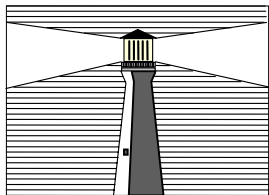


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AUGUST 08 MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

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:

- ❖ Bluefish Fish of the Month Award
- ❖ Report on South Bay Fishing Tournament
- ❖ Final Signups for Village Harbour Fishing Club Dinner
- ❖ Reef Tournament Update/Signups
- ❖ All-Present Fishing Discussion
- ❖ Break

Presentation by: Bill Haluska on Striper Fishing, Bass Rigs & Reading the Water

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ray Williams

Well, August is arriving & the small Weakfish still haven't arrived. This has certainly been a strange spring & summer. Fishing this month has been somewhat slow with some reports of nice sized fish caught on occasion. I hear that crabbing is improving. Our next meeting is on Friday, August 8th. We have had very good attendance at our meetings this year & I hope all of you will try to attend the August meeting. We had 36 members entered in our South Bay Tournament, which was a very good turnout. Fortunately, the weather was much better than on Tournament Day last year. Our Second Annual Dinner Dance will be held at the Ocean Acres Country Club on Friday, August 15th for only \$20.00 per person. Please sign up at the August meeting or send in your money to our P.O. Box as soon as possible. Thanks for all of your support this year!

TREASURER'S REPORT by Ken Hansen

We have \$2873.31 in the checking account.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Ray Williams

Our current 2003 membership is 92 members of whom 85 are regular members and 7 are juniors. I expect some late renewals to still come in. Although our numbers are down slightly from last year, it seems

that our current members are much more involved in the club. Attendance at our meetings is greater than last year. We have had more participation in tournaments than in prior years and your contributions of articles for the newsletter is significantly greater than in past years. In other words, your participation is making a big difference in our club achieving its goals. I want to thank all of you for your help in making our club even better.

2003 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The Trophy Fish of the Year standings (as of noon on 27 July) are:

Blackfish (07/25)	4 lb. 6 oz.	William Power
Bluefish (07/19)	10lb. 2 oz.	Paul Galasso
Fluke (06/19)*	8 lb* 15 oz*	Barry Gabler
Sea Bass (05/20)	3 lb. 5 oz.	John Barrett
Striped Bass (05/30)	38 lb. 8 oz.	Paul Galasso
Weakfish (05/10)	12 lb. 14 oz.	Ed Cherry
Winter Flounder (4/28)	1 lb. 14 oz.	Paul Turi

*The weight and date for Barry Gabler's Fluke is now correct. The July issue of this newsletter had presented incorrect values.

FISH OF THE MONTH by George Fruh

As of the 27th of July, Paul Galasso is in the lead for July with the 10 lb. 2 oz. Bluefish he caught July 19th.

The winner of the July Fish Of The Month Award will be announced during the August 08 Monthly Meeting and will also be reported in the September Newsletter.

The Fish of the Month (FOM) for August is Fluke.

AUGUST DINNER DANCE by Ray Williams

We have had a number of members sign up for our Second Annual Dinner Dance on August 15th at the Ocean Acres Country Club. There is a sign up form for the dinner in this newsletter. It's still not too late to attend the dinner. We promise not to make it boring. There won't be any speeches, just good food, dancing, and door prizes. Why not make your wife happy by bringing her to this affair? She just might find out that you hang out with some nice guys! See you there!

2003 VHFC SOUTH BAY TOURNAMENT

RESULTS by Ray Williams

Our annual South Bay Day Tournament was held on Saturday & Sunday, July 12th & 13th. There were 36 VHFC club members entered in the tournament. Saturday's weather was very windy but Sunday was hot with very little breeze. Although the fishing was spotty, several club members caught some very nice fish. There was quite a lot of communication between members on the VHF radio and a lot of sharing of who was catching what, where, & with what bait. I would like to thank everyone who entered the tournament for helping to make it a success. The winners were:

- Bluefish 5lbs. 8 oz. Ed Sidell
- Fluke 5lbs. 7 oz. Ray Williams
- Weakfish 7lbs. 5 oz. T. J. Miller

Each of these winners will be awarded \$50.00. Also, a special mention is being made to Bill Jann who caught a 6lbs. 11 oz. Fluke but did not enter the tournament because he was originally scheduled to work that weekend. The following pictures present Tournament participants Ray Williams, TJ Miller, Basil Dubrosky as well as Bill Jann with the catches discussed above.



Ray Williams



Bill Jann



TJ Miller



Basil Dubrosky



REEF TOURNAMENT REMINDER

The Annual Reef Tournament date will be a 1-day event on Saturday, August 23.

