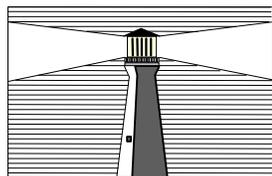


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JOIN VHFC AND LEARN ABOUT FISHING LOCAL WATERS NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting: 8:00 PM on Friday May 3rd

Membership Meeting: 7:45 PM Friday May 10th at the
Stafford Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

Club Business will include:

- Fish of the Month Award
- 50/50
- Calendar Changes (see below)
- Bylaw changes
- The June 1 2002 Weakfish Tournament
- The June 22 & 23 South Bay Tournament
- Guest Speaker: Jim Schockley will talk to us
about Boat Preparation for the new season.

2002 DUES ARE DUE ON 10 MAY

CALENDAR CHANGE FOR THE JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The new date for the June Membership Meeting is
Friday June 7th. The date was changed due to a conflict
with the Awards Event scheduled as part of JCAA's
Jersey Coast Fluke Tournament. Most of the Officers and
many Board members will be participating in the
JCAA's tournament. The Board meeting was also
rescheduled and that will be on Friday May 31st at 8:00
PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Don Longstreet

I was very impressed with the members that showed up
at the April meeting. We are off to a good start. Let's
keep up the good work.

We have received 2002 dues from 56 members and 14
junior memberships as of April 30th.

I would like to see a good turn out at the Weakfish
tournament. Please fill in your application soon so we
can get a good head count. I wish you all the best of
luck. And don't forget the party at Maurice Piergrossi
house after a good day of fishing.

I am sorry but due to insurance rates we can no longer
have fleet exercises where the Chairman leads the boats
to a fishing grounds. Don't worry, we will still have our

fishing tournaments. We will explain more to you at the
monthly meeting.

Any fishermen who doesn't have a boat should contact
me and I will try to find somebody in the club you could
hook up with to fish.

4TH ANNUAL VHFC WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT

We hope you can participate in this weakfishing event
on Saturday June 1, 2002. The past ones were great. A
flier including a sign-up form is included with this
newsletter.

FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

The following 2 anglers are tied for the March-April
Fish of the Month Award:

Winter Flounder (4/13) 1 lb. 8 oz. Gerald Kelleher
Winter Flounder (4/13) 1 lb. 8 oz. Shane Barrett

FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by George Fruh

The following anglers are in the lead for 2002:

Sea Bass (4/21) 5 lb. 4 oz. Bob Gers
Winter Flounder (4/13) 1 lb. 8 oz. Gerald Kelleher
Winter Flounder (4/13) 1 lb. 8 oz. Shane Barrett

SOUTH BAY DAY JUNE 22ND & 23RD

This will be the third year we will be having a two day
long South Bay Day fishing event on the 22nd and 23rd of
June.

In 2000, the first year we held this event, it was great.

In the second year, we got stomped on by gusty winds
and a strong chop. It was a test but many of us enjoyed it
none the less.

This year it will be a two-day fishing event.

A circular/sign-up sheet for this event will be handed
out at the May meeting. That circular/sign-up sheet plus
details, including the rules for the event will be included
in your June newsletter.

South Bay Day sign-ups for boats will require:
Captain's name, phone number, boat name, # in crew,
(insurance?)

Sign-ups for members needing a "ride" will require:
Name, membership number and phone number.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BYLAWS

The Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Board of Directors has been working to improve our Junior Angler program. In that context, it has become evident that the membership-related section of the Bylaws (Article IX) needed revision

The proposed change to "Article IX: Membership" of the Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Bylaws will be mailed to you during May 2002.

Please take a few moments and read it. We will call upon the Members in attendance for a vote on this change at the June 7, 2002 General Membership Meeting. If approved by a 2/3 vote of the Members attending, the proposed change will be effective on the date of the approval.

MORE MEMBER DISCOUNTS

THE BOAT SHOPS, at 756 Bay Ave in Manahawkin, has generously agreed to give discounts to current card holding members of Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. The discount applies to their regular low price products except for electronics, sale items and fair traded items. The discounts are similar to the other local stores that are providing discounts to members.

Welcome aboard and a sincere thanks to THE BOAT SHOPS 597-3536.
(Editor's note) As in other stores simply show your card and do not be loud about your expected discount.

UPDATED 2002 VHFC CALENDAR

An updated calendar is included with this newsletter. Two changes were made: the June Membership Meeting is now June 7th and, happily, Bill Figley has agreed to be the Guest Speaker on August 9th; telling us all the latest scoop on the NJ Artificial Reef Program.

2002 FISHING STORY by Bill Logan

I want to share this story with the club members. I am pretty happy about this fishing tale since I don't have the luxury of fishing any time I feel and am only being able to fish on some weekends.

