

THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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VHFC EVENTS IN JULY

BOARD MEETING: 01 JULY 7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 08 JULY

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
- Present June Fish of the Month Award Fluke
- Report on the South Bay Tournament
- ▶ Final Update on the July 15th 2005 VHFC Dinner
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

Speaker: Matt Lees of Tow Boat US on Salvage and Towing Conditions

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dave Sikorski

Now that summer is officially here, we can all kick back and watch the time fly by. Friends and family will be coming to be visit, and there should be lots of crabs, weakfish and summer flounder in the bay to keep everyone happy.

Don't forget about our annual club dinner dance, scheduled for July 15. Come out and join us for a fun filled evening of food, music, dancing, door prizes and get to know your fellow club members and spouses. If you haven't already signed up, come to the July 8th meeting and sign up there. There is also a signup sheet you can mail to us on page 5.

At the July meeting, we will have Matt Lees from Tow Boat US as our guest speaker. Matt will explain the difference between towing and salvage. If you don't think this will have an impact on you, I hope you are right. But if you ever find yourself in a boating predicament, knowing the difference could save you thousands of dollars. This discussion could be more important than you could ever imagine.

The weather was perfect for the first half of our South Bay Tournament, and if you didn't get out there on Father's day, you didn't have to endure the stiff NE winds. That is one of the reasons we try to schedule many of our tournaments across two days.

Our next tournament will be the Fluke and Sea Bass tournament scheduled for August 28. We will have a nice barbeque after this one, which is a great way to get to know other club members and to share and learn helpful fishing information.

In order to emphasize the fall surf fishing opportunities we have in our area, we have added two new Bonus fish of the month. To make things interesting, we have added Croaker in September and Bluefish in October and November. Get out and catch some of these surf invaders this fall. Don't forget about the Surf Fishing tournament in October.

I would like to welcome all of this year's new members. I hope you all find the club as helpful and enjoyable as I have since I joined 7 years ago. We are always looking for new ideas, so please let us know if you have any suggestions you would like to share. We also need a few new folks to get involved in the management of the club. This club works very well because we have many folks who volunteer their time to help organize all of our events. Please let me know if you are interested in getting involved.

Have a great summer and enjoy the great fishing we have here in Ocean County.

DON'T' KNOW WHAT TO DO IN JULY FOR GREAT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT? THE VHFC ANNUAL DANCE Friday July 15th, 2005

Wow! What a deal for \$25.00/per person and that includes tax, gratuities and 3 hours of fun.

Hurry, Hurry, Sign up (page 5) for a wonderful evening of music, dancing, eating and great prizes.

Friday night, July 15 you don't have to wonder what you'll be doing. VHFC is having their annual dinner dance. This is the perfect setting for a great night of food, dancing, camaraderie and entertainment. Just picture while you're eating great food, yes, great food your choice of prime rib, seafood or chicken and you will be listening to a live band called the Prescriptions playing the best of 50's and 60's music. You can dance with your partner and enjoying chatting with all the club members because this is our NIGHT.

The sign up sheet on page 5 has the menu selection and directions to Ocean acres; all we need is your participation.

Bring a partner, bring friends or just bring yourself but come and be ready for a great time.

(Bill Logan and Ed Wetmore are running this event).

TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The Trophy fish of the Year (FOY) weigh-in status as of June 26^{th} is:

Blackfish	No Entry as	Yet
Bluefish (05/30)	09 lb. 12 oz.	Paul Galasso
Fluke (05/14)	08 lb. 0 oz.	Vince Sibona
Sea Bass (06/17)	04 lb. 12 oz.	Lorraine Wetmore
Striped Bass (05/17)06 lb. 13 oz.	Basil Dubrosky
Weakfish (05/18)	12 lb. 06 oz.	Ed Cherry
W. Fl'nder (04/25)	02 lb. 04 oz.	Jerry Papp

The rules are simple: A member has to catch a fish of one the above species and get it weighed and recorded on our official weigh-in forms at an official weigh station. In order for a boat angler's catch to qualify for an award, they must have departed from and returned to an Ocean County port. A shore angler's entry must be caught within Ocean County. Our two official weigh stations are: Fishermans Headquarters (Ship Bottom) and American Sportsman Bait & Tackle (Manahawkin).