This is a members-only tournament. There will be cash prizes for Fluke and Sea Bass and a special prize for the largest Trigger Fish. Trigger Fish are some times found on local reefs during the late August time period and can be taken while fishing for Sea Bass.

Anglers can fish anywhere in the ocean or bay for this tournament. Basil Dubrosky, Chaiman, will be located at the Garden State South Reef where he will stay in touch with participants by radio. Participants are welcome to drift over the floats that he will drop at the most productive reef locations. Final details for the day will be discussed at the August 08 VHFC Meeting.

NJ TV FISHING SHOW by Dave Sikorski

New Jersey now has its own fishing show. The show airs on Comcast's CN8 (Local channel 8) at 11 AM on Sunday mornings. This show focuses on saltwater fishing in NJ. Check it out. (Ed Note: I watched the 27 July show. IT'S GOOD!)

NJ'S ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM by Dick Vesper

Bill Figley (fisherman, local resident and NJ Fish & Wildlife employee who makes presentations to our club) will be giving an informative slide presentation on New Jersey's Reef Program at 7:00 PM on Tuesday August 12, 2003 at the Community Center (Old Coast Guard Station) in Beach Haven. Included will be planned reef building activities.

A JUNIOR MEMBER IS THE NEWEST SOURCE OF DISCOUNTS FOR VHFC CLUB MEMBERS by Dick Vesper

We welcome TJ Miller's new business "Hook Up with Us Shrimping". TJ is offering club members a discount by billing a shrimp order at \$5 a quart for the first 5 quarts and \$4 each for additional quart.

TJ also points out: "The weakfishing is heating up and its time to get your shrimp to "catch 'em up". It's a very reasonable price for shrimp and I am looking forward to giving our members the best shrimp around. Below are my contact numbers: Cell#-973-931-8346 or VHF-channel 10"

" If I do not pick up the phone, please leave a message with your number and how many quarts you need and where you will be fishing so I can confirm the order and set up a location for delivery. "

Time schedule for Shrimp Deliveries

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Pickup at 6AM	Between 10AM and 1:30 PM	Between 3PM and 8:30PM

(Ed Note: I plan to try out his offer in the next week.)

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

1. 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
2. Bill Jann, a member with a great bay boat, is looking to go outside with someone with a bigger boat; for example in a club Tournament. He offers to help defray costs. Contact Bill at (856)-786-8999 or wjann@voicenet.com
3. John Borick would like to go surf fishing with a member who has some surf fishing know-how. His local number is 597-8572. Home # is 973-235-0930.

WEAKS by Bill Logan Sr.

On Sunday July 13th, our neighbor, Gerry Dubeau aka Big Wrench, invited my son in-law and myself to

go weak fishing with him and his friend Bill. As you can see by the accompanying picture, we did well for the 3 ½ hours we were out. We anchored up at the west end of the middle grounds about 100 yards west of the next to last marker and chummed with grass shrimp. There was not one fish less than 22 inches. Mike, my son in-law, caught the biggest one at 27 inches. I was very happy for him as he cannot get the time/opportunity to go out fishing very often. As you can see his 4 kids love him and keep him busy. By the way this is a picture of 4 of our 8 grand kids Mike John Jr., Nicholas Francis, Emily Nicole, and Patrick William Singer. No big fish story just some big fish.



(Ed Note: Bill Sr. is not in this picture. Some nice weaks were on the deck as well; cropped in editing.)

FLUKE IN THE BAY by Bill Jann

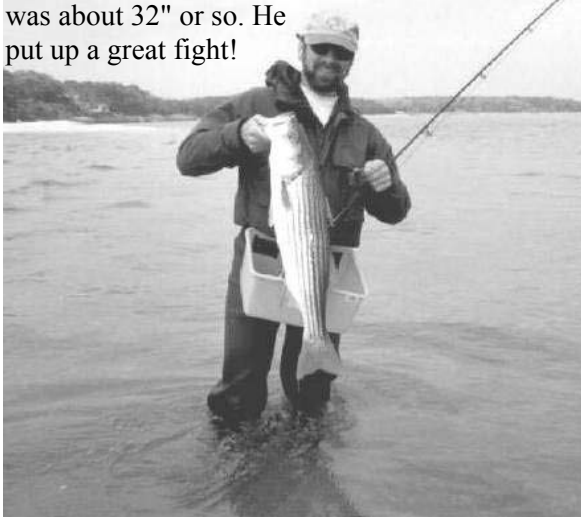
I went down to the middle grounds last Monday 6/30 and Tuesday 7/1 to do some fluking. On Monday, I had incoming water with a light ESE breeze pretty much all morning. I drifted for a while in the center of the middle grounds without any bites (not even a crab). About 9:00AM, I moved down along Holgate, about 500 yards south of 108 Buoy, and drifted in 13' of water. Got two nice keepers and three shorts by 10:00 AM. I was using chartreuse bucktail hooks with squid/killie on a 30" leader about 9" above the sinker. When the tide slowed, the bite died so I moved back to the middle grounds, about 500 yards west of the deep water off Mordecai Island. The fluke were in fairly shallow water, 5 to 6 feet deep. I got two 23" fluke, plus a couple more over 18", and only a couple of shorts. I had a seriously big one on a 1/4 oz chartreuse jig/killie, but, unfortunately, I couldn't raise him up off the bottom and he broke off (8 lb test line). I never saw the fish so you can assume it was probably a skate but in my heart, by the way he did the typical head shakes, I

