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EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

BOARD MEETING: 07 SEPTEMBER

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 14 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
- > Sea Bass FOM Award
- ➤ Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney
- ➤ 2007 Tournament Plans
- Club Business
- ➤ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- > Presentation: Bryan Rose "Striper Fishing with jigs & artificial lures

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ed Wetmore

Wow!!!, it's September, where did the summer go? I know fall is just a few weeks away when I start receiving the new storage and winterization costs from my marina. I just finished polishing the stainless steel on my boat when I looked up and saw some of the other boats coming in with a fluke or two and realized that fluke season ends on the 10th of September. Last year we were fishing the flat fish until October with great weather and the tourists gone, now that's priceless.

I am very disappointed with the EARLY fluke season this year and I am sure all of you feel the same way. I guess until the striped bass start running in October we do have sea bass, blackfish, blues and croakers so there is still great fishing in the our waters.

The sea bass and fluke tournament was a great success with over 30 fishermen/women signed up and the results of that tournament will be announced at the September 14th general membership meeting. The hoagies we had at the Logan's home were great and once again thank you to Arleen and Bill Logan for allowing us to use their home for the after tournament festivities.

The blue fish caught by Paul Galasso was good enough to win the July fish of the month award so congratulations to Paul. The fish of the month award winner for August, which happens to be black sea bass, will be announced at the September 14th meeting. The winner for August as of this writing was unknown. The fish of the month for September is fluke and croaker, good luck and I hope I am announcing your name for these awards.

The 2007 dinner dance held at Ocean acres county club on Friday the 31st was a great success with 70 people in attendance; we had great food, music and prizes. I was told by many people that they had a great time. I and Bill Logan want to thank every one who came and we are glad all of you enjoyed yourselves.

At our next meeting the speaker will be Bryan Rose and the topic will be "striper fishing with jigs and artificial lures. This sounds like a very interesting topic and since a lot of us boat and surf fish for stripers in the fall this could be very beneficial.

The hands on table will be available so that you can ask questions on the best techniques for surf fishing, striper fishing or what ever you may want to know and hopefully you can enjoy catching that striper you always dreamed of landing.

There have been too many boating accidents this year with some resulting in death, please be careful and remember the first rule of navigation: "Avoid Collisions" regardless of who has the right of way on the water.

I wish all you the very best in fishing and boat safety..... Catch Fish and have fun



Barry Gabler speaking on Reef Fishing!

2007 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by Ron

Nachmann

The current standings for 2007 Trophy Fish of the Year competition are:

Blackfish	No Entry	
Bluefish	14 lb	Paul Galasso
Fluke	10 lb 9 oz	Vince Sibona
Sea Bass	2 lb 12 oz	Ron Nachmann
Striped Bass	37 lb 2 oz	Jim Hutchinson
Weakfish	4lb 13 oz	Robert Citarelli
W Flounder	2 lb 8 oz	Susan Gabler

Congratulations to all those listed above.

2007 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by Ron Nachmann

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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 2007, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2007 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

The award for July FOM, Bluefish was announced at the July General Membership meeting. Congratulations to Paul Galasso with a 14 lb. fish. August FOM is Sea Bass. The winner will be announced at the September meeting.

2007 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

The same seven species will continue for our 2007 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

WHAT A FLUKE! by Vince Sibona

This photo is for the newsletter, the web site and whatever else. John Lyszczarz came fluke fishing with me on the SEA BONA, Wednesday, August 29. As we left the inlet, John said he had a feeling one of us was going to catch a big Fluke. John never says anything like that! We fished 50 feet of water off the bathing beach at Island Beach State Park. I caught this fluke at about 8:30 AM. The drift was slow and not much going on. I started eating a sandwich, as I watched my 2 rods in the rod holders. Something started tapping one rod. I put down my tasty sandwich and picked up the rod. The fluke played with the bait for a while, and then I set the hook. When I brought the fish up, John netted it for me. The fluke weighed in at 10 lbs. 9 oz., 30 inches long at Fisherman's Headquarters. The fluke was caught on squid and killie on a light green B2 squid rig. A total of 6 keeper fluke were caught.

EDITORS NOTE: Ever notice that the fish always bite when we're eating a sandwich?

VINCE & HIS SUPER DOORMAT!



WHEN JOHN SAYS YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH A BIG FLUKE, LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY!



