



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN OCTOBER

BOARD MEETING: 01 OCTOBER

7:00 P.M at Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 08 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
- FOM Award
- Club Business
- 8:00 pm Guest Speaker
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Vince Sibona

As most of you know, I'm the new president as of this month. Bill Logan had some business to attend and turned the presidency over to me. I'm looking forward to serving you.

At the September Meeting we had Jim Hutchinson Sr. & Jim Hutchinson Jr. speaking about using clams for striped bass fishing. As usual they had everyone's attention.

Now that fluke season has been over for a while, some of us have been getting ready for the striped bass run to start. I enjoy striped bass fishing, they're a good fighting fish and they're delicious to eat. There are many ways to fish for stripers. You can fish for them using clams as the Hutchinson's spoke about, drift for them using eels and you can troll for them. Also you can jig for them and you can catch them in the surf as well.

We are always looking for new board members. If you think you may be interested, contact me or any board member. If you are not sure, but would like to

know more and maybe sit in at a board meeting to see what it's all about, contact one of us at a meeting or our phone numbers are listed in the newsletter and on the web site.

This will be the last newsletter for the year. Hope to see you all at the October and November meetings.

2010 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR AS OF 06/02 BY John Kleban

Blackfish		
Bluefish	17 lbs. 7 oz.	Phil Savarese
Fluke	8.80 lbs.	Russell Denton
Sea Bass	2.81 lbs.	Tom Malone
Striped Bass	37 lbs.	Larry Leary
Weakfish	.95 lbs.	John Kleban
W. Flounder	1.76 lbs.	Vince Sibona

Congratulations to all those listed above.

Please weigh in your fish at our weigh in stations.

2010 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2010 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 2010, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2010 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by John Kleban

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

2010 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 2010 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

VHFC T- SHIRTS AVAILABLE by Vince Sibona
 VHFC T- shirts will be available at all meetings. The cost is \$18. Please see Vince to purchase yours while supplies last. T shirts may also be purchased by mail. Please send a check for \$23 which includes shipping to: VHFC, P.O. Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. These shirts are very nice & are being sold at cost.

Boat US Newsletter Link & INFO by Jeff Orsoe

Here is the link to the Boat/US coop Group Quarterly newsletter for distribution to the VHFC Membership.

If you are establishing or renewing a towing plan with Boat US, please contact me for the code for saving money when registering with Boat US. We do not post this code in the newsletter as it would be available for nonmember use.

If you have any questions, I can be contacted via email or cell at 732-672-5530

<http://smtp.boatus.net/dm?id=B75B49E2171D51E48FEC59C7A89A692D>

FISHING REPORT by Jeff Barnhart

The No Limits Fishing Team Dynamic duo of Bob Percopo and Jeff Barnhart headed to the Lindy last week on Bob's 33 Hydra sport. What a terrific trip. The water was flat calm all the way out, during the troll and most of the way home, only kicking up 20 miles from the inlet on the way back. The water was the clearest blue I have ever seen. We shot a video of porpoises swimming under the boat that looks like it was shot in an aquarium. We also experienced pilot whales swimming by to take a look at us. Not a bad day fishing either. We went three for three on Mahi – two for two on white marlin (73 and 75 inches both boated and safely released) and lost a good size tuna at the boat.



Photo caption: Left to right – The No Limits Fishing Team Duo of Jeff Barnhart and Bob Percopo with the 73 and 75 inch white marlin they boated and released at the lindy fishing on Bob's 33 hydra Sport – No Limits.

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.

PARTY BOAT FISHING ON A CRISP FALL DAY by Basil Dubrosky

How can you beat party boat fishing for tog on a crisp fall day? Up before sunrise for the sleepy trip to the boat, boarding amongst old friends and new acquaintances to find that killer spot along the rail.

The engines are started right on time, fares and pool fees for the largest fish caught are collected and we all huddle down below, out of the frosty air, for the ride out to the reef or wreck.

