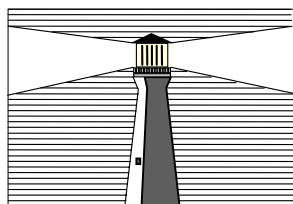


# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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## **BOARD MEETING: 06 JUNE 2003**

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

## **JUNE 13 MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

**at the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.**

**7:30 PM: Starts early with Jay Mann**

**Castnetting on the lawn (bring your net) and then, inside, Jay Mann will talk about local fishing etc.**

- ❖ **Break**
- ❖ **Club Business**
- ❖ **Blackfish Fish of the Month Award**
- ❖ **2003 Survey Results**
- ❖ **Weakfish Tournament on June 7th**
- ❖ **Intro - South Bay Fishing Tournament**

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

May has been a very interesting month with periods of extremely good fishing. The problem has been finding good fishing weather to catch those fish. We will give a rundown of fishing at our June meeting on the thirteenth of June. Please try to keep this date open so you can attend our meeting. We will have a very interesting speaker. Jay Mann is an expert on local fishing & he will be demonstrating how to use a cast net for us at the June meeting. We will be having our second annual dinner on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean Acres Country Club. Where else can you have a dinner, dessert, coffee, and dancing for \$20.00 per person? We had 34 people last year & are looking for a lot more this year. This dinner is one you & your wife both will enjoy. June 7<sup>th</sup> is our Weakfish Tournament. Don't miss one of our nicest annual tournaments! Hope to see you at the meeting!

## **THE TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PRIZE** by Dick Vesper

**Correction:** The Trophy Fish of the Year prize is a personalized trophy and not a gift certificate.

The related statement in the April newsletter under **WEIGH-IN RULES** from the Board, paragraph 3. was in error. It should have read: "As in past years, the Trophy Fish Of The Year Awards are personalized trophies and the Fish Of The Month Awards are \$50.00 gift certificates from Fisherman's Headquarters.

## **2003 CALENDAR UPDATE**

There were so many updates to be made that we decided to reissue a new calendar; Page 9. Enjoy.

## **MAY FISH OF THE MONTH AND 2003 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR** by George Fruh

The Fish of the Month (FOM) for June is Weakfish.

No blackfish (May's FOM) was weighed-in during May and no bluefish or blackfish were weighed-in in 2003

The Trophy Fish of the Year standings are:

Fluke (05/16)	3 lb. 11.5oz	Bill Stussi
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



**Paul Galasso and his 38 lb. 8 oz. Striper**



**Ed Cherry and his 12 lb. 14 oz. Weakfish**

### **TREASURER'S REPORT** by Ken Hansen

Current cash balance is \$2822.34. Additionally, the Money Market balance is \$5544.70.

### **MEMBERSHIP** by John Nonnenmacher

The membership count stands at 79 as of 05/18/03. We'll add more as we go into the season and as more of the weekend people get to our meetings

### **VHFC WEB SITE UPDATE** by Dave Sikorski

This month I added a new feature to the website. I have decided to post all of the club weigh-ins recorded at Fisherman's Headquarters. For now the link can be found under "What's New". Eventually, I will add a link from the "Tournaments" page. The website is already updated with recent weigh-ins.

### **WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT** by Don Longstreet

We have 23 signed up to date. More applicants can get in the tournament if they get their signed application form (see page 5) to Don Longstreet (597-3991) or Bill Dabney (978-6893) by Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>. Don's fax number is: (978-6456).

### **REEF TOURNAMENT DATE CHANGE** by Basil Dubrosky

The annual reef tournament date needs to be changed to Saturday, August 23. It will be a 1-day event.

There was a moratorium on Sea Bass announced for the original dates of this tournament and that prompted this change.

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. I will be located at the Garden State South Reef where I 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. There will be more details as we get closer to the tournament date.

### **SURVEY RESULTS** by John Nonnenmacher

We are pleased to report the final results from our 2003 Survey. The club mailed out 108 surveys & 55 completed surveys were returned. A copy of the summary of responses will be available for your inspection at the June General Meeting. Listed below are our conclusions from the Survey Results..

The primary reasons most members belong to the club are: the speakers, the opportunity to meet other fishermen, & learning to fish better. There was a lot of interest in having a barbeque after one of the tournaments. Most members agreed that our meeting day & time are good, especially when they balanced their obligations to family, work, and traveling to Manahawkin on weekends.

