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Monthly Meeting:

When: Thursday, June 1st, 7:30pm.

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

May Speaker: June is Cobia month and features Chris DeMasi. Chris is a lifelong recreational angler and has been a charter and commercial cobia fisherman in recent years. He is proficient with many cobia catching techniques. Chris has also been vocal in recent cobia fisheries management issues to help keep the season open.

Ocracoke Surf Fishing Tournament – May 3rd-6th

There was a lot of excitement about the bluefish bite in North Carolina this spring. The hopes were high that the bluefish bite would dominate the surf fishing tournament, but that turned out not to be the case. The bite was sporadic and the weather was not cooperative. There were strong winds and surf conditions during the duration of the tournament. A picture, provided by Billy Gorham, showed the front system as it passed through on the second day of fishing. VBAC teams regularly finish in the top 25% of the field, and this was still true. Our team finished in 18th out of 75 teams. The fall tournament schedule starts in September.



Intra-Club Surf Fishing Tournament – May 13th

The weather was very questionable on the morning of the tournament. Storms and rain pushed through the area, but the rain cleared by around 9am. Those that braved the elements came out to fish at Sandbridge. There was a large swell coming in off the water of about 3-4' waves. Most fish caught were along the edges of the sandbars or in the holes between them. The bite was exclusively roundhead and all caught were of great eating size. They all measured in the 12-13.5" range, except for one fish caught by Robbie, measuring in at an impressive 15 inches. Congratulations to this springs champion, Robbie Parks! Robbie finished with 5 fish for 26 points.

1st – Robbie Parks

2nd – Kelly Hoggard

3rd – Jerry Hughes

4th – Patty Searby



VBAC Lynnhaven Crab Creek Clean-Up

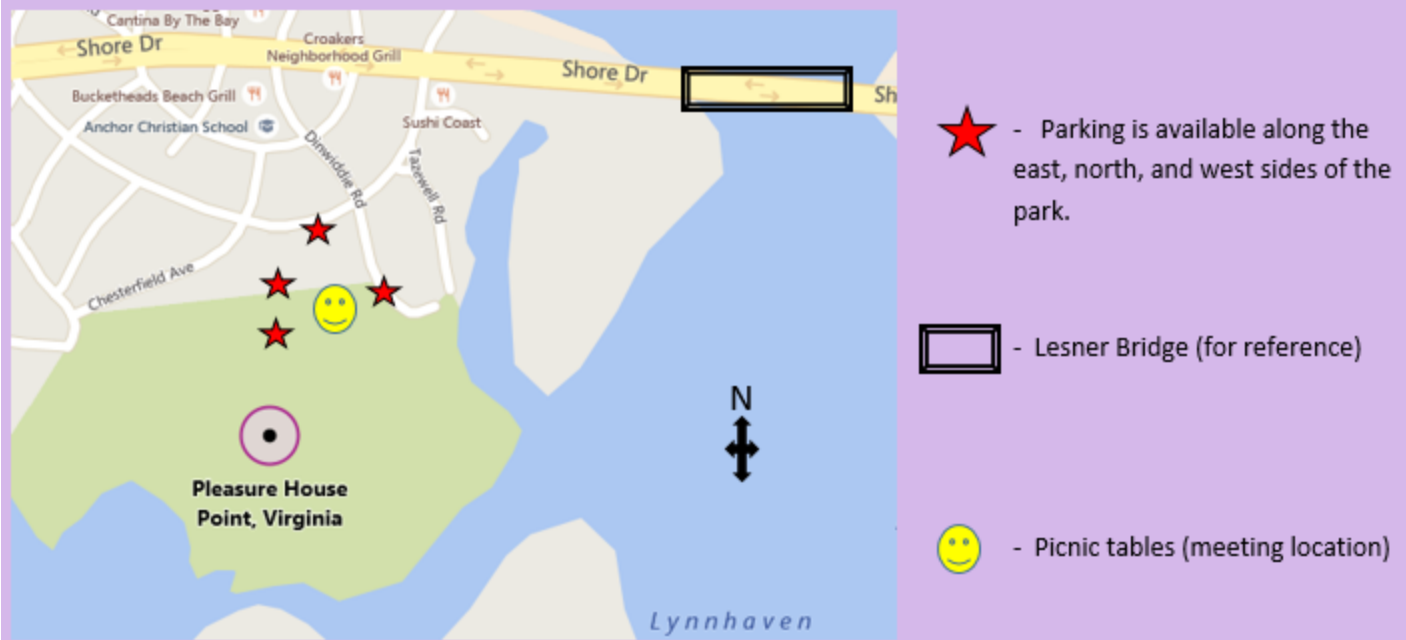
Our Next monthly clean-up is **Saturday morning, June 3rd from 10:00-12:00.**

Free lunch is always provided. Come out and support a very special event run by our angler's club.

