



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN APRIL

BOARD MEETING: 06 APRIL

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 13 APRIL

At the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

7:30 PM: Doors Open Early - Come Help Set Up.

7:45 PM: Meeting Starts With Club Business:

- Committee Reports
- Winter Flounder FOM Award
- Club Business
- 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Captain Brett Taylor will speak on Spring Striper Fishing
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Joe Filice

Well, here we are approaching the beginning of the 2012 fishing season. As I write this it is February and cabin fever is beginning to set in. The water temp is up to 44 degrees already and I'm hoping for an early start to the striper fishing in the surf. I am looking forward to a great year for the Village Harbour Fishing Club and look forward to seeing everyone at the April Meeting. Thanks to Vince Sibona, John Kleban and John Rendzia for the great job at the Fishing Flea Market in February. Over 100 chances were filled out for a free membership and a new member was signed up. The drawing for the free membership will be at the April Meeting and I hope to see a great turnout. Our speaker will be Capt. Brett Taylor on Striper Fishing and this promises to be an informative session.

Those of you who are regulars at the monthly meetings know how good our speakers have been and the benefits of sharing with our fellow members on fishing experiences and techniques. I encourage those of you who have not been to a meeting in a while to come out and enjoy the camaraderie and exchange of information, as well as the speakers and refreshments. Our club library is growing and Bill

Dabney has updated many of the books and DVD's available. Please take advantage of this great resource and take them home for a month.

We will be holding an in club Fluke Tournament this year with cash prizes. John Kleban will be the tournament chair and full details will be available later in the spring. This is a great opportunity for some friendly competition and a chance to win some cash.

As in past years, the club will be supporting efforts to protect our rights as recreational fishermen and will continue to monitor legislation that affects our rights and the fishery.

The club website is, www.VHFCclub.com, It looks great and has loads of information, along with club pictures, fishing reports, and Club info. You will also find the 2012 Membership Form on the site. Please take the time to visit the site and catch up on what's happening.

The club is what you make it and your participation is necessary to our success. I look forward to working with the Board and membership to make this a memorable year. Until we meet again I wish everyone tight lines and good health.

2011 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR

Winter Flounder	NONE		
Tog	Paul Pestritto	2lb 11 oz.	10/28/2011
Weakfish	John Kleban	.92 lb.	9/1/2011
Bluefish	Paul Galasso	18.0 lb.	7/2/2011
Fluke	Diane Kleban	10.30 lb.	7/24/2011
Sea Bass	Bob Dodds	1.6 lb.	11/7/2011
Striped Bass	John Kleban	40.25 lb.	6/5/2011

Congratulations to all those listed above. Prizes for all the Trophy Fish of the Year winners will be distributed during the April 2012 Membership Meeting.

2012 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2012 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.

Blackfish
Bluefish
Fluke
Sea Bass
Striped Bass
Weakfish
Winter Flounder

The rules are simple: you have to catch a fish of the above species, take it to one of our official weigh stations to have it weighed and recorded on our official weigh-in forms. If you have weighed in the largest fish of a particular species for the calendar year 2012, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2012 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by John Kleban

The award for Striped Bass & Bluefish will be announced at the April General Membership meeting.

2012 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by John Kleban

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2012 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

March & April	Winter Flounder
May	Striped Bass
June	Fluke
July	Bluefish
August	Fluke
September	Sea Bass & Weakfish
October/November	Striped Bass & Bluefish

Fish of the Year & Month standings are recapped and updated on our website frequently. Click on the site to get current standings.

2012 SUMMER FLOUNDER AND BLACK SEA BASS REGULATIONS

After reviewing input from the public on March 1, 2012 at the NJ Marine Fisheries Council meeting, the Council has voted on new regulations for both summer flounder and black sea bass.

In a vote of five for and three against for Option 5, the 2012 summer flounder season will run from May 5th through September 28th, with a five (5) fish bag limit, a minimum size of 17.5 inches and be open for a total of 147 days. This is five more days than 2011.

The NJ Council voted unanimously for Option B for the 2012 black sea bass season which will be open from May 19th through October 14th and November 1st through December 31st with a twenty five (25) fish bag limit, a minimum size of 12.5" and is open for a total of 210 days. The option for a winter fishery in 2013 with a reduced bag limit of fifteen (15) fish was removed from the main motion so that it would not cause ASMFC to reject the NJ Councils proposed size, season and back limit for black sea bass for 2012. The Council will address the 2013 winter fishery at an upcoming meeting.