As far as tournaments are concerned, most members seem to think that we have the right number of tournaments. Most members like the 2-day format for tournaments. It seems that our members would like to see higher prizes offered & would not mind paying an entry fee to join the tournament if the fee would result in higher prizes. Lunch following the second day of tournaments is popular.

As far as improvements our members would like to see happen, comments on the surveys mentioned the following. First, start meetings on time, try to avoid crowd noise & conversations that prevent other members from hearing the people speaking, & recognize new members at the meetings. Other comments were that we should have barbeques like we did in the past & look into a Charter Boat trip. Also, there was a desire to see more local fishing info presented.

As a result of the survey, we will be taking some immediate actions & next winter the Board will discuss long term improvements we can make as a club. The immediate actions are: First, we will start meetings on time & reduce the noise. We are recognizing new members at the meetings. We have made an effort to give our members more local info & will have a chart on display to show members where fish are being caught. We are also concentrating on making the meetings more informative, interesting, and working to get our members to know each other better.

The Survey Committee would like to thank all the members who completed their surveys. The information you provided us will help to make our club better!

### **WE ALL NEED YOUR HELP** by Dick Vesper

RFA requested we send letters to Gov. McGreevey stating our strong support the **Freedom to Fish Act**.

The **Freedom to Fish Act** will simply make it law that fishermen cannot be denied their rights to fish unless there is irrefutable proof that it is essential to do so. This act will provide us some protection from the "attacking" environmentalists.

Please help us all by sending a letter or post card or e-mail. As a minimum, please say that you support the **New Jersey Freedom to Fish Act (A3326 & s2323)** and want it passed and signed into law.

Address your letters to Governor Thomas McGreevey at 125 W. State St.; PO Box 001: Trenton, NJ 08625

You can also send him an e-mail. Use your browser and go to <http://www.state.nj.us/governor/govmail.html> and fill in the blanks in the Governor's e-mail form, including a **Freedom to Fish Act** support message such as provided above and, finally, click on the "Send Your Message" button at the bottom of the screen.

### **WE HAVE A NEW SOURCE OF DISCOUNTS FOR VHFC CLUB MEMBERS** by Don Longstreet

We welcome David & Francine Kelton who are the new owners of American Sportsman Bait & Tackle, Makers of Crab & Eel Traps (609-597-4104) to our neighborhood. I went over to check out the bait and tackle, and found out they have a lot of new things in the store. For instance they have frozen squid (whole, thin sliced, and all colors), frozen grass shrimp and bunker. The live bait consists of minnows, eels, nightcrawlers, bloodworms and sandworms. They also make crab and eel traps. They have various amounts of up to date lures such as poppers, Hopkins, Finess and bombers.

If you need fresh bait on a particular date, tell Dave and he will try and arrange it for you. They also carry a line of hand made poles at fair prices. He carries some boat oil and can get you some boat parts. What they are trying to do is be an all around place for fishermen/boaters to shop. I don't know if you have heard of Blue Crab Bay co. but they make all kinds

of spices for fish and have great recipes that are sold in the store. They even have crab-cleaning tools.

American Sportsman Bait & Tackle is located in Mill Creek Plaza; behind the WaWa. Hours are Mon. thru Thurs. 6AM to 5 PM; Fri & Sat 6AM to 6PM or later; Sun 5AM to 4PM. David, who seems like a nice guy, has a lot of experience as a boat mechanic. Their hours and bait supplies are much better. Stop in, take a look and use our new discounts.

*(Note: Ray Williams was also impressed with the new American Sportsman.)*

### **HATS HATS HATS** by John Nonnenmacher

We have a few VHFC hats left for those of you who don't already have a box full like most of us. They are of good quality and have the club name with a blue fish showing on the front. I don't think you can beat the price of \$10.00 a hat. We'll have them on the table at our meeting if you're interested.

### **SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT** by Ray Williams

Our South Bay Day Fishing tournament is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. This tournament should be a lot of fun for all who enter. This is a tournament, but we are encouraging the participants to share information about popular & productive fishing spots on the Bay south of the Manahawkin Bridge. In prior years, boats traveled together to different fishing spots. Due to liability concerns, we can not actually lead fishermen to the different spots we will fish. However, we will be giving out our locations & individual captains can decide if they feel it is safe & prudent to travel to these spots & fish there. This is a good way for you to become more familiar with various fishing spots in Manahawkin Bay & south. We are expecting a very good turnout for this event. There is an entry form for this tournament in this copy of the newsletter.