Anticipation is high and old stories abound. Some are sleepy, some hung over and some laughing out loud about former blunders or successes. The space is tight and you find yourself part of many of the conversations. Outside, the mates are cutting crabs and the head has a steady flow of customers. The smell of hot coffee and bacon on the grill fills the air. Food orders are placed and the first beer can is popped to the loud laughs of all on board.

I look around and say to myself what a unique and wonderful experience, maybe I will even win the pool. I rise to the call of the cook. Bacon, egg and cheese on a hard roll, hot coffee and 2 8ounce sinkers please.

Try it

NEXT YEAR'S DINNER DANCE by Ray Williams

The Board is looking for feedback from our members in making the Annual Dinner Dance better. One idea that we have is to schedule the dance in September when things are a little quieter. We are very interested in finding out if you would be more likely to attend the dinner in September rather than August. Also, would you prefer Friday or Saturday and what time would you like the dinner to start? Please email me at rayflowill@comcast.net with your thoughts!

2011 SPEAKERS by Ray Williams

One of our long time members, Basil Dubrosky, has suggested that we invite our members to be guest speakers at our club meetings. Let's face it, there are a lot of you guys that are very successful fishermen!

How about speaking to the members at a future meeting? Please contact Bill Dabney if you can help us out!

A REAL SHORT FLUKE! by Steve Cook

This short got a little shorter on the way in. Notice the precision work.



SEPTEMBER SPEAKER RECAP by Ray Williams

Jim Hutchinson Sr. & Jim Jr. gave a fascinating talk on fall fishing for stripers with clams. If you missed this talk you missed some great tips & locations for catching stripers in our waters. I won't try to recap their talk; you should attend

our meetings if you want to learn more about fishing in our area!



Jim Jr. listens as his Dad reveals a secret location for really big stripers!



Jim tries to convince us not to fish in that secret spot!

ROD RAFFLE A SUCCESS by Ray Williams

The custom rod made by Manny Silva was won by Joe Filice at the September meeting. The proceeds from the raffle, over \$200 was donated to the RFA to support their efforts on behalf of fishermen.



Vince displays the rod made by Manny

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.

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.

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 AD!

Sal Messina, a member is looking for members to go fishing on his boat with him. Members do not need

to share expenses, just buy the bait & help clean the boat & fish when returning from fishing. **Please call Sal at 609-597-9160 on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays.**

HELP WANTED AT MEETINGS BY Ray

Williams

Your Board is asking for some help at the monthly meetings. We are in need of someone to greet our members as they arrive & take attendance. In addition, we need someone to help with refreshments. If you can help, please see me.

OCTOBER VHFC TOURNAMENT DAYS by John Henson

Upcoming VHFC Tournament----October

The next VHFC tournament is scheduled to be a 3 day tournament for Striped Bass and here are the parameters--

Sponsor.....Fisherman's Headquarters
280 W 9th St, Ship Bottom
609 494 5739
Species.....Striped Bass
Dates.....October 29, 30 + 31
Prizes.....1st \$25 Fisherman's Headquarters
Gift Certificate
2nd \$15 Fisherman's Headquarters
Gift Certificate

3rd \$10 Fisherman's Headquarters
Gift Certificate
All fish MUST be weighed in at Fisherman's Headquarters DURING normal business hours.

This tournament will be the last one for 2010. Thank you to all of our participating sponsors!!!

Good Luck 2nd \$15 Fisherman's
Headquarters Gift Certificate
3rd \$10 Fisherman's Headquarters
Gift Certificate
All fish MUST be weighed in at Fisherman's Headquarters DURING normal business hours.

UPDATED 2010 REGULATIONS by Dave Sikorski

2010 NJ Saltwater Regulations

Fluke: 6 fish, 18" minimum, open May 29 through Sept 6
Weakfish: 1 fish, 13" minimum, open all year
*Sea Bass: 25 fish, 12.5" minimum, open May 22 – Sept 12
*Efforts in play for a split season; we will let you know if this is successful
Please visit our website at www.vhfclub.com and click on the "Regulations" button for more information.

