



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

August 1, 2014

Hi everyone,

We had our club dinner last night celebrating our 25th anniversary and good fun and conversation filled the room. Thanks to Vince for putting together a great evening.

Now on to more a VERY IMPORTANT pressing issue – the status of our striped bass fishery!

The 2013 Atlantic striped bass harvest benchmark assessment indicates the resource is not overfished or experiencing overfishing

relative to the proposed new reference points. Although the stock is not overfished, female spawning stock has continued to decline since 2004 and is just above the threshold of 127 million pounds, and below the target of 159 million pounds. Additionally, total fishing mortality is estimated to be above the mortality target. Atlantic striped bass experienced a period of strong numbers of 1 year old fish entering the population from 1993-2003, followed by a period of lower numbers from 2004-2009 (although not as low as the early 1980s, when the stock was overfished). The 2011 year-class was very strong, but early observations from several states' juvenile populations indicate the 2012 year class was very weak.

Projections of spawning stock and fishing mortality suggest that if the current fishing mortality rate is maintained during the years 2013 through 2017, the probability of the stock being overfished is high and increases until 2016-2017, but declines thereafter. This trend is driven by the lack of strong year classes currently in the fishery, and the emergence of the strong 2011 year class that

matures into the spawning stock by 2015 and 2016. Despite recent declines in female spawning stock, the stock is still above the level experienced during the striped bass moratorium that was in place in the mid-1980s, but is trending in the wrong direction.

In response to the results of the 2013 benchmark assessment, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Board initiated the development of Draft Addendum IV. The Draft Addendum proposed a range of commercial and recreational management measures to reduce fishing mortality to at least the established target with a proposed implementation date of January 2015. The management program includes target and threshold biological reference points and sets regulations aimed at achieving the targets.

The simple fact is, in order to avoid another striped bass fishing moratorium like the one imposed in the mid 80's, ***we have to reduce the mortality rate. Period!*** This means in the recreational and commercial sectors alike! The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission measures proposed to address this reduction are as follows:

- **OPTION "A"** - STATUS QUO (no reduction) - 1 YEAR
- **OPTION "B"** - 25% REDUCTION - 1 YEAR
- **OPTION "C"** - 17% REDUCTION - 3 YEARS
- **OPTION "D"** - 20% REDUCTION - 3 YEARS

There are sub options dealing with various bag and size limits in "B", "C" and "D". These can be viewed on pages 12 – 22 on the following ASMFC link:

www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/StripedBassDraftAddendumIV_PublicComment.pdf

Please review them prior to our September meeting. It is important that we, as a club, take a position on this issue and communicate it, both as a club and as individual anglers, at the September 15th public comment meeting in Toms River.

I hope to see a large turnout at Friday's meeting so that we can thoroughly discuss the striper issue and take a vote on the clubs' position.

Thanks,

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 Ken Thomas---
He will be discussing commercial vs the recreational side of quota's, the strategy and the political thought process involved arriving at the limits.

How appropriate is as we will also be discussing the The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission proposed measures.

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

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



& (Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

With the Striper season on the horizon, our eyes get focus on the catching the one of our dreams, we most likely do not even think that of the colder temperatures until they are upon us. Then we find ourselves rushing to winterize the vessel at the last moment. The editors of Seaworthy have put together a complete winterizing brochure with a two-page winterizing checklist that focuses in on the things that went wrong in 95% of our ice and freezing claims over the past decade. One of the most important things you can do for your outboard or sterndrive is to make sure it is covered or left in the down position to prevent water from entering the exhaust hub of the propeller. In cold weather, any accumulated water that got in the hub can freeze and ice may expand and crack the housing. Also, outdrives and outboards are common targets for thieves, especially in the winter when they may be out of sight for long periods of time. If possible, take outdrives and

smaller outboards off the boat for safekeeping. To get more advice on winterizing and to download our new winterizing brochure, go to BoatUS.com/Seaworthy/winter.

