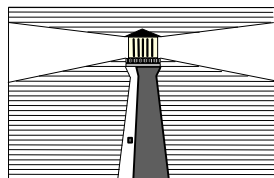


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JOIN VHFC AND LEARN ABOUT FISHING LOCAL WATERS NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting: 8:00 PM on Friday September 6th

Membership Meeting: 7:45 PM Friday September 13th at the Stafford Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

Club Business will include:

- Fish Of The Month Award For August – Fluke
- 50/50
- Reef Fishing Event – September 14th and 15th
- Intro to Surf Fishing Event
- Guest Speaker : Bruce from Bruce and Pat's will give us a presentation on Surf Fishing.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Don Longstreet

Well, we are now into September and we have a couple of good things to tell you. The first is the reef fishing event; I hope that you all sign up. Last year we had a great time.

We also had our VHFC Dinner Dance which was a big hit. Sixteen members and their spouses attended, giving a grand total of thirty two. We had six door prizes donated to us from Fisherman's Headquarters [two tackle boxes, a filet knife set, and three fishing knives] in addition to a \$35.00 gift certificate from the club. I want to personally thank Jim McGrath for an outstanding job setting up the dance, and also to John Nonnenmacher for helping Jim.

Another topic we must concentrate on is getting a new Secretary. There must be somebody who would like to work and vote on our executive board. The bylaws state that we must have a recording secretary. Also, we are looking for a new 2nd vice president in 2002 who could become 1st vice president in 2003. Gee, come on boys and girls, lets all chip in and make this a real good club. We need more volunteering.

FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

August was a unique month. We have our second tie this year for Fish of the Month and we had 10 weigh-ins, the most this year for one month.

Fluke (08/22) 6 lb. 12 oz. John Lyszczarz

Fluke (08/25) 6 lb. 12 oz. Bob Eifler

John caught his 4 miles off Loveladies and Bob's was caught 6 miles off Beach Haven. Congratulations to all.

The Fish of the Month for September is Sea Bass.

FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by George Fruh

The following anglers remain in the lead for 2002 as of September 2:

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

FINANCIAL STATUS by Ken Hansen

We currently have \$ \$3226.70 in the checking account at Commerce Bank.

VHFC Reef Day by Dave Sikorski (Tournament Chairman)

On Sept 14 and 15, (sun-up Saturday to 5 pm Sunday) we will be having our 2002 VHFC Reef Days. The boundaries for this event are all Bay and Ocean waters between 39°48' North and 39°24' North. This event targets Sea Bass and Fluke, which will congregate around the reef sites, but entrants are free to probe any waters within the specified boundaries for these tasty fish. There are 4 NJ Artificial Reef Sites within these boundaries, where fish congregate much like an oasis in the desert. They are Barnegat Light Reef, Garden State North Reef, Garden State South Reef, and Little Egg Reef. Also located within this range are the Harvey Cedars Lumps, the Barnegat and Little Egg Inlets, Oyster Creek Channel, the BI buoy, Double Creek Channel, the Middle Grounds, the Holgate Channel, Marshelder Channel, Grassy Channel, and Great Bay. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd heaviest of two species, Fluke and Sea Bass (\$50, \$25 & \$20). Weigh-in is at Fisherman's Headquarters before 5pm Sunday. Any ties will be decided by first fish to be weighed in. Communications will be on VHF channel 68.

Note: only VHFC members are eligible for the prizes

Also note: Sea Bass is our September fish-of-the-month, so hopefully someone on this trip will win this prize as well (that's what happened last year!)

Good luck to everyone!

A FLOUNDER RECIPE by Kathy Nonnenmacher

Here is a good flounder recipe that I have used.

Lively Lemon Flounder Roll-Ups for 8

1/3 cup butter	8 fish filets (2 lbs)
1/4 cup lemon juice	1 pkg. thawed broccoli
2 chicken bouillon	paprika
1 cup cooked rice	1 cup shredded cheddar

1. In small saucepan, melt together butter, lemon, bouillon. (I make extra of this mix)
 2. In medium bowl, combine rice, broccoli, cheese and add 3/4 of butter mixture, mix well.
 3. Divide this mixture equally on filets.
 4. Roll up & place seam side down in shallow baking dish.
 5. Pour remaining batter sauce over top & sprinkle w/paprika
 6. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for 25 minutes or until fish flakes w/fork.
- Hope everyone enjoys it.

SURF TOURNAMENT by Steve Cook

This is a 2 day event this year; October 19th & 20th. 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 you are in a hurry and 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.

Schedule:

06:30 AM to 12:30 PM Surf fishing

09:00 AM: Break on the beach & share progress and problems.

1:00 PM Weigh-ins closed.