### **VHFC BARBEQUE**

Based on our survey responses, it is clear that many of you thought a picnic or barbeque would be something enjoyable for a change of pace. We have two or three places in mind where we could cook some dogs, throw some horseshoes, tell stories, practice casting and have a weigh-in for a few species. It will take a bit of planning but we could include the wife and children.

At the June Meeting we will be asking for a show of hands of people who want to attend and a separate show of hands for volunteers to help us make it a success.

### **2 DAYS OF LICENSE-FREE FRESHWATER FISHING**

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has announced there will be free fishing permitted on June 7 & 8 when anyone may fish the public waters in New Jersey without a license or trout stamp

### **EARLY CRAB REPORT** by Bill Jann

Not Looking Good! : Hi Guys! I put Tessemma into the water on April 27th. A few weeks later than usual, but I'd had some ice problems over the winter and, like all boat things, it meant spending some money on parts and then laying on my belly (of course it was raining) and installing them in a four letter word atmosphere. Fortunately, the boat

ended up in good working order, and I escaped with a mild cold! In any case, Monday the 28th turned out to be a warm sunny day, so I took my boat out to check on the status of the spring crab population in the Causeway area. Last year at this time I was getting ten to twenty a morning on a regular basis, especially off the mouth of the Gunning River and at the channel edge near 67Buoy.

I put some lines out off the Gunning, and 67B, and most of the other good spots of the last few years. All I got was a single crab! The water was at 58°, so I can't blame the temperature. I was hoping that it might just have been one of those "bad days", so I tried again on Sunday, May 4.

Unfortunately, it was the same story, with not a single keeper.

Looking through my notes from the past, we had a similar bad winter in 1996. That spring, I didn't see a decent crab until the end of June, when the migration in from the ocean began. I hope that's not going to be the case this year, but I'm afraid that it might. Oh well, there's always clam chowder!

### **FISHING REPORT** by Bill Jann

I went out Wednesday (7 May) to try the middle grounds for fluke and/or weaks. Didn't get any of those but some birds were working at Long Point. Turned out to be blues, around 20" (3 to 4 lbs). They hit anything I threw at them. Nice chunky fish, not the usual spring skinnies. Later on I drifted the same area. No birds were around but the blues were all over. I was using a jig & purple worm on a light rod with 8 lb test. Lots of fun! Got all the action I wanted. I had one fish up to the boat when a second blue came up and slashed at the swivel, about 18" up the line. I could see it clearly as he bit the line off.

### **UNCOMFORTABLE & SMELLY SPELLS SUCCESS ON THE BEACH** by Basil Dubrosky

It seems that with surf fishing, the more uncomfortable the weather and the smellier the bait, the more the success. Such were the conditions on May 5 of this year.

It was in the 40s so I wore my neoprene waders as I left the house at 5:45 AM. A quick stop at Fisherman's Headquarters for clams and frozen bunker and I was on the water just after sunrise. With 2 poles, 2 spikes, fishing box and bait pail I walked over the road dune down to a badly storm-damaged beach. There was a light, chilly wind and the water was a bit rough. I baited one rod with clams for Bass and the other with bunker for Blues. It did not take long until the Bunker rod went down. I played my first Bluefish of the year, a 26-inch beauty. 3 or 4 followed until I was out of bait.

I was the only person on the beach so I left my gear on the beach, walked back to the truck and quickly went over to Pat and Bruce's for some cut Mackerel. The trip was well worth it because when I returned I started catching much larger blues. On one occasion I thought one of the big choppers cut me off as my line went slack in the wind. As I retrieved my line to replace the rig I felt the run of a big fish. I played the fish up and down a deserted beach for some time before a sympathetic wave helped me beach the fish.

I got my tape to measure the fish at 35 inches, my largest ever on the beach. As I straddled the fish I looked up to see Steve Cook, a fellow club member standing over me. Steve had seen the action and came over to investigate. It was nice to be able to share the event with Steve. I returned the large fish to the water opting not to kill it just to weigh it in for the

annual award (I also couldn't contemplate carrying it out with all my other gear).

