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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,

Our fluke season is scheduled to close on 9/16/13 unless we get an extension of either 6 or 11 days from the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council at their next meeting. This meeting will be held July 11, 2013 at the Galloway, NJ public library located at 306 East Jimmie Leeds Rd. The meeting will begin at 4PM and public comment will be accepted prior to their decision. All fluke anglers are encouraged to attend to voice your opinions. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association favors the 11 day extension.

The thinking is that with the significant reduction of private boats fishing this year the assigned fluke quota will not be caught and that we are unlikely to exceed the additional quota even with an eleven day extension. Another benefit to the extension is the positive economic impact on the bait and tackle and other shore retailers that the lack of a fishing gap the will have. With fewer anglers fishing this year, fewer purchases have been made from bait and tackle shops, restaurants, convenient stores, etc. Those 11 days between the end of the regular fluke season and the reopening of the black sea bass season will represent an additional blow to the already suffering shore economy if there is no popular species allowed to be fished.

The fluke stocks are healthy and being managed, the post-Sandy fishing related economy is really in bad shape and to extend the fluke season **fewer** than 11 days would be the wrong thing for the NJMFC to do. Please attend the July 11th meeting and voice your opinion...IT COUNTS!!!

I'll be going and can take 3 or 4 more VHFC members along – call 609-488-5549 or 732-239-5397.

We have another good speaker attending the meeting this month, Captain Schwarzwald, hopefully we'll all walk out of the meeting with the confidence that we too can catch fluke. Don't know about you, but my last bay fluke outing produced nothing – not even a short!

Please remember to bring you good but no longer needed equipment to the meeting to donate to the November meeting auction. We are accumulating some real nice items, see our website for the list. We look forward to seeing you and swapping some stories. Don't forget, there will be some practical hands on demonstrations of line and rope knots as well.

See you there,

Dave

EVENTS IN MAY

BOARD MEETING: 8 July

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 12 July

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

_ Winter Flounder FOM Award

_ Club Business

_ 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Gina Lawrenson (Carolyn 3) Rigging and areas to fish inside/outside

_ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

Leaders 2013

WINTER FLOUNDER	NONE		
Blackfish	NONE		
WEAKFISH	NONE		
BLUEFISH	NONE		
FLUKE	NONE		
SEA BASS	NONE		
STRIPED BASS	NONE		
Winter Flounder	NONE		

2013 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 was Capt Brett Taylor & Bluefish was 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

Summer Flounder Add-On by Tom Fote - JCAA

As I reported, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission voted on a conference

call to allow New Jersey to add days to the end of the summer flounder season. I voted for this because I thought it would help the heavily impacted recreational fishing industry. I also realize that the way these days are added it does not affect our original quota except to add on to the quota. I read some interesting comments in the newspaper and I think some people have a difficult time grasping how this addition is implemented. The easiest way to understand is to look at this addition of days as though it is a commercial transfer of quota from one state to another. When we transfer commercial quota it is because one state has an underused quota and allows another state to harvest that quota. It is separate poundage of fish that is transferred and has no impact on the existing quota. If that commercial fishery goes over its existing quota, it is not because of the added days but because it exceeded both the original and the additional quota. In order to do the transfer of recreational quota, ASMFC and NJ had to tabulate how many pounds of fish would be needed for each of the added days. ASMFC and New Jersey calculated that we could add a specific number of days based on the poundage available in relation to the historical catch figures. That means that in order to exceed quota, we would have to exceed the original quota and the additional quota both. Remember, those quota and catch figures are based on a normal year. Given the impact of Sandy with boats destroyed or damaged and marinas not yet in operation, there seems little possibility that this will approach a "normal" year. I know this is a stretch, but recognize that common sense would suggest that this year we will have less participation, fewer boats in the water and fewer trips than in previous years. I need to add a qualified since we are dealing with the National Marine Fisheries Service and their fatally flawed data collection system. I still continue to give good odds that we will not exceed our summer flounder quota this year. I could be surprised but I can't believe even this system is sufficiently flawed to measure us at above quota or increasing trips. In my judgment, we should avail ourselves of the additional days.

The other reason I am supporting this addition of days is because it has the greatest impact on those who fish from the beach. When we raise

the size limit, the beach anglers have very little access to legal size summer flounder except in September, October and November. We have lost October and November but adding a few days in September will give them an opportunity to catch a few summer flounder. For the boat fishermen, these additional days will give them something to fish for until the black sea bass season opens again. It's a win-win!

