



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

BOARD MEETING: 03 SEPTEMBER

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 10 SEPTEMBER

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 Fish Of The Month Award
- Report On Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament
- Surf Tournament
- Fishing Discussion-All Present
- Break
- Guest Speaker: Jim Hutchinson Jr. on Striper fishing

PRESIDENT'S SEPTEMBER 2004 MESSAGE

by Ray Williams

Well, guys, summer is over & Labor Day will be past by the time you get your newsletter. We had a good turnout for our Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament. One of the things I really enjoyed about this tournament was the social afterwards at Bill Logan's home. It was really nice to see the guys talking fishing & the girls talking the things girls talk about. In addition, we had several Junior Anglers at the social. It's interesting to see fishing through their eyes. If these guys are the future of recreational fishing, we will benefit from their participation and contributions. I hope to see all of you at the meeting on Friday, September 10th; we have a great speaker scheduled. Jim Hutchinson, Jr., the editor of The Fisherman Magazine, will speak to us on Striper Fishing. I would like to thank all the guys who turn out for the meetings and helped make them so informative. See you Friday!

2004 TROPHY FISH by George Fruh

The status of our 2004 Trophy Fish of the Year competition as of noon on August 30th is:

Bluefish(07/11)	11 lb 3.2 oz	Paul Galasso
Fluke(08/28)	7 lb 1 oz	John West
SeaBass(06/13)	2 lb 12 oz	Henry Desch
StripedBass(06/18)	36 lb 1 oz	Tony Recklitis
Weakfish (05/26)	10 lb 0 oz	Paul Turi
W. Flounder (04/09)	2 lb 1 oz	Vince Sibona

This newsletter's new leader entry is for the fluke caught by Junior Angler John West. Congratulations to John.

FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

As of noon on August 30th, the leader in the Fish of the Month Contest for August was a 2 lb 2.4 oz Sea Bass caught on August 18th by Junior Angler T. J. Miller. We'll have to wait to see the weigh-ins through August 31st before we can name the final winner for August.

The October & November Fish of the Month is Striped Bass.

REPORT ON THE FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT

The open water (bay and ocean) fluke and black sea bass fishing tournament conducted by the Village Harbor fishing club was held on Saturday August 28th. The combination of great weather, 25 participants and a fantastic barbecue at Bill Logan's home made for a very successful tournament. Bill Logan and Ed Wetmore co-chaired this event and are very grateful to all members who made this event a super experience for all who fished and attended the barbecue.

The winners of the event were:

- John West aboard the "Last One" with a fluke weighing in at 7.1 lbs (Wow! a great fish)
- Bill Dabney aboard the "New Beginning" with a black sea bass weighing in at 1.4 lbs

The Winners will be presented with their awards at the September 10th Meeting.

The club would like to thank Bill & Arleen Logan for their great hospitality and sharing their

home for an afternoon while hosting a fantastic barbecue; great job Arleen and Bill. We also want to thank John Kerstanski for bring the Chef of the Day; John arrived early at the Logan's home and helped set up while Bill was out fishing. He then cooked up the best tasting hot dogs and hamburgers. A great team effort from all.

FLUKE FISHING REPORT by Jeff Barnhart

This picture was taken on a recent trip to Barnegat Ridge aboard Captain Jeff Barnhart's "Reel Deal". Shown are John "Duke" Lyszczarz, Bill "Wild Willie" Farris, Captain Jeff Barnhart and Chuck Belotti showing off their catch of fluke.



TRY FROZEN SPEARING by Bill Jann

I went up to Barnegat Inlet yesterday (8/3). Had slack low water for the first hour, drifting on the flat in front of the lighthouse, and nothing but crabs stealing my bait. If you haven't been there recently, that flat has really changed its contours. Watch your depth on the south side. All the killies in my float had died so I used frozen spearing and squid. The fluke really seemed to like the spearing. I got a few on plain squid, but mostly they wanted a spearing on there too. Once the tide started in, I went up the inlet, to the end of the south side rocks, and drifted back in.

