



# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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## EVENTS IN MAY

### BOARD MEETING: 02 MAY

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 09 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
- Winter Flounder FOM Award
- North South Bay Tournament Cancelled
- 2008 Tournament Plans
- Intro to Surf Tournament
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Presentation: **Jim Hutchinson Sr. & Jr. Liveling & Bait Fishing for Stripers**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Ron Nachmann *I know this may look like a weird piece, but it here goes.....*

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## "THINGS TO DO TODAY"

1. write **President's MESSAGE**
2. take cover off boat
3. decide on topic for president's **MESSAGE**
4. powerwash boat
5. remember to write **THE message**
6. compound and wax the hull
7. mention surf tournament in **MESSAGE**
8. install electronics
9. write and e-mail **MESSAGE**
10. heck, I'm too busy to do the **"MESSAGE thing"** and by now you've gotten the message !!!!!!! I'll just have to

*tell you everything at the meeting on May 9th. See you all there.*

*'til the next tide,  
 Ron*

*thought for today: Wisdom is the ability to recognize a mistake when you've made it again !*

### **2007 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR** by Ron Nachmann

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

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

### **2008 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM** by Ron Nachmann

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

**2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS** by Ron Nachmann

The award for Winter Flounder will be announced at the May General Membership meeting.

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

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

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

**LUNAR CHART** by Ed Wetmore

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

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

**STRIPED BASS FISHING** by Vince Sibona

Sunday, November 25, 2007. Bill Dabney came striped bass fishing with me on the SEA BONA. We heard striped bass were being caught by jigging in the ocean, north of Barnegat Inlet. Not long after we cleared the Inlet heading north, we started marking fish. We passed a couple of small fleets of boats and headed towards a larger fleet. By now we were marking many fish. We started fishing with the larger fleet. Even though we were marking a lot of fish, not many fish were caught. Later, we found out why. We did catch 5 bass. We each caught 1 keeper. Bill caught and released a 7 - 8 lb. bluefish. It was a beautiful sunny, flat day. Air and water temperatures were in the low 50s. And now, the reason for not catching many fish. When we cleaned them, we cut open their bellies and found them stuffed with sand eels.



**Bill & Vince & Some Fall Stripers**

**DECEMBER STRIPERS** by Bill Jann

Here are some pictures from a December 14, 2007 trip.



**A good start for the day!**



**I'm the one with the beard....the other one's a fish.**



**On the fly!**



**Back at the dock!**



**It's a keeper!**



**Dabney Scores!**

**SURF TOURNAMENT** by Dave Sikorski  
Village Harbour Fishing Club is having a Spring Surf Fishing tournament on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>. There is no fee to enter. Please see the registration form in this newsletter. There will be additional info at the May meeting.

## **2006-2007 NJ FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES**

NOTE: 2006 Advisories marked in **Bold** are New or Revised

### **STATEWIDE FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES STATEWIDE ESTUARINE & MARINE WATERS**

(All coastal waters except those under Waterbody Specific Advisories)

#### **GENERAL POPULATION HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUAL (1)**

**SPECIES EAT NO MORE THAN: (2, 3) EAT**

**NO MORE THAN: (2, 3)**

STRIPED BASS One meal per month

BLUEFISH

(greater than 6 lbs/24 inches)

Four meals per year

BLUEFISH

(less than 6lbs/24 inches)

One meal per month

AMERICAN EEL Four meals per year

Do Not Eat

AMERICAN LOBSTER Do Not Eat the Green Gland (a.k.a., Tomalley or Hepatopancreas)

#### **GENERAL FRESHWATER ADVISORIES:**

(For all freshwater fish species & waterbodies not covered by a consumption advisory)

**General Population - Eat No More Than  
One Meal Per Week**

**High-risk Individual - Eat No More Than  
One Meal Per Month**

### **STATEWIDE FRESHWATERS**

(All freshwaters except PINELANDS REGION and those listed in Waterbody Specific Advisories)

#### **GENERAL POPULATION HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUAL**

**SPECIES EAT NO MORE THAN: EAT NO  
MORE THAN:**

LARGEMOUTH BASS

SMALLMOUTH BASS

CHAIN PICKEREL

One meal per week

YELLOW BULLHEAD

SUNFISH(4)

One meal per month

#### **BROWN BULLHEAD**

No restrictions

One meal per week

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NOTE: To reduce your exposure, eat those fish with the lowest meal restrictions. Do not combine meal restrictions. (For example, If you eat multiple species or catch fish from more than one area, the recommended guidelines for different species and different locations should not be combined.)

## OUR CLUB FACES SERIOUS CHALLENGES by

Ray Williams

Over the years, we have been very fortunate to have club members volunteer to be on the Board. Presently, we have vacancies that must be filled in order to keep the club functioning. You may not realize it, but many of the Board Members are presently doing several jobs & yet we still have jobs that have no one to do them. If the number of Board members doesn't increase, there is a possibility the club will cease to exist.

I know when I joined the club, I thought that Board positions were only open to senior members but I found out that you can be a new member and still contribute to the Board. In fact, several Board members joined the Board their first or second year as club members. Board positions do not require a lot of time nor that you live locally all year. What we need are a few members who want to help out. Please help us to make this club work for you! Ask any of us how to join, we need you badly, & no we're not kidding about this issue.