Change of Command at Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light



Chief Warrant Officer Jay O. Greiner

Chief Warrant Officer Jay O. Greiner was relieved by CWO Kevin A. Speer in a surprisingly emotional change of command ceremony at [Coast Guard Station](#) Barnegat Light.

This article was posted in the "Sandpaper" on June 19. To read the entire article click on the link below.

<http://thesandpaper.villagesoup.com/p/change-of-command-at-coast-guard-station-barnegat-light/1019727>

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.

Take a look at the new additions to our library



Boat Owners Association of The United States

(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

Summer is upon us, and we are in the prime of the boating season. For those that are new members, VHFC, is 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.

As I usually do every month, I take a tour of the Boat/US Website. This month I have seen several interesting articles. One of the is "how to beach your boat. Yeah we can all do it, some more successful the other, But here is how to do it correctly, Just right click on the link below.



How To Beach Your Boat
Advice for running your boat aground (on purpose).

Or how about this one (again, just right click)



Putt Putt Sputter
Four steps to take when your outboard quits.

There articles are in the Trailing magazine. Don't forget about their other publications of Boat/US, Angler and their insurance issue of Seaworthy

Follow this link to this month's issue.
<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/>

And lastly, from Boat/US

A few months ago, BoatU.S. created three online seminars on Superstorm Sandy that shared an analysis of what worked, what didn't, and suggests some lessons learned. They were designed for marina and boat club managers but each one-hour long seminar also has relevant and important information for boat owners. All of the information is taken from first hand accounts of the BoatUS Catastrophe Response Team. The first seminar is an overview of what the BoatU.S team learned, while the second and third tackle the topics of storing boats on land and water, respectively.

You are now able to view the webinars online at BoatUS.com/seaworthy/webinar. Once you select a webinar, you will be asked to login. The login information is as follows:
Username: CoopGroup

Password: BoatUS66
*The Username & Password are case sensitive

BoatUS also has free resources online for any boater owner, boat club or marina at the BoatU.S Tracking and Hurricane Resource Center at www.BoatUS.com/hurricanes. The website offers easily downloadable storm planning materials including an in-depth [Boater's Guide to Preparing for Hurricanes](#) and a [Hurricane Preparation Worksheet](#) that can be copied and handed out to slipholders and checklists for what to do before and after a hurricane strikes. [Sample Marina/Club Hurricane Plans](#) for boat and yacht clubs as well as up-to-the-minute storm tracking tools with live satellite images are also offered. A 24-page [Yacht Club and Marina Guide to Preparing for Hurricanes](#) shares success stories and failures of dozens of facilities that have experienced a hurricane over last two decades.

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. 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.

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

Don't forget our Rod Raffle,

The VHFC is selling raffle tickets at \$5.00 each at all of the meetings for a custom made fishing rod made by and donated by Manny Silva, a VHFC member. It is a beautiful black 7', 25 lb. spinning rod that can be seen at all of the meetings. The drawing will be held at the

September Meeting. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the RFA.

PICK UP YOUR TICKET AT THE MEETING

NJ Fish and Wildlife has a new app.



Download our new app to your mobile device for information on hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing in New Jersey. Get news and alerts along with advanced GPS mapping features. ([Get the app!](#))



International Game Fish Association

Being that we are a new contributing club to the IGFA, I encourage everyone to go to their website www.IGFA.org and explore it.

There you can find various information such as in the article archives, which contains past articles and video, Terminal tackle set-ups, or go to the Education Page and junior anglers page, there you will find games, contest, pro tips and videos.

The latest *International Angler* is now online!

The International Angler is the IGFA quarterly magazine. In this issue features an exclusive interview with IGFA Hall of Fame Member Captain Steve Huff (including a [special video on Steve's permit fly loop knot](#)) and an article filled with tips and advice for [helping kids get excited about fishing](#).

Curious about crimping? Check out the [Tips & Tactics section](#) in this issue (and don't miss the behind-the-scenes look at the IGFA line testing machine on the facing page). And of course, the [World Record Photo Gallery](#) brings you more than 15 of the latest IGFA World Record catches.

So go to the IGFA website and see what it is all about

FISHING REPORTS

Fishing report from Brett Taylor July 4, 2013.



