



# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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## EVENTS IN OCTOBER

### **BOARD MEETING: 05 OCTOBER**

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 12 OCTOBER**

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
- Sea Bass FOM Award
- Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney
- 2007 Tournament Plans
- Club Business
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Presentation: **N.J State Marine Police**

**“Homeland Security and Intelligence on the Water”**

### **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE** by Ed Wetmore

Bam!!!! I cannot believe this will be my last president’s message for the 2007 fishing year, time marches on. Working for you as your president as been an honor and a privilege, I have tried to represent our club in the best manner I knew how. The board of directors is great and one should be as lucky to have a team I had this year, I thank all of them for their support.

The membership of this club is made up of a lot of different and great people, I feel that we made great strides forward by trying new things such as the suggestion box system and because of that suggestion we have a \$10 give away every month and new fishing report format for members on the website. I believe we should continue in this direction and incorporate new changes wherever we can to make the club more exciting.

The fish of the month for August was Sea Bass and Larry Leary won that honor with a 2 lb+ sea bass. Fish of the month for September are Fluke and Croaker, of course fluke season ended on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The winners for September will be announced at

the October 12<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting. Since this will be the last newsletter for 2007, let me remind you that we still have fish of the month for October will be Striped Bass and Bluefish. The awards for fish of the year 2007 will be presented at the April 2008 meeting by your new president Ron Nachmann.

The speakers for October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be from the N.J State Marine Police and the Topics will be on Homeland Security and Intelligence on the water...Boating safety and hypothermia conditions. These topics are very appropriate for the world we live in and should be very interesting.

In looking back this year I was very pleased with the Sea bass and fluke tournament and the dinner dance, both events were a success because of your attendance . Our membership grew this year and our speakers were very informative. The folders you received at the beginning of the year contained great information on boating, fishing and safety and I can only hope you benefited from that information and we can continue the to build on it next year. Our Website grew also; we now have a place for fishing reports of our members and a place to visit if you want to fish with a member with a boat. The website <http://FishermansHeadquarters.com/VHFC> all emails containing fishing reports can be sent to [VHFCINFO@aol.com](mailto:VHFCINFO@aol.com)

I want to personally thank the overall membership for their support and attendance at our monthly meetings because without you, we would not have the greatest fishing club in the area and as I mentioned earlier it’s been a privilege to serve as your president this year. I wish all you the very best in fishing and boat safety..... Catch Fish and have fun



**Congrats to Larry Leary on his Winning Sea Bass!**

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

The current standings for 2007 Trophy Fish of the Year competition are:

- Blackfish                No Entry
- Bluefish                14 lb                Paul Galasso
- 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.

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

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 2007, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

**2007 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS** by Ron Nachmann

The award for August FOM, Sea Bass, was announced at the September General Membership meeting. Congratulations to Larry Leary with a 2 + lb. fish. September FOM will be awarded at the October meeting. October FOM are Striped Bass & Bluefish. The winner will be announced at the November meeting.

**2007 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS** by Ron Nachmann

The same eight species will continue for our 2007 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

**JIM HUTCHINSON, JR. SPEAKS TO OUR CLUB!**



**WHY NOT COME TO A MEETING & LEARN MORE ABOUT FISHING LIKE THESE GUYS DO?**



**SOME POPULAR LURES ON DISPLAY**

**JCAA REPORT** by Dave Sikorski

Attached is my report from the September JCAA meeting:

As you can see, there is a lot going on. Due to the upcoming election in November, there is a lot we should be doing as a club, and as individuals. Now is the time to take a close look at how your elected representatives plan to vote on several issues and bills, which will affect our future. We need to send a clear message to these politicians that Fishermen and Sportsmen need their support and vice versa.

Please read this report, and let me know if you have any questions

**Subway Cars**

Fish and Game Commissioner Lisa Jackson has decided to accept 600 Subway cars from NY City for NJ's artificial Reef sites. The JCAA and Tom Fote did a lot of lobbying to help convince Mrs. Jackson to accept these subway cars.

**Youth education Report, Greg K - HOFNOD bill**

This is a bill that would provide funding allocations for the Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs program from funds seized in Police Drug raids. **We need to write to legislators to urge their support of this bill.** You can find more info in the October JCAA Newsletter. Greg also mentioned a Youth Education Award...

**New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA)**

This newly formed group of NJ outdoor sportsmen consists of Hunters, Trappers and Fishermen. Visit the following web site for lots of information about this new group. VHFC should consider this group as an ally.

