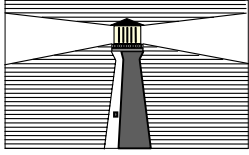


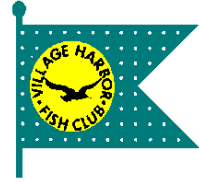
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING: 03 OCTOBER

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 10 OCTOBER

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:

- ❖ Sea Bass of the Month Award
- ❖ Update – Surf Tournament
- ❖ Fishing Discussion-All Present
- ❖ Break
- ❖ Guest Speaker Tom Grothues “Sonar Tracking of Stripers in the Bay

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by Ray Williams

We had 31 persons at our September meeting which is very impressive since many of our members are back at their winter homes. Ed Cherry talked to us about the proposed rules on Winter Flounder which will, if passed, have a very negative impact on us fishermen. One of our sponsors, Dave from American Sportsman, also attended. Jim Shockley gave a very informative talk on winterizing our boats.

Fortunately, hurricane Isabel didn’t cause many problems and there were reports that the beaches actually gained sand in some areas during the storm.

September is a transitional time in many ways as members close up their homes, the kids go back to school, and our year round shore residents adjust back to fewer people in the area. Many of us are looking forward to Fall fishing. I want to thank all of our members for their support this year. Without all of you are club would not function!

THE 2003 MEMBERSHIP REPORT by John Nonnenmacher

The 2003 Membership totals 97 with 90 Members & 7 Junior Members.

TREASURER’S REPORT by Ken Hansen

Our balance will be reported at the October meeting.

(ED. Note: The club’s Money Market Account has had no deposit or withdrawal in the past year).

2003 FISH OF THE MONTH by George Fruh

Congratulations to George West, a Junior Angler, who caught a 9lbs. 2 oz. Fluke outside Barnegat Inlet on August 30th. Below is a picture of his fish.

The Fish of the Month for September is Sea Bass and October Fish of the Month is Striped Bass.



SPONSOR OF THE MONTH by Ray Williams

Fisherman’s Headquarters in Ship Bottom has almost any item that a fisherman could possibly need. In the fall, many fishermen turn to surf fishing. Fisherman’s has a complete line of supplies for the Surf Fisherman. We would like to thank the folks there for their generous support of our club throughout the years. Fisherman’s Headquarters provides the space for our website and also is kind enough to serve as the official weigh in station for our Fish of the Month and Year. Over the years, they have donated many items to our club.

AUGUST WEIGH IN PICTURES



PAUL GALASSO 12 LB. 9 OZ. BLUEFISH



**DAVE SIKORSKI 2 LB. 6 OZ. SEA BASS
REEF DAY 1ST PLACE**



**BILL DABNEY 4LB. 4 OZ. FLUKE
REEF DAY 1ST. PLACE**



STEVE COOK 3LB 15 OZ FLUKE

SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER REVIEW BY Ray Williams

Jim Shockley, of Jim Shockley Mobile Marine Repair, spoke to our members at the September Membership meeting. The subject of his presentation was "Winterizing Your Boat".

Jim showed us how salt corrosion allows your boat's battery to discharge even when there is no load on your battery and how to clean the battery with a solution of baking soda and water. He also gave us some tips on using CRC 56 to protect your engine from rusting and the use of a degreaser such as Spray 9 Grease Off to remove salt corrosion from the engine. In addition, Jim went through a step by step process for winterizing both Inboard/Outboard and outboard engines. Also, he suggested that all boaters carry a toolbox of basic tools and a spare prop & thrust washers in their boats.

Although many boaters do their own winterizing, it was evident from Jim's talk that an inexperienced boater can miss some items which can result in problems when we get our boats ready for fishing in the spring. One tip I can give our members is to arrange for an appointment well in advance of the date you want to pull out your boat if you want to get a good mechanic to go over your boat.

SURF TOURNAMENT by Steve Cook

This is a 2 day event again this year; October 11th & 12th. Please sign up 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 you are in a hurry and can't find Steve, he is being assisted by John Nonnenmacher(597-5383).

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.

All participants in this Tournament are invited to a luncheon on Sunday 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.

Schedule:

07:00 AM to 12:30 PM Surf fishing Saturday
07:00A M to 12:00 Noon Surf Fishing Sunday
1:00 PM Weigh-ins closed.

1:00 PM: Luncheon at Subbogies Food Depot (Sun. only)

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

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 & John Nonnenmacher 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 3rd 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 10th. October Membership Meeting, we be reviewing what you should bring to surf fish, answering your questions & filling in any last minute details. An entry form for the tournament is in this Newsletter.

BOATING GEAR FOR SALE

1. George Fruh has the following items for sale. Set of 14 ft. Mooring Whips Good condition \$125 or best offer

3 way battery switch \$10

1 new & 2 used bilge pumps \$10 new \$5 used
Anchors, deck lines, & an aerator

Call George at (609) 597-4588.

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. 25' 1993 Parker with 99 Suzuki 225 HP w/347 hrs. Windlass, washdown, radio, Loran, 2 saddle tanks with 216 gal capacity. Best offer over \$23,000. Call weekends 978-1114 or cell 610-291-1197.

4. 20' 1990 Sportcraft cuddy cabin, IO, Good Bay Boat, in good running condition. \$4500. Call John Nonnenmacher 597-5383.

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

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

2003 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The Trophy Fish of the Year standings as of September 28th are:

Blackfish (07/25)	4 lb. 6 oz.	William Power
Bluefish (08/28)	12 lb 9 oz.	Paul Galasso
Fluke (08/30)	9 lb. 2 oz.	George West
Sea Bass (05/20)	3 lb. 5 oz.	John Barrett
Striped Bass (05/30)	38 lb. 8 oz.	Paul Galasso
Weakfish (05/10)	12 lb. 14 oz.	Ed Cherry
Winter Flounder (04/8)	1 lb. 14 oz.	Paul Turi

NOVEMBER MEETING

At our September meeting our members were asked if there was interest in holding a November Meeting. As a result of the interest shown by the members present, we decided to hold a meeting. The meeting will start at 7:45 pm on Friday November 14th.

