

# THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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## EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

### **BOARD MEETING: 04 SEPTEMBER**

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 11 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
- Fluke FOM Award
- Club Business
- 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Jim Sr. & Jim Jr. Hutchinson, Local Surf Fishing
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by John Henson

It looks like we are in the Tropical storm passageway just in time for the end of fluke season. The offshore passing of Hurricane Bill last weekend and tropical storm Danny on this weekend not only kept people from heading to the canyons but also made it sloppy enough to keep most inshore fishermen restricted to the bay. Hopefully the next few days will be calm so the fluke fleet can give it one more try to "fill the freezer" before the season closes on the 4th.

I had the pleasure, with my lovely wife, of attending the VHFC Dinner Dance this past August 22nd at the Ocean Acres Golf Club. It was nice to see VHFC members and their wives enjoying a nice casual social event. The food was superb and the music provided by the DJ was very entertaining. There was dancing, door prizes, and flowers for all the ladies. Everyone had a good time and it was a great night out. Thanks go out to Ed Wetmore and Bill Logan for all of the work they put into this VHFC event.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the annual VHFC Fluke and Sea Bass tournament held this past

August 8th. Rosemary Figley was the winner in the Sea Bass category while Rick Peters took the honors in the Fluke division. The tournament had a good turn out this year with 25 entries! I would like to thank Bill and Arleen Logan for their hard work on the event and for opening up their home to the VHFC members for an after tournament get together. Bill and Arleen said everyone had a good time and that they were especially happy to see the camaraderie among those members that participated.

Bill Dabney has set us up, as Bill always does, with another great guest speaker for the Sept meeting. Our own VHFC member Jim Hutchinson, along with his son Jim Jr. will be speaking on surf fishing for the fall season. I'm sure it will be a very informative presentation as these two accomplished fishermen are very knowledgeable in our specific local waters.

Our VHFC monthly poker chip drawing has been unclaimed for the past couple of months and will be \$30 for the Sept Drawing. It will also include a \$25 dollar gift certificate to the Chum Bucket courtesy of the August guest speaker Capt. Fran Verdi. Capt. Fran generously donated this gift and specifically asked that it be included in the monthly drawing. Just a reminder, all you have to do to win is be at the meeting when your name is called, if the member is not present then the prize will keep building for the next month. Good luck!!!

I don't know about the rest of you but I certainly am impressed with the new VHFC T-shirts and hats that were debuted at the August meeting!!! I am very proud to display my club affiliation and I'm sure other members will feel the same way. The shirts are available in three different colors and many different sizes. There are also three different hats available. Please see Vince Sibona for more details at the Sept. meeting.

By now you have probably heard the news story about the Big Mohawk, a "Head" boat that sails out of Belmar. It seems that the Captain and the mates, along with some customers, were involved with the illegal taking of undersized fluke and using them for bait. They now face thousands of dollars in fines and penalties for a variety of marine fish violations. It seems that some undercover NJ conservation officers were on the boat and observed the violations first hand. You can find all the details on the operation, including the identities of the people involved and the penalties on the state's web site at [www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2009/marinelaw8-09.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2009/marinelaw8-09.htm).

I have heard some good reports of kingfish and even some blowfish being caught recently. They have been in both the Barnegat and Great bay areas. I have also had reports of some croakers being caught not too far inside Beach Haven inlet along with some small bluefish. The crabbing reports have been good lately with all of the usual spots producing, and I have even had some reports of weakfish being taken at the mouth of the Mullica River. The local reports of snappers being abundant in the lagoons and shallows of the bay can provide exciting light tackle fishing for both the children and grandchildren so get them out and take advantage while it lasts!

