

# HARBOUR LIGHT

Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. PO Box 1026 Manahawkin, NJ 08050

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

Editor: Jeff Orsoe VHFC Web Site: <a href="http://www.vhfclub.com">http://www.vhfclub.com</a> May 2014 Vol. 25 No.2

## **NEW MEETING 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,

It actually does look like things on the weather front have changed for the better and all we have to do is to wait for the fish to get the word and come pay us a visit! Have been out only once so far this year, without luck, and will give it another try tomorrow. I'll let you know how it turns out at the meeting this Friday night.

There are a number of regulatory issues still being reviewed which will impact the 2015 Striper regulations, but the fishing regulation for 2014 are now set and are on our website. There are a few proposals being made that could have a negative impact on New Jersey

saltwater fishing in the future such as seismic blasting and sand mining that will be discussed at this meeting. The following website will allow you to sign a partition against the seismic blasting:

## http://www.thepetitionsite.com/230/078/429/st op-seismic-testing-off-nj-coast-this-june

We have another interesting speaker scheduled this month, Capt. Fran Verdi, will inform us about the techniques required to catch big Black Drum in the bay.

Just a reminder, 2014 VHFC dues need to be paid up by the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month, so, if you haven't already paid, this Friday night would be a great time to. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Warmest regards,

Dave

#### WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE

The link to the new club website is:

http://vhfclub.com.s125796.gridserver.com/

Check it out!!!

## **EVENTS IN MAY**

**BOARD MEETING: Friday May 2** 

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

725 Bay Avenue Manahawkin, NJ

## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Friday May 9**

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 Capt. Fran Verdi who will present "Mid-Shore Drum Fishing" in our area during the month of May. All you need to land a 20 to 80 lb. Drum in our bay.
  - All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

## 2013 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.

2013 Fish of the Year Winners are:

## The 2013 Angler of the Year is Bill Figley

The 2013 Fish of the Month winners are:

Blackfish - Bill Figley - 7.5 lbs

Bluefish - Paul Galasso - 15.35

lbs

Fluke - Dave Sikorski - 7.95 lbs

Sea Bass – **Jeff Barnhardt** – 2.62

Striped Bass – **Rich Belli** – 35.8 lbs

Weakfish – **Dave Spendiff** – 7.95 lbs

Winter Flounder – **John Lyszczarz** – 1.78 lbs

## Congratulations to all of the Winners.



Vince Sibona presenting Dave Sikorski with his Fluke Award. 7.95 lbs



Vince Sibona presenting Dave Spendiff with his Weakfish Award. 6.5 lbs

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 AND FISH OF

## THE YEAR AWARDS

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2014 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

Taken from the NJAA Newsletter. Articles by Tom Fote

In my meeting on March 31st with the offices of Senator Menendez and Senator Booker and Congressman Pallone, I discussed beach replenishment and how that will impact

the recreational fishing community. I discussed how the notching of jetties will cut off access that anglers have used for over 100 years. There were no studies done on the jetties that were notched previously to determine if the Army Corp of Engineers' approach was appropriate. I was invited to a meeting in Congressman Pallone's office on April 16th but due to my schedule, Paul Haertel attended to represent Jersey Coast. His report is in the President's column.

## **Sand Mining**

The other problem I discussed with our congressional representatives was the proposal for sand mining and flattening the lumps. JCAA has fought this battle numerous times back as far as the late 80's. JCAA, American Littoral Society and Clean Ocean Action have worked together to stop this in the past and will do so again. It is important that you contact New Jersey DEP and the Governor's Office to register your objections. We need for Governor Christie and the DEP to publicly oppose sand mining on lumps. My understanding is that the DEP has not signed off on the permit. If my memory is correct, Governor Christie can veto the plans of the Army Corp of Engineers.

Ken Warchal from the Manasquan Marlin and Tuna Club first brought this to my attention and also pointed out the places in the document that I should look at. His remarks and the link to the document is below. If you have any problems send me an email and I will send you the PDF file.

### Tom

Area B is the lump between the Axel Carlson and the beach. F2 is Manasquan Ridge. Here are some key points and the link for this proposal:

The current initial sand quantity required is estimated at 9,865,000 cubic yards, which is a reduction from the original plan quantity of 10,689,000 cubic yards. Periodic nourishment was increased from 961,000 cubic yards to 1,364,000 cubic yards, and is scheduled to occur every 4 years. **p.1 of interior cover** 

For initial construction, material would be taken from the sand borrow areas identified as areas A, B, D, and E. Sand for periodic nourishment would be obtained from these four offshore borrow areas and potentially one that is currently being studied known as F2. **p.2 of interior cover** 

This Draft EA is being forwarded to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region II, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), and all other known interested parties for comment. **p.2 of interior cover** 

The sand sources proposed in USACE (2002), Borrow Area A and Borrow Area B, were determined to be suitable based on their material grain sizes and lower impacts to fisheries resources. **p.2 of 3.0 Alternatives Considered** 

