



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN MAY

BOARD MEETING: 05 MAY

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 12 MAY

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
- Trophy Fish Of The Year 2005 Awards
- W. Flounder Fish of the Month Award
- 2006 Tournament Plans
- Introduction of North South Bay Tourney
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Presentation: Mel Boytos, Fisher Queen Charters, Fishing for fluke, weakfish and stripers with artificals and Gulp baits.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Borick

Well I hope by now everyone is happy, that spring has finally arrived. If you were lucky, you were able to catch your share of winter flounder. I happened to be riding by Oyster Creek, so I stopped and parked my car to see if anyone was catching any fish. I was surprised to see how many winter flounder were taken out of Oyster Creek. It always seems like more fish are caught when I forget to bring any fishing equipment with me.

If you like to try something different, then buy some green crabs, and fish off the Barnegat Rocks jetty for tautog, but be prepared to lose rigs. As for myself I am going to try my best to catch a legal size striper off the surf. I hope you participated in the VHFC Surf Tournament on May 6, as the camaraderie of having a group from the VHFC all fishing together on the surf can't be beat. I will give you a full report on the Surf Tournament in the June newsletter.

Please join us at our May 12 meeting, where we will have Captain Mel Boytos giving a seminar on fishing for fluke, weakfish, and striped bass with artificial and "Gulp" baits.

Remember, membership dues are due by May

12. Don't forget to sign-up for the North and South Bay Tournament in June.

Our big event of the year is our Dinner Dance scheduled for August 18th. Last year we had an excellent turn out, and everyone had a great time. Come join us at our dinner dance, and meet new friends, and find new fishing partners.

We are always looking for new members with new ideas to join our board, if you have any ideas on how to make our club even better, let me or one of the other board members know.

This club is about getting together, and sharing our knowledge, experience and communicating on the water with other club members. VHF channel 72 is the club's communication channel. Hail VHFC members on channel 9 and ask them to switch to the club's channel, which is channel 72.

Don't forget to use the web site address, which appears on the monthly newsletter, if you have a computer. You will be surprised at how much fishing information is on our web site. Our calendar of events is always being updated, so make sure you check out the calendar in the monthly newsletter.

Above all make sure you allow sometime to go fishing.

2005 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The winners of our 2005 Trophy Fish of the Year competition are:

Blackfish (11/01)	2 lb 10 oz	Basil Dubrosky
Bluefish (11/05)	13 lb 5 oz	Paul Galasso
Fluke (07/02)	11 lb 13oz	Eian Beron
Sea Bass (06/17)	4 lb 12 oz	Lorraine Wetmore
Striped Bass (11/11)	20 lb 12oz	Paul Pestritto
Weakfish (05/18)	12 lb 6 oz	Ed Cherry
W. Fl'nder (04/25)	2 lb 4 oz	Jerry Papp

Congratulations to all those listed above.

Prizes for all the Trophy Fish of the Year winners were distributed during the April 2006 Membership Meeting.

2006 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

by George Fruh

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

Blackfish
Bluefish
Fluke
Sea Bass
Striped Bass
Weakfish
Winter Flounder

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

2005 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by George Fruh

The last Fish of the Month awards for 2005 are Paul Pestrino's Striped Bass & Paul Galasso's Bluefish weighed in during the October and November 2005 time frame. These awards were presented at the April 2006 Membership Meeting.

2006 FISH OF THE MONTH by George Fruh

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

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

LUNAR CHART by Ed Wetmore

Lunar charts give you an estimate of feeding times based on the effects of moon and sun location. Many of us have seen similar tables in Field & Stream Magazine for years.

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

WINTER FLOUNDERING by Bill Logan

As mentioned at our last club meeting (and we hope you were there, we had two great speakers) two of our members (Gerry DuBeau) and (Bill Logan) fished Double Creek channel and came home with 4 winter flounder, 3 of them over 2 lb. Bill says they started out just North of the BB buoy and nothing was happening, so Gerry said we're going into Double Creek channel and try by marker 19. Well that one was taken, so we moved to marker 17 (Gerry was upset that he could not get to marker 19 so I told him the next time make reservations, he said something about me knowing how to swim), we anchored up and started fishing. Well it looked like it was going to be a bad day, Gerry was chumming with everything we had except the kitchen sink (and you know Gerry, he is a retired plumber so I was waiting for him to throw in the kitchen sink too). Finally his efforts paid off and we started catching fish. It's nice fishing with Gerry, he puts a lot of effort into fishing and tries very hard, and I honestly believe that it was his efforts that day that helped us catch fish.



Gerry DuBeau, Left & Bill Logan, Right with some nice winter Flounder!

