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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

August 1, 2014

Hi everyone,
10/7/2014

I attended the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Striper Public Comment Meeting held in Toms River and voiced the decision voted on at the last VHFC meeting. I expressed the following:

- 1) Coastal Recreational Fishery – **Option B1** - A 31% reduction in fishery mortality in 1 year @ 1 fish 28"

minimum and the same for Chesapeake Bay – **Option B10**

- 2) Commercial Fishery Management – **Option B16** – A 25% reduction from 2013 quota and for the Chesapeake Bay - **Option B17** – 2013 quotas were 13% lower than 2012 harvest, resulting in a 32% reduction.
- 3) Commercial Quota Transfers - **Option A** – No transfer of commercial quotas
- 4) Commercial Size Limits – **Option A** – Status quo

This whole process will result in a change to the NJ and all other Atlantic coastal states striper regulations for 2015 and probably a year or so beyond.

Thanks to a generous donor, the November meeting auction is back on the agenda. In the newsletter, you'll find a current list of the items presently available for auction. This year we will assign a reasonable starting

minimum bid on some items. Again, please look in your sheds, crawl spaces, attics, garages and even boat for items that are in good usable condition that you would be willing to offer up. The money we earn from this auction will go toward supporting the RFA, NJOA and JCAA in their daily work of protecting and fighting for the rights of recreational anglers. Bring those gems in to the Friday meeting.

Tom MacArthur will spend a few minutes explaining to us why he deserves our vote in November and Tom Grothues of Rutgers University, our scheduled speaker, will discuss Black Sea Bass. Hopefully, he will be able to explain the baffling regulations on this fish when they seem to be abundant.

I'm looking forward to some good fish stories this month...my luck has been dismal and I need some stories of encouragement to give me hope that there still are fish around or proof that life can go on without fishing!

Hoping to see you Friday,

Dave

EVENTS IN September:

BOARD MEETING: September 5

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: September 5, 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 Ken Thomas
- _ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

This month's speaker

This month's speaker will be Tom Grothues of Rutgers University, our scheduled speaker, will discuss Black Sea Bass.

2014 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR

PROGRAM by Butch Glegg

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.

For current standing, please go to www.VHFishingClub.com

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The following is taken from the NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife (Division) and Barnegat Fishing Hole Web-sites. While the hearings have passed. Take the time to review the Draft Addendum that was mentioned in President Message.

August 20, 2014

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife (Division) has scheduled three hearings to gather public comment on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Draft Addendum IV to Amendment 6 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. The Division strongly encourages the public to attend these meetings in order to assist managers in the management of this precious resource. In addition, the Division urges striped bass anglers who fish the Delaware River, and are unable to make any of the New Jersey hearings, to attend the hearing hosted by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The information for the New Jersey and Pennsylvania hearings is listed below.

The Draft Addendum proposes new fishing mortality (F) reference points, as recommended by the 2013 benchmark stock assessment, and associated management measures to reduce F to a level at or below the proposed target within one or three years. It responds to results of the 2013 Atlantic striped bass benchmark assessment indicating F in 2012 was above the proposed F target, and female spawning stock biomass (SSB) has been steadily declining below the target since 2006. This means even though the stock is not overfished and overfishing is not occurring, SSB is approaching its overfished threshold and stock projections show SSB will likely fall below the threshold in the coming years. In addition, a similar decline has been observed in total harvest. In response to these factors, the Draft Addendum proposes management options to reduce fishing mortality to the target level.

The Draft Addendum includes a suite of management options to reduce recreational and commercial harvest along the coast and in the Chesapeake Bay under three reduction timeframes. The timeframes include (1) reducing

F to its target in one year with a 25% reduction in 2013 harvest in 2015 (2) reducing F to its target within three years with a 17% reduction in 2013 harvest in 2015, and (3) reducing F to its target within three years with a 7% sequential reduction in harvest for three consecutive years starting in 2015. Specific options to be considered include bag, size, slot and trophy size limits for the recreational fishery and quota reductions for the commercial fishery.