Borrow Area B is located about 1.75 miles offshore of Mantoloking, NJ. This area is approximately 360 acres in size and contains approximately 7.5 million cubic yards of suitable beach fill material with a maximum disturbance depth of approximately -81 feet NAVD. **p.7 of 4.2.2 Borrow Areas** 

As discussed in the Feasibility report, the Corps is also pursuing the use of Borrow area F2 as another potential source of sand for future periodic nourishments for the project area. Borrow area F2 is located about 4.6 miles offshore of Mantoloking and is approximately 1700 acres in size. **p.7 of 4.2.2 Borrow Areas** 

Areas 5.6.3 Prime Fishing Areas Several locations within or near the project area are classified as Prime Fishing Areas (NJAC 7:7E-3.4) by NJDEP (Figure 9). One of these features lies within Borrow Area B and one lies within Borrow Area F2 (The Manasquan Ridge). These areas were originally delineated by Long and Figley (1984) in a publication titled New Jersey's Recreational and Commercial Ocean Fishing Grounds. **p.22 of 5.6.3** 

Link: Draft\_Manasquan\_EA\_DEC

Ken

## **Seismic Blasting**

Under the guise of researching climate change 60 million years ago, Rutgers and Texas A & M are proposing seismic testing 15 miles east of Barnegat Inlet. They must think anglers and our Legislature are stupid. We all know if you are doing work to study rock formations you are actually looking for oil and gas. Every legislator I talked to recognizes this ruse. I am working with legislators to craft legislation that will address this issue, sand mining and summer flounder. I will keep you posted. There is a press release below from COA.

## **Fishing Seasons**

In a nutshell, the seasons will be shorter or the size will be larger or the limit will be smaller for fluke and sea bass. Winter flounder, on the other hand, will have the season extended to a full year, with the same 2 fish and 12" limit. The exact details of all of these changes have not yet been approved in their final forms, but will be shortly.

Coast Guard announces Barnegat Inlet North Jetty repair project, safety zone



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BARNEGAT LIGHT, N.J. — The Coast Guard is giving notice that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has contracted with Agate Construction to repair the Barnegat Inlet North Jetty beginning on or about April 14 and possibly continuing through November. Operations will occur during daylight hours and at night. A crane barge and a rock barge will be spudded down for stabilization at the north jetty with barge lights illuminated. The navigable channel in Barnegat Inlet is narrow due to shoaling on the south side and in the center. Natural changes in the inlet typically cause the water to be deeper on the north side, near the damaged jetty. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Dredge, Murden, is dredging the shoal during the month of March to widen the navigable area. Depending on the results of this dredging, a safety zone will be activated that encompasses the entire Barnegat Inlet. Within the safety zone the following is not permitted: swimming, diving, fishing

**Update**: I was in a CG Aux meeting on Saturday, Commander Speers indicated that as of then, The barge(s) have not arrived to the inlet. It is his understanding that the barge(s) will be side by side with a tug along side of them. Boaters will be allowed to traverse the inlet single file in both directions. Any conflicts may arise when a commercial vessel will travel thru and have to have his outriggers in the down position. With that happening it will most likely take up the balance of inlet.

## **IN THE Reading Room**

The library is open. Books, DVD are there for you to read and watch with out having to go out and purchase them. We all have our favorite magazine(s) that we receive in the mail. What do you do with them when you are done reading them. Here is another way to recycle them. Donate them to the Club library. Just remove or blacken in the mailing label.

#### **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

By Bill Dabney



(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

## **ANGLER Reports**

Published: Spring 2014

BoatUS Is Fighting To Make Sure Fishermen And Boaters Can Stay On Course



At a hearing before the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation to review the future of the federal government's navigation programs and aids to navigation, BoatUS urged the federal agencies faced with lower budgets to keep the needs of recreational boaters in mind when looking at future savings and efficiencies.

Aids to navigation include items such as floating and lit buoys, fixed markers, sound signals and range markers that allow boaters to safely navigate.

"In an age of electronic communications and digital technology, I am interested in the savings and efficiencies that can be gained through an enavigation system, as well as the progress we have made in implementing e-navigation," Subcommittee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) said. "However, I am also concerned that as an e-navigation system is built out, adequate redundancies and back-up systems are put in place to ensure safety."

BoatUS acknowledged that the U.S. Coast Guard's <u>aids to navigation</u> mission is understandably focused on supporting commercial shipping and fishing, but forgetting about the 12 million registered recreational boats could prove hazardous.

Unlike commercial vessels, recreational boats are much less likely to have sophisticated electronics needed to access some of the newer proposed systems such as virtual buoys. There is still a significant need for the physical aids to navigation in areas such as shallow draft harbors and channels where boaters operate.

