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EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

BOARD MEETING: 01 SEPTEMBER

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 08 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:

- Committee Reports
- Report on VHFC Dinner
- Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award
- 2007 Tournament Discussion
- Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Hands-On Surf Fishing

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Borick.

Well the hot, lazy days of summer are over, and I hope everyone enjoyed a great Labor Day with family and friends. I had the chance to fish the tail end of that string of 100 degree temperature days, as I figured it would be cooler on the water. The surface temperature of the bay water at Double Creek channel was setting at 79 degrees almost 80, and I noticed that the incoming tide only dropped the surface temperature of the water down to 76 degrees. Even that didn't help the bay fishing, as all we could catch were sea robins. The more sea robins we caught the more boats circled around us, as no one else was catching anything. The most exciting thing that happened was a large school of bait fish came by our area, and we laughed as a couple of boats followed the school into the shallows and grounded their boats. The water was so warm I think they were glad to jump into the water and cool off, as they removed their boats from the sand bar. Next time I go fishing I'm going to make sure the water temperature is a lot cooler. Although the fluke will be leaving the bay, the weakfishing in the bay is usually good until

October.

For those members who remove their boats in early September, the fluke will be migrating out of the bay, and evening fishing trips to the surf will sometimes produce excellent results. Kingfish will be in the surf, and small hooks and blood worms, might give you an enjoyable dinner.

We will be having our hands-on surf fishing in September, and this is your chance to learn to fish the surf. We will teach you the techniques and equipment you will need.

We had three events last month, I hope you didn't miss. Captain Adam Nowalsky gave an excellent talk on sea bass fishing off-shore. I hope you were able to participate in our Fluke and Sea Bass tournament. Our Dinner Dance, which is our event of the year, was a great time for all who attended. I wish to thank everyone, who helped put together our Dinner Dance, especially Bill Logan and Ed Wetmore. I also would like to thank anyone who contributed a gift. If you missed the event just talk to anyone who attended. I guarantee you won't miss it next year.

Remember September fish of the month is both fluke and Croakers. We seem to have an abundance of Croakers in the surf, so if it is over a pound have it weighed at our one of our weigh stations.

Next year Ed Wetmore will be your new president, and there will be openings on the board to fill. Help Ed out by becoming a board member. But don't forget to go fishing.

2006 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

by George Fruh

The same seven species will continue for our 2006 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.

Blackfish
Bluefish
Fluke
Sea Bass
Striped Bass
Weakfish
Winter Flounder

CURRENT STANDINGS

Winter Flounder	Bill Logan	2lb. 4oz.
Weakfish	Basil Dubrosky	2lb. 6oz.
Sea Bass	Bob Dodds	3lb. 10oz,
Striped Bass	John Kleban	29lb. 12oz.
Tog	Ron Nachmann	5lb. 13oz.
Blue Fish	Paul Galasso	14lb. 11.2oz.
Fluke	Steve Cook	5lb. 1.6oz.



A Big Sand Shark!

Ray Williams’ grandson’s friend Ethan shows off one of those pesky sharks. Ethan’s goal on his visit was to catch a big one! Ray accommodated him but not on purpose!

2006 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by George Fruh. Due to the early publication deadline for the September Newsletter, no updates on Fish of the Month & Year are available. However, the August winner will be recognized at the September meeting.

2006 FISH OF THE MONTH by George Fruh

The same eight species will continue for our 2006 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

FLUKING AT DOUBLE CREEK by Bill Jann
 Bill Dabney and I decided to go up to Double Creek and Barnegat Light to see if we could find any fluke ... we had a nice assortment of bait; killies, squid/shedder oil, shedders, frozen spearing, and a bunch of various Gulp! Baits ... it was a sunny day with modest NE wind ... we caught what should have been the last of the outgoing water but, in fact, it kept running out for another 2 hours (??) ... water temp was 73 degrees going out and 67 degrees coming in ... we drifted from the dike down through the inlet with very little success ... the one exception, though, was a snag (we thought) that Bill hooked into ... the snag started swimming and Bill fought it for 30 minutes ... it turned out to be a huge skate, (on a fresh water rod with 10 pound test line) which broke his rod in half, along with the line, and got away ... once the tide turned in, the bite turned on ... all sea robins and fluke ... they hit everything we had, but Gulp! was the best ... even the old stuff that I had in the freezer since last year Color or shape didn’t seem to matter, they hit it all ... the best spot was the flat in front of the lighthouse, where the water shoaled from 15 feet to 3 feet along a sand bar ... Bill’s jig rig, with a streamer teaser about 18” above it did the best ... at day’s end we had gotten 7 keeper fluke (to 19”), 20 throwbacks, and 25 robins ... All in all, a good day on the water

(Photos on next page)



Fat Fluke up to 19"!!

August 26th. The weather started off with a BANG! (Thunder that is) but the 19 participants braved the elements to fish and then were rewarded with a barbeque at the Logan's home. All in all, a successful tournament was had. The sharing of the TALL fishing stories and listening to the participants talk about their jobs and time spent in the military made it more interesting and of course the girls talked about their homes and whatever else women discuss, like the goofs they are married to.

Bill Logan and Ed Wetmore co-chaired the event and are very grateful to all members and their spouses who made this event a super experience for all who fished.

