

March
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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Pics from Feb meeting



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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 Stulhman	Bob Burstein	
Doug Wehner	Ed Buckley	Jerry Hughes	

Members' News

Membership Dues are DUE: The membership dues for the VBAC are \$30 for individual or family. You can pay them at the meeting or mail to VBAC, P. O. Box 8602, Virginia Beach, VA 23450.

NOTE: Only members in good standing are eligible for tournament competition consideration!

Have a boat and need a crew?

Rich Maquire - needs crew 619-4851
Bob Wuorinen - available 486-8588
Leonard Harris - available 455-8667
Jerry Mariano- available 563-6365
David Harwood- available 340-6187
Tony Carpinelli- available 214-1480
John Connelly- needs crew 971-2588
Ben Krause- needs crew 486-3721
Bruce Agnor- available 302-562-4783
Brian Brewster- available 202-2580
Wayne Burton- needs crew 420-3117 or 620-0413
Jack Guthrie- available 647-4490
James Tarr- available 351-0571

Want to fish but need a boat?

Howie Dorfman- available 621-2220
Wayne Johnson- available 689-0367
Frank Donohue - need crew /available 589-8021
Eddie Wright- available 757-617-1079

Share the ride and share the expense. If you would like your name added or deleted call Steve Harrington @ 757-232-1529; or email SNOTY@AOL.COM

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Upcoming Dates:

February

▶ Monthly meeting for March is on the 1st beginning @ 7:30 pm at the Foundry Church. *More info on the meeting agenda available on page 5.*

* Bass Pro Shops 2012 Spring Fishing Classic. More info on page 4.

& Adopt-a-spot cleanup. More info on page 4. Boat inspection also available (see page 5).

Charter Boat Workshop Meeting. More info on page 8.

◁ Great Bridge Swap Meet. More info on page 5.

◆ This month's Board meeting is on Mar 15th @ 7:30 pm at Foundry Church

\$ Annual Awards Banquet. More info on page 8.

Please remember to submit your fish tales or interesting boating adventures to share with our club members.

CLUB NEWS

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

The January 7th Adopt-A-Spot Clean up at the Lynnhaven Boat ramp had 11 of our club members out in the very unusual 60 degree day helping. What a wonderful day to be out helping our community and fellow Anglers! Numerous bags of trash were picked up while watching boat after boat launch and recover. Lunch was chili and corn bread muffins made by Clare A.! mmmmmm. Thank you all very much for helping support our Community!

Hope to see all next time, March 3rd at 10 AM.



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.

Bass Pro Shops 2012 Spring Fishing Classic

People are still needed to staff the VBAC table for March 3rd and 4th. Jerry can be contacted at the March meeting or via email (Jandmahughes@cox.net)/phone (548-2290). Club Members who volunteer to participate will receive a special discount from Bass Pro Shops on store items for participating.

Background: The VBAC was invited to participate in the Bass Pro Shops 2012 Spring Fishing Classic. They requested we man the booth from 10AM until 6PM Saturday and Sunday. Two people for each four hour shift (10AM-2PM, 2PM-6PM) is sufficient. This is an opportunity for VBAC to advertise our Club and an opportunity for Club Members to fulfill the VBAC participation obligation for 2012. We will not be able to sell any items.

March Monthly Meeting

This month's guest will be Capt. Mike Atkinson...A.K.A Cat-Man-Do speaking on Monster Blue Catfish in the James River and Surrounding areas. He has been fishing the James since he was a child and is one of the most successful Charter Captains on the James River.

Board Notes

The board is planning family beach day. Possibly Sandbridge in June or July. Please inform Larry or Ed Buckley about your interest.

The board is also preparing some changes to the function and activity manual. Most changes concern anglers in tournaments sponsored by the club. Prize fish rules will also be updated and published in this newsletter on pages 6-7.

Club membership voted to adopt amendments to the club constitution and by-laws at the February club meeting, the changes were published in the previous newsletter.

Old notes:

VBAC has a group membership with Boat US- group # GA84494B. When you sign up for BoatUS, using the VBAC group # will provide you a discount on your fee. See Jerry Hughes for more details.