<p align="center">April 09 2010</p> <p><i>Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder</i></p> <p>7:45 APRIL 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ 2009 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 <p>Speaker: Capt. Fran Verdi of Fish the Drop Off charter service will talk on local spring fishing for stripers and bluefish.</p>	<p align="center">May 14 2010</p> <p align="center">-DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 14-</p> <p>Fish of the Month: STRIPED BASS</p> <p>7:45 MAY 08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ W. Flounder FOM Award ➤ Update - North Bay Fleet Outing ➤ Capt. Melanie Boytos Award Presentation <p>Speaker: Capt. Al Zlata of A to Z charters in Barnegat will speak on light tackle and fly fishing with artificials in the bay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business 	<p align="center">Check Newsletter & Website for Upcoming Tournament Days!</p>
<p align="center">JUNE 11 2010</p> <p><i>Fish of the Month: FLUKE</i></p> <p>7:45 June 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Striped Bass Fish of the Month Award ➤ Speakers: Bill Figley retired director of the state's offshore reef program will talk on inshore light tackle fishing for sharks 	<p align="center">ANNUAL DINNER DANCE</p> <p>OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WILL BE AUGUST 21ST. SIGN-UP FORM IS IN THIS ISSUE!!</p>	<p align="center">JULY 09 2010</p> <p>Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH</p> <p>7:45 July 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club Business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Club Fishing Forum ➤ Intro to VHFC Dinner ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: Jim Hutchinson "What to do with that leftover fish in your freezer!"
<p align="center">July 14th & 15th</p> <p align="center">Tournament Days sponsored by American Sportsman Species.....Fluke & Bluefish Combined</p> <p align="center">Prizes.....1st \$25 American Sportsman Gift Certificate</p> <p align="center">2nd \$15 American Sportsman Gift Certificate</p> <p align="center">3rd \$10 American Sportsman Gift Certificate</p>	<p align="center">AUGUST 13 2010</p> <p>Fish of the Month: FLUKE</p> <p>7:45 Aug. 14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Fish of the Month Award ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion <p>Speaker: DJ Mueller "Artificial Persuasion: The Magic of Fishing with Artificials"</p>	<p align="center">September 4th & 5th</p> <p align="center">Tournament Days sponsored by Fisherman's Headquarters Species.....Fluke</p> <p align="center">Prizes.....1st \$25 Fisherman's HQ Gift Certificate</p> <p align="center">2nd \$15 Fisherman's HQ Gift Certificate</p> <p align="center">3rd \$10 Fisherman's HQ Gift Certificate</p>
<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 10 2010</p> <p>Fish of the Month: SEA BASS & WEAKFISH</p> <p>7:45 Sept. 11:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report VHFC Dinner Dance ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speakers: Jim Hutchinson Sr. & Jr. 	<p align="center">October 08 2010</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish</p> <p>7:45 Oct. 09:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sept. Fish of the Month Award ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker: TBA 	<p align="center">NOVEMBER 12 2010</p> <p align="center">GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER.</p> <p>7:45 NOV 13</p> <p align="center">ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER INTRO TO NEW OFFICERS FOR 2011</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



When Did Dave catch this nice fluke?

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President	Bill Logan (597-0784)
1 st Vice President	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
2 nd Vice President	Open
Treasurer	Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
Secretary	Charlie Daddona (954-4965)

Trustees

Sergeant at Arms	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Weigh Master/Awards	John Kleban (597-4852)
Recruiting	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Membership Data Base	Ray Williams (978-1480)
Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Immediate Past Pres.	John Henson (978-0312)
Communications	Dave Sikorski

Newsletter	Ray Williams (978-1480)
Library	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Library Alternate	John Henson (978-0312)
Sponsors	John Henson (978-0312)
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	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Vessel Safety	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
JCAA/Regulations	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Fishing Hands On	John Henson (978-0312)
Board Member	Ritchie Webb (294-9438)
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 Jeff Orsoe 494-6415</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>BRASWELL TROPHY & ENGRAVING Ken Braswell, Owner 618-1744 10% Discount to VHFC Members</p>	<p>OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800 10% off any purchase</p>	<p>WEST CREEK KAYAK & CANOE 224 Main St., West Creek 296-3030 10% off Accessories</p>

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