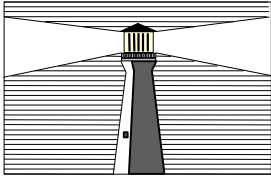


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JOIN VHFC AND LEARN ABOUT FISHING LOCAL WATERS NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Board Meeting:** 8:00 PM on Friday April 5th
Membership Meeting: Friday 12th at the Stafford Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.
- 7:45 PM: Come early and help with setup.
 - 8:00 PM: Club Business including:
 - 2001 Trophy Fish of the Year awards (7 species)
 - 50/50
 - A Look at VHFC's Activities for 2002
 - The upcoming 2002 Weakfish Tournament
 - Hands-on table clinics for Weakfish, Fluke, Reel detailing
- 2002 DUES ARE NEEDED & DUE BY 10 MAY**
Weakfish Tournament: Saturday May 25, 2002

President's Message by Don Longstreet

As your new President, I want you to know I am going to work hard to make the club a little more interesting. I have a great board behind me. I plan to introduce them all at the April meeting and publish the Board description in the May Newsletter. One of our new Board Members, Ray Williams, will be leading a big push for new members. We have decided to make all but one of our tournaments two-day events so more members can get a shot at participation. Only the weakfish tournament will last for one day. The Board is working to give Junior Anglers more of an opportunity to participate in club activities. We would like to make them eligible for the same prizes as Members. Finally, the Board and I are planning a Membership Dinner we will hold in August 2002.

Some fishing regulations are changing. The Fluke season will run from May 14 to September 28. The minimum size is 16 1/2 inches with an 8 fish limit.

2001 Financial Report by Dick Vesper & Bill Logan

During 2001, our **total** assets increased by \$ 416.01. The 12/01 balances are actually \$22.00 higher than we computed based on an accounting of all itemized income and receipt items.

Account	12/'00	12/'01
Checking	1275.25	1563.98
MoneyMkt.	5299.72	5483.00
Cash	56.00	00.00
Total	6630.97	7046.98

2002 Weigh-ins

George Fruh is VHFC's Weigh Master. Fisherman's Headquarters remains the official weigh-in location for VHFC. Make sure to have your club membership card with the membership # so they can verify your membership and complete the VHFC weigh-in form; making your catch official.

GETTING DISCOUNTS

Please be discrete in using your club discount privileges. We have been asked to remind you that it is best to simply flash your membership card when you approach the register. Please avoid talking about the club discount in front of non-members near the register. It makes real problems for the bait and tackle shop management. The shops are being generous to us and we have to be careful not to damage their business.

2002 BUDGET

The Board has agreed on the following Budget for 2002; shown along with 2001 actuals:

Item	'01 Actual	'02 Plan
Dues	3030	3025
50/50	148	150
Raffle	230	250
Interest	159	100
Sales	10	50
Other	541	250
Total Income	4118	3,825
Office	469	865
Dues/Gifts	925	775
Printing	290	390
Meetings	662	950
Fish of Month	300	350
Fish of the Year	371	175
Fishing Tournaments	730	320
Total Spending	3,747	3,825
Net Change	370	0

2002 Membership by Ray Williams

VHFC is looking for new members. The future of any club is in bringing in new members. I know that when I first considered joining our club 8 years ago, I was concerned that as an inexperienced salt water fisherman, I would be out of place in a club full of old timers. I quickly found out that our club has room for anglers of all experience levels. We need to get the word out that we welcome people of all skill levels to our club & that we are a group of people who are eager to share our fishing knowledge & "local knowledge" with others. Please talk to your friends & neighbors & let them know what kind of club that we are. Let's expand our membership and at the same time, help others to enjoy the greatest sport & hobby in the world. If you know of anyone desiring a membership application, please ask him or her to phone me at 609-978-1480 or to come to our April meeting. This meeting is open to all prospective members.

