



# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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## EVENTS IN JUNE

### **BOARD MEETING: 02 JUNE**

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 09 JUNE**

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
- Flea Market
- Weakfish Fish of the Month Award
- 2006 Tournament Plans
- Introduction of North South Bay Tourney
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Hands-On Fluke & Weakfishing

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by John Borick

Just to let you know, the large spawning weakfish are being caught all over the bay. You just have to be in the right spot at the right time. Just always remember to fish the deeper channels. Sad to say the main run of large spawning weakfish will be over by the time you get the June newsletter, but the smaller weakfish will follow, which are better eating for the dinner table. The fluke will be in the bay, so make sure you set some time aside to go fishing. From the completion of Captain Melanie Boytos talk on plastic baits at our May meeting, I am sure those who attended picked up a lot of new tips and techniques on fishing with plastic baits.

Our annual club dinner is scheduled for August 18. Set this day aside for food, fun, music, and dancing with your spouses. Get to know your fellow club members, and make new friends. Above all don't miss this event.

I won't say much about the surf tournament, as Basil Dubrosky is writing an article on the affair, but you missed the best fishing day on the surf. Everyone caught at least one striped bass. Believe it or not people were sun bathing and swimming in the surf. What a beautiful day! Jerry Papp and Ron Nachmann caught the biggest fish, when I tried to go a little too far into

the surf to make a cast, and was knocked over by a wave; they helped pull me out of the surf. I'll let Basil tell you who won the tournament.

Our next tournament is the North and South Bay tournament on June 17. Don't forget to sign-up, just remember, you just might be a winner in the tournament.

The June VHFC meeting will again feature some of our own experts, showing what baits, rigs, knots, and artificial fishing lures to use to catch fluke and weakfish. We intend to share all our secrets with you so don't miss this event. We will be having a VHFC fishing flea market at the same time, so bring a little cash, you might find something you will need, or if you want to, feel free to participate, if you have something to sell.

Remember our calendar of events is always being updated, so make sure you check out the calendar in each monthly newsletter.

Don't let those fishing rods collect dust in your garage. Go fishing.

## **SURF TOURNAMENT IN SPRING INSTEAD OF FALL PROVES TO BE A RESOUNDING SUCCESS** By Basil Dubrosky

The surf tournament was held on May 6 at 20<sup>th</sup> Street in Ship Bottom. It had been moved from fall to spring to increase the chances that fish would be caught and the plan worked like a charm. Things started off fast when Dave Sikorski caught the winning Striped Bass at 6:30 AM. This line-sider weighed in at 9 pounds 10 ounces and measured 30 inches long. John Borick and Jerry Papp also scored with Bass prior to 7 AM. Ron Nachmann caught his first 3 Striped Bass in the surf later in the day.

The Bass were in the surf and cooperating. In total, 14 Striped Bass were caught. A surprising statistic was that during the 12 hours of fishing

only Striped Bass were caught. No other fish species.

The weather was warm and sunny. The participants enjoyed reminiscing or talking strategy between the action and club members were always nearby to help bring fish up from the surf.

The spring surf tournament will probably become a regular event and we encourage all club members to sign up and join in on the fun.

**2006 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM**

by George Fruh

The same seven species will continue for our 2006 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.

Blackfish
Bluefish
Fluke
Sea Bass
Striped Bass
Weakfish
Winter Flounder

The rules are simple: you have to catch a fish of the above species, take it to one of our official weigh stations to have it weighed and recorded on our official weigh-in forms. If you have weighed in the largest fish of a particular species for the calendar year 2006, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

**2006 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS** by George Fruh

The winning Fish of the Month award for March & April Winter Flounder goes to Bill Logan for a 2 pound 4 ounce Winter Flounder he caught on April 14th. This award was presented at the May 2006 Membership Meeting. Leading the May contest as of 05/30 is a 2 lb. 6.4 oz. Weakie caught by Basil Dubrosky in the Middle Grounds.

**2006 FISH OF THE MONTH** by George Fruh

The same eight species will continue for our 2006 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

March & April	Winter Flounder
May	Weakfish
June	Fluke
July	Bluefish
August	Sea Bass
September	Fluke & Croaker
October/November	Striped Bass & Bluefish

**LUNAR CHART** by Ed Wetmore

Lunar charts give you an estimate of feeding times based on the effects of moon and sun location. Many of

us have seen similar tables in Field & Stream Magazine for years.

If you want to receive the latest table each month, simply send an email to Ed Wetmore ([ejwetmore@comcast.net](mailto:ejwetmore@comcast.net)) and state your interest in receiving the Lunar Charts.

**AMERICAN SPORTSMAN RUNS SEASONAL TOURNAMENT** BY Ray Williams

One of our sponsors & Weigh In Stations, American Sportsman in Manahawkin behind the WAWA has announced a tournament for the 2006 season. Entry is inexpensive & the tournament covers many species of fish as well as Blue Crabs. Stop by for details. Please note that the store has moved down 3 doors from its old location.

**REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS** by Ray Williams.

Club membership renewals were due on May 12<sup>th</sup>. It is very important to renew your membership to continue receiving all of the benefits of being a club member. We try to keep the cost of a membership very reasonable & do not send out individual membership reminders. You must renew to continue receiving the newsletter.

**A BIG BASS** by Bill Jann

Bill Dabney, Ed Wetmore, John Nonnenmacher & I went on a Charter trip on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> with Captain Harvey. Bill Dabney caught a very nice Striper 44 inches long & 34 pounds. Here are a couple of pictures.



Fighting the Fish!



44 Inches & 34 Pounds

**VHFC FLEA MARKET** by John Borick

The Village Harbour Fishing Club will run a Flea Market in June at the General Meeting on June 9th. This will be a free event, and there will be no cost charged by the club. While we are setting-up tables for our hands-on fluke and weak fishing techniques, we will set-up additional tables for those individuals who have something to sell. You will have to monitor your own table, and any equipment you intend to sell. If you do not have that many items to sell, the club can put as many as three members to a table. Remember the saying "One man's junk is someone else's treasure." Just remember no checks or credit cards; if you're interested in buying anything bring some extra cash to our June meeting. If you have something to sell that is fishing related, bring it to the meeting.

**RECIPES & PICTURES NEEDED** by Ray Williams. We need your pictures & recipes to publish in the newsletter. Share those pictures with us. Send your pictures to us at [VHFCInfo@aol.com](mailto:VHFCInfo@aol.com) & we'll put them in the paper. If you have a story to go with the

picture, that's even better. We're also looking for recipes to publish.

**A SUCCESSFUL CHARTER WITH BILL HALUSKA**



Bill Power & Friends 05/16/06

**BOATING GEAR FOR SALE** by Ray Williams. If you placed these ads, please note expiration dates & let us know if you wish to continue ads.

1. Garmin Handheld GPS Map76 with Garmin Blue Chart Americas CD Chart. Sells new today for over \$450 for GPS & chart. Will sell for \$200.00. Hardly used as I bought a combo GPS & Depth finder for my boat. Call Ray Williams at 609-978-1480. Still have box & all instructions. **[ad expires 08/01/2006]**
2. 1997 GSI SEA DOO Jet Ski. Rebuilt in 2004 Runs great \$1,000.  
Attwood Ballistic stainless prop for Mercury engine 3 blade 14 3/4" 17 pitch \$100.  
Call John at 609-597-5383
3. Car Top boat launcher Call Joe at 609-971-3666

**FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS**  
(These ads expire 08/01/06; unless owners renew)

1. Jerry, a newly retired club member, is looking for someone to fish with any day of the week. Will share expenses. Call Jerry Papp at 609-812-1432.
2. Bill Jann, a member with a great bay boat, is looking to go outside with someone with a bigger boat. He offers to help defray costs. Contact Bill at 856-786-8999 or [wjann@voicenet.com](mailto:wjann@voicenet.com).



# Village Harbour Fishing Club's

July 29th, 2006

## July Fluke & Weakfish Tournament

This fishing event is open to all active members, co-members, & junior anglers (2006 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 to fly our flag so we can identify each other and aid one another as needed.

**Entries:** Prizes will be awarded at the weigh-in to participants who have signed and completed this sheet. 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 Weakfish. In case of equal weights, the longer fish will win. Identical fish will split the prize money for that species. If only one species is caught, then prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> size fish will be awarded. Entered fish must comply with current NJ regulations. Soft drinks and snacks will be available at American Sportsman starting at weigh in.

**VHF channel 72** is the day's communication channel. Hail VHFC members on # 9 and switch to #72

**Fishing Time:** 6:30 AM-2:00 PM on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Fishing Area:** North/South Bays and all Ocean Waters

**Chairman:** Basil Dubrosky

**Schedule Weigh In:** Weigh-ins will be done at American Sportsman, 3-3:30 PM sharp.

**Prize Awards:** Cash prizes will be awarded at weigh-in.

### SIGN UP SHEET

Signed entries with entry fees can be mailed to VHFC, P.O. Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 or presented at meetings and must be received by the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in order to complete final arrangements.

- 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

_____	_____	_____
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# North & South Bay Tournament on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006

This fishing event is open to all active members, co-members, & junior anglers (2006 dues paid) with or without boats. Entry Fee is \$10 per angler & all entry fees will be distributed as prize money.

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 (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:** One third of the total entry fees will be awarded for each of the heaviest keeper Fluke, Weakfish and Bluefish (the bluefish must be over 2 pounds). In the event that no fish of a species is caught, prize money will be split among other species. In case of equal weights, the longer fish will win & if lengths are equal, the first fish weighed in wins.