Make sure that the VHFC weigh in form is completed for each entry.

If you have weighed in the largest fish of a particular species for the calendar year 2005, then, early in 2006 you'll receive the FOY Award for that species.

FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

Bluefish is the July Fish of the Month (FOM).

Ed Cherry won the May FOM Award with a 12 lb. 06 oz. Weakfish he caught on 05/18.

The end of June came too late for the June weighins to be reported in this Newsletter. We will announce the June FOM at the July Meeting and in the August Newsletter. The current leader for June FOM as of 06/26 is William Powers with a 5 lb. 1.6 oz. fluke he caught on 06/24 in Double Creek channel.

The FOM rules are simple (and exactly the same as FOY). The FOM species are listed in the VHFC Calendar (see June Issue). Make sure that a VHFC weigh in form is completed for each entry.

THE JULY NEWSLETTER by Dick Vesper

The big event for July is the VHFC DINNER DANCE on the 15th. After you attend, you will be glad you did.

The next tournament is THE FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT (on August 27th 2005) – description and application form on page 6.

The Newsletter had to be printed before month's end and so the winner of the JUNE FOM AWARD cannot be announced in this issue. The same delay occurred in May and the winner for May is presented in the FOM column, below.

All of the local fishing reports in this issue are arranged, by date, into a single column titled Fishing Reports for June 2005. Sadly, we have no pictures this month.

I am pleased to see our lead for Sea Bass FOY was caught by a Co-Member. (My spouse often outfishes me.)

Two new Recipes for fish dishes are on page 4. We need more recipes, please.

We have some new details about how we will handle Boating Gear For Sale and Fishing With Club Members. Details are included within those two columns. I would like to hear from members about their success or frustration with these ads.

SOUTH BAY TOURNAMENT REPORT by Ray Williams

The South Bay Tournament was held on June 18th & 19th as scheduled. Fifteen members entered the tournament. This was a 2 day tournament in which entrants could fish one or both days. Saturday's weather was pretty nice, although it became quite breezy as morning turned into afternoon.

There was quite a bit of chatter over the VHF about different spots anglers were fishing & the lack of results. Fluke were not hard to find, but most were shorts. I personally fished Saturday with John Kerstanski & we started out immediately south of the small bridge on the west side of the Causeway. We started about 5 am & caught 8 summer size weakies. We kept two of them & then moved down to the area immediately east of Marshelder. We caught some short fluke there as well as skates & a couple of large dogfish. We moved on down towards the inlet & fished along the sod banks with no luck. Next we moved to Grassy Channel where we caught more short fluke & more dogfish. We finally tried the Fish I talked with Basil Dubrosky, Don Factory. Longstreet, & our President, Dave Sikorski, throughout the morning. Basil reported lots of short fluke & small bluefish as well as skates & dogfish. Don reported that Bill Dabney had caught a 19" fluke.

Sunday morning I went out by myself about 5 am. The wind was blowing pretty hard out of the northeast. I caught a few weakies south of the bridge & some short fluke south of Long Point. Sunday, I couldn't raise anyone on the VHF.

Preliminary results of the tournament are as follows: No one weighed in a bluefish over 2 lbs (the minimum size for the tournament.) Bill Dabney weighed in a 2 lb. 1 oz. fluke. Brayden Shinn, a junior angler weighed in a 2 lb. 10 oz. fluke, and I weighed in a 1 lb. 1 oz. Weakie. Based on these preliminary results, Brayden will win \$75 & I will win \$75.

I would like to thank all of the people who entered the tournament for supporting the club & for the great cooperation over the radio during the tournament.

