



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

DECEMBER 2011

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NEXT MEETING: Lori Sorabella from the Oyster Reef Keepers of Virginia



FLY: No fly will be tied, we will offer a "getting started" session for the beginners.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanks again to all of you who attended the November meeting where we gave an update on our annual trip to Harkers Island. We also showed a really nice video that was taken by Dave Nash and had some very nice underwater shots of a hooked albie. If you missed the meeting, you can view the video by going to our Facebook page. It's worth the time. This month Laurie Sorabella from Oyster Reef Keepers of Virginia will be giving us an update on oyster reef restoration in Chesapeake Bay. As most of you know, oyster reefs are a prime structure used by most of the game fish in this area. She probably will have some information on the locations of existing oyster reefs and those under construction that we can all put to good use. It should be a very interesting and useful meeting. I would also like to remind everyone that our January meeting will be our annual banquet on Saturday, January 14, 2012, and will be held at the church from 6 pm to 9 pm. We are having a nice rod, reel and line outfit that we will be raffling off. We have decreased the cost this year to \$10 per person. We are also asking everyone to bring a dish. Mike LaHorner will be sending out a message to coordinate the dishes so we don't end up with everyone bringing a similar dish. Kevin DuBois is putting together a slide show consisting of pictures taken of fish caught by members throughout the year that he will be presenting at the banquet. If you have pictures that you would like to share with the club, please email them to Kevin at ispeakforthewetlands@verizon.net. Some of you may have noticed members wearing shirts bearing the club logo and their name. A local company has made



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mike Buss, President; Ed Owens, Vice-President; Kendall Osborne, Treasurer; Mike Lahorner, Secretary;

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Chris Burbage, Lawrence Clemens, Sam Davis, Dave Dembicki, Spencer Hayes, Noel Horne, Scott Reppert, Ron Russell

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Kevin Dubois

RENEWAL TIME

It is time to renew you membership. The good news is the membership fee has not been increased and remains **\$30.00** for a family membership. Please take a minute and complete the attached renewal form and send a check to keep us going.

MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S REWARDS!

Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Date: _____

Membership is **\$30.00** annually and includes all family members. Please complete this form with a check made payable to VCFA. You can bring the completed form and check to the next meeting, or mail it to or club treasurer at VCFA, P.O. Box 2866, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2866

NAME/S: _____

ADDRESS _____

City _____ STATE _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please Circle:

New Member

Renewal

WHAT NOW!

I am planning the schedule for pre meeting events (Fly of the month, etc...) If there is a particular pattern you want to see, a technique you want to learn, or a fly you would like to tie and share with your fellow anglers, now is the time to speak up.

Send me your suggestions and ideas to VirginiaCoastalFlyAnlgers@gmail.com today! I hope to make the sessions beneficial to everyone and the more input and participation the better the experience will be for everyone.

this service available to our members for a terrific price of \$7.50 for just the club logo and \$3 to add your name. You can have the logo and name put on shirts you already own and do not have to purchase a shirt for this service. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer, please see Dave Dembicki or shoot him an email at dembickiDM@yahoo.com. We also held the election of our officers at our November meeting and I would like to congratulate all of those who stepped up and volunteered to serve for another year and for receiving a vote of confidence from the membership. Here is the list of newly elected officers: President, Mike Buss, Vice President, Sam Davis, Treasurer, Kendall Osborne, and Secretary, Larry Clemens; Board of Directors, Ed Owens, Mike LaHorner, Kevin Dubois, Chris Burbage, Dave Dembicki, Andy Kallgren, Ron Russell, and Scott Reppert. The installation of officers will occur at the annual banquet in January. I would also like to remind everyone that it is dues paying time again and the cost is still the same, \$30 per year and you can save a postage stamp and pay at any meeting. The fall fishing season is in full swing with lots of action available to all of us who can get out. Larry Clemens and I were out last weekend and saw a lot of fish in the light line and it will just get better and better as the fish from up north find their way into the Bay. But you do need to get out if you want to take advantage of some of the best striper fishing of the year. At any rate, the big stripers are entering the Bay and now is the time to plan a trip, so contact a club member and get out, and, of course, be sure to post your results on our Facebook page along with some pictures! I hope to see you all on December 15. Until then, thanks and tight lines to all!

