



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,

There is a lot of information for me to cover this month but, unfortunately, none of it is about actually fishing. There are two upcoming tournaments that deserve the participation of recreational anglers and I want to mention their merits for your consideration.

The **Jersey Coast Anglers Association** is holding its **21st Annual Fluke Tournament** August 1st, 2015 with the awards ceremony on August 12th at the Holiday Inn in Manahawkin,

NJ. This tournament is worthy of your consideration for a few reasons. First, this tournament helps support the invaluable work done by the JCAA to protect and strengthen the rights of saltwater anglers in New Jersey. This is our association, an association of NJ fishing clubs – this is our organization! By supporting its activities, we help insure that we and our children and children's children will have access to the bays and beaches of NJ to enjoy the activity our club was founded to pursue – saltwater fishing!

Secondly, as fluke tournaments go, this one pays out a bunch of money and prizes. This is actually 9 mini tournaments as you compete with other anglers who register out of the port you choose to fish out of. Each of the 9 ports have the same set of 10 prize packages. There are port and overall optional Calcuttas. There is a large fluke \$1,200.00 prize for each port and a special Big Fluke prize of \$25,000.00 for

the largest fluke caught over 12lbs. You have a chance of winning a boat, motor and trailer simply by entering the tournament, regardless of whether you catch a fish. There are countless door prizes handed out during the awards ceremony and a 50/50 that last year paid out over \$2,000.00.

The second worthy tournament is the **Sunshine Foundation Tournament** held out of Tuckerton Seaport on July 11th, 2015. This tournament is organized around fulfilling the dreams of terminally ill, chronically ill, physically challenged and abused children. This tournament pays out prize money for fluke and bluefish caught from Barnegat inlet to Great Egg inlet and has a special kayak division as well. The tournament starts at sunrise and the weigh in is from 2 – 4PM on the 11th at the Tuckerton Seaport followed by a picnic, prizes and festivities. Help make a child's dream come true!

The JCAA and Sunshine Foundation are not for profit 501 (C)(3) organizations and therefore, your fees are tax deductible!

I hope to get out on the bay before the meeting just to be able to say "I tried"! No question, the "Big Blue Fish Week" (as I will forever remember it) spoiled me and the lack luster catching since has filled me with thoughts of doubt; will I ever be able to catch using skill again or must I simply wait for a fish stampede where even a novice using pieces of hot dog can catch?

Hopefully you don't harbor like thoughts, if so, come to the meeting Friday night and listen to Bill Figley fill us with high hopes and great expectations to encourage us to get aboard our boats and conquer!

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Dave

EVENTS IN July:

BOARD MEETING: July 3

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: July 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 Bill Figley
- _ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

This month's speaker

This month's speaker is Bill Figley- The High Hopes of Fishing! His talk will discuss early season tactics for successful fishing in our area

Memories from last Month whose speaker was Jennifer Sibiga RN, MS, FNP-BC Jen is a board certified Nurse Practitioner, she will discuss skin cancers, (ie) basil cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, melanoma . Terrific Speaker. Those that did not make it to last months meeting miss

out on a great presentation. We all need to watch out for abnormalities.



Jennifer Sibiga RN, MS, FNP-BC

2015 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR

PROGRAM by Butch Glegg

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.



Donna receiving her Fish of the Month Award

Village Harbour Scholarship

This year The Village Harbour Fishing Club awarded its first college scholarship. The recipient of the new VHFC annual \$500 college scholarship was Michael Sprague of Manahawkin. Michael will attend the University of Rhode Island and will major in ocean engineering. Congratulations! Come back and tell us how we can protect our ocean waters.

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/fgw/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 underway. For those of us who leave the area each Sunday or Monday and return on Friday or for those that are lucky enough make back on Thursday, We go to our vessels the next morning and turn the key and sometimes pray that it starts. Boat US has an article that tells us about the care and treatment of them.

Boat Battery Care

By Ed Sherman

Smart tips for understanding your battery and maximizing its cycle life — and your return on investment.

Can be found at the following link

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2015/june/boat-battery-care.asp>

Marine Corrosion 101

Understanding a bit of science will help you protect your boat.

Types Of Corrosion And Causes

The differences between the types of corrosion we experience on our boats has to do with how the corrosion occurs and how quickly the metal is compromised.

- **Simple corrosion** is the degradation of metal as molecules on the surface combine with oxygen to create a more stable metal oxide. Over time, almost all metals will corrode to some degree with exposure to oxygen in the presence of moisture — think of the red discoloration of rusted iron or the gray dust that forms on bare aluminum. In some cases, as with aluminum and stainless steel, the metal oxide coating actually protects the underlying metal by stopping oxygen from reaching the base metal beneath. Simple corrosion takes years or decades to weaken the metal, and it is generally

not considered problematic. A bronze propeller that slowly corrodes over 30 years of service is not a cause for alarm.

- **Galvanic corrosion** occurs when two metals with different electrical potentials are connected together and submerged in a common electrolyte pool. Examples include anything from a stainless steel bolt threaded directly into an aluminum mast regularly doused in saltwater, to a bronze propeller on a stainless steel shaft immersed in seawater. In both situations — and dozens more on boats — dissimilar metals in a common electrolyte create a battery with an anode and a cathode. Which metal is the anode and which is the cathode depends upon their relative electrical potential, or voltage, when submerged in seawater (**Table 1**). The metal with the more negative voltage has an excess of electrons relative to the other metal, and it will act as the anode, sending negatively charged ions to the cathode, the metal with the higher (less negative charge) voltage. Over time, that ion flow will result in the loss of material in the anode. How quickly this occurs depends upon how large the difference in electrical potential is between the two metals, or how far apart they are on what is called the galvanic series of metals. The farther apart, the faster corrosion occurs. So platinum will do a number on zinc in no time at all. To be comparable, electrical potential has to be measured using the same reference cell (a silver-chloride electrode) with a standard digital multimeter in water within a specified range of temperature, salinity, and water flow rate. If left unchecked, galvanic corrosion can cause serious damage in a matter of months, so your boat must be protected against it by using sacrificial anodes as described in the next section.

Go to:

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/magazine/2015/july/marine-corrosion-101.asp>

To read the entire text.

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



LONGEST TRACK IN HISTORY PUSHES IGMR OVER 100,000 MILESTONE

It's safe to say that Australian black marlin are taking the entire IGFA Great Marlin Race (IGMR) by storm!

When the IGMR first began in 2011, one 261 kg blue marlin that swam 4,776 nautical miles (nm) has occupied the title of [Longest Track in IGMR History](#). Since that time, 172 other billfish have been tagged during 27 events in 16 countries, and not one fish has been able to bump that blue out of its First Place title. until now!

Go to the link below to follow the event:

<https://www.igfa.org/Conserve/Longest%20Track%20in%20History%20Pushes%20IGMR%20Over%20100,000%20Milestone>

In addition, on the IGFA Website there is a link to their newsletter. There I found an article to the Largest Bass on Record.

Could it be a Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass? Maybe even a Stripe Bass. To find out what type of bass it is, follow this link.

<https://www.igfa.org/Resources/July%202,%202015>

It is not the Strip Bass. But it is a good read anyway.

FISHING REPORTS

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

Do you know what the penalties are if you make a mistake and catch what you are not allowed to? Think that you may be surprised,

Lacey Marine in Forked River posted the follow link for what it will cost you.

FISH AND GAME VIOLATIONS (CONT.) 6. MARINE FISH/SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

https://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/mcs/svbs_9-04/part2-b6.pdf

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



10% discount on bait & tackle

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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

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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