

THE HARBOUR LIGHT



The Official Newsletter of
Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.
PO Box 1026
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

VOLUME # 108 ISSUE # 3 June 2008

Web Site Address: http://FishermansHeadquarters.com/VHFC

E-mail Address: VHFCInfo@aol.com

EVENTS IN JUNE

BOARD MEETING: 06 JUNE

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 13 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
- Weakfish FOM Award
- Club Business
- ➤ 2008 Tournament Plans
- Report on Surf Tournament
- ➤ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Presentation: Bill Figley "Reef Fishing"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ron Nachmann

Finally, the inevitable coming of boating/fishing season has started. The May 17th Surf Tourney included seven anglers who participated. The only problem, it seems, is that the invitation Chairman Dave Sikorski sent to the fish didn't arrive in their beachfront mailboxes. I'd like to have been a fly on the wall when all the non-fish lies

(Oops....I mean stories) were being told over lunch at Panzones.

The club schedule is starting to fill in with some important events. First off, remember to mark the June 13th meeting on your calendar. Bill Figley will be our guest speaker and Skip Deckman, owner of The Chum Bucket, our visiting sponsor.

Ed Wetmore has again offered to do vessel safety checks, for club members, sometime after the JCAA Fluke Tournament. He will set up an appointment schedule at this meeting.

Ed has also told me that the VHFC ANNUAL DINNER DANCE has been Set for Saturday, July 19th at the Ocean Acres Country Club. Last year we

set an attendance record. I always shoot for a new record, in any endeavor, and with your participation we'll do just that. A good time will be had by all if last year's affair is any indicator.

A caution to all captains: the Coast Guard, State Police and Conservation Officers are out in force. Dave Sikorski was stopped by a CO being chauffeured around by a State Police Boat and I was boarded by the Coasties on Sunday. After fifteen minutes of show and tell they gave the R & R a clean bill of health.

On Wednesday the 21st of May, Vince Sibona and Jim Hutchinson, Sr. gave a fishing seminar at the Ocean Club as part of the Elder Med Program. Way to go fellas---you made us look good.

One future note, we will have a flea market at the July meeting. Bring any extra Fishing or boating gear then.

There's more to write about but I'll leave that for next month.

'Til the next tide, Ron

Thought for today: Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear and a fool from any direction!

2007 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by Ron

Nachmann Blackfish No Entry Bluefish 14 lb 13oz Ron Nachmann Fluke 10 lb 9 oz Vince Sibona Ron Nachmann Sea Bass 2 lb 12 oz Striped Bass 37 lb 2 oz Jim Hutchinson Weakfish 4lb 13 oz Robert Citarelli W. Flounder 2 lb 8 oz Susan Gabler

Congratulations to all those listed above. Prizes for all the Trophy Fish of the Year winners were distributed during the April 2008 Membership Meeting.

2008 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by Ron Nachmann

The same seven species will continue for our 2008Trophy 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 2008, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

The award for Weakfish will be announced at the June General Membership meeting.

2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2008 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

March & April	Winter Flounder
May	Weakfish
June	Fluke
July	Bluefish
August	Sea Bass & Fluke
September	Sea Bass
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) and state your interest in receiving the Lunar Charts.

SMALL BLUES FISHING TRIP by Vince Sibona

Monday May 5, I went out with Bill Dabney. Bill had heard there were small bluefish in Great Bay, that all you had to do was find the birds. Not long after we got out on Great Bay, we spotted the birds and started trolling. At first we didn't start catching fish. Bill tried different speeds until we got the right speed and we started catching the small blues. We used light tackle and trolled small metal lures. We kept following the birds and catching fish. It was a fun day. It was warm, sunny and calm. We ended up with about a dozen small blues.

WHERE DID I PUT THAT BOOK by Bill Dabney Library Materials- Please check your bookcases and the shelf in your bathroom for VHFC library books. There are still some materials that have not been returned from long-term checkout over the winter. Please see Bill Dabney during the next meeting if there are any questions.

