



# **HARBOUR LIGHT**

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## **OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE HARBOR FISHING CLUB**

*Editor: Jeff Orsoe VHFC Web Site: <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> June, 2014 Vol. 25 No. 3*

### **NEW METING PLACE**

**Bay Avenue Community Center**

**775 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin.**

Doors open at 7:30 PM

Parking is in back.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi everyone,

Fluke season is in full swing and it seems that the Stripers are hanging around for a feed on the bunker for a while longer. The reports I've read on wreck fishing sound promising with black sea bass, ling and fluke being taken.

At the Friday night meeting, Bill Figley will be presented the **Melanie Boytos Award** for 2013 by Jim Hutchinson Sr. and we have invited relatives of Melanie to attend. In addition, we will have Tom Siciliano from the JCAA who speak about the **Sunshine Tournament and**

**Family Fun Day**, a wonderful cause he believes in and works for.

Club member and charter captain, Brett Taylor, will be our guest speaker this month, letting us know what, where, when and how to for fluking. Bret has been a guest speaker before and should not be missed if you are interested if catching fluke!

I've been away this past week fishing with my three sons and some of their friends. It is a yearly trip for smallmouth bass fishing in New Brunswick, Canada. Great fun, lots of laughs, beautiful scenery and loads of fish! Hope to get out on the water this week so that I'll have a saltwater story to tell Friday.

Hope to see all of you Friday night.

Dave

**EVENTS IN June:****BOARD MEETING: June 6**

7:30 P.M at the **Bay Avenue Community Center**

725 Bay Avenue  
Manahawkin, NJ

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING: October 13**

At the **Bay Avenue Community Center**

7:30 PM: Doors Open Early - Come Help Set Up.

7:45 PM: Meeting Starts With Club Business:

\_ Committee Reports

\_ 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Brett Taylor speaking on Early Season Fluke

\_ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

**This month's speaker**

This month's speaker is **Captain Brett Taylor**. Brett will be discussing early season Fluke. Highlights will be the basic bay techniques to increase your success for fluke. Discussion items will also include tidal considerations, tackle and targeting fluke in the bay.

**Leaders 2014**

WINTER FLOUNDER			
Blackfish			
WEAKFISH			
BLUEFISH			
FLUKE			
SEA BASS			

STRIPED BASS			

**2014 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR**

**PROGRAM** by Butch Glegg

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

The same seven species will continue for our

**2014 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.**

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 2013 then you win the FOY trophy for that

species. **Note:** your dues have to be paid before you

catch an eligible fish.



**THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

This month's Legislative reports can be found throughout the newsletter

**IN THE Reading Room**

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting by

Bill Dabney

If you borrowed anything from our library over the winter, please make sure to return it at the next meeting so that other members may enjoy our library collection.

**OLD FISHING BOOKS WANTED**

Bill Dabney has accumulated some very good books & videos for our library but we will gladly accept any donations if you have fishing or boating books or videos you would like to donate to our library. If you have something, either bring it to a meeting or call Bill at 978-6893 to make arrangements for us to get your book or video.

**Take a look at the new additions to our library**



Boat Owners Association of The United States

(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

We have all heard the saying of "leaving sleeping dogs lie" and that may be true when dealing with certain situations. This month I am going to direct a portion of this column to an article that appeared in the latest issue of

"Seaworthy, written by Frank Lanier entitled "Capt. Frank's Sea Chest of Horrors". Mr. Lanier is a marine surveyor and he describes what can happen should we decide to "let the dogs lie" with an attitude of "out-of-sight, out-of-mind" type of maintenance on our vessels. With some of our members getting our boats back into the water after taking a year off to deal with "Sandy" issues, we may be in for some surprises. While all of might not pertain to us directly, it should give us some food for thought .

Follow this link:

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2014/january/sea-chest-of-horrors.asp>

One our yearly checks of our vessel is our marine radio. Sea Tow has an Automated Radio Check Service. This service allows us to check the functioning of the VHF radio as often as necessary. The Channel for this area is Channel 27. Go to <https://www.seatow.com/tools-and-education/automated-radio-check> . They have a video on how it works. While your checking your radio, take the next step and should it be equips with Digital Selective Calling aka "DSC", add an additional function to your safety if you have not do it already. Register you boat/radio with a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (also called MMSI). Should you find yourself in a distress situation, this service when connected to your GPS will send an alert to the Coast Guard. Go the Boat/ US website as follows: <https://www.boatus.com/MMSI/> and see how simple it is.

