approve advertising for a public hearing to amend Chapter 4 VAC 20-740-10 et seq., "Prohibits the Snagging of fish," to include a prohibition on the towing of cobia or striped bass.

Saltwater Fishing News Continued

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Chef's Corner: Cypriot Venison Meatballs (“Keftedes”)

MARCH 2019

Flavors and traditions from the Mediterranean collide with Southeastern Virginia venison to create this tasty treat that can be served as an appetizer or main fare – and it’s just as good cold or hot!

This month’s featured recipe was recently put to the test at the 60th Annual VBAC Awards Banquet at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Virginia Beach – the perfect venue for this Cypriot classic known as “Keftedes” – or fried meatballs.

The traditional recipe is made with a blend of ground pork, lamb, and beef, but many different ground meats will work. The idea of blending meats simply enabled all the trimmings from the hunt or the harvest to be assimilated in a simple, tasty dish such that nothing was wasted.

To prove just how versatile this recipe is, I have repeatedly made Keftedes from 100% pure lean wild venison without any beef or pork fat added, and it is superb – to the point of fooling the experts...my father and uncle – both from the Old Country and fierce adherents to traditional flavors and methods.

The signature cigar-shaped delicacy is always the first to go at any of our family gatherings, and from all accounts, VBAC folks did a great job of wiping them out at the banquet, too!

I made the batch featured in this article at our farm in Southampton County using ground venison from the freezer which was harvested on the property during the early 2018 archery season. We turn some pretty good food out of our modest kitchen at the hunting camp, and it is particularly satisfying to know the star ingredient comes from our land!



Feature Picture: Venison Keftedes with Spring Onion

Cypriot Venison Meatballs (Keftedes)

Ingredients:

1 pound ground venison

1 medium potato, peeled and grated

1 large onion, finely chopped

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley (can substitute mint, too!)

2 Eggs

4 cloves fresh garlic, crushed and finely minced; or, substitute 1 teaspoon granulated garlic

1 tablespoon salt (I like to “salt the board” after mincing garlic to absorb the oils – see below)

½ teaspoon black pepper (use up to a full teaspoon for more spice)

½ teaspoon cinnamon, ground (can substitute ¼ tsp each of ground cinnamon and clove for more aromatic flavors)

Oil for frying (peanut, canola, vegetable, etc.)



Basic Ingredients from the Farm Fridge!

NOTE: It's okay to err on the conservative side of spice at first – simply mix and fry a “sample” meatball to taste. You can always add more spice, but you can't easily take it away! For the banquet, I scaled everything up for 6 lbs. of venison.



Grated Potato, Chopped Onion & Parsley.



Mincing the Garlic.



Salting the Board!



All Ingredients Ready to Mix.



Well-blended Mixture “Ready to Roll”



Rolled and Ready!

Instructions:

Combine all ingredients in a large vessel and mix thoroughly until texture firms-up.

It will feel soupy until well blended, so keep mixing until a firm, tacky texture is achieved.

Let chill in fridge to “set” –this helps firm-up the mixture further before rolling.

Roll chilled mixture into 2-inch long cigar-shaped meatballs (small round meatballs work fine, too!).

Heat oil to approximately 375°F while rolling the meatballs.

Fry until golden brown on each side – approximately 5 minutes per side.

Serve hot or cold as a main dish or appetizer (“meze”).

Garnish with lemon wedges, scallions, and fresh parsley or mint – we like to squeeze a little fresh lemon on the meatballs as well!

This dish is great with a side of Tzatziki, Pita bread (or Pita Chips), humus, olives, and/or Greek Haloumi cheese!

Contributed by: VBAC Angler John Germanos (aka “The Instinctive Chef”)



Frying Keftedes in a Skillet.



Fresh from the Fryer & Ready to Plate!

Chef's Corner: Cypriot Tzatziki (Bonus Feature!)

March 2019

This “Bonus Feature” was prepared and served as an accompaniment to the Cypriot Venison Meatballs at the VBAC 60th Annual Awards Banquet and is Angler-tested and Club-approved!

Tzatziki is a refreshing dip essential to cuisines of Southeast Europe and the Middle East. It reflects the legacy of the Ottoman Empire which once controlled the island country of Cyprus in the Mediterranean Sea and home to my Greek ancestors and many current relatives.

It is an excellent side dish for classic Greek kebabs – and of course, Keftedes – which is the featured recipe of the month.

Tzatziki is a popular appetizer, or “Meze” that combines simple ingredients and appeals to the most discriminating palate!



Tzatziki with a Mint Garnish and Pita Bread.