VHFC FLEA MARKET by John Borick

The Village Harbour Fishing Club will run a Flea Market in June at the General Meeting on June 9th. From all the records, I can gather the last time, we had a Flea Market was back in 1992, and we even had our own auctioneer. We like to try this event on a much smaller scale. This will be a free event, and there will be no cost charged by the club. While we are setting-up tables for our hands-on fluke and weak fishing techniques, we will set-up additional tables for those individuals who have something to sell. This will be an added benefit for belonging to our club. You will have to monitor your own table, and any equipment you intend to sell. If you do not have

that many items to sell, the club can put as many as three members to a table. Anyone interested, talk to one of our Board Members at the May VHFC meeting. Remember the saying "One man's junk is someone else's treasure." Just remember no checks or credit cards; if you're interested in buying anything bring some extra cash to our June meeting. If you have something to sell that is fishing related, bring it to the meeting.

FLOAT FISHING THE SALMON RIVER by Basil Dubrosky

The alarm went off at 3:25 AM. Trapper, our guide, wanted us at the river at 4:30 AM because he expected lots of competitive pressure on the river since the river flow had been dropped to one favoring good fishing just the previous day. The Salmon River in Pulaski, NY is fed by lake water with the flow being adjusted according to lake level and electric power company needs. The river flows into Lake Ontario.

Nick and I dressed and went to the public room of the Double Eagle Lodge where we were staying for the next 3 days. After coffee and some great blueberry muffins we headed back to our room to don warm clothes and our waders and wading jackets. It was going to be a relatively warm day for March, 32 degrees now with a high of 40. The water temperature was said to be 33 degrees. There had been light snow over night.

We met Trapper at 4:20 AM at the beginning boat ramp where Trapper had already dropped his boat. Nick and Trapper went off to park Trapper's truck and trailer at our expected exit boat ramp about an 8 mile drift away. There are many boat ramps on the Salmon and the beginning and ending ramp is chosen by the guide according to where he expects the fish to be.

I waited in the dark with the boat and our equipment. There were no other fishermen in the area and I could barely make out the water in the dark but the sound of the rush of the water was exhilarating. Nick and Trapper returned in Nick's truck after about 15 minutes and we all boarded the drift boat and departed in the dark.

The drift boats are made of heavy gauge aluminum with 2 customer seats side by side in the front and a rowing seat in the middle for the guide. There is a fish box under the guide's seat and a propane heater in the back to warm hands when they are too cold to function (especially during Dec-Feb when the biggest Steelhead and the craziest of fishermen are in the water).

Trapper rowed us out into the current and we headed downstream trusting our safety to a man with almost 20 years experience fishing daily on the river during the high season. We kept busy talking about our float plan and where the fish were caught the previous day. We eased into our first spot (The Wire Hole) while it was still dark. We were going to have to wait for about an hour before we could start fishing.

We spent the time drinking coffee and reminiscing about previous trips and experiences. Trapper also spent some time trying to sell us on a trip to his remote wilderness Alaska fishing camp where the catching of many species of trout and salmon are non-stop. Nick had made the trip to Alaska 2 years ago and could attest to the non-stop action.

As it gradually got lighter we could enjoy the beauty of the freshly fallen snow on the trees. The river had beautiful ice-laden edges that were 2 feet higher than the current water level. Other drift boats passed us and other fishermen showed up near our position prompting a new round of stories. We were now happy that we had gotten an early start.

As soon as it was light enough to fish we got out of the boat and started drifting egg sacks with our 91/2 foot, 7 weight noodle spinning rods. These long and light rods are designed to fight big fish using light line. The fish are tired out by the action of the rod, not the power of the line and reel. You often have to put the butt of the rod toward the fish in order to tire him with the strength of the rod.

After many drifts through the creases in the water mapped out by Trapper and the frequent changing of fouled rigs and egg sack colors both Nick and I connected with and released Steelhead. The first fight of the day is particularly exciting but we were both able to fight our fish to Trapper's waiting net before releasing them.

We continued drifting the river, stopping at several pre-selected spots to try our luck. The boat banged the bottom often and we had to shift our weight forward to get over extremely shallow ledges. I marveled at the skill possessed by Trapper as he navigated the fast moving waters with many rock and tree obstacles and narrow passages.

Most landlocked fishermen let us pass through their fishing spots with understanding. Trapper helped to calm any irritation they may have held with well-

rehearsed banter. Fishing exaggerations passed back and forth.

We dropped our mono size as the day progressed from 8 to 6 to 4 pound test for these line shy fish. We also started using brightly colored flies. Several other Steelhead between 5 and 8 pounds were caught and released and one that weighed over 10 pounds made a great show of strong runs and crashing jumps.

We stopped at about 8 spots during the day and finished our trip around 4 PM. We were cold and exhausted but pleased with the experience. We had seen and fished remote and picturesque parts of the river, enjoyed the banter amongst fishermen and learned fishing techniques from Trapper that will last a lifetime. We arranged to do it again in April!

RECIPES & PICTURES NEEDED by Ray Williams. We need your pictures & recipes to publish in the newsletter. Share those pictures with us. Send your pictures to us at VHFCInfo@aol.com & we'll put them in the paper. If you have a story to go with the picture that's even better. We're also looking for recipes to publish.