My favorite fishing season is just around the corner, the fall surf-fishing season. Are you ready? I know I am. The bays and lagoons are loaded with bait, peanut bunker to be specific, and it is just a matter of time until they make their way out front and down the beach. I haven't had any solid reports of any mullet yet but they should be appearing any day now. I also haven't heard of any spot, or Lafayette, as they are known down south, being netted yet. If you have never tried live lining the surf with these baits you are missing out on some exciting fishing! We will be able to drive on the beaches again the third weekend in Sept. and I am anticipating the opportunities this presents both for fishing and cruising the beach in search of bait. Hopefully with some Northwest wind and the coming moon cycles the bait will begin its fall migration, I can hardly wait....

See you at the scales,

John H

**2009 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR**

**STANDINGS** by John Kleban There were some big changes in the standings. See below:

Blackfish	No Entry	
Bluefish	15.70 lbs.	Paul Galasso
Fluke	6.25 lbs.	John Kleban
Sea Bass	3.18lb.	Rosemary Figley
Striped Bass	36 lbs. 12 oz.	John Kleban
Weakfish	4.4 lbs.	Skip Deckman
W. Flounder	1.11 lbs.	John Lyszczarz

**2009 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR**

**PROGRAM** by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2009 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 2009, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

**2009 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS** by John Kleban

Paul Galasso was the July winner with a 15.70 lb. Bluefish. Congratulations Paul!

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

**2009 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS** by John Kleban

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2009 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

Fish of the Year & Month standings are recapped and updated on our website frequently. Click on the site to get current standings.

**2009 VHFC DINNER DANCE BY Bill Logan**

Bill Logan and Ed Wetmore would like to thank all that attended the clubs annual dinner dance at the Ocean Acres County Club on Saturday August the 22<sup>nd</sup>; everyone had a good time. The meal was outstanding, Ocean Acres again did a great job, and the music by the DJ Jim Brown was just the right kind of music for the group. It must have been because everyone was up dancing and singing along with the music, even the folks who don't care to dance where tapping their feet right along with the music. We also want to thank the people who helped make this event enjoyable. **Ray and Flo Williams** donated the center pieces for the tables plus a \$50.00 gift certificate to **Callaway's Restaurant** and Callaway's **Restaurant** also donated a \$50.00 gift certificate. Our other donators are **Chip Deckman** from the **Chum Bucket Bait & Tackle** a very nice gift certificate and Chip & his wife also attended the dinner, **Causeway Marine, Roxies Liquor, The Boat Shops** who are always very generous, **BY-RITE Liquors, Horizon Diner**. Don't forget when you patronize these businesses to mention that you are a member of the V.H.F.C and thank them for their support.

Thank you to **Kathy & John Nonnenmacher** for getting the ladies flowers, **Steve Cook & Bill Dabney** for helping to obtain door prizes. And last but not lest **Lorraine Wetmore** and **Arleen Logan** for helping to set up and give out the door prizes.

Thank You and Hope To See You All Next Year.

Ed Wetmore & Bill Logan



**John Henson & Fellow Club Members**



**Bill & Arleen Logan Take a Break From Working the Dance!**



**DJ Jim Brown at Work**



Dancing With DJ Jim Brown!



Vince & Jeff Party with the Nicest People!



Man, These Fishermen Clean up Well When It's Time to Party!



