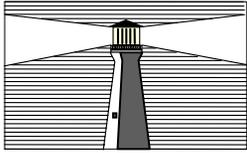


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2004 VHFC Dues & Completed Registration Forms (See Page 9) Are Due No Later Than 14 May

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**BOARD MEETING: 07 MAY**

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 14 MAY

At the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

7:30 PM: Doors open early so come help set up.

7:45 PM: Meeting Starts with Club Business:

- ❖ Winter Flounder Fish of the Month Award
- ❖ Details for Weakfish Tournament
- ❖ Fishing Discussion-All Present
- ❖ Break
- ❖ Guest Speaker: Jim Hutchinson Sr. on Fluke Fishing

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ray Williams

May has arrived although I don't see a lot of improvement in the weather. We seem to have another wet spring. We had our first meeting of the year on April 9 and over 60 people attended. I want to thank each of you who showed your support by attending this meeting. We have a great meeting planned for May 14<sup>th</sup> with an excellent speaker. I hope all of you plan to attend & feel free to bring a prospective member with you! Remember meetings are open to spouses also! We have some nice tournaments planned again for this year. Sign up early. Good luck fishing & enjoy this issue of the newsletter.

## THE MAY ISSUE by Dick Vesper

Speaker Changes: Bill Figley had to reschedule to June 11.

Jim Hutchinson Sr. will now be our May 14 speaker (not June 11). Jim Hutchinson Sr. is the Fishing Editor for the "Islander", writes an excellent fishing column for the "Times-Beacon" and also offers his services as a coach for Southern Regional High School. Thanks to both speakers for helping us work out the schedule change.

A description & signup for the 2004 South Bay Tournament, June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, has been added (Pg. 8).

The VHFC Board has added a November meeting to the 2004 calendar as well as dates for the Dinner and the Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament.

The updated calendar is enclosed as page 6.

Roland Dixon gave us the following web site as a follow-up reference to his two excellent April articles related to the dangers of Towing versus Salvage:

<http://www.boatus.com/towing/guide/salvage/>

## FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

The winner of the Fish of the Month for March and April is Vince Sibona with a Winter Flounder caught on April 9<sup>th</sup> weighing 2 lb 1oz. Good way to start the year – Congratulations Vince.

Reminder: The 2004 Fish of the Month Schedule is different than in 2003. For 2004 it is:

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

## 2004 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The status of our 2004 Trophy Fish of the Year competition through April is:

Winter Flounder (04/09) 2lb 1 oz Vince Sibona

## NEW WEIGH-IN STATION by Ray Williams

Effective May 1, American Sportsman Bait & Tackle in the Mill Creek Plaza (behind WAWA) on Millcreek Road in Manahawkin is an additional weigh-in station for VHFC Fish of the Year & Fish of the Month. Fisherman's Headquarters will remain as a weigh-in site but the Board felt that giving members who live on the mainland a place to go on

days when traffic to Long Beach Island is a nightmare would encourage more members to enter these contests. Fisherman's Headquarters will remain our primary site & we would like to remind our members that they have done many things for our club over the years, including discounts to members, donating prizes to the club, & hosting our web site.

#### **FISHING REPORT** by Dave Sikorski

Around the last week of April, reports of Weakfish and Bluefish began popping up. These guys should be all over the bay in May. Bluefish were actually eating small worms meant for Winter Flounder. The Winter Flounder seem to be hitting their peak as they head out to sea for the summer. There were several reports of double digit catches, but these are likely to be gone by the time this newsletter is published. I actually read that a Fluke has already been caught! The Fluke season opens May 8th this year. Striped Bass have been taking clams and worms along the sod banks around both inlets, at Gravelling Point and on the Beach. However, the bite is very spotty, and hard to correlate. Those who put in their time are usually the ones who are rewarded. Now would be the time to try chumming with clams for stripers, as Bill Haluska discussed with us at one of our meetings last year. The Tautog have been coming in off the wrecks when the weather and seas cooperate, and the Sea Bass should be inshore soon, too. For more timely reports, check the Tips & Links button on our web site: we have links to a few of the local daily reports. Get out there and have some fun, and don't forget to weigh in your fish, so we can list it on the Weigh-ins page. Please help conserve our fisheries by practicing catch and release. Keep only the fish you intend to eat and share with friends. Tight lines.

