

THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN APRIL

BOARD MEETING: 01 APRIL

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 08 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
- Trophy Fish Of The Year 2004 Awards
- 2004 Striped Bass Fish of the Month Award
- 2005 Tournament Plans
- Report and Awards for The Surf Tournament
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Presentation: Captain Melanie Boytos of Fisher Queen Charters speaking on Weakfish in the Bay

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dave Sikorski

I hope everyone had a healthy and enjoyable winter. As the weather warms, I would like to welcome everyone to what I hope will be another great year for the VHFC and our members. We have many events planned for this year, including a few new ones. We will start out with our April meeting on the 8th. I am looking forward to hearing from our guest speaker, Melanie Boytos of Fisher Queen Custom Bay Charters. She plans to speak on catching weakfish for which she seems to have a few tricks I haven't heard of before. The timing couldn't be better, as this should kick off the spring breeding run of big weakfish in our bay.

Our calendar is loaded with tournaments, meetings, and our annual dinner/social. We expect to add a few more events as the year goes on, such as a Party Boat trip and a wade fishing event (both non-competitive).

Also, don't forget about our Winter Flounder FOM contest in effect during March and April. The flounder regulations have not been changed yet, so get out and take advantage, as the new regulations coming later this year are likely to take a big bite out of our season.

2004 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The winners of our 2004 Trophy Fish of the Year competition are:

Blackfish (12/18)	11 lb 3 oz	Barry Gabler
Bluefish (10/09)	19 lb 7 oz	Paul Galasso
Fluke (08/28)	7 lb 1 oz	John West
SeaBass (07/27)	2 lb 12 oz	Henry Desch
Striped Bass (06/08)	36 lb 1 oz	Tony Recklitis
Weakfish (05/26)	10 lb 0 oz	Paul Turi
W. Fl'nder (04/09)	2 lb 1 oz	Vince Sibona

Our newest and last entries for 2004 are Paul Galasso (Bluefish) & Barry Gabler (Blackfish). Congratulations to all those listed above.

Prizes for all the Trophy Fish of the Year winners will be distributed during the April 2005 Membership Meeting.

2005 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by George Fruh

The same seven species will continue for our 2005 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 2005, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2004 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by George Fruh

The last Fish Of The Month for 2004 is Vince Sibina's Striped Bass weighed in during the October and November 2004 time frame. Congratulations Vince. Vince's award will be presented at the April 2005 Membership Meeting.

2005 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by George Fruh

The same six species will continue for our 2005 Trophy Fish of the Year Program:

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

Starting in 2004, Blackfish was removed from the Fish of the Month Program but it remains in the Fish of the Year Program with the above six species

NEW MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Gallivant Graphics is offering a 10% discount on all boat lettering and artwork for our club members for 2005. Gallivant Graphics is a one stop shop for all your graphic design needs. They also offer apparel, embroidery and silk-screening. Airbrush work is available. If you need custom designs, there is a graphic artist on staff. Contact them @609-812-9883 they will also come to you.

LUNAR CHART by Ed Wetmore

Lunar charts give you an estimate of feeding times based on the effects of moon and sun location. Many of us have seen similar tables in Field & Stream Magazine for years.

If you want to receive the latest table each month, simply send an email to Ed Wetmore (ejwetmore@comcast.net) and state your interest in receiving the Lunar Charts.

PARTY BOAT SUCCESS by Basil Dubrosky

Do you wish you had a better chance to win the monthly or annual VHFC largest fish competitions? A part boat trip might be your answer.

Although most of our members have their own boat or fish with other members with boats, there are some that do their fishing on party boats. Every year, prizes are won by members fishing the local party boat fleet. The following are some pointers to increase the success of your party boat experience.

Check Ahead - Call or visit the boat before your trip to determine the species being sought, the tactics to

be used (drifting or anchoring) and the bait that will be provided. Boats change tactics several times during the year. This information will help you to prepare for your trip.

Come Early - Show up an hour before departure. This will allow time to get a good spot and time to talk to mates and regulars about technique and terminal tackle.

BRING SOMETHING SPECIAL - Bring special baits like green crabs, live large minnows, spearing or live snapper blues to differentiate your efforts if things get slow.