## FRESH WATER FISHING by Ray Williams

In late April each year my wife & I go to South Georgia for my Family Reunion. This reunion has been going on since 1946. It's a 3 day affair attended by about 100 family members (my Dad was one of 13 children) & one of the highlights is fishing in the 4 ponds scattered over 3 family farms. This year I was fishing with my brother's grandchildren trying to show them how to catch sunnies with a small hook, bobber, & pond worms when I caught a 5lb 4oz large-mouth bass. I have caught 7lb plus bass in this pond using artificials & a bigger rod & reel. To say the least, every one of those kids & their parents got a lot more interested in fishing when they saw what can be caught if you're lucky!



The bass that was supposed to be a Sunnie!



Oh, I caught a 10lb catfish also!



My brother & I caught 6 nice catfish between 3 & 6 lbs. They were delicious!

## 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.

consideration. You will find this form on a separate insert in the newsletter

### **WIN A FREE ENTRY IN JCAA FLUKE TOURNEY** by John Henson

At our May General Membership meeting we will be drawing a name at random from the membership for a free entry into the JCAA Fluke Tournament to be held June 14, 2008. We will draw a name, that person will then have the option of accepting the prize or declining. If the member declines, we will keep drawing names until we have a winner. All members are eligible; however a few requirements must be met:

Member must be present to claim prize.

The entire crew must consist of VHFC members ONLY.

The winner will be reimbursed for the entry fee upon presentation of a paid receipt from the JCAA.

Good luck to all and hope to see you at the May meeting.

### **NEW SUGGESTION FORM** by Ron Nachmann.

The Board of directors is very interested in hearing any suggestions or complaints of our members. There will be a "Suggestion Box" available at all meetings for you to place your comments in for our

### **CLASSIFIED ADS** by Ray Williams

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

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

### **FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS**

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

## **VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **Officers:**

President	Ron Nachmann (698-1430)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	John Henson (978-0312)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Vacant

Treasurer	Bill Logan (597-0784)
Secretary	Vacant

### **Trustees**

Sergeant at Arms	Charlie Kochka
Weigh Master/Awards	Ron Nachmann (698-1430)
Recruiting	Vince Sibona
Membership Data Base	Ray Williams (978-1480))
Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Immediate Past Pres.	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
Communications	Roland Dixon (494-0543)

Newsletter	Ray Williams (978-1480)
Library	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Library Alternate	Steve Cook (978-8416)
Sponsors	Bill Logan (597-0784)
Sergeant at Arms (Board)	Vince Sibona
Attendance	John Henson (978-0312)
Website	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Vessel Safety	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
JCAA/Regulations	John Borick (507-8592)
Past President	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Fishing Hands On	John Henson (978-0312)
Tournament Director	Don Longstreet
All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.	

**Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.**  
**Surf Tournament Registration Form**  
**Saturday May 17, 2008**

The Surf Tournament is planned to be a VHFC group event. Participation in this Surf Fishing Tournament is planned for current VHFC members only. Remember a spouse can attend, as they are co-members. Please sign up no later than May 9, 2008, or fill out the form included in the April newsletter and mail it to the Village Harbour Fishing Club along with your entry fee. You can also drop the form off at the May meeting. You must submit a signed form to be eligible for a prize in this event.

Chairmen: Ron Nachmann (698-1430), Dave Sikorski (468-5868)

Fishing Location: The tournament will be held between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets in Surf City. Those who are new to Surf Fishing can receive tips and instructions at the 5<sup>th</sup> street entrance from other Village Harbour Fishing Club Members. All fish entered in the Tournament must be caught between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> streets in Surf City.

Schedule: 5:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Saturday  
Weigh-In Times: 11:00 to 12:00 noon Saturday  
Lunch: Tournament participants will get together for lunch at a local restaurant following the event.

Prizes: \$20 to the heaviest\* of the following species  
STRIPER            BLUEFISH (14 INCH MINIMUM)            BLACK DRUM

Weigh-ins: At the 5<sup>th</sup> street beach in Surf City, the tournament committee will measure weigh and length of member's keeper sized surf catches at the beach entrance. Note that eligibility for the club's Fish of the Month, etc. must also be officially weighed in at Fisherman's Headquarters, the Chum Bucket, or at the American Sportsmen. All fish entered in this tournament must comply with the current NJ State Fishing regulations.

\* In the event of a tie, the longer fish will be the winner (if both length and weigh are the same, the earlier fish weighed in shall be the winner.)

\*\* In the event of a tie, the earlier fish weighed in shall be the winner

Release of Liability: Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Each individual entered in the tournament assumes full responsibility for all decisions effecting their participation in this tournament, and agrees to indemnify and hold the club and its officers harmless from any claims made by anyone affected by participation in this tournament.

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Junior Anglers must have their parents or guardian sign this form along with the entry fee, and be accompanied by an Adult specified by a parent or guardian.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
**2008 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications**  
**MAIL COMPETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$35.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:**  
**VHFC MEMBERSHIP**  
**PO BOX 1026**  
**MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050**  
**Dues for renewals are due by May 09, 2008**

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

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

Note: Both \* items must be completed  
Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2007 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.**  
**2008 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 09, 2008**

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 09, 2008.		
Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:	
Sponsor's Signature*:	Date*: / /	Relation to Applicant*:

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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



2008 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 5/5/08)

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

**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>BOBBIES</b> 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</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 bait &amp; tackle</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</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>REVOLUTION MARINE &amp; SPORTS CENTER</b> 294 0166 227 Main Street, Tuckerton, NJ 10% discount on bait , tackle, clothing &amp; batteries</p>	<p><b>OCEANSIDE BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800</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 Charlie Kochka</p>

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