



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,
The clocks have been reset, the ocean temperatures are in the mid 50's range and the reports of migrating stripers being caught off of our shores, in our bays and in our surf have my spirits soaring. Come high water, winds, whatever, one way or another, I'm going striper fishing this week!

Our last meeting of the year is coming up. Many of our members have had to deal with extremely stressful situations this year and in spite of the pressure many of you have been under this year you still were able to support the club. Our membership held at a little over 80 and meeting attendance was terrific.

THANK YOU!!

Before we meet again in April 2014, Jeff Barnhart's company, CMA, will have developed a new VHFC website. We want this to be as good as we can make it, so we are asking you to look at our existing site and let us know, on cards that will be available at the meeting, what can be done or added to make our site even better than it is. Your suggestions are wanted and are appreciated.

This is our pizza and auction meeting. Please bring your fishing friends, and neighbors to this meeting along with some cash or check book to buy something from the impressive list of items donated. The proceeds of this auction will go to the JCAA,

RFA and the NJOA who are the champions of recreational anglers in New Jersey and beyond.
Hope to see you Friday night,
Dave

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER:

BOARD MEETING: 1 November

7:30 P.M at the Bay Avenue Community Center
725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 8 November
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

BOARD MEETING: 6 December

7:30 P.M at the Bay Avenue Community Center
725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

Leaders 2013

WINTER FLOUNDER	4/10/2013	John Lyszczarz	1.78 lb
Blackfish	4/24/2013	Bill Figley	7.98 lb
WEAKFISH	NONE		
BLUEFISH	NONE		
FLUKE	6/08/2013	William Kleimenhagen	4.9 lb
SEA BASS	NONE		
STRIPED BASS	5/16/2013	Rich Belli	35.5 lb

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

The Legislative Report will be given at the meeting.

IN THE Reading Room

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting

PLEASE RETURN LIBRARY MATERIALS! by Bill Dabney

If you borrowed anything from our library over the Course of the season, 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



From the October/November issue of Boat/US Magazine.

Tracing The ICW

By Bill Parlatore

Published: October/November 2013

It's the yellow brick road for thousands of boaters along the Intracoastal Waterway, but the ICW's magenta line is sorely in need of an update.



Photo: North Carolina Tourism

A Grand Banks 46 Classic tied up on the ICW in North Carolina.

To read the entire article, go to:

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2013/October/tracing-the-ICW.asp>

Also:

NOAA Coast Survey Wants to Hear from Boaters about the Intracoastal Waterway Route

NOAA seeks input on options to improve accuracy of the 'magenta line'

October 24, 2013

Go to:

<http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/news/weeklynews/oct13/magenta-line.html>

(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

As many of know I also perform the Vessel Safety Checks for USCG Auxiliary. While the season is coming to the end, Think about having one done next year. 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.

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.

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

From our past:

December 10, 2005

A Last Hurrah

On December 10th, Bill Dabney and I went down to the marina to take his boat out of the water for the season. With true fishermen's optimism, though, we hoped the weather would allow us to get one last shot at the stripers for the year. We stopped at Scott's bait shop on the way and got a report from his dad that there was some striper action off the Beach Haven towers.

When we got to the dock, about 9 AM, the weather was crisply cold, but calm and sunny. Things looked good except for some skim ice that had formed in the lagoon. Great Bay itself, though, was open. Bill's Parker, appropriately named "Ice Wine", carved right through to the bay and we headed down to the old Coast Guard station. We started out by anchoring at a rip there where we had had some good fishing earlier in the season. Not today though. Nothing on the fish finder and no bites to be had.

By that time the sun had warmed things up and we had a radio report from a few boats off of the towers that there was a lot of bird action and breaking fish outside. So off we went. On the way out we saw enormous schools of fish on the finder just outside the inlet, probably croakers or herring, in about 20 feet of water. No sign, though, of birds or breaking fish. When we got off the towers everything was calm. No boats, birds, or fish. We did a little casting around without any results. Then the radio kicked in and reported the fish had moved further north. Off we went again, until we finally caught up with them, off Brant Beach.

What a scene! The fish finder lit up from top to bottom. Birds diving and screaming over several acres of water with fish breaking all around us. In the middle of the afternoon yet. We started casting with Hopkins spoons and jigs, and both worked. A striper and a blue at first and then all stripers. Just under the surface or down deep, it didn't seem to matter. We ended up with 3 slot

fish and about a dozen just short of that, and lost a whole lot more. We were hooked up on almost every cast!