OCTOBER BOATING TIP by Ray Williams

In the event that a Hurricane should strike our area, every boater has to make a decision regarding their boat. Basically, the options are to leave your boat in the water, haul it out & keep it in the area or transport it to an area well inland. There are positives and negatives to each decision. One option used in the past by George Fruh is the tip of the month for October. If you decide to leave the boat in the water and your boat is kept on a lagoon, one option is to run a line across the lagoon to the other side to keep your boat from crashing into your own dock. Just remember that you can't use this option if anyone else needs to move their boat from it's own mooring spot. Also, you might want to work with your neighbors across the lagoon. You can help him by securing his lines to your dock and he can do the same for you. According to George, you can cast a fishing line with a small lead weight across and then pull the line back across to you after your neighbor has secured it to the fishing line. Hopefully, we'll not have to face a hurricane this year, but if we do, be sure to have plenty of rope, fenders, bungee cords, etc. on hand. It's best to have these supplies in advance, since supplies run out at our local stores once we know we're in the path of an approaching storm.

VHFC LIBRARY REPORT

Jim McGrath, our Club Librarian has purchased some additional books and videos for the Club. These materials will be available at our October Meeting for anyone who would like to check them out. Every VHFC member can check out materials for a one month period. There are some very informative books and videos in our collection.

Some of the subjects covered are:

1. Saltwater Fisherman's Bible
2. Modern Saltwater Fishing
3. Guide to Fishing NJ Artificial Reefs
4. Fishing for Fluke
5. Fishing for Weakfish
6. Fishing for Sea Bass
7. Surf Fishing
8. Cast Netting
9. Striper Surf Fishing
10. Barnegat Bay Fisheries
11. Outboard Shop Manuals

In addition, the Board has decided to give away second copies of several of our books and videos. These materials will be available at our October Meeting to the first person requesting them. These books are:

1. Guide to Fishing/Diving NJ Artificial Reefs
2. Evinrude/Johnson OB Shop Manual 1973-1989
3. Mercury OB Shop Manual 1972-1984
4. 6 Videos on Walker Cay

PHOTOS WANTED by Ray Williams

If you have a picture you would like us to publish, please send it to Dick Vesper.

FREE ADS AVAILABLE

If any member has a fishing related item to sell, contact Dick Vesper. We will publish your ad free!

Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.
Surf Tournament
Registration Form
Saturday & Sunday October 11th & 12th, 2003

This Surf Tournament is planned to be a VHFC group 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 to receive a signup form so you can participate in one or both days of this event. You must submit a form to be entered in the event. You can fish both days or only one day. However, only one fish per species (Striper & Bluefish) can be entered for prize money for the entire tournament. Final arrangements will be discussed at the October 2003 Membership meeting.

Chairman: Steve Cook (978-8416) is back again as the VHFC Surf Tournament Chairman for 2003. Steve is being assisted by John Nonnenmacher (597-5383).

Fishing Location: We will be fishing the surf on Long Beach Island. The primary location for the event will be in the vicinity of 5th. Street in Surf City. Once again, Subogies' owner will let us use the restroom during the fishing event.

Gear, Clothes, Bait: During the 10 October Membership Meeting, we will be reviewing what you should bring to surf fish.

Refreshments:

On The Beach: Bring your own thermos of coffee.

Luncheon: All current members participating in this Tournament are invited to a luncheon celebration at Subogies Food Depot; 512 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, between 6th. & 7th. Streets at 1:00 PM. Each Member participating in the luncheon will be charged \$5.00 at that time. Non-Members can attend "Dutch".

Schedule:

07:00AM to 12:30 PM Sat 07:00AM to 12:00 Noon Sun Surf Fishing

01:00 PM Weigh-Ins Closed

01:00 Pm Sunday Only Luncheon at Subogies

Prizes: Will be awarded for the heaviest fish caught at the designated area during the event. In case of a tie, the longer fish wins. **Striper: \$50 Bluefish \$50**

Weigh-ins: At the 5th Street Ramp by Steve Cook, John Nonnenmacher, or George Fruh will measure weight and length of member's keeper sized surf catches at the beach entrance. Bluefish must be at least 2 lbs. to qualify for a prize.

Limits; New Jersey fish & wildlife regulations apply. Turn in this signed form at September or October Membership Meeting or mail it in.

- Signed entry forms and related fees can be mailed to VHFC, Tournaments, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.
- Each captain is responsible for the safety of his or her boat and all the people aboard.
- Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. does not inspect the boats or assess the training and experience of the captain or crew.
- Each captain is responsible for all the decisions regarding the safe operation of their vessels, including the decision to leave the dock.
- Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Conditions necessary for safe operation are different for different 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** _____ **Date** _____

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2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Reef Fishing Event Basil Dubrosky
Surf Tournament Steve Cook & John Nonnenmacher

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The following have offered a discount with the presentation of current VHFC Membership Card Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale		
FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on bait & tackle	BOBBIES 7 th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on bait & tackle	CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.	CLARKE'S MARINE SUPPLY Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on marine supplies & tackle
HOOK UP WITH US SHRIMPING TT will meet you on the Bay 973-931-8346 or use VHF Channel 10 qts. 1 thru 5 at \$5 each—more qts. Are \$4 each	THE BOAT SHOPS 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15 th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle
FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait & tackle	AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle	BOAT U.S. VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for members' use will be available at VHFC meetings or call Charlie 597-4430