



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

JANUARY 2012

VISIT US AT VCFA.ORG

NEXT MEETING:

January 14, 2012

VCFA BANQUET. 6:00 PM.

RSVP to Mike Lahorner - 2dwater@gmail.com

Raffles, Stories, Food and more.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanks again to all of you who attended the December meeting where Laurie Sorabella from Oyster Reef Keepers of Virginia gave 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, and after listening to her, I believe much better things are in store for the Bay. Oysters can filter 50 gallons of water a day and as more and more of them are returned to the Bay we should see much cleaner water as they filter out sediment, nitrates, toxins and bacteria. Just a win-win scenario! 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. It's always a fun time and we have a lot of fly fishing stuff that we will be raffling off including a nice rod, reel and line outfit, a couple of shadow boxes with salmon flies, backpacks, fly fish-counts for rods, reels and lines, ing CDs, ExOfficio clothes, dis- creased the cost this year to and much more! We have de- asking everyone to bring a \$10 per person. We are also sending out a signup message dish. Mike LaHorner will be don't end up with everyone bring- ing 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 ispeakforthetwetlands@verizon.net. Some of you may have noticed members wearing shirts bearing the club logo and their name. A local company has made 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 pur-



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mike Buss, President; Sam Davis, Vice-President; Kendall Osborne, Treasurer; Larry Clemens, Secretary;

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Chris Burbage, Dave Dembicki, Andy Kallgren, Mike LaHorner, Ed Owens, Scott Reppert, Ron Russell, Kevin Du Bois, Immediate Past President

ANNUAL BANQUET

It is here! **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 flyfish!

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**

**PLEASE CONTACT US NOW TO ATTEND.
WE NEED A HEAD COUNT FOR FOOD, ETC...**

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 _____

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Please Circle:

New Member

Renewal

chase 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 Kalgren, Ron Russell, and Scott Reppert. The installation of officers will occur at the banquet. 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. Stripers are all over the Bay and Ocean Front and now is one of the best times of the year to get a real trophy striper over 30 lbs! Remember that it is catch and release only in the bay and you have to stay inside the three mile limit off the Ocean Front. When you get out, just look for birds diving into the water and of course if you see a large grouping of boats, they are probably on to something! One last note, I would encourage all of you to release the big ladies you catch, the smaller fish are better eating and it gives the bigger fish, who carry many more eggs than the smaller fish, a chance to spawn this spring. 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 January 14, and don't forget to send Mike LaHorner an RSVP along with the dish you will be bringing. Until then, thanks and tight lines to all!

Mike Buss

Sea lice is abundant on most of the fish caught this time year!



FISHING REPORTS



Fall and Winter fishing is proving to be a banner season so far. Strippers are plentiful (large and small) and the weather has been cooperative with generally mild temperatures. I have done a lot of Tog fishing during the Fall and Winter and have had some nice catches. Then switching to fly fishing, we have added to the catches with some good catches of Striped Bass. I only had one nice 40+ inch fish to the Boat and first mate Mike Buss missed it with the net (on another note: I am looking for new fishing partner - just kidding). Now with the new year, I will do some ocean fishing for the bigger fish. My brother has been trolling them up in the 30- 50 pound range consistently.



Mike Buss and Sam Davis with doubles on New Years Eve



Sam Davis with a gift for the New Year!



Mike Buss with a Schoolie

Greg Brown's First Striped Bass