#### **WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT** by Don Longstreet & Bill Dabney

This will be the last newsletter before the tournament, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th. We had hoped to have some members and their spouses signed up by now.

The forms for registering to participate are on page 7 of this newsletter. Forms must be filled out and a check attached for each participant.

Also, the Captain of the boat must sign all forms.

Last year there were 34 people trying for the big fish. D. J. Longstreet caught a 9lb. 1oz. weakfish to take first place. Hopefully, with more people participating this year, we will beat last year's record fish and prize money.

Here are a few suggestions regarding bait for those who might not be familiar with this area. Pink

Fin S, sandworms, shedder crabs, and the most popular, grass shrimp, can be used for chum and bait. Shrimp can be purchased at some local bait stores.

The after-tournament weigh-ins and social affair will take place at Don Longstreet's, home at 28 Ronnie Drive, Beach Haven West. The weigh-ins will be from 2PM-3PM sharp.

PLEASE GET THOSE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, and certainly by June 4th.

#### **JCAA APRIL MEETING REPORT** by John Borick

The Federal Commission on Ocean Policy brought up the issue of a saltwater fishing license. They suggest a license will help fishery managers assess the catch. But as we in the fishing public know, they received \$220,000 per year from the tuna permit fee, and screwed up so bad, that we don't even know if we'll have a (tuna) season this year. The JCAA feels momentum will build against the ocean commission's saltwater fishing license.

The Federal Commission on Ocean Policy is a federal organization with too many politicians. This organization subcontracted out a survey to find out the amount of tuna being caught by sport fisherman. It was a total bust. Now we are not even sure whether we will be allowed to fish for tuna this year. By the way, Tom Fote mentioned that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) has been doing a good job in most fishery matters.

The NJ Senate has introduced the freedom to fish act to protect saltwater fishing access. The JCAA opposes the bill, because it has included the commercial fishery. (Ed. Note: RFA supports this bill. That makes it a dilemma for us.)

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Barnegat Bay Festival will be Saturday, June 5, 2004 at the Berkeley Island County Park at 10AM until 4PM. The festival includes craft vendors, food vendor, and children activities. There will be free boat trips across the bay, and guided bus tours of the Cedar Creek watershed. Registration required for tours. (732-255-0472).

With over \$110,000 in cash and prizes consider entering the JCAA Fluke Tournament on June 12. The entry fee is \$100 per boat up to six anglers. Support your (JCAA) Jersey Coast Anglers Association. Visit the JCAA web page at <<http://www.jcaa.org>, or you can enter by phone by calling 732-506-6565.

#### **FISHING REGULATIONS** (email from Tom Fote)

The summer flounder recreational season, previously May 3 through October 13, is now May 8 through October 11. The recreational minimum size

limit is still 16½ inches and the possession limit remains at eight fish.

The black sea bass two-segment recreational season, formerly January 1 through September 1 and September 16 through November 30, has been changed to January 1 through September 7 and September 22 to November 30. The recreational minimum size limit is still 12 inches and the possession limit remains at 25 fish.

### **OBTAIN AND USE STRIPED BASS BONUS CARDS**

The New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Striped Bass Bonus Fish Program provides fish possession cards to anglers, allowing them to possess one additional striped bass per day, with restrictions. This special case only applies to New Jersey's marine and estuarine waters up to the freshwater fishing line. An application for fish possession cards may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed, #10 envelope to NJ F & W, Striped Bass Fish program, PO Box 418, Port Republic, NJ 08241. For a list of Striped Bass Bonus Program Check Stations call 609-748-2020 or visit their site: [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com).

JCAA, RFA and our VHFC Board are encouraging our members to obtain and use the cards, even if only one fish is caught. If you do, you will be helping us in avoiding our being squeezed too hard by the Federal Regulators.