OPENING DAY SUCCESS by Dave Sikorski

Saturday May 24 was opening day for Fluke season for 2008. Basil Dubrosky and I had been planning for this day, for quite some time. Knowing that the new minimum size limit for Fluke would be 18" this year, we planned to utilize big baits to catch the bigger fluke. We also considered wind, tide and water quality to decide where and when to go. Due to reports of dirty water to the south we decided to go north hoping to find cleaner water. When we arrived in Double Creek channel, the bottom was visible in water depths up to 10 feet. We made the right decision.

Bas caught the first fluke on our second drift. As the incoming tide picked up and the wind subsided, the action heated up on our next few drifts. We utilized a variety of baits, including killies, bucktails, squid, teasers, and Gulp! Did the big bait strategy work? Absolutely. The day's total catch was 16 fluke, 3 of which were keepers (19" to 20", one weighed 3.1 lbs). All three keepers went for the big Gulp baits. Opening Day Success! Quote of the Day: "I love it when a plan comes together"! One last note, the Division of Fish and Wildlife was out there checking for violations; happy to note that we passed our inspection. Make sure you know the regulations, and accurately measure your keepers.



Opening Day Success!

SURF TOURNAMENT REPORT by Basil Dubrosky

The annual VHFC Surf Fishing Tournament was held on Saturday, May 17 on the Surf City Beach. The weather was sunny and crisp and 7 club members turned out for the event. We had a great time socializing and sharing fishing techniques and stories and meeting new members.

The Sand Paper photographer was on the scene to document the event and we hope to get some good publicity in the paper.

The fishing was very slow and consisted of mainly Smooth Dogfish Sharks. The Dogfish were very large and provided a great fight from the beach. We all went to Panzone's in Surf City for lunch and had some great discussions about expectations for the new fishing season.



Basil Training His "Dogs" to Stand on Their Heads!

$BLUES\ TRIP\ ON\ MAY\ 8^{TH}\$ by Bill Jann

Ed Note: From Bill's Fishing Log

trip #:2 date: 5/8/08 day:

place Great Bay

weather & wind: Warm, sunny, light wind

temperature: air: 60 to 75°

catch: 11 blues

comments and radio talk:

We went out early and tried for Stripers at the mouth of the Mullica R., with some live herring as bait ... We got a few bites but they all must have been smallish blues ... all we ended up with were herring heads on the hook ... so we worked our way down the bay, trolling for blues with a variety of metal lures ... nothing happened for an hour or so ... we thought it might turn out to be a wasted day until we got near the clam stakes ... birds were working and diving, and as we trolled near them the rods started going down....hard and fast ... the blues weren't all that big ... 3 to 5 pounds ... but they hit hard and fought like demons ... we ended up with a couple of hours of really fun fishing ... 11 fish in the cooler and a bunch more that either got away or bit us off.

Radio Talk: ... One guy said he was into some bigger blues down by Little Beach ... no reports of Stripers being caught



Where's the Rest of the Bait?



I Got Him This Time!



Aw Shucks, It's a Blue!



Nice Fish

A SPEEDY RECOVERY by Dave Sikorski

Don Longstreet, a long time VHFC member & Past President, is recovering in the hospital from a stroke. I know he would appreciate your prayers.

JULY SPEAKER by Bill Dabney

Our July speaker will be Tom Fote of JCAA. This should be a very interesting talk. Tom will tell us about the fight going on to preserve our rights as anglers. As you know, we are being squeezed more each year by special interest groups. Let's see what Tom has in mind to help us regain our rights.

2008-2009 RENEWALS OVERDUE by Ray Williams

I hope each of you enjoys the June issue of the Newsletter. If you forgot to renew your membership, this is the last issue you will receive until we receive your renewal. I know that each of us receives many reminders of all of the things we'll miss if we don't "act now" to the various reminders. However, think what you'll miss by not renewing. First, let's look at the economics. As a VHFC member you receive 10% off of your purchases at 12 different sponsors. If you have a boat and fish, the discounts pay for your membership. In addition, you get free tournaments, a newsletter, fishing info, and lots of information from our Speakers at the monthly meetings. Our club is also a great way to team up with other members to make those fishing trips a little less costly. Send in your renewal now!