Great Bridge Swap meet, March 10th, VBAC has a table where members go put out and sell their unwanted nautical wares-- Jerry Hughes can provide more details.

Inspection Opportunity

Member Craig Huber, as a member of the USCG Aux, has offered to make himself (and others as necessary) available to conduct boat safety inspections- which when you pass, you will be issued a sticker to display on the boat. Craig will be at Crab Creek on Saturday, March 3 between 9:00AM and 12:00. Free for members. This date coincides with our clean-a-spot duty for the club. So you can kill two birds with one stone: bring your boat by land or sea to Crab Creek on March 3rd, and help clean up while Craig and company conduct their safety inspection.

If you plan on bringing your boat down, please drop Bob Stuhlman a note at kitchenpass71@yahoo.com; so Craig can have ample assistants to help with the demand. You can take a "virtual" exam at <http://www.safetyseal.net/index.asp> or sign up for another date if the 3rd is not good.

A Note from the Prize Fish Committee

Great job by all 2011 participants. Reminder, your 2012 dues must be paid before catching any fish for the 2012 contest.

Changes to Club Prize Fish Minimums

We've made some changes to club minimums (effective immediately) for fresh and saltwater prize fish. As some of you are probably out catching fish as this is being written, we want to make you aware of the changes. Also, remember that all fish must be caught in accordance with state and federal regulations (e.g. Shad above the Fall Line and Striped Bass outside 3 miles are both no-no's).

Freshwater Species

	Virginia State Requirements		VBAC Requirements	
	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>
Bass, Largemouth	8 lb 0 oz	22"	6 lb 0 oz	17"
Bass, Rock	1 lb 0 oz	12"	12 oz	10"
Bass, Smallmouth	5 lb 0 oz	20"	3 lb 0 oz	15"
Bass, Striped (FW)	20 lb 0 oz	37"	15 lb 0 oz	28"
Bass, White	2 lb 8 oz	18"	1 lb 14 oz	14"
Bowfin (Grindle)	10 lb 0 oz	30"	7 lb 8 oz	23"
Carp	20 lb 0 oz	34"	15 lb 0 oz	26"
Catfish, Blue	30 lb 0 oz	38"	23 lb 0 oz	29"
Catfish, Channel	12 lb 0 oz	30"	9 lb 0 oz	23"
Catfish, Flathead	25 lb 0 oz	40"	19 lb 0 oz	30"
Chain Pickerel	4 lb 0 oz	24"	3 lb 0 oz	18"
Crappie	2 lb 0 oz	15"	1 lb 8 oz	12"
Gar	10 lb 0 oz	40"	7 lb 8 oz	30"
Muskellunge	15 lb 0 oz	40"	11 lb 0 oz	30"
Northern Pike	6 lb 0 oz	30"	4 lb 8 oz	23"
Perch, White	1 lb 4 oz	13"	15 oz	10"
Perch, Yellow	1 lb 4 oz	12"	15 oz	10"
Sauger	2 lb 0 oz	18"	1 lb 8 oz	14"
Shad, American			(Release only)	12"
Shad, Hickory			1 lb 8 oz	10"
Sunfish/Bluegill	1 lb 0 oz	11"	12 oz	9"
Trout, Brook	2 lb 0 oz	16"	12 oz	12"
Trout, Brown	5 lb 0 oz	25"	12 oz	19"
Trout, Rainbow	4 lb 0 oz	22"	12 oz	17"
Walleye	5 lb 0 oz	25"	4 lb 0 oz	19"

