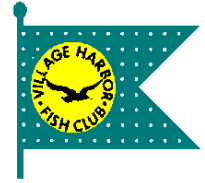


# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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## EVENTS IN JULY

### **BOARD MEETING: 02 JULY**

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9 JULY**

At the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

7:30 PM: Doors open early so come help set up.

7:45 PM: Meeting Starts with Club Business:

- ❖ Fluke Fish of the Month Award
- ❖ Report on the Weakfish Tournament
- ❖ Report Results of the South Bay Tournament
- ❖ Fishing Discussion-All Present
- ❖ Break
- ❖ Guest Speaker: Adam Nowalsky on Sea Bass & Fluke Fishing; In & Offshore

### **ANNUAL CLUB DINNER: 23 JULY**

### **PRESIDENT'S JULY 2004 MESSAGE** by Ray Williams

Happy Fourth of July to all our members! At the June meeting we had approximately 50 people come to hear Bill Figley speak about the New Jersey Artificial Reef Program & fishing New Jersey's reefs. One of the interesting facts Bill revealed is that New Jersey water's are some of the richest in nutrients along the eastern seaboard due to the upwelling of currents along our coast. We all know nutrients are the first step on the food chain that leads up the ladder to the fish we love to catch.

We have another informative speaker planned for the July meeting. Adam Nowalsky will speak on Sea Bass & Fluking In & Off-Shore. Our annual dinner is planned for July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ocean Acres Country Club. The cost is only \$20 per person. Please try to attend to show your support for the club. I guarantee you will have a great time & we have some nice door prizes to give out. I know some of

you fishermen are great dancers. Anyone who can jig for Fluke successfully must be a great dancer! Fluking seems to be picking up. I had a chance to fish several times the last full week of June and we had Fluke up to 3 ½ pounds. Lots of shorts out there, also, you just have to work for them. Try a 3/8 or 1/2 ounce bucktail with a killie on it. You might get a big Fluke on this simple combination! I hope to see all of you at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **2004 TROPHY FISH** by George Fruh

The status of our 2004 Trophy Fish of the Year competition as of June 28th at 10:30 AM EDT is:

Bluefish(06/27)	10 lb 14 oz	Paul Galasso
Fluke(06/12)	3 lb 15 oz	Dave Sikorski
SeaBass(06/13)	2 lb 09 oz	T.J. Miller
StripedBass(06/18)	36 lb 01 oz	Tony Recklitis
Weakfish (05/26)	10 lb 0 oz	Paul Turi
W. Flounder (04/09)	2lb 01 oz	Vince Sibona

This month's new entries are for Bluefish, Fluke, SeaBass and Striped Bass. Things are picking up.

### **FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD** by George Fruh

In the lead is Dave Sikorski with a Fluke weighing 03 lb 15 oz caught on June 13. Can you beat this?

The fish of the month will be announced at the July Monthly Meeting and in the August Newsletter since we had to go to press with the newsletter before June 30.

The July Fish Of The Month is Bluefish.

### **REMINDER: JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> DINNER** by John Nonnenmacher

Time is running out for signing up for the Dinner to be held at the Ocean Acres Country Club. Don't miss this opportunity to join in with the other members for a nice meal, dancing and some great door prizes. You can't go wrong for \$20.00 a person. Reservations accepted at our July 10th

meeting or by mail no later than July 13. Join us for a good night out.

### **WEAKFISH & SOUTH BAY TOURNAMENTS**

by Ray Williams

Our Weakfish tournament was scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> & we had a nice roster of members & guests signed up for this event. On Friday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, the forecast for Saturday was small craft warnings, abnormally high tides, & heavy rains. Don Longstreet & I decided to cancel the tournament. However, we did hold the social at Don's house on Saturday. All entrants were given a refund of entry fees. Some of the members decided to apply their entry fees to the South Bay tournament.

Our South Bay tournament was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of June. This report is being written on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> so I do not have all the results. The forecast for the 26<sup>th</sup> was for rain in the morning with clearing later in the day. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, a number of our entrants decided to go out in spite of the forecast. Saturday dawned cloudy but without rain. There was absolutely no wind that morning. Don Longstreet fished the middle grounds with John Nonnenmacher, Steve Cook, & Jerry Papp. Dave Sikorski was also there in his boat & I was there in mine. Steve Cook caught a 3.80 pound Fluke near the "X" Buoy. He also caught a Skate, estimated to be over 50 pounds!

