



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN JUNE

BOARD MEETING: 03 JUNE

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 10 JUNE

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
- Striped Bass FOM Award
- Club Business

8:00 pm Guest Speaker: Capt. Harold McMaster...Coastal Obsession Charters

Topic...Striper trolling with bunker spoons and wreck fishing for blackfish

- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Vince Sibona

Protecting our skin. We should protect our skin from the sun's harmful rays which can cause skin cancer. Our skin is an important body organ that we can protect with proper clothing, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen. Any part of our body that is not protected by a wide brim hat, long sleeve shirt or long pants should be protected by 30 or 50 SPF sunscreen. If we're planning to be out in the sun for any length of time, sunscreen should be applied often and liberally. Protecting our eyes with good quality sunglasses including prescription sunglasses is very important as well. I know of 2 people that have had eye surgery because of melanoma cancer. Both people lost the eyesight of the one eye. Protecting our lips with products especially made for sun protection is also very important. Chap Stick, Blistex and other companies make a lip stick sunscreen not only for chapped lips, but to prevent sun damage. 30 SPF is recommended. This I know about first hand. November, 2010 I was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma cancer on my lower lip. February, 2011 I had lip surgery. Since I've worked outdoors and

fished outdoors many years of my life, I've used sunscreen since it first came out and I know it has prevented some sun damage. Over the years we've all been told about protecting our skin and eyes, but I don't ever remember hearing anything about protecting our lips from the possibility of cancer. Thus, the reason for passing this information on. Anyone that has ever been subjected to the sun over the years, ever had sunburn or has moles should get a body scan by a dermatologist for sun damage, pre cancer or cancer. Because I've spent a lot of time outdoors, I started getting body scans a few years ago and each time I have had some pre cancer spots removed by freezing. It is quick, easy and effective.

Vince

2011 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR AS OF 05/29 BY John Kleban

Winter Flounder	NONE	
Tog		
Weakfish		
Bluefish	Joe Filice	11 lb 4 oz
Fluke		
Sea Bass		
Striped Bass	Rich Belli	36 lb 10 oz

Congratulations to all those listed above.

2011 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR

PROGRAM by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2011 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 2011, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2011 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by John Kleban

There was no winner for April's FOM, Winter Flounder.

The award for Striped Bass will be announced at the June General Membership meeting.

2011 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 2011 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.

17th Annual JCAA Fluke Tournament June 11, 2011 by Dave Sikorski

It's important to know not too many days are left before the largest one day tournament on the East Coast takes place along the tidal waterways of New Jersey. Participants registering before June 4th will pay the lower \$120 fee and those registering from June 5th through June 10th will pay the higher \$150 fee.

Fast and Easy On-line Tournament Registration is now available by going to the JCAA web site, www.jcaa.org.

ROD RAFFLE by Vince Sibona

The VHFC is raffling off another fishing rod this year, a beautiful 7 foot spinning rod for boat or surf. This is a custom rod made by Manny Silva who has made the other rods. The rod is valued at \$400.00 and raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 each at the VHFC Meetings. It will be raffled off at the September Meeting. Winner need not be present. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the RFA. By purchasing one or more tickets, you will be supporting the VHFC and the RFA and have a chance to win this beauty.

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.

FISHING REPORT by John Henson

Fishing Report by John Henson - May 2, 2011.
Figured today would be my first surf trip of the year, so off I went....on the beach @ 6:30 am with high tide @ 8:30. Fished 2 rods--1 with bunker and 1 with clams. Didn't take long and I had my first fish of the season on, but it was only a bluefish. Ended up getting 5 total with one coming unbuttoned. All blues. Biggest was 8.6 lbs. All on bunker chunks. Couldn't buy a knockdown on the clam rod. All fish on the incoming tide, as soon as it turned it shut down. O well...no stripes, but still a decent day.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR by Ray Williams

I've only been fishing once this year due to a variety of factors, but I wanted to pass on a few observations

from that trip concerning recent changes in NJ laws. I was out in a fellow member's boat on opening day of Fluke season. We didn't catch any fluke but I saw the Coast Guard catching a few anglers! We were fishing in the bay opposite of Tuckerton Creek & saw the Coast Guard board several boats & spend an extended period of time on these boats. We moved to Marshelder looking for fluke & the Coast Guard had already moved there & was stopping almost every boat there.