FISHING REPORTS FOR JUNE 2005

June 14 by Bill Jann

I went out fluking on the middle grounds and managed to get 3 good hours in before the wind kicked up. Things are looking up! No sharks, no skates. I got 3 keeper fluke and 8 throwbacks, fishing the bottom of the tide. I hope it's not just a flash in the pan.

JUNE 16 by Bill Jann

I went down to the middle grounds this morning to do some fluking. I started at 7:00am and caught the last 3 hours of the outgoing tide, and stayed through the first hour of the incoming. Fluke all over the place! I ended up with 7 keepers and 20 throwbacks, all on the chartruese streamers with squid and killie. No action on the jig today. Deadsticking was the magic bullet.

JUNE 17 by Ed Wetmore

I had luck in the inlet (Little Egg) today on the first 3 hours of incoming. I caught blues but very little fluke. Maybe the fluke get hungry on the ongoing tide. Next, I'm going back to the reefs for black sea bass and bigger fluke.

JUNE 18 by Ed Wetmore

Thursday (16th) fishing was good but Friday's was great on the reefs.

Lorraine did it again; she caught even a bigger sea bass than last week. This fish was 4.75 lbs and 21 inches long. When she brought it up I could not believe the size.

I opened the stomach up on that big fish and it was full of clam and nothing else. We were using fresh squid and minnies along with shedder crab and clams. She caught others and I caught some nice fluke. The fish on the reef love shedder crab. I had the fish weighed in at fisherman's headquarters. Lorraine is submitting a form for the New Jersey Skillfull Angler Award. Black Sea Bass stuffed with crab meat is Wonderful!!!

June20 by Bill Jann

I went down to the middle grounds yesterday and fished from 6:40am to 11:30am. The wind was kind of brutal, against the tide, so lots of chop. The fish didn't seem to mind though. I got 4 keeper fluke, 8 throwbacks, and a small blue. The jig didn't work again (too much sea lettuce), but green or white streamers with squid/killie did well. I was fishing the incoming tide and the bite died about 10:30, when the water started out. I stayed another hour but never got another bite.

JUNE 23 by Bill Jann

Go figure!! I went down to the middle grounds again yesterday. Perfect conditions, 70 degree water, rising tide, light breeze, and NO FLUKE, not even a throwback. All we got were a few sharks and skates. Later, I talked to a guy who had gone up to Barnegat Inlet and had the same experience. Nobody, inside or out, had caught a decent fish. Maybe it's the full moon?

JUNE 21 by Ed Wetmore

Went striped bass fishing on Tuesday (21st) and got shorts at Island State Park. The guy I striper fish with went Wednesday (I had a golf tournament) and he got striped bass all day; catch and release. He gave me one beautiful bass. He said he had two nice fish using nothing but clam two hours before high tide. (Ed. Note: Thanks to Ed and Bill)

LOCAL TOURNAMENT by Ray Williams

Dave Kelton of American Sportsmen Bait & Tackle (one of our sponsors) is holding a 5 month long tournament that our members might like to enter. Listed below is the info given to me by Dave:

This year American Sportsman is holding a Fishing Tournament, which runs from May 13 to October 16, 2005. There are 7 inshore divisions (species): Fluke, Bluefish, Sea Bass, Striper, Weakfish, Blackfish, and Flounder and 3 offshore divisions: any shark, any tuna, and dolphin. You can enter 1 or enter all. The cost is \$2.00 per division for inshore and \$5.00 per division for offshore. The rules are simple:

1. Must be entered before weigh in.

2. Weigh in at American Sportsman unless over 100lbs.

3. If over 100lbs certified weigh sheet must be brought in for verification.

4. All Fish and Wildlife minimums will apply. Prizes are 1st place only. Heaviest fish for that division wins the total collected.

Come in---Take a chance---You never know when or where that Monster fish will show up.