FISHERY REGULATIONS ENFORCEMENT ON THE WATER by Bill

Logan

Working to heighten awareness of New Jersey's marine fisheries regulations and the consequences of violating them, state conservation officers yesterday inspected scores of recreational fishing boats and popular fishing spots along the Sandy Hook and Raritan bays and the Arthur Kill.

Eighteen conservation officers with the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife, <u>Bureau of Law Enforcement</u> checked 500 anglers during the eight-hour special operation -- part

of an ongoing effort to spur greater compliance with regulations and laws that protect New Jersey's fish and wildlife resources.

Throughout the day, conservation officers inspected 195 private fishing vessels and also checked more than 100 anglers at various marinas and jetties along the targeted waters, Marine Region Capt. Joe Meyer said.

Conservation officers issued 53 summonses and six written warnings for various marine fisheries violations:

- 28 summonses for possession of summer flounder less than 17 inches
- 2 summonses for exceeding the limit on summer flounder
- 2 summonses for possession of weak fish less than 13 inches
- 8 summonses for possession of summer flounder parts
- 2 summonses for interference with a conservation officer for attempting to throw fish overboard
- 2 summonses for possession of undersized porgies
- 1 summons for possession of parts of porgies
- 1 summons for trespassing while fishing
- 2 summonses for possession of black sea bass less than 12 inches
- 1 summons for exceeding the limit of 15 blue fish
- 2 summonses for harvesting shellfish (mussels) from condemned waters of the Raritan and Sandy Hook bays
- 2 summonses for possession of undersized blue crabs
- 4 written warnings for harvesting hard crabs recreationally from the Newark Bay Complex
- 2 written warnings for dumping trash on a wildlife management area

Lawmen also seized a dozen fishing poles and one seine net used to illegally harvest marine species.

ANNUAL VHFC DINNER DANCE by Ray Williams

We held our annual dance on August 31st. Thank you to our members for making this year's event so special. Over 70 people came to the dinner, making this the best turnout we've ever had. Bill Logan &

Ed Wetmore, with the help of John Nonnenmacher & other Board Members made this event a huge success. The dance floor was filled & many great door prizes were given out. Please patronize the donors of the door prizes & when you do, mention that you are grateful for their donations.

DOOR PRIZES DONATION LIST

- 1. Two bottles of wine from Buy Rite Liquors
- 2. \$ 25 gift certificate for Chum Bucket
- 3. Glass dolphin donated by Lorraine Wetmore
- 4. Camille's Floral Designs Flowers certificate
- 5. (3) \$15 gift certificates from Fisherman's Headquarters
- 6. (3) framed pictures of fishing scenes from NJ Angler Magazine
- 7. Complimentary copies & complimentary 1 year subscriptions to Fisherman Magazine
- 8. Complimentary copies of NJ Anglers Magazine
- 9. Lots of tackle & lures from Barnegat Light & Oceanside Tackle Shops
- 10. 10 gift certificates for \$10 from the Boat Shop
- 11. Fish Skinners donated by Bill Logan
- 12. Center Pieces donated by Flo Williams
- 13. 2 gift boxes from Roxies Liquors
- 14. \$50 gift certificate for Callaway's Restaurant donated by Ray Williams



The "Prescriptions" Kept Us Dancing



Smiling Faces



Charlie Kochka, Longtime Member



Ron Nachmann & Roland Dixon



Elaine Novobliski, Flo Williams, Kathy Nonnenmacher, & Ellie Kerstanski Cutting the Rug!

HELP ME! By Ray Williams

I need pictures & recaps of your fishing trips to put in the newsletter. They can be funny or serious. Get your name in the headlines! Thanks to those guys who have sent in info & pictures. However, we need more to publish. Call me at 609-978-1480 & I'll tell you how to send me your stories.

LUNAR CHART by Ed Wetmore

Lunar charts give you an estimate of feeding times based on the effects of moon and sun location. Many of us have seen similar tables in Field & Stream Magazine for years.

If you want to receive the latest table each month, simply send an email to Ed Wetmore (ejwetmore@comcast.net) and state your interest in receiving the Lunar Charts.

FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT REPORT

by Ray Williams

Over 30 VHFC Members participated in the August Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament held on August 18th. Bill & Arleen Logan hosted a fantastic party afterwards at their home. Saturday, the day of the tournament, started out with sunny skies, & moderate temperatures. The only problem was the wind which definitely hampered efforts of our anglers to get out to the reefs. Although no Sea Bass were weighed in, there were quite a few fluke weighed in. The winner of the tournament will be announced at the September General meeting.