Bring Strong Gear - Bring a strong pole and reel. You will be fishing in the Ocean so be prepared. A conventional rod and reel will handle the heavier weight you will be using to hold bottom. Bring heavy sinkers (8,10, 12 oz.). It is better to err on the heavy side while fishing the Ocean to ensure you are on the bottom. Change bait frequently (it's free). Keep hooks sharp.

Pick the Correct Location on the Boat - Many party boat fishermen think that the stern is the best place to fish. This is not true. If you will be drifting for Fluke or Sea Bass then the bow gives you the best flexibility. You can fish either side, regardless of drift direction and cast a jig if things get slow.

If you will be anchored over wreck or reef then the stern may provide an advantage, but not always. Many times the structure is large or the currents provide better access to those along the sides of the boat.

Keep your eyes open if anchored. If you see one part of the boat is hot then that means they have better access to the structure (that's where the fish are). Don't be afraid to move if there is a spot near the action. Empty spots on a party boat are available and you can fish them if you wish.

Make Use of the Mates - Ask the mates for advice and assistance. They are out there every day and know what has worked. Tip the mates and be especially generous if you win the pool. If you go often they will remember your generosity and may treat you to special bait or inside information.

Fish Hard During the Last Stop of the Day - Use your best bait and terminal tackle on the last stop of the day. A captain will often stop briefly at a "honey hole" to sweeten the catch before the end of the day.

Finally, don't let the mates clean your largest fish. Weigh him in on the way home and you may be pleasantly surprised by the results. Some club prizes go unclaimed every year because a fish of the required species is not weighed in. Good Luck!

GOOD DAY by Bill Jann

Ed Wetmore, Bill Dabney, and I went out with Capt. Al Crudele on Tuesday, November 9, 2004. I'm sending three pictures for the Newsletter. Happy Day!



VHFC LIBRARY by Bill Dabney

The following text provides an inventory, by topic, of our club's library, which members can access at club meetings. All members are welcome to borrow from

and donate to our library. See or contact Bill Dabney for further details.

SURF FISHING

- Power Surfcasting by Ron Arra and Curt Garfield
- Surf Fishing by Joe Malat
- Long Distance Casting by John Holden

MISCELLANEOUS

- Modern Saltwater Fishing by Vic Dunaway
- NJ Salt Water Fishing Guide by Pete Barrett
- Fishing The New Jersey Coast by Jim Freda
- The Saltwater Fisherman's Bible by Erwin A. Bauer
- Barnegat Bay's Fisheries by Richard A. Henderson, Jr.

SPECIES OF FISH

- Fishing For Bluefish by Al Ristori
- Fishing For Weakfish by Keith Kaufman
- Blackfish & Sea Bass by Steve Goione; A collection of Articles from the Fisherman Magazine

FRESH WATER FISHING

- Fishing For Bass by A. D. Livingston;
- Bassmaster's Best Tactics & Techniques; Editor, Colin Moore; Helen Sevier

WRECK FISHING

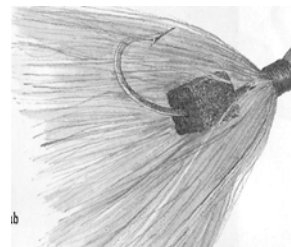
- How to Fish Wrecks, Lumps & Rock Piles by Captain Greg Ventura
- Loran C – A Fisherman's Guide by Bob Rhodes

FISHING VIDEOS

- Cast Netting

ADDING SCENT TO A BUCKTAIL

(From a recent Fishing Magazine)



"I cut up a kitchen sponge into ½ " cubes and soak them in crab oil or fish oil. When I'm ready to fish, I put an oil-impregnated cube from that sponge on the hook of my bucktail jig and slide it up the shank

so it sits right behind the jighead. It gives me the effectiveness of natural-bait scent with the durability of an artificial." See picture – below.