Meeting Location: **Pleasure House Point Park, in Virginia Beach, next to the Brock Center**

Team Leader: **Ronnie Nixon**

Contact for Information: **Ronnie Nixon: (757)536-6264, Kelly Hoggard: (757)416-8817**



Hunt for Hardheads Fishing Tournament

Congratulations to the team of Ken Copenhaver, Gary Doerhoff, and Rob Stommel for taking first place in the annual hunt for hardheads fishing tournament! Four of the five club boats entered to fish the tournament failed to leave the dock on Saturday, but it only took one boat to successfully school the competition. This three-man team brought the title back, making VBAC back to back champions! That's right, the Virginia Beach Anglers Club finished in first place with a total of 12 points. The weather forecast was a little iffy for the morning, but conditions were excellent prior to the winds picking up at around 10am.

VBAC – 12 points

GBFA – 7 points

PAC – 5 points

NAC – 3 points

The tournament is an annual fundraiser for a local chapter of "Wish-A-Fish". Thanks to all the volunteers and participants, even if you weren't able to fish.

The late spring and early summer season is heating up. Get out there and go fishing!

Hunt for Hardheads Fishing Tournament



Seton Youth Fishing Day: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – June 24th

The annual Seton Youth Fishing Day is fast approaching. This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 24th. This is a huge event for our angler's club each year and we need lots of club volunteers to participate and make it successful. The day's events usually run from about 11-5. A total of about 20-25 volunteers are needed to help the kids on the boat. Most of the participants, including some mentors have never been fishing before. It is very important we have enough volunteers to help with all the kids. If you haven't been out on one of our Seton Youth Days, you're well overdue and need to be there. We will be soliciting for participation at the meeting Thursday. You can call Kelly Hoggard at (757) 416-8817 to enlist your services on the boat.



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RULES

Tournament is open to all.
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Fish must be caught on the pier during Tournament times and
alive when brought to the judging table.

Winner will be determined by length.

Ties will be determined by earliest entry time.

Winners do not have to be present at 4 PM.

All prize money will be awarded. If no entry in a species, prize money will be
divided and awarded to the winner with largest entry in remaining species.