We weren't stopped and I think that it was more than that we were 3 old farts minding our own business. Our boat had a "Courtesy Boat Inspections Sticker" on the windshield courtesy of Ed Wetmore & Vince Sibona. Maybe they thought we were law abiding boaters! Although I don't know for sure, I have a feeling that the Coast Guard was looking to see if the boat operators had NJ Safe Boating Certificates & possibly NJ Angler's Registrations. So, if you think you'll probably get by without these documents, you might want to reconsider. I read in the newspaper that there is a potential \$3000 fine for anyone not registered as an angler & that the law applies to non-state residents also. Registration is free and very easy to do on the state website. A boat Operators license takes more effort but it's worth the time & effort.

I hate government sticking its nose into my business, but the laws are in place and perhaps the Operator's License law will get a few of the idiots off of the water & the Registry might get us a few more fish in our state allocations in future years. But, that's just my thoughts!

BAY BASS FISHING by John Kleban



Fishing report from John Kleban for May 9, 2010.

Told that the bay Bass fishing is the best it ever has been. Always having difficulty for years, catching Bass in the bay it was decided to give it a try. The weather was great. The wind was a little brisker than the weatherman predicted, but fishable

(white caps in the bay). Started fishing at the Double Creek channel near the Dike. Lost one Bluefish at

the boat with a broken leader but landed one (about 2 to 3 pounds) and quickly released it. Water temperature was 59.1 degrees. This is usually the warmest spot in the spring so it was decided to move over to the sod banks for cooler water and Bass. The water was 60.3 degrees but decided to give it a shot. After ten minutes had a Bass (fought like a Bass) on but lost it after 15 seconds. Decided to stick it out and was rewarded with two Bass at 29 inches and one at 32 inches. Used clam for bait. One of the Bass was loaded with crabs. Some of them were quite large and they seemed to be very soft. The other fish's stomach was empty

OUR NEWEST SPONSOR by Skip Deckman

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE FEATURING ALL OF OUR SPONSORS IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS.

POKER CHIP DRAWING UPDATE by John Henson

Each month, we will draw the name of a member at our meeting. If you are present you will win \$10. If the winner is not present, the next month the prize amount increases by \$10.

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.

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!

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.

Skip Deckman is looking to fish with other members in his boat or on theirs. Please call him at 296-5131.

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



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.

JUNE SPEAKER by Bill Dabney

Speaker: Capt. Harold McMaster...Coastal Obsession Charters
Topic...Striper trolling with bunker spoons and wreck fishing for blackfish

JULY SPEAKER by Bill Dabney

The speaker for our July meeting will be Jennifer Sibiga, Dermatology Nurse Practitioner, with Connolly Dermatology. She will talk on the problems associated with sun exposure and the necessary precautions to protect the skin.

FISHING REPORT by Joe Filice

Fishing report from Joe Filice for April 21, 2011. Had the opportunity to fish with fellow VHFC Member Jay Daveler on his boat, PROWLER, along with his fishing team of RJ & Brian. We made Barnegat Inlet around 8:30 A.M. and headed north to 40' of water and started trolling a Tony Maja large green spoon on one rod and an Umbrella Rig on the other. First hit came on the Spoon around 9:15 and RJ grabbed the rod and muscled in a 44" approx. 31 lb Striper. Approx. an hour later the spoon was hit hard again and I grabbed the rod and boated a large Blue Fish that weighed in at Fisherman's Headquarters at 11lbs 4oz. It was looking like a banner day with the fast start but it was not to be. We had 3 take downs on the umbrella rig, but no hook ups. It was a great day on the water, despite heavy fog conditions. Thanks again Jay for the invite.

MAY MEETING PICTURES



Jim Hutchinson Presents Melanie Boytos Award to John Kleban



Mel's Family & Friends with John & Jim



Vince Sibona Honors Last Year's President
Bill Logan



Larry Leary Accepts Striped Bass Fish of
the Year Award!