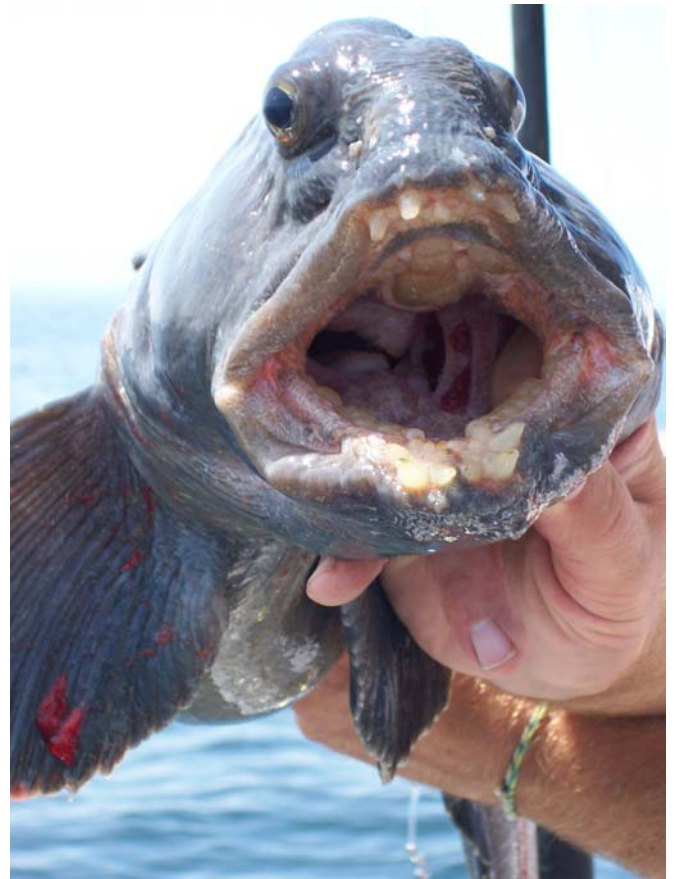
Bill Jann Finally Takes a Break from Fishing

**FISHING REPORT** by Manny Silva

Here are some pictures of the trip we did this week (7/28 and 29) up to Mass again. We got 2 200lb blue fin and limited out on cod also got a wolfish(finally).Capt. Doug Amerllo is great , I wish we had as good a fishery here as they have up there. If any members of the club have an interest to go up the cost is around \$300-\$350 including boat, tip, gas and lodging.



Nice Fish!



Greetings to VHFC Members



**NEW LIBRARY ADDITIONS** by Bill Dabney

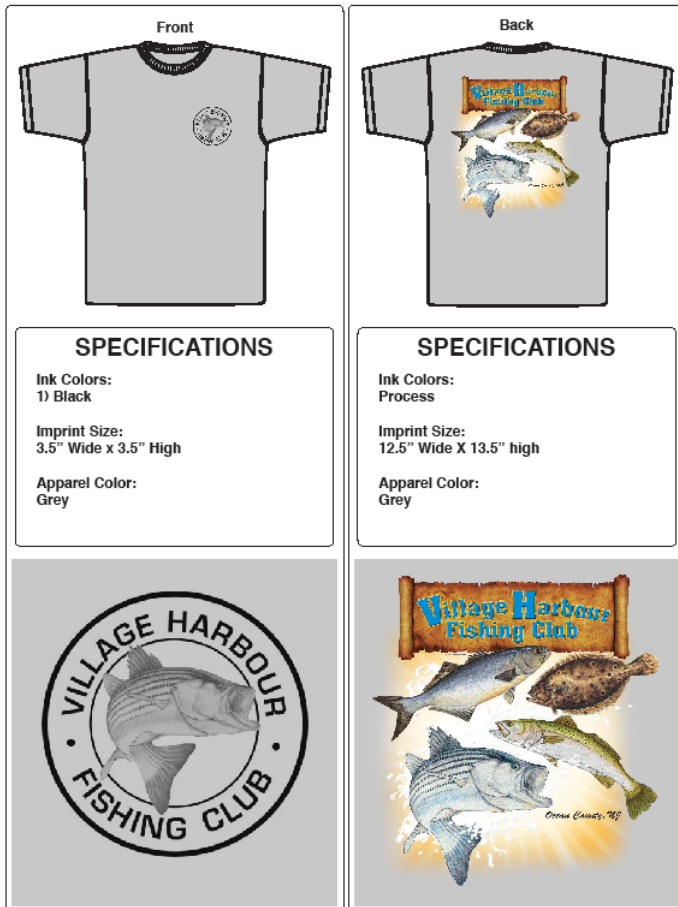
**Book#57**     **Fishing Soft Baits in Saltwater, A Complete Guide To Rigs, Adaptations, Techniques, & More**, by Pete Barrett, Burford Books, ISBN 978-1-58080-148-5, 2008

**Book#58**     **Fishing Diamond Jigs and Bucktails, How to Fish the World's Most Versatile Saltwater Lures** by Tom Migdalski, Burford Books ISBN 978-1-58080-153-9, 2008

**NEW VHFC T-SHIRTS** by Vince Sibona

The Board asked me to get t-shirts for our members. Jeff Barnhart designed a very nice logo for us. I have arranged to have the following 3 t-shirts made for us.