I would like to urge more of our members to get involved with these tournaments & to give us some feedback concerning the formats we use for setting up these events. It seems that our members really like tournaments that have a social get together for them & their spouses afterwards. Please let us know your thoughts about tournaments.



Our Illustrious Weigh Master, Ron Nachmann



John & Pat Lyszczarz, Vince & Nancy Sibona



New Member Rick Peters with a Nice Fluke!



Chairmen Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore



The Ladies Enjoy a Good Laugh



Guess What I'm Having for Dinner!



Steve Cook enjoys the Food in Bill Logan's Yard



Weighing In the Fluke

LIKE TO SEE COLOR PICTURES? Williams

Unfortunately, the cost of printing our newsletter in color is almost ten times higher than publishing in black & white. However, if you choose to get your free Newsletter by email, you'll get all of the pictures in color. Another benefit is that you won't have to find a place to store the paper after you've read it. Simply save the newsletter to a folder in your computer. To get the newsletter by email instead of by mail, call me at 609-978-1480.

RESCUE REEF by Ron Nachmann

The Reef Rescue mission goes on. If we speak up, we can win this important issue. Check out the website www.njreefrescue.com.

NEW SUGGESTION FORM by Ron

Nachmann. There will be a "Suggestion Box" available at all meetings for you to place your comments in for our consideration.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DRAWING by John

A random drawing will be held at each of the monthly general membership meetings. All members who have paid their dues will be automatically entered each month. One name will be drawn randomly each month. Member must be present at the meeting to claim prize, if not the winnings will be "rolled over" into the following months drawing until a winner is present. After the prize has been claimed the drawing will be reset to \$10.00. Good Luck and see you at the meetings.

FISHING LOG by Bill Jann

Hello to all! Below is my log of our fishing trip last Sunday. One more great day on the water! Sorry, no pix, I forgot the camera

trip #: 24 date: 8/17/07 day:

LE reef place

weather & wind: Cloudy, dead calm °63 to 77 temperature: air:

catch: 3 fluke, 15 shorts, 20 skates, 2 robins

comments and radio talk:

Went out with Basil and Jerry on the Miss Lynn

... left the dock at 7:10, with cloudy skies and no wind at all ... Basil's oil leak was fixed and the boat ran without a flaw ... we stopped at "the tanks" on LE reef and set up to drift for fluke ... what drift! there was no breeze at all and we stayed on the same spot for half an hour ... got some fish though ... I got a fluke at 16 3/4" while Jerry (AKA "the fishing machine") brought in a 23 incher ... we thought we were in for a great day, but the lack of drift was a turn on for the skates ... lots of them and a good number of fluke that would have been legal last year ... we had all kinds of bait, but killies and squid seemed to be the best ... eventually, I got a nice 22 incher and Bas scored with another keeper ... our timing was good ... it started to rain as we came back in and didn't stop for the rest of the day.

FLUKE TRIP by Vince Sibona

Photo of John Lyszczarz and I. Thursday, August 2. We caught 8 keeper fluke up to 24" off Island Beach State Park bathing beach. We were on John's boat "Catchalot".



CLASSIFIED ADS by Ray Williams

12' alum. Row boat. Starcraft w'wood seats, does not leak. 7.5 hp Evinrude mint cond. No trailer. \$800. 2 man kayak. Hobie w' 2 seats & paddles \$300. Call Gail at 201-797-1333

10' 6" U. S. Marine Inflatable Boat, Max 15 H.P., Load Capacity 1500 lbs. Has 4 air chambers. Includes 2 aluminum oars, air pump, carrying bag, repair kit, retractable wheels, only \$400. Call Walt at 492-2655

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.

Walter Maier, a new member, is looking for members with boats who might want to take him fishing with them. He is willing to share expenses. He has been out with several of our members already. He is available most days & lives in the area; his number is 609-489-0779.



Bill Jann & Basil Dubrosky with some nice Fluke



VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting

Board members.

HIGHLY MIGRATORY NEWS ALERTS by Ed Wetmore

Gentlemen, this is an interesting web site, please notice at this site the change in blue fin tuna recreational catch limit adjustments.

Subject: To receive the Highly Migratory News Alerts and other information on HMS species sign up at the link below.