**VHF channel 72** is the day's communication channel **Hail on Channel 9**

**Fishing Time** will be from sun-up to 4pm Sat June 17<sup>th</sup>

**Fishing Area** BARNEGAT, MANAHAWKIN, & GREAT BAYS FROM 2 MILES NORTH OF BARNEGAT INLET TO 2 MILES SOUTH OF LITTLE EGG INLET

**Co-Chairmen:** Ron Nachmann, (698-1430) & Bill Logan, (597-0784)

**Chairman's Boat** will be "R & R", captained by Ron Nachmann

**Schedule:** Weigh-ins must be Fish caught & weighed in at Fisherman's Headquarters, The Chum Bucket, or American Sportsman before June 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

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

## SIGN UP SHEET

- Signed entries can be mailed to VHFC, South Bay 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Names	Signatures	Date
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**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
**2006 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications**  
**MAIL COMPETED FORMS 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 12, 2006**

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

Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Note: Both \* items must be completed  
Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2005 Membership list.  
New Applicants: Please complete the following:

Name of Spouse:	Shore Address:
Principle Address:	(complete if different from Principle Address)
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Would you like to get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No    A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.  
**Boat Owners, please complete the following:**

Print Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Length (ft.): \_\_\_\_\_

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
**2006 Form for Junior Angler Renewals and New Applications**  
**MAIL COMPETED FORMS 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 12, 2006**

Note: All 5 \* items must be completed.

**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 get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No    A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.

**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.

Further, the sponsor affirms this applicant will not reach 18 years of age on or before May 12, 2006.

Sponsor's Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Member #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor's Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date\*: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_    Relation to Applicant\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Print Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_ Length (ft.): \_\_\_\_\_

2006 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 5/31/06)

<p><b>April 14 2006</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder</b>  <b>7:45 APRIL 14:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; 2005 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" &amp; for the Oct &amp; Nov Fish of the Month          &gt; Intro - Surf Tournament          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; Speakers: Joe Campisano &amp; Matt Lees</p>	<p><b>May 12 2006</b>  <b>-DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 12-</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH</b>  <b>7:45 MAY 12:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; W. Flounder FoM Award          &gt; Update - Surf Tourney          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; Mel Boytos, Fisher Queen Charters, Fishing for fluke, weakfish and stripers with artificals and Gulp baits.</p>	<p><b>May 6th</b>  <b>SURF TOURNAMENT</b>  <b>Chairmen: John Borick</b>  <b>Roland Dixon</b>  <b>Basil Dubrosky</b>  <b>Entry Form in this issue</b></p>
<p><b>JUNE 9 2006</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: FLUKE</b>  <b>7:45 June 9:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; Weakfish Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Intro to North &amp; South Bay Fishing Tourney          &gt; Hands-On Fluke &amp; Weakfishing          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; Flea Market</p>	<p><b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>NORTH &amp; SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT</b>  <b>Chairman:</b>  <b>Ron Nachman</b></p>	<p><b>JULY 14 2006</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH</b>  <b>7:45 July 14:</b>          &gt; Club Business          &gt; Fluke Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Report -N. &amp; S. Bay Fishing Tourney          &gt; Intro-Fluke &amp; Weakfish Tourney          &gt; Intro to VHFC Dinner          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; Hands-On Sea Bass Rigs</p>
<p><b>JULY 29<sup>TH</sup></b>  <b>FLUKE &amp; WEAKFISH TOURNEY</b>  <b>CHAIRMAN: BASIL DUBROSKY</b>  <b>Species: Fluke &amp; Weakfish</b></p>	<p><b>AUGUST 11 2006</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: SEA BASS</b>  <b>7:45 Aug. 11:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; Bluefish of the Month Award          &gt; Report Fluke &amp; Weakfish Tournament          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; Speaker Capt. Adam Nowalsky  <b>Fishing for Sea Bass</b></p>	<p><b>AUGUST 18TH</b>  <b>VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER</b>  <b>CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan &amp; Ed Wetmore</b></p>
<p><b>August 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>FLUKE &amp; SEA BASS TOURNEY</b>  <b>CHAIRMEN: ED WETMORE &amp; BILL LOGAN</b>  <b>Species: Fluke &amp; Sea Bass</b></p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 08 2006</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: FLUKE &amp; CROAKER</b>  <b>7:45 Sept. 08:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Report - Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tournament          &gt; All-Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; <u>Hands-On Surf Fishing</u></p>	<p><b>October 13 2006</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass &amp; Bluefish</b>  <b>7:45 Oct. 13:</b>          &gt; Club Business          &gt; Sept. Fish of the Month Award          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion</p>

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.

No Membership Meetings are planned for the months of November through March.

**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**

<p><b>FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS</b> Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</p>	<p><b>BOBBIES</b> 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</p>	<p><b>TIP'S HARDWARE</b> West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle &amp; supplies</p>
<p><b>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</p>	<p><b>CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS</b> On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.</p>	<p><b>GALLIVANT GRAPHICS BOAT LETTERING</b> We come to you ---- 10% off for members 609-812-9883</p>
<p><b>AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</p>	<p><b>THE BOAT SHOP</b> 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices</p>	<p><b>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Bay Avenue &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</p>
<p><b>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA &amp; KAYAKS</b> 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</p>		<p><b>BOAT U.S.</b> VHFC members only pay \$12.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for members' use will be at VHFC meetings or call Charlie Kochka</p>

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