



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,

Guess what happened since we last saw each other – SPRING! Yep, it finally found its way to New Jersey.

I'm going to keep this short so I can get out on the bay and enjoy some of the fantastic BIG BLUEFISH action happening right in our back yard. Went out yesterday afternoon for 2 ½ hours and hooked and fought 21, boated 11 and lost 3 top water lures and 2 prized spoons. All within a 5 minute ride outside our Manahawkin lagoon. All of the

fish were in the 8 – 10lb range, except the ones that stole my precious lures – they were, of course, much, much larger!

I know this bluefish run can be an on again off again proposition, but what a blast when you're in it. It is happening all up and down the bay this year!

We've got another great speaker scheduled for our May 8th meeting and dues are due, so bring your money and fish stories.

Hope to see you Friday night.

Happy Cinco de Mayo! Viva la Cerveza!

Dave

EVENTS IN May:

BOARD MEETING: May 5

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: May 8

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 Capt Darren Dorris-Fluke are one of the most sought after fish, not all realize that as the season changes so must the tactics. His talk will discuss early season tactics for successful fluking in our area

Memories from last Month whose speaker was Tony Maja. As you recall, Tony will speak about trolling and the use of spoons. Tony also donated 2 of his "Out-Rodders" to be raffled off later this year. Thanks Tony! Presentation well done.

**Leaders 2015**

WINTER FLOUNDER			
Blackfish			
WEAKFISH			
BLUEFISH			
FLUKE			
SEA BASS			
STRIPED BASS			

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

Melanie Boytos Award

Editors note: The Village Harbour Fishing Club presents the Melanie Boytos Award every year. This award is sponsored by the Boytos family. An inquiry was recently made by the family as to when the award would be presented for the 2014.. Below is Present Dave Spendiff's response to the family.

"Marie,

In honor of Melanie, the contest was **not** structured to be easy. In order to qualify, a VHFC member must catch each of the four fish available in the bay(striper, bluefish, fluke and weakfish) and then the fish are awarded points based on size. The winner is the member with the most points. In spite of

the fact that some very good sized fish were caught in 2014, no one caught a weakfish, NO ONE!!! So, no one qualified for the award.

It is a source of pride for the VHFC to be able to present this award in honor of such a fantastic angler and person, Captain Melanie Boytos, but none of our members were able to earn that honor in 2014.

It is only right that this award be given to someone who has earned the right to receive it and hopefully someone will in 2015.

Warmest regards,

Dave Spendiff
President

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
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](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 underwat. While a few of us may actually have our boat in the water, Many of us are busy scrambling to reach that point., I would like to remind all to go to the BoastUS Website: (www.boatus.com) and take a look. There are several tips and suggestions for you to view. One of the interesting toping is the condition of the “motor oil”. From BoatUS

BoatUS: Boat Motor Oil Analysis Made Simple

ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 6, 2015 – A lot goes on inside a boat engine, and akin to drawing blood, and an [engine oil sample](#) analysis (OSA) can tell you a lot about the health of your boat’s motor. While a single sample may not give you the whole story, an OSA creates a “baseline” that helps you look at your engine’s health over time. That’s why some mechanics and surveyors recommend taking one sample every year. But what does a typical oil sample

analysis include and what does it tell a boat owner or buyer? BoatUS, the nation’s largest boating advocacy, services and safety group has some answers.

Most oil sample analyses will include the following:

Spectral Exam: A spectrometer is used to find the quantity of various metals and additives in the sample – useful for finding excessive wear in bearings, pistons, rings, cylinders, valve train and gears. It also determines the composition of any oil additives.

Viscosity Test: The thickness of the oil at a specific temperature is tested – useful for finding fuel dilution, the breakdown of viscosity enhancers or other contamination.

Flash Point: Tests the temperature at which vapor from the oil ignites – contamination can cause a specific grade oil to flash higher or lower than the design flash point.

Insolubles Test: Insolubles are typically abrasive solids – higher readings are usually byproducts of incomplete combustion.

An OSA typically costs about \$25 by mail or at a local repair shop. If you’d like to learn how to take an oil sample or need more information, see the story “Oil Sample Analysis” by Alison Mazon in the magazine for it’s insured BoatUS members, Seaworthy, at BoatUS.com/oilsampleanalysis.

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



One of the Oldest Fishing Clubs in the country and the first "Club" to be a member of the IGFA can be found locally. Can you guess which Club?

Answer: The Beach Haven Marlin and Tuna Club

In the latest issue of Marlin magazine, the BHMTTC is featured article. Follow this link to take a look at their history. Interesting. (A few of our members are also members of this club.

<http://www.marlinmag.com/gallery/travel/2015/03/history-beach-haven-marlin-and-tuna-club>

the Club survived Sandy and still thriving after 65 years.

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.

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

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



10% discount on bait & tackle

American Sportsman LLC Bait and Tackle

Hunting, Fishing, Crab and Shellfish

857 Mill Creek Rd



609-597-4104

Manahawkin, NJ 08050



David Kelton

10%

discount on bait & tackle

BRASWELL TROPHY & ENGRAVING

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

CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS

On the LBI Causeway

494-1371

10% discount on bait and tackle



www.theboatshoponline.com

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GALLIVANT GRAPHICS

BOAT LETTERING

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609-812-9883

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451 East Bay Avenue, Barnegat

609-488-5692

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