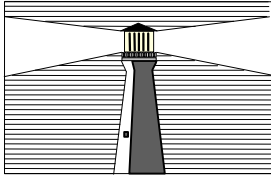


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JOIN VHFC AND LEARN ABOUT FISHING LOCAL WATERS NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Membership Meeting: 7:45 PM Friday June 7th at the Stafford Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

Club Business will include:

- Fish of the Month Award
- 50/50
- Bylaw changes
- 2002 Weakfish Tournament results
- The June 22 & 23 South Bay Tournament
- Guest Speaker: Jay Mann will tell us about the local fishing action, issues & casting nets. For anyone is interested, Jay does most of his very successful fishing from a kayak.
- Hands-on table clinics: bay charts, rod repair, plus netting & seining bait.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Don Longstreet

Well once again we had a fantastic turnout at the April meeting. I was pleased the way you greeted Steve with all the questions about how to get your boats ready for the summer. I would like to hear more suggestions of what you would like to hear at the meetings. If you don't tell us your ideas on what you would like us to talk about we don't know whom to get as speakers. We are looking for people with knowledge on fishing such as knot tying, fixing poles, and working on reels. We would like you to join our hands on group. I would like to see more of our members pairing up on fishing trip. There is a lot to learn that way. You get to see new and different ways to fish and operating boats.

This club is also a boat safety club. You should get the Coast Guard to check your boat, maybe your flares or your extinguishers may be out dated. Remember a safe boat is a fun boat and a great fishing boat.

2002 DUES WERE DUE BY 10 MAY

If you know a member who did not get a newsletter, please remind him or her that if dues were not paid by May 10th their membership is inactive and not included in the current mailing list. After dues are paid, the membership will be reactivated and that members 2002 membership card will be issued.

4TH ANNUAL VHFC WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT

We expect to give you a detailed report on this June 1st event in the next newsletter. Thanks again to Maurice Piergrossi for making this great event happen each year.

FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

The Fish of the Month for June is Weakfish. The Fish of the Month for May was Blackfish. No one weighed in a blackfish.

FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by George Fruh

The following anglers are in the lead for 2002:

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| Weakfish(6/01)* | 8 lb. 4 oz. Bob Citarelli |
| Bluefish(5/19) | 13 lb. 7 oz. Paul Galasso |
| Sea Bass (4/21) | 5 lb. 4 oz. Bob Gers |
| Winter Flounder (4/13) | 1 lb. 8 oz. Gerald Kelleher |
| Winter Flounder (4/13) | 1 lb. 8 oz. Shane Barrett |

*Note: George called this in just in time to make the newsletter. Bob Citarelli won first place at the Weakfish Tournament. Nice fish Bob!

2002 FISHING STORY by Steve Cook

I was vacationing in Southwest Florida this past winter and received a call from Ed Cherry who was also vacationing in the area. The weather had been cold and windy for a few weeks but the following day's forecast looked good. So Ed invited me to join him in a day of fishing. I gladly accepted. I met Ed the next morning and off we went.

The coast was experiencing a bad case of red tide so fishing in the bay areas had not been good. There were thousands of dead fish floating and beached everywhere. Fifteen minutes after departing the dock we were in the Gulf where the water was beautiful and clear.

On the way to the fishing location Ed would check the various crab pot markers for Triggerfish as this is where they hang out. No sightings. Also, we would look for surface movements for Cobia which is a prize target in that area. No sightings.

Finally, we settled in about 2 miles off the beach & hooked into some nice Spanish Mackerel. Ed is still yearning for a Cobia since he had not caught any so far

this year. All of a sudden he almost jumps out of his shorts and yells, "There they are right behind the boat". I see nothing. By this time Ed had grabbed his light rod with 10 lb. test and a live shrimp and was hooked up. By this time I spotted 6 or 8 large Cobia near the surface next to the boat. I grabbed another rod and started casting a lure in the direction of the fish.

I quickly decided that if I hooked up we would probably lose both fish as I noticed Ed was in for a long fight and we were drifting toward a crab pot which would put things to an end quickly. He finally got the fish next to the boat and after a few attempts I was able to get this monster into the net. However, the fish broke through the bottom of the net and now we have this fish back to the bottom, the line still through the net and Ed still holding the rod. After carefully feeding the rod through the hole in the net we are back in business... so we thought. We don't have a functional net. Ed's friend in another boat pulls along side and we try his net. The net is not big enough. Joe, the friend, tries to gaff the fish. The gaff handle comes off. I can not believe this fish is still on. Ed is wearing down after thirty minutes of this. Another fishing buddy pulls along side with a bigger net. We now have 3 boats side by side floating in the Gulf with this big fish still in charge. Again Ed gets the fish to the surface after another fifteen minutes. Hooray! At long last the fish is netted. I think the Cobia was finally glad to get it over with and declare Ed the winner. By this time Ed is so pooped he says lets call it a day. We got the fish back to the dock and it weighed in at 29 lbs. and 34 inches in length.