2002 Village Harbour Fishing Club Meeting and Events Schedule

<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder April 12: Focus on Spring Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Set-up ❖ 8:00 Club business ❖ Look ahead at 2002 ❖ Award trophies for 2001 seven "Trophy Fish of the Year" ❖ Intro to Weakfish Tournament ❖ Hands-on table clinics on fluke & weakfish 	<p style="text-align: center;">MAY 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Blackfish May 10: Focus on Weakfish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Set-up ❖ 8:00 Club business & awards ❖ Final word on the Weakfish Tournament ❖ Speaker: Jim Schockley on Boat Preparation for summer <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PAY YOUR DUES BY MAY 10</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT (Chair: Maurice Piergrossi)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish of the Month: Weakfish <p>JUNE 14: Focus on Bay Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Set-up ❖ 8:00 Club business & awards ❖ Report on Weakfish Tournament ❖ Intro to South Bay Fishing Tournament ❖ Jay Mann will tell us about local fishing activity & casting nets ❖ Hands-on table clinics: bay charts, rod repair plus netting & seining bait. 	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE 22 & 23</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT (Blues, Weakfish, Fluke) (Chair: Pete Figlia)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JULY 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Bluefish July 12: Focus on Captaining & Fluke fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Set-up ❖ 8:00 Club business & awards ❖ Report on South Bay Fishing Tournament ❖ Intro to North Bay Fluke Tournament ❖ Speaker: Coast Guard Presents on Boating, navigation & safety ❖ Hands-on tables (fluke related)
<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Fluke August 09: Focus on Reef Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Set-up ❖ 8:00 Club business & awards ❖ Report on North Bay Fluke Tournament ❖ Intro to Reef Fishing Event ❖ Speaker: To be announced ❖ Hands on tables for sea bass, tog, reef rigs, charts 	<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER 7 & 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REEF FISHING EVENT (Fluke & Seabass) (Chair: Dave Sikorski)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Sea Bass Sept. 13: Focus on Surf Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Set-up ❖ 8:00 Club business & awards ❖ Report on Reef Fishing Event ❖ Speaker: Bruce (of Bruce & Pat's) on Surf Fishing ❖ Intro to Surf Tournament ❖ Table clinics on reef fishing, charts & striper & bluefish rigs
<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass Oct. 11: Focus on Striped Bass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Set-up ❖ 8:00 Club business & awards ❖ Board Presents 2002 Report and Plan for 2003 ❖ Presidents Turnover ❖ Final word on Surf Tournament ❖ Hands-on tables on striper rigs & local herring fishing 	<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER 19 & 20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SURF TOURNAMENT (STRIPERS AND BLUEFISH) (CHAIR: STEVE COOK)</p>	

4 of the 5 fishing tournaments are 2-day events. Monthly meetings are 2nd Fridays starting at 8:00 PM.

Weakfish Tournament

This is a great event. Maurice Piergrossi will be our chairman for the last time (he's moving to Florida this summer).

Take a look at the one page entry form enclosed with this newsletter. This 2 day fishing event is open to guests. The refreshments provided on Saturday afternoon have always been excellent.

2001 Trophy Fish of the Year Weigh-Ins by George Fruh

This is the final report for 2001:

Winter Flounder(04/09)	2.04 lbs.	Marcy Roshelli
Blackfish (05/08)	13 lb. 0 oz.	Barry Gabler.
Weakfish (05/18)	9 lb. 4 oz.	John Kleban
Bluefish (07/01)	13 lb.12 oz.	Paul Galasso
Fluke (08/18)	8 lb. 4 oz.	Charlie Kochka
Sea Bass (09/08)	3 lb. 8 oz.	Dan DiGregorio Jr.
Striped Bass(10/11)	22 lb. 7 oz.	Steve Cook
Two 2001 Junior Member weigh-ins were recorded.		
Weakfish (06/26)	2.0 lb.	TJ Miller
Bluefish (07/13)	9 lb. 2 oz.	TJ Miller