Saltwater Species

	Virginia State Requirements		VBAC Requirements	
	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Release Length</i>	<i>Weigh</i>	<i>Release Length</i>
Amberjack	Release only	50"	Release only	38"
Bass, Black Sea	5 lb 0 oz	n/a	3 lb 0 oz	17"
Bass, Striped (SW)	40 lb 0 oz	44"	30 lb 0 oz	33"
Bluefish	16 lb 0 oz	36"	12 lb 0 oz	27"
Cobia	55 lb 0 oz	50"	42 lb 0 oz	38"
Croaker	3 lb 0 oz	20"	2 lb 0 oz	15"
Dolphin	25 lb 0 oz	n/a	18 lb 0 oz	35"
Drum, Black	80 lb 0 oz	46"	Release only	35"
Drum, Red	Release only	46"	Release only	35"
False Albacore	Release only	32"	Release only	24"
Flounder	7 lb 0 oz	26"	5 lb 0 oz	20"
Gray Triggerfish	4 lb 0 oz	20"	3 lb 0 oz	15"
Jack Crevalle	Release only	40"	Release only	30"
Kingfish (roundhead)	1 lb 8 oz	16"	1 lb 0 oz	12"
Mackerel, King	20 lb 0 oz	n/a	15 lb 0 oz	33"
Mackerel, Spanish	4 lb 0 oz	26"	3 lb 0 oz	20"
Marlin, Blue	Release only		Release only	
Marlin, White	Release only		Release only	
Pompano	1 lb 8 oz	16"	1 lb 0 oz	12"
Sailfish	Release only		Release only	
Sharks	Release only	72"	Release only	54"
Sheepshead	10 lb 0 oz	24"	7 lb 0 oz	18"
Spadefish	9 lb 0 oz	22"	7 lb 0 oz	17"
Spearfish	Release only		Release only	
Spot	1 lb 0 oz	13"	14 oz	11"
Swordfish	100 lb 0 oz	Any	75 lb 0 oz	Any
Tarpon	Release only	36"	Release only	30"
Tautog	9 lb 0 oz	23"	6 lb 0 oz	17"
Trout, Gray	9 lb 0 oz	30"	6 lb 0 oz	23"
Trout, Speckled	5 lb 0 oz	24"	3 lb 0 oz	18"
Tuna, Bigeye	70 lb 0 oz	n/a	53 lb 0 oz	38"
Tuna, Bluefin	100 lb 0 oz	60"	75 lb 0 oz	45"
Tuna, Yellowfin	70 lb 0 oz	n/a	53 lb 0 oz	38"
Tilefish, Blueline	10 lb 0 oz		7 lb 0 oz	
Tilefish, Golden			30 lb	Any
Wahoo	35 lb 0 oz	n/a	26 lb 0 oz	38"

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)

Annual Awards Banquet

Reminder, the Annual Awards Banquet will be on March 24, 2012 at the Greek Orthodox Church at 621 First Colonial Road. The cost is \$15 per member and \$20 per guest. (If you decide to come at the last minute, it will be \$20 at the door.) Please don't let the "awards" part of that scare you off. Yes, the proficient anglers among us will be recognized. But we'll also have a wonderful meal made possible by our own Chef Jerry and his kitchen staff as well as a wide variety of raffle items available. M/C is CAPT Reese Bowles. It's a great time to make some fishing connections and get to know who is catching what and where. It is a BYOB event. The club will provide water and soda. Come join us.

Tickets will be available at the March meeting. Please see Sue Smith. Hope to see you there.

P.S. If you have an item or items that you would be gracious enough to donate for the raffles, please bring them to the February or March meeting or call Sue Smith at 340-8022 and she will make arrangements to get them from you.

Charter Boat Workshop Meeting

Hello, warm greetings from Gloucester Point, Virginia!

The 2012 Virginia Charter Boat Workshop will be held at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (Watermen's Hall) on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Hours: 8AM to 4PM.

The workshop will focus on charter business management with sessions on fisheries management, legal issues, insurance needs, marketing and finance tips and lessons learned from current charter operators.

The workshop is open to all charter and head boat operators and marina professionals.

The registration form can be found online:

http://www.vims.edu/research/units/centerspartners/map/_docs/charterboat2012.pdf .

Registration cost for the workshop is \$15 and will cover lunch and resource materials. The registration deadline is Friday, March 2, 2012. On-site registration will be limited and will increase to \$30 the day of the workshop.

