

# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.  
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## EVENTS IN JUNE

### BOARD MEETING: 04 JUNE

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 11 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
- Striped Bass FOM Award
- Club Business
- 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Bill Figley retired director of the state's offshore reef program will talk on inshore light tackle fishing for sharks
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bill Logan

I'd like to start off with congratulating John Kleban on his winning of the Melanie Boytos award for the second year and thank you to Jim Hutchinson Sr for making the presentation.

We will be also presenting to Southern Regional High School Fishing club and Darin Doris the VHFC Trophy for winning the 2010 tournament two years in a row.

Last month speaker Captain Al Zlata of A to Z Charters was very informative with fishing in the bay; a big thank you to Captain Zlata for the sharing of his knowledge as it will help anyone one fishes.

Let me take a moment here to talk about your membership, because if you have not renewed this will be your last newsletter. We try to give you as much information as we can to what is happening in our area... So come out to this meeting and sign up, you don't want to miss this month's meeting.

Bill Dabney, the clubs speaker coordinator has done it again and obtained another great speaker, Retired

Marine Biologist Bill Figley from the state of New Jersey. Bill started the New Jersey's offshore reef program. Bill he has lived in this area for many years and has great knowledge of our waters; this is one speaker you don't want to miss as his talk will be on inshore light tackle fishing for sharks.

Want to know what's happening on the regulations end of fishing, where the fish are, what bait to use, then come to our meetings. You can also sign up for a USCG or US Power Squadron Vessel Safety Check and don't forget our fishing library it is full of information. And last but not least our T-shirts show your colors and your pride in your club; see 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Vince Sibona and he will gladly fit you up for a club T-Shirt.

Thank you and hope to see you at the meeting!

## 2010 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR AS OF 06/02 BY John Kleban

Blackfish		
Bluefish	10 lbs 15 oz	Robert Kokai
Fluke	5.35 lbs	Jeff Barnhart
Sea Bass	1.25 lbs	Jeff Barnhart
Striped Bass	36 lb 08 oz	Frank Mecka
Weakfish		
W. Flounder	1.76 lbs.	Vince Sibona

Congratulations to all those listed above.

Please weigh in your fish at our weigh in stations.

**2010 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM** by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2010 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 2010, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

**2010 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS** by John Kleban

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

**2010 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS** by John Kleban

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2010 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

Fish of the Year & Month standings are recapped and updated on our website frequently. Click on the site to get current standings.

THANKS!

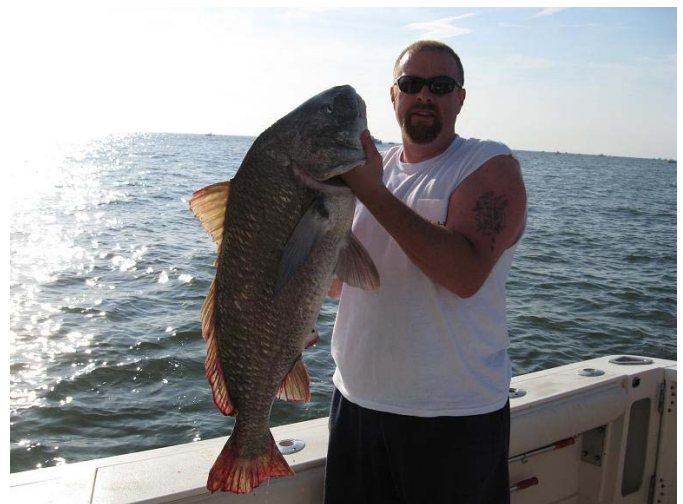
**VHFC T- SHIRTS AVAILABLE** by Vince Sibona  
 VHFC T- shirts will be available at all meetings. The cost is \$18. Please see Vince to purchase yours while supplies last. T shirts may also be purchased by mail.

Please send a check for \$23 which includes shipping to: VHFC, P.O. Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. These shirts are very nice & are being sold at cost.

**DRUM FISHING 05/26/10** by John Henson

I went out on one of Capt. TJ's open boat drum trips out of Cape May. TJ runs "Legal Limits" charters out of Mystic Islands/Cape May. The boat he runs in Cape May is a 38' Henriques and it is NICE!! Capt Jim was along for the mating duties. We had six fishermen and everybody got along great. We left the dock around 2:15 pm and, according to Capt TJ's very well thought out strategy, headed for the Delaware side. About 20 minutes after setting anchor one of the guys had a hit and was hooked up. After a nice fight the first drum was in the boat!! We fished for the next hour or so without any action when Capt TJ decided to make a move back to the Jersey side. What a great decision. As we pulled up you could see other boats with fish on. I caught my first 2 Drum on this trip and we ended up putting 7 drum in the boat.