KNOT TYING WEBSITES by Ron Nachmann

I have found 2 great web sites for knot tying, check them out. First one is www.landbigfish.com/knots. This site gives you the choice to view the actual tying process as an animated video. With this feature you can click and watch each step of the process as many times as you need to master any knot. The other site is www.animatedknots.com. Fishing, boating and household knots are listed.

2008 FISH & WILDLIFE DIGEST by Bill Logan The 2008 Marine Issue of the Fish and Wildlife Digest is now available online at http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/digmar.htm. The printed version is scheduled to arrive at license agents and other distribution outlets by the Memorial Day weekend.

SAFE BOATING COURSE by Bill Logan Below is a schedule of boating safety classes given by my flotilla.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY Flotilla 5NR - 07-12 Station Barnegat Light Barnegat Light, NJ http://a0530712.uscgaux.info/

Flotilla 5NR-07-12 Boating Course Enrollment Form

NJ State Requirement: 8 hours class and pass test.

This is a concise course lasting 8 hours as mandated by the State of New Jersey. It stresses safe boating practice and boating rules with a lesser emphasis on seamanship and piloting and is taught by Certified USCG Auxiliary Instructors.

Each successful student will receive a NJ State Safe Boating Certificate.

ANYONE BORN AFTER December 31, 1948 MUST HAVE A CERTIFICATE by June 1, 2008

Classes from <u>April 19th thru June13th</u> will be held at the Ship Bottom Borough Hall

Classes from <u>June 28th thru August 30th</u> will be held at the Family Resource Center of the Ocean Club in Stafford Township

The fee to attend these classes is \$ 50. The fee includes lunch at each session of the America's Boating Courses. An early registration discount of \$ 10 may be taken if your registration is received at least thirty days prior to the classes scheduled start date

2008 PE Course Schedule

COURSE DATE TIME Choose One

Boating Skills & Seamanship April 19 / April 26 0830 -1230 hrs

Boating Skills & Seamanship May 17 / May 24 0830 -1230 hrs

Boating Skills & Seamanship June 6 / June 13 1830 - 2230 hrs

America's Boating Course **June 28** 0830 -1630 hrs Boating Skills & Seamanship **July 19** / **July 26** 0830 -1230 hrs

America's Boating Course **August 9** 0830 -1630 hrs America's Boating Course **August 30** 0830 -1630 hrs *Name(s) *Sex : M F Date of Birth:_ Eye Color: Hair Color

(MM DD YYYY)

*Address: City: State: Zip:

Home Phone: Work Phone: _ Cell Phone: _ email__ Amount Enclosed: All Checks Must be made payable to: USCG Aux Flotilla 07-12

* THIS DATA MUST MATCH DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR EACH STUDENT

Remit to: Ralph Giunti, FSO-FN, 14Lumberton Ave., Manahawkin, N.J. 08050

For information call: Ralph Giunti at 609-597-1295 or Joe Lupa at 609-597-4876

MONTHLY HANDS ON by John Henson

We will have the Hands On table at every meeting. Let me know if you want to help out or just stop by if you have any fishing questions.

CLASSIFIED ADS by Ray Williams

Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact me at 978-1480 if you wish to place a free ad.

FOR SALE
MINN-KOTA POWER DRIVE 40PD
TROLLING MOTOR WITH FOOT PEDAL
12V ELECTRIC MOTOR, 48 INCH SHAFT.
ONLINE PRICES RANGE FROM \$379.00 TO
\$419.00 NEW
CONDITION: VERY GOOD.
OUR PRICE \$350.00.
Call 609-597-0784 ASK FOR BILL

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

Members may place free ads in this section if you wish to find someone to fish with. Maybe you need to find someone with a boat or you are interested in finding someone to share expenses on your boat. Contact Ray Williams at 978-1480 to place your ad.