Guest Speaker Steve Purul

FISHING REPORT by Brett Taylor

Fishing Report by Brett Taylor - May 9, 2011.

I headed out after school (3pm) and fished with my father off IBSP. We ended up with 3 bass - with my father getting his biggest bass to date at 34lb on the Boga Grip. All bass were landed on White Maja spoons. As we brought each bass in - they had about 8-10 bass following them (25-35lb range). Great afternoon on the water - home by 5:30pm.

Bass weighed 34lb, 31lb, 30lb - we never taped them estimated around 44-40in.



NJ SALT WATER REGISTRY by Dave Sikorski

The registry is up and running. If you plan to fish in NJ, you must register.

I did already, it only took 2 minutes. It's free to register, and if you get caught fishing without it, it will cost at least \$3000 in fines.

So register today!

visit www.saltwaterregistry.nj.gov



Rest in Peace, Bill

BILL JANN PASSES AWAY by Ray Williams

Village Harbour Fishing Club lost a long time member on May 16th. Bill was an avid fisherman and contributed many articles & pictures to our newsletter. Bill, we will all miss you.



Tom & Jim Story at a 2010 Meeting

TOM STORY PASSES AWAY by Ray Williams

Tom Story, a VHFC member since 2007, passed away in December of 2010. Tom & his son, Jim volunteered in the club setting up refreshments for each meeting.



Bill Jann & His Fishing Buddies Bill Dabney & John Kleban

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2011 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPLETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$35.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 13, 2011

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

Signature*: _____ Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Note: Both * items must be completed
Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2010 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:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Would you like to get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2011 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 13, 2011

Note: All 5 * 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:

Would you like to get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.

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 wellbeing 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 13, 2011.	
Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature*:	Relation to Applicant*:
Date*: / /	

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

2011 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 5/30/11)

<p>April 08 2011 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 10: > Club business > 2010 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: John Henson "Spring Surf Fishing and Driving on the Beach"</p>	<p>May 13 2011 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 09- Fish of the Month: STRIPED BASS 7:45 MAY 08: > W. Flounder FOM Award > Update - North Bay Fleet Outing > Capt. Melanie Boytos Award Presentation Speaker: Steve Purul (Reel Fantasea) will be discussing techniques for using top water lures for striper fishing. > Club business</p>	<p>Tentative Date TBA NORTH BAY FLEET OUTING</p>
<p>JUNE 10 2011 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 12: > Club business > Striped Bass Fish of the Month Award > Report - North Bay fleet Outing > Speakers: Capt. Harold McMaster...Coastal Obsession Charters Topic...Striper trolling with bunker spoons and wreck fishing for blackfish</p>	<p>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WILL BE IN AUGUST. LOOK FOR THE DATE IN UPCOMING ISSUES!</p>	<p>JULY 08 2011 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 10: > Club Business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Club Fishing Forum > Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney > Intro to VHFC Dinner > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker: Jennifer Sibiga, Dermatology Nurse Practitioner...UV Skin Protection</p>
<p>DATE TBA FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNEY CHAIRMEN: TBA Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>	<p>AUGUST 12 2011 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 Aug. 14: > 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 09 2011 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS & WEAKFISH 7:45 Sept. 11: > Club business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Report VHFC Dinner Dance > All-Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker: TBA</p>	<p>October 14 2011 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish 7:45 Oct. 09: > Sept. Fish of the Month Award > Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker: TBA</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 11 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. 7:45 NOV 13 ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER INTRO TO NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011</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

2011 DUES MUST BE PAID BY MAY 13TH 2011!

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President Vince Sibona (597-6162)
1st Vice President Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
2nd Vice President Open
Treasurer Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
Secretary Donna Harris (908-227-5588)

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Guest Speakers Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Immediate Past Pres. Bill Logan (597-0784)
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JCAA/Regulations Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Fishing Hands On John Henson (978-0312)
Board Member Ed Valitutto (304 5440)
Boat US Jeff Orsoe (732-672-5530)
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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