NEW JERSEY SKILLFUL ANGLERS AWARD PROGRAM

This program recognizes the many anglers that catch fish, which may not be of record size, but nonetheless are of sufficient size to have tested the angler's skill and thus are worthy of recognition. The past few years, VHFC anglers have caught fish, which exceed

the minimum sizes to be recognized under this program; for instance last year:

Paul Galasso	19 lb 7 oz	Bluefish
Barry Gabler	11 lb 3 oz	Blackfish
Paul Turi	10 lb 0 oz	Weakfish
John West	7 lb 1 oz	Fluke
Vince Sibona	2 lb 1 oz	Winter Flounder

For further information about this program and an application form, visit:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/sklflang.pdf>

BOATING GEAR FOR SALE by Dick Vesper

This is the last 2004 listing for these fishing-related items for sale. Ads are free! They are written by the owners.

1. 1989, 24 ft. Grady White Offshore (walk-around) with 1998 EV250 Mercury Outboard, SS Prop, 98 gal. gas tank, sonar, Loran, VHF, compass, 2 batteries and more. "Like brand new" said the owner, Wallace Mianowski, who is asking \$21,500 and can be reached at 609-492-9442
2. Boat trailer, galvanized, for 12/14 ft. boat. Good condition. 1000# capacity. 1993. Used very little. Includes spare tire and rim. \$275. Call Steve Cook. (609) 978-8416.2002
3. Boston Whaler Conquest, 23 ft, 225 Mercury engine, all electronics, T-top, Head, 30 hrs on

engine. For price information contact John Mazzone at (973) 583-9318

4. Charlie Kochka is selling a 1984 9.9 HP Suzuki Long Shaft in excellent condition. Low Hours. Was kept in garage for years. Asking \$500 597-4430

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

(Boat owning members who might be interested in taking a member fishing on their boat could contact one or more of the interested parties (below) and arrange to meet at a club meeting and discuss details in person.

1. John Leitner, a new member and resident of Barnegat, would like to go out fishing with a member who has a boat and some space for another fisherman. Please contact John at 609-607-9426.
2. Marilyn and Chic are looking for a member with a boat, who plans on going fishing in the ocean. They're willing to share expenses. Please contact them at (201) 960-4534 or (201) 723-1180.
3. Jerry, a newly retired club member, is looking for someone to fish with any day of the week. Will share expenses. Call Jerry Papp at 609-812-1432.
4. Bill Jann, a member with a great bay boat, is looking to go outside with someone with a bigger boat. He offers to help defray costs. Contact Bill at 856-786-8999 or wjann@voicenet.com.

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
1 st Vice President	John Borick (507-8592)
2 nd Vice President	Ed Wetmore
Treasurer	Bill Logan (597-0784)
Secretary	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)

Trustees

Sergeant at Arms	Charlie Kochka
Weigh Master/Awards	George Fruh (597-4588)
Recruiting	John Kerstanski (698-6662)
Membership Data Base	John Nonnenmacher (597-5383)
Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Immediate Past Pres.	Ray Williams (978-1480)
Communications	Roland Dixon (494-0543)
Newsletter	Dick Vesper (494-0263)
Library	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Library Alternate	Steve Cook (978-8416)
Printing	Bill Logan (597-0784)
Sponsors	Bill Logan (597-0784)

Trustees (cont'd)

Website	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Vessel Safety	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
JCAA/Regulations	John Borick (507-8592)
Past President	Don Longstreet (978-3991)
Fishing Hands On	Vacant
Tournament Director	Vacant
All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.	

2005 Tournament Chairmen & Committee Members

Weakfish	Don Longstreet (978-3991)
South Bay	Ray Williams, Bill Logan & Charlie Kochka
Fluke & Sea Bass	Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore
Surf Tournament	John Borick, John Kerstanski & Roland Dixon

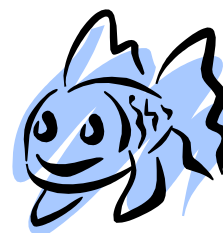
6th ANNUAL VHFC HOLIDAY WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL

Chairpersons: Don Longstreet (507-3991) and Bill Dabney (978-6893)

1. Tournament Date: Saturday, May 21, 2005 - RAIN or SHINE
2. Fishing Time: Dawn till 2:00 PM - Weigh in 2:00 to 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) before the event
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
11. Weigh-in will be at the house of Don Longstreet (28 Ronnie Drive, Beach Haven West) Social, for entrants & spouse only, will be from 2-4 PM (snacks, food, refreshments)