Walter Maier, a new member, is looking for members with boats who might want to take him fishing with them. He is willing to share expenses. He has been out with several of our members already. He is available most days & lives in the area; his number is 609-489-0779.

Bob Bittle, a new member, is looking for fellow VHFC members to fish with. His number is 609-489-0339.

VHFC ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD by Ron Nachmann

Jim Hutchinson Sr. and his son, Jim, Jr. have set up an award to honor the memory of Captain Melanie Boytos. This prestigious award will be presented each year to a member of our club. There is an insert in the newsletter with all of the details. Jim will present the plaque to the club at the June meeting.



Joe Steitz, winner of the VHFC sponsored JCAA fishing tournament entry fee



Bob Citarelli winning "Fish Of the year" for Blue fish



Jim Hutchinson winner of the "Fish of the Year" for Black fish and Striper



Jim Speaks on Striper Fishing

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	2000 DUAND OF	DIRECTORS	
Officers:		Newsletter	Ray Williams (978-1480)
President	Ron Nachmann (698-1430)	Library	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
1 st Vice President	John Henson (978-0312)	Library Alternate	Steve Cook (978-8416)
2 nd Vice President	Vacant	Sponsors	Bill Logan (597-0784)
		Sergeant at Arms (Boar	rd) Vince Sibona
Treasurer	Bill Logan (597-0784)	Attendance	John Henson (978-0312)
Secretary	Vacant	Website	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
<u>Trustees</u>		Vessel Safety	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
Sergeant at Arms	Charlie Kochka	JCAA/Regulations	John Borick (507-8592)
Weigh Master/Awards	Ron Nachmann (698-1430)	Past President	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Recruiting	Vince Sibona	Fishing Hands On	John Henson (978-0312)
Membership Data Base	Ray Williams (978-1480))	Tournament Director	Don Longstreet
Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney (978-6893)	All Past Presidents, not	listed above, are non-voting
Immediate Past Pres.	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)	Board members.	
Communications	Roland Dixon (494-0543)		



The Annual VHFC Dinner Dance

- The Cost \$30.00 per person (Tax and gratuities included)
- The location- Ocean Acres Golf Club
- The Date and Time- Saturday; July 19,2008: 7:30PM-10:30PM
- 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,
 - 2. Chicken In Puff Pastry, or
 - 3. Broiled Seafood Combo (Includes shrimp, scallops and flounder)
 - Dessert Banana Foster, Coffee, Tea
 - Door Prizes
- Reservations accepted no later than July 12,2008
 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 12,2008

Please Print: Member Name:	
ENTER BELOW THE NUMBER OF	DINNERS YOU WANT FOR EACH OPTION:
SEAFOOD: CHICKEN:	PRIME RIB: WELL MEDIUMRARE
TOTAL # PERSONS	TOTAL AMT. PAID \$

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2008 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 b	y May 09, 2008
Print Name*:	Member #:	Nickname:
Signature*:	Date: / /	
	Note: Both * items must be ase insert any changes from 200s: Please complete the following	07 Membership list.
Name of Spouse:	Shore Add	ress:
Principle Address:	(complete i	f different from Principle Address)
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip	:
Phone:	Phone:	
Fax:	Fax:	
E-Mail:	E-Mail:	
Would you like to get your newslette	er 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.):		
	VHFC JUNIOR AND PO BOX 1026 MANAHAWKIN, NJ Dues for renewals are due b Note: All 5 * items must be	08050 y May 09, 2008
ADDI IOANT: Diagon agreement to the		•
APPLICANT: Please complete the following each year (one sheet per Junior Angler) Name*: Member #: Nick Name:		
Signature:	Junior Angler's E-Mail:	
ome Address: Home Phone:		
SPONSOR: Please complete the	following:	A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs. ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR)
	,	isibility to accompany and supervise the
applicant's behavior and ensure activity or event and f	the applicant's well being further certifies possession	during and en route to and from any club of the legal authority to do so. 3 years of age on or before May 09, 2008.
Sponsor's Name*:		Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature*:	Date*: / /	Relation to Applicant*:
Junior	Angler Boat Owners, please co	omplete the following:
Print Name of Boat:		Length (ft.):