know it was a fluke. The bite died about 12:00 noon and I ended up with seven nice keepers. Naturally, it was the only day this year I forgot the camera.

On Tuesday, I got an early start and caught the last of the outgoing water with a SE breeze. I fished the same area of the middle grounds as yesterday with the same tackle and got 3 nice keeper fluke and a 51/2 pound weakie and a few shorts. This time I got some pictures. The fluke bite was early. After 8:30 AM, all I got were a few sharks and sea robins. Curiously, every fish I had hooked on Monday was a fluke, nothing else.

FLY CAUGHT BASS by Dave Sikorski

Here's a nice striper I caught out on the North Fork of LI during the last weekend in May. I estimate he was about 32" or so. He put up a great fight!



THREE FLUKIN AMIGOS by Jeff Barnhart

Inserted below is a photo of the "Three Flukin Amigos" holding some of their catch of 24 fluke caught aboard the Almost Heaven captained by Bill Ferris this month east of the Harvey Cedar Lumps. Pictured left to right are John "the Duke of Fluke" Lyzszarz, Jeff Barnhart and Bill Ferris. "The Duke" who had the VHFC Fluke of the Year last year .



3 ITEMS FOR SALE .

Note: If your listed item is sold, tell Dick at (609)-494-0263. 1. Charlie Kochka is selling a 1984 9.9HP Suzuki Long Shaft in excellent condition. Low hours. Was kept in garage for years. Asking \$600.00. (597-4430)

2. 25' 1993 Parker with 99 Suzuki 225 HP w/347 Hrs. Windlass, Washdown, Radio, Loran, 2 saddle tanks (216 Gal. Capacity). Best offer over \$23,000. Call weekends (609)-978-1114 or cell (610)-291-1197.

3. 20' 1995 Stratos 2000CC with 175 Evinrude Ocean Pro, T-Top with radio box, rod holders, 25 gal livewell, VHF, fish finder, AM-FM radio, Canvas, Wash down system, hydraulic steering, 85 gal. fuel tank, low Hrs. \$12,500 Call John at (609)-597-3523.

GET A FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK

VHFC club member, Ed Wetmore, has offered to go to your boat and, when completed satisfactorily, present you with a US Power Squadron Safety Inspection Certificate. Call Ed at 609 294-6956.

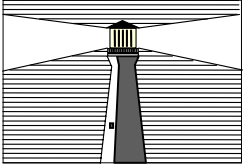
BAR-B-QUED BLUEFISH & WEAKFISH

RECIPE by Don Kamienski (retyped by Dick Vesper from a handout at one of Don's presentations)

This is the recipe I use. For best results, use 2-5 pound fish.

- Fillet your fish removing all bones but keep the skin on the fillet.
- Mix the following ingredients...
 - 1/3 cup vinegar 1/3 cup of soy sauce
 - 1/3 cup melted butter 1 tsp of ketchup
 - 1/2 tsp ginger powder Dash salt & pepper
- Heat the above mix to bet better blending.
- Baste the fillets with the mix using a soft brush
- Place thin onion slices on each fillet.
- Place fillets on a preheated grill (skin side down)
- Continue to baste every 2-3 minutes.
- After 3 minutes on the grill, poke several holes through the fish's skin with a long fork to allow the fish's oil to drain.
- Depending on the fillet's thickness, allow them to remain on the grill 15-20 minutes with the lid closed for the final three minutes.
- The fillets are ready when they begin to flake.
- Using 2 spatulas, remove the fillet in one piece from the grill. When eating, the dark meat will remain with the skin and can be discarded.
- Enjoy!





VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER



Date: Friday August 15, 2003 Time: 7:30 PM

MUSIC GOOD FOOD DANCING DOOR PRIZES

LOCATION: OCEAN ACRES COUNTRY CLUB OVERLOOKING THE GOLF COURSE

MENU: CHICKEN FRANCAISE
 BROILED FLOUNDER
 PRIME RIB

MEAL INCLUDES: SALAD
 BAKED POTATO
 STRING BEANS

DESSERT: APPLE PIE & ICE CREAM
 COFFEE & TEA

CASH BAR

PRICE: \$20. PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES TIP & TAX

RESERVATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR JULY MEETING AND BY MAIL

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 8TH

DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 72 West (under parkway). Pass 1st traffic light & make a right onto the next street; Lighthouse Rd. Stay on Lighthouse for approximately 1 1/2 miles to Buccaneer Rd. Turn right on Buccaneer for 2/10 mile. Ocean Acres Country Club is on the right.

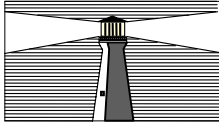
COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL IT TO: VHFC, BOX 1026, MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050

NAME _____ #PERSONS _____

TEL. # _____ AMT. PAID _____

MEAL CHOICE: CHICKEN _____ FLOUNDER _____ PRIME RIB _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VHFC



REEF DAY



WHEN: Sun-up to 5 pm Saturday August 23, 2003

To be eligible for a prize the fish must be caught and weighed-in between these times.

WHERE: All Bay and Ocean waters between 39° 48' North and 39° 24' North

This event targets Sea Bass and Fluke, which will congregate around the reef sites, but entrants are free to probe any waters within the specified boundaries for these tasty fish. There will be a special bonus for the largest Trigger Fish.

The centers of the artificial reef sites within that range are approximately:

Barnegat Light Reef: ~39° 45' N; 74° 1.5' W

GSN Reef: ~39° 37.5' N; 74° 1.5' W

GSS Reef: ~39 33.5' N; 74° 6.5' W

Little Egg Reef: ~39° 28.5' N; 74° 11' W

Also located within this range are the Harvey Cedars Lump sites, the Barnegat and Little Egg Inlets, Oyster Creek Channel, the Bi buoy, Double Creek Channel, the Middle Grounds, the Holgate Channel, Marshelder Channel, Grassy Channel, and Great Bay.

Anglers can fish anywhere in the ocean or bay for this tournament. Tournament Chairman, Basil Dubrosky will be located at the Garden State South Reef and will stay in touch with participants by radio. Participants are welcome to drift over the floats that I will drop at the most productive reef locations.

TARGET SPECIES:

- **Sea Bass:** 12" min, 25 fish bag limit
- **Fluke:** 16 1/2" min, 8 fish bag limit
- **Trigger Fish**

PRIZES:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd heaviest (\$75, \$25 & \$20) of Sea Bass and Fluke
- Bonus: Heaviest Trigger Fish (\$50)

(Weigh in at Fisherman's Headquarters by 5pm), Any ties will be decided by first fish to be weighed in.

Also: only VHFC members are eligible for the prizes

Also note: Fluke is our August fish-of-the-month, so hopefully someone on this trip will win this prize as well

BAITS:

- Clam, Squid, Crabs (green, fiddler), small fish (Killies, Bergall fillet), mackerel pieces, worms (sand, blood), mussels, shrimp

RIG:

- High-Low rig with 3 to 16 oz sinker, depending on ocean current (just enough to hold bottom)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- VHF channel 10

SIGN UP DEALINE

- Signed Signup Sheets will be accepted by Dave Sikorski until the end of the VHFC Dinner on 08/15/03.

- ❖ Signed entries can be mailed to VHFC, Reef Day, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ, 08050
- ❖ 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 vessel and captain and crew experience levels. The captain of the 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:** _____ **Date** _____
Boat Name: _____ **Call Sign:** _____

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2003 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL 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 9, 2003

Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: __/__/____ Note: Both * items must be completed.

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2002 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

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, INC.
Junior Angler Application Form for 2003
MAIL 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 9, 2003

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

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 that the applicant will reach 18 years of age after May 9, 2003.

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.): _____

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

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South Bay Day	Ray Williams & Charlie Kochka
Reef Fishing Event	Basil Dubrosky (597-1531)
Surf Tournament	Steve Cook & John Nonnenmacher

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PO Box 1026
Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.**

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		
FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on bait & tackle	BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15 th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle	AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle
THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on bait & tackle	CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.	CLARKE'S MARINE SUPPLY Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on marine supplies & tackle
Hook Up With Us Shrimping TJ will me you on the Bay. 973-931-8346 or use VHF channel 10 qts.1 thru 5 at \$5 each, more qts. are \$4 each	THE BOAT SHOPS 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait & tackle	BOBBIES 7 th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	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. Member to contact is Charlie Kochka (609) 597-4430.