Enough of the serious stuff. There is more than likely an "X-Box" or some other equal in our house. If you are like me, I haven't mastered it or really have tried it. Here is something that you can try. Boat US has a page of "games". Go to <http://www.boatus.com/games/> and you will find a series of games that maybe you will be successful at. Test your skill at docking any of three ships around hazards in several marina

layouts or take a journey where you will pass between nautical markers, buoys and other aids. If you're not into that and Sudoku or word games is your thing, they are here to. Try them maybe you can beat the kids.

As a reminder, Should you wish to have a Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Exam performed, Please contact me at 732-672-5530. There is no charge for this service.

Till next time "Tight Lines:

### **T- SHIRTS SALE**

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

VHFC T- shirts will be available at all meetings. The cost is \$18. Please see Vince to purchase yours while supplies last. T shirts may also be purchased by mail.

Please send a check for \$23 which includes shipping to: VHFC, P.O. Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

These shirts are very nice & are being sold at cost



I was surfing thru some of my favorite fishing web sites and stopped at the Recreational Fishing Alliance website ([www.oirnfa.org](http://www.oirnfa.org)). Since I have not been here in a while, I gave it a closer look. Under the "New" tab, I found an article entitled "Obama Faces Whale of Opposition in NJ". This article references the seismic testing program that is just 15 miles East of Barnegat Light. It was to have started on June 2 and is expected to last into August.

This was approved by the Obama Administration as a study for climate change to access deep-sea sediments. The fishing community is still reacting from the effects of Superstorm Sandy and they feel that the explosive study will scatter the fish while also having harming effects to the migratory species such as gray whales, humpbacks along with the right whales that are along our coast.

Another article deals with the Vote on HR 4742. This one deals with the flexibility of the Fisheries Management and a vote against it would be a vote against the fishing community.

I am not going to comment either for or against either one of these articles, but the point is that we as sportsmen have a responsibility to ourselves and our brothers and sisters to keep aware of what is happening on the political front. Each month, Dave Spendiff presents a report on what is happening in regards to fishing regulations in NJ. While the visible immediate effects may be here in our backyard, the far-reaching effects may lie beyond our state boundary.

I encourage everyone to go to the RFA website along with those of similar information so that we can make sound decisions.

Taken from the RFA Website



Being a little bit of a history buff and also a member of the IGFA, I had a few minutes to look into the beginning of this organization. I will wager that many of you did not know its beginnings.

Take a phrase from the IGFA, "Before 1939 there was not a uniform wide code of sporting ethics to guide ocean anglers in their pursuit" That was about to change.

It seems that at about the same time, an American by the name of Michael Lerner was planning a fishing trip to fish the waters of Australia and New Zealand in partnership with the American Museum of Natural History. It was during this trip that he caught up with Clive Firth. (Clive Firth was one of the top Australian sportsmen of the day and together). They discussed an idea of organizing an association that would promote international cooperation of sport fishing. In looking over this history, the name of "Michael Lerner" kept ringing a bell in my head. You see growing up in the Central Jersey Area and having relatives in Perth Amboy, I was frequently dragged into a certain store by my mom, my aunt or my grandmother by the name of Lerner's Clothing Store". It seems that at the same time, Michael was a founder, along with his brothers of the national

chain of "Lerner's Clothing Store". Now the fireworks went off with asking myself could this be the same person? Well the answer was yes it was. It seems that he had left the business to continue his interest of the science of game fish and conservation. Through his work, along with other scholars, anglers and conservationist, the beginning of the IGFA was on its way. The rest of the story can be found at the IGFA website ([www.igfa.org/Museum](http://www.igfa.org/Museum)). Some other names that are in the Hall of Fame include besides Michael Lerner are his wife Helen Lerner, Ernest Hemingway, Zane Grey, John and Kay Rybovich, Mary Orvis Marbury and many others. Check it out! Once you start, you may not be able to stop.

## FISHING REPORTS

### FLUKE IN THE MIDDLE GROUNDS

Posted on [June 9, 2014](#) by [VHFC](#) — [No Comments](#) ↓



June 7, 2014. I got up at sunrise and headed out to the Middle Grounds to see if the Fluke were still in the bay. Luckily, they were. On my first drift I caught a 21", and on the second...Go to our website [www.vhfishingclub.com](http://www.vhfishingclub.com) to read more.



## **THANKS, CAPT. FRAN! BY DAVE SPENDIFF**

Posted on [May 12, 2014](#) by [VHFC](#) — [1 Comment](#) ↓



My neighbor, Lee and I left the dock at 8:00 am on Monday, May 12, 2014 to test the new found information we all received Friday night from Capt. Verdi. I bought a dozen fresh clams, a 21/2 gal. bag... Go to our website [www.vhfishingclub.com](http://www.vhfishingclub.com) to read more.

