



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

BOARD MEETING: 05 SEPTEMBER

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 12 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 & Fluke FOM Award
- Club Business
- 2008 Tournament Plans
- Intro-Fall Surf Tournament
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Presentation: **Petty Officer Michael Bontempo, Cold water safety and survival techniques**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ron Nachmann

As the summer season is winding down, much is happening on the fishing scene. Fluke fishing is still a low keeper percentage game, but reports of some 19 to 24" fish have surfaced. I personally landed a 4.7 pounder last weekend. However, short non-keeper fluke, scarce bluefish, and only a few sizable weakfish seem to be the in the coolers. This explains the scarcity of entries at our three sponsor weigh-in locations.

As of this writing reports of excellent fishing for kingfish and snapper blues near both inlets are happening. Chumming with clam logs is the ticket per the local bait shops. Take your kids and grandchildren for lots of fun and some tasty fillets for dinner.

We all hope good fishing is on the horizon as the mullet staging has begun in the back bays and the September 15th full moon should get the run under way. That should bode well for the new FALL SURF TOURNAMENT debuted elsewhere in this newsletter and with the early season shut-down of the fluke season on September 7th, we need a productive

autumn season. May the striper, bluefish and croaker gods smile on us!

Our thanks to Ed Wetmore and Bill Logan for their hard work on the Sea Bass and Fluke Tournament.

I am looking forward to this meeting's guest speaker, Coast Guard Boatswains Mate, First Class Michael Bontempo's talk on cold weather preparedness and survival. Those of us who striper fish through November and December whether from surf, jetty, or boats should welcome his insights.

'til the next tide,
Ron

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Take time to do it right or make time to do it over!

2008 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR AS OF 08/27 by Ron Nachmann

Blackfish	No Entry	
Bluefish	18 lb 9.9 oz	John Kleban
Fluke	9 lb 4.5 oz	John Kleban
Sea Bass	4 lb 11 oz	Susan Gabler
Striped Bass	40 lb .8 oz	John Kleban
Weakfish	11 lb 11 oz	Ed Cherry
W. Flounder	No Entry	

Congratulations to all those listed above.

Prizes for all the Trophy Fish of the Year winners will be distributed during the April 2009 Membership Meeting.

2008 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by Ron Nachmann

The same seven species will continue for our 2008 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.

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 2008, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

The award for Sea Bass & Fluke will be announced at the September General Membership meeting.

2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2008 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

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.

NJ WATER QUALITY by Dave Sikorski

NJ water quality is up & down according to this report in the Asbury Park Press. Check it out! <http://www.app.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/200809010410/NEWS/809010352>

FLUKE FISHING by Vince Sibona

Friday, August 29. John Lyszczarz, Bill Farris and I went fluke fishing with Jeff Barnhart on the Reel Deal. We left Jeff's dock 6:30 AM. We arrived at the Barnegat Reef shortly after 7:30. There were only 3 other boats on the reef. We started catching fish 10 to 12 minutes after we started our first drift. The water temperature was 72 degrees. The air temperature was mid to upper 70's. Winds were out of the east 5 to 10 knots, Seas 2 to 3 feet, and

a perfect drift. We had a few light sprinkles of rain early, then it cleared and we had a beautiful sunny day. We caught about 40 fluke. We ended up with 8 keepers to 22 inches. We used squid, killies and gulp for bait. It was the best day we had this season probably due to the warmer water temperature. We fished until 2:00 PM. When we left, there were about 40 boats on the reef.



John, Vince, Bill, & Jeff & Some Nice Fluke!

WHITE MARLIN by Jeff Barnhart

Attached photo of 58 inch White Marlin I caught inside the Spencer at the 40 line. I was fishing with my friend Bob Percopo on his 29 center console - Outer Limits. The marlin hit a blue and white islander with a bally. It made several acrobatic jumps tailing walking across the entire back of the boat. After taking this picture the marlin was successfully released to roam the Atlantic once again.



A Beautiful Fish on a Beautiful Day!

FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNAMENT by Bill Logan

Your club's annual **Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament** was held on August 16 as scheduled, six boats participated with 17 anglers, and all were club members as the rules stated. The day was a picture perfect day for fishing, well maybe not perfect for drift fishing, some nice fish were weighed in although there was not much of a wind. The tournament started at 6:30 am and ended at 2:30 pm, weigh in started at 3: pm until 4: pm. My wife (Arleen) and I opened our home to host the weighing in and refreshments. All who fished came back to our home either alone or with their wives to enjoy the festivities. It was very gratifying to see our members interacting with each other. The people who fished sat around to discuss the one that got away or what bait worked best. The wives enjoyed chatting with one another and making new friends and telling fish tales about their husbands.