Thank you,
Joseph Puntasecca
President
Jersey Coast Anglers Association

ABOUT JERSEY COAST ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1981. The original objective of the JCAA was to combine a loosely fragmented group of marine sportfishing clubs in order to form and promote a united consensus on issues relevant to saltwater anglers in New Jersey. Over the years, the mission of the JCAA has remained unchanged, but now has the added goal of joining forces with organizations having similar objectives in states along the East Coast and national organizations. While the JCAA is relatively young, it has emerged as the most effective organization of its kind on the East Coast. For more information, or for information about becoming a member of the JCAA, please call (732) 506-6565 or visit www.JCAA.org.

WINTER FLOUNDER FISHING REPORT FOR MARCH 23 by Vince Sibona

John Kleban and I went out on the SEA BONA on the first day of the season for winter flounder. We went to one of my favorite spots, about 3/4 of a mile south of Double Creek Channel. We anchored up and started fishing about 8:15, putting out a chum pot and using blood worms for bait. Within a few minutes John had a keeper in the boat. We caught 5 fish in one hour fifteen minutes, averaging one fish every 15 minutes with an incoming tide. The fishing slowed down a little for a while until the tide started to change, then we started catching flounder again. We stopped fishing at 11:30 when we ran out of worms. We had a total of 9 flounder, 8 keeper size up to 16 inches and one short. John had the largest at 16 inches, 1.88 lbs. My largest was 15 inches, 1.52 lbs. 2 photos of the 4 fish we kept to take home. We thought it was a very good day considering the winter flounder fishing over the past few years. The weather could not have been any better. A bright sunny day. Air temp upper 60s. Water temp 58 degrees. Hopefully this is the start of a good fishing season for everyone

FISHING REPORT by Bill Logan

Attached is a photo of one of my fishing buddies Chris Kistler holding a King Mackerel, besides the King we also caught 2 Cero Mackerel, 2 Porgies, 1 Hog Fish & 14 Yellowtail Snappers. We were at a place called the East Patches in 35 feet of water about 4 miles out in the Atlantic off of Bahia Honda, only had to move once to find the fish, first location did not give us any, I only moved about 500 yards, dropped anchor again put out the chum waited about 10 minutes for the chum and cracked corn and rolled oats to work and we got into them. As soon as the 3rd block of chum ran out it was all over and time to come in.

I would like to make note that when you say fishing in the Florida Keys everyone thinks of Sailfish, Mahi Mahi, and other large fish, yes, we could do that type of fishing but the cost of doing that would prohibit us from being able to go out almost every day, that is why the smaller fish such as Hog Fish, Mangroves, Yellowtails, Muttons & Lane snappers, Porgies, Grunts and a lot of others, which make it a lot of fun to fish in the Florida Keys. We fish for fun down here not records.



Chris Kistler Holding a Nice King!

FISHING REPORT by Bill Logan

Attached photo is Jimmy McKee of Sunshine Key R.V. Resort holding a 30 lb. + King Mackerel he caught Sunday the 29th of January off of Bahia Honda State Park in the Florida Keys. Otherwise fishing has been good each trip out & we have limited out on Mangroves at the Bridges or Yellowtail Snappers in the Atlantic.



A Very Nice King Mackerel!

VHFC T- SHIRTS AVAILABLE by Vince Sibona
VHFC T- shirts will be available at all meetings. The cost is \$18. Please see Vince to purchase yours while supplies last. T shirts may also be purchased by mail. Please send a check for \$23 which includes shipping to: VHFC, P.O. Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. These shirts are very nice & are being sold at cost.

SRHS FISHING FLEA MARKET REPORT AND PHOTOS by Vince Sibona

John Kleban, John Rendzia and I had a very successful day Saturday, February 18, at the SRHS Fishing Flea Market. We had 103 raffle tickets filled out for the free one year membership drawing. The drawing will take place at the April General Membership Meeting and the person must be present to win. Hopefully we get a good turnout for the drawing and some of the non-winners will join our club at the meeting or soon after.

Thank you John Kleban for making the beautiful display poster that drew a lot of attention and got many people to come to our table. There were more people at the flea market this year and they were friendlier than last year. They were very inquisitive and asked many questions about our VHFC.

John Rendzia, our new Speaker Rep., not only helped with the raffle tickets, but solicited possible future speakers for our meetings.

We had some VHFC Members stop by at our table to say hello and chat for a while.

FISHING REPORT FOR THE KEYS by Bill Logan



I had to put this one back.

