



HARBOUR LIGHT

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE HARBOR FISHING CLUB

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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, July 9, 2014

As you have probably read, the U.S. District Court in Trenton decided, yesterday, to allow the seismic blasting to proceed off the NJ coast. Gov. Christie's administration will be appealing that decision today in an attempt to stop the Rutgers University climate change study. The concern is that the blasting, which is scheduled to occur every 5 seconds, 24 hours a day for 30 straight days, could damage the mammals that are migrating through the testing area and do irreparable damage to the commercial and recreational fishing industries by chasing fish away as they avoid the noise. We all know firsthand what a little noise can do to turn fish

off in our own fishing experience, let alone a 250 decibel blast (15,000 times louder than a jet engine) every 5 seconds!!! Let's hope this can be postponed, at least, until the winter months when the fish and mammal migration will be over.

This persistent south wind has cooled our ocean waters to the high 50's and our sunny days have kept the bay waters in the mid 70's...should be a perfect formula for bay fluking. However, our two latest member fishing reports are about ocean caught fluke. No wonder fishing is soooo hard to figure out, you just have to keep trying and recording what happens, pretty soon you'll be able to put a successful plan together – maybe!

By popular demand, you have asked that we have another auction at our November Pizza Night meeting. To make that happen, we need your "in good condition", but no longer wanted stuff. Please scourer your sheds, garages, crawl spaces, stowage units for those no longer used but good items and bring them to the meeting this week. Money generated at the auction will go to the organizations (JCAA, RFA, NJOA) we support who fight for our rights as anglers every day. Thanks in advance!

Our own Bill Figley will be this month's guest speaker. He'll share with us his wealth of knowledge of reef fishing for a variety of species using various techniques and approaches. When Bill speaks, there is always a ton of information offered from his long experience on the waters we fish.

Hope to see you all Friday evening,

Dave

EVENTS IN July:

BOARD MEETING: June 7

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: July 11, 2014

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 will be our own Bill Figley. Artificial Reef's, fishing for fluke, sea bass, porgy, how to anchor, what times of the year and different technique's.

Leaders 2014

WINTER FLOUNDER			
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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 2014 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

There are many very good books ,tape and even a variety issues of fishing magazines for you to borrow.

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

When we decide to pilot in the dark, weather it was going to the Fourth of July Fireworks last week or we are leaving in the pre-dawn hours to get on those fish, having the right navigation lights are essential. Follow this link from the BoatUS website to read Daniel Rutherford's article entitled "Light UpThe Night".

www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2014/July/light-up-the-night.asp.

While you are reading the "Good stuff", many of us may have our vessels powered by Sterndrive s. Now move onto Dougs Ailing article "The Care and Feeding of Sterndrives" go to :

www.boatus.com/seaworthy/mazazine/2014/july/the-care-and-feeding-of-sterndrives.asp

for some interesting reading.

Just when we thought that we have heard the end of the ethanol fuel issue, I found this on the BoatUS web site for all to read. Guess it is not exactly a dead issue.

NEWS From BoatUS
Boat Owners Association of The United States
880 S. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304
BoatUS Press Room
at <http://www.BoatUS.com/pressroom>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Press Contact: D. Scott Croft, 703-461-2864, SCroft@BoatUS.com
Photo Available
at: <http://www.BoatUS.com/pressroom/previewImg/hiRes/1024.jpg>



Photo Caption: There is a reason why boat owners seek out non-ethanol fuel for their boats.

Missouri Corn Growers Pushing For More Ethanol at the Fuel Pump

BoatUS: Consumers Asked to Pay for an Ethanol-At-All-Cost Agenda

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. July 8, 2014 – Are wise consumers of gasoline being pushed to use a fuel that doesn't work in their boats, lawn equipment, and other small engines? A [June 24 statement from the Missouri Corn Growers Association](#) (MCGA) blames current high gasoline prices on volatile markets and calls for

more ethanol at the gas pump to lower gas prices. However, Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](#)) says that smart consumers have learned that corn-based ethanol has not lived up to its expectations as America's green fuel and that higher ethanol blends – those being encouraged by the MCGA – are incompatible with outboard boat motors, generators, lawn mowers, motorcycles, and so many other engines.

“Ever since 10% ethanol gas has been on the market, boaters have experienced problems with engine and fuel systems. Now, with higher blends like 15% ethanol (E15) coming to the pump, consumers need to be really careful about misfueling,” said BoatUS Government Affairs Senior Program Coordinator David Kennedy.

“On a boat, bad fuel can escalate quickly to a stopped engine, placing those aboard and the boat itself in jeopardy. And boaters know that higher ethanol blends, such as E15, will only cause more [damage to outboard boat engines](#). The EPA has specifically prohibited the use of E15 in marine engines, and currently, there is not one boat motor designed or warrantied to use with more than E10.”

Added BoatUS' Kennedy, “While all of us are tired of shelling out an arm and a leg for gas, boaters are also sick and tired of having engines fail and paying large repair bills. BoatUS strongly believes renewable fuels are an important part of our nation's energy future, and we aren't anti-corn farmer. But as a country, we can't ignore the fact that corn-based ethanol may not be the savior – or profit center – that many had hoped.”

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.oinrfa.org). Since I have not been here in a while, I gave it a closer look. Under the “New” tab, I found an article regarding the rally that was held last week at Barnegat Light against the Seismic Blasting. (Editors note: The Court ruled against the State of NJ's law suit and ruled that the blasting will be allowed to happen. Be on the lookout in the various medias for the latest news.

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



Hope that many of you that are history buffs to the time to search out some of the history of the

IGFA and look at those that have been installed into the IGFA Hall of Fame.

This month I found that the IFGA has its own APP. The app is available in both the Apple and Android formats. On this app you can upload your photos to facebook or email, Want to know what you caught, they have a IGFA Species ID Section, For those on a mission to catch species, Use the "Quest List" to track your progress. Finally, for you trophy hunters, besides weighing in at VHFC weigh stations, you can use the IGFA Weigh Stations and Captains area to find the nearest certified location to weigh your catch.

Go to the IGFA website to check this and other topics out.

FISHING REPORTS

Check out the latest Fishing Reports on our new website at <http://www.vhfishingclub.com>

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 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. If you contact me I will set out your request

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.

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, 4 April, 2014
Club Meeting	Friday, 11 April, 2014
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 2 May, 2014

Club Meeting	Friday, 9 May, 2014
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 6 June, 2014
Club Meeting	Friday, 13 June, 2014
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 4 July, 2014
Club Meeting	Friday, 11 July, 2014
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 1 August, 2014
Club Meeting	Friday, 9 August, 2014
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 5 September, 2014
Club Meeting	Friday, 12 September, 2014
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 3 October, 2014
Club Meeting	Friday, 10 October, 2014
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 7 November, 2014
Club Meeting	Friday, 4 November, 2014

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=InmDistrict®ion=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 mail him at jorsoe786@comcast.net

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS:

31 July 2014

at 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



Fisherman's Headquarters, Inc.
 280 W. 9th St. • Ship Bottom, N.J. 08008

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 www.fishermansheadquarters.com

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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

10% discount on regular prices

GALLIVANT GRAPHICS

BOAT LETTERING

We come to you ---- 10% off for members



609-812-9883

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

WEST CREEK BAIT AND TACKLE



387 Route 9
 West Creek, NJ 08092
 609-857-3516

Glenn & Leonora

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