I had a steady pick of fluke all morning, with a few sea robins mixed in, between there and Meyer's Hole. The Meyer's Hole fluke were biting where it's current came together with the main one. Ended up with 7 keepers and about 15 good-sized shorts. For a change, even the shorts were 15" or better. (See below)



EDITOR'S NOTE by Dick Vesper

It is worth noting that Junior Anglers caught the only two fishes of record reported for August. I hope we will also see some Co-Members added to our record book in the not too distant future as well.

Sorry we had to report weigh-ins as of noon August 30 (prior to month's end) but we needed to get the newsletter delivered to you all in advance of the next meeting. We will announce the winner of the August Fish of the Month Award at our September 10 meeting as well as in the October newsletter.

BOATING GEAR FOR SALE

If any member has a fishing related item to sell, contact Dick Vesper at (609-494-0263 or by email: dick.vesper@verizon.net). Ads are free!

1. Boat trailer, galvanized, for 12/14 ft. boat. Good condition. 1000# capacity. 1993. Used very little. Includes spare tire and rim. \$275. Call Steve Cook. (609) 978-8416.2002
2. Boston Whaler Conquest, 23 ft, 225 Mercury engine, all electronics, T-top, Head, 30 hrs on engine. Asking \$52,500. Contact John Mazzone at (973) 583-9318
3. 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

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

(Boat owning members who might be interested in taking a member fishing on their boat could contact one or more of the interested parties (below) and arrange to meet at a club meeting and discuss details in person.

1. **NEW ENTRY:** John Leitner, a new member and resident of Barnegat, would like to go out fishing with a member who has a boat and some space for another fisherman. Please contact John at 609-607-9426.
2. Marilyn and Chic are looking for a member with a boat, who plans on going fishing in the ocean. They're willing to share expenses. Please contact them at (201) 960-4534 or (201) 723-1180.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.
Surf Tournament
Registration Form
Saturday & Sunday October 16 &17, 2004

The Surf Tournament is planned to be a VHFC group event. Participation in this Surf Tournament is planned for current members only. Remember spouse can attend, as they become members with your membership. Please sign up no later than Oct.8, or fill out form included in September newsletter, and mail it to the Village Harbour Fishing Club. You may participate for one or both days. You must submit a form to be entered in the event.

Chairmen: John Borick (597-8572), John Kerstanski (698-6662) & Roland Dixon (494-0543).

Fishing Location: We will be fishing the surf anywhere on Long Beach Island. Many of the VHFC members will be fishing in the vicinity of 5th Street in Surf City. Once again Subbogies' owner will let us use the restroom during the fishing event.

Refreshments: On the Beach: Bring your own thermos of coffee.

Luncheon: All current members participating in this Tournament are invited to a Sunday luncheon celebration at Subbogies Food Depot; 512 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, between 6 &7 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: 05:00AM to 06:00 PM Saturday
05:00 AM to 12:00 Noon Sunday

Weigh-in Times: 12:00 Noon to 01:00 PM & 05:00 PM to 06:00 PM Saturday
12:00 Noon to 01:00 PM Sunday Only Luncheon at Subbogies

Prizes: The largest of the following species will be given \$20 each.

Striper	28 inch. Minimum
Bluefish	14 inch. Minimum

The largest of the following species will be given \$10 each.

Atlantic Croaker	No Minimum
Black Drum	16 inch. Minimum
Black Sea Bass	12 inch. Minimum
Northern Kingfish	No Minimum
Red Drum	18 inch. Minimum
Scup (Porgy)	10 inch. Minimum
Tautog (Blackfish)	14 inch. Minimum
Weakfish	13 inch. Minimum
White Perch	No Minimum
Winter Flounder	11 inch. Minimum

The largest of the following species will be given \$5 each.

Sea Robin	No Minimum
Dogfish	No Minimum

Weigh-ins: At the 5th street ramp, the tournament committee will measure weight and length of member's keeper sized surf catches at the beach entrance. Note that any Weigh-ins for the club's Fish of the Month, etc. will still have to be weighed in officially at Fisherman's Headquarters or at American Sportsman.

Liability: The individual in the tournament assumes all responsibility. The Village Harbour Fishing Club will not be responsible for any damage to the following; personnel injury, or loss of property or life related to the Surf Tournament.