The winners were **Joe Steitz** with a Fluke weighing in at 3.7 lbs. aboard his boat the "ROJO" & **Jeff Barnhart** with a Black Sea Bass weighing in at 1.5 lbs. aboard the "CATCHALOT". The winners will be presented their awards at the September General Meeting.

The club would like to thank the Logan's for opening up their home to the participants and especially Arlene Logan for staying home and preparing the food while her husband and others went fishing and let's not forget Ed Wetmore who also stayed back due to his hand injury and did the cooking and the club's Weighmaster, George Fruh, who weighed in the fish and kept everyone honest.

2007 TOURNAMENTS by Ray Williams
Please give some thought to what type & how many tournaments we should have next year. We want to encourage more participation in these events. Take the time to call one of your Board Members & tell us your suggestions.

AUGUST FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT RESULTS by Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore

The open water (bay & ocean) Fluke & Sea Bass Fishing Tournament conducted by the Village Harbour Fishing Club was held on Saturday,



Nice Banner Provided by Bill Logan!



Weigh Ins after the Tournament!



Joe Steitz with his Winning Fluke!



Relaxing at the Barbeque

ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE REPORT BY Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore

All 55 people who attended the dinner dance at Ocean Acres Count Club went home with a full stomach and tired feet. The food was great and served in a timely manner. The Band, The Prescripts were terrific, playing and singing some of the best old time favorites. We danced the night away. The only sad part of the evening was having to leave. By now you must get the idea we had a great Dinner Dance.

Ed Wetmore and Bill Logan co-chaired this event along with the help of their wives. We thank everyone who helped make this one of the best Dinner Dances ever.

This event gives members a chance to interact with each other and get to know more about the activities of the club. Our thanks to all the members and sponsors who helped with their support and donated door prizes.

FREE NAUTICAL CHARTS by Bob Hamilton

Just found out about these free nautical charts the other day and figured you might want to put the website info in the next newsletter for the other members.

Check it out and I think you'll agree that it is worth a few lines. The site is:

<http://www.nauticalcharts.gov/viewer/>

Editors Note: Definitely worth looking at!

Door Prize Table



Dinner Dance Pictures



More Pictures



We not only Fish, We Dance



The Prescripts



BOATING GEAR FOR SALE by Ray Williams. If you placed these ads, please note expiration dates & let us know if you wish to continue ads.

1. 1997 GSI SEA DOO Jet Ski. Rebuilt in 2004 Runs great \$1,000.

Attwood Ballistic stainless prop for Mercury engine 3 blade 14 3/4" 17 pitch \$100.

Call John at 609-597-5383

2. Car Top boat launcher Call Joe at 609-971-3666

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

(These ads expire 10/01/06; unless owners renew)

1. 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.

2. 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.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE. IT'S FREE!

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President	John Borick (597-8572)
1 st Vice President	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
2 nd Vice President	Ron Nachmann (698-1430)
Treasurer	Bill Logan (597-0784)
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Fishing Hands On

Vacant

Tournament Director

Vacant

2006 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 8/31/06)

<p>April 14 2006 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder <u>7:45 APRIL 14:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ 2005 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the Oct & Nov Fish of the Month ➤ Intro - Surf Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speakers: Joe Campisano & Matt Lees </p>	<p>May 12 2006 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 12- Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH <u>7:45 MAY 12:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ W. Flounder FoM Award ➤ Update - Surf Tourney ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Mel Boytos, Fisher Queen Charters, Fishing for fluke, weakfish and stripers with artificals and Gulp baits. </p>	<p>May 6th SURF TOURNAMENT Chairmen: John Borick Roland Dixon Basil Dubrosky Entry Form in this issue</p>
<p>JUNE 9 2006 Fish of the Month: FLUKE <u>7:45 June 9:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Weakfish Fish of the Month Award ➤ Intro to North & South Bay Fishing Tourney ➤ Hands-On Fluke & Weakfishing ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Flea Market </p>	<p>June 17th NORTH & SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT Chairman: Ron Nachman</p>	<p>JULY 14 2006 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH <u>7:45 July 14:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club Business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report -N. & S. Bay Fishing Tourney ➤ Intro-Fluke & Weakfish Tourney ➤ Intro to VHFC Dinner ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Hands-On Sea Bass Rigs </p>
<p>JULY 29TH FLUKE & WEAKFISH TOURNEY CHAIRMAN: BASIL DUBROSKY Species: Fluke & Weakfish</p>	<p>AUGUST 11 2006 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS <u>7:45 Aug. 11:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Bluefish of the Month Award ➤ Report Fluke & Weakfish Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker Capt. Adam Nowalsky Fishing for Sea Bass </p>	<p>AUGUST 18TH VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore</p>
<p>August 26th FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNEY CHAIRMEN: ED WETMORE & BILL LOGAN Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 08 2006 Fish of the Month: FLUKE & CROAKER <u>7:45 Sept. 08:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Club business ➤ Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Fluke & Weakfish Tournament ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ <u>Hands-On Surf Fishing</u> </p>	<p>October 13 2006 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish <u>7:45 Oct. 13:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sept. Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion </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 November through March.

**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>BOBBIES 7th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies</p>
<p>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on bait & tackle</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</p>	<p>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>
<p>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>		<p>BOAT U.S. VHFC members only pay \$12.50 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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