

THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN OCTOBER

BOARD MEETING: 07 OCTOBER

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 14 OCTOBER

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 & Weakfish FOM Award
- Club Business

8:00 pm Guest Speaker: Jim Shockley will speak on winterizing your boat

- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Vince Sibona

Cold Weather Boating and Fishing. Some of us will be fishing for a few more months into colder weather and we should take precautions. Although the water temperatures will remain warm for a while, we should prepare for coming in contact with water and then cold air. Preparations should include dressing properly and having some necessary items on board. Dressing in layers and a warm hat will keep you warm and will help if you fall into the water, especially when the water temperatures do turn colder. Extra clothing, hats and a warm blanket are some items that should be on board. If someone does fall in the water, that blanket could be a lifesaver. In springtime, air temperatures can be warm, but water temperatures can be very cold, making conditions much worse. Hypothermia. Cold water robs the body of heat 25 -30 times faster than air. Any person pulled from cold water should be treated for hypothermia. Some symptoms may include intense shivering, loss of coordination and mental confusion. Try to keep the person warm and get them to a medical facility. Wearing life jackets and having a throwable Type 4 flotation ring or cushion with a rope attached is advisable as well.

Now that the fluke season is over, I'm waiting, as some of you are, for the striped bass run to start.

This will be the last President's Message and the last Newsletter for the year.

Happy Fishing Everyone!!!!...~ Vince
Vince

2011 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR AS OF 10/02 by John Kleban

Winter Flounder	NONE		
Tog			
Weakfish	John Kleban	.92 lb.	9/1/2011
Bluefish	Paul Galasso	18.0 lb.	7/2/2011
Fluke	Diane Kleban	10.30 lb.	7/24/2011
Sea Bass			
Striped Bass	John Kleban	40.25 lb.	6/5/2011

Congratulations to all those listed above.

2011 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2011 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 2011, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2011 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by John Kleban

The August FOM was Fluke & Jerry DuBeau was the winner with a 6 lb. 13 oz. fish caught on August 24th. The award for Sea Bass & Weakfish will be announced at the October General Membership meeting.

2011 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 2011 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

FISHING REPORT by Donna Harris

I guess it's not too early to catch bass on the beach. Fished last evening and was getting some nice hits but no fish (I'm hearing there are a lot of small blues on the beach). Went back out this morning, October 2nd and caught this 16 pound bass around 7:30 this morning in Ship Bottom on a Bunker Head.



Donna & a Nice Fall Bass!

THE "SHACK" and A DESPERATE CRY FOR HELP by Vince Sibona

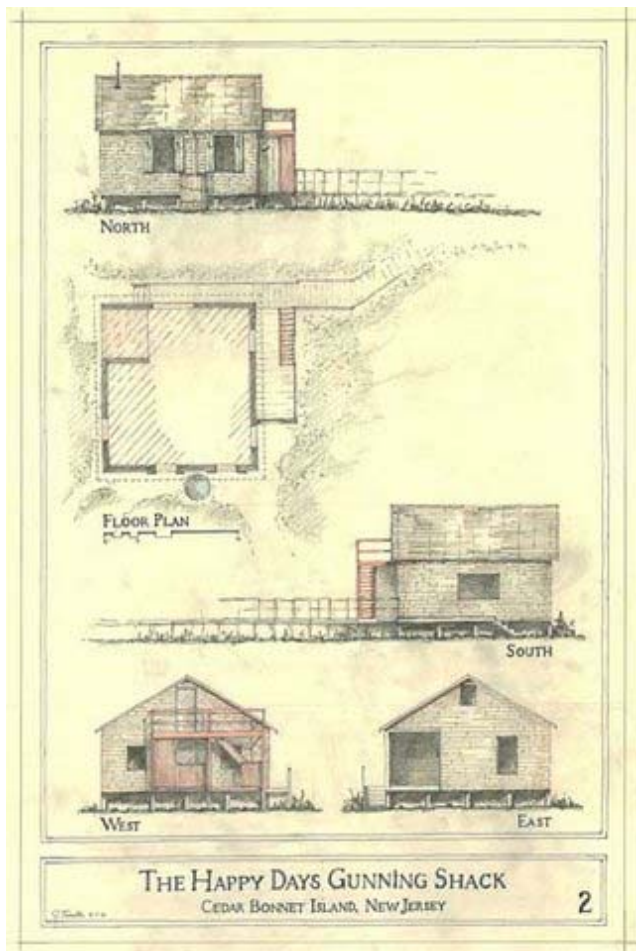
The "Shack" has had my interest for many years. A famous landmark that sits on the bay on Route 72, Cedar Bonnet Island, on the way to LBI is almost as famous as "Old Barney". Cedar Bonnet Island is part of Stafford Township. Over the years I've photographed the Shack in the different seasons of the year and more recently in stages of its deterioration and posted them with small captions in the VHFC Newsletters. Now the Shack has really gotten my attention with the new sign, "PLEASE HELP ME! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?" With that, I knew that I had to find out who put up the sign and find out what it was all about. I made a phone call to a friend, Tim Hart, Stafford Township Historical Society and Division Director of the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission for help. Tim gave me some Shack information and he put me right on to the person responsible, not only for posting the sign, but the same person that braced up the inside of the shack to keep it from falling down and put up the flags and banners and Santa with a flag on the roof at Christmas. Tim got permission from and gave me the phone number of the person to call, Jim Yuhas. Jim was very helpful in giving me information. Jim is the one that has kept the shack from falling down and trying to preserve it. In the beginning Jim had a few friends that helped him brace it up. But legally, Jim has had his hands tied, even though there are many individuals, groups, organizations, builders, lumber companies, etc., wanting to help physically and with monetary and material donations to preserve the Shack. The problem being, no one knew who owned the property that the shack sits on. The late Wes Bell, former owner of property next to the shack with the Bill Board on it, claimed ownership without ever showing definite proof of title. Ann Bell, the widow of Wes Bell, in 2009 sold the property with the Bill Board to Chet Atkins, Jersey Shore Media. Chet Atkins claimed that the Shack property was included in the sale of the Bill Board Property and with his lawyers proceeded to investigate. Friday morning, September 16, I met with Stafford Township Administrator Jim Moran to get more information and to be brought up to date. Jim Moran informed me that he has had meetings with Chet Atkins, Tim Hart, Paul Butterick of Butterick Bulkheading and others. In August, Chet Atkins had acquired and showed proof of title of the property that the Shack sits on. Jim Moran said that the group is working together and that he and Stafford Township Engineers

