

# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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## VHFC EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2005

SEPTEMBER FISH OF THE MONTH: FLUKE & CROAKER

### BOARD MEETING: 02 SEPTEMBER

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 09 SEPTEMBER

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
- FOM & FOY status
- Report on the 8/27 Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament
- Break with All-Present Fishing Discussions
- **SPEAKER:** Jim Hutchinson Sr. will talk on striper fishing.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Dave Sikorski

Now that the summer is over, we can set our sights on the fall fishery. With all the bait in the bay this year, I am expecting a great fall season. Fluke, Bluefish, Weakfish and Stripers will all be feeding heavily in preparation for the fall migration.

As mentioned at our meetings, we have added Croakers to the Fish of the Month line-up for September this year. I understand that they have arrived in force. This is a species that can be taken by surf anglers as well as boat anglers. Croakers are in the Drum fish family, cousins of our Weakfish, Kingfish and Spot. Their flesh is similar to Weakfish, very tasty. The state record is 5 lbs 8 ounces; let's see if someone from our club can break that record set in 1981!

Our surf fishing tournament will be October 15 and 16 this year. This is a fun multi-species event, and this year we are taking the approach of fishing together so we can help and teach each other what we know individually and collectively about surf fishing. Last year, 10 and 11 pound fish were landed in this event.

See the sign up sheet in this newsletter for further details.

As the year begins to wind down, the club will start to focus on 2006. We would really like to get some new folks on the Board for next year. Several folks have made many good suggestions, which we would like to implement, but we need your help doing so. John Borick will be our club's President next year, and will certainly appreciate all the help he can get. Please volunteer to help the club and join the Board.

We also need someone to pick up the Newsletter duties next year, as Dick Vesper will be resigning that duty at the end of the year. He would like to transition to the next editor this year on the last newsletter or two. I would like to personally thank Dick for the fine job he has done on our newsletter over the past several years. Thanks Dick!

### **TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR** by George Fruh

The Trophy fish of the Year (FOY) weigh-in status is unchanged as of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005:

Blackfish	<b>No Entry as Yet</b>
Bluefish (07/23)	11 lb. 9.6 oz. John Lyszczarz
Fluke (07/02)	11 lb. 12.8 oz. Eian Beron
Sea Bass (06/17)	04 lb. 12 oz. Lorraine Wetmore
Striped Bass (05/17)	06 lb. 13 oz. Basil Dubrosky
Weakfish (05/18)	12 lb. 06 oz. Ed Cherry
W. Fl'nder (04/25)	02 lb. 04 oz. Jerry Papp

### **FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD** by George Fruh

The FOM winner for August will be announced in the next issue. As of August 29<sup>th</sup>, Dave Sikorski leads with a 2 lb. 11.2 oz. Sea Bass he caught on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **LE INLET BUOYS MOVED** by Dave Sikorski

FYI, I saw this on Jay Mann's website this morning; Saturday, August 06, 2005. BHM&TC members who ran LE Inlet on Tuesday Aug. 2 report that the LE Inlet channel buoys have been repositioned by the USCG. Some of these buoys have been moved a considerable distance from their previous position. Take special care if running the inlet at night. Some buoys are NOT lighted. (Ed Note: The older trails stored in your GPS may take you out of channel. **BE WARY.**)

## FISHING REPORTS

[Pictures are presented immediately below their related text]

### BIG CRAB REPORT by Bill Jann

Did some crabbing with the Dabneys last week (first week in August) and got what I think is the biggest crab ever to come aboard my boat. It's comfortably over 7 inches across the points. Picture below. (Ed. Note: looks like 7.5 inches or more to me)



8/17/05 by Bill Jann Ron Nachman and I, along with Lou Falcone, Ted Rose and Bill Heddendorf, our guide for the day, went out on the R&R to check out the "GULP" baits we'd been hearing so much about. We went up to the BI buoy area and drifted with jigs and the "GULP" baits. The breeze was light so 1/4 oz jigs were all we needed. We took a variety of the "GULP" baits with us. The saltwater shrimp baits seemed to work best, but all the other varieties caught something. We ended up with 28 keeper weaks, some throwbacks, two 20" fluke, and even some blowfish and small blues. It made a believer out of me! We didn't use any bait at all. Deadsticking or gentle jigging was the ticket for the day.



### 08/22/05 by Bill Jann

Went out with Ron, Jerry Papp, and Lou Falcone on the R&R ... went up to the BI buoy area to see if we could repeat the good results we had last time with Gulp ... the fish still liked it but there weren't as many around, so about 9:30 we headed out to the Barnegat Light reef ... the wind and tide cooperated and we had nice drifts all day. We used both the Gulp and squid strips soaked in shedder oil ... squid was best and we had a steady slow pick of fluke, skates, and robins ...

it was a soft bite, sometimes all you felt was weight on the line ... I got a 24" fluke that weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce ... another one went 4 pounds 13 ounces ... the fluke were in fairly small pods and came in bunches.