### **2004 WINTER FLOUNDERS** by Don Longstreet



April 19 George Fruh and Bob Citarelli



April 16 Don and Duane Longstreet

### **STRIPERS IN RARITAN BAY** by Larry Gonnella

It was early June of the 2000 season and the reports for stripers on Flynn's Knoll were promising. I telephoned Barry & Susan Gabler and suggested they make time for a trip up North.

I explained the method we would use to catch these fish and it sounded very interesting to Barry who had not tried it before. We arranged to meet at the marina and leave the dock by 7am.

Following the pre-departure trips to the rest rooms, we left the marina for the 15-minute run to Flynn's Knoll. After a brief search around the Knoll the color recorder began to indicate scattered fish

along the bottom. We anchored on a small piece of bottom structure and set out the clam chum.

It wasn't more than 10 minutes and Susan was into the first striper of the day. Barry was next, then me. For the next 30 minutes the action was non-stop, a mix of legal fish and shorts were brought on board, tagged and released and then disaster struck.

I had landed a fish for Susan and was attempting to remove it from the net, when in her eagerness to help she reached down to grab the fish. Before I could stop her fish made a sudden flip and Susan was hooked with a # 4 circle hook in her finger! You can imagine what my thoughts and silent expletives were. We were having the fishing day of our lives and now we would have to leave to get medical attention for Susan.

For those that don't know Susan she is a surgical nurse. Under her direction we made several attempts to remove the hook but to no avail. Susan decided she wasn't going to leave this fantastic fishing either and instructed us to cut the exposed portions of the hook, dress and bandage the wound.

She continued to fish the rest of the day. The frantic fishing action continued until we ran out of bait. The total count of fish caught, tagged and released that day was over 80 fish.

Susan was brought to S.O.S.H. on the way home to have the hook removed. Her only complaint was that she didn't have time to shower, do her hair, and apply makeup before going to the emergency room!!!

### **AMERICAN EEL ENDANGERED** Extracted by Dick Vesper from the March/April 2004 "ASMFC Fisheries Focus"

Canadian and US data show 2003 commercial American Eel landings are the lowest on record since 1945. The International Eel Symposium at the 2003 American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting reported a worldwide decline of eel populations, including the East Coast stock of American Eel. ASMFC plans to address the continued stock declines. Issues to be addressed include changes in the management programs for recreational and commercial fisheries, evaluation of non-fishing sources of eel mortality and review of ASMFC monitoring requirements. Among other ASMFC Eel Board recommendations was that the USFWS and the NMFS evaluate if listing of the entire east coast stock of American Eel under the Endangered Species Act is warranted. (Ed. Note: The American Eel is a major part of our fishery/habitat as well as favorite bait for Stripers. I'll keep you posted as more news breaks.)

## **MARINE INSURANCE: A BOATERS**

**NECESSARY EVIL** submitted by Ray Williams and written by Joe Campisano

Why do you need Marine Insurance and how much do you need?

This all depends on your individual circumstances and financial condition. Of course, if you have a loan on your boat, your lien holder requires you to carry enough hull value liability to pay off your loan in the event of a total loss. If you do not have a loan, you should carry either the purchase price value or current market value as an insured value.

In our current market, it is possible to buy a boat below market value. Many owners request to insure their boat at “replacement cost”, or what it would cost to purchase a similar boat without obtaining a “great deal”. The reality is that you usually cannot replace the boat for what you paid and most companies will only allow either purchase price or a value within 25% of the purchase price to compensate for any possible upgrades you do to the boat. Besides, why pay more premiums than you have to when the objective is to cover your investment in the vessel.

Liability amounts vary and depend upon your financial condition. Liability protects you in the event you are sued as a result of your negligence while operating your vessel. I recommend carrying at least \$300,000 in liability and if you own a home and have substantial financial holdings, that you add an Umbrella Liability policy onto your current homeowners policy of at least \$1,000,000. This will give you more than adequate liability coverage.

