



# **HARBOUR LIGHT**

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## **OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE HARBOR FISHING CLUB**

Editor: Jeff Orsoe VHFC Web Site: <http://www.vhclub.com> September 2013 Vol. 113 No. 6

### **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,

In addition to one very melancholy wife, the cooler nights, later sunrises and earlier sunset means we are all closer to another Fall STRIPER SEASON! Although my wife actually enjoys the autumn, she knows that it brings on winter, a season she really dislikes. So, fall allows her an opportunity to start practicing on her "cold complaints" that reach a crescendo during winter. For me, it is the best time of the year for fishing; largemouth bass, stripers, weakfish, crappie, yellow perch, black sea bass.

Nothing is more exciting, for this bay/inshore fisherman, than the strike, fight and sight of a striper on the line. And, I might add, they taste mighty good as well. From what I hear, the fluke fishing has improved over early summer fishing, particularly at Garden State South, and the blowfish bite is still fantastic. As you know, our fluke season was extended by 8 days and will come to an end September 24<sup>th</sup>. Still plenty of time to stock the freezer.

Our annual club dinner is scheduled for this month, on September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn. It is a sit down, served meal with a choice of three entrees in a room to ourselves with a cash bar. This is a great opportunity to get our

wives/significant others involved in our club. And, because they know us better than other club members know us, their mere presence tends to dampen down the BS in our fish stories and you're more likely to hear something closer to the real truth. Sign up ASAP!

Through your generosity, we have accumulated an impressive assortment of items for our November meeting auction. The current list is included in the newsletter. As you know, the money we generate from this auction will be used by the club to donate to the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, the Recreational Fishing Alliance and the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance. These organizations have a presence with our city, state, regional and federal legislative and policy makers and fight for the interests of recreational fishing activities every day. They are not for profit entities that are run, in most part, by dedicated volunteers that look to clubs like ours for support. Our donations, along with fund raising fishing tournaments and dinners they conduct, helps these organizations pay for travel expenses, meals, lodging, office management, supplies, expenses and space.

The greater the participation at the auction, the greater the money generated and consequently, the more funds the club will be able to donate. For this reason, we are opening up this meeting to your friends and friends of friends! We are also extending an invitation to the four high school fishing clubs that compete for the trophy we give out each year. So please start getting the word out to people who would be interested. We are always looking for club members to become more involved in the running of our

organization, to join the Board and help make a great club even better. Please see a board member if you would like to help out. We need you!

Looking forward to seeing you all again,  
Dave

**EVENTS IN MAY**

**BOARD MEETING: 4 October**

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

725 Bay Avenue  
Manahawkin, NJ

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 11 October**

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**

**Striped Bass**

From the JCAA September newsletter – by Tom Fote

The Striped Bass meeting at the ASMFC week was not a long meeting. There was nothing accomplished since they are waiting for the stock assessment. Striped bass engenders strong feelings in everyone who fishes for them. Everyone has a strong opinion about the management of this species based on their own fishing habits. The catch and release anglers want big fish and many fish so they can enjoy catching and releasing large numbers of fish. Many of those anglers don't even eat fish but just enjoy the sport. The charter boat captains who cater to the catch and release fishermen support their ideas. There are the anglers who are the historical striped bass fishermen but occasionally want a striped bass for dinner. They may release a lot of fish but will take a few home to eat. There are also the new striped bass fishermen who have been pushed into fishing for striped bass. They used to fish for summer

flounder, weakfish, winter flounder or black sea bass and fish for food for dinner and for the winter. The regulations on these species have greatly reduced the opportunity to bring home these fish for dinner or storage. They have not focused their attention on striped bass as a food fish and want regulations that allow for significant catch. There are also recreational anglers who historically sold their fish and want to continue to do that to supplement their income or help pay for their fishing trips. Then there are the full-time commercial fishermen whose commercial practices depend on where they are located and whether they fish the oceans or bays. They have also been restricted as some states have determined that striped bass cannot be sold.