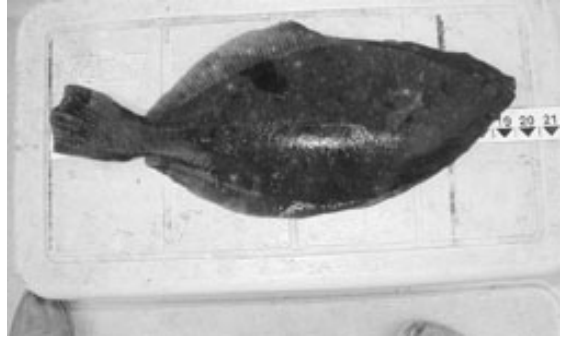
Later in the morning, due to a lack of Fluke, Dave Sikorski & I decided to move down to the channel from Tuckerton Creek to Marshelder. We fished between Buoys 22 & 18. The drift was ideal, carrying us along the edge of the channel the entire length of our drifts, due to the lack of wind & an outgoing tide. I caught 7 Fluke in about one hour. Only one was a throwback. The others ranged from 16 ½ to 21 inches. The largest was 3.30 pounds. All were caught on a rig I made up with a ½ ounce bucktail & a 3/0 circle hook on a surgeon's loop about 15 inches above the bucktail. I put a killie on the circle hook and Shedder Crab on the bucktail. Don and his crew came up from Holgate to meet us, but the bite was slowing as the tide ebbed. About 11 am the fishing died out.

On Sunday morning, Dave returned to this area in his boat and John Kerstanski & I went down there in mine. Don started in the Middle Grounds and then worked his way south to the inlet. To make a long day's fishing short but bitter, the day was beautiful but the fishing was awful. We fished that channel, Marshelder Channel, & the Grassy Channel. I heard no other reports since Sunday, but will put an update into the August issue when we report the winners.

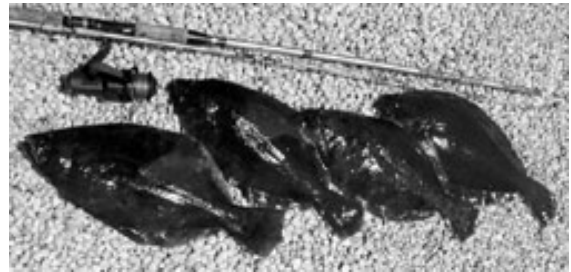
### **RECENT FLUKING** by Bill Jann

I've been fluking in the Middle Grounds for the last week or so. There's been a nice early bite. It doesn't last past 9AM, but the fish are a nice size.

Below is one of a pair of 20 inchers from 5/31. The foot at bottom left is mine.



Below are some pictures of a nice morning's catch from 6/9/04.



### **GOOD DAY AT BARNEGAT REEF** by Jeff Barnhart

A good day at Barnegat Reef on October 12 as Bill Farris, Jeff Barnhart and John Lyzczarz show off some of their catch for the day. Overall 13 keeper fluke and 9 sea bass aboard Jeff Barnhart's Reel Deal.



L to R) Willie .....Captain.....The Duke

### **CRABS** by Bill Jann

Bay fishing has been really slow lately.. Just sharks and big skates. Even the crabbing has slowed down

quite a bit. Below, is a picture of a nice cooler full.



**BOY ON KAYAK NAILS BIG STRIPER**



(Ed Note: I had to show this) A **BIG** 51 lb. Striped Bass was taken by Bob Capri, Jr. (age 14 & not a member. We'll be seeing more details in the 6/30 SandPaper). Bob had zipped into the ocean off Surf City in his Cobra kayak. He was rigged to

snag bunker from the massive schools hanging maybe 150 yards off the beach. He had fouled maybe a half dozen baitfish when he was pulling up a wounded bunker on his snag hook, when BAM! A super pickup for someone with feet firmly planted, but Bob was in a kayak -- and a model that isn't all that stable, by my reckoning.

According to the new Kayak Kid, he was then taken on a fishing ride of a lifetime. The monster bass not only dragged him an entire jetty-to-jetty distance but turned the kayak around and around and around, a half dozen times. That swirl is known very well to kayak anglers, especially when a larger fish is on-line or make that in tow, with the fish doing the towing.

Once he had the cow up to the kayak, he managed to grab the bulging-bellied striper by driving his hand through the gill plate and out the mouth. Yes, that is the same method used by McReynolds bringing in his world record bass.

With his new 51-pound bracelet, Bob finally worked the fish toward the beach but had his main challenge

when he tipped the kayak near the beachline. He literally hand wrestled the fish in the rest of the way. Some nearby folks then helped out by letting Bob call his dad and mom who rushed to the beach.

**BOATING GEAR FOR SALE**

If any member has a fishing related item to sell, contact Dick Vesper at (609-494-0263 or by email: dick.vesper@verizon.net). Ads are free!

1. 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
2. Boston Whaler Conquest, 23 ft, 225 Mercury engine, all electronics, T-top, Head, 30 hrs on engine. Asking \$52,500. Contact John Mazzone at (973) 583-9318
3. Charlie Kochka is selling a 1984 9.9 HP Suzuki Long Shaft in excellent condition. Low Hours. Was kept in garage for years. Asking \$600 597-4430

**FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS**

1. **NEW ITEM:** 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.
2. 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.
3. 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](mailto:wjann@voicenet.com).
4. 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 number is 973-235-0930.