I recently saw an article on the Trailing website of Boat US regarding Skin Cancer. While it may or may not be too late for this season, Those of us that are snowbirds and travel to the warmer climates in the southern states may find this article by Steve Chaconas interesting. Steve writes in part When I started guiding in the late 80s, a tee shirt and shorts were appropriate attire. Sunglasses were a fashion statement. And we didn't wear sunscreen; we lathered up with sun tan oil! A sunburn was a sign of a healthy lifestyle. While my skin tone never really resulted in the bad peel and burn of overdoing sun exposure, I began to take note. I even began to get an annual check up with a dermatologist! I have opted for maximum eye protection as well with Maui Jim polarized sunglasses with superior UV protection for my eyes.

To see the entire article for to:
<http://www.boatus.com/angler/ChaconasArticle.asp>

For these and other articles, I suggest that you go to the Boat/US website.

While the Hurricane Season has been mild so far I decided to rerun the link from last month's issue for the "just in case" you missed it.

BoatUS has prepared the following article on "Preparing for a Hurricane, Wind, Rain and Surge" After Sandy, I am sure we all have done our "Monday Night Quarterbacking". Check out this link at BoatUS and see if you have planned it properly. .

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2014/august/preparing-for-a-hurricane.asp>

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 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



Did you know the IGFA runs a "School of Sport fishing at its headquarters in Dania, Florida (Dania, FL is just out side of Miami)

The popular IGFA School of Sportfishing, brought to anglers by [Mercury Marine](#), has just finished up another great session and will be on break for the summer. We will have a new series of classes ready soon for the fall fishing season.

Take your sportfishing to the next level by learning from the best!

Along with the course materials, each participant will receive complimentary tackle and products including Yo-Zuri lures and much more. Every class also features door prizes such as lures, rods, and rod/reel combos. We also hold an end-of-session raffle for a grand prize - a one year subscription to [Hilton's Realtime Navigator](#)!

The new schedule of classes were just listed on their website.

<http://www.igfa.org/Educate/School-of-Sportfishing.aspx>

If you find yourself, planning a trip to the area, don't have any plans, check out the website for classes before you go. Also plan a few hours and go thru the IGFA museum, Find out how Sport Fisherman came together to rebuild the Stripe Bass so that we can enjoy our catch today.

Then you can walk across the parking lot to the Bass Pro Shop and do some window shopping.

(note: Leave checkbook and credit cards in vehicle or give it to the spouse to hold onto.)

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>

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

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
<i>Board Meeting</i>	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:
30 September 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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Or call Jeff Orsoe 732-672-5530

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On the LBI Causeway

494-1371

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www.theboatshoponline.com

10% discount on regular prices



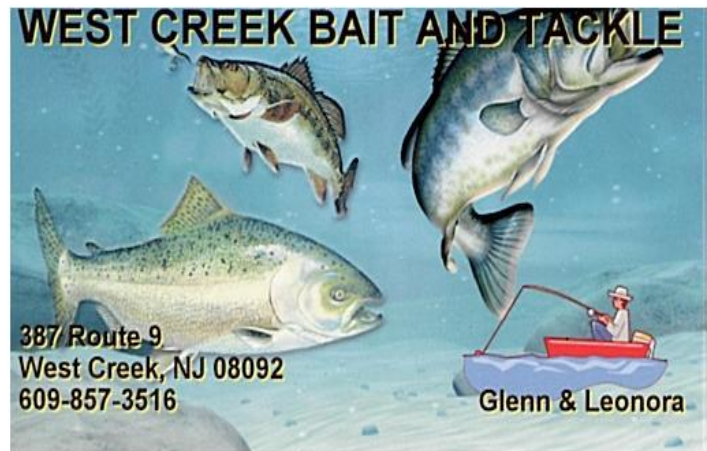
609-812-9883

BARNEGAT BAY BAIT & TACKLE

451 East Bay Avenue, Barnegat

609-488-5692

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