



# ***HARBOUR LIGHT***

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

Editor: Jeff Orsoe VHFC Web Site: <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> July, 2015 Vol. 26 No. 4

### **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,

It is with some embarrassment that I pass on to you the new nickname I've been given by the fishermen in my family. I do this only because I believe in the founding purpose of educating that started this club some 26 years ago. I'll give you the name later on, but the fishing trip that led to it started at 3:45AM, August 6<sup>th</sup> when I left my dock to fish the middle grounds for weakfish and fluke. I had 4 rods rigged, 2 lighter weight spinning rods rigged with pink soft jerk baits and 2 conventional rods set up for fishing for fluke with bait. I arrived at my spot at the first signs of light in the East and with a couple of hours left on the outgoing tide. I started my drifts casting for weakfish without a

touch for the first hour and three quarters – NADA! I switched to fishing for fluke with fresh spearing, squid, gulp, and fish bellies on buck tails and hi-lo rigs – NADA, not a touch! On one of my drifts, I noticed some surface action around a “no wake” buoy and figured I would make a few casts around the buoy to see if I could hook into something, anything! On the second cast with the pink BKD I caught a light silvery fish with faint bars on its flat sides that fought pretty well for its 9 to 10 inch size. I had absolutely no idea what it was, but they were hitting and I was in a catching mood so I continued to cast and catch until the turn of the tide when they stopped biting and I moved on farther South to catch a 12” fluke (1<sup>st</sup> of the year) on an incoming tide drift.

We have Jeff Dement of the American Littoral Society as our guest speaker this month and you'll have only one more meeting to buy raffle tickets for the Tony Maja outrodders and the St. Croix spinning rod donated by fellow member, Manny Silva.

We have scheduled a club fluke tournament for September 12<sup>th</sup> with a \$5.00 entry fee per fisherman. There will be 2 largest fish prizes: **1<sup>st</sup> Prize = 75%** of total entry money and **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize =**

**25%** of total entry money. The fish must be caught in the bay (Barnegat to Great Bay) and all fish must be weighed in at one of our weigh stations on 9/12/15 to qualify. Prize money will be awarded at our October meeting. We will have more information and a signup sheet at Friday's meeting.

Now is the time to sign up for our annual dinner to be held at the Villaggio's restaurant on the evening of September 19, 2015. No one will have more fun in Manahawkin that night for \$36.00 than we will, particularly with the option to bring your own bottle! Hope to see a big turn out!

We will be meeting in a new location starting this Friday since the old building has been demolished. The same parking area is available, but the meeting will take place in the building on the corner west of the parking lot at 25 Pine St.

Oh yea, the nickname! After a trip to the library to discover the species of fish I caught almost 20 of and phone conversations with my fishing children and grandchildren, I am now known as the **"Grand Croaker"**! Just no respect anymore!!!

Hope to see you Friday,

Dave

#### **EVENTS IN August:**

#### **BOARD MEETING: August 7, 2015**

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

725 Bay Avenue  
Manahawkin, NJ

White Building next door to the left of the parking lot

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING: August 14, 2015**

At the **Bay Avenue Community Center**

7:30 PM: Doors Open Early - Come Help Set Up.

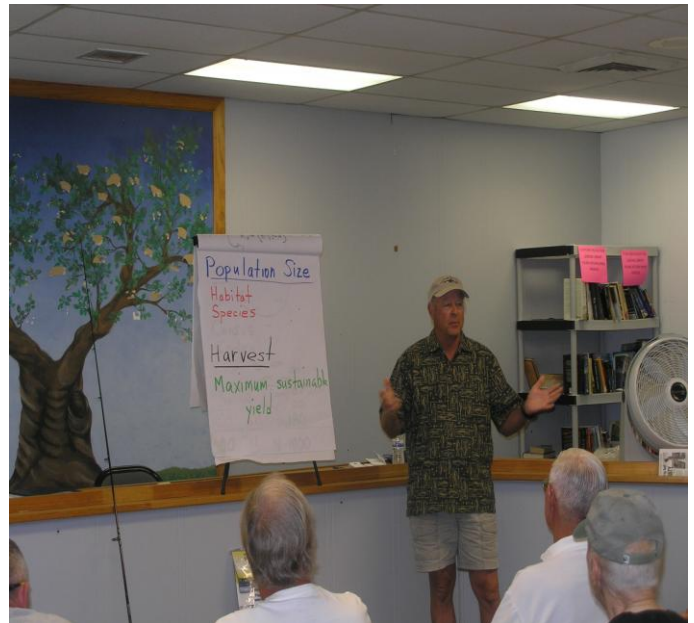
7:45 PM: Meeting Starts With Club Business:

