



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,

I was away last week on my annual smallmouth bass trip to Canada and have not been fishing in our waters since the opening day of fluke season. Bill Dabney and I fished the area west of the Fish Factory in Great Bay. Wind was blowing at 20+ with an opposing tide and although the fishing was fun the catching wasn't. Don't think either of us detected a single bite, however Bill was missing the tail of his Gulp, so maybe something happened.

From what I've heard, the spring striper bite was real short and the fluke season is still about

to happen. If we could get a break with the wind, maybe things would start to happen.

We've had plenty of sunshine this week and playing in it, as we do, can have its bad consequences without proper preparation. Sunscreen and clothing can help us avoid the dangerous forms of skin cancer that the sun exposure can cause. This month's guest speak will give us the do's and don'ts of playing in the sun. If you're nice, I'll show you my scar from a recent melanoma removal.

As you may know, we lost the founding father of our club, Ed Cherry, this month. He was member #1 in our club and will forever remain #1 on our club roster and in the spirit and purpose of our club.

Hope to see you Friday,

Dave

EVENTS IN June:

BOARD MEETING: June 5

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: J

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 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

Last Month whose speaker was Capt Darren Dorris. As you recall, Darran will spoke about Flounder tactics. Thanks Capt. Presentation well done.



Original Village Harbor Fishing Club Founder passes Away



Ed Cherry is Recognized for 21 Years of Service to VHFC

This is an article from the Newsletter of June 2009.

VHFC FOUNDER HONORED AT MAY MEETING by Ray Williams

Ed Cherry was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership to the VHFC at the May meeting. We truly appreciate all the things he has done for our club and for fishermen in the past quarter century. Here is his story & the story of our club:

21 years ago, things were a lot different in Manahawkin. A lot of fishermen were moving into the Village Harbour & Beach Haven West sections of Manahawkin. Ed Cherry was one of those guys. He tried to get a little help in finding good places to fish & the techniques locals were using in the area. No one would share anything. The usual answer was "The fish are in the Bay" or some other wise remark. Ed decided to get together with a few of his neighbors to help each other out. The result was the Village Harbour Fishing Club. It was impossible to get people to serve on the board. The Board decided to disband the club. One member, Dick Vesper, agreed to reorganize the club. Dick got volunteers to help run the board. Gradually, our club has gotten its own identity. Today, just as when Ed founded the club, we are involved in

teaching members how to fish the area waters, socialize with fellow members & their wives, & be involved in fishing regulations & conservation.

During all those years, Ed, by choice, never was the President; instead, he worked behind the scenes, helping us to grow, working on the original website, & became very involved with fishing regulations. We all owe Ed a big thank you for his years of efforts. The first meeting was held in Ed's garage in 1987. 13 people showed up. The club was formed & Ed became member #1. His neighbor, Paul Turi was instrumental in getting the club started. Paul got the club "Non Profit" status. Initially, the yearly membership was \$5. Another guy who really helped the club grow was Charlie Kochka. Charlie was a member of the Elks Club & it seems he talked almost every Elks member into joining the VHFC! Before long, membership was up to 246 members. The club would have an August fishing tournament with up to 150 fishermen participating. Over the years, though, the club went through a crisis. There were only a few "real" fishermen & most members didn't want to help run the club. It.

Ed passed away on Wednesday May 27. RIP

Leaders 2015

WINTER FLOUNDER			
Blackfish			
WEAKFISH			
BLUEFISH			
FLUKE			
SEA BASS			
STRIPED BASS			

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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.



Vince receiving his 2014 fish award

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.

Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Regulations Approved

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin signed a Notice of Administrative Change to open the recreational summer flounder season on **Friday, May 22, 2015**. The size and possession limits for summer flounder remain 18 inches and 5 fish per day respectively.

The Shore Based Enhanced Fishing Opportunity Program will continue for 2015 at Island Beach State Park (IBSP). This Program permits anglers to retain only 2 fish per day (NOT 5 fish) greater than or equal to 16 inches (total length) only at IBSP during the current 2015 New Jersey summer flounder fishing season, which opens on May 22, and remains open until September 26. The Program will be available to "shore-based" anglers only, defined as fishing from a pier, jetty, beach, bank, or marsh. These modified regulations do not apply to anglers fishing from a boat, kayak, canoe, personal water craft, or fish arriving to the shore by means of water craft.

Shore-based angling shall be by hook and line only. Unlike the 2014 fluke season, there will not be a check station for fluke measuring 16 to less than 18 inches. Anglers are required to retain proof of legal entry to IBSP (park receipt) until returning home or until just prior to consumption if the fish are to be consumed prior to the angler returning home. Those holding Mobile Sportfishing Vehicle Permits are required to request a receipt at the front entrance gate of IBSP.

The two fish at 16 inches or greater for shore-based anglers are the regulations on IBSP - anglers **can not** choose to retain 2 fish at 16 inches or 5 fish at 18 inches, it is 2 fish at 16 inches only. Anglers that possess summer flounder harvested at IBSP may harvest summer flounder outside IBSP provided they abide to the 18-inch size limit and 5 fish possession limit applicable to all other waters (for example, if 1 fish is harvested at IBSP, 4 fish 18 inches or greater may be harvested in waters outside of IBSP).

2015 Black Sea Bass Seasons and Limits		
Open Season	Minimum Length	Possession Limit
May 27 to June 30	12.5 inches	15 fish
July 1 to July 31	12.5 inches	2 fish
Oct 22 to Dec 31	12.5 inches	15 fish

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 US also have their publications on line. There you can find back issues. Go to <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/archives/default.asp>

But you will also need your Member number to access them



(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

The boating season is underway. This is the busy season for the Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. You will see both groups out on the water assisting in your safety on the water. With that in mind the Coast Guard now has a Safe Boating App for your phone. This is a freebie. The link to it is as follows:

www.uscg.mil/mobile

Go to the Boat US Website at www.boatus.com for interesting articles and safe boating tip.

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



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, some of the following links may be of interest.

From Vince: Vince submitted this link for this new report concerning Little Egg Harbor:

<http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/video/#!/news/local/Jersey-Shore-Waterway-Sends-Boaters-Away--Hurts-Beach-Business/299985701>

I found this article on Fishing Rod Care.

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2015/april/fishing-rod-care.asp>

and finally, Many of us lease our slip every year. BoatUS had on their website the following link on "Marina Contracts". How do you stand?

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2015/april/marina-contract.asp>

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 cell 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
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=lnmDistrict®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 June 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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