My fishing buddy and non-member (I am working on him to join) Gerry DuBeau AKA (Big Wrench), who's Grady is laid up for a while, went fishing with me this past Sunday (April 21st) in my boat "Reel Impression". I wanted to head out towards Little Egg Inlet to see if any blues were around but Gerry talked me into drifting from the ICW marker at Beach Haven Yacht Club south to Holgate. The drift worked well due to the outgoing tide and the wind direction.

Our first drift was a zero. On the second drift, Gerry hit into a 23" striper, which we released. On the 3rd drift, Gerry hit into another 23" striper, which Gerry again kissed and returned to the water.

I wish you all could have seen the look on Gerry's face. He has lived down here for about 17 years and only retired last year. This was the first time he has ever caught a striper. I explained to him that he was catching

stripers because he was fishing with a member of The Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. and the local fish have high regards for it's members.

Oh, by the way, don't ask what I caught.

STORM CLOUDS LURKING OVER YOUR WEAKFISH FISHERY

Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission (ASMFC) has somehow deemed it appropriate to severely restrict the recreational weakfish fishery. While doing this, they have decided to perhaps address the commercial fishery at a later date. This, of course, is unacceptable! ASMFC admits by their own studies the weakfish and breeding weakfish population is in good condition and improving yearly since the adoption of Amendment 3 some five or so years ago. They apparently want to create a trophy fishery (fish over 12 years of age) and want to do so by dropping the daily recreational creel limit to 6 fish at 16 inches. Of course, they do not mention this only creates more large fish to be caught in gill nets. This is an open-ended fishery (no quotas for recreational or commercial), and going down the road of not addressing the commercial side of the fishery will only give the commercial fishery a greater proportion of the catch once quotas are set (as they will sometime in the future, further squeezing the recreational fisherman out of the fishery. It happened in tuna, tog, sea bass, fluke, whiting and you name it.

At the present, these seem to be proposals that will go nowhere, but vigilance is the key word at this time. You all may be called upon to become active on this issue within the year. Given the trend of fishery management, soon the only fish that will be available to most bay and shore fishermen will be the snapper blue, and don't count on that.

The public information document for Amendment 4 (PID) www.asmfc.org, and the JCAA rebuttal can be found at www.jcaa.org/JCNL0205/0205pres.htm

ITEMS FOR SALE by George Fruh

Used Bimini Top, fits 86" beam, with bow and side curtains, in good clean condition for \$50.00.

Two trolling rods, each with a Penn 350 Leveline reel, in good clean condition, for \$50.00 each rod & reel combo.

If interested call George Fruh at 597-4588.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

This recipe should work well with many species.
"Bass with Avocado Sauce"

1 small, ripe avocado	1/4 cup skim milk
1 tbs. lime juice	1 clove garlic, minced
1 dash hot sauce	
2 tbs. lemon juice	1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1 tbs. low sodium soy sauce	
1 tsp. lemon rind, grated	16 oz. Bass fillets
1/3 cup dry bread crumbs	vegetable oil
cooking spray	

Combine the avocado, milk, lime juice, garlic and hot sauce in a blender, cover and process until smooth. Set this avocado sauce aside.

Combine the lemon juice, mustard, soy sauce and lemon rinds and place in a shallow dish.

Dip the fillets in the lemon-based mixture, and dredge in bread crumbs.

Place on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 450°F for 7 minutes, turn fillets over and bake an additional 7 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Transfer fillets to a serving platter, and top with the avocado sauce.

NOTE: If you have a favorite recipe to share, send it to Dick Vesper c/o the club's address (see on the first page).

4th ANNUAL VHFC HOLIDAY WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL

1. **Tournament Date:** Saturday, June 1, 2002 - RAIN or SHINE
2. **Fishing Time:** Dawn till 2:00 PM - Weigh in till 3:00 PM sharp
3. **Boat Captain must be VHFC member**
4. **Each Captain may have up to 3 non-member anglers on his boat**
5. **Each fisherman must pay \$10.00 entry fee (regular or junior)**
6. **Only one fish can be entered for each fisherman**
7. **All fishing must be by boat with rod and reel**
8. **Fishing boundaries are Barnegat Inlet to Wreck Inlet in bay waters only**
9. **Prizes will be awarded as follows for heaviest fish**



1 st Place	50% of entry fees
2 nd Place	30% of entry fees
3 rd Place	10% of entry fees



10. **Ties will be settled by length of fish**
 *That angler must catch any fish weighed in
11. **Weigh in will be at the house of Maurice Piergrossi**
 (227 Morris Blvd, Beach Haven West)
Social will be from 2-4 PM for entrants & spouse only (beer, soda, snacks & food)
 *All VHFC and IGFA rules will apply

ENTRY FORM

- All entries must be received by 5:00 PM, May 31, 2002.