### How can I save on a policy?

The type of policy, Agreed Value or Actual Cash Value, determines a large portion of the premium charged.

Agreed Value policies are those that pay an agreed amount of the total value of the vessel in the event of a total loss. These policies typically will be more expensive and are better suited for boats less than ten years old. For older boats you can save money by purchasing an Actual Cash Value policy. These policies pay the depreciated or “book value” of the vessel in the event of a total loss.

Another way to save is to take a higher deductible. Boat policies vary but most deductibles are based on a percentage of the total value insured, rather than a flat dollar amount. I recommend having a 2% deductible or higher. That is to say, if you insure your boat for \$35,000 and choose a 2% deductible, your actual deductible is \$700.00. If your company does offer a flat amount deductible, take as high a deductible you are willing to “share” with the company in the event of a loss. Due to the high cost of marine repairs, it is

unlikely that you would have a small enough claim to warrant a low deductible.

I also recommend you take an approved US Coast Guard or US Power Squadron boating course. This can save you between 3 & 5% off the hull premium portion of the policy.

### What benefits should I look for in a Policy?

There are too many available endorsements to discuss in detail here but once you determine your value, Liability amount and deductible, consider a policy that includes:

#### Uninsured Boater Coverage

This covers the named insured for bodily injury received aboard your boat you are legally entitled to recover from an “uninsured” owner or operator of another boat.

#### Pollution or Fuel Spill Liability Coverage

Most policies come with this valuable protection and cover any pollution or contamination occurrence.

#### Medical Payments Coverage

This is separate coverage for reasonable medical, ambulance, hospital, nursing and funeral costs that become necessary due to accidental bodily injury to a person injured while in, upon or boarding, leaving or being towed behind your boat.

#### Emergency Tow Reimbursement coverage

All policies now offer some form of emergency tow reimbursement coverage. The average reimbursement can vary, depending on the size of your boat, from \$500 to \$1500 of coverage on average. I do, however, recommend that you supplement this coverage with a quality full Tow Plan membership like the one offered by Sea Tow or any of the other quality tow plan companies.

### What should I watch out for?

The worst thing that you can do is assume your policy covers it. I can tell you that there are some companies that have exclusions that will cost you dearly in the event of a claim. One endorsement to look out for is Machinery Damage Exclusion. This specifically excludes any and all claims associated with damage to your engine, drives and related equipment. I have found that over 50% of the claims I see, have something to do with damage here and if you have this endorsement, you basically have no coverage.

Some companies have Hurricane or Wind Storm deductibles. This is a separate deductible that applies in the event damage occurs to your vessel during a hurricane or other wind related storm. This deductible can be as high as 10 % of the total value of your hull value. I have even seen a 10% Theft deductible that applies when a boat is stolen.

Lay up dates can also get you in trouble. Most policies on boats over 26' have required Lay up dates where you must store your boat for the winter during these specific months. Your boat is covered while it is laid up but cannot be used for any navigation. Your policy will specifically state whether your boat is to be laid up afloat or ashore. If you leave your boat in the water after the lay up date specified and you have a claim, chances are it will be denied. In our area, we typically lay up our boats from November 1 through April 1<sup>st</sup> and the companies base their rates with this in mind, however, you can make changes to these dates if you use your boat longer. Smaller boat policies (boats under 26') usually do not have this restriction.

Miscellaneous ideas

With the coverage's I have mentioned, you will effectively build a good policy that will give you adequate coverage to protect you and your family. There are many other coverage options available to add to your policy and I recommend that you discuss fully with your agent exactly how and where you will use your boat. Also, be very specific on the type of equipment used or aboard your boat including electronics. Most policies will offer either separate coverage for these items or may lump them in with your total hull value subjecting you to the hull deductible in the event of a claim.

