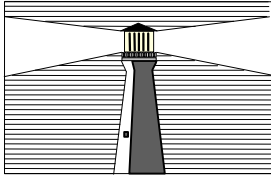
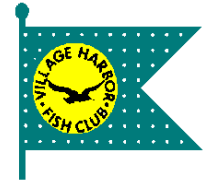


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Board Meeting:** 8:00 PM on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>

**Membership Meeting:** 7:45 PM Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Stafford Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

Club Business will include:

- Fish Of The Month Award For September - Sea Bass
- 50/50
- 2002 Report and 2003 Plans
- Surf Fishing Event– October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
- Hands on – Striper Rigs

**Striped Bass is the fish of the month for October/November.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Don Longstreet

Well I do not know how to start this letter off. I really had a great time working with the board. I want to thank each and everyone for helping me out. We made some changes in the bylaws that I think will help the membership grow. We had some good tournaments this year. We need to get more people to participate. The men that run the tournaments put a lot of effort into them. There was another thing the board worked hard on was the dinner and dance that was very successful. We had sixteen members and their spouses show up.

I hope the membership backs up Ray Williams, our new president, as well as they backed me. I have had the honor of working with Ray for two years and I know he will lead the club forward and upward. I want to thank all the members for showing up at the meetings. We averaged 34 members at the meetings which was great out of our 2002 total membership of 98 Senior Members and 13 Junior Members.

There is one more thing I would like to ask you to do. When you sign up for 2003, ask if there is anything you can do to help. We need more members who will help. So please give it a try.

## 2003 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ray Williams

I would like to thank Don Longstreet for his leadership during the 2002 year. Don put a lot of effort into making this club better for all of us. I am excited about being chosen to be our Club President for 2003. It is important to have a President but it is even more important to have experienced prior officers remaining active in the club. Dick

Vesper played a very important role this year in assisting Don in his new job. And, of course, so many others continued to work both in the foreground & the background to make our club successful. But the purpose of this message is to talk about next year, so I'll share some of my thoughts.

First of all, I would like to make this a better club for all of our members. Members who have been around since Day 1 have different needs than those who have just joined. However, we all have some common goals. All of us want to catch more fish, bigger fish, & in most cases more varieties of fish. I believe our club should work to assist all of us in this activity. I think many of us would like to fish with other club members. In some cases, those members are old friends, in other situations we are seeking to fish with people who can teach us more about fishing. There is room for both in this club.

Beyond this, there are many other ways to improve the club. Improvements require at least two things. First, we need to know what you would like to see happen in our club. Please feel free to call me with your suggestions or to email them to me. You can also write the club. My phone number is 609-978-1480. Email address is [rayflowill@comcast.net](mailto:rayflowill@comcast.net). Mailing address is Ray Williams c/o VHFC, Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Second, and even more important requires more club members to get involved. There are a small number of people who work very hard to make this club successful. More people involved would mean that no one would have to work quite so hard. Many of you have more potential to help this club than you may realize. Please help us to make the club better.

I am looking forward to next year & to leaning on Don & Dick for advice in performing my new job. We have a great group in our membership. Let's make 2003 a fantastic year.

## FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by George Fruh

The following anglers remain in the lead for 2002 as of October 1:

Bluefish(05/19)	13 lb. 7 oz.	Paul Galasso
Fluke(07/04)	8 lb. 8 oz.	John Lyszczarz
Sea Bass (04/21)	5 lb. 4 oz.	Bob Gers
Weakfish(06/01)	8 lb. 4 oz.	Bob Citarelli
Winter Flounder (4/13)	1 lb. 8 oz.	Gerald Kelleher
Winter Flounder (4/13)	1 lb. 8 oz.	Shane Barrett

**FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD** by George Fruh

Hearty congratulations to John Barrett for the biggest and only Sea Bass weighed in during September.

Sea Bass (09/21/02) 1.84 lb. John Barrett

The Fish of the Month for October/November is Striped Bass. Catch them and think about weighing them in.

**VHFC REEF TOURNAMENT RESULTS** by Dave Sikorski

Mother Nature was not as kind to us for this year's Reef Tournament as last year. However, we did have 24 people signed up, in 13 boats. On Saturday, the winds were about 6 to 10 knots early with choppy 2 foot seas. Around 11 am, the wind picked up to about 10 to 15 knots and the seas got a little rougher. Despite the weather, some of our members were able to get out to the Barnegat Light Reef on Saturday, and caught some nice Fluke, but no Sea Bass. The weather was a bit more threatening on Sunday, and no one weighed in any fish on Sunday.

**Weigh-ins:**

Member	Fluke
Jeff Barnhart	7 lb. 5 oz.
John Lysczarz	5 lb 6 oz.
Jeff Barnhart	3 lb. 11 oz.

Congratulations to Jeff and John on their sizable Fluke.

Larry Russell, who decided to fish the Middle Grounds after returning from the ocean, picked up two nice Weakfish weighed in at 3 pounds and 2 pounds 14 ounces.

**SURF TOURNAMENT** by Steve Cook

This is a 2 day event this year; October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up or call in advance so you can be a participant. You can fish either or both days. However, only one fish of each species (striper and bluefish) can be entered for prize money for the entire tournament.

Steve Cook (978-8416) is the VHFC Surf Tournament Chairman. Participants should sign up in advance with Steve. If can't find Steve, he is being assisted by Don Longstreet (978-3991) & Dick Vesper (494-0263).

The primary location for the event will be in the vicinity of the 5th Street ramp in Surf City. This area has proven over the years to be a decent area for surf fishing.

Bring your own thermos of coffee. Complimentary Donuts will be available.