“Hunt for the Hardheads” Fishing Challenge

A croaker, bluefish, and flounder fishing challenge between the Great Bridge Fisherman’s Association, Portsmouth Anglers Club, and the Virginia Beach Anglers Club will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the Willoughby Public Boat Ramp (13th View St. and Bayville St. Norfolk, VA). Lines in at 7AM and ‘measure in’ is between 12:30 and 1:30PM.

Entry Fee: \$30.00 / Boat (3 angler teams). Additional Anglers \$10.00.

Includes: Fishing, Picnic and Wish A Fish Donation (Picnic only is \$5).

RULES:

1. Club may enter as many teams as they would like. Team Captains must be club members.
2. Teams must register and pay in advance through their own club’s tournament director.
3. Boats may depart from any VA port.
4. The eastern boundary will be 500 yards east of the HRBT.
5. Fish will be measured by length only, if the exact length is encountered a girth measurement will decide.
6. Points Structure... The longest legal fish of each species will earn 5 points, the 2nd longest legal earns 4 pts, 3rd longest legal fish earns 3 pts, 4th longest legal fish earns 2pts., and the 5th longest legal fish earns 1pt.
7. The Club with the Most Points Wins!

Note from the Editor

Thanks for all the newsletter inputs, keep ‘em coming. My email is snoty@aol.com

Thanks, Steve

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

2012 Flounder Regs Info

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) is voting on four flounder regulations for the 2012 season, one of which will be chosen after input from area fisherman and clubs. The proposed regulations are: A) 17 1/2 inch minimum size limit, 5 fish possession limit, and no closed season; B) 17 inch minimum size limit, 5 fish possession limit, and no closed season; C) 17 inch minimum size limit, 4 fish possession limit, and no closed season; and D) 16 1/2 inch minimum size limit, 4 fish possession limit, and no closed season. The VBAC Board agreed on option B which I have submitted to the VMRC. VMRC will vote on Tuesday, 2/28/12. Submitted by, Butch Eason

“Keep the beaches open” effort...

If you want to keep the NC beaches open, please go to the link below and sign the petition to show your opposition to the beach closures. It's going to take a great effort on behalf of all that support access and many signatures will be needed.

<http://www.change.org/petitions/the-us-senate-remove-the-orv-rule-keep-the-beaches-open-provide-free-open-access>

Previously published important information

An important update on the Menhaden restoration status that Alison Fairbrother of the Public Trust Project prepared can be found at the following website: It is very informative.

<http://bit.ly/A0pRZZ>

An ASMFC commissioner representing Virginia (Richard Stuart) is proposing that Virginia withdraw from the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Senate Bill 18).

As I understand it, Virginia would still have to abide by the ASMFC's regulations on coastal marine resources (including Menhaden) whether the state is part of the ASMFC or not ... but Virginia wouldn't have a seat at the table (vote).

FISHING NEWS

Surf Fishing Report

REGISTRATION FORMS for DRAWING POSITIONS 2012 SURF FISHING TEAMS

We have five teams fishing in four fall tournaments. All positions for the fall 2012 teams will be filled and the alternates ranked from a drawing at the **March 3, 2012** business meeting. The positions for the Ocracoke tournament were drawn at the February business meeting. A registration form is required for **EACH** tournament you wish to apply for. You must be a member of VBAC in good standing (dues paid) to be eligible to have your name drawn. You may mail in your forms or bring them to the March 3, 2012 meeting. They must be turned in by 7:30 PM that night. You do not have to be present. You will have to have access to surf fishing equipment, make travel arrangements, and meet your share of any additional team expenses.

FEES: \$60 per tournament that you are a team member of (due at the April business meeting) and the balance of lodging for each tournament due at the monthly meeting prior to the tournament.