Posted in [Member Reports](#)

## **STILL NO KEEPERS BY DAVE SPENDIFF**

Posted on [May 8, 2014](#) by [VHFC](#) — [No Comments](#) ↓

I went out early On May 6, 2014 to fish the outgoing tide around the bridge closest to Ship Bottom The lagoon temp was 56 and I didn't see anything higher in the bay than 57.8 degrees all day. I...

Go to our website [www.vhfishingclub.com](http://www.vhfishingclub.com) to read more.

Posted in [Member Reports](#)

## **MONTHLY HANDS ON**

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 Jeff Orsoe

For those of you who have used fishing or sporting equipment that is in good working condition that you will give to the club to be auctioned off at our November "Pizza Night" meeting, please bring it to the meeting tonight. We will let our members know what is planned and ask them to donate like gear. If this is successful, the money we generate will help us support the organizations that fight the battles to keep us fishing. Thanks!

,Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact Jeff Orsoe via email at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net) to place your ad.if you wish to place a free ad.

### **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.

### **What's This KNOT?**

A new column is being started with this month's issue entitled "What's This KNOT". Each month issue will highlight a fishing knot and how to tie it. This month We are taking a link from Fly Fishing in Salt Water. The second is a repeat from last month for those that may have missed it. It can also be found at the IGFA web-site.



### How to Tie the Top 10 Fly Fishing Knots

How to tie 10 fly fishing knots that will keep you connected all the way from the spool of your reel to the eye of your fly.

[Read More »](#)

Follow this link to watch the video courtesy of the IGFA.

<http://www.igfa.org/About/Bristol-Knot-Video-Tutorial.aspx>

### The second is [Estimating Monofilament Backing](#) When Using Braided Spectra



How much monofilament [backing](#) will i need beneath my [braided line](#) top-shot?

This is a nifty [mathematics](#) calculation on how to estimate how much monofilament backing you will need to use with [braided line](#) top-shots.

In this situation we are using a [Shimano Sustain](#) 5000 spool which holds 200 yards of 12 lb monofilament. and we want to use a 150 yard top-shot of 20 lb braided line.

How much monofilament backing do you need to fill the spool space?

Follow this link to watch the video courtesy of the IGFA.

<http://www.igfa.org/About/Estimating-Monofilament-Backing-When-Using-Braided-Spectra.aspx>

### BUY, SELL or TRADE

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place a free ad. Please contact Jeff Orsoe via email at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net) to place your ad.

### OFFICIAL VHFC WEIGH-IN STATIONS

As of this time, we have 2 official weigh-in

stations. More are in the process of being added. If you know of tackle shop that may become a club sponsor and also become a weigh station, forward that to a member of the board. The two sponsors are both Club Sponsors & offer VHFC members nice discounts: The 3 Weigh Stations are:

**Fisherman's Headquarters & American**

**Sportsman Bait & Tackle**

**West Creek Bait and Tackle****CALENDAR****MEETING DATES**

<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 5 April, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 12 April, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 3 May, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 10 May, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 7 June, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 14 June, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 5 July, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 12 July, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 2 August, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 9 August, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 6 September, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 13 September, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 4 October, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 11 October, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 1 November, 2013
<b>Club Meeting</b>	Friday, 8 November, 2012

**Board Meetings are open to any members wishing to attend/**

**Reminder: New Meeting Location**

**Bay Avenue Community Center**

**775 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin**

**USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS****Boat/US:**

<http://www.boatus.com/>

**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary:**

<http://www.cgaux.org/>

**Notice to Mariners (District 5)**

<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict&region=5>

**Fisherman's Headquarters:**

<http://www.fishermansheadquarters.com/>

**The Boat Shop:**

<http://theboatshoponline.com/>

**The Bass Barn:**

<http://www.thebassbarn.com>

**Barnegat Fishing Hole:**

<http://www.barnegatfishinghole.com/ubbthreads/ubbthreads.php>

**Animated Knots**

<http://www.animatedknots.com/>

**Vessel Safety Checks**

Vessel Safety Checks: Call Jeff Orsoe @ 732-672-5530 and leave a message or email him at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS:**

**31October 2013**

at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net)

*Our Sponsors:* 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



10% discount on bait & tackle

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857 Mill Creek Rd



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Manahawkin, NJ 08050



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## BRASWELL TROPHY & ENGRAVING

Ken Braswell, Owner

618-1744

10% Discount to VHFC Members

## 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 732-672-5530

## CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS

On the LBI Causeway

494-1371

10% discount on bait and tackle



[www.theboatshoponline.com](http://www.theboatshoponline.com)

10% discount on regular prices

## GALLIVANT GRAPHICS

### BOAT LETTERING

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@comcast.net



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