



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN OCTOBER

BOARD MEETING: 02 OCTOBER

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 09 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
- Club Business
- 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Dr. Michael Kennish, The Health of Our Back Bays & Estuaries
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Henson

It is a great time of the year for the weather in our area, warm during the day with crisp cool nights. This weather should improve the striper fishing and hopefully lead us into a good fall season.

I would like to congratulate Rosemary Figley, Basil Dubrosky, and Bill Dabney for being the lucky winners in the July and August weigh-in drawing. They each received a \$40 gift certificate, at one of the VHFC sponsors, for their efforts. Thanks go out to club weigh master John Kleban for his concept and hard work on this project. John also has some new ideas for the coming 2010 season, so keep an eye on the web site for future updates.

Our monthly Poker Chip drawing has not been claimed in the past few months and has grown to \$40 plus a \$25 gift certificate to the Chum Bucket Bait & Tackle in West Creek. The gift Certificate is courtesy of our August guest speaker Capt. Fran Verdi of Fish the Drop Off Charters. Remember you only need to be at the meeting when your name is drawn to win and everyone is eligible.

The 2009 LBI Surf fishing tournament is set to start on Oct 10. One of our VHFC sponsors, Valerie Zak owner of Oceanside Bait and Tackle, is having an open house at her store on Sat Oct 10 to kick off the derby. The Oceanside event will start at 3 pm and include a Pig Roast and Live entertainment from local band The Salty Dog's. I'm sure it will be a good time. Val is inviting everyone to "stop by, have something to eat, kick back, and sign up for the tournament all at one place, Oceanside Bait & Tackle"! Oceanside is located at 82nd street and the Blvd, in Brighton Beach. More details can be found on her web site---www.oceansidebt.com.

I would like to remind everyone about the VHFC club library. There is quit a selection of books and DVD's to choose from. The library is available to all members and is open at every meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions for possible additions please see Bill Danby, our club librarian.

It was nice to see some club members in their new VHFC club T-shirts and hats at the last meeting. The VHFC shirts and hats will be available at every meeting while supplies last. There are different styles and colors to choose from. Please see Vince Sibona for shirts and Bill Logan for the hats.

The local fishing has been quite diversified lately. I have had good reports of blackfish action at the Barnegat Inlet recently. Club members Barry Gabler and Bill Figley have been doing well in that area along with some of the local "jetty jockeys" getting in on the action. There have also been some nice blackfish coming from the bulkhead behind the condos at the inlet. The wreck fishing has been improving with good numbers of Sea Bass and Triggerfish being caught. I know there have been good numbers of mullet being netted recently as they are staging for their fall run. Small bluefish are still

abundant with some bigger fish mixed in and I have also heard of some stripers being caught. The stripers are mostly shorts but Val from Oceanside said she had a 20 lber weighed in, from the surf, on the 28th. Fishing is improving and I believe with the cooler nights we have been having that it will only get better!

This will be the last newsletter of the 2009 season and therefore my last message as President. I would like to take this time to thank all of the Board members for their input and support during my Presidency. I would also like to thank the general membership for the renewed enthusiasm and camaraderie I have noticed during my time as president. I am honored to have served as President of the VHFC and as a result I have had the chance to realize the depth that our club possesses in its membership. The VHFC consists of many different types of fisherman. We have open water offshore fisherman, bay fisherman, surf, wreck, and many others. We have club members that are sponsors, columnists, marine biologists, and many other fisheries related members. I guess the point I'm trying to make is this, the VHFC has a tremendous amount to offer within its own membership. Take advantage of what the club has to offer. Make some friends, pick people's brains, have some laughs, and hopefully learn a thing or two. Take the time to share the accomplishments that we achieve, the friendships that we have built, and the memories that we share by being members of the VHFC.

See you at the scales,

John H

2009 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR STANDINGS by John Kleban

Blackfish	No Entry	
Bluefish	16 lbs 9 oz.	Paul Galasso
Fluke	6.25 lbs.	John Kleban
Sea Bass	3.18lb.	Rosemary Figley
Striped Bass	36 lbs. 12 oz.	John Kleban
Weakfish	4.4 lbs.	Skip Deckman
W. Flounder	1.11 lbs.	John Lyszczarz

2009 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2009 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 2009, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2009 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by John Kleban

Jerry Dubeau was the August winner with a 4lb. 10 oz. fluke. Congratulations Jerry!



Jerry Accepts His Prize!

The award for Sea Bass will be announced at the October General Membership meeting.

2009 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by John Kleban

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2009 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

Fish of the Year & Month standings are recapped and updated on our website frequently. Click on the site to get current standings.