1:30 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 & 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 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 11 October Membership Meeting, we be reviewing what you should bring to surf fish, answering your questions & filling in any last minute details.

KNOT WEB SITE

Here is a sample from a good web site for knots:

<<http://www.fishingcairms.com.au/page6-1.html>>

There are at least 6 variations of the Hangman's Knot, - all of them excellent for terminal tackle, swivels & hooks. The "standard" Hangman's Knot holds only five turns when tied in monofilament nylon. If tied in rope, & used for its stated purpose, it takes eight turns.

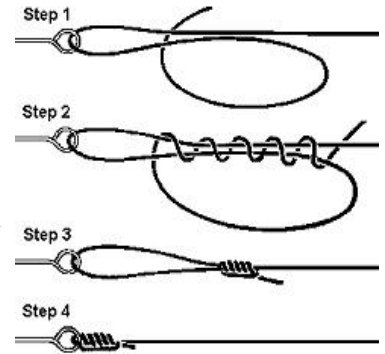
1. Pass a 15cm loop of line through the eye.

2. Bring the end back on itself, passing it under the doubled part.

3. Make five loops over the doubled part.

4. The formed knot is worked into shape.

5. The knot is sent down the line, against the eye of the hook or swivel.



CHECK THOSE LINES by Ray Williams

This is a good time to check your mooring lines. September is the month when severe weather strikes our area. Many members come down on fewer weekends, yet their boats are still in the water.

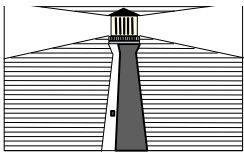
First, check your ropes for wear. Are they strong enough to hold in strong winds & rough waters? Next, make sure your boat is properly tied. At least 4 lines are needed: one line on the bow & one on the stern; set to keep the boat from drifting too far away from the dock. You also need one line on the bow tied to the dock near the stern of the boat & one line on the stern tied to the dock near the bow to prevent the boat from moving too far forward or backwards. This is especially important if your boat can drift under another dock or into another boat. What if one of those 4 lines breaks loose?

You can also consider using mooring whips which will keep your boat from banging into the dock. These whips are relatively expensive, about \$200 to \$500 but really keep your boat and dock from getting severely damaged in bad weather.

These are just some suggestions. You should always use common sense when preparing for bad weather & consult an expert to help with your own individual situation.

Boat US

VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Application forms will be available at VHFC meetings.



REEF DAY



WHEN: Sun-up Saturday Sept 14 to 5 pm Sunday Sept 15
To be eligible for a prize the fish must be caught and weighed-in between these times.

WHERE: All Bay and Ocean waters between 39° 48' North and 39° 24' North

This event targets Sea Bass and Fluke, which will congregate around the reef sites, but entrants are free to probe any waters within the specified boundaries for these tasty fish.

The centers of the artificial reef sites within that range are approximately:

Barnegat Light Reef

~39° 45' N; 74° 1.5' W

GSS Reef

~39 33.5' N; 74° 6.5' W

GSN Reef

~39° 37.5' N; 74° 1.5' W

Little Egg Reef

~39° 28.5' N; 74° 11' W

Also located within this range are the Harvey Cedars Lump sites, the Barnegat and Little Egg Inlets, Oyster Creek Channel, the Bi buoy, Double Creek Channel, the Middle Grounds, the Holgate Channel, Marshelder Channel, Grassy Channel, and Great Bay.

TARGET SPECIES:

- **Sea Bass:** 11 ½" min, 25 fish bag limit
- **Fluke:** 16 ½" min, 8 fish bag limit

Some other species could be caught on and around the Reef sites:

- Tautog: 14" min, 1 fish bag limit
- Porgy: 9" min, 50 fish bag limit

PRIZES:

1st, 2nd & 3rd heaviest (\$50, \$25 & \$20) of Sea Bass and Fluke
(Weigh in at Fisherman's Headquarters by 5pm Sunday)

Any ties will be decided by first fish to be weighed in.

Also: only VHFC members are eligible for the prizes

Also note: Sea Bass is our September fish-of-the-month, so hopefully someone on this trip will win this prize as well (that's what happened last year!)

BAITS:

➤ Clam, Squid, Crabs (green, fiddler), small fish (Killies, bergall), fillet, mackerel pieces, worms (sand, blood), mussels, shrimp

RIG:

➤ High-Low rigw/ith3 to 16 oz sinker, depending on ocean current (just enough to hold bottom)

COMMUNICATIONS:

➤ VHF channel 68

- ❖ Signed entries can be mailed to VHFC, Reef Day, 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 vessel and captain and crew experience levels. The captain of the 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** _____

Boat Name: _____

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

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

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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 all 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
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