are coordinating the process to obtain building permits from the New Jersey State DEP and the Army Corp of Engineers and will work with the NJ State Fish and Wildlife Dept. Stafford Township will not be paying for these permits. The money will come from donations sent to the Stafford Township Historical Society. Donations in the form of checks can be made payable to the Stafford Township Historical Society, PO Box 1097, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Please note on your check, "For Restoration of the Shack". Please include your name and address. All donations are tax deductible. The Shack may be restored, rebuilt, possibly using some of the existing materials on the Shack and probably with new pilings to support it, at its present location. If you are interested in making a donation and for more information, please visit www.savetheshack.com/

built around 1957 to where it is today. The Shack was used for hunting, fishing and clamming.



A Sketch of the Shack in Better Times



A Simple Floor Plan from a Simpler Time!

Here is some history on the Shack. "Happy Days" as the Shack was called back then, was built in the 1920s on the other side of Route 72 with 2 other shacks. One other shack, fenced in, still remains on the other side of Route 72. Huey Singleton moved the shack when the Causeway Bridge was going to be



The Shack Today

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.

2000 BOSTON WHALER FOR SALE

18' Dauntless center console with 2004 150 hp Yamaha 4 stroke. 2004 Loadrite trailer. GPS, fish finder, VHF radio. Power tilt steering, live well. Great fishing boat for the bay. Excellent condition, all maintenance done on schedule. \$18,500. Call Ray Williams at 597-3656.

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 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.

Joe Marone is looking to fish with other members. He no longer has a boat but he is willing to share costs. Please call him at 732-674-9448.

A NEW WAY TO CATCH BLOWFISH by Walt Thomas

At the September meeting, when the members had our monthly fishing discussion, Tom Malone reported that he caught a whole bunch of Blowfish while crabbing. He caught them with a hand line that is normally used for crabbing! Here are a couple of pictures for the newsletter.



Yep, those are Blowfish!



The Fruits of Tom's Labor!

OCTOBER SPEAKER ANNOUNCED by Bill Dabney

Our October speaker will be Jim Shockley, one of the finest marine mechanics in Ocean County. He will speak on winterizing your boat. Jim will go through the proper procedures for preparing your boat for winter & has some new information on winterizing when dealing with ethanol gas. He spoke several years ago to our club & was one of our most interesting speakers.

JCAA ASKS ANGLERS TO TAKE MAFMC SURVEY

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is accepting public input through various surveys. One is a general survey while there are also fishery-specific surveys for fluke, sea bass, bluefish, porgies, and other species that are managed by their agency. This is your chance to critique their agency and to make suggestions to improve our fisheries management. JCAA encourages individuals to take these surveys by going to <http://www.mafmc.org/vision>. Below is an excerpt taken from their site.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is looking to you for help in developing a vision for the future of our fisheries. We are seeking your input through surveys and small group meetings throughout the region.

Over the last 35 years the Council has effectively

rebuilt its managed fisheries. We are now determining how these fisheries should be managed in the future. Creating a "blueprint" for Mid-Atlantic fisheries management will allow the Council to address long-term challenges such as maintaining productive marine ecosystems and the communities that rely on our region's fisheries. We want to hear about what is working effectively, what is concerning you, and how you want our fisheries to be managed in the future. We also hope you will tell us how we can make it easier for you to participate in the Council process.

How do existing regulations create economic challenges for fishermen?

What issues do you think threaten the sustainability of Mid-Atlantic fisheries?

How can the Council better manage recreational fishing to improve your experience?