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

1. Garmin Handheld GPS Map76 with Garmin Blue Chart Americas CD Chart. Sells new today for over \$450 for GPS & chart. Will sell for \$200.00. Hardly used as I bought a combo GPS & Depth finder for my boat. Call Ray Williams at 609-978-1480. Still have box & all instructions. [ad expires 08/01/2006]

**FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS
(These 3 ads expire 08/01/06; unless owners renew)**

1. John Leitner, a member and resident of Barnegat, would like to go out fishing with a member who has a boat and some space for another fisherman. Please contact John at 609-607-9426.

2. 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.

3. 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.

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Officers:

President John Borick (597-8572)
1st Vice President Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
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Treasurer Bill Logan (597-0784)
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Tournament Director Vacant
JCAA Representative Dick Vesper(494-0263)
All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.

North & South Bay Tournament on June 17th, 2006

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

We are asking all participating boats to fly the club flag, so we can identify each other and aid one another as needed.

Entries: Prizes will only be awarded to current (dues paid) members who have signed up for this event before it starts; either at a club meeting or by mail received before the event. We need you to sign the Signup Sheet and thereby acknowledge your understanding of the rules and responsibilities for the event.

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

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

Fishing Time will be from sun-up to 4pm Sat June 17th

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

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

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

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

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

SIGN UP SHEET

- Signed entries can be mailed to VHFC, South Bay Tournament, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.
- Formal participation includes a commitment to hold harmless the Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc, its officers and directors for any damage or injury which may result from participation in this event.
- Each Captain is responsible for the safety of his or her boat and all the people aboard.
- Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. does not inspect the boats or assess the training and experience of the Captain or crew.
- Each Captain is responsible for all the decisions regarding the safe operation of their vessels, including the decision to leave the dock.
- Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Conditions necessary for safe operation are different for different vessels and Captain and crew experience levels. The Captain of the participating vessel who signs this entry form agrees to take full responsibility for all decisions affecting the safe operation of his vessel and agrees to indemnify and hold the club harmless from any claims made by anyone affected by the operation of the Captain's vessel.

Captain's Name: _____ Signature: _____
Date _____

Boat Name: _____

Crew Names	Signatures	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2006 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$35.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 12, 2006

Print Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: _ / _ / _

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

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

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

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

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2006 Form for Junior Angler Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$10.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC JUNIOR ANGLER
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 12, 2006

Note: All 5 * items must be completed.

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

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

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

SPONSOR: Please complete the following:

SPONSOR MEMBER'S INFORMATION (ALL ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR)	
By completing the following, the Sponsor takes full responsibility to accompany and supervise the applicant's behavior and ensure the applicant's well being during and en route to and from any club activity or event and further certifies possession of the legal authority to do so. Further, the sponsor affirms this applicant will not reach 18 years of age on or before May 12, 2006.	
Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature*:	Relation to Applicant*:
Date*: / /	

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

2006 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 5/9/06)

<p>April 14 2006 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 14: > Club business > 2005 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the Oct & Nov Fish of the Month > Intro - Surf Tournament > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speakers: Joe Campisano & Matt Lees</p>	<p>May 12 2006 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 12- Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH 7:45 MAY 12: > Club business > W. Flounder FoM Award > Update - Surf Tourney > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Mel Boytos, Fisher Queen Charters, Fishing for fluke, weakfish and stripers with artificals and Gulp baits.</p>	<p>May 6th SURF TOURNAMENT Chairmen: John Borick Roland Dixon Basil Dubrosky Entry Form in this issue</p>
<p>JUNE 9 2006 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 9: > Club business > Weakfish Fish of the Month Award > Intro to North & South Bay Fishing Tourney > Hands-On: Fluke & Weakfishing > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Flea Market</p>	<p>June 17th NORTH & SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT Chairman: Ron Nachman</p>	<p>JULY 14 2006 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 14: > Club Business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Report -N. & S. Bay Fishing Tourney > Intro-Fluke & Weakfish Tourney > Intro to VHFC Dinner > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Hands-On: Sea Bass Rigs</p>
<p>JULY 29TH FLUKE & WEAKFISH TOURNEY CHAIRMAN: BASIL DUBROSKY Species: Fluke & Weakfish</p>	<p>AUGUST 11 2006 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS 7:45 Aug. 11: > Club business > Bluefish of the Month Award > Report Fluke & Weakfish Tournament > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker Capt. Adam Nowalsky Fishing for Sea Bass</p>	<p>AUGUST 18TH VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore</p>
<p>AUGUST 26TH FLUKE & SEA BASS FISHING TOURNAMENT CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 8 2006 Fish of the Month: FLUKE & CROAKER 7:45 Sept. 08: > Club business > Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award > Report - Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament > All-Present - Fishing Discussion > Hands-On: Surf Fishing</p>	<p>October 13 2006 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish 7:45 Oct. 13: > Club Business > Sept. Fish of the Month Award > All Present - Fishing Discussion</p>

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 November through March.

**The following have offered a discount with the presentation of current VHFC Membership Card
Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale**

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

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