OPEN POSITIONS FOR 2012

- 1.) *Hatteras Village Civic Association* *September 6-8, 2012*
Team A: Last Year's Team Returns
Team B: Last Year's Team Returns

- 2.) *Long Beach Island Fishing Club* *September 22, 2012*
Team A: 3 positions: (Returning: Doug Wehner, Greg Wehner, Jerry Hughes)
Team B: 3 positions: (Returning: Steve Wray, Cheryl Johnson, George Gabriel)

- 3.) *Nags Head Surf Fishing Club* *October 3-6, 2012*
3 positions: (Returning ... Doug Wehner, Robbie Parks, Jim Wisenberg)

- 4.) *Cape Hatteras Angler's Club* *November 2-5, 2011*
4 positions: (Returning ... Robbie Parks, Mark Wray)

Cut out and bring to March 3, 2012 meeting -or- Mail to: Robbie Parks c/o Surf (467 Barcelona Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452) -or- VBAC Surf Committee (P.O. Box 8602, Virginia Beach, VA 23450)

Registration form: *Long Beach Island Fishing Club.* *Sept 22, 2012*
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.
Signature _____ Date _____

Registration form: *Nags Head Surf Fishing Club Tournament.* *Oct 3-6, 2012*
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.
Signature _____ Date _____

Registration form: *Cape Hatteras Angler's Club Tournament* *Nov 2-5, 2012*
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.
Signature _____ Date _____

The surf fishing committee unanimously agreed that the members of the 2011 Hatteras Village Tournament teams (A & B) should return for the 2012 tournament. Dues must be paid by the March 1, 2012 meeting or you will be dropped from the team. The team members are:

TEAM A

Cheryl Johnson
Brian Francazio
Stan Sutliff
Doug Wehner
Steve Wray
James Yandle

TEAM B

Melanie Bayford
Butch Eason
Jerry Mariano
Robbie Parks
Larry Regula
Jim Wisenberg

ALTERNATES

Jack Guthrie
Carl McCoy
Kelly Hoggard
Jerry Hughes

Any member in good standing who would like can have their name added to the alternate list.

Tight Lines!
Robbie

Fish Recipe

The next time you want to try something different, soak cut up pieces of Tile fish (fish bites) in Texas Pete hot sauce for a minimum of 4 hours (over night is fine) in the refrigerator. Rinse bites lightly and then bread and fry normally. The Texas Pete flavor it in the fish but none of the heat...mmmm good....Recipe borrowed from Capt. Skip Feller.

Fishing Tales

Attached photo was taken on 2-7-12 from my boat on the Piankatank River. Don Bayford caught a 40" release citation blue catfish. Cell phone would not get his face in the photo with the cat since he could not lift it any higher, and on my boat I could not go any farther back and stay dry. This was one of many cats that we landed that day as well as a few quality sized bowfins. The bowfins were not in the "Jeffords" class size. Melanie Bayford



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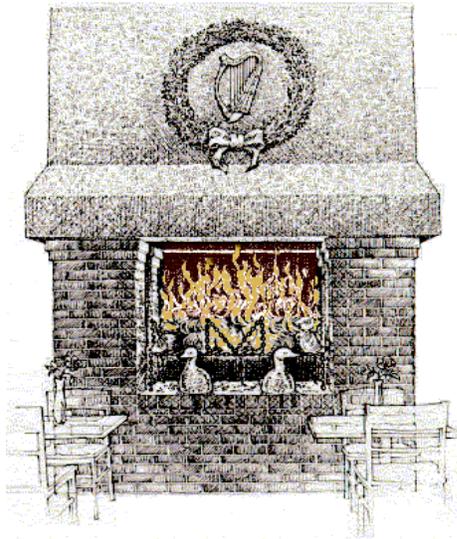
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The purpose of the VBAC is to encourage sport fishing, both freshwater and saltwater, while supporting prudent governmental and other policies that promote the preservation, conservation and ecology of all marine life.

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.

Would you like to advertise with the Virginia Beach Anglers Club?

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For more information contact

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

Bill Peebles: 757-377-4340 or bpeebles1@cox.net

NEW Club T-Shirts
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The Club is offering newly designed t-shirts for sale.
See Jack Guthrie at the meeting for details or to buy your t-shirts.

WANTED:

Got fishing tips, spots, or recipes you are dying to share? Send them to Steve at snoty@aol.com and share your wealth of experience with your fellow fishing mates. We are looking to make this a monthly feature in our news letter— for the benefit of all our members.