I caught several other big fish before a wave knocked me over in the surf, breaking the handle of my Penn 6500. At this point I was thoroughly uncomfortable and smelly but also very successful. I stopped at Fisherman's Headquarters on my way home and, to my surprise, they were able to put a new handle on my reel with no wait. I was happy that I would be able to go out again in the morning when the forecast was to be even more uncomfortable than today! I bet the Bass will be biting.

### **KEEP REFINING TACKLE FOR BIGGER FISH** by Basil Dubrosky

Some of our members spend time in Florida during the winter months. What do they do while there? Fishing of course! The following Florida fishing experience shows us that continuous refinement in terminal tackle can help us catch the big ones, either in Florida or the Middle Grounds.

While visiting in Sarasota in early April of this year I had the opportunity to fish Big Pass from shore. I waded in the warm water with live Shrimp. The first day I used a 6-foot medium action spinning outfit with 8-pound test and an 18 inch 20 pound test fluorocarbon shock leader. I used a small live bait hook. I fished a large boat dock where I had large fish on briefly before they bit through the shock leader or cut me off around a piling. I was determined to solve this challenge and catch one of these large fish.

That night I changed to a 7 foot medium heavy spinning rod to help me maneuver the bigger fish around the dock. I changed to 14 pound test running line with 25 pound test fluorocarbon shock leader. Finally, I changed to longer shank hooks to minimize mouth abrasion and cut off.

I went back early the next morning armed with select live shrimp and high hopes. I went directly to the boat dock where I proceeded to catch a 26 inch Snook and was able to maneuver him quite readily. After catching a few smaller Snook, a big fish similar to the ones that cut me off the previous day took my bait and tried to get back under the pilings. This time I was ready and horsed the fish out from between the pilings with my new, sturdier gear. The fight that ensued was fabulous with several runs toward the pilings before the fish tired and then it was mostly heavy, dead weight as a challenge to beaching the big fish.

As I brought the fish to shore I could see it was the biggest Redfish I ever caught, a real surprise. I measured the fish with my tape at 33 inches long and 17 inches in girth (estimated at approximately 12 pounds). I admired the big fish in the privacy of the early morning sun and returned him to the water (slot for reds in Florida is 18-26). I felt great satisfaction that I had adapted my gear to the situation and solved the mystery of the big fish that got away!

You can do the same thing here in NJ. I recommend a fluorocarbon shock leader, heavier than your running line, to fit the situation. You have to compromise between too heavy a line spooking fish, especially with artificials and too light a line resulting in a cut off. Carry several spools of various pound test fluorocarbon and learn the barrel knot so you can

keep adapting. In addition, keep your hooks and jigs sharpened and bait fresh and you will increase your chances of catching that big fish that might have gotten away.

### **FISHING TIPS BY** Ray Williams

I'm sure you've all been in the following situation. You are drifting for Weakfish or Fluke when you & a buddy both get a fish at the same time. Well, with a GPS unit you can mark the spot. All of us don't have GPS though, & there is something very simple you can do to mark the spot so you can drift over it again. Simply take an empty bleach or detergent jug, cap it tightly, & attach a 50' length of 1'4 or 3'8 inch line to it. Find an old sash weight or a small piece of metal & attach it to the other end of the line. When you get a hit on your line, simply throw the bottle overboard. In addition to marking the spot, you will have a target for lining up your next drift. Obviously, you don't have the waypoint permanently marked like on a GPS, but as we all know, fish are in different spots on different days! Try it, you'll like it. If you are using a float like this in the ocean, just make sure you have a long enough line.

### **RECIPE SUPPLIED** by Steve Cook

#### SEA BASS PIE

3 cups cooked sea bass	1/3 cup chopped cooked celery
1/3 cup of flour	2 tablespoons chopped onion
1/3 cup butter	2 cups diluted cream of mushroom soup
1/3 cup cooked peas	
1/2 teaspoon salt	1/3 cup chopped cooked carrots
Dash of pepper	Pastry sufficient for double-crust pie

Melt butter and blend in salt, pepper and flour. Add liquid and stir while cooking until mixture thickens. Add carrots, peas, celery, onion and sea bass. Blend and remove from heat. Butter 1 1/2-quart casserole, and line with half of pastry. Fill pastry with sea bass mixture and cover with remaining pastry. Cut slits in covering pastry and bake at 425 degrees until crust is brown and flaky. Serves six.