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.  
2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Officers:**

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary

**Trustees**

Sergeant at Arms  
Weigh Master/Awards

Ray Williams (978-1480)  
Dave Sikorski (978-0437)  
John Borick (507-8592)  
Ken Hansen (361-9350)  
Ed Wetmore (294-6956)

Charlie Kochka  
George Fruh (597-4588)

Recruiting  
Membership Data Base  
Fishing How-To's  
Guest Speakers  
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Vessel Safety Ed Wetmore (294-6956)  
JCAA/Regulations John Borick (507-8592)  
Tournament Director OPEN

All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.

2004 Tournament Chairmen

Weakfish Tournament Don Longstreet & Bill Dabney  
South Bay Tournament Ray Williams & Charlie Kochka  
Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore  
Surf Tournament John Borick, Roland Dixon & John Kerstanski

**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**

<b>FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS</b> Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>BOBBIES</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>TIP'S HARDWARE</b> West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
<b>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS</b> On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.	<b>CLEARWATER MARINE CENTER</b> Route 9, Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on marine supplies & tackle
<b>AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>THE BOAT SHOP</b> 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	<b>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Bay Avenue & 15 <sup>th</sup> St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle
<b>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA &amp; KAYAKS</b> 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton <b>296-1888</b> 10% discount on bait & tackle		<b>BOAT U.S.</b> 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

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## SKILLFUL ANGLER AWARDS PROGRAM provided by Roland Dixon

**Program History: 2003** marked the 21st anniversary of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Skillful Angler Awards Program. For two decades the Division has been recognizing anglers who catch fish of "not quite [record size](#)," but are impressive and worthy of recognition. The program began in 1983 with 31 applicants. In 2003, 126 applications representing 20 different species were officially processed. Since the program's modest beginning, the Division has granted skillful angler status to 2,021 anglers. Qualifying anglers receive a signed certificate attesting to their achievement along with a bronze pin suitable to be worn on a fishing hat, jacket, etc.

NOTE: New categories (Junior and Catch & Release) were added in 2004.

On the NJ web site you can "Click" to see lists of the [1996](#), [1997](#), [1998](#), [1999](#), [2000](#), [2001](#), [2002](#) or [2003](#) Skillful Angler Awards winners who caught the largest fish in each of the species categories.

### Minimum Size Requirements for Skillful Angler Award:

#### Saltwater Species

Species	Adult Weight (lbs.)	Junior Weight (lbs./ozs.)	Catch and Release (inches)
Black Sea Bass	4	3	20"
Striped Bass	40	36	42"
Black Drum	70	63	46"
Bluefish	18	16	33"
Cod	30	27	42"
Dolphin	30	27	n/a
Winter Flounder	2	1 lb. 8 oz	16"
Fluke	8	7	27"
Kingfish	1	8 oz	13"
Mako Shark	250	225	n/a
Blue Marlin	400	360	n/a
White Marlin	60	54	n/a
Pollock	25	22 lbs. 8 oz	41"
Tautog	8	7	22"
Albacore Tuna	50	45	n/a
Big Eye Tuna	200	180	n/a
Bluefin Tuna	500	450	n/a
Yellowfin Tuna	120	108	n/a
Tuna (other)	250	225	n/a
Weakfish	10	9	30"

#### Freshwater Species

Species	Adult Weight (lbs.)	Junior Weight (lbs./ozs.)	Catch and Release (inches)
Largemouth bass	6	4	21"
Smallmouth bass	4	3	19"
Striped bass hybrid	8	6	24"
Striped bass	30	25	40"
Bullhead	2	1 lb. 8 oz	14"
Carp	25	20	35"
Channel catfish	10	8	29"
Crappie	2	1 lb. 8 oz	14"
Muskellunge	20	15	40"
Yellow perch	1 lb. 8 oz	1	13"
Chain pickerel	4	3	24"
Northern pike	10	8	34"
American shad	7	5	24"
Brook Trout	3	2	19"
Brown Trout	8	5	25"
Lake Trout	12	8	31"
Rainbow Trout	5	3 lbs. 8 oz	23"
Sunfish	1	12 oz	9"
Walleye	6	4 lbs. 8 oz	24"

To receive a brochure about the program, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

**Skillful Angler Awards Program**

NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife  
P.O. Box 400  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0400

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
**2004 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 14, 2004**

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Note: Both \* items must be completed.

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2003 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.**  
*Junior Angler Application Form for 2004*  
**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 14, 2004**

**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)**

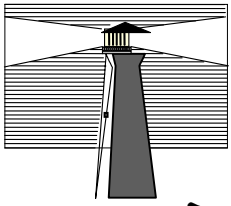
By completing the following, the Sponsor takes full responsibility to accompany and supervise the applicant's behavior and ensure the applicant's well being during and en route to and from any club activity or event and further certifies possession of the legal authority to do so.

Further, the sponsor affirms this applicant will not reach 18 years of age on or before May 14, 2004.

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.): \_\_\_\_\_



# VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER



**DATE: FRIDAY JULY 23 2004 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  
RESERVATIONS: WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR JULY MEETING AND BY MAIL**

**Chairpersons: Bill Logan and John Nonnenmacher**

**Reservations accepted no later than July 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**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**