Keep Tight lines. Thanks.... from David at American Sportsman.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK by Ed Wetmore

A Vessel Safety Check VSC) is generally performed on recreational boats under 65 feet. VSC requirements parallel federal and individual state regulations regarding equipment and safety conditions of the vessel. VSC is not a law enforcement action. No official report is made to any law enforcement agency.

A vessel safety check is only performed with the owners consent and he/she must be present at the time of the VSC. The owner of the vessel will be presented a "Vessel Safety Check" decal depicting not only a successful completion of the safety check but a demonstration to the rest of the boating world that the owner is operating a safe vessel.

(See our May 2005 Newsletter for more details.)

This check will last about 10-15 minutes and I will do all the paper work (very little) and present the captain/owner with a complete copy of the VSC. I will describe that boats under 26 feet have less requirements than the larger ones.

To arrange a VSC for your boat during the first three weeks of July, please call me at 609-294-6956 (home) to schedule a date. I will come to your location and inspect their boat.

Thank you and safe boating...

FLUKE SALAD by Vince Sibona

Cook fluke in microwave oven until white – when no more pink color. Do not overcook. Let Cool 20-30 minutes. Make same as Tuna Salad.

FLUKE OR WEAKFISH SAUCE WITH PASTA by Vince Sibona

Cook chopped garlic & chopped onions in a little oil until light brown. Add a 1 lb 12 oz. can of crushed tomatoes. Cook for about 30 minutes. Cut the fish into I1 inch cubes and add to the sauce. Cook 10-12 minutes. Pour fish sauce over ½ lb. freshly cooked & drained pasta (vermicelli or rotelli or spaghetti).Except for the pasta, everything is cooked in the frying pan. Besides garlic & onion, you can add other seasonings to your taste.

BOATING GEAR FOR SALE by Dick Vesper

We had a problem in not knowing whether or not member's ads had expired. The VHFC Board decided that we do want to run ads for selling any member's fishing-related items for at least three months. However, within three months after submitting their ad, it is up to the seller to notify 4. Dick Vesper (by mail, telephone or email) if they wish the ad to continue and if there are any changes. Of course, we would sincerely appreciate being advised as soon as an ad is no longer needed.

All prior ads are now dated as June 15, 2005. 1. 1993 Baha Cruiser 285 Weekender - 28.5ft; 10.5' beam; 2 Volvo V8 305 CI 205HP Inboards (620 hours); fresh H20 engine flush sys.; Outriggers; 12 rod SS Rocket Launcher + rod storage in gunnels; tackle lockers; bait station w' sink; shore power; battery charger; 2003 Color GPS & 2004 VHF; 1999 Color Video Sounder; Loran: 1999 J AM/FM Stereo Cassette: Hot/Cold Fresh Water Sys.; galley; head w' shower; auto extinguisher sys.; Bennet trim tabs; Canvas drop curtain; many extras. 2004 survey gave it excellent rating; valued at \$35,000 to \$40000. Asking \$34000. Call Vince Sibona at 609-597-6162. (expires Sept.15, 2005)

2. 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 (expires Sept.15, 2005)

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

We had a problem in not knowing whether or not member's personal fishing-related ads (such as from last year) were still needed. The VHFC Board decided that we definitely want to continue to run any personal ads that can help our members get together for fishing. However, starting this year, the current personal fishing ads will expire in with the last newsletter of the year. Members are invited to use this function and renew it each year if they find it useful. If you wish the personal fishing ad to continue and if there are any changes, simply notify Dick Vesper (by mail, telephone or email), as early in the next year as convenient.

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. 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.