1 Species = \$150 to the winner

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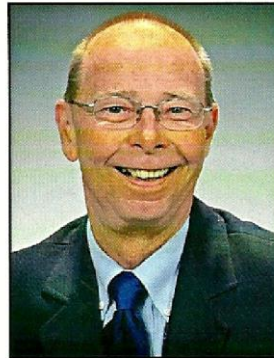
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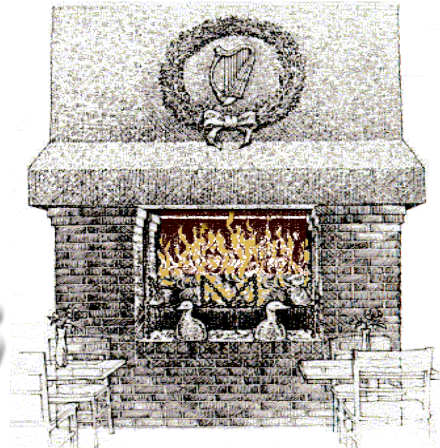
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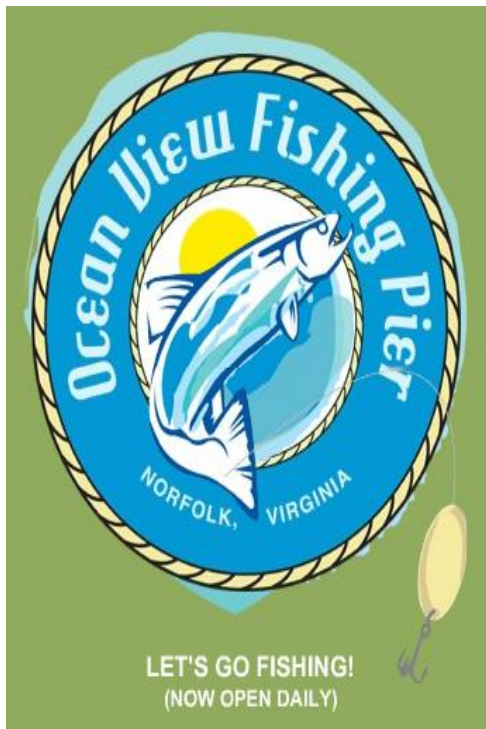
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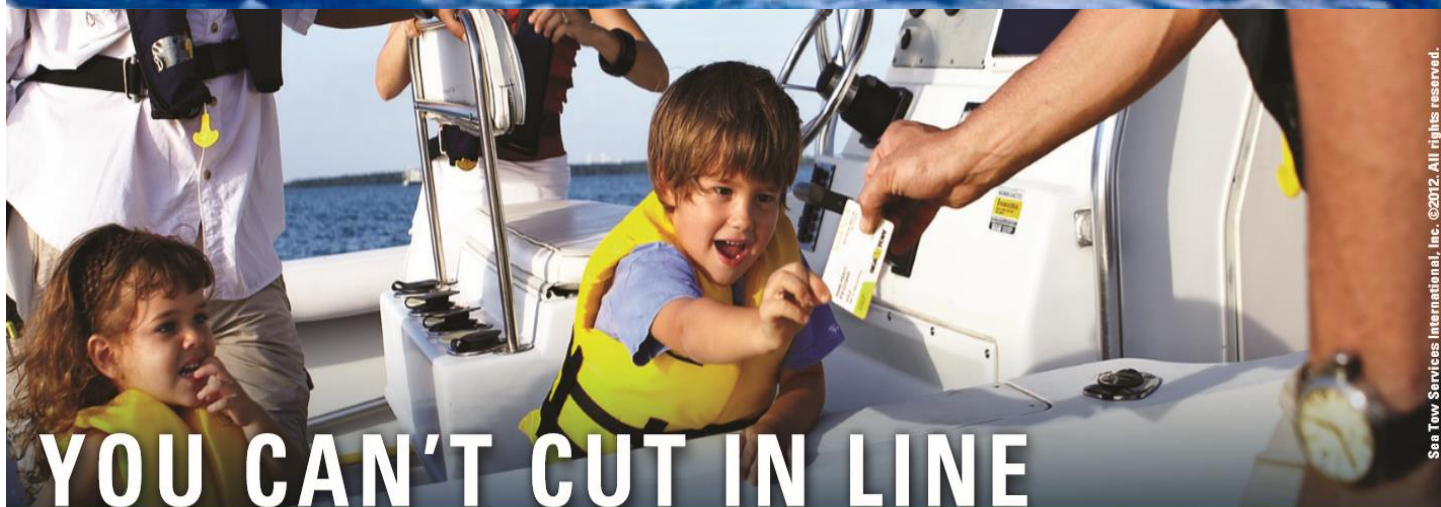
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VBAC Fishing Roulette 2017

Updated: April 1st

<u>Species</u>	<u>Current Leader</u>	<u>Weight</u>
<u>Saltwater:</u>		
Cobia	None	
Croaker	None	
Speckled Trout	Ike Eisenhower	3 lb. 4 oz.
<u>Freshwater:</u>		
Blue Catfish	Bob Stuhlman	48 lb. 00 oz.
Sunfish	None	

Heaviest fish wins! The VBAC Roulette is eligible through the entire calendar year of 2017. Entries should be submitted via the club fishing contest entry form to the prize fish committee. You can mail your entry to the club if needed.

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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

2017 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 – Bob Burstein
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Audit Committee:	Chair – Mike Anderson
Surf Tournaments:	Chair – Robbie Parks
Club Tournaments:	Chair – George Gabriel Co. Chair – Bob Burstein
Lynnhaven Pier Tournaments:	Chair – Gary Doerhoff Co. Chair - NEEDED
Newsletter:	Chair – Kelly Hoggard
Prize Fish:	Chair – Chris Schneider
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 – Jerry Hughes

Conservation and Regulations

Provided by various individuals, conservation organizations, and regulation commissions.