### 08/23/05 by Jeff Barnhart

The Reel Deal Fishing team of John (the Duke Of Fluke) Lyzszczarz, Captain Jeff Barnhart, Vince (the King of Skates) Sibona and (Wild) Bill Farris show some of the fluke they caught recently off of island beach state park on Jeff Barnhart's Reel Deal. The team had a great day as all four members of the team limited out on the trip.



### 08/23/05 by Jeff Barnhart

Pat Longo (2nd from left) and Captain Jeff Barnhart (3rd from left) with friends show some of their catch from an overnight trip to the Hudson Canyon. The team went six for seven on yellowfin with a triple header (all fish landed) and one for one on long fin as well as raising a white marlin



**MORE ON NON-REFRIGERATED BAIT THAT WORK** by Dick Vesper

(We received this message from Jim Hutchinson, Jr.)

Thanks for keeping me updated with the newsletter! Hope the weekly listing in our Calendar of Events is doing you guys and the club some good.

Thanks for the mention with regard to strip baits - I always read your newsletter with interest, but I felt compelled to respond here.

I talked to a bait and tackle guy over the weekend - he catches live bait for his shop and many throughout South Jersey, and he's simply amazed at these new "fake baits." When fishing with Mel, I fished a straight bucktail (it was custom-made by a buddy of mine with a little spinner blade at the head) and a single strip of the Gulp! sheet cut in a 4-inch triangular strip, with the tail forked to add more flutter - and it was killer on the flatties just lightly jigging along.

This past week, I took Jim Donofrio and Herb Moore grass-shrimping, and Jim actually started outfishing me by going to a 2-inch Berkley Gulp! shrimp bait on a jig head and jigging back through the slick.

I'm not someone who will ever promote products just to promote - but these new artificials (Berkley Gulp!, Fishbites and Nuclear Worms) are really doing a number of fish, including weaks, fluke, croakers, kingfish, even striped bass down along the southern sod banks.

Catch 'em up guys; look forward to seeing you soon.

**2005 VHFC DINNER DANCE** by Ed Wetmore and Bill Logan - Chair persons of the Dinner Dance



↑ Bill Logan and Ed Wetmore ↑

Sometimes it is very difficult to sit down and gather your thoughts about how to thank people regarding a very successful experience that is; you don't want to thank one group or person and forget another group or person. Well, that's what Bill and I have to do, thank everyone for a very successful 2005 dinner dance and convey our personal feelings of gratitude to all who help me put this together.

I want to first start by thanking my co-worker Bill Logan who went with me to Ocean Acres and the two of us negotiated a great price for the dinner. Bill came through and delivered on every action item such as prize tickets, food selection tickets and other responsibilities he assigned himself to.

It was great working with this guy and I realized one thing at the end of our evening, it was that he had very bit of enthusiasm at the end of the night that he had on the start of our planning.

We want to thank Arleen, Bill's wife and Lorraine, my wife for all the wrapping and support that they gave us during the planning of this event. These two women wanted this event to be special and it was... thanks girls.

We also want to thank Rick Taylor, the owner of Ocean Acres who worked with Bill and me in making food selections and table arrangements which resulted in a great menu which everyone seem to enjoy. Let's face it; \$25 is a great price for what we had that night.

We want to thank the executive board in helping us in many ways, such as taking a chance and voting in favor for the band which allowed us to have live entertainment that made our evening special. Let's not forget the flowers the ladies received, great job John Nonnenmacher and picture taking by Roland Dixon and Dick Vesper. Wow, great prizes and some of them came directly from executive board like the dinner certificate for two at the Grape Vine restaurant given by Ray and Flo Williams. Yes, the names go on and we all worked together for a smooth end result.

We would also thank all the sponsors that donated the many prizes we were able to give out and enjoy the

smiles on all of your faces who got fishing poles or great gift certificates. We will send out a certificate of appreciation to all our sponsors.

Finally, we would now like to thank all of you who came to this great dinner dance, we were thrilled to have 60 people attend and have fun, eat great food and go home a little happier.

Our sincere thanks and we hope all of you had a special evening and will return next year.

Our Weigh Master, George Fruh, and his bride Flo celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary with us at the dance.



**IN-SHORE FISHING (Summary of the August Meeting Presentation)**

At our last meeting, Basil Dubrosky, who has been fishing Ocean County waters for almost 20 years, gave us a presentation describing where, how and what he uses to fish the local in-shore waters. He described the structures he fishes within a 9 mile radius of the LE Buoy and how he plans a typical float trip.