They will be available to purchase at our meetings. The price is \$18 for members & \$20 for guests. Colors choices are Grey, Light Blue, and Sand. The t-shirts feature a pocket on the front. Please consider purchasing one of these beautiful t-shirts to express your support of VHFC!



**POKER CHIP DRAWING UPDATE** by John Henson

Each month, we will draw the name of a member at our meeting. If you are present you will win \$10. If the winner is not present, the next month the prize amount increases by \$10.

**SPEAKER INFO** by John Kleban

We are trying something new on our website. We are recording the Speaker at each meeting & placing audio files containing excerpts or the entire presentation on the website for download. Please let us know if you like this feature.

**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. Please contact me if you wish to renew an ad from last year.

For Sale—Boat trailer for 14' boat. 1992 Conn-Trail boat trailer with 1000# capacity. Comes with spare tire. \$100 Call Steve Cook at 609-978-8416

**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.

Ads from last year need to be renewed for this year!

New club member Ed Valitutto would like to fish with other members with boats. I am especially interested in joining up with someone for the 8 August tournament but am also available most weekends Friday through Sunday. I would be more than happy to share expenses. My cell number is 609-304-5440.

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.

**HELP WANTED AT MEETINGS** by Ray Williams

Your Board is asking for some help at the monthly meetings. We are in need of someone to greet our members as they arrive & take attendance. In addition, we need someone to help with refreshments. If you can help, please see me.

**NEW VHFC HATS AVAILABLE** by Ray Williams

Our club has some beautiful new hats for sale. They are available in 3 different color combinations & have a beautiful embroidered Striper on the front along with our logo. These hats are available at our meetings for \$14 for members & \$16 for guests. You can have your boat's name embroidered on the back for only \$3.

**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER BY** Bill Dabney  
Jim Hutchinson & his son Jim Jr. will speak at the September meeting on “The Intricacies of Local Surf Fishing”.

**EDITOR’S MESSAGE** by Ray Williams  
I am creating this newsletter in my RV while in Spokane, Washington. I apologize if this newsletter isn’t up to normal standards. My wife & I are midway through a six week trip across the United States. We have seen some awesome

sights along the way. Yellowstone is of course, beautiful. We have been to a lot of National Parks & have traveled the states of NJ, Pa, Oh, Ind, IL, Wis, Minn, SD, ND, Mont, Wy, Id, & WA so far. Once we hit Oregon, we will have done all of the lower 48 over the last 4 years. I highly recommend seeing the USA. The people and the views are really something to see!



*Our Board Members at the August Meeting*



*Fran Verdi Speaks at the August Meeting*

2009 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 9/1/09)