-- John Geiser

### **3 ITEMS FOR SALE**

1. Jim Brooker is asking \$2,500.00 his garage-stored, 1989, 16 ft., aluminum Lowe & 50 HP Mariner with power tilt & trim, low hours; 1998 Calkin Trailer; fish finder; VHF; 2 anchors; water skis; and 2 jackets; spare gas tank & more. Was used thru last season and winterized. Runs well. If interested, contact Jim Brooker at (609) 361-1030 or (703) 938-8027 or e-mail [jjbrooker@msn.com](mailto:jjbrooker@msn.com).
2. George Fruh is selling his boat; a 1976 21 ft. Stamas with enclosed pilot station, sleeps two, powered by a 1986 175HP EFI Johnson with dual batteries, trolling motor bracket, outriggers & S.S. prop. New water pump and lower seals in 2002. Includes porta-potti, anchor, lines, handheld spotlight, preservers, & more: all in very good condition. Asking \$3,500. Call George at (609) 597-4588.
3. 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)

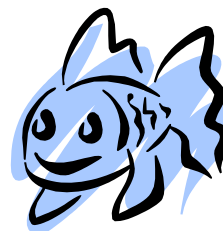
## 5th ANNUAL VHFC HOLIDAY WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL



1. Tournament Date: Saturday, June 7, 2003 - RAIN or SHINE
2. Fishing Time: Dawn till 2:00 PM - Weigh in 2:00 to 3:00 PM sharp
3. Chairmen: Don Longstreet (978-3991) and Bill Dabney (978-6893)
4. Boat Captain must be VHFC member
5. Each Captain may have up to 3 non-member anglers on his boat
6. Each fisherman must pay \$10.00 entry fee (regular or junior) before the event
7. Only one fish can be entered for each fisherman
8. All fishing must be by boat with rod and reel
9. Fishing boundaries are Barnegat Inlet to Wreck Inlet in bay waters only
10. Prizes will be awarded as follows for heaviest fish



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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place | 50% of entry fees |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place | 30% of entry fees |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place | 10% of entry fees |



11. Ties will be settled by length of fish  
\*That angler must catch any fish weighed in
12. 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 entries can be mailed to VHFC, South Bay Tournament, 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 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.

Revised June 3, 2003

Captain's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# South Bay Tournament on July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

This fishing event is free to all active members (2003 dues paid) with or without boats. Non-members do not qualify for prizes.

We are asking all participating boats to fly the club flag, so we can identify each other and aid one another as needed.

**Entries:** Prizes will only be awarded to current (2003 dues paid) members who have signed up for this event before it starts; 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:** \$50.00 prizes will be awarded for each of the heaviest keeper Fluke, Weakfish. and Bluefish (the bluefish must be over 2 pounds),.

**VHF channel 9** is the day's communication channel

**Fishing Time** will be from sun-up Sat July 12<sup>th</sup> to 4pm Sun July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Fishing Area** SOUTH OF MANAHAWKIN BRIDGE; BAY ONLY

**Co-Chairmen:** Ray Williams (978-1480) & Charlie Kochka

**Chairman's Boat** will be "Memories", captained by Ray Williams.

**Schedule:** Weigh-ins must be Fish must be caught and weighed on the same day at Fisherman's Headquarters; on July 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. .

**Prize Awards:** Prizes will be distributed at the July Membership Meeting.

**Note Please:**

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Revised June 3, 2003

Captain's Name & Signature	Phone #	Boat Name	Crew's Names and Signatures	Running Total

**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

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.  
2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Officers:**

President	Ray Williams (978-1480)	Newsletter	Dick Vesper (494-0263)
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Membership Data Base	John Nonnenmacher (597-3656)
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Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Immediate Past President	Don Longstreet (978-3991)

**2003 Tournament Chairmen**

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

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

<b>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>		
<b>FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS</b> Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Bay Avenue & 15 <sup>th</sup> St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Mill Creek Plaza <b>597-4104</b> 10% discount on bait & tackle
<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>CLARKE'S MARINE SUPPLY</b> Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on marine supplies & tackle
<b>ISLAND COVE MARINE CENTER</b> 2601 Central Ave., Ship Bottom, NJ 494-8100 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>THE BOAT SHOPS</b> 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	<b>TIP'S HARDWARE</b> West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
<b>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA &amp; KAYAKS</b> 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton <b>296-1888</b> 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>THIS SPACE AVAILABLE</b>	<b>THIS SPACE AVAILABLE</b>