Basil combines fluke and black bass fishing to maximize the value of any trips. He showed us marker buoys to mark structure and how to make them. He also showed us the reef anchor he uses and explained how to use it. He also described the tackle and baits used. There was a great deal of audience participation and appreciation.

After the presentation Basil, Ed Wetmore and Dick Vesper manned hands on tables where you could see the floats, reef anchor and rigs up close and learn how

to make them. Ed and Dick were able to share their unique approaches with interested participants. If you missed the presentation be sure to attend this month's meeting. Basil, Ed or Dick would be happy to answer your questions at that time.

**BOATING GEAR FOR SALE** by Dick Vesper

1. New Ad: Garmin Handheld GPS Map76 with Garmin Blue Chart Americas CD Chart. Sells new today for over \$450 for GPS & chart. Will sell for \$250.00. Hardly used as I bought a combo GPS & Depth finder for my boat. Call Ray Williams at 609-978-1480. Still have box & all instructions. **[ad expires 11/15/2005]**
2. 1993 Baha Cruiser 285 Weekender – 28.5ft; 10.5' beam; 2 Volvo V8 305 CI 205HP Inboards (620 hours); fresh H2O engine flush sys.; Outriggers; 12 rod SS Rocket Launcher + rod storage in gunnels; tackle lockers; bait station w' sink; shore power; battery charger; 2003 Color GPS & 2004 VHF; 1999 Color Video Sounder; Loran; 1999 J AM/FM Stereo Cassette; Hot/Cold Fresh Water Sys.; galley; head w' shower; auto extinguisher sys.; Bennet trim tabs; Canvas drop curtain; many extras. 2004 survey gave it excellent rating; valued at \$35,000 to \$40000. Asking \$34000. Call Vince Sibona at 609-597-6162. (expires Sept.15, 2005) **[Ad expires: 9/15/05]**
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 \$500 597-4430 (expires Sept.15, 2005) **[Ad expires:9/15/05]**

**FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS**

**(These 3 ads expire 12/31/05; unless owners renew)**

1. 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. 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.
3. 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](mailto:wjann@voicenet.com)

<b>VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.</b>		<b>Trustees</b>		<b>Sponsors</b>	
<b>2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>		Sergeant at Arms	Charlie Kochka	Website	Bill Logan
<b>Officers:</b>		Weigh Master	George Fruh	Vessel Safety	Dave Sikorski
President	Dave Sikorski	Member Data Base	John Nonnenmacher	JCAA/Regulations	Ed Wetmore
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	John Borick 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Guest Speakers	Bill Immediate Past	Recruiting	Vacant
Vice President	Ed Wetmore	Pres.	Ray Williams	Fishing Hands On	Vacant
Treasurer	Bill Logan	Communications	Roland Dixon	Tournament Director	Vacant
Secretary	Ed Wetmore	Newsletter	Dick Vesper (nonvoting)	All '05 Tournament Chairpersons are	
		Library	Bill Dabney	Trustees	
		Library Alternate	Steve Cook	Other Past Presidents	(non-voting)



## VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.

Surf Tournament Registration Form  
Saturday & Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005

The Surf Fishing Tournament is planned to be a VHFC group event. Participation in this Surf Fishing Tournament is planned for the current VHFC membership only. Remember a spouse can attend, as they are co-members. Please sign up no later than October 7, 2005 or fill out the form included in the September newsletter and mail it to the Village Harbour Fishing Club. You may participate in 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:** The tournament will be held between 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Surf City. Those who are new to Surf Fishing can receive tips and instructions at the 5<sup>th</sup> street entrance from the Village Harbour Fishing Club Members.

**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 the luncheon "Dutch."

**Schedule:** 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday  
5:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Sunday

**Weigh-In Times:** 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday  
12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Sunday only Luncheon at Subbogies

**Prizes:** The heaviest\* of the following species will be given \$20 each

Striper - 28 inch minimum      Bluefish - 14 inch minimum      Black Drum - 16 inch minimum

The longest\*\* of the following species will be given \$10 each

Atlantic Crocker - No minimum      Weakfish - 13 inch minimum  
Black Sea Bass - 12 inch minimum      Northern Kingfish - No minimum  
Red Drum - 18 inch minimum      Scup (Porgy) - 9 inch minimum  
Tautog (Blackfish) - 14 inch minimum      Winter Flounder - 11 inch minimum  
White Perch - No minimum

The longest\*\* of the following species will be given \$5 each

Sea Robin - No minimum      Dogfish - No minimum  
Skate - No minimum

**Weigh-ins:** At the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Mouth, etc. will still have to be weighed in officially at Fisherman's Headquarters or at American Sportsman.