Recreational Fishing Advisory Board (RFAB): At the most recent RFAB meeting, the most pressing discussion is related to budget cuts and shortfalls expected for upcoming fiscal calendars. Some programs and funding are expected to be decreased or ceased in the near future. While most programs are still fully functional, some may be threatened. Information will be monitored and provided as it becomes available in the future.

NOAA Fisheries Releases Fisheries Economics of the U.S. and Status of Stocks Reports: NOAA fisheries announced the release of the two new reports. You can view these reports and information by clicking on the provided link. [NOAA Fisheries Link](#)

Marine Sportfish Collection Project: The Marine Sportfish Collection Project is a data collection project that comes primarily from recreational anglers. There are a variety of ice chest style freezers around some of the area tackle shops and marinas. After fileting the fish, you place the carcass into a garbage bag and fill out an informational card to be placed in the bag with the fish. You can view more about the project by going to the provided link. [Virginia Recreational Assessment Program](#)

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC): The MAFMC will have their June council meeting here in Norfolk, Virginia. The meeting is from Tuesday, June 6th – Thursday June 8th. The agenda is provided here: [MAFMC June 2017 Agenda](#)

VIMS – Cobia Related Research: In January, researchers at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) embarked on a collaborative cobia research project. Each project focuses on a different aspect of cobia research, and each has potential outcomes that could be valuable for management. There are still many questions about the movement and stock structure of cobia in Virginia. Dr. Jan McDowell will be working with anglers to collect tissue samples from cobia captured on hook and line in the Chesapeake Bay. These samples will be analyzed to look for genetic differences and assess cobia stock structure in Virginia.

In a related study, Dr. John Graves will also investigate patterns of movement using pop-off satellite tags (PSATs) to track cobia migration. In order to better understand the economic effects of regulatory changes for cobia. Dr. Andrew Scheld will investigate Virginia recreational angler decision-making and preferences with respect to cobia management through focus groups and an online survey for cobia anglers and members of the bait and tackle industry. Lastly, Dr. Kevin Weng will review angler logbook records to look for changes in the maximum size of cobia over time. Angler participation is a crucial part of each project, and an exciting chance for collaborative research. To learn more about the research or if you'd like to participate, please contact Susanna Musick, SUSANNA@VIMS.EDU.

Monthly Fishing Contest

Much like last year, the club will be featuring a **Fish of the Month** competition open to all members. One fish will be designated each month as the 'fish of the month'. The longest fish measured in that species for the month will win a \$30 prize from the club. The competition runs from March to December for 2017.

Competition Rules:

- The competition is based on the fish's total length. (There is no minimum length requirement to win.)
- Your fish must have a photo with its verified length visible in the picture via a ruler or tape measure behind or next to the fish. (Please note: Take multiple pictures so you can have one of the fish's length and one of you holding your prize winning catch!)
- You must submit the photo(s) along with a short caption or story about your fishing experience for the newsletter.
- The fish must meet the general requirements of the club prize fishing contest and be turned into the prize fish committee.

April: Crappie

Winner: Larry Regula

May: Red Drum

Winner:

June: Cobia

Winner: Possibly You!

Go out and catch some fish!

Fishing Reports

Red Drum Fishing:

Left - Beth Synowiec – April 29, 2017.

Went out to Fishermans Island with Kevin on a spontaneous red drum trip. Very little time out on the water but they had 3 nice runs and one knock down. Kevin had one that got away when it was wrapped in the prop and Beth got a pair of solid fish.



Right - Beth Synowiec – May 27, 2017.

Made it out and caught a nice 46.25 inch red drum release citation.

Fishing Reports

Red Drum Fishing on FINAO:

Bob Stuhlman wanted to guarantee that we could get his brother in law Jerry Frye a big red drum so he set up a charter with on FINAO with Capt. Austin Hayne and invited me and Russell along for a trip 5.17.17 in the evening. Winds were light out of the SW with an outgoing current when we cruised across a beautifully calm bay. This was Jerry's first trip on the Chesapeake so we gave him the royal tour guide info as we cruised by the CBBT and how to fish for reds. We set up anchor off of the fleet of boats already there between Nautilus Shoals and the lumps near buoy 10. No bites on our halves of blue crab till after sunset then the first rod went off. Since Jerry was a red drum virgin he got the first fish and quickly boated a 47 inch red for his first Virginia citation. Austin and his mate Alex kept the bait fresh on the hooks so in no time Russell had a fish on. He was landed his fish that was a 45 incher. I was next with a 47 1/2 inch red that really had shoulders and was a fight but the current was light by then and was able to land him quickly. Then after a little wait and one that got off as he cranked it tight, Bob boated a 47 1/2 inch red. Then the current died around 10 pm and no more were hooked. We did attempt to catch some stripers over the second island tube but none were available and the wind had started to crank up from the SE so we didn't stay there long. In all it was a great trip evening to start our red drum fishing season. Thanks Bob for setting this trip up and congrats to Jerry on his first Virginia citation.