2001 Surf Tournament Report by Steve Cook

Steve Cook event chairman suggested I share the following two messages:

1. From Bill Logan, who never went surf fishing before:

What a great day. Of all the club activities I have been in, this surf-fishing tournament was the best. The program was run perfectly and I do mean perfectly. For a small club, a member could not ask for more. Bait was supplied and sometime it was brought to you. There were instructions for those of us who did not know much about surf fishing. My mentor was Dick Vesper who had the patience of a saint. Plus, he hooked one of the two stripers caught that day. And let's not forget the donuts brought by Paul Turi; what a good idea. They took the edge off. Lunch arrangements were also made with Subbogie's restaurant in Surf City for the use of their restroom (another good thought and convenience). The good fellowship could not have been better, nor could you ask for more. Steve Cook (Tournament Chairman) walked up and down the beach with a menu taking lunch orders and, what a great idea, used member's club numbers instead of names to place your order. The staff and food at the restaurant were equally as great, when they brought out your order they called out your club number and you were given your lunch. To top the day off it was very nice just to be able to sit at the lunch table with the other club members listening and sharing fishing tales.

This one-day was worth my year 2001 club dues.

Let me remind you that some of us are not able to fish every day. We can only fish on the weekends and have to work our fishing time in with some of the "dear will you do this" on the weekends.

Thank you & God Bless America

Bill Logan

2. From Steve Cook, the event chairman: WOW! What a testimonial. Let's send it out to the membership and just add that Dan DiGregorio was the winner (again) with a 6lb 6oz Striper.

BOAT FOR SALE by Ray Williams

Model year 2000 package: Key West 1720 boat, 90 HP Johnson with 50 hours of use and a Load Rite Trailer with spare tire. Offer includes Raytheon VHF Radio Model Ray45. Raytheon Fish Finder Model L365 and Garmin GPS Model 180

BE CAREFUL EATING FISH by Dick Vesper

Please read this article. There were so many confusing stories about the chemicals in fish that I decided to do some homework. The principal sources were the states of NJ, De, Pa and Consumer Reports. The health threat is usually stated for two separate groups of people:

1. High Risk Individuals which includes infants, pregnant women, children under 15, nursing mothers and women of child bearing age

2. General Population – everyone else

My findings are summarized below.

ADVISORY/PROHIBITION FOR NJ

STATEWIDE AND FEDERAL WATERS

Species	High Risk	General Population
Lobster	-----Don't eat green glands-----	
Am. Eel	Don't eat	Not more than once/week
Bluefish(>6lb.)	Don't eat	Not more than once/week
Stripers	Don't eat	Not more than once/week
Shark	Don't eat	Limit intake
Swordfish	Don't eat	Don't eat
King Mack	Don't eat	Limit intake
Tile fish	Don't eat	Limit intake
Tuna	A study by Consumer's Reports is under way	
Shell fish	Don't eat if from polluted areas	

Note: Consumption advice is not necessary for flounder, pollock, cod, salmon, and shrimp

Other suggestions I received include

- From the FDA: It is safe for high risk individuals to eat 12 ounces per week of other (non-prohibited) fish species .
- Other suggestions received for all species:
 - Smell before buying fish – trust your nose.
 - Wash the fish thoroughly
 - Eat variety rather than only one species
- Suggestions for species with warnings
 - Washing and trimming does not remove the government advisory
 - Be wary of the oils/etc. coming from cooking
 - Before cooking remove organs, head, skin dark fatty tissue, backbone and belly.
 - Remove the fat and darker meat before cooking
 - Eat smaller to mid-size fish
 - Bake or broil the fish
 - Avoid batter or breading
 - Don't fry in a pan
 - Don't reuse juices etc. for soup or sauces

References

You can check out my findings by going to the sources I used – listed below:

State of New Jersey www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/fish-crab.htm

State of New Jersey www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/womans-fishguid.htm

State of New Jersey

www.stste.nj.us/dep/dsr/advisory_updates.htm

Consumer Reports (February 2001)

www.consumerreports.org/special/consumerInterest/reports/0102_fis0.html.