Here's the picture to back up the story.



That night my wife and I had Cobia for dinner and it was delicious.

Editor's Note: Nice catch by Ed Cherry. Thanks to Steve Cook for providing a great story and a fine picture. I hope our printing does it justice.

FISHING TIPS by Ray Williams

In order to catch more fluke try the following, which is a trick used by a good friend of mine with very good results. Last week, he got 34 fluke up to 5 lbs. with this setup. First, use a spinning reel & very light rod with 6lb. Fluorocarbon line. Berkeley vanish is one such line. Tie a small yellow or red jig head of 1/4 oz. Directly to the line. Use a heavier jig head if current is heavier. Hook a

fresh spearing through the mouth & gills & out the stomach. Let this rig bounce along the bottom with up & down movement & you will be very happy with the results. The secret here is to use 6lb test so there is very little resistance to keep the jig from reaching the bottom & the clear line will avoid spooking the fluke. This rig also works well for weakies.

BLACKFISH PROVENCALE by Dick Vesper

Ingredients (in addition to fish filets):

1. Olive oil to cover bottom of pan
2. Onion, freshly chopped 1 tablespoon per filet
3. Garlic, freshly chopped 1/2 teaspoon per filet
4. Tomato, crushed/chopped 1/2 tomato per filet
5. Salt to taste
6. White pepper to taste
7. Parsley, freshly chopped to taste
8. White wine to taste

Cooking instructions:

1. Sauté filets in a little olive oil until done
2. Remove filets from pan
3. Add onion and cook until tender
4. Add garlic and cook 1-2 minutes
5. Add tomato, fold in and simmer for 2-3 minutes
6. Add salt and pepper
7. Splash mixture with white wine
8. Let simmer and reduce for 5 minutes
9. Return fish to the pan by pushing aside the mixture and covering the fish with the mixture
10. Heat for 1 minute and serve.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE VHFC BYLAWS

Please take a few moments and review the following text. We will call upon the Members in attendance for a vote on this change at the July 11, 2002 General Membership Meeting. If approved by a 2/3 vote of the Members attending, the proposed change will be effective on the date of that approval.

The Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Board of Directors has been working to improve the Junior Angler program in two ways:

1. Offer a more active role for the Junior Anglers and
2. Ensure the Junior Anglers are properly escorted and supervised by a legal guardian, custodial parent or other properly authorized adult.

In that context, it has become evident that the membership-related section of the Bylaws (Article IX) needed revision. The proposed change to "Article IX: Membership" of the Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Bylaws is presented below.

This proposal is supported by your Board of Directors.

A. The current Section IX of the VHFC Bylaws reads as follows:

ARTICLE IX Membership:

1. The membership of this club shall not be limited by number, each being eighteen (18) years of age or more.

2. Each member's attendance and participation at meetings, club functions and events, will be reviewed annually by members of the board of directors.
3. Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors for the following year at the November Annual Meeting.
4. The spouse of a paid-up member in good standing shall be considered a co-member. A co-member is allowed to participate in the Fish of The Month Contest and the year long largest of species contest (weighed in at an approved weigh-in center). A co-member may attend the monthly general meetings. A co-member can not participate as a member of the board of trustees, advisory board or hold an officer's position. These actions are reserved for paid members who have been assigned a fishing club number.
5. Junior Angler Regulations: Any member may sponsor their child/children under the age of 18 as a VHFC Junior Angler. Junior Anglers may not qualify for the annual fishing awards or tournaments open to the general public, but may participate in all INTRA club tournaments in the Junior Angler Division . On January 1 of the year in which a Junior Angler reaches the age of 18, the Junior Angler ceases to be a Junior Angler and must join the club as a regular member. The registration fee must be paid prior to registering any fish at club activities. The fee to be determined by the Board of Directors each year prior to Jan 1. A Junior Angler has no membership privileges in the club.