The Annual VHFC Dinner Dance

- The Cost \$25 per person (Tax and gratuities included)
- The Location Ocean Acres Golf Club
- The Date and Time Friday July 15th 7:30 PM-10:30 PM
- Dancing to the 50's and 60's music performed by "The Prescriptions"
- The Menu:
- Tossed Salad with Blue Cheese or Vinaigrette
- Melon with Prosciutto
- Vegetables: Asparagus & Dutchess Potato
- Entrees: Any one of the following:
 - 1. Prime Rib or,
 - 2. Chicken In Puff Pastry or,
 - 3. Broiled Seafood Combo (Includes shrimp, scallops and flounder)
- Dessert Bananas Foster
- Coffee, Tea
- Reservations accepted no later than July 10th

DIRECTIONS: Rt. 72 West (under parkway). Pass 1st 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 onto Buccaneer for mile. Ocean Acres Country Club is about 2/10 mile on the right.

Complete the following form &, with your check payable to VHFC, mail it to:

VHFC, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN JULY 10TH

Please Print: Member Name:	<u>Tel.#:</u>
ENTER BELOW THE NUMBER OF	DINNERS YOU WANT:
SEAFOOD: CHICKEN:	PRIME RIB: WELL MEDIUMRARE
TOTAL # PERSONS	TOTAL AMT. PAID \$



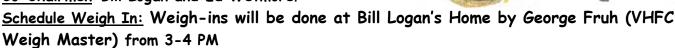
Village Harbour Fishing Club's August 27th, 2005 <u>FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT</u>

This fishing event is open to all active members, co-members, & junior anglers (2005 dues paid) with or without boats. Entry Fee is \$10 per angler & all entry fees will be distributed as prizes. We are asking all participating boats <u>to fly our flag</u> so we can identify each other and aid one another as needed.

Entries: Prizes will only be awarded to Participants who have signed and completed this sheet either at a club meeting or by mail received before the event. We need you to sign the Signup Sheet and thereby acknowledge your understanding of the rules and responsibilities for the event. **Prizes:** One half of the total entry fees will be awarded for each of the heaviest keeper Fluke and Sea Bass. In case of equal weights, the longer fish will win & if lengths are equal, the first fish weighed in wins. If only one species is caught then prizes for 1^{st} & 2^{nd} size fish will be awarded Refreshments at Bill Logan's home starting at weigh in. **(70 Howard Drive, Beach Haven West) VHF channel 72** is the day's communication channel. Hail VHFC members on # 9 and switch to #72

Fishing Time: 7:00 AM-2:00 PM on August 27th.

Fishing Area: North/South Bays and all Ocean Waters Co-Chairmen: Bill Logan and Ed Wetmore.



<u>Prize Awards:</u> Prizes will be distributed at the September Membership Meeting.

SIGN UP SHEET

Signed entries can be mailed to VHFC, Fluke and Sea Bass Tournament, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

• Formal participation includes a commitment to hold harmless the Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc, its officers and directors for any damage or injury, which may result from participation in this event.

• 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 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:	Captain's Phone #		
Crew Names	Signatures	Date	

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					
	Member #:Nickname:				
Signature*: Date:/_/ Note: Both * items must be completed. <u>Renewals:</u> Please insert any changes from 2004 Membership list. <u>New Applicants:</u> Please complete all of the following:					
Name of Spouse:					
Principle Address:	Shore Address:				
City/St/Zip: Phone:	City/St/Zip: Phone:				
Fnone: 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!					
В	oat Owners, please complete the following:				
Name of Bo	Dat: Length (ft.):				
VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2005 Form for <i>Junior Angler</i> 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					
	mplete the following each year (one sheet per Junior Angler)				
Name*:	Member #: Nick Name:				
Signature:	Junior Angler's E-Mail: Home Phone:				
Home Address:					
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.					
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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	BOBBIES 7 th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies		
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.	GALLIVANT GRAPHICS BOAT LETTERING We come to you 10% off for members 609-812-9883		
AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle	THE BOAT SHOP 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15 th St., Barnegat Lt. 494- 4566 10% discount on bait & tackle		
FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296- 1888 10% discount on bait & tackle		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		

Village Harbour Fishing Chub, Inc. PO Box 1026 Manahawkin, NJ 08050