Given the Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River (A/R) stock of striped bass contributes minimally to the coastwide complex when compared to the Chesapeake Bay, Delaware, and Hudson stocks, Draft Addendum IV proposes it be managed by the State of North Carolina using stock-specific biological reference points. These stock-specific reference points, which have been approved by the Board, would result in a separate quota that is set to maintain F for the A/R stock at its target level. The Board tasked the Technical Committee with the continued development of Chesapeake Bay-specific reference points for future use.

The Draft Addendum is available in PDF format on the ASMFC website at www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/StripedBassDraftAddendumIV_PublicComment.pdf and can also be found on the ASMFC homepage (www.asmfc.org) under Public Input. Anglers and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on the Draft Addendum either by attending state public hearings or providing written comment.

Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. (EST) on September 30, 2014 and should be forwarded to Mike Waine, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St, Suite A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703-842-0741 (FAX) or at mwaine@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Addendum IV). For more information, please contact Mike Waine, at mwaine@asmfc.org or 703-842-0740.

Below are dates, times, and locations of the scheduled hearings:

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2014/strbass_hearings.htm

http://www.asmf.org/files/PublicInput/StripedBassDraftAddendumIV_PublicComment.pdf

IN THE Reading Room



FISH ENCYCLOPEDIA BOOK DONATED TO THE VHFC LIBRARY BY RAY & FLO WILLIAMS....STORY BY VINCE SIBONA.

A couple of years ago, I visited Ray and Flo Williams just before they moved to Florida. They were going through some things and Ray handed me a Fish Encyclopedia book. Ray said that they were going to donate it to the VHFC library. He told me that when I was finished reading through it to give it to the library. Well, after a couple of years reading and browsing through it, I finally brought it to a meeting and on behalf of Ray and Flo Williams, I presented the book to Bill Dabney for the VHFC library. It's a very thick book with information on every type of fish imaginable worldwide. Thank you Ray and Flo.

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



& (Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

The Striper season is upon us and The LBI Surf Fishing Tournament has just started. The days are shorter and the air temperature has started to drop. BoatUS has some winterizing tips and checklist to assist you in protecting your boat.

Go to:

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/winter/default.asp>

to check out these guides.

While we all know that each boat has it "sweet" spot where run most efficient. I know that I will find that spot on my boat by using a combination of RPM and speed off of my GPS. The BoatUS web-site has on their site a short video of

another way of doing it entitled “How to Trim your Boat”. Go to this link to view it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FxSIhhXE1Aw>

We are winding down on the boating season, I just want to say a Big “Thank You” to all those that allowed me to perform the vessel safety check this season. ZI look forward to perform them again next year.

Till next time “Tight Lines:

THE VHFC DINNER REPORT

BY VINCE SIBONA

This year the VHFC Dinner was held on Saturday, September 6, at the Villaggio Restaurant on Mckinley Avenue, Manahawkin. We had an excellent menu to choose from. The food and the service was very good and definitely worth the \$35.00 per dinner. We had a nice turn out and everyone had a good time held in a private room just for us.

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 encourage everyone to go to the RFA website to keep up to date on the news of what is happening on the fishing front. Their website is www.joinrfa.org



Most of us associate the “International Game Fish Association” with the “Trophy” fish, large game fish such as the Marlin, Sword fish, the keep of the fishing records and also providing the basis of the rules for those big money tournaments. But did you know that they also have a “Junior” fishing program? On their site there is a sections totally dedicated to the kids. There you will find games, tips, videos and a bunch of other neat and kewl things to do. So between the end your fishing season and the beginning of the next, pay it forward for you son, daughter, niece, nephew or grandchild and go to:

<http://www.igfa.org/IGFA-Junior-Angler.aspx>

and spend some time getting ready. Besides, even YOU may find something new and interesting. I DID!

Go to the IGFA website to check this and other topics out. (www.IGFA.org)

FISHING REPORTS

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

In addition to the finding item there, here are some others that have been sent in.

Swordfish Report

For September 27, 2014 By Vince Sibona

I ride my bike just about every day down Mill Creek Road in Manahawkin. This past Saturday as I road past Bill Figley's house, I noticed Bill lugging a very big fish in his driveway. I did a double take, circled around and went into his driveway. There was Bill with an 8 foot swordfish. Fortunately I had my camera with me and I got a nice photo. Then Bill explained everything to me. It was the last day of fluke season, and with heavy seas, he was not able to get out. So Bill decided to winter flounder fish in Mill Creek off of his dock behind his house. He rigged a light fishing rod with a Hula Popper and began to fish for winter flounder. Soon Bill had a hookup. He knew that he had a very big fish on because line started really peeling off of the reel. After fighting the fish for a couple of hours, Bill was able to bill the large 8 foot swordfish and wrestle it up onto his dock. Just by coincidence I saw Bill as he was carrying it around to his driveway.