Although the conditions haven't been ideal, the fish have been cooperating. Fluke are spread out in their usual midsummer haunts, but consider working channel edges and deeper water as the bay temperatures reach 80 degrees. A couple hours of incoming are producing some nice bites. Blowfish, Kingfish, and even a few decent sized weakfish have showed up (5lbs++). The fluke should start moving towards the inlet areas and once these ocean temps warm inshore fluking should start to heat up. I had the Joe Tonetti charter out fishing a combo backbay trip - we ended with a couple keeper fluke to 22 inches and over 70 blowfish. Joe Tonetti and his future brother-in-law Chris Daalder gave the trip to their Dad's as a belated Father's [day gift](#). Later in the week, I had the Jim Crines charter out fishing strictly for backbay fluke - the father (Jim) and son (Shane) team had to work for them. We worked a lot of areas, combating the never-ending south wind

to produce 4 nice flatties with the biggest close to 4lbs.



Fishing report from Joe Filice for June 23 & 24, 2013

I took my Grandson, Tyler 12 yrs, at 6:30 in Beach Haven. I put out a bunker head and had Tyler cast clam into the trough. At approx 7:30' Tyler's rod doubled over and he set the hook. The fish ran straight into the jetty rocks. I took the rod, opened the bail and let out a good amount of line and waited a minute. I then took up the slack and found the fish again out and running south. Tyler took over and landed the below Stripers that weighed in at 16.5 lbs and 38".



On Monday I took my 6yr old grandson, Ben, to Green Lane Reservoir in Pa. started out rowing and trolling minnows for pan fish. Ben landed a dozen small white perch and a 13" largemouth bass. Once he felt a bass on the line he wanted to fish for bass. I rigged him up with a Texas rig. He looked in my box and picked out a sluggo, which I rigged weedless and we started pounding downed trees in 2-3 feet and water temp of 80. I fished a wacky rigged yum dinger and hooked two respectable bass that I let Ben reel in. Ben, doing his own casting laid his sluggo in the crook of a downed tree and hooked up to a large bass. It was a blast watching him fight it and yelling "HOLY COW, HOLY COW"!!!! Below is our stringer. The big one I'm holding out was Ben's fish. What a joy to see these kids having so much fun fishing.



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.

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's knot is the Palomar Knot.

Palomar Knot Details

Uses: The Palomar Knot is a simple knot for [attaching](#) a line to a hook, or a fly to a leader or tippet. It is regarded as one of the strongest and most reliable [fishing knots](#).

Tying it: After the loop is passed through the eye, an overhand knot is tied with the loop. The loop is then passed over the hook and tightened around the bight below the eye. The effect is that this leaves the hook free to rotate in the knot.

Alternative: Some descriptions show the final loop positioned against the shaft of the hook rather than pulled further down around the bight. This limits the hook's movement and the majority of experienced fishermen recommend the technique illustrated here.

Advantages: It is recommended for use with braided lines. With a little practice the Palomar is a knot that can be tied in the dark.

Disadvantages: When tying this knot, the fly or hook has to pass through the loop, which can be awkward and necessitates making the loop large enough

Right click on the word "attached" to learn how to tie it and also go to this knot as shown on the Animated Knot Web-site.

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 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
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 12 April, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 3 May, 2013
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 10 May, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 7 June, 2013

<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 14 June, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 5 July, 2013
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 12 July, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 2 August, 2013
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 9 August, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 6 September, 2013
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 13 September, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 4 October, 2013
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 11 October, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 1 November, 2013
<i>Club Meeting</i>	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®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 or email him at jorsoe786@comcast.net

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS: 31 July 2013

Send article, reports, etc to Jeff Orsoe,
Editor 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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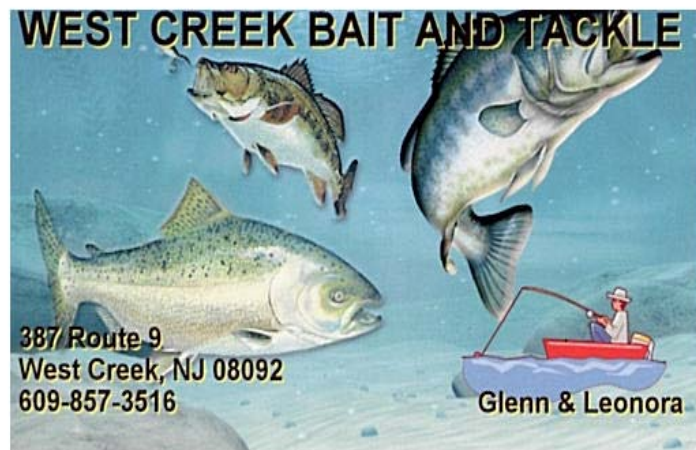
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