<p><b>April 10 2009</b>  Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder  <b>7:45 APRIL 10:</b>  &gt; Club business  &gt; 2008 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" &amp; for the Oct &amp; Nov Fish of the Month  &gt; Intro - North Bay Fleet Outing  &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Speaker: DJ Muller, Bunker &amp; Bass, perfect together!</p>	<p><b>May 08 2009</b>  -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 09-  Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH  <b>7:45 MAY 08:</b>  &gt; Ed Cherry Tribute  &gt; W. Flounder FoM Award  &gt; Update - North Bay Fleet Outing  &gt; Capt. Melanie Boytos Award Presentation  &gt; Speaker: Bill Haluska Stripers  &gt; Club business</p>	<p><b>Tentative Date</b>  <b>May 30th</b>    <b>NORTH BAY FLEET</b>  <b>OUTING</b>  <b>Chairmen: Dave Sikorski</b></p>
<p><b>JUNE 12 2009</b>  Fish of the Month: FLUKE  <b>7:45 June 12:</b>  &gt; Club business  &gt; Weakfish Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Report - North Bay fleet Outing  &gt; Speakers: Bill Donovan &amp; Darrin Dorris, fluke fishing in the bay &amp; ocean  &gt; Club Fishing Forum</p>	<p><b>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE</b>  OUR ANNUAL DINNER DANCE WILL BE IN AUGUST. LOOK FOR THE DATE IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE!    <b>Chairman:</b>  <b>Bill Logan</b></p>	<p><b>JULY 10 2009</b>  Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH  <b>7:45 July 10:</b>  &gt; Club Business  &gt; Fluke Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Club Fishing Forum  &gt; Intro-Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tourney  &gt; Intro to VHFC Dinner  &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Speakers: Bill Figley, reading the tides &amp; water for better fishing</p>
<p><b>AUGUST 8TH</b>  <b>FLUKE &amp; SEA BASS</b>  <b>TOURNEY</b>  <b>CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN</b>  <b>Species: Fluke &amp; Sea Bass</b></p>	<p><b>AUGUST 14 2009</b>  Fish of the Month: FLUKE  <b>7:45 Aug. 14:</b>  &gt; Club business  &gt; Fish of the Month Award  <i>Speaker: Fran Verdi, Fishing for Fluke and Sea Bass Little Egg and Garden State South Reefs.</i>  &gt; All-Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Intro-VHFC Dinner Dance  &gt; Presentation Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tourney</p>	<p><b>AUGUST 22, 2009</b>  <b>VILLAGE HARBOUR</b>  <b>FISHING CLUB DINNER</b>  <b>Chairmen: BILL LOGAN &amp; ED WETMORE</b>  <b>DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB</b></p>
<p><b>SEPTEMBER 11 2009</b>  Fish of the Month: SEA BASS  <b>7:45 Sept. 11:</b>  &gt; Club business  &gt; Fluke Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Report VHFC Dinner Dance  &gt; All-Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; <u>Speaker: TBA</u></p>	<p><b>October 09 2009</b>  Fish of the Month: Striped Bass &amp; Bluefish  <b>7:45 Oct. 09:</b>  &gt; Sept. Fish of the Month Award  &gt; Report on Fluke &amp; Sea Bass Tournament  &gt; All Present - Fishing Discussion  &gt; Speaker: TBA</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 13, 2009</b>  <b>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER.</b>  <b>7:45 NOV 13</b>  <b>ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION</b>  <b>NO SPEAKER</b>  <b>INTRO TO NEW OFFICERS FOR 2010</b></p>

Monthly meetings are 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## BRAND NEW WEBSITE by John Kleban

We have a brand new website that is updated frequently! Please visit us & at <http://www.vhfclub.com/> & send us your feedback at [VHFCreports@verizon.net](mailto:VHFCreports@verizon.net)

### VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### Officers:

President	John Henson (978-0312)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Bill Logan (597-0784)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Treasurer	Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
Secretary	Charlie Daddona (954-4965)

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Sergeant at Arms	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Weigh Master/Awards	John Kleban (597-4852)
Recruiting	Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Membership Data Base	Ray Williams (978-1480))
Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney (978-6893)
Immediate Past Pres.	Ed Wetmore (294-6956)
Communications	Dave Sikorski

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Past President	Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Fishing Hands On	John Henson (978-0312)
Board Member	Ritchie Webb (294-9438)
All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.	

**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>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>	<p><b>L&amp;H Woods &amp; Water</b> 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase</p>
<p><b>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on purchases of \$10 or more</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 <a href="http://www.theboatshoponline.com">www.theboatshoponline.com</a></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>CRYSTAL COVE MARINE CENTER</b> 227 E. Main St., Tuckerton 294-0166</p>	<p><b>OCEANSIDE BAIT &amp; TACKLE</b> 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800</p>	<p><b>WEST CREEK KAYAK &amp; CANOE</b> 224 Main St., West Creek 296-3030 10% off Accessories</p>

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