I have fished with TJ and Jim before and as always they made you feel like old time friends on this trip, with their hospitality and professionalism. They really care about their clients having a good trip and are two of the most "regular" guys you could ever want to meet!!!



Nice Drum John!

## MASSACHUSETTS FISHING BY Manny Silva

This report is on our May 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup> fishing trip up to Mass. We caught cod- Pollack - striped bass- black fish - sea bass - porgies- mackerel. Most fish we've caught in 2 days of fishing actually 1.5 days the sat trip was a 10 hr trip & the sun trip was a 7 hour trip. I'd estimate we got about 1000 lbs of keeper fish and several more hundred pounds of throw backs. UNBELIEVABLE!!!! My dad is visiting from Portugal so I wanted to get him out. He still can't believe the amount of fish we caught. It all went to good use as we gave a lot of it away to friends, neighbors and some to a food pantry for needy people.



Now that's a lot of fish when you can't keep up with the ones on the deck!



I think he needs a bigger cooler!

Another Club member (Rich Chiemiego) hits it big with Striped Bass!



## POKER CHIP DRAWING UPDATE by John Henson

Each month, we will draw the name of a member at our meeting. If you are present you will win \$10. If the winner is not present, the next month the prize amount increases by \$10.

## ANOTHER BIG STRIPER! Courtesy of Fisherman's Headquarters

May 22, 2010 - Brian Leary of the Village Harbour Fishing Club and his father were out for nearly the entire day. They worked hard and struggled but by the days end they had a couple bass to show for their efforts. "It turned on late in the day! The bass were crashing on top," Brian said, "But I wasn't prepared. I only brought trolling gear. Got 'em on the chartreuse Stretch." Just before closing time last night Brian tipped our scale with a 34-lb 6oz striper.



Brian Leary & his really nice striper!

**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. Please contact me if you wish to renew an ad from last year.

**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.

Ads from last year need to be renewed for this year!  
Walter Maier 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

**PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY MATERIALS!** by Bill Dabney  
If you borrowed anything from our library over the winter, please make sure to return it at the next meeting so that other members may enjoy our library collection.

**HELP WANTED AT MEETINGS BY** Ray Williams  
Your Board is asking for some help at the monthly meetings. We are in need of someone to greet our members as they arrive & take attendance. In addition, we need someone to help with refreshments. If you can help, please see me.

**NEW TOURNAMENT PROGRAM FOR 2010** by John Henson

**New Program---VHFC Tournament Days at Fisherman's Headquarters**

The VHFC will have a new tournament program for 2010, simply known as a VHFC Tournament Day. The tournament days will consist of 1 or in some cases 2 days (weekends). It is easy to participate and the rules are simple.

Catch the designated species on the designated day or days, weigh it in at the Sponsoring Tackle shop and the 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest fish of the designated species will win gift certificates for that tackle shop. All eligible fish MUST be weighed in at the sponsoring Tackle Shop. No pre-registration, no entry fee, and all members in good standing are eligible.

VHFC club weigh slips will be used and as always it is the member's responsibility to make sure all information is accurate and correct.

The second tournament is scheduled to be a 2 day tournament for fluke and here are the parameters---

- Sponsor.....Fisherman's Headquarters  
Causeway, Ship Bottom  
494-5739
- Species.....Fluke
- Dates.....May 29 & 30
- Prizes.....1<sup>st</sup> \$25 Fisherman's Headquarters Certificate
- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$15 Fisherman's Headquarters Certificate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10 Fisherman's Headquarters Certificate

All fish MUST be weighed in at Fisherman's Headquarters during normal business hours.

We will be having more Tournament Days with different sponsors coming up later in the year, so look for future info on Tournament days in the monthly newsletter and on the web site.

Good Luck to All and a Thank You to our participating sponsors!

**UPDATED 2010 REGULATIONS** by Dave Sikorski

**2010 NJ Saltwater Regulations**

Fluke: 6 fish, 18” minimum, open May 29 through Sept 6

Weakfish: 1 fish, 13” minimum, open all year

\*Sea Bass: 25 fish, 12.5” minimum, open May 22 – Sept 12

\*Efforts in play for a split season; we will let you know if this is successful

Please visit our website at [www.vhfclub.com](http://www.vhfclub.com) and click on the “Regulations” button for more information.