This article will deal with the recreational fishing sector. Trying to meet all the wants, needs and expectations of the diverse groups within the recreational anglers presents an ongoing challenge. I consider myself a member of all three groups; I like to fish for striped bass, I generally release striped bass and I enjoy an occasional striped bass for dinner. The only way to have enough striped bass to satisfy all of these needs is to create a sustainable fishery. That is where the problem lies. The catch and release anglers want an overabundance of striped bass with no harvest for anyone. They would like to see the stocks where they were just after the moratorium in the 90's. That fishery can only exist if no one wants to eat striped bass and that is an unrealistic expectation. As more anglers enter the fishery and start to consume striped bass, it becomes a more popular dinner. The stock can accommodate that if managed properly. That is what the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has been balancing since the fishery opened in 1992. The Commissioners have been considering how to allow a harvest for commercial use, subsistence use and catch and release. The ASMFC does this by not aiming for an all-time high in the stocks but by creating a management plan that accommodates all the user groups.

When I go to ASMFC representing New Jersey, I need to weigh the balance of how the fishery is being managed coast-wide and try to accommodate all the user groups. This very seldom makes anybody happy. But that is part of my job. When it comes to the recreational sector, my votes and my comments reflect the needs of all the anglers, not a single group. As long as the stocks can accommodate a harvest for personal consumption, I will make sure that happens. When many of us got involved in managing striped bass in the 70's our goal was to bring the

stocks back to a level that was sustainable and create a viable fishery. Because of environmental factors, competition from other species and human abuse of the resource, we cannot support levels of harvest that we had in the past. As an example, fishermen from Maine have not seen striped bass in a few years. It had an economic impact on the recreational fishing industry that depended on striped bass. Maine is also a no-sale state. In response to their anglers, Maine's delegation has been supporting a cut-back in the recreational harvest. It was interesting to hear from this delegation the amount of striped bass caught in Maine waters in 2013. This was done without the implementation of restrictions that are unnecessary. I have a long memory. Beginning in 1996, there have been people at the table representing the catch and release anglers who believe we are harvesting too many fish. New Jersey, through legislation, had to change the regulations to accommodate the knee-jerk reactions due to this pressure. In a few years, we were required to return to the original regulations since the changes had been unnecessary.

Climate change will have a long-term impact on striped bass. We will need to deal with it but I am not discussing it in this article. Nothing that I have seen in the past 40 years and in the past 24 years, at ASMFC, has shown me that we need to change our current practice. If the science and the triggers show the need for a change, then I will support that 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](http://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](http://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](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. 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



## LEE GREENWOOD CELEBRATES HOLIDAYS FOR HEROES

Nantucket Event Gets Support From RFA & Fishing Industry

August 16, 2012 - The Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) is proud to support Nantucket Holidays For Heroes to be held at the newly-build VFW Post 8608 in Nantucket. This sold-out event on September 13 will feature Lee Greenwood (*God Bless the USA*) and is being coordinated as a special tribute to our wounded heroes.

"On behalf of Holidays for Heroes I would like to thank Jim Donofrio of the Recreational Fishing Alliance for his hard work on our behalf in securing items for our September 13th auction," said Mike Lindley, a hardcore Massachusetts angler and Marine Corps veteran. "Jim was able to get the fishing industry to donate several items, from Lamiglas 9-foot surf rods to Ballyhood tuna lures, Bimini Bay sunglasses to an assortment of Tsunami Lures."

Thousands of men and women have given their all in defense of the liberties America holds so dear, and at Holidays for Heroes, it is their mission and responsibility to honor their sacrifice in thought, to reciprocate their commitment to country in deed, and to participate in a fellowship with our soldiers that proclaims we are proudly American

"Holidays For Heroes is in its first year and we are confident we are going to help these wounded Veterans immensely," Lindley added.

Fishing industry supporters for this special event featuring Lee Greenwood on September 13 include Steve Amato and Viking Yachts, the team from Bimini Bay Outfitters, Dick Posey from

Lamiglas rods, the team from Ballyhood lures, as well as the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA).

"It's easier fighting for our right to fish in the United States when so many American heroes have made the ultimate sacrifice in fighting to protect our freedom as a nation," Donofrio said today. "September 11 is Patriot's Day, and I know I speak on behalf of our RFA membership nationwide when I give sincere thanks to those American patriots who have fought for this great nation of ours."

For more information about Holidays For Heroes, go to [www.holidaysforheroes.com](http://www.holidaysforheroes.com).