- \_ Committee Reports
- \_ 8:00 pm Guest Speaker Bill Figley
- \_ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

#### **This month's speaker**

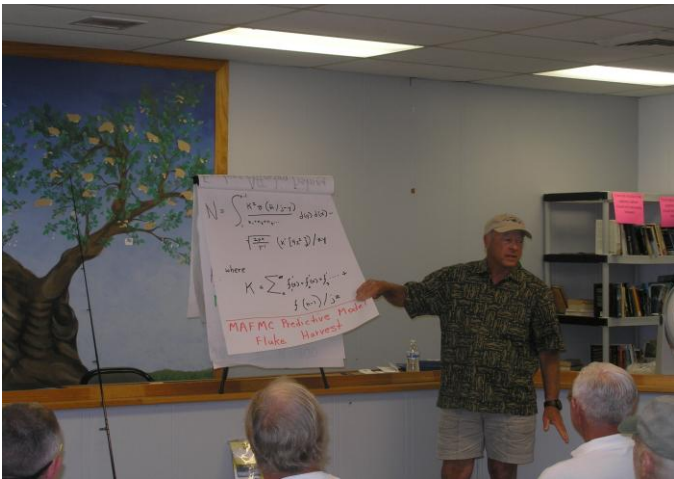
This month's speaker is Jeff Dement of the American Littoral Society

Julys Speaker was Bill Figley. Bill spoke on fishing on the wrecks along with a variety of fishing informations.



Listen up this is important!

**Bill Always entertaining with great information**



**Bill said it was all “in the Calculations”**

**Thanks Bill, A great job well done.**

### **2015 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR**

**PROGRAM** by Butch Glegg

March & April	Winter Flounder
May	Striped Bass
June	Fluke
July	Bluefish
August	Fluke
September	Cod
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.

### **Brett Taylor receiving the Fish of the year for Weakfish and Fluke**



### **The Battle of the High Schools**

As many of our members are aware, Village Harbour Fishing Club sponsors a Fishing Tournament in which the area High Schools compete in each spring. This year Barnegat High School came out the winner. Coach Brett Taylor accepted the trophy on their behalf.



**Calling All Members!!**

**Hold the Date:**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Hold the date open for the Village harbor Fishing Tournament. President Dave is leading the charge for that day. Contact him should you wish to join in for the fun. Dave will sending out the information concerning the day's event once all of the details have been set.**

### **THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

The rules are set for the 2015 year, Instead of listing them, I would suggest that you go to the NJ Fish and game website at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fqw/digmar15.htm>

for the latest information. Also the Governor has signed off of the regs and the Stripped Bass bonus tag has been suspended until September 2015.

### **IN THE Reading Room**

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting

Many thanks to the members who have donated some very interesting books for our club's fishing library. Stop over at the library table and pick out a book to help you land that next BIG ONE,

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 US also have their publications on line. There you can find back issues. Go to

[:http://www.boatus.com/magazine/archives/default.asp](http://www.boatus.com/magazine/archives/default.asp)

But you will also need your Member number to access them

Bill



(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

The boating season is in the final days of summer. The days are starting to be shorter. New month in September we will be in the prime of the Hurricane season. So this month I would like to direct the membership to the BoatUS website. And look for the area dealing with hurricanes. Also review your insurance policy and what is covered, and what is not for that matter. Their site has wealth in information for us to use. Hopefully, my wish if the all of the storms go anywhere else, but here, The site is:  
[www.boatus.com/hurricanes/](http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/)  
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](http://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



I don't know how many of the membership have had the chance to visit the IGFA website ([www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org)) or have visited our club library and seen their quarterly publication "International Angular". While there are many interesting articles concerning our sport on many levels, every once and a while an article pops out at you and you need to "Read This". Many of us use a variety of bait. We use live bait, live dead bait, jigs, and artificial. Artificial bait are made by many different manufacturers. One of the more popular brand is the "Gulp" line by Berkeley. In the last issue a one page of information about their line appears. I wanted to include it within this space, but the formatting of the page is preventing me to

include it here. Therefore I will include it as a separate attachment along with this issue.

If you are interested in reading some of the back issues, follow this link:

<https://www.igfa.org/About/Current-Publications.aspx>

Enjoy!

## **FISHING REPORTS**

We have a wonderful website with loads of information. Please visit it to find out what other members are catching.

## **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.

Bob Dodds is looking for guys who have a boat and need someone to share expense and fish with.

Call Bob Dodds at 609-437-7050.

### **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.

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

**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**



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618-1744

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**BOAT U.S.**

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Or call Jeff Orsoe 732-672-5530

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494-1371

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