Here is a list of the Captains and Crew.

Captain Rick Peters **Crew** Pete Figlia & Bob Klebosis

Captain Jerry Debeau **Crew** Bill Westcott

Captain Ed Wetmore **Crew** Lorraine Wetmore

Captain Larry Leary **Crew** Brian Leary, Stan & Mike Goszka, Phil Saverese

Captain John Lyszczarz **Crew** Bill Farris & Vince Sibona

Captain John Nonnenmacher **Crew** Steve Cook

The **FLUKE** winner is

Bob Klebosis 6.lbs 24 inch, way to go **Bob**, I am not sure if he has also won fish of the month or year as I have no way of knowing what has been weighed in at our official weigh stations, but it's possible **Bob** may have fish of the Month along with fish of the Year. **Bob** said the fish was caught in the WATER, nah! Just kidding, at Little Egg Reef if you want to know what bait he used come to the meeting and ask **Bob**, he will be presented with his winnings of \$85.00 at our September meeting.

The **SEA BASS** winner is

John Lyszczarz 2.lbs 13 7/8 inches Nice fish **John**, Again I cannot comment on whether he has a winning fish of the Month or Year. **John** is another long time member of our club and another **REAL FISHERMAN**. **John** had also fished the Ocean and caught his Sea Bass on the Barnegat Reef. **John** will be presented with his winnings of \$85.00 also at our September meeting.

Arleen and I want to thank **Kathy Nonnenmacher and Margie Cook** for coming early to help. A great big thank you to **Bill & Dolores Dabney** for the very delicious cake. Finally yet importantly **Ray & Flo Williams** for their support, they checked several local food merchants for the best price on Hoagies and of course quality. **AS ALWAYS TEAM PLAYERS, JUST LIKE SOME OF OUR OTHER MEMBERS, NEVER COMPLAINING ABOUT HOW MUCH THEY DO OR WHAT THEY DO FOR THIS CLUB. THEY JUST DO IT AND MOVE ON.**

T--TOGETHER

E-- EVERYONE

A-- ACHIVES

M--MORE



Bob Klebosis & his Winning Fluke



John Lyszczarz & his Winning Sea Bass



Tournament Participants Enjoy Lunch at the Logans



Some of the Ladies at Lunch

ADAM NOWALSKY SPEAKS TO OUR CLUB
by Bill Dabney

Adam spoke to club members at the August meeting about the fight to save our Fluke. It seems that due to the efforts of a lot of fishermen/s groups, there is some hope for the 2009 season. Adam was, as usual, very interesting & informative.



Adam Nowalsky

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER by Bill Dabney
Gentleman, The speaker for Sept. 12th will be Petty Officer Michael Bontempo from the Barnegat Light Coast Guard Station. He will speak on cold water safety and survival techniques that should be of great interest to fall striper fisherman.

MONTHLY HANDS ON by John Henson
We will have the Hands On table at every meeting. Let me know if you want to help out or just stop by if you have any fishing questions.

CLASSIFIED ADS by Ray Williams
Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact me at 978-1480 if you wish to place a free ad.

Boat for Sale
1987 Sea Ray Seville, 19.5 foot cuddy cabin
130 hp Mercruiser AlphaOne stern drive
1996 re-powered with new GM marine short block
low hours, excellent ski boat, also great for crabbing, fishing, and cruising, less than 34" draught, modified V-hull, new (4 years) upper shift and throttle cables and handle, new (this year) lower shift cable, less than 20 hours since 2004 (when we moved to FL)
Mooring cover, Am/fm radio, tape player
Dry docked for five years, Shrink wrapped in winter,
1990 Load-Rite boat trailer: newer tires
\$4000.00 contact Tom or Kathy @ (973) 464-7523 (cell) or (732) 477-5170



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.

Bob Bittle, a new member, is looking for fellow VHFC members to fish with. His number is 609-489-0039.

GREAT WHITE SHARK CAUGHT ON SEA GIRT REEF! by Charlie Daddona

Here is a link to a video of a Great White Shark being caught locally:

http://www.foxnews.com/video2/video08.html?maven_referralObject=3040768&maven_referralPlaylistId=&sRevUrl=http://www.foxnews.com/

FLUKE TRIP ON 08/07/2008 by Bill Jann

Here are some pictures from our trip of 8/7/08. We had a great day and got some of the biggest fluke I've seen in a long time.



Bill Dabney, Bill Jann, Ed Wetmore, & Steve Cook with a Nice Catch!



Ed with the big one...27" and 7 pounds

LITTLE EGG INLET BUOY CHANGES by Steve Cook

Little Egg Inlet has a new buoy system running straight out the center where ninety percent of the boat traffic has been running anyway. Don't forget to reset the numbers into your GPS and plotters the next time you're headed out on the ocean.