2002 VHFC Calendar

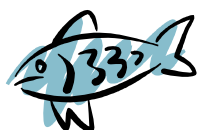
This year's calendar is on the inserted page of this newsletter.

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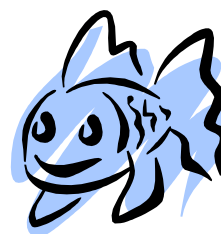
The following have offered a discount with the presentation of a 2001 VHFC Membership Card		
Fisherman's Headquarters Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on all bait & tackle	BOBBIES 7 th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	Tip's Hardware West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% off bait , tackle & supplies
Boat U.S. VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for member's use will be available at VHFC meetings.	Causeway Boat Rentals On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount off bait and tackle.	Clarke's Marine Supply Tuckerton, NJ 609-294-0166 15% off OMC, etc. parts 10% off on Marine Supplies & Tackle
Cove Marina Ship Bottom – 24 th St and the Bay 494-8100 10% discount on all bait & tackle	<p style="text-align: center;">Discounts are Not Offered on Sale or Fair Traded Items</p>	Barnegat Light Bait & Tackle Bay Avenue and 15 th Street Barnegat Lt. –494-4566 10% discount on all bait & tackle

4th ANNUAL VHFC HOLIDAY WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL

1. Tournament Date: Saturday, June 1, 2002 - RAIN or SHINE
2. Fishing Time: Dawn till 2:00 PM - Weigh in till 3:00 PM sharp
3. Boat Captain must be VHFC member
4. Each Captain may have up to 3 non-member anglers on his boat
5. Each fisherman must pay \$10.00 entry fee (regular or junior)
6. Only one fish can be entered for each fisherman
7. All fishing must be by boat with rod and reel
8. Fishing boundaries are Barnegat Inlet to Wreck Inlet in bay waters only
9. Prizes will be awarded as follows for heaviest fish



1 st Place	50% of entry fees
2 nd Place	30% of entry fees
3 rd Place	10% of entry fees



10. Ties will be settled by length of fish
*That angler must catch any fish weighed in
11. Weigh in will be at the house of Maurice Piergrossi
(227 Morris Blvd, Beach Haven West)
Social will be from 2-4 PM for entrants & spouse only (beer, soda, snacks & food)
*All VHFC and IGFA rules will apply

ENTRY FORM

VHFC Member (Name) _____	@\$10 =	_____
Guest (Name) _____	@\$10 =	_____
Guest (Name) _____	@\$10 =	_____
Guest (Name) _____	@\$10 =	_____
	Total	_____

Mail all entries to VHFC, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.
All entries must be received by 5:00 PM, May 31, 2002.

The decision to fish or not rests solely with the Captain and crew and they agree to hold harmless the VHFC, its officers and directors for any damage or injury which may result from participation in this tournament.

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB
2002 Membership Form for Renewals and Applications
MAIL DUES (Checks only) FOR \$35.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050

To be included in the Membership Booklet, please pay dues by May 15.

Name: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2001 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete the following.

Name of Spouse:	
Principle Address:	Shore Address:
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

Equipment on Boat (circle): VHF CB RADAR GPS LORAN FISH FINDER

Village Harbour Fishing Club
2002 Junior Angler Form for Renewals and Applications
MAIL DUES (Checks only) FOR \$10.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC JUNIOR ANGLER
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050

To be included in the Membership Booklet, please pay dues by May 15.

Name: _____ Member #: _____ Nick Name: _____

Renewals: Please insert any new information below.