Cypriot Tzatziki Dip

Ingredients:

- 1 large cucumber, unpeeled
- 1 1/2 cups plain full-fat Greek yogurt (use 2 cups for a less intense flavor if desired)
- 2-3 large garlic cloves, finely minced (I like to crush mine to a paste in a mortar and pestle)
- 2 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice (more or less to taste)
- 1 Teaspoon salt (you can always add a pinch more to taste!)
- 1 Teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 2 Tablespoons fresh mint, finely chopped (can substitute fresh dill if desired – I like the mint!)

Instructions:

Crush the garlic to release the oils and finely mince or grind to a paste (I like to use the salt to soak up the oils).

Grate the cucumber and drain through a fine mesh sieve overnight in the fridge.

Combine the yogurt, garlic, olive oil, lemon, and spices in a large bowl. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Transfer the grated cucumber and fresh dill to the melded yogurt mixture and stir to combine.

Serve chilled with pita bread for dipping.



Melding the yogurt, garlic, oil, lemon, and spices.



Grating the Cucumber.



Draining Grated Cucumber.

Tzatziki Tips:

- Make sure your grated cucumber is well-drained. If you have time, you can drain it in cheesecloth or a fine mesh sieve overnight.
- If you're in a rush, you can use your hands to squeeze the liquid out of the cucumber by pressing it in the strainer.
- Full-fat Greek yogurt is best, but low-fat can be used if you are willing to sacrifice texture – be sure to drain all water/liquid in either case!
- Use the salt to absorb any residual garlic oil from the cutting board or mortar and pestle – that's the good stuff!
- The longer the garlic "rests" in the yogurt, the less sharp bite it will have and the better it will taste as the garlic melds with the yogurt, oil, and spices.
- For best results, combine all of the ingredients except for the cucumber and mint (or dill), then let it rest overnight in the fridge while your cucumber is draining.
- Add the mint or dill at the last minute so it doesn't overwhelm the rest of the flavors.
- Vinegar may be substituted for lemon, but Islanders love lemon!
- This recipe is extremely flexible and does not require strict adherence – best to start small and add as you go to tweak to your particular taste – especially with the garlic, mint, or dill!
- Toasting the pita bread and/or using pita chips makes dipping easier!
- Can also be served as a dressing for classic chicken, lamb, or pork Shish Kebabs in folded pitas with a nice Greek Salata!

Dips-Away!

Contributed by: John Germanos (aka "The Instinctive Chef")

Surf Fishing News



2/24/2019 - Puffers in the Surf at Kure Beach, NC

Had some squid left over from the fall and gave it a try for a couple hours on Carolina Beach. Tried a bar and slough with a nice hole nearby. Not much biting in the 56 degree water. There was good visibility in the water and a light green tint. The water was too cold for the fish bites so I had to abandon those. Also couldn't find the sand fleas even though I dug pretty deep into the washing sand. Went 4 out of 5 on puffer bites. One went 12". There's no complaints to have a line in the water in mid-February. Reports are that the roundhead bite is picking up between Bogue Inlet and Johnny Mercer's Pier in Wrightsville Beach. Hopefully they make their way north soon. Water temps in Buxton were 60 degrees on Feb 20th so look for some action around Hatteras as long as those temperatures remain stable or rise. Looking forward to the spring warm up.

Kelly Hoggard

Surf Fishing News Continued

2019 Ocracoke Invitational Surf Fishing Teams and Alternates List



At the February General Membership meeting we drew for the 2019 Ocracoke Surf Fishing teams.

Those selected are listed here (including alternates).

“R1 thru R3” indicates returning anglers that earned a position based on points scored during the 2018 tournament.

“L1 thru L6 “ indicates positions selected during the lottery drawing on Thursday night.

“A1 thru A9” indicates the order in which alternates were drawn and will be subsequently selected to fill vacated positions from either Team should selected participants be unable to compete.

E-mails will be sent out to all Team members throughout the process as we organize for the event, and all alternates will be copied to ensure they remain up to speed on all developments to ensure each is fully prepared should an opportunity open up.

At the March meeting, we will draw for each of the four fall surf fishing teams. To be able to be considered for any of the fall teams you must be a member in good standing (dues paid) and have met your service obligation. Good Luck with the next round of lottery drawings!

TEAM 1	
R1	Doug Wehner*
R2	Butch Eason*
R3	Russell Willoughby*
L1	Kelly Hoggard
L2	Jerry Mariano
L3	Bob Burstein
TEAM 2	
R1	Carl McCoy*
R2	John Germanos*
R3	Patty Searby*
L4	Bill Frunzi
L5	Jay Graber
L6	Jerry Hughes
ALTERNATES	
A1	Mark Wallace
A2	Bob Schuster
A3	Vic Muron
A4	Larry Regula
A5	Chris Schneider
A6	Bryan Watkins
A7	Micki Walsh
A8	John Gabriel
A9	Bill Searby

For questions, please contact the following:

John T.H. Germanos
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Registration form: *Hatteras Village Tournament.*

Sept 5-8, 2019

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I have a 4x4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger if needed: yes no

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Registration form: *Long Beach Island Fishing Club.*

Sept 27-29, 2019

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I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.