Also commenting about the collection of data used to create nautical charts, BoatUS said there was a "backlog of need to survey areas with active recreational boating populations."

The national boat owners group also acknowledged and thanked NOAA's Office of Coast Survey for being responsive to boaters needs with a change in a plan that would not have included "the Magenta Line," or Atlantic/Gulf Intracoastal Waterways, on new charts. Instead, the Office has undertaken an innovative program that will use verifiable "crowd"

source" information combined with survey data to maintain the Magenta Line.

To see the full BoatUS comments, go to:www.BoatUS.com/Aidstonavigationcomments.

## **BoatUS Webinar's**I

You are now able to view the webinars online at <u>BoatUS.com/seaworthy/webinar</u>. 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.

The above is from the BoatUS website

**Editor's Note**: It is never to early to start thinking of Hurricanes and other storms. I know the season has not even started, by the seasons comes up quick.

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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 <a href="mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net">jorsoe786@comcast.net</a>. 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.

Some members have asked me when the Flotilla that I belong to will be holding our Boating Classes. Our next Boating class will be given on Saturday May 17, 2014. At the Old Ocean Club located on Route 9 in West Creek.. Contact is as shown;

Boating Skills & Seamanship 8 Hours

Contact either Joseph Lupa at <a href="mailto:jasiu2@comcast.net">jasiu2@comcast.net</a>

Or Contact Ralph Giunti at 609-597-1295

## ARE YOU READY FOR

### SAFE BOATING WEEK

**Starting** Saturday, May 17 is the beginning of Safe Boarting Week. This runs thru to Friday, May 23. Marinas, Stores, Boat Ramps will be celebrating this annual event. The Coast Guard Auxiliary will be passing out information during this week.

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



The Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) encourages anglers and recreational fishing industry leaders to share our cuttingedge digital version of Making Waves for Spring of 2014 which features an exclusive interview with Thom Dammrich, president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA).

While I had a little bit of a slow period, I decided to take a closer look at the RFA website to see what I may have been missing.

Did you know that they have their own Facebook page. Should really not be surprise as many of us do. Google it or go to their website <a href="www.joinrfa.org">www.joinrfa.org</a> and do some exploring.

## RFA FACEBOOK PAGE:

Your friends at the Recreational Fishing Alliance have their own group page on Facebook. If you're a member of Facebook, be sure to add the RFA page to your list of favorite groups!

Another website I found is the NJFishing.Com site I did not spend a lot of time their but it did seem interesting. Try it out/

**NJFISHING.COM**: New Jersey's source for online fishing, the NJFishing.com message board is a regular communications point for RFA-NJ members.

## **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.

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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 <u>www.IGFA.org</u> 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!

## **USING SABIKIS**

## Tips for Sabikis

Looking to catch that monster snapper or grouper? Nothing beats dropping live bait such as pinfish or cigar minnow on a wreak. One of the easiest ways to catch live bait is on a sabiki rig. These rigs feature a lead line with additional branching line each having a hook. The lead line ends with a weight attached at the bottom. A sabiki rig typically has between 6 to 10 small hooks with a tiny piece of shiny of material attached to act as a lure to attract fish. The glimmer in the water as the rig is lowered resembles the tiny pieces of bait food fish typically eat. They are irresistible. To read more of Sabiki Rigs go to:

www.igfa.org/learn/Using-Sabikis.aspx

#### **FISHING REPORTS**

## No Reports at this time

## MONTHLY HANDS ON

We will attempt to have a 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 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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place a free ad. Please contact Jeff Orsoe via email at jorsoe786@comcast.net to place your ad.

#### **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** 

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**MEETING DATES** 

Board Meeting Friday, 2 May, 2014

Club Meeting Friday, 9 May, 2014

Board Meeting Friday, 6, June 2014

Club Meeting Friday, 12 June, 2014

Board Meeting Friday TBD July, 2014

Club Meeting Friday, 11 July, 2014

Board Meeting Friday, 1 August, 2014

Club Meeting Friday, 8 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, 14 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=InmDistric

t&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

## **DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS: 30 May, 2014**

at jorsoe786@comcast.net

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Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale



10% discount on bait & tackle



discount on bait & tackle

#### **GALLIVANT GRAPHICS**

## **BOAT LETTERING**

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#### **BRASWELL TROPHY & ENGRAVING**

Ken Braswell, Owner

618-1744

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#### **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

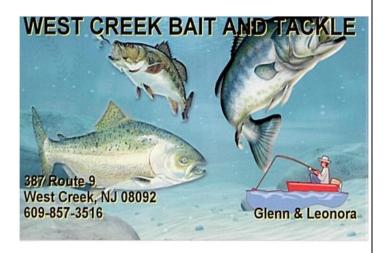


609-812-9883

#### **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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- Take and pass the New Jersey Boat Operator Online Boating
   Safety Education Course and print your "Proof of Completion" document.
- 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.



BoatCourse.com