Date: Tue, 21 Aug 2007 16:36:26 +0000

to receive the Highly Migratory News Alerts and other information on HMS species sign up at the link below. They have stopped sending out faxes and this is the way NMFS is contacting you regarding HMS.

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/newslist/

SEPTEMBER REGULATORY REPORT by Dave Sikorski

The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife recently conducted an enforcement exercise in the Raritan Bay area. 195 boats and 500 anglers checked, as a result 53 summonses were issued for various violations. Some fishing equipment was confiscated in the process. Most of the violations were for possession of short Fluke. Conservation officers have also been checking boats and anglers within our local waters, so be sure that the fish you keep on board are within the minimum size and bag limits for each species.

The 2007 NJ Fluke season ends (ended) on Sept 10. This was the shortest Fluke season in NJ, ever. Next year's season is likely to be even shorter! The NMFS has recommended yet another reduction in the Fluke quota for 2008. Even though the Fluke population (Biomass) is greater than it has ever been since they started measuring it, (currently over 100 million pounds and growing), it is not growing quickly enough to reach the 204 million pound target in 2012,

as mandated by the Magnuson Stevens Act, which governs the management of Fluke. It looks like the only way to fix the problem is the get Congress to change the law which sets the target for the "rebuilding" of the Fluke biomass.

On October 1, the Weakfish bag limit reduces from 8 fish to 6 fish.

NJ Representative Frank Pallone has introduced a bill to give Blackfish (AKA Tautog) Game fish status in NJ. Blackfish stocks have fallen steadily each year since a market for live Blackfish in restaurants developed in the 1980s. Stringent regulations placed on the recreational fishery 20 years ago and tightened repeatedly have not slowed the decline. This bill would make it illegal to sell Blackfish in NJ. Blackfish stocks are now in serious trouble.

According to fisheries managers, recreational anglers account for 90% of the Blackfish catch. We can expect to hear much more about this in the next few months.

Also, law enforcement personnel told the <u>Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission</u>, earlier this year, that live-lining undersize blackfish for striped bass was a real problem. Have you ever used a live Blackfish as bait for Striped Bass? Do you know of anyone who ever has? How big a problem would you say this is?

The Asbury Park Press provides great coverage of the regulatory issues we face. We have created a new page on our web site that indexes many relevant articles. Please check out the new page on our web site, look under the "What's New" page, or simply click here: APP Articles.

We welcome your suggestions for additional links to websites and information related to the topics above. Please email your suggestions to us at VHFCInfo@aol.com.

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2007 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications MAIL COMPETED FORMS 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 11, 2007

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Would you like to get your newsletter by email? Circle	e Yes or No A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.	
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2007 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 9/14/07)				
April 13 2007	May 11 2007	May 5th		
Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 13: > Club business > 2006 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: Steve Purul "Striper Fishing with Bucktails & Live Lining JUNE 8 2007 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 8: > Club business > Weakfish Fish of the Month Award > Report - Surf Tournament > Intro to North & South Bay Fishing Tourney	·	SURF TOURNAMENT Chairmen: John Borick Ron Nachmann Entry Form in this issue JULY 13 2007 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 13: Club Business Fluke Fish of the Month Award Report -N. & S. Bay Fishing Tourney Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney Intro to VHFC Dinner		
 Speakers: Shell Caris "Boat & Surf Fishing Techniques Flea Market 		 All Present - Fishing Discussion Speakers: Hugh Carberry "Reef Fishing Techniques" 		
AUGUST 18TH FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNEY CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN & ED WETMORE Species: Fluke & Sea Bass	AUGUST 10 2007 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS 7:45 Aug. 10: Club business Bluefish of the Month Award All-Present - Fishing Discussion Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney Speaker: Barry Gabler "Reef Fishing"	AUGUST 31, 2007 VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB 7:30PM		
SEPTEMBER 14 2007 Fish of the Month: FLUKE & CROAKER 7:45 Sept. 14: > Club business > Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award > Report - Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament > Speaker: Bryan Rose, Striper fishing with jigs and artificial lures All-Present - Fishing Discussion > Hands-On Surf Fishing	October 12 2007 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish 7:45 Oct. 12: > Sept. Fish of the Month Award > Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker Unknown	NOVEMBER 9,2007 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. 7:45 NOV 12 ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER		

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.

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	L&H Woods & Water 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase
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.	GALLIVANT GRAPHICS BOAT LETTERING We come to you 10% off for members 609-812-9883
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	OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800	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

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