Now, all kidding aside and on a more serious note: Bill Figley carves many types and sizes of fish from different types of wood. He really gets into the detail part of it, scales, fins, eyes, teeth and colors. One time Bill showed me a fish with teeth that he made from rose bush thorns, really very impressive. Look closely at the detail on the swordfish and it's not done yet.



HIGH SCHOOL SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT TROPHY PRESENTATION

BY VINCE SIBONA



Every year for 6 years, local high schools have a surf fishing tournament, "The Battle on the Beach". There are 4 high schools that compete; Southern, Barnegat, Lacey and MATES. This year Southern won the tournament that was held on May 29. I presented the high school surf fishing tournament trophy to Southern at their first fishing club meeting of this year on September 25 to 3 senior members. In the photo with me are Dan Arnone, Griffen Arnone and Pat Barnett.

White Marlin Open



While this is not a fishing report, I still would like to share it with you. Some of you who keep tracks and follows the local big money tournaments that happen in the months of July and August, know we have the Beach Haven Invitational, follow by the White Marlin Open in Ocean City Maryland and lastly the Mid Atlantic 500. My son works just outside of Ocean City, MD, so since I had in the last few years placed a visit to this tournament to watch the weigh ins on my bucket list. It seemed like a good idea to visit my son. Now if you have ever been down there, the site is in a small condo – marina area. The place is crowded, and there is only

off site parking. Top prize for the "only" qualifying White Marlin ended up to be 1.28 Million. While it was exciting to watch the players come in with their catch of Blue Marlin, Wahoo, Mahi, only 6 boats came in that last evening with Whites. Those fish had to be a minimum of 77 inches in length and weigh at least 70 lbs. Most of them made the length, but not the weight. One of them fell ¼ inch shy of minimum length so it did not get weighed. Anyway as most things there are other things that happen, but you do not see. One of them is I believe a owner's vessel pulling into his slip. I had seen it on the streaming of the weigh in on that Wednesday. Totally blew my mind. Thinking that it was only a one shot deal, I was in shock to see him come into his slip on Friday evening and do it again. I just had to include this show of boat handling in this issue. If you follow this link of Wednesday weigh in about four minutes into you will see him come in' This is for real. What you see is what it is. By the way, The next day my son and I did a 10 hour fishing trip on the "Morning Star" out of Ocean City, Md. Caught Fluke, Sea Bass, Eels and even a Tuna. Enjoy the video!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=srKzmzxyA5A&list=UU5ouQiQkCyHQDI9AgBw6ICQ>

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!

Items donated to date:

VHFC 2014 AUCTION

- Reel of anchor line – ½” x 200’
- Anchor with 42” of chain
- New soft sided tackle box with 2 utility boxes – 12x10x7.25”
- 2 – small adult life jackets – type III
- 4 – child(30-50lb) life jackets – type III
- 1 – small child life jacket – type II
- 2 – adult automatic inflatable life jackets – Cabela’s
- New grease gun kit
- New 12 volt stainless boat horn
- New quick release knife
- New boat stripe tape – black, 2”x50’
- 38” Cabela’s drift sock for 18 – 20’ boat
- Invader manual downrigger
- Small, lunch size, Igloo cooler

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

Watch for your copy of the club directory. It will be emailed within the next week to all members.

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. They can also be found at the IGFA web-site.

OFFICIAL VHFC WEIGH-IN STATIONS

As of this time, we have 3 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

- Board Meeting* **Friday, 1 August, 2014**
- Club Meeting** **Friday, 9 August, 2014**
- Board Meeting* **Friday, 5 September, 2014**
- Club Meeting** **Friday, 12 September, 2014**
- Board Meeting* **Friday, 3 October, 2014**
- Club Meeting** **Friday, 10 October, 2014**
- Board Meeting* **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=lnmDistrict®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 October 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





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