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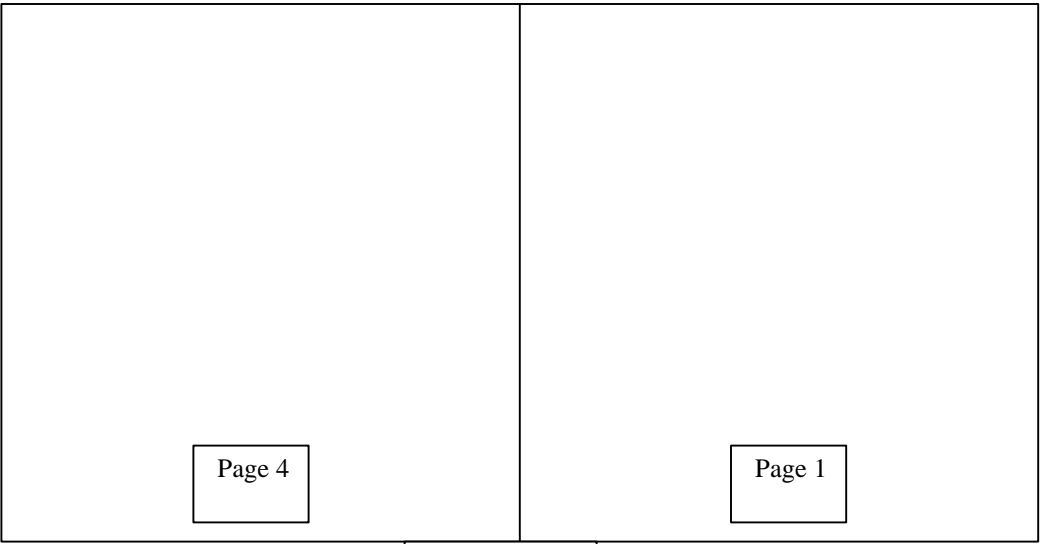
SPONSORING MEMBER'S INFORMATION

Sponsor's Name (required):	Sponsor's Signature (required):
Sponsor's Member #:	Junior Angler's E-Mail:

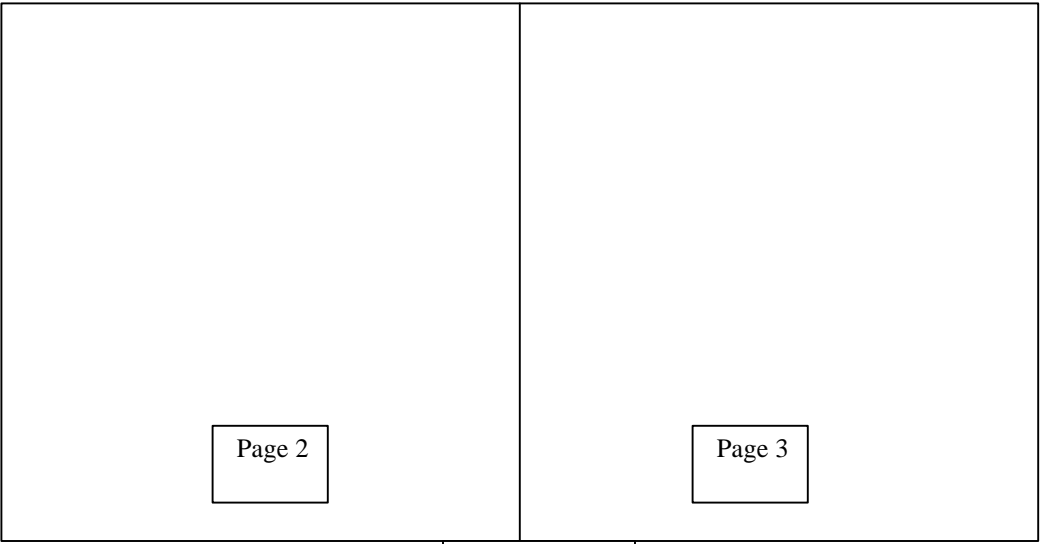
Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

Equipment on Boat (circle): VHFCB RADAR GPS LORAN FISH FINDER



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