**JCAA FLUKE TOURNAMENT** by Dave Sikorski

This Year’s JCAA Fluke Tournament will be held on Saturday June 12, with an awards ceremony on Friday June 18 at Trump Marina Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. The entry fee for a boat of up to 6 anglers is \$120 before June 5. Chances are that you will be fishing for fluke on June 12 anyway, so why not support your sport, by donating a few bucks to the JCAA and take a chance at winning some really great prizes.... for more information visit [www.jcaa.org](http://www.jcaa.org)

**CAPTAIN MELANIE BOYTOS AWARD FOR 2009** by Ray Williams

John Kleban was honored at our May meeting for winning the annual Captain Melanie Boytos Award for 2009. John weighed in 6 bluefish, 6 fluke, 7 striped bass, & 1 weakfish. Congratulations John! John was awarded a plaque and a t-shirt. The award was created & funded by Jim Hutchinson & his son Jim, Jr. to keep the memory of Captain Melanie Boytos alive after her death. It is a very difficult task to win this award & I am sure that Melanie would be proud of John’s accomplishments last year.



**John Kleban & Jim Hutchinson with the Captain Melanie Boytos Award**



**Bill & Rosemary Figley with their Fish of the Year 2009 awards**



**Bill Jann, Steve Cook & Bill Dabney with a nice catch on 4/29/10!**



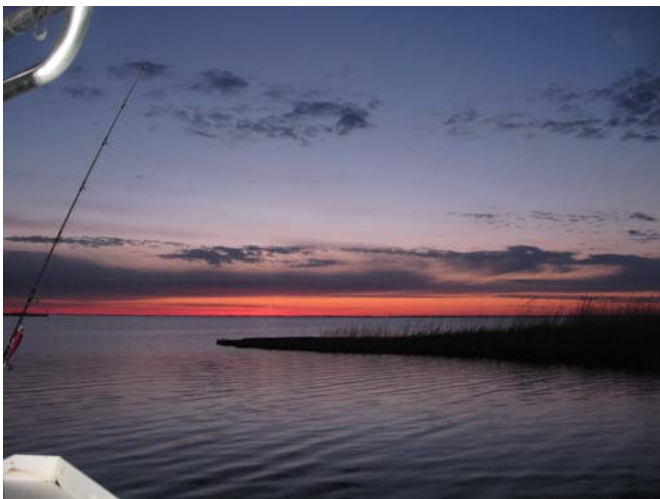
Fish On!

**FRIENDLY DUCKS** by Vince Sibona

A few weeks before this photo, I started feeding these ducks by throwing pieces of bread to them in the lagoon. Little by little they kept coming closer and closer, first on the dock, then on the patio. Soon after, they were eating out of my hand. Notice how they lined up and waited their turn. I guess I have all of my ducks in a row!!!



Bill, did you catch these fish trespassing in your backyard?



April Fishing at Sunrise



Tom & Jim Story have volunteered to man the refreshments for our meetings!  
Thanks Guys

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
**2010 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 14, 2010**

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

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

Note: Both \* items must be completed  
Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2009 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.**  
**2010 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 14, 2010**

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:

<b>SPONSOR MEMBER'S INFORMATION (ALL ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR)</b>	
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 14, 2010.	
Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature*:	Relation to Applicant*:
Date*: / /	

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

2010 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 6/2/10)