All participants in this Tournament are invited to a luncheon at Subbogies Food Depot, 512 Long Beach Blvd. in Surf City between 6th & 7th Streets. Each Member, Co-Member & Junior Member participating in the luncheon will be charged \$5.00 at that time. Others can attend Dutch.

The owner of Subbogies Food Depot has agreed that we can use their restaurant's rest room during the event.

A detailed schedule for this event is included in the tournament "flier" on page 3 of this newsletter.

Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish caught from the shore of Long Beach Island during the two day event:

Striper: \$50.00 Bluefish: \$50.00

Fish weight & length must be measured at the 5th Street ramp in order to be eligible for a tournament prize.

George Fruh, Steve Cook & Dick Vesper will be on site to measure participant's keeper-sized surf catches. Bluefish must be at least 2 lbs. in weight to qualify for a prize. Regs say fishermen can keep up to two stripers a day, one 28 inches or longer & one at least 24 inches but less than 28 inches. Members of the Bonus Program may keep a 3<sup>rd</sup> fish.

The decision to participate in any aspect of this event rests solely with each participant. Formal participation includes a commitment to hold harmless the VHFC & its officers & directors for any damage or injury which may result from participation in this event.

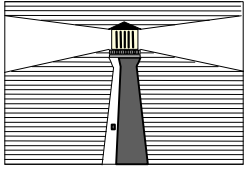
During our club's October 11<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting, we will be reviewing what you should bring to surf fish, answering your questions & filling in any last minute details.

**THE BIG FISH STORY** by Don Longstreet

September the 9<sup>th</sup> I went out fishing with Dick Vesper. We headed out towards the A/C lump. It was a beautiful day with no winds. The ocean was like glass. We saw a crowd of boats out in one spot so we headed there. After about one hour we had no hits and we had seen nobody picking up fish. There was no drift. So I said to Dick lets go in a little as there were radio reports that the croakers were hitting of shore. We finally got into 35ft of water. Still no drift. We did pick up a couple of shark. About one half hour later, Dick got a blue on a lure and I was still trying to catch a fluke or, as a matter of fact, anything would have been fine at that point of time. In preparation to leave, I was bringing in my line and I saw something like a blue or weak fish chasing my bait. I told Dick that I was going to drop my line again and bring it up slowly and see if anything else will follow the bait again. Well about one foot off the bottom I got a hit. I could not believe that I had hooked something so big. Not knowing the size or type of fish was nerve was wracking, thinking I only had a 10 lb test line. I found out later that that my son had changed it to 8 lb test line, unknown to me. No matter, I had to get the fish in. As I tugged and pulled Dick was giving me water and trying to keep me calm. Finally after 45 minutes we saw that big drum fish about 3ft from the boat. We netted it head first so as not to break my line. Well, everything was great but we didn't know what it was red or black. So we took it to Tony's Bait and Tackle found it was a red drum and the most important thing, it was edible. .

**Boat US**

VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year with Boat U.S. This includes a 1-800 number and responsive on-water assistance when towing is needed. Application forms will be available at VHFC meetings.



**Village Harbour Fishing Club**  
**Surf Tournament**  
**Advance Notice**  
**Saturday & Sunday 19 & 20 October 2002**



This Surf Tournament is planned to be a VHFC learning event (new to some of our members, familiar to others). Participation in this Surf Tournament is planned for current members only.

Please sign up or call so you can be a participant in this two day event.

You can fish both days or only one day. However, only one fish per species (striper and bluefish) can be entered for prize money for the entire tournament.

Final arrangements will be discussed at the October 2002 membership meeting.

**Chairman:** Steve Cook (978-8416) is back again as the VHFC Surf Tournament Chairman for 2002. If you are in a hurry and can't find Steve, he is being assisted by Dick Vesper (494-0263).

**Fishing Location:** We will be fishing the surf on Long Beach Island. The primary location for the event will be in the vicinity of 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Surf City. Once again, Subbogies' owner will let us use the rest room during the fishing event.

**Gear, Clothes, Bait:** During the 11 October Membership Meeting, we will be reviewing what you should bring to surf fish.

**Refreshments:**

- **On the beach:** Bring your own thermos of coffee. Complimentary Donuts will be available.
- **Luncheon:** All current members participating in this Tournament are invited to a luncheon celebration at Subbogies Food Depot; 512 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City; between 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Streets on Long Beach Island at 1:30 PM. Each member participating in the luncheon will be charged \$5.00 at that time. Non-members can attend "Dutch".

**Schedule:**

- **06:30 AM to 12:30 PM:** Surf Fishing
- **09:00 AM:** A Donut Break on the beach will give us a chance to share progress and problems.
- **01:00 PM:** Weigh-ins closed
- **01:30 PM:** Luncheon (Sunday only) at Subbogies Food Depot; 512 Long Beach Blvd.

**Prizes:** Will be awarded for the heaviest fish caught at the designated area during event. In case of a tie, the longer fish wins.

**Striper: \$50.00    Bluefish: \$50.00**

**Weigh-ins:** At the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp by Steve Cook, Dick Vesper or George Fruh will measure weight and length of member's keeper sized surf catches at the (to be designated) beach entrance. Bluefish must be at least 2 lbs. to qualify for a prize.

**Limits:** Fishermen can keep up to two stripers a day: one 28 inches or longer; one at least 24 inches but less than 28 inches. Members of the Bonus Program may keep a third fish.

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

Officers:

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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ray Williams  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dave Taylor  
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 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.

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<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 all 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>AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> Mill Creek Plaza, Manahawkin, NJ 597-4104 10% discount on all bait & tackle	<b>CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS</b> On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.	<b>CLARKE'S MARINE SUPPLY</b> Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on marine supplies & tackle
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