[www.njoutdooralliance.org](http://www.njoutdooralliance.org)

At the top of their current agenda is the proposal to change the NJ Fish and Game Council. NJ Legislation Bills A-3275 and S2041 propose to remove sportsmen from the Fish and Game council, and turn control of the council over to political appointees. This would likely turn control of the council over to animal rights activists and vegetarians who would rather see the Hunting Fishing and Trapping abolished completely.

We need to write to our NJ Legislators (Senators and Assemblymen) before Election Day and ask them how they plan to vote on this bill. We should strongly consider their response when we decide who to vote for in November.

Visit <http://www.vote-smart.org/> to find out who your district legislators are.

Also: [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us)

This is a web site of one of the animal rights activist groups. Visit this site to get a better understanding of how they think and how they operate: [www.njara.com](http://www.njara.com)

**November 6 Election - Public Question #3**

This is a bill that will help to protect both land and water in NJ, and will help improve Fish and Wildlife Habitat. Hopefully the Fish and Game Council reorg bill does not pass...

**Artificial Reefs**

The Senate version of the Reef Pot Bill is set to come out of committee any day now. A vote is expected on October 18<sup>th</sup>, so we need to write letters now!

## **Fluke**

As we discussed at our September VHFC meeting, the Fluke situation is looking rather grim for 2008. We are likely to see another quota cutback in 2008. The heart of the issue remains the MS Fisheries Conservation Act, and the "Best Available Science" used to develop each successive year's regulations. This is a battle that is going to require both unity and funding to win.

## **JCAA Dinner Dance – November 18**

\$500 for a table of 10, \$60 per individual. JCAA needs door prizes – If every club could contribute one prize that would be appreciated. Does anyone have anything they could donate as a door prize (think of it as a donation to the JCAA)?

## **Sportsperson of the year Nomination**

JCAA is seeking nominations for the 2007 Sportsperson of the Year award.

## **Governor's Surf Tournament – October 7 at Island Beach State Park**

Need Judges – If you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle and would like to be a judge in this tournament, please call.

Applications to enter the tournament are still available

## **JCAA elections**

The JCAA needs a Vice President, a Membership Secretary, a Fluke committee chair, as well as volunteers for other committees, and to attend public hearings

## **Upcoming Trade Shows**

JCAA needs volunteers to staff the JCAA booth at the various trade shows this fall and winter.

## **Oceans-21 Bill**

This is another bill that could have adverse effects on sport fishing...

The Berkley striper club is having a Striper Tournament (Surf only) through the end of the year: [www.berkeleystriperclub.org](http://www.berkeleystriperclub.org)

**Additional detail on the above subjects, and many others, can be found in the October JCAA Newsletter which is available on line at [www.JCAA.org](http://www.JCAA.org)**

## **UPDATED VHFC WEBSITE** by Dave Sikorski

I have updated our website. Please check it out; I think you'll find some very useful information! The address is

<http://fishermansheadquarters.com/vhfc/>

## **PUT YOUR FISHING REPORT ON OUR WEBSITE** by Dave Sikorski

The procedure is simple. Anyone who wants their fishing report on the website can submit their report electronically via e-mail to: [VHFCInfo@aol.com](mailto:VHFCInfo@aol.com). I will then add it to the reports page, when I have the time.

The direct address for this page is:

<http://fishermansheadquarters.com/vhfc/VHFCmemberfishingreports.htm>. It is also accessible through the "Fishing Reports and Links" button on the front page of the website.

## **HELP ME!** By Ray Williams

I need pictures & recaps of your fishing trips to put in the newsletter. They can be funny or serious. Get your name in the headlines! Thanks to those guys who have sent in info & pictures. However, we need more to publish. Call me at 609-978-1480 & I'll tell you how to send me your stories.

## **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.

## **LIKE TO SEE COLOR PICTURES?** By Ray Williams

Unfortunately, the cost of printing our newsletter in color is almost ten times higher than publishing in

black & white. However, if you choose to get your free Newsletter by email, you'll get all of the pictures in color. Another benefit is that you won't have to find a place to store the paper after you've read it. Simply save the newsletter to a folder in your computer. To get the newsletter by email instead of by mail, call me at 609-978-1480.

**RESCUE REEF** by Ron Nachmann

The Reef Rescue mission goes on. If we speak up, we can win this important issue. Check out the website [www.njreefrescue.com](http://www.njreefrescue.com).

**NEW SUGGESTION FORM** by Ron Nachmann. There will be a "Suggestion Box" available at all meetings for you to place your comments in for our consideration.

**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DRAWING** by John Henson

A random drawing will be held at each of the monthly general membership meetings. All members who have paid their dues will be automatically entered each month. One name will be drawn randomly each month. Member must be present at the meeting to claim prize, if not the winnings will be "rolled over" into the following months drawing until a winner is present. After the prize has been claimed the drawing will be reset to \$10.00. Good Luck and see you at the meetings.