Signature _____ Date _____

Registration form: *Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Tournament.*

Oct 2-6, 2019

Name _____ Phone _____

I have a 4 x 4 vehicle: yes no I will accept a passenger if needed: yes no

I will comply w/ all tournament rules and club guidelines while representing VBAC in this tournament.

**Cut out and bring to March 7, 2019 meeting -or- Mail to: John Germanos c/o Surf -or- VBAC Surf Committee
4608 Player Lane P.O. Box 8602 Va Beach, VA 23462 Va Beach, VA 23450**

Freshwater Fishing News

2.4.19 Fishing with Russell at Lake Whitehurst:

Went crappie fishing with Russell on his 16 Ft. Carolina Skiff on Lake Whitehurst 2.4.19 on the second day of warm weather in February after a freezing week earlier. Ocean's East didn't have a shiners after changing their tanks but Zach Bowles sent us to Care-A-Lot and they have shiners used for feeder fish costing \$.25 for each fish. The parking lot was empty except for one bass fisherman. Wind out of the N @ 10 mph made for a nice drift so we set up to drift with bobbers in a deep spot that we had caught crappie last year. We found plenty of fish on the Hummingbird and in no time I had both of my bobbers go down. Two nice fish just under a pound each. Next drift got me a littler one but still a nice keeper fish. Despite more drifts in the area no more were caught. So we started exploring the shallows and some newer spots we had not previously fished. As I was pulling line out to specifically 15 ft. under my bobber I had put a shiner on already and suddenly the line started pulling down, yep, I had a nice fish on. Turned out to be 13 inch fish probably about a pound but since I had enough fish for a meal I released it for a VBAC minimum release. But that turned out to be the last fish caught that day. Unfortunately Russell didn't hook any but did get a pull down at one point. Not sure why. We both did pretty much the same thing but I had different color Garland rubber on. Still it was a great crappie day for me.

2.5.19 Fishing with Bob

Went fishing the next day with Bob Stuhlman in my V14 Tracker. Bob could only join me after noon but he had picked up some shiners at Atlantic Bait and Tackle. I had to fix my flat tire on my trailer so half day trip was fine with me and we found no one in the parking lot. We headed straight to the place I caught that big one the day before but this time the wind was lighter from the NE which presented a different and slower drift. Setting up deep again I hooked up on the first drift but it got off right at the boat. Two more drifts and I had another on which was a much heavier fish. It measured 14 inches but with no scale with us I decided to bet that it was at least 1 lb., 8 oz. minimum for a VBAC weight minimum. We continued to fish that spot but no joy for the rest of the daylight. We did try the spot I had caught the three crappie the day before but there was no wind at all there. The parking lot is closed at 5pm by the Norfolk Police so we got off earlier since I had tried to buy a Norfolk Lakes Fishing Permit from OE but they didn't have anymore, sold out. Another disappointment by Oceans' East. But when I went there to weigh this big crappie he was exactly 1 lb 8 oz on the nose. No strike three for OE. Turned out that I can send in the completed form from the City of Norfolk website with my \$10 with a copy of my drivers license. Keeping a copy on me till it is sent to me. But again my fishing partner did not catch anything. Just one pull down and shiner stolen. Well we just have to try again while the warm days last.

Blessings,
Ike



Freshwater Fishing News Continued



A day on Lake Whitehurst.

Went fishing with Russell on Lake Whitehurst with the forecast being light winds out of the North then shifting to the East. With 53 degree wind and 48 degree water and N winds I knew it would be cold but fishable. We went the last place we found crappie and could only locate small schools at first but drifted through them. Nothing for two drifts then on the third I hooked up to a small 3/4 lb fish but Russell needed fish so it went in the box and we stayed there and in no time I had a big one on my blue and white Bobby Garland tail. He weighed 1 lb 10 oz on my new digital scale and measured 14.5 inches, too small for a state release but big enough for a club weigh citation. So we continued to drift the area with first N winds under 5 mph then shifting to ESE at 6 mph. This seemed to really be the ticket and soon I had two more and Russell had two also. On the last drift in that direction I had another big one that again weighed 1 lb 10 lb and was 14 inches on my scale. That was pretty much it for catching and while we tried other places that had bait, no fish. All caught on medium shiner on jigs with various rubber tails, mostly Bobby Garlands. Blue and white was best. Went to Ocean's East and both of my fish weighed by Zach were exactly what my scale said 1 lb 10 oz. 6 fish in the box was good eating for Russell.

Blessings,
Ike

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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.

2019 VBAC Elected Officials

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