2008 VHFC Striper & Bluefish Surf Tournament
Exclusively Sponsored by The Chum Bucket
All proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society



\$5.00 Entry Fee per Angler

All anglers must be registered at least 24 hours prior to fish being eligible

**Tournament is for VHFC members only and runs from
Saturday, October 18th to Sunday November 9th at 6 pm**

Tournament will be divided into 3 segments:

Segment #1-Midnight, October 18th to midnight October 25th

Segment #2-12:01 am, October 25th until midnight, November 1st

Segment #3-12:01 am, November 1st to 6pm, November 9th

There will be three (3) segment prizes and one (1) Grand Prize for the Striped Bass division

****Each segment winner will receive an 11 ft. Lami-Glas Surf King Rod****

****The Grand Prize winner in the Striped Bass division will receive a
Penn 760 Slammer Live-liner reel****

****A \$50.00 gift certificate to The Chum Bucket will be awarded for the heaviest
Bluefish of the entire tournament****

All prizes provided by Skip & Nancy Deckman of The Chum Bucket, 381 Route 9, West Creek

Only surf caught fish are eligible.

All entries must be weighed at a VHFC weigh-in station

All weigh-in slips must be complete and all information must be legible and signed by the tackle shop.

It is the angler's responsibility that all information be correct and accurate.

All fish must be caught on hook and line only.

All fish must be weighed within 24 hours of being caught.

Incomplete or incorrect information on a weigh slip may result in disqualification.

****Prizes will be based on weight****

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by length, in the event both are the same, the angler that weighed in first will be the winner.

Anglers may enter more than one fish and be eligible for more than one (1) prize.

Tournament updates will be available at www.thechumbucket.net

****All decisions are final and are at the sole discretion of tournament director****

Contact tournament director, John Henson, @ (609) 709-9406

Email Highgear417@aol.com

All entries may be given to John Henson at any meeting or mailed to:

288 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

- Formal participation includes a commitment to hold harmless the Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc, its officers and directors for any damage or injury, which may result from participation in this event. Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Each angler agrees to take full responsibility for all decisions regarding the safe participation in this event regardless of current conditions and agrees to indemnify and hold the club and Board members harmless from any claims made by anyone affected in the participation of this event.

Anglers Name: _____ Signature: _____

Anglers Phone# _____ Date: _____

2008 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 9/3/08)

<p>April 11 2008 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 11: > Club business > 2007 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</p>	<p>May 09 2008 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 09- Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH 7:45 MAY 09: > Club business > W. Flounder FoM Award > Update - Surf Tourney > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speakers: Jim Hutchinson Sr. & Jr. Liveling & bait fishing Stripers > Flea Market Coming Soon!</p>	<p>May 17th SURF TOURNAMENT Chairmen: Dave Sikorski Ron Nachmann Entry Form in this issue</p>
<p>JUNE 13 2008 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 13: > Club business > Weakfish Fish of the Month Award > Report - Surf Tournament > Speakers: Bill Figley "Reef Fishing" > Flea Market at July Meeting</p>	<p>July 11th FLEA MARKET AT MEETING BRING YOUR JUNK & SELL IT TO SOMEONE WHO NEEDS NEW TREASURE! FREE TO ALL VHFC MEMBERS Chairman: Ron Nachmann</p>	<p>JULY 11 2008 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 11: > Club Business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Flea Market > Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney > Intro to VHFC Dinner > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speakers: Tom Fote of JCAA "The Fight For Your Fishing Rights"</p>
<p>AUGUST 16TH FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNEY CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN & ED WETMORE Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>	<p>AUGUST 08 2008 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS & FLUKE 7:45 Aug. 08: > Club business > Bluefish of the Month Award > All-Present - Fishing Discussion > Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney ></p>	<p>JULY 19TH, 2008 VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 12 2008 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS 7:45 Sept. 12: > Club business > Sea Bass & Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Report - Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament > Intro - Fall Surf Tournament > All-Present - Fishing Discussion > Hands-On Surf Fishing</p>	<p>October 10 2008 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish 7:45 Oct. 10: > Sept. Fish of the Month Award > Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker Unknown > Fall 3 week Tourney Begins</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 14, 2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. 7:45 NOV 14 ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER FALL TOURNEY CONTINUES!</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 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**

<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>L&H Woods & Water 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase</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 www.theboatshoponline.com</p>	<p>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>
<p>REVOLUTION MARINE & SPORTS CENTER 294 0166 227 Main Street, Tuckerton, NJ 10% discount on bait , tackle, clothing & batteries</p>	<p>OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800</p>	<p>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</p>

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