2003 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 6/3/03)

<p align="center"><b>April 11 2003</b></p> <p>FISH OF THE MONTH: WINTER FLOUNDER  <b>7:45 APRIL 11: START WITH CLUB BUS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Presentation of 2002 Awards for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" &amp; Striped Bass Fish of the Month</li> <li>❖ Intro - Weakfish Tournament</li> </ul> <p>Nick Cocco on Boat Electronics &amp; USCG's Rescue 21 System</p>	<p align="center"><b>May 9 2003</b></p> <p><b>-DUES ARE DUE ON MAY 9-</b></p> <p>Fish of the Month: Blackfish  <b>7:45 May 09: Start with Club bus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ W. Flounder Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>❖ Update - Weakfish Tournament</li> <li>❖ All-Present Fishing Discussion</li> </ul> <p>Jim Hutchinson &amp; Son on Weakfishing in Barnegat Bay</p>	<p align="center"><b>June 7</b></p> <p align="center"><b>5<sup>TH</sup> Annual Weakfish Tournament</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chairmen: Don Longstreet &amp; Bill Dabney</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Species: Weakfish</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>JUNE 13 2003</b></p> <p>Fish of the Month: Weakfish  <b>7:30 June 13: Starts early with Jay Mann Castnetting (Bring your net) and more of Jay on local fishing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Break</li> <li>❖ Club Business</li> <li>❖ Present Blackfish Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>❖ Report on Weakfish Tournament</li> <li>❖ Intro to South Bay Fishing Tournament</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>JULY 11 2003</b></p> <p>Fish of the Month: Bluefish  <b>7:45 July 11: Start with Club bus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Weakfish Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>❖ Update - South Bay Fishing Tournament</li> <li>❖ Intro to Reef Tournament</li> <li>❖ Intro to VHFC Dinner details</li> <li>❖ All -Present Fishing Discussion</li> <li>❖ Break</li> </ul> <p>Ed Cherry will be our speaker; addressing fly fishing for weakfish</p>	<p align="center"><b>July 12 &amp; 13</b></p> <p align="center"><b>South Bay Fishing Tournament</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chairmen: Ray Williams &amp; Charlie Kochka</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Species: Bluefish, Fluke, Weakfish</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>AUGUST 8 2003</b></p> <p>Fish of the Month: Fluke  <b>7:45 Aug.08: Start with Club bus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Bluefish Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>❖ Report on South Bay Fishing Tournament</li> <li>❖ Update/Signups for Reef Tournament</li> <li>❖ All-Present Fishing Discussion</li> <li>❖ Break</li> </ul> <p>Bill Haluska on Striper Fishing, Bass Rigs &amp; Reading the Water</p>	<p align="center"><b>15 AUGUST 2003</b></p> <p align="center"><b>FRIDAY EVENING</b></p> <p align="center"><b>VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER</b></p> <p align="center"><b>(MORE DETAILS TO COME)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>AUGUST 23</b></p> <p align="center"><b>REEF TOURNAMENT</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chairman: Basil Dubroski</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Species: Fluke &amp; Sea Bass</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>SEPTEMBER 12 2003</b></p> <p>Fish of the Month: Sea Bass  <b>7:45 Sept.12: Start with Club bus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Fluke Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>❖ Intro - Surf Tournament</li> <li>❖ All-Present Fishing Discussion</li> <li>❖ Break</li> </ul> <p>Jim Schockley on Winterizing Your Boat</p>	<p align="center"><b>October 10 2003</b></p> <p>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass  <b>7:45 Oct. 10: Start with Club bus.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>❖ Intro to 2004 VHFC Board</li> <li>❖ Report on Reef Tournament</li> <li>❖ Update/Signup for Surf Tournament</li> <li>❖ All-Present Fishing Discussion</li> <li>❖ 2003 Report and Plan for 2004</li> <li>❖ Break</li> <li>❖ Tom Grothues (Rutgers): Sonar Tracking Stripers in the Bay</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>October 11 &amp; 12</b></p> <p align="center"><b>SURF TOURNAMENT</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chairmen: Steve Cook &amp; John Nonnenmacher</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Species: Bluefish &amp; Striped Bass</b></p>

2 of the 4 fishing tournaments are 2-day events. Monthly meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays starting promptly at 7:45 PM. Doors open at 7:30 - Come early and help us get set up.