Members Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Village Harbour Fishing Club, INC.
 2004 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL 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 14, 2004

Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: __/__/____ Note: Both * items must be completed.

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2003 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete all of the following:

Name of Spouse:	
Principle Address:	Shore Address:
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Would you like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No Choosing "yes" will save club printing & mailing costs!

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
Junior Angler Application Form for 2004
MAIL 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 14, 2004

APPLICANT : Please complete the following each year (one sheet per Junior Angler)

Name*:	Member #:	Nick Name:
Signature:	Junior Angler's E-Mail:	
Home Address:	Home Phone:	

Would you like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No (Saves printing costs!)

SPONSOR:

SPONSORING 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 14, 2004.		
Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:	
Signature*:	Date:* / /	Relation to Applicant*:

Junior Angler Boat Owners please complete the following: Note: Five * items must be completed.

Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Officers:

President Ray Williams (978-1480)
 1st Vice President Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
 2nd Vice President John Borick (507-8592)
 Treasurer Ken Hansen (361-9350)
 Secretary Ed Wetmore (294-6956)

Printing Bill Logan (597-0784)
 Sponsors Bill Logan (597-0784)
 Website Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
 Vessel Safety Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
 JCAA/Regulations John Borick (507-8592)
 Tournament Director OPEN
 All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.

Trustees

Sergeant at Arms Charlie Kochka
 Weigh Master/Awards George Fruh (597-4588)
 Recruiting John Kerstanski (698-6662)
 Membership Data Base John Nonnenmacher (597-5383)
 Fishing How-To's Steve Cook (597-8416)
 Guest Speakers Bill Dabney (978-6893)
 Immediate Past President Don Longstreet (978-3991)
 Communications Roland Dixon (494-4564)
 Newsletter Dick Vesper (494-0263)
 Library Jim McGrath (597-8395)
 Library Alternate Steve Cook (978-8416)

2004 Tournament Chairmen

Weakfish Tournament Don Longstreet & Bill Dabney
 South Bay Tournament Ray Williams & Charlie Kochka
 Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore
 Surf Tournament John Borick, Roland Dixon & John
 Regulatory Committee Kerstanski
 Dave Sikorski, John Borick,
 Brian Leary & Dick Vesper

2004 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule August & Beyond (Revised 9/1/04)

<p align="center">AUGUST 13 2004</p> <p>Fish of the Month: SEA BASS 7:45 Aug.13:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Bluefish of the Month Award ➤ Report - South Bay Fishing Tournament ➤ Update for Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ All-Present Fishing Discussion ➤ <u>Speaker:</u> Shell Caris on Beach Fishing (New Slide Show) 	<p align="center">AUGUST 28 2004</p> <p align="center">FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT</p> <p>Chairmen: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore</p> <p>SPECIES: FLUKE & SEA BASS</p>	<p align="center">SEPTEMBER 10 2004</p> <p>Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 Sept.10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ Intro - Surf Tournament ➤ All-Present Fishing Discussion ➤ <u>Speaker:</u> Jim Hutchinson Jr. on Striper fishing
<p align="center">October 8 2004</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass 7:45 OCT. 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ Update for Surf Tournament ➤ All-Present Fishing Discussion ➤ <u>Speaker:</u> Al Crudele on Back Bay Fishing & Striper fishing 	<p align="center">OCTOBER 16 & 17</p> <p align="center">SURF TOURNAMENT</p> <p>Chairmen: John Borick, John Kerstanski & Roland Dixon</p> <p>Species: Striped Bass & Bluefish</p>	<p align="center">NOVEMBER 12 2004</p> <p>Fish of the Month: Striped Bass 7:45 Nov 12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Report for 2004 ➤ Intro to 2005 VHFC Board ➤ Report on Surf Tournament ➤ All-Present Fishing Discussion

1 of the 2 remaining fishing tournaments are 2-day events. Monthly meetings are 2nd Fridays starting promptly at 7:45 PM. Doors open at 7:30 – Come early and help us get set up.

**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.	
AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle	THE BOAT SHOP 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		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

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