**SHIMANO REEL RAFFLE** by Ray Williams

One of our members, John Kerstanski, is donating a brand new Shimano TLD Series 25 conventional reel to the club to be raffled as a fundraiser. We will sell approximately 100 tickets to win the reel at \$5.00 per chance. Tickets may be purchased by members-only at club meetings beginning with the April Meeting. The drawing for the reel will be held when all tickets are sold or at the last meeting of the year,

whichever comes first. This is an excellent opportunity to obtain a very nice reel for \$5.00. If you cannot attend our April meetings & want an opportunity to win the reel, send a check for \$5.00 to VHFC, P.O. Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 before May 14<sup>th</sup>, & we will enter you in the drawing.

**BOATING GEAR FOR SALE**

If any member has a fishing related item to sell, contact Dick Vesper at (609-494-0263 or by email: dick.vesper@verizon.net). Ads are free!

1. **NEW ITEM:** 2002 Boston Whaler Conquest, 23 ft, 225 Mercury engine, all electronics, T-top, Head, 30 hrs on engine. Asking \$52,500. Contact John Mazzone at (973) 583-9318
2. Charlie Kochka is selling a 1984 9.9 HP Suzuki Long Shaft in excellent condition. Low Hours. Was kept in garage for years. Asking \$600 597-4430
3. Ed Sidel has a 22' '85 Aquasport Sandpiper with 235 Evinrude. ~~\$3,000~~ \$2,500 or best offer. (597-3182)

**FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS**

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).
3. John Borick would like to go surf fishing with a member who has some surf fishing know-how. His local number is 597-8572. Home number is 973-235-0930.

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.  
2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Officers:**

President	Ray Williams (978-1480)
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All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.

2004 Tournament Chairmen

Weakfish Tournament	Don Longstreet & Bill Dabney
South Bay Tournament	Ray Williams & Charlie Kochka
Fluke & Sea Bass Tournery	Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore
Surf Tournament	John Borick, Roland Dixon & John Kerstanski

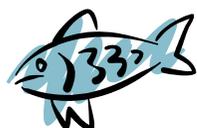
**004 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 5/3/04)**

<p><b>May 14 2004</b>  <b>-DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 14-</b>  <b>Fish of The Month: WEAKFISH</b>  <b>7:45 MAY 14:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; W. Flounder Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Update - Weakfish Tourney          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; <u>Speaker:</u> Jim Hutchinson Sr. on Fluke Fishing</p>	<p><b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT</b>  <b>Chairmen: Don Longstreet &amp; Bill Dabney</b>  <b>Species: Weakfish</b></p>	<p><b>JUNE 11 2004</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: FLUKE</b>  <b>7:45 June 11:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; Weakfish Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Report - Weakfish Tournament          &gt; Intro to South Bay Fishing Tourney          &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion          &gt; <u>Speaker:</u> Bill Figley on Reef Fishing</p>
<p><b>June 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT</b>  <b>Chairmen: Ray Williams &amp; Charlie Kochka</b>  <b>Species: Bluefish, Fluke, Weakfish</b></p>	<p><b>JULY 9 2004</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH</b>  <b>7:45 July 9:</b>          &gt; Club Business          &gt; Fluke Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Report - S. Bay Fishing Tourney          &gt; Intro-Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tourney          &gt; Tournament Intro to VHFC Dinner          &gt; All -Present Fishing Discussion          &gt; <u>Speaker:</u> Adam Nowalsky on Sea Bass &amp; Fluke Fishing; In &amp; Offshore</p>	<p><b>JULY 23 2004</b>  <b>FRIDAY EVENING</b>  <b>VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER</b>  <b>Chairman: BILL LOGAN</b></p>
<p><b>AUGUST 13 2004</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: SEA BASS</b>  <b>7:45 Aug.13:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; Bluefish of the Month Award          &gt; Report - South Bay Fishing Tournament          &gt; Update for Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tournament          &gt; All-Present Fishing Discussion          &gt; <u>Speaker:</u> Shell Caris on Beach Fishing (New Slide Show)</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 28 2004</b>  <b>FLUKE &amp; SEA BASS TOURNAMENT</b>  <b>Chairmen: Bill Logan &amp; Ed Wetmore</b>  <b>SPECIES: FLUKE &amp; SEA BASS</b></p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 10 2004</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: FLUKE</b>  <b>7:45 Sept.10:</b>          &gt; Club business          &gt; Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Report - Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tournament          &gt; Intro - Surf Tournament          &gt; All-Present Fishing Discussion          &gt; <u>Speaker:</u> Jim Hutchinson Jr. on Striper fishing</p>
<p><b>October 8 2004</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass</b>  <b>7:45 OCT. 8:</b>          &gt; Fluke Fish of the Month Award          &gt; Report on Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tournament          &gt; Update for Surf Tournament          &gt; All-Present Fishing Discussion          &gt; <u>Speaker:</u> Al Crudele on Back Bay Fishing &amp; Striper fishing</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER 16 &amp; 17</b>  <b>SURF TOURNAMENT</b>  <b>Chairmen: John Borick, John Kerstanski &amp; Roland Dixon</b>  <b>Species: Striped Bass &amp; Bluefish</b></p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 12 2004</b>  <b>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass</b>  <b>7:45 Nov 12:</b>          &gt; Report for 2004          &gt; Intro to 2005 VHFC Board          &gt; Report on Surf Tournament          &gt; All-Present Fishing Discussion</p>