Fishing Reports

Fishing the Capt. Stacey in Atlantic Beach, NC: My wife Kathy and I went down to Atlantic Beach, NC near Morehead City for the week since she has off the whole month between jobs. While there I went fishing on the Capt. Stacey a headboat out of Atlantic Beach. Luckily that day was the only fishable day since winds were consistently 25-30 the rest of the week. This was the 4th time I've fished this headboat and it's one of the best I've been on. All day fishing produced vermillion snapper, grunts of all kinds, triggerfish and some edible sharks. I hooked a grouper at one point but he managed to get back in the wreck and cut me off eventually. I also hooked an amberjack and fought with him for quite a while until he managed to get under the boat and foul too many lines so we cut him off. Fished 50-100 ft. on multiple wrecks. Using typical two hooks rigs provided by the boat. I'd recommend this headboat any time. Great mates and a real comfortable boat. \$95 for whole day trip.



Hunt For Hardheads – Trials and Tribulations of the Tournament Team

5/17 Ken made a significant contribution to max kings retirement fund and got the sea fox out of hock.

5/18 Sea trials are scheduled for the afternoon and as usual and luckily the 64w was backed up past granby, so tidewater drive it was. guess what? the r/h bearings decided they were done. A quick run to give Bob Spano some money was next and then a roadside repair. Took the rig to my house for more attention. Still no sea trials.

5/19 We repaired the r/h side and thankfully looked at the l/h spindle. Guess what? Boy, you guys are smart and yes we replaced those bearings too. Pumped the tires and went to Willoughby. Even caught some croakers and had no more issues.

5/20 Dropped into the water and went fishing. We caught a ton of croakers, 1 keeper flounder, 1 small spot and 1 jr. roundhead. Left the ramp for my house and our bad luck was back. l/h tire went out at robin hood exit. After much ado, we got to my house & loaded the trophies into my truck. I broke all traffic laws from azalea garden rd. Norfolk to Portsmouth city park and made it before 1:30 cut time with plenty to spare (1:19) Rob said he would fish with us again but I don't think he will ride in my truck.

5/21 Sunday dinner of homemade coleslaw, french fries, and pan fried croaker was excellent.

Ps: Thank you GBFA for a VERY GOOD lunch and being a gracious host.

Fishing Reports

Flounder Fishing CBBT: Jerry Hughes went out to try for some flounders on Saturday, May 27th. He managed one keeper flattie.

Tilefish Trip, May 16, 2017:

We finally got the second part for the boat installed, so Kevin and I decided to go test it out. Beautiful flat calm day. We picked on some sea bass first and then went a hunting for some Golden Tilefish or “mud puppies” like I call them. Second drop yielded three fish, I caught two on one rig and Kevin hooked up with one as well. On the fourth drop, I felt a huge weight and wham, the fish started fighting and taking drag like crazy, what a blast! Holy cow, what a fighter! My citation golden weighed in at 36lb. 10oz. We could have continued catching but had plenty of meat in the box already so we stopped after the fourth drop and headed in early. Cut bait did much better than squid today. Weight used was 24 oz on a double tilefish rig. Reels were shimano tyrnos 30 two speeds with tallus rods.



Seabass Trip: May 28, 2017

We needed some fresh meat for the grill tomorrow. Caught a 3 man limit of really nice sized sea bass. This was Shawn's first sea bass deep drop trip and he was on fire out there. I think it's safe to say he's hooked now. Oh, and speaking of hooked, a 6 foot hungry blue shark decided to show up by the boat. He quickly disappeared so I tossed out a jig and started jigging. He was hooked up in less than 2 minutes. The fight was awesome until he broke the 100lb test and took off. Oh well, at least he has some pretty jewelry and it was a blast while it lasted!

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.

2017 VBAC Elected Officials

Officers:

President: Larry Regula

First Vice President: George Gabriel

Second Vice President: Bob Stuhlman

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