Mike Buss

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON
WITH ALL THE BEST CATCHES
IN THE NEW YEAR!**

FISHING REPORTS



The Weather continues to be fairly warm and so does the fall fishing. Some species, such as Tog are red hot with almost everything else being available. Striped Bass are here, but reports are spotty. I was out the day after Thanksgiving and so were a lot of other anglers. We only saw two fish caught all day. We did not get anything to bite our flies as the current was ripping, but we did get one Tog before our 16 ounce sinker stopped holding. We ventured out the next day with different results. The current and tide were opposite on the way out and it was a bumpy ride to the second island. We started out Tog fishing and caught 7. Then, as the current slacked and tide changed, the water laid down nicely and we took out the fly rods. We landed four before the current stopped completely. We waited for a good strong light line to see if there were fish holding, and sure enough - there were. They were not loaded up between the pilings, but each light had one to four fish visible. All of the Striped Bass caught had sea-lice on them.

Reports of big bass in Long Island and New Jersey are still abundant, but some large Stripers are being caught in the upper Chesapeake Bay. The third and fourth Islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnell have produced some nice fish. Bait has been plentiful and so are the fisherman. At one point, there were boats on every other piling and FIVE headboats fishing around the chicken coup and Two fishing around the second island.



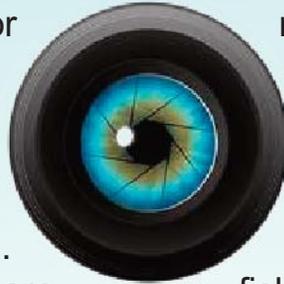


READY, AIM, SHOOT

Take a moment to enhance your memories in the digital world! For many of us, our catch of the day is brought home in the form of digital images. Thinking about a few simple things will enhance your photos with fantastic results. Most cameras (and cell phones) are far superior to the older print

film formats. If your camera is 12 megapixels or higher, there is virtually no deterioration of quality. Two really big advantages are in the technology of light meters that are built into cameras. We used to take our light meters, spot read the subject, adjust the settings on the camera, then shoot.

Now you point, push the shutter button halfway down to get a spot read (or multi spot read), then fully press the shutter button - instant picture. You can see the results erase and reshoot if you don't like what you see. Special lenses, filters and effects can be applied easily. When shooting your fish, one must consider taking the shot immediately and releasing the fish quickly to decrease the mortality rate.



Have your camera out and in a convenient location. Show others you are fishing with how to turn on. zoom, focus, and snap the picture BEFORE catching the first fish. Zoom in on the fish as much as possible and make sure all your subject is in on the screen. Careful attention to composition will increase your satisfaction of having a good picture. Make sure the sun is not in front of the lense. Turn the boat (or your body on shore) so the light is on the subject, but not overexposing your shot. At night, shine a spotlight on the fish to allow the camera to focus on the subject, but make sure your red-eye reduction feature is on.

Photography can be a lot of fun and give you memories for a lifetime. Good pictures can be an art form and are often a challenge to get the results that satisfy the discriminating shutter bug.



Mike Buss with a Tautog



RED SKY AT NIGHT - NOVEMBER 26, 2011

ANNUAL BANQUET

Mark it in your calendars - **January 14, 2012** at Bayside Presbyterian Church. We will have our VCFA dinner. The cost will be \$10.00 per person with club members bringing side dishes, the main foods will be provided. We have lowered the cost in hopes to get more of you to come. Bring your friends, and family - they don't need to be a member or know how to fly-fish!

Social hour will begin at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served around 7:00 PM

The event was very successful and popular this past year so we are sticking with it. We are already getting some nice raffle prizes, if you would like to donate something for the cause please contact Mike LaHorner at 2dwater@gmail.com. Remember, your support helps to provide funds for speakers and other activities through the year. Bring plenty of extra cash to spend on the raffles!

Kevin Du Boise will put a slide show together of events and fish through the past year. If you have a photo (or two ..) send them to Kevin at KevinDuBoisPhoto@gmail.com

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BE ACTIVE, TAKE PART!

Please submit pictures, advice, humor, questions, stories of trips - anything you think will be relevant to our club members. I am looking forward to 2012 and would like to get a wide variety of information to present to all our readers.

We will have a general meeting in 2012 where we encourage everyone to give a short presentation on a trip (local or travelled). Just show some fish or talk about your experience. If you learn a new knot, fly pattern, heard the latest in new equipment, share it with your fellow anglers. It's your club, make the most of it - be active and take part!