



# **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,

A lot has happened since we last met. Many of us are still dealing with the devastating effects of Sandy and all of the challenges of reclaiming our homes and getting back some sense of normalcy in our lives. Hopefully, you are making progress and will be able to return to your homes and normal activities real soon.

As you may know, the Mill Creek Community Center was condemned as a result of damage suffered and will be demolished and rebuilt. It is expected that this will take 2 years to complete. Until this is done, the VHFC will meet the second Friday of every month, starting **April 12, 2013**, in the **Bay Avenue Community Center at 775 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin.** Parking is in back.

We have already started planning for this year and, thanks to the good work of Jim Blandine, have all of our meeting guest speakers lined up. View the speakers scheduled in the **Meetings** section of the VHFC website. We are planning on adding a "hands on" sessions to some of our meetings showing how to tie various rigs, knots and other fishing/boating related areas. After all, fishing is the reason we get together and there is a wealth of knowledge within our membership that can be shared to improve our fishing experience.

We are in the process of finding a rod and reel for the 2013 Rod Raffle and will try to reach out to our membership to give up good, but no longer used fishing gear or related equipment that we can auction off at our November Pizza Night meeting. After all, my good, but no longer used surf rod may be just what one of you is looking and you may have something I'm looking for. The proceeds from the auction will help the club support the very important efforts of the organizations like the JCAA, RFA, NJOA and others, who fight daily to protect the rights of the fishing community...a fight that gets tougher and more expensive to wage each year!

You may recall we had a **VHFC Striper Outing** scheduled in November last year. Because of Sandy that was postponed until this year. The charter trip aboard **The Searcher II** has been rescheduled for **May 24, 2013 at 6:30am**. The boat sails out of the 18<sup>th</sup> St. marina in Barnegat

Light. The boat supplies all gear, tackle, rod & reels and bait. All you need to bring is your food. The cost will be approximately \$75.00 per person at 20 people, less if more attend. So invite friends and family, the more the merrier!

In my 40+ year career in sales and marketing, stress was a constant. One sure way I had to find freedom from that stress was to go fishing or spend some time with my fishing buddies, talking about fishing. Heaven knows that many of you have been under unbelievable stress since Sandy. Let me offer up an island of stress free time for each you...come join other fishermen the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month to learn, swap stories and relax.

Hope to see you all!

Dave Spendiff,

President

**EVENTS IN APRIL**

**BOARD MEETING: 06 APRIL**

7:30 P.M at the Stafford Twp Hall  
725 Bay Avenue  
Manahawkin, NJ

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 13 APRIL**

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  
\_ Winter Flounder FOM Award  
\_ Club Business  
\_ 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Captain Bob Misak  
All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

WINTER FLOUNDER	NONE		
TOG			
WEAKFISH			
BLUEFISH			
FLUKE			
SEA BASS			
STRIPED BASS			

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**2012 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM** by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2013 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 2013 then you win the FOY trophy for that species. **Note:** your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

**2013 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS** by John Kleban

The award for Striped Bass & Bluefish will be announced at the April General Membership meeting.

**2013 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 2013 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

Fish of the Year & Month standings are recapped and updated on our website frequently. Click on the site to get current standings.

## THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### POTS OFF THE REEFS

For the last seven years the recreational fisherman and the commercial fishing traps and associated rigging off two NJ artificial reef. The effort has been fought by both by trying to get favorable legislation passed in the NJ legislature or through the regulatory process at the NJDEP. At the last JCAA meeting there was a new compromised proposal was presented by Commissioner Martin. Limit of space here does not allow for the proposal to be inserted here. Be sure to come to the meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> to hear what it is.

Be sure to check the NJ Fish and Game website to see the latest fishing seasons are.

## IN THE Reading Room

This area is for Book Reviews:

**PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY MATERIALS!** 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.

## BOAT/US

(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

With the beginning of another year here at VHFC, we have renewed as a cooperating Club with Boat/US. This means when you either renew your membership or join for the first time, you get to enjoy the benefits of membership. Starting with a discounted membership rate, you'll also be eligible for on-the-water towing at your desired level, if you tow your vessel, there is also a towing benefit. The on-the water towing covers you within the dollar amount set, but covers you wherever to take your boat. Several years ago, I towed Tough Decision down to Florida for vacation and was covered by Boat/US for on-the-water coverage, The Towing coverage and also my Boat Insurance was good in Florida without any additional cost. Their monthly publications are online along with "Seaworthy" which is their magazine that is send to their insured. Check out their web-site [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com) for other information. Also look at the back page for some interesting links

As many of know I also perform the Vessel Safety Checks for USCG Auxiliary. This is a no cost service and assists each boater to have the minimum safety equipment on board. If successfully qualifying, a decal gets place on your vessel. If you do not qualify, no fear, I does not get reported and we will discuss the items and I will come back and do it all again. The advantages to displaying a decal are that should you get stopped and boarded by the Coast Guard it allows them know that you take safety seriously and you may also get a discount on your boat insurance. I have the decals and should you desire a VSC, contact me at 732-672-5530 or via email at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net). With your name, phone number or email address, length of vessel and location and we will set up a date. Hope to hear from every member.

In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, our bays, oceans, lagoons and inlets may not be in the same condition that we left them last fall. We

may find sunken vessels, cars homes, debris anywhere within our area. Even thou the State of New Jersey has issued a contract out to clean the bay; we can hope for the best and expect the worst. I feel that we may find new holes where they were not before and likewise find new sand bars in unexpected locations. So be aware of your surroundings. Also take the extra time this year prior to launching, going over ALL of your safety equipment, machinery are in working order, including the overall condition of the vessel to prevent any issues this year.

Till next time, Safe Boating

### 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

### SPONSORS CORNER

The Editor apologizes for listing our Club Sponsors in this issue. With the change in newsletter format the attempt to import them did not go smoothly. I am requesting all of our sponsors to submit a new, revise add to be presented in future newsletters. Thank you for patience.

### FISHING REPORTS

Winter Flounder Fishing Report for April 4, 2013 by Vince Sibona



John Kleban, John Lyszczarz and I boarded the SEA BONA and left the dock around 7:00 am that cold Thursday morning, around 32 degrees. We went a short distance out into the bay, anchored up, set out our chum pots, cut up worms and started fishing. The water temperature only 43 degrees, a little cold for winter flounder fishing. We had a nice sunny day with little wind at the start which helped. We had a very slow start, not catching one fish for at least an hour. We were getting ready to move and try another area when John Kleban caught the first fish, a keeper, so we ended up staying there. We caught a total of 4 flounder up to 15 inches, including one short. John Lyszczarz caught the largest fish, 15 inches, 1.4 pounds. The water temperature rose to only 46 degrees and the air temperature about the same. Around 12 noon, the wind picked up, so shortly after we headed home. Considering the cold water temperature, we didn't do that bad.

### 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

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.  
Contact Jeff Orsoe via email at  
jorsoe786@comcast.net to place your ad.  
Ads from last year need to be renewed for this year!

### BUY, SELL or TRADE

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### 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 2 stations are

**Fisherman's Headquarters & American Sportsman Bait & 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

*Club Meeting* Friday, 8 November, 2012

Board Meetings are open to any members wishing to attend/

Reminder: New Meeting Location

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### 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&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>

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS: 26 April 2013**

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