## COASTAL ANGLERS CLOSER TO CONGRESSIONAL ASSIST

Bipartisan Leadership Recognizes Need For Fisheries Reform

September 11, 2013 - U.S. saltwater anglers today heard from a bipartisan coalition of congressional leaders that our federal fisheries law is in need of amendments in order to keep Americans fishing.

In a House Committee on Natural Resources Oversight Hearing this morning on the "*The Reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act*," Chairman Doc Hastings (R-WA) opened the testimony by noting the official findings of a [National Academies of Sciences report](#) which in part found "*the benefits and costs of introducing more flexibility in determining the time to rebuild should be considered*" by Congress.

"I believe the report tracks what we have been hearing both during Congressional hearings and at the Managing Our Nations Fisheries conference," Rep. Hastings said, adding "generally, the report correctly finds that while the 2006/2007 amendments were well intentioned, some modifications should be considered to give fishery managers additional flexibility to deal with the complexities of fisheries."

The Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) praised the Committee and its Chairman for holding this important hearing on the state of the coastal fishing industry, and said saltwater anglers should be optimistic about what transpired in Washington DC today.

"Both Chairman Hastings and new ranking minority leader Peter DeFazio (D-OR) pledged support for looking at sensible amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act to incorporate limited management flexibility to provide a

better balance of commerce and conservation," said RFA executive director Jim Donofrio. "The recreational fishing industry only works if our saltwater anglers are provided access to healthy and sustainable fisheries, and many of the witnesses today were really able to get that point across to the Committee."

Jeff Deem of Virginia, a representative on the Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, [testified on behalf of the RFA](#) and spoke of his responsibilities to represent coastal fishermen while working to achieve a balance between conservation goals mandated by the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

"The premise that balance can be achieved between these two needs is reasonable and should be a defining principle of successful fisheries management," Deem told Congress, adding "yet, during my tenure on the Council, I have seen the implementation of some MSA mandates cause significant socioeconomic harm on the recreational fishing community while producing no conservation benefit."

"I believe it is critical that flexibility be part of the reauthorized MSA," Deem added.

When asked by Chairman Hastings, every witness except NOAA Fisheries and the Pew-funded Ocean Conservancy offered support for limited, strategically-targeted flexibility in the upcoming reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

"Seven years after Congress told NOAA to create a better recreational data collection program, based on the National Academies' recommendations, little has changed since 2006," Hastings said, adding "recreational fishermen doubt the data and managers continue to be forced to make decisions without adequate or real-time data."

In a March 13, 2013 hearing before the same Committee, NMFS' Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs Sam Rauch revealed that legal requirements to incorporate new data collection methods in a time-certain deadline had not been made, stating "It is correct that we have a 2009 deadline that we did not entirely meet." At the September 11th hearing, Rauch told Hastings and fellow Committee members that "the data collection is a budget issue."

At the conclusion of the hearing, Chairman Hastings went on to thank the witnesses, while also pledging to spearhead


incorporation of sensible amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act to represent the views of stakeholders and fisheries representatives who have appeared before the Committee since 2007.

The September 11th House Natural Resources Committee hearing video will be archived for public view later this week at <http://naturalresources.house.gov>.

#### About Recreational Fishing Alliance

The Recreational Fishing Alliance is a national, grassroots political action organization representing recreational fishermen and the recreational fishing industry on marine fisheries issues. *The RFA Mission is to safeguard the rights of saltwater anglers, protect marine, boat and tackle industry jobs, and ensure the long-term sustainability of our Nation's saltwater fisheries.* For more information, call 888-JOIN-RFA or visit [www.joinrfa.org](http://www.joinrfa.org).

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### **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](http://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!

## Up for a Challenge? Try an IGFA Slam

By IGFA [Public Relations](#) Coordinator Kelsey Johnson

They aren't [targeting](#) the biggest fish. Nor are they weekend anglers, content to catch whatever is in season at their local spot. Fishermen on a slam quest are a



particular group, [investing](#) an extraordinary amount of time and research into capturing all the species on their list. Some cross continents in a mere 100 days to [complete](#) the challenge; others plot and plan over several years to achieve their goal. We caught up with a few slam masters and asked them: What's so alluring about completing a slam?