Your participation will help the Council identify long-term goals, a vision, for Mid-Atlantic fisheries. Using your input, the Council will also develop a strategic plan and use that plan to achieve a vision for our fisheries.

Eileen Smith
President
Jersey Coast Anglers Association

DUES INCREASE ANNOUNCED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING by Ray Williams

Our President, Vince Sibona, announced at last month's meeting that dues would increase to \$40 per year starting in 2012. Before you get upset reading this, please remember that dues have been \$35 per year for at least 10 years & our costs have risen many times since the last increase. So, please don't let this increase keep you from enjoying the benefits of club membership.

PICTURES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17TH VHFC DINNER!

Ed Wetmore did an excellent job setting up & running our VHFC dinner this year at Antoinette's. Bill Dabney selected dinner wines for our members. All attending reported that they had an excellent time & that the food was magnificent.





ROD RAFFLE by Vince Sibona

Joe Filice won the custom rod raffled at our September meeting. Congratulations Joe, & thanks again to Manny for building this beautiful rod.

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.

2011 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
 MAIL COMPLETED 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 13, 2011

Print Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Note: Both * items must be completed

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2010 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete the following:

Name of Spouse:	Shore Address:
Principle Address:	(complete if different from Principle Address)
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Would you like to get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Print Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.

2011 Form for Junior Angler Renewals and New Applications
 MAIL COMPLETED FORMS 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, 2011

Note: All 5 * items must be completed.

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 get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.

SPONSOR: Please complete the following:

SPONSOR 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 wellbeing 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, 2011.

Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature*:	Date*: ____ / ____ / ____
Relation to Applicant*:	

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Print Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

2011 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 10/2/11)

<p>April 08 2011 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 10: > Club business > 2010 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the Oct & Nov Fish of the Month > Intro - North Bay Fleet Outing > All Present - Fishing Discussion Speaker: John Henson "Spring Surf Fishing and Driving on the Beach"</p>	<p>May 13 2011 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 09- Fish of the Month: STRIPED BASS 7:45 MAY 08: > W. Flounder FOM Award > Update - North Bay Fleet Outing > Capt. Melanie Boytos Award Presentation Speaker: Steve Purul (Reel Fantasea) will be discussing techniques for using top water lures for striper fishing. > Club business</p>	<p>Tentative Date TBA NORTH BAY FLEET OUTING</p>
<p>JUNE 10 2011 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 12: > Club business > Striped Bass Fish of the Month Award > Report - North Bay fleet Outing > Speakers: Capt. Harold McMaster...Coastal Obsession Charters Topic...Striper trolling with bunker spoons and wreck fishing for blackfish</p>	<p>ANNUAL DINNER DANCE SEPTEMBER 17TH</p>	<p>JULY 08 2011 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 08: > Club Business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > Club Fishing Forum > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker: Jennifer Sibiga, Dermatology Nurse Practitioner...UV Skin Protection</p>
	<p>AUGUST 12 2011 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 Aug. 14: > Club business > Fish of the Month Award > All-Present - Fishing Discussion</p>	
<p>SEPTEMBER 09 2011 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS & WEAKFISH 7:45 Sept. 11: > Club business > Fluke Fish of the Month Award > All-Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker: Capt. George Karr, > Topic, Striper fishing with Live Bait</p>	<p>October 14 2011 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish 7:45 Oct. 09: > Sept. Fish of the Month Award > All Present - Fishing Discussion > Speaker: Jim Shockley, Winterizing Your Boat</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 11 2011 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. 7:45 NOV 13 ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER INTRO TO NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012</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.

OUR CLUB WEBSITE by John Kleban

We have a great website that is updated frequently! Please visit us & at <http://www.vhfclub.com/> & send us your feedback at VHFCreports@verizon.net

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

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1st Vice President Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
2nd Vice President Open
Treasurer Joe Filice (215-256-8707)
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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. Bill Logan (597-0784)
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JCAA/Regulations Dave Spendiff (488-5549)
Fishing Hands On John Henson (978-0312)
Board Member Ed Valitutto (304 5440)
Boat US Jeff Orsoe (732-672-5530)
All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.

To Be Assigned

Vince Sibona (597-6162)
Donna Harris 908-227-5588
John Kleban (597-4852)
Dave Sikorski (978-0437)
Jeff Orsoe (732-672-5530)
Dave Spendiff (488-5549)
John Henson (978-0312)
Ed Valitutto (304 5440)
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**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>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 Jeff Orsoe 494-6415</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 purchases of \$10 or more</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 BAY BAIT & TACKLE 451 East Bay Avenue, Barnegat 609-488-5692 10% discount on everything in the shop, EXCEPT FUEL AND OILS. Present VHFC card before purchase.</p>
<p>BRASWELL TROPHY & ENGRAVING Ken Braswell, Owner 618-1744 10% Discount to VHFC Members</p>	<p>OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800 10% off any purchase</p>	<p>WEST CREEK KAYAK & CANOE 224 Main St., West Creek 296-3030 10% off Accessories</p>

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