<p><b>April 09 2010</b>  Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder  <b>7:45 APRIL 10:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Club business</li> <li>➤ 2009 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" &amp; for the Oct &amp; Nov Fish of the Month</li> <li>➤ Intro - North Bay Fleet Outing</li> <li>➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion</li> </ul> <b>Speaker:</b> Capt. Fran Verdi of Fish the Drop Off charter service will talk on local spring fishing for stripers and bluefish.</p>	<p><b>May 14 2010</b>  <b>-DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 14-</b>  Fish of the Month: <b>STRIPED BASS</b>  <b>7:45 MAY 08:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ W. Flounder FOM Award</li> <li>➤ Update - North Bay Fleet Outing</li> <li>➤ Capt. Melanie Boytos Award Presentation</li> </ul> <b>Speaker:</b> Capt. Al Zlata of A to Z charters in Barnegat will speak on light tackle and fly fishing with artificials in the bay.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Club business</li> </ul> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Check Newsletter &amp; Website for Upcoming Tournament Days!</b></p>
<p><b>JUNE 11 2010</b>  Fish of the Month: <b>FLUKE</b>  <b>7:45 June 12:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Club business</li> <li>➤ Striped Bass Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>➤ <b>Speakers:</b> Bill Figley retired director of the state's offshore reef program will talk on inshore light tackle fishing for sharks</li> </ul> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE</b></p> <p>OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WILL BE IN AUGUST. LOOK FOR THE DATE IN UPCOMING ISSUES!</p>	<p><b>JULY 09 2010</b>  Fish of the Month: <b>BLUEFISH</b>  <b>7:45 July 10:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Club Business</li> <li>➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>➤ Club Fishing Forum</li> <li>➤ Intro to VHFC Dinner</li> <li>➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion</li> <li>➤ <b>Speaker:</b> Jim Hutchinson "What to do with that leftover fish in your freezer!"</li> </ul> </p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Tournament Days sponsored by Fisherman's Headquarters</b>  Species.....Fluke  Prizes.....1<sup>st</sup> \$25 Fisherman's HQ Gift Certificate  2<sup>nd</sup> \$15 Fisherman's HQ Gift Certificate  3<sup>rd</sup> 10 Fisherman's HQ Gift Certificate</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 13 2010</b>  Fish of the Month: <b>FLUKE</b>  <b>7:45 Aug. 14:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Club business</li> <li>➤ Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion</li> <li>➤ Intro-VHFC Dinner Dance</li> <li>➤ <b>Speaker:</b> DJ Mueller</li> </ul> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DATE TBA</b>  <b>VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER</b>  <b>DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB</b></p>
<p><b>SEPTEMBER 10 2010</b>  Fish of the Month: <b>SEA BASS &amp; WEAKFISH</b>  <b>7:45 Sept. 11:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Club business</li> <li>➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>➤ Report VHFC Dinner Dance</li> <li>➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion</li> <li>➤ <b>Speaker:</b> TBA</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>October 08 2010</b>  Fish of the Month: <b>Striped Bass &amp; Bluefish</b>  <b>7:45 Oct. 09:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sept. Fish of the Month Award</li> <li>➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion</li> <li>➤ <b>Speaker:</b> TBA</li> </ul> </p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 12 2010</b>  <b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER.</b>  <b>7:45 NOV 13</b>  <b>ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION</b>  <b>NO SPEAKER</b>  <b>INTRO TO NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011</b></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 December through March.



## BRAND NEW WEBSITE by John Kleban

We have a brand new website that is updated frequently! Please visit us & at <http://www.vhfclub.com/> & send us your feedback at [VHFCreports@verizon.net](mailto:VHFCreports@verizon.net)

## DID YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?



Captain Al talks with club members at the May meeting

## VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Officers:

President	Bill Logan (597-0784)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Open
Treasurer	Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
Secretary	Charlie Daddona (954-4965)

### Trustees

Sergeant at Arms	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Weigh Master/Awards	John Kleban (597-4852)
Recruiting	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Membership Data Base	Ray Williams (978-1480)
Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Immediate Past Pres.	John Henson (978-0312)
Communications	Dave Sikorski

Newsletter	Ray Williams (978-1480)
Library	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Library Alternate	John Henson (978-0312)
Sponsors	John Henson (978-0312)
Sergeant at Arms (Board)	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Attendance	Daryl Janzer 267-307-4574
Website	John Kleban (597-4852) Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Vessel Safety	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
JCAA/Regulations	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Fishing Hands On	John Henson (978-0312)
Board Member	Ritchie Webb (294-9438)
All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.	

**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>BOAT U.S.</b> VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for members' use will be at VHFC meetings Or call Jeff Orsoe 494-6415</p>	<p><b>L&amp;H Woods &amp; Water</b> 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase</p>
<p><b>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on purchases of \$10 or more</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 <a href="http://www.theboatshoponline.com">www.theboatshoponline.com</a></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>BRASWELL TROPHY &amp; ENGRAVING</b> Ken Braswell, Owner 618-1744 10% Discount to VHFC Members</p>	<p><b>OCEANSIDE BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800</p>	<p><b>WEST CREEK KAYAK &amp; CANOE</b> 224 Main St., West Creek 296-3030 10% off Accessories</p>

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