**CLASSIFIED ADS** by Ray Williams

12' alum. Row boat. Starcraft w'wood seats, does not leak. 7.5 hp Evinrude mint cond. No trailer. \$800. 2 man kayak. Hobie w' 2 seats & paddles \$300. Call Gail at 201-797-1333

10' 6" U. S. Marine Inflatable Boat, Max 15 H.P., Load Capacity 1500 lbs. Has 4 air chambers. Includes 2 aluminum oars, air pump, carrying bag, repair kit, retractable wheels, only \$400. Call Walt at 492-2655

**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.

Walter Maier, a new member, is looking for members with boats who might want to take him fishing with them. He is willing to share expenses. He has been out with several of our members already. He is available most days & lives in the area; his number is 609-489-0779.

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!** by Ray Williams

This is the last issue of 2007. I want to thank all of our members who sent in info for publication. Your submissions help make our Newsletter interesting, informative, and educational. I can't wait to see next year's submissions. Spring is when we are all starting to think about fishing. If any of you have info that will help us all get ready for another great year of fishing, please send it to me.

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.**  
**2007 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 11, 2007**

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

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

**Note: Both \* items must be completed**  
**Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2006 Membership list.**  
**New Applicants: Please complete the following:**

<b>Name of Spouse:</b>	<b>Shore Address:</b>
<b>Principle Address:</b>	(complete if different from Principle Address)
<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 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.**  
**2007 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 11, 2007**

**Note: All 5 \* items must be completed.**

**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 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 11, 2007.**

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

**Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:**

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

2007 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 10/6/07)

<p><b>April 13 2007</b>  Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder  <u>7:45 APRIL 13:</u>  &gt; Club business  &gt; 2006 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 "Striper Fishing with Bucktails &amp; Live Lining"</p>	<p><b>May 11 2007</b>  -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 11-  Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH  <u>7:45 MAY 11:</u>  &gt; Club business  &gt; W. Flounder FoM Award  &gt; Update - Surf Tourney  &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Speakers: Bill Donovan &amp; Darren Dorris "Small boat Trolling"  &gt; Flea Market Coming Soon!</p>	<p><b>May 5th</b>  <b>SURF TOURNAMENT</b>  Chairmen: John Borick  Ron Nachmann  Entry Form in this issue</p>
<p><b>JUNE 8 2007</b>  Fish of the Month: FLUKE  <u>7:45 June 8:</u>  &gt; Club business  &gt; Weakfish Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Report - Surf Tournament  &gt; Intro to North &amp; South Bay Fishing Tourney  &gt; Speakers: Shell Caris "Boat &amp; Surf Fishing Techniques"  &gt; Flea Market</p>	<p><b>June 23rd</b>  <b>NORTH &amp; SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT</b>  Chairman:  Ron Nachmann</p>	<p><b>JULY 13 2007</b>  Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH  <u>7:45 July 13:</u>  &gt; Club Business  &gt; Fluke Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Report -N. &amp; S. Bay Fishing Tourney  &gt; Intro-Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tourney  &gt; Intro to VHFC Dinner  &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Speakers: Hugh Carberry "Reef Fishing Techniques"</p>
<p><b>AUGUST 18TH</b>  <b>FLUKE &amp; SEA BASS TOURNEY</b>  <b>CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN &amp; ED WETMORE</b>  Species: Fluke &amp; Sea Bass</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 10 2007</b>  Fish of the Month: SEA BASS  <u>7:45 Aug. 10:</u>  &gt; Club business  &gt; Bluefish of the Month Award  &gt; All-Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Intro-Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tourney  &gt; Speaker: Barry Gabler "Reef Fishing"</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 31, 2007</b>  <b>VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER</b>  <b>CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan &amp; Ed Wetmore</b>  <b>DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB</b>  <b>7:30PM</b></p>
<p><b>SEPTEMBER 14 2007</b>  Fish of the Month: FLUKE &amp; CROAKER  <u>7:45 Sept. 14:</u>  &gt; Club business  &gt; Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Report - Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tournament  &gt; Speaker: Bryan Rose, Striper fishing with jigs and artificial lures  All-Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; <u>Hands-On Surf Fishing</u></p>	<p><b>October 12 2007</b>  Fish of the Month: Striped Bass &amp; Bluefish  <u>7:45 Oct. 12:</u>  &gt; Sept. Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Report on Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tournament  &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Speaker Unknown</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 9, 2007</b>  GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER.  <u>7:45 NOV 12</u>  ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION  NO SPEAKER</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>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA &amp; KAYAKS</b> 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait &amp; tackle</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 \$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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