B. The proposed revision of Section IX of the VHFC Bylaws reads as follows:

ARTICLE IX: Membership

1. The membership of this club shall not be limited by number.
2. The membership is composed of Members, Co-Members and Junior Anglers.
3. Member: Each Member or new applicant for Member status in a given calendar year must be at least 18 years of age on the date of that year's May Membership Meeting. Members are eligible to vote on club matters, participate in all club activities and become members of the Board of Directors.
4. Co-Member: The spouse of a paid-up Member in good standing is a Co-Member
5. Junior Angler: A renewing Junior Angler or new applicant for Junior Angler status must have a Sponsor and be under the age of 18 on the date of the May Membership Meeting. Junior Anglers may participate in club activities if accompanied and supervised by their Sponsor.
6. Members, Co-Members and Junior Anglers are all welcome to participate in the club's general

- membership meetings and events as well as the Fish of The Month Contest, and the year long largest of species contest (weighed in at an approved weigh-in center).
7. Junior Anglers and Co-Members may not participate as members of the Board of Directors and may not have a vote in club matters.
8. The annual dues for Members and Junior Anglers for each year will be set by the Board of Directors no later than December 31st of the prior year.
9. Payment of all dues for renewing membership(s) shall be due by the date of the May Membership Meeting.
10. Only memberships in good standing will be eligible for participation in club-sponsored meetings, events, the winning of club prizes or awards, etc.
11. Members must register for a VHFC sponsored event, if applicable, before the beginning of that event. Each event may have unique, more stringent, pre-announced requirements for registration. The membership's fee(s), rules and regulations required for participation in any club event will be approved by the Board of Directors and announced to the membership at least two weeks prior to the event.
12. Fish caught by Members, Co-Members or Junior Anglers must be weighed and recorded at a Board-approved weigh station in order to be eligible for club awards or prizes.
13. Attendance and participation at meetings, club functions and events, will be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors.
14. Sponsoring a Junior Angler:
 14. a) Only a Member in good standing may sponsor one or more children for Junior Angler membership status. Each Junior Angler must be accompanied and supervised by their Sponsor during any meeting or event. Each individual application form for renewal or new Junior Angler status must include the name, club #, relationship and signature of the Sponsor and certify that the Sponsor has the parental authority act in the Sponsor role. The application for a Junior Angler must also include a statement signed by the Sponsor, formally accepting full responsibility for the Junior Angler during and en route to and from club activities.
 14. b) Sponsors who are not the custodial parent or legal guardian for the Junior Angler are required to carry and be willing to show a permission paper, notarized and signed by a legal guardian or custodial parent, permitting the Sponsor to be responsible for the Junior Angler at each attended event; including general membership meetings.
 14. c) In the absence of the Sponsor, a Sponsor's spouse may act in place of that Sponsor as long as that Co-Member carries and will show all of the same documented approvals and commitments by the Co-Member as are required of the Sponsor in 14 a).

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2002 BOARD by Don Longstreet

Officers:

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| President | Don Longstreet |
| 1 st Vice President | Ray Williams |
| 2 nd Vice President | Dave Taylor |
| Secretary | Jim Pinkowski |
| Treasurer | Ken Hansen |
| <u>Voting Trustees</u> | |
| Sergeant at Arms | Charlie Kochka |
| Meetings | Bob Mueller |
| Weigh Master/Awards | George Fruh |
| Web Master | Dave Sikorski |
| Recruiting | Ray Williams |
| Membership Data Base | John Nonnenmacher |
| Hands-on Sessions | Steve Cook |

Non-Voting Trustees

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| Library | Jim McGrath |
| Printing | Bill Logan |
| Legal Adviser | Ralph Padovano |
| Unassigned | Steve Melnychuck |
| All 2002 Tournament Chairmen | |
| Weakfish Tournament | Maurice Piergrossi |
| South Bay Tournament | Pete Figlia and Art Piciallo |
| Reef Fishing Event | Dave Sikorski |
| Surf Tournament | Steve Cook |
| All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting members. | |

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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 | | |
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| FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on all 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 |
| 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 on bait and tackle. | CLARKE'S MARINE SUPPLY Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on Marine Supplies & Tackle |
| ISLAND COVE MARINE CENTER 2601 Central Ave., Ship Bottom, NJ 494-8100 10% discount on bait & tackle | THE BOAT SHOPS 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices | BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue and 15 th Street Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle |

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2002 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 10, 2002

Name: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2001 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete the following:

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| 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, INC.
Junior Angler Application Form for 2002
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 10, 2002

Applicant : Please complete the following each year (one sheet per Junior Angler)

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| Name: | Member #: | Nick Name: |
| Signature: | Junior Angler's E-Mail: | |
| Home Address: | Home Phone: | |

SPONSOR: Please complete the following:

SPONSOR 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.

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| Sponsor's Name (required): | Sponsor's Member #: |
| Sponsor's Signature (required): | Relation to Applicant: |

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

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