Jim Hutchinson speaks at September Meeting



Jim Answers Members Questions

OCTOBER SPEAKER By Dave Sikorski

The coastal bays and estuaries of New Jersey are critically important nurseries for recreational and commercial finfish species as well as the forage species that support them. The structure and function of these ecosystems depend on clean water and healthy habitats, which are threatened by human activities in coastal watersheds surrounding these water bodies. Dr. Michael Kennish of the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences at Rutgers University has been studying New Jersey's bays, estuaries, and coastal ocean waters for many years, assessing the effects of watershed development, habitat loss and alteration, nutrient enrichment and eutrophication, hypoxia and anoxia, organic pollution, chemical contaminants, climate change, sea-level rise, overfishing, invasive species, watercraft effects, dredging and dredge material disposal, as well as thermal discharges, entrainment, and impingement of electric generating stations. Come to the October meeting of the Village Harbour Fishing Club to hear first hand about the health of one of the most important coastal water bodies in our State -- Barnegat Bay-Little Egg Harbor -- and the serious problems it now faces from an array of human activities. We will also hear what we can do to mitigate environmental impacts and help reverse the harmful effects on this vital coastal bay system.

To learn more about Dr. Kennish:
<http://marine.rutgers.edu/main/IMCS-People-Details/People-Details-Michael-J.-Kennish.html>

185 POUND MAKO SHARK By Bill Jann

Joanne's son Randy was on board the "EXILE" last week for a fishing tournament out of Atlantic City. He got the biggest fish of the tournament, a 185 lb Mako Shark. A few days later he grilled shark steaks for us at their place in Wildwood. Delicious! Bill

Listed below is an article about his catch:

We fished Chef Lenny Strobel's Tournament that he created in memory of his father, and also as a fundraiser for Deborah Heart and Lung. It was an Overnight fishing tournament, and we chose to fish Thursday into Friday. We broke Absecon Inlet at 5 am and made our run to the edge in search of tuna, mahi, and wahoo. We found a couple of white marlin throughout the day catching one, which was Vinny's first white marlin, and jumped another off.

Fishing was slow throughout the day and sunset came all too quickly. We got setup on the drift along the 100 line in hopes of picking up a mako and a few yellowfin tuna.

Just shy of two hours into the drift he had a subtle click-click of the Penn 50W that almost seemed like the motion of the waves. This single click continued here and there for a few minutes, and it was difficult to tell if something was on. Then we had a slow, but better pull, but still nothing great. We locked up the drag, and cranked out the slack until we came tight for the hookup. The fish started off like dead weight and came to the boat in 30 seconds, and then the fight began! Randy was on the rod and knew he had something bigger on after the first run, not to mention the second, third, fourth, and fifth run the powerful fish made. Randy fought the fish perfectly with Frank on the throttles making the necessary adjustments with the boat. After 25 minutes the fish was up so it could be wired. Soon after the leader was grabbed we saw that the fish was a NICE MAKO, just what we were looking for. Cullen sunk the first flyer in the powerful shark as Jimmy sank the second flyer into the fish. With a team effort from the whole crew we slid the Mako through the fish door and had it! What an amazing feeling and a perfect time to catch this fish! Offshore fishing certainly is a team sport.

With a Mako in the boat we tried for a Swordfish for two hours before making a run to the bluefin grounds. We were setup by sunrise with jigs and sardines, and right away, we got a double header of Bluefin, releasing one and keeping the other that measured 43". We caught 4 more bluefin in the same size range and a couple of skipjack tuna on jigs and sardines in 3 hours of fishing. We made the run to the scales where the Mako weighed in at 185 lbs winning us over \$5000 and giving us enough points to be the **GRAND CHAMPIONS** of the tournament. That gets us an invitation to fish the IGFA Offshore World Championship in May of 2010 in Cabo! What a prize to win!!!

We wanted to thank the crew of Andy, Vinny, Randy, Jimmy, and Paul for fishing with us. You guys are a great crew and we love having you on the boat. We also wanted to thank Chef Lenny for creating such a spectacular and fun tournament to be a part of. It truly was a first class tournament and RTangler did a great job with the tournament coverage on their website rtangler.com.

FISHING REPORT by Jim Story

Well here is my pops Tom Story with his two keepers on Monday August the 17th. Needless to say I was quite a bit jealous because I think the closest I came to a keeper was one that was almost 17. The ones he's holding are 18 1/2 and 18 3/4. We actually lucked out because we stopped at Bob's tackle and fuel shop right next to the Coast Guard station and while we were there we asked him if he had some news. And sure enough he said right out in front of his dock and the Coast Guard's dock. He was dead on, it was a short run but it was like every other cast. Again I lucked out with the short ones but the two my dad kept made a very nice dinner. Keep your reels dry and your bait wet!!



Tom & His Keepers!

FISHING REPORT By Russell Denton

I went out Sunday on 8/16, around noon in the bay. Since there was no drift due to slack tide and no wind it was about a half hour in the bay was all we could take so it decided to try ocean. We went to try to catch some Dogfish in the ocean for bait. We went out the Beach Haven inlet and headed east till we hit 50 feet of water [as per Capt. Verdi]. Our first drift was at about 4kt. The breeze from south started to pick up soon and got us up to .9 to 1.2 knots, when we managed 5 keepers by four o'clock and had to go in. We also caught several small blues and had a lot of bite offs probably due to spinner type fluke rigs we were using.

NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS by Bill Dabney

Book#57 **Fishing Soft Baits in Saltwater, A Complete Guide To Rigs, Adaptations, Techniques, & More**, by Pete Barrett, Burford Books, ISBN 978-1-58080-148-5, 2008

Book#58 **Fishing Diamond Jigs and Bucktails, How to Fish the World's Most Versatile Saltwater Lures** by Tom Migdalski, Burford Books ISBN 978-1-58080-153-9, 2008

FISHING REPORT FROM BASIL DUBROSKY
(Miss Lynn) for Monday, August 17

I went out wreck fishing with Jerry Papp and Bill



Dabney. The winds were light and Ocean calm. We arrived at the wreck about 7:30 AM. I marked the structure and hooked up on it with my reef anchor. We baited up with blue claw crabs, clams or squid and killies and went down to land some nice sea bass. The first 3 fish landed were short fluke. Jerry decided to change to a fluke rig of 4-ounce Spro jig tipped with cut bait and spearing with a teaser tipped with Gulp. While Bill and I fished for sea bass, Jerry started casting away from the wreck as far as he could and jigging back slowly. He would lift the rig up and bring it in before it snagged the wreck (most of the time). Jerry started to catch fluke on every cast, many were keepers and at one point he hit a double-header keeper fluke. Bill and I decided to join Jerry and we all started to catch fluke. The action was crazy and I had not experienced such a

bite from fluke on a wreck in the past. We all lost rigs in the wreck but it were worth it. The bite ended as the wind came up so we broke off the wreck and started to drift my marker buoys. The drift fishing was slow so we headed for home. We ended up with more than 40 fluke with 8 keepers to 4.5 pounds including 2 double headers.

POKER CHIP DRAWING UPDATE by John Henson

Each month, we will draw the name of a member at our meeting. If you are present you will win \$10. If the winner is not present, the next month the prize amount increases by \$10.

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. Please contact me if you wish to renew an ad from last year.

For Sale—Boat trailer for 14' boat. 1992 Conn-Trail boat trailer with 1000# capacity. Comes with spare tire. \$100 Call Steve Cook at 609-978-8416

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.

Ads from last year need to be renewed for this year!

New club member Ed Valitutto would like to fish with other members with boats. I am especially interested in joining up with someone for the 8 August tournament but am also available most weekends Friday through Sunday. I would be more than happy to share expenses. My cell number is 609-304-5440.

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.

2009 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 9/30/09)

<p>April 10 2009 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ 2008 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the Oct & Nov Fish of the Month ➤ Intro - North Bay Fleet Outing ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: DJ Muller, Bunker & Bass, perfect together! </p>	<p>May 08 2009 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 09- Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH 7:45 MAY 08: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ed Cherry Tribute ➤ W. Flounder FoM Award ➤ Update - North Bay Fleet Outing ➤ Capt. Melanie Boytos Award Presentation ➤ Speaker: Bill Haluska Stripers ➤ Club business </p>	<p>Tentative Date May 30th NORTH BAY FLEET OUTING Chairmen: Dave Sikorski</p>
<p>JUNE 12 2009 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Weakfish Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - North Bay fleet Outing ➤ Speakers: Bill Donovan & Darrin Dorris, fluke fishing in the bay & ocean ➤ Club Fishing Forum </p>	<p>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WILL BE IN AUGUST. LOOK FOR THE DATE IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE! Chairman: Bill Logan</p>	<p>JULY 10 2009 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club Business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Club Fishing Forum ➤ Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney ➤ Intro to VHFC Dinner ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speakers: Bill Figley, reading the tides & water for better fishing </p>
<p>AUGUST 8TH FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNEY CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>	<p>AUGUST 14 2009 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 Aug. 14: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Fish of the Month Award ➤ Speaker: <i>Fran Verdi, Fishing for Fluke and Sea Bass Little Egg and Garden State South Reefs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Intro-VHFC Dinner Dance ➤ Presentation Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney </p>	<p>AUGUST 22, 2009 VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER Chairmen: BILL LOGAN & ED WETMORE DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 11 2009 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS 7:45 Sept. 11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report VHFC Dinner Dance ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ <u>Speaker: TBA</u> </p>	<p>October 09 2009 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish 7:45 Oct. 09: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sept. Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: Dr. Kennish/Back Bay Health </p>	<p>NOVEMBER 13, 2009 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. 7:45 NOV 13 ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER INTRO TO NEW OFFICERS FOR 2010</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 December through March.

BRAND NEW WEBSITE by John Kleban

We have a brand new website that is updated frequently! Please visit us & at <http://www.vhfclub.com/> & send us your feedback at VHFCreports@verizon.net

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President	John Henson (978-0312)
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All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.	

**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>BOAT U.S. 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>	<p>L&H Woods & Water 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase</p>
<p>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on purchases of \$10 or more</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 www.theboatshoponline.com</p>	<p>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>
<p>CRYSTAL COVE MARINE CENTER 227 E. Main St., Tuckerton 294-0166</p>	<p>OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800</p>	<p>WEST CREEK KAYAK & CANOE 224 Main St., West Creek 296-3030 10% off Accessories</p>

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