And then, at about 3 PM, it was as if someone turned off a switch. It was over. The bite stopped, the birds disappeared, and we were left sitting in a calm ocean. So we turned back in, heading for drydock, smiles on our faces, and already looking forward to next year. What a way to end the season!!

Bill Jann

To our member: This article was submitted by Bill Dabney and was a pdf file. In attempting to place it in the newsletter resulted in the best that could be done



**Recreational
Fishing
Alliance**

**For
Immediate Release
September
19, 2013**

Contact: Jim Hutchinson,

Jr. / 888-564-6732

Go to : Recreational Fishing Alliance
[news@joinrfa.org]

for the latest news from the RFA

**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.

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.

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
Club Meeting	Friday, 12 April, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 3 May, 2013
Club Meeting	Friday, 10 May, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 7 June, 2013
Club Meeting	Friday, 14 June, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 5 July, 2013
Club Meeting	Friday, 12 July, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 2 August, 2013
Club Meeting	Friday, 9 August, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 6 September, 2013
Club Meeting	Friday, 13 September, 2013
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 4 October, 2013
Club Meeting	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
Bay Avenue Community Center
775 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin

Other Events coming up:

January 18 & 19, 2014: Mud Hole NJ Rod Building Class (www.mudhole.com)

February 5-9, 2014: Atlantic City Boat Show (www.acboatshow.com)

February 20-23, 2014: New Jersey Boat Sale and Expo

George Provoromo Saltwater Fishing Seminar. Date and location to be announced. (usually in January or Early February)

Editor's note: While this was the first year of doing the newsletter, The Board will be reviewing the content and format for next year. I am requesting that the members let me or any of the board members what your thoughts were. What would like to see in future issues or even any articles or columns you would like to see

eliminated. I can be reached at jorsoe786@comcast.net

Thank you, Jeff Orsoe

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>

Barneget Fishing Hole:

<http://www.barnegetfishinghole.com/ubbthreads/ubbthreads.php>

Animated Knots

<http://www.animatedknots.com/>

Vessel Safety Checks
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



10% discount on bait & tackle

American Sportsman LLC
Bait and Tackle

Hunting, Fishing, Crab and Shellfish

857 Mill Creek Rd
Manahawkin, NJ 08050



609-597-4104

David Kelton

10% discount on bait & tackle

GALLIVANT GRAPHICS

BOAT LETTERING

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

BRASWELL TROPHY & ENGRAVING

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



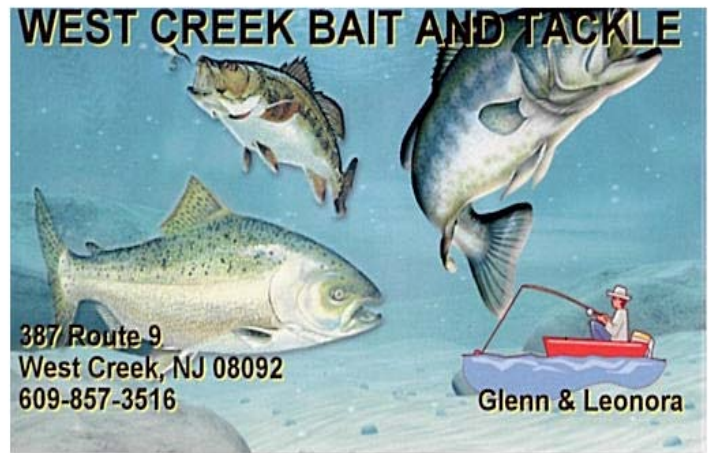
609-812-9883

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



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Boat, Engine & Trailer Sales





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APPROVED BOATING SAFETY
COURSE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

THE "NEW JERSEY BOAT OPERATOR"
IS APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED BY THE
NJ STATE POLICE MARINE SERVICES BUREAU

In New Jersey, all persons operating any powerboat or PWC (jet ski, sea doo, etc.) must have proof of passing an approved boating safety education course. All operators, regardless of age, must possess an approved boating safety education certificate.

GET YOUR NEW JERSEY BOATER CARD IN 3 EASY STEPS

1. Take and pass the New Jersey Boat Operator Online Boating Safety Education Course and print your "Proof of Completion" document.
2. Call and schedule an appointment to take the final exam at any our approved testing centers.
3. Show your "Proof of Completion" document at the testing center along with a photo ID. The final exam must be taken in person and a passing score of 70% or better is required to obtain your New Jersey Education Certificate.

15⁰⁰ of Boat's safety course



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