



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,

Last year when I was writing the April letter, I was moaning about the snow and cold weather that was still around...want to hear me moan again? I mean, come on now give us a break!! No wonder so many people have a total disconnect with the *Global Warming* theory. Weather, like politics, is local.

Remember the long, long fight that has gone on about the commercial fishing pots on our state reefs? Well, the compromise that we discussed last year has finally worked its way to the governor's desk and should be signed any day now.

The 2015 fishing regulations are still yet to be finalized. The next meeting of the New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council will be held on Thursday, April 9th at 4:00PM in the Stafford Twp. Municipal building, 260 East Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ. At this meeting, they will hear final public comment on proposed regulations for fluke, sea bass and the striped bass bonus program and decide what the regulations will be. You will have little justification to complain about the outcome if you don't attend and make your feelings known. Look at the Regulatory/Legislative section in our newsletter for more detail.

Jim Blandine is still working on the 2015 slate of meeting speakers, but has a great speaker for our first meeting – Tony Maja of bunker spoon fame. All you have to do is read the shore fishing reports to know his spoons catch fish...come to the meeting and learn how to use them.

It has been a long winter and I am looking forward to seeing you all again. Hope to see you Friday, April 10th.

Warmest regards,

Dave

EVENTS IN April:**BOARD MEETING: April 3**

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: April 10

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

_ 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Tony Maja

_ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

This month's speaker

This month's speaker is Tony Maja of bunker spoon fame. All you have to do is read the shore fishing reports to know his spoons catch fish...come to the meeting and learn how to use them

Leaders 2015

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| WINTER FLOUNDER | | | |
| Blackfish | | | |
| WEAKFISH | | | |
| BLUEFISH | | | |
| FLUKE | | | |
| SEA BASS | | | |
| STRIPED | | | |

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| BASS | | | |
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2014 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR

PROGRAM by Butch Glegg

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| March & April | Winter Flounder |
| May | Striped Bass |
| June | Fluke |
| July | Bluefish |
| August | Fluke |
| September | Sea Bass & Weakfish |
| October/November | Striped Bass & Bluefish |

The same seven species will continue for our

2015 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.

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 2015 then you win the FOY trophy for that species. **Note:** your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

This month's Legislative reports can be found throughout the newsletter

1) Fluke: There will be a 128 day season in 2015 with a 5 fish bag limit of a minimum 18". The decision the NJMFC will have to make at the April 9th meeting in Manahawkin is, when the season begins and ends. The options are:

- a) Opens May 16th – ends September 20th
- b) Opens May 22th – ends September 26th

The JCAA favors “b” as it will keep the season open later in the season when there is little else to fish for before the stripers arrive.

2) Striped Bass: The 2015 regulation will be 1 fish at a minimum of 28” to less than 43” and a second fish of 43” or greater. What has not been decided is the Bonus Bass Program size limit. This will be decided at the April 9th NJMFC meeting in Manahawkin after public comment. The options to be considered are:

- a) 1 fish between 24-28”
- b) 1 fish at a minimum of 28” or greater

The JCAA favors option “b” to help protect the very large 2011 year class of bass that will be reaching the 24-28” size in a few years. They want this year class to spawn at least once before being harvested.

3) Sea Bass: The options here are more complex as they deal with size, bag limit and length of season. The 3 options are as follows: (See Chart)

The JCAA favors option 3 as it increases the season to 175 days (38 days longer than option 1), which would begin on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and extend through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. This still achieves the 33% mandated reduction by simply adding ½” to size limit. The JCAA believes that option 3 is the best option for recreational anglers whether they fish on charter, party or private boats.

Please attend the NJMFC meeting at 4PM on April 9th at the Stafford Municipal Building, 260 East Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ and voice your opinions on these regulations.

NJ Marine Fisheries Council Advisory
Committee Meeting
Approved Options March 19, 2015
NJ 2015 Black Sea Bass Example Option 1

| | Wave 3 | Wave 4 | Wave 5 | Wave 6 | Perc Redx |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2015 Example Season | May 1 - June 30 | July 1 - July 31 | Oct 22 - Oct 31 | Nov 1 - Dec 31 | |
| 137 days | | | | | 32.9 7% |
| 2015 bag | 15 | 2 | 15 | 15 | |
| size | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | |
| days | 35 | 31 | 10 | 61 | |

NJ 2015 Black Sea Bass Example Option 2

| | Wave 3 | Wave 4 | Wave 5 | Wave 6 | Perc Redx |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2015 Example Season | June 10 - June 30 | July 1 - Aug 31 | Oct 23 - Oct 31 | Nov 1 - Dec 31 | |
| 153 days | | | | | 33.6 6% |
| 2015 bag | 15 | 3 | 15 | 15 | |
| size | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | |
| days | 21 | 62 | 9 | 61 | |

NJ 2015 Black Sea Bass Example Option 3

| | Wave 3 | Wave 4 | Wave 5 | Wave 6 | Perc Redx |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| 2015 Example Season | May 25 - June 30 | July 1 - Aug 31 | Sept 1 - Sept 6 and Oct 23 - Oct 31 | Nov 1 - Dec 31 | |
| 175 days | | | | | 33.0 0% |
| 2015 bag | 12 | 3 | 3 | 15 | |
| size | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | |
| days | 37 | 62 | 15 | 61 | |

IN THE Reading Room

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting

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

As we begin the new season, I would like to remind all to go to the BoastUS Website: (www.boatus.com) and take a look . There are several tips and suggestion ranging from Tips in getting your vessel ready for the season to Boating in cold weather. You will also find sever articles of general interest.

As a reminder, Should you wish to have a Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Exam performed, please contact me at 732-672-5530. There is no charge for this service.

Till next time "Tight Lines:

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



I was surfing thru some of my favorite fishing web sites and stopped at the Recreational Fishing Alliance website (www.joinrfa.org).

I encourage everyone to go to the RFA website along with those of similar information so that we can make sound decisions.

Taken from the RFA Website



Looking for suggestions on tuning up that rod and reel, The IGFA website has several articles and videos that may help setting up your rod for this year. If you are a history buff, explore the various portions of the website (www.IGFA.org) for some tidbits on the history of this organization. I will wager that many of you did not know its beginnings.

If you did not have the chance to visit the IGFA museum, you will have to travel to Springfield Mo. To see it. Yes, you saw it right. They are moving it west. More details on the website and I will pass it along as it becomes available.

FISHING REPORTS

THERE ARE NO REPORTS AT THIS TIME.

However if you are a subscriber to "The Fisherman". I recommend that you go to their website www.thefisherman.com and view the report as given by Jim Hutchinson, Jr in this weeks report for the latest.

Also go to our own website www.vhfishingclub.com to read more.

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 We are taking a link from Fly Fishing in Salt Water. The second is a repeat from last month for those that may have missed it. It can also be found at the IGFA web-site.



How to Tie the Top 10 Fly Fishing Knots

How to tie 10 fly fishing knots that will keep you connected all the way from the spool of your reel to the eye of your fly.

[Read More »](#)

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**

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 3 April, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 10 April, 2015 |
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 1 May, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 8 May, 2015 |
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 5 June, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 12 June, 2015 |
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 3 July, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 10 July, 2015 |
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 7 Aug, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 14 Aug, 2015 |
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 4 Sept, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 11 Sept, 2015 |
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 2 Oct, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 9 Oct, 2015 |
| <i>Board Meeting</i> | Friday, 6 Nov, 2015 |
| Club Meeting | Friday, 13 Nov, 2015 |

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®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:
30 April 2015

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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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

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494-1371

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