VHFC Member (Name)	_____	@\$10 =	_____
Guest (Name)	_____	@\$10 =	_____
Guest (Name)	_____	@\$10 =	_____
Guest (Name)	_____	@\$10 =	_____
		Total	_____

- Mail all entries to VHFC, Weakfish 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 vessel 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.

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

Officers:

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

Non-Voting Trustees

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

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

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 all bait & tackle	BOBBIES 7 th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	Tip's Hardware West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
Boat U.S. VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for member's use will be available at VHFC meetings.	Causeway Boat Rentals On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.	Clarke's Marine Supply Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on Marine Supplies & Tackle
Cove Marina 24 th St and the Bay, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-8100 10% discount on bait & tackle	THE BOAT SHOPS 756 E. Bay Ave. Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	Barnegat Light Bait & Tackle Bay Avenue and 15 th Street Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle

2002 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule Revised 05/03/02

<p align="center">APRIL 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder April 12: Focus on Spring Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Start with Club business ❖ Look ahead at 2002 ❖ Award trophies for 2001 seven "Trophy Fish of the Year" ❖ Intro to Weakfish Tournament ❖ Hands-on table clinics on fluke & weakfish 	<p align="center">MAY 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Blackfish May 10: Focus on Weakfish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Start with Club business ❖ Final word on the Weakfish Tournament ❖ Speaker: Jim Schockley on Boat Preparation for summer <p align="center"><i>DUES ARE DUE ON MAY 10</i></p>	<p align="center">JUNE 1 4th ANNUAL WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT (Chair: Maurice Piergrossi)</p>
<p align="center">JUNE 2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish of the Month: Weakfish <p>JUNE 7: Focus on Bay Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Start with Club business ❖ Report on Weakfish Tournament ❖ Intro to South Bay Fishing Tournament ❖ Jay Mann will tell us about local fishing activity & casting nets ❖ Hands-on table clinics: bay charts, rod repair, plus netting & seining bait 	<p align="center">JUNE 22 & 23</p> <p align="center">SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT (Blues, Weakfish, Fluke) (Chair: Pete Figlia)</p>	<p align="center">JULY 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Bluefish July 12: Focus on Captaining & Fluke fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Start with Club business ❖ Report on South Bay Fishing Tournament ❖ Intro to Fluke Tournament ❖ Speaker: Coast Guard Presents on Boating, navigation & safety ❖ Hands-on tables (fluke related)
<p align="center">AUGUST 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Fluke August 09: Focus on Reef Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Start with Club business ❖ Final Prep for Fluke Tournament ❖ Intro to Reef Fishing Event ❖ Speaker: Bill Figley will update us on NJ's Artificial Reef Program <p>Hands on tables for sea bass, tog, reef rigs, and charts</p>	<p align="center">AUGUST 2002</p> <p align="center">FLUKE TOURNAMENT (DATES AND CHAIRMAN TO BE DEFINED)</p>	<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 7 & 8</p> <p align="center">REEF FISHING EVENT (FLUKE & SEABASS) (CHAIR: DAVE SIKORSKI)</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Sea Bass Sept. 13: Focus on Surf Fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Start with Club business ❖ Report on Reef Fishing Event ❖ Speaker: Bruce (of Bruce & Pat's) on Surf Fishing ❖ Intro to Surf Tournament ❖ Table Clinics on reef fishing charts, Stripers and bluefish rigs 	<p align="center">OCTOBER 2002</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass Oct. 11: Focus on Striped Bass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 7:45 Start with Club business ❖ Board Presents 2002 Report and Plan for 2003 ❖ Presidents Turnover ❖ Final word on Surf Tournament ❖ Hands-on tables on striper rigs & local herring fishing 	<p align="center">OCTOBER 19 & 20</p> <p align="center">SURF TOURNAMENT (STRIPERS AND BLUEFISH) (CHAIR: STEVE COOK)</p>

3 of the 4 fishing tournaments are 2-day events. Monthly meetings are 2nd Fridays starting at 7:47 PM

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2002 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL DUES (Checks only) FOR \$35.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 10, 2002

Name: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2001 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete the following:

Name of Spouse:	
Principle Address:	Shore Address:
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

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

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
Junior Angler Application Form for 2002
MAIL DUES (Checks only) FOR \$10.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC JUNIOR ANGLER
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 10, 2002

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

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

SPONSOR: Please complete the following:

SPONSOR MEMBER'S INFORMATION (ALL ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR)	
By completing the following, the Sponsor takes full responsibility to accompany and supervise the applicant's behavior and ensure the applicant's well being during and en route to and from any club activity or event and further certifies possession of the legal authority to do so.	
Sponsor's Name (required):	Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature (required):	Relation to Applicant:

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

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