\* In the event of a tie, the longer fish will be the winner (if both length and weight are the same, the earlier fish weighed in shall be the winner)

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**Release of Liability:** Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Each individual entered in the tournament assumes full personal responsibility for all decisions effecting their participation in this tournament, and agrees to indemnify and hold the club and its officers harmless from any claims made by anyone affected by participation in the tournament.

Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

# ATTENTION ANGLERS

## 2005 NJ Minimum Size, Possession Limits & Seasons

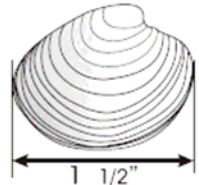
Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (*except Black Sea Bass*).  
Cleaning or filleting of fish with a minimum size limit while at sea is prohibited.



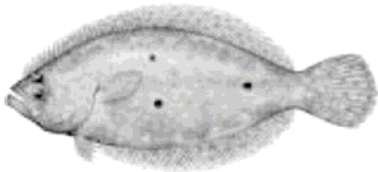
**Weakfish**  
8 fish at 13 inches



**Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass**  
1 fish at 24" or greater, but less than 28"  
1 fish 34" or greater



**Hard Clam**  
recreational limit - 150 clams  
No harvest on Sunday  
License required



**Summer Flounder (Fluke)**  
8 Fish at 16 1/2 inches  
Open Season: May 7 - Oct. 10

Del. River & tribs. (Rt. 1 Bridge); Trenton, to Salem River & tribs.  
Open Mar. 1 - Mar. 31 & June 1 - Dec. 31  
Atlantic Ocean (0-3 miles from shore), no closed season  
(Greater than 3 miles from shore), closed  
All other marine waters, open Mar. 1 - Dec. 31



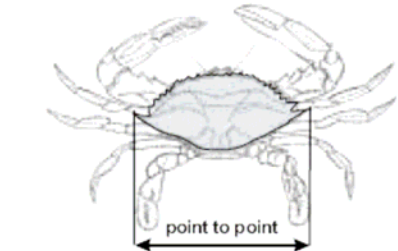
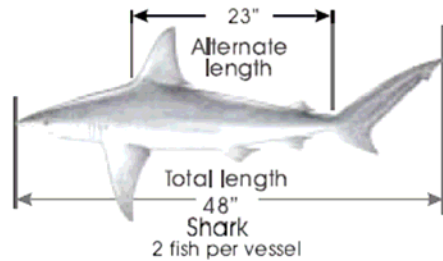
**Winter Flounder** 11 inches  
Open seasons: March 1 - May 31  
Sept. 15 - Dec. 31  
\* Changes expected after August 1.  
\* Refer to Division Website

**PROHIBITED SPECIES**  
*It is illegal to take, possess or land any of the following species:*

**BIGEYE SAND TIGER SHARK  
SHORTNOSE STURGEON  
ATLANTIC STURGEON  
SAND TIGER SHARK  
BASKING SHARK  
WHALE SHARK  
WHITE SHARK**



**Tautog** 14 inches  
Open seasons:  
4 fish Jan. 1 - May 31  
1 fish June 1 - Nov. 14  
8 fish Nov. 15 - Dec. 31



**Blue Crab**  
peeler or shedder - 3 inches  
soft - 3 1/2 inches  
hard - 4 1/2 inches  
recreational limit - one bushel  
Crab pot/Trot line Seasons:  
Delaware Bay & tributaries  
April 6 - Dec. 4  
All other waters  
March 15 - Nov. 30



**Black Sea Bass**  
25 FISH @ 12 INCHES  
Open season: Jan 1 - Dec. 31

OTHER SPECIES	POSSESSION LIMIT	TOTAL LENGTH
AMERICAN EEL	50	6"
BLACK DRUM	3	16"
COBIA	2	37"
COD	NO LIMIT	21"
HADDOCK	NO LIMIT	21"
KING MACKEREL	3	23"
POLLOCK	NO LIMIT	19"
RED DRUM	1	18"- 27"
SCUP (PORGY)	50	9" (Jan. 1-Feb. 28 July 1-Dec. 31)
SHAD	6	NO LIMIT
SPANISH MACKEREL	10	14"
LOBSTER	6	3 3/8" (carapace length)



**Bluefish**  
15 fish no minimum size



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Fish and Wildlife  
[www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)



## Village Harbour Fishing Club, INC.

2005 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications  
**MAIL COMPLETED FORM 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 13, 2005

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Note: Both \* items must be completed.

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2004 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.

2005 Form for *Junior Angler* Renewals and New Application  
**MAIL COMPLETED FORM 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 13, 2005

**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 13, 2005.

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.): \_\_\_\_\_

**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>TIP'S HARDWARE</b> West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle &amp; supplies</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>BOAT U.S.</b> 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>

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