*All VHFC and IGFA rules will apply

ENTRY FORM	NAME	Amount
VHFC Member (Name)		@\$10 =
Guest (Name)		@\$10 =
Guest (Name)		@\$10 =
Guest (Name)		@\$10 =
BOAT NAME (if applicable)		Total

- Signed entry forms and related fees can be mailed to VHFC, Tournaments, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 & must be postmarked before 06/05/04 or given to Tournament Chairman before 06/05/04.
- Each captain is responsible for the safety of his or her boat and all the people aboard.
- Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. does not inspect the boats or assess the training and experience of the captain or crew.
- Each captain is responsible for all the decisions regarding the safe operation of their vessels, including the decision to leave the dock.
- Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Conditions necessary for safe operation are different for different vessels and captain and crew experience levels. The captain of a participating vessel who signs this entry form agrees to take full responsibility for all decisions affecting the safe operation of his vessel and agrees to indemnify and hold the club harmless from any claims made by anyone affected by the operation of the captain's vessel.

Captain's Name: _____ Signature _____

Village Harbour Fishing Club, INC.

2005 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPLETED FORM 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, 2005

Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____
 Signature*: _____ Date: __/__/____ Note: Both * items must be completed.

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2004 Membership list.
New Applicants: Please complete all of the following:

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

Would you like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No Choosing "yes" will save club printing & mailing costs!

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.

2005 Form for *Junior Angler* Renewals and New Application
MAIL COMPLETED FORM 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, 2005

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 receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No (Saves printing costs!)

SPONSOR:

SPONSORING 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 13, 2005.

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

Junior Angler Boat Owners please complete the following: Note: Five * items must be completed.

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

2005 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 3/12/05)

<p>April 8 2004 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ 2003 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the Striped Bass Fish of the Month ➤ Intro - Weakfish Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: Captain Melanie Boytos on Weakfish & light tackle fishing </p>	<p>May 13 2005 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 13- Fish of The Month: WEAKFISH 7:45 APRIL 13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ W. Flounder FoM Award ➤ Update - Weakfish Tourney ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: NJ Angler's Bill Donovan and Darren Dorris on Off Shore & Back Bay Fluke Fishing </p>	<p>May 21st 6TH ANNUAL WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT Chairmen: Don Longstreet & Bill Dabney Species: Weakfish</p>
<p>JUNE 10 2005 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Weakfish Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Weakfish Tournament ➤ Intro to South Bay Fishing Tourney ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Hands-on: Fluke & Weakfish Lures </p>	<p>June 18th & 19th SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT Chairmen: Ray Williams Bill Logan & Charlie Kochka Species: Bluefish, Fluke, Weakfish</p>	<p>JULY 8 2005 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 8: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club Business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - S. Bay Fishing Tourney ➤ Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney ➤ Intro to VHFC Dinner ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: Matt Lees, Tow Boat US - Salvage and Towing conditions </p>
<p>JULY 2005 (Date To Be Announced) VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore</p>	<p>AUGUST 12 2005 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS 7:45 Aug. 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Bluefish of the Month Award ➤ Report - South Bay Fishing Tournament ➤ Update for Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Hands-on: Sea Bass Rigs & Deep Water Fishing </p>	<p>AUGUST 27TH 2005 FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT Chairmen: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 09 2005 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 Sept. 09: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ Intro - Surf Tournament ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: To be announced </p>	<p>October 14 2005 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass 7:45 Oct. 14: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ Update for Surf Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Hands-on: Striped Bass & Surf Rigs </p>	<p>OCTOBER 15 & 16 SURF TOURNAMENT Chairmen: John Borick, John Kerstanski & Roland Dixon Species: Striped Bass, Bluefish & many other species</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. We will also have a meeting on November 12, 2005 @ 7:45 PM

Note: The November 2005 Membership Meeting will have a speaker as well – to be announced.

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

**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>BOBBIES 7th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies</p>
<p>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on bait & tackle</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</p>	<p>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>
<p>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 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 Charlie Kochka</p>

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