2008 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 6/2/08)

2008 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 6/2/08)			
April 11 2008	May 09 2008	May 17th	
Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder	-DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 09-	·	
7:45 APRIL 11:	Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH	SURF TOURNAMENT	
> Club business	7:45 MAY 09:	Chairmen: Dave Sikorski	
> 2007 Awards Presentations for 7	Club business		
"Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the	> W. Flounder FoM Award	Ron Nachmann	
Oct & Nov Fish of the Month > Intro - Surf Tournament	> Update - Surf Tourney	Entry Form in this issue	
> All Present - Fishing Discussion	> All Present - Fishing Discussion		
> Speakers: Steve Purul	Speakers: Jim Hutchinson Sr. &Jr. Livelining & bait fishing Stripers		
/ Openicion Cione i ai ai	> Flea Market Coming Soon!		
JUNE 13 2008	July 11th	JULY 11 2008	
Fish of the Month: FLUKE	·	Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH	
7:45 June 13:	FLEA MARKET AT MEETING	7:45 July 11:	
> Club business	BRING YOUR JUNK & SELL IT TO	> Club Business	
Weakfish Fish of the Month	SOMEONE WHO NEEDS NEW	> Fluke Fish of the Month Award	
Award	TREASURE! FREE TO ALL VHFC	> Flea Market	
> Report - Surf Tournament	MEMBERS	> Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney	
> Speakers: Bill Figley "Reef	Chairman:	> Intro to VHFC Dinner	
Fishing"	Ron Nachmann	All Present - Fishing Discussion	
> Flea Market at July Meeting		Speakers: Tom Fote of JCAA "The Fight For Your Fishing Rights"	
ALICUICT 14TH	ALICUST 08 2008		
AUGUST 16TH	AUGUST 08 2008	JULY 19TH, 2008	
FLUKE & SEA BASS	Fish of the Month: SEA BASS	VILLAGE HARBOUR	
TOURNEY	& FLUKE 7:45 Aug. 08:	FISHING CLUB DINNER	
CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN &	> Club business	CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan &	
ED WETMORE	> Bluefish of the Month Award	Ed Wetmore	
Species: Fluke & Sea Bass	All-Present - Fishing	DINNER AT THE	
opecies. Trane a dea bass	Discussion	OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB	
	Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass		
	Tourney		
	>		
SEPTEMBER 12 2008	October 10 2008	NOVEMBER 14,2008	
Fish of the Month: SEA BASS	Fish of the Month: Striped Bass	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	
7:45 Sept. 12:	& Bluefish	IN NOVEMBER.	
> Club business	7:45 Oct. 10:	7:45 NOV 14	
> Sea Bass & Fluke Fish of the	> Sept. Fish of the Month Award	ALL PRESENT- FISHING	
Month Award	 Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament 	DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER	
> Report - Fluke & Sea Bass	> All Present - Fishing Discussion	FALL TOURNEY CONTINUES!	
Tournament	> Speaker Unknown	ALL TOOKINE? CONTINUES!	
> Intro - Fall Surf Tournament	Fall 3 week Tourney Begins		
> All-Present - Fishing Discussion			
Hands-On Surf Fishing			

Monthly meetings are 2nd 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 December 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			
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	L&H Woods & Water 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase	
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 www.theboatshoponline.com	BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15 th St., Barnegat Lt. 494- 4566 10% discount on bait & tackle	
REVOLUTION MARINE & SPORTS CENTER 294 0166 227 Main Street, Tuckerton, NJ 10% discount on bait, tackle, clothing & batteries	OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800	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 Club, Inc. PO Box 1026 Manahawkin, NJ 08050