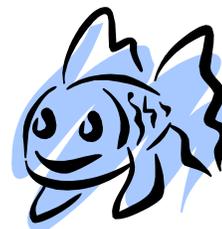
2 of the 4 fishing tournaments are 2-day events. Monthly meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays starting promptly at 7:45 PM. Doors open at 7:30 – Come early and help us get set up.

## 5th ANNUAL VHFC HOLIDAY WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT AND SOCIAL

1. Tournament Date: Saturday, June 5, 2004 - RAIN or SHINE
2. Fishing Time: Dawn till 2:00 PM - Weigh in 2:00 to 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) before the event
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 <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 |



10. Ties will be settled by length of fish
11. 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 entry forms and related fees can be mailed to VHFC, Tournaments, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 & must be postmarked before 06/05/04 or given to Tournament Chairman before 06/05/04.
- 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 a 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## South Bay Tournament on June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004

This fishing event is open to all active members, co-members, & junior anglers (2004 dues paid) with or without boats.

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.

**Entry Fee:** Entry fee is \$10 per angler & all entry fees will be distributed as prize money.

**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, whichever fish was weighed first in wins.

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

**Fishing Time** will be from sun-up Sat June 26<sup>th</sup> to 4pm Sun June 27<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 caught & weighed in at Fisherman's Headquarters before June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

**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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
**2004 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 14, 2004**

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

**Signature\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Note: Both \* items must be completed.**

**Renewals:** Please insert any changes from 2003 Membership list.

**New Applicants:** Please complete all of the following:

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

Would you like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No Choosing "yes" will save club printing & mailing costs!

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
*Junior Angler Application Form for 2004*  
**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 14, 2004**

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

<b>Name*:</b>	<b>Member #:</b>	<b>Nick Name:</b>
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Junior Angler's E-Mail:</b>	
<b>Home Address:</b>	<b>Home Phone:</b>	

Would you like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No (Saves printing costs!)

**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 this applicant will not reach 18 years of age on or before May 14, 2004.

<b>Sponsor's Name*:</b>	<b>Sponsor's Member #:</b>
<b>Signature*:</b>	<b>Relation to Applicant*:</b>
<b>Date:* / /</b>	

Junior Angler Boat Owners please complete the following:

Note: Five \* items must be completed.

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

<b>The following have offered a discount with the presentation of current VHFC Membership Card</b> <b>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>BOBBIES</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>TIP'S HARDWARE</b> West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
<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>CLEARWATER MARINE CENTER</b> Route 9, Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on marine supplies & tackle
<b>AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle	<b>THE BOAT SHOP</b> 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	<b>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Bay Avenue & 15 <sup>th</sup> St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle
<b>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA &amp; KAYAKS</b> 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton <b>296-1888</b> 10% discount on bait & tackle		<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 Charlie Kochka

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