### The Game

The fish are, of course, at the center of every slam adventure. There are six Royal Slam clubs – the billfish, salmon, tuna, shark, bass, and trout – each of which requires the angler to catch between six and nine IGFA-recognized species within the category. Catching eight [stripers](#) may seem like an easy enough task, but hooking eight different species of bass turns out to be more challenging than one might think. “I don’t think I even knew what a shoal bass was until we decided to take on the Bass Royal Slam,” shares Bo Nelson, an IGFA Representative from Arizona. He and Pete Binaski, an IGFA Representative from California, targeted their slams together and are two of only four people to have [completed](#) all three freshwater Royal Slams. “Each of the species is different, even though

they're all bass or trout or salmon. You have to think about each of them differently if you're going to be successful."

Even when the angler is familiar with the species, actually getting one on the line is an undertaking in itself. "It took my son Wes two years and four visits to Fort Lauderdale, Florida to catch his first swordfish," Mark Davis, of Malibu, California, tells us. Now working on his second Royal Slam, 12-year old Wesley recently hooked two more swordfish but lost them both. "Catching even one swordfish in your life is incredible," Mark says, now working on his fifth Royal Slam, "but keeping them on the line can be kind of hit and miss." Slam clubs also appeal to the conservationist in each of these anglers. Neither Grand nor Royal Slams require the fish to be weighed, allowing anglers to practice catch-and-release as often as possible. The vast majority of all the fish Bo, Pete, Mark, and Wes caught for their slams were released to be caught again another day.

So go to the IGFA website and see what it is all about <http://www.igfa.org/About/Try-An-IGFA-Slam-Quest.aspx>

## FISHING REPORTS

### Fishing report from Joe Filice Sept 3, 2013.



On Tues, Russ Denton called about fishing on Weds. I had painting to do on Weds, but guess where I was on Weds. We left the dock at 9:00, gassed up and headed to the Garden State Reef South. we started our first drift in 68' and taking waves at the aft. Russ's fishing partner, Dennis noticed we were riding low in the water and we realized the bilge was not running. After some scrambling, the float switch was fixed and

about 30 minutes later we were back in business.

I rigged up a 3-way swivel. Off the bottom was a 12" leader to a 6 oz Spro jig tipped with a 6" nuclear chicken Gulp. Off the top swivel was a 18" leader with a fly teaser tipped with squid. Oner the day I had my limit with a 24" & 25" on the Spro jig. Another 3 keepers came on the teaser, not as big though. I had approx 1 1/2 doz total fish. Russ and Dennis had 2 keepers each and approx. another 2 doz throwbacks. It was a terrific day on the water, but a sloppy ride back into a south wind

## 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](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.

## 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 there are two items that shown. The first is the Bristol Knot.

The [bristol](#) knot (also called noname knot) is relatively simple to tie and results in a very [streamlined](#) connection between a [double line](#) and leader. The knot facilitates passing through guides and over rollers. Essentially a jam knot, the bristol is a highly effective knot for attaching super-braid (spectra) double line to your leader.

Follow this link to watch the video courtesy of the IGFA. <http://www.igfa.org/About/Bristol-Knot-Video-Tutorial.aspx>

The second is [Estimating Monofilament Backing When Using Braided Spectra](#)



How much monofilament [backing](#) will i need beneath my [braided line](#) top-shot?

This is a nifty [mathematics](#) calculation on how to estimate how much monofilament backing you will need to use with [braided line](#) top-shots.

In this situation we are using a [Shimano Sustain](#) 5000 spool which holds 200 yards of 12 lb monofilament. and we want to use a 150 yard top-shot of 20 lb braided line.

How much monofilament backing do you need to fill the spool space?

Follow this link to watch the video courtesy of the IGFA. <http://www.igfa.org/About/Estimating-Monofilament-Backing-When-Using-Braided-Spectra.aspx>

#### **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>	<b>Friday, 5 April, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 12 April, 2013</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 3 May, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 10 May, 2013</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 7 June, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 14 June, 2013</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 5 July, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 12 July, 2013</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 2 August, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 9 August, 2013</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 6 September, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 13 September, 2013</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 4 October, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 11 October, 2013</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 1 November, 2013</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 8 November, 2012</b>

**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=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>

**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](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS: 30  
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at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto: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  
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