My son (Bill) and Grandson (Bill) flew in to Key West on Sunday, February 12th to stay until Friday for 4 days of fishing. Monday it was blowing too hard but that worked out good as they had purchased

a 3 day fishing license. So we fished Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Believe it or not Wednesday we had over 50 fish and not one keeper. I must have moved 6 times trying to find fish, BUT, we made up for it Thursday, we caught so many we ran out of bait, stayed in the one spot at the Seven Mile Bridge, 3 good size Yellowtail Snappers, 11 nice size Mangroves snappers, 9- Big Yellowtail Jacks, and boy are they fun to catch, plus 5 Porgies and 5 Grunts, plus all the shorts we had to release, they went home very happy.

PS Bill (my son) purchased green Tee shirts for all of us to wear while out fishing, Arleen washed them every night so we would have them to wear every day and we became the *3 Mean Green Machine Fishing Team*. Ha.

LONG TIME MEMBER GEORGE FRUH PASSES AWAY by Dick Vesper

George Fruh, one of the first members of VHFC and our long-time Weighmaster until he moved, died on January 15th after a bout with pneumonia. George & his wife, Flo, moved to Florida a few years ago. Both Ray Williams & I spoke to him over Christmas & he was doing well. Ray & his wife had planned to visit with George & Flo in late January at George's home in West Palm Beach. We will miss him very much. He was a gentleman, a great fisherman, & could repair or build anything.



Our Friend George!

MONTHLY HANDS ON by John Henson

We will have the Hands On table at every meeting. Let me know if you want to help out or just stop by if you have any fishing questions.

CLASSIFIED ADS by Ray Williams

Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact me at 978-1480 if you wish to place a free ad. Please contact me if you wish to renew an ad from last year.

1996 Boston Whaler Dauntless with 60 HP Mercury-- very good condition -- Boat is on trailer and ready to go for Spring fishing - \$12,500

- Includes
- Trailer
- Fisher heavy canvas winter cover
- Console and helm seat cover
- Front cushion
- Front Cooler seat and cushion
- Depth finder, Compass

Serviced regularly by west creek outboard
send email to JBarnhart@cmasolutions.com or call 609-297-2222



1996 Boston Whaler for Sale

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

Members may place free ads in this section if you wish to find someone to fish with. Maybe you need to find someone with a boat or you are interested in

finding someone to share expenses on your boat. Contact Ray Williams at 978-1480 to place your ad.

Ads from last year need to be renewed for this year!

Joe Marone is looking to fish with other members. He no longer has a boat but is willing to share costs. Please call him at 732-674-9448.

Walter Maier is looking for members with boats who might want to take him fishing with them. He is willing to share expenses. He has been out with several of our members already. He is available most days & lives in the area; his number is 609-489-0779

PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY MATERIALS! by Bill Dabney

If you borrowed anything from our library over the winter, please make sure to return it at the next meeting so that other members may enjoy our library collection.

OLD FISHING BOOKS WANTED by Ray Williams

Bill Dabney has accumulated some very good books & videos for our library but we will gladly accept any donations if you have fishing or boating books or videos you would like to donate to our library. If you have something, either bring it to a meeting or call Bill at 978-6893 to make arrangements for us to get your book or video. If you have a book on loan from our library please return it when you have finished reading it.

OFFICIAL VHFC WEIGH-IN STATIONS by Ray Williams

Beginning this year, we will have 2 official weigh-in stations. Both are Club Sponsors & offer VHFC members nice discounts: The 2 stations are **Fisherman's Headquarters & American Sportsman Bait & Tackle**. Location information is on the last page of the newsletter.

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2012 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPLETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$40.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 11, 2012

Print Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: _ / _ /

Note: All three * items must be completed for both new members & renewals!

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2011 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete the following:

Name of Spouse:	Shore Address:
Principle Address:	(complete if different from Principle Address)
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	*Do you want your email address in the Membership Directory?
E-Mail:	YES: _____ NO: _____

You must provide an email address to get your newsletter, newsletters are no longer printed!

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Print Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2012 Form for Junior Angler Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPLETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$10.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC JUNIOR ANGLER
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 11, 2012

Note: All 6 * items must be completed.

APPLICANT: Please complete the following each year (one sheet per Junior Angler)

Name*:	Member #:	Nick Name:
Signature*:	Junior Angler's E-Mail:	
Home Address:	Home Phone:	

*Do you want your email address in the Membership Directory? Circle Yes or No

SPONSOR: Please complete the following:

SPONSOR MEMBER'S INFORMATION (ALL ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR)

By completing the following, the Sponsor takes full responsibility to accompany and supervise the applicant's behavior and ensure the applicant's well-being during and en route to and from any club activity or event and further certifies possession of the legal authority to do so.

Further, the sponsor affirms this applicant will not reach 18 years of age on or before May 11, 2012.

Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature*:	Date*: / /
	Relation to Applicant*:

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Print Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

2012 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 3/30/12)

<p>April 13 2012 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder <u>7:45 APRIL 10:</u> > Club business > 2011 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the Oct & Nov Fish of the Month > Intro - North Bay Fleet Outing > All Present - Fishing Discussion Speaker: Captain Brett Taylor, "Spring Striper Fishing"</p>	<p>May 11 2012 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 11- Fish of the Month: STRIPED BASS <u>7:45 MAY 08:</u> > W. Flounder FOM Award > Update - North Bay Fleet Outing > Capt. Melanie Boytos Award Presentation Speaker: Jim Shockley "Preparing Your Boat For Spring" > Club business</p>	<p>Tentative Date TBA NORTH BAY FLEET OUTING</p>
<p>JUNE 08 2012 Fish of the Month: FLUKE <u>7:45 June 12:</u> > Club business > Striped Bass Fish of the Month Award > Report - North Bay fleet Outing > Speakers: Captain Brett Taylor "Fluke Fishing" & Congressman John Runyan "Fishing Legislation"</p>	<p>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WILL BE IN AUGUST. LOOK FOR THE DATE IN UPCOMING ISSUES!</p>	<p>JULY 13 2012 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH <u>7:45 July 10:</u> > Club Business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Club Fishing Forum > Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney > Intro to VHFC Dinner > All Present - Fishing Discussion ></p>
<p>DATE TBA FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNNEY CHAIRMEN: TBA Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>	<p>AUGUST 10 2012 Fish of the Month: FLUKE <u>7:45 Aug. 14:</u> > Club business > Fish of the Month Award > All-Present - Fishing Discussion > Intro-VHFC Dinner Dance > Presentation Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney</p>	<p>DATE TBA VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 14 2012 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS & WEAKFISH <u>7:45 Sept. 11:</u> > Club business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Report VHFC Dinner Dance > All-Present - Fishing Discussion > <u>Speaker: TBA</u></p>	<p>October 12 2012 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish <u>7:45 Oct. 09:</u> > Sept. Fish of the Month Award > Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker: TBA</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 09 2012 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. <u>7:45 NOV 13</u> ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER INTRO TO NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012</p>

Monthly meetings are 2nd Fridays starting promptly at 7:45 PM. Doors open at 7:30 – Come early and help us get set up.

No Membership Meetings are planned for the months of December through March.

OUR CLUB WEBSITE by John Kleban

We have a great website that is updated frequently! Please visit us & at <http://www.vhfclub.com/> & send us your feedback at VHFCreports@verizon.net

2012 DUES MUST BE PAID BY MAY 11TH 2012!

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
1st Vice President Open
2nd Vice President Open
Treasurer Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
Secretary Donna Harris (908-227-5588)

Trustees

Sergeant at Arms Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Weigh Master/Awards John Kleban (597-4852)
Recruiting Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Membership Data Base Ray Williams (978-1480)
Guest Speakers John Rendzia (549-0951)
Immediate Past Pres. Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Public Relations Joe Marone (732-674-9448)
Newsletter Ray Williams (978-1480)
Library Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Library Alternate John Henson (978-0312)

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Sergeant at Arms (Board) Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Attendance Donna Harris 908-227-5588
Website John Kleban (597-4852)
Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Vessel Safety Jeff Orsoe (732-672-5530)
JCAA/Regulations Dave Spendiff (488-5549)
Fishing Hands On John Henson (978-0312)
Board Member Ed Valitutto (304 5440)
Board Member Bill Logan (597-0784)
Boat US Jeff Orsoe (732-672-5530)
Tournament Director John Kleban (597-4852)
All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.

**The following have offered a discount with the presentation of current VHFC Membership Card
Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale**

<p>FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>BOAT U.S. VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for members' use will be at VHFC meetings Or call Jeff Orsoe 494-6415</p>	<p>L&H Woods & Water 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase</p>
<p>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on purchases of \$10 or more</p>	<p>CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.</p>	<p>GALLIVANT GRAPHICS BOAT LETTERING We come to you ---- 10% off for members 609-812-9883</p>
<p>AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>THE BOAT SHOP 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices www.theboatshoponline.com</p>	<p>BARNEGAT BAY BAIT & TACKLE 451 East Bay Avenue, Barnegat 609-488-5692 10% discount on everything in the shop, EXCEPT FUEL AND OILS. Present VHFC card before purchase.</p>
<p>BRASWELL TROPHY & ENGRAVING Ken Braswell, Owner 618-1744 10% Discount to VHFC Members</p>	<p>OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800 10% off any purchase</p>	<p>WEST CREEK KAYAK & CANOE 224 Main St., West Creek 296-3030 10% off Accessories</p>

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