



# ***HARBOUR LIGHT***

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

Editor: Jeff Orsoe VHFC Web Site: <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> September, 2015 Vol. 26 No. 6

### **NEW METING PLACE**

**Bay Avenue Community Center**

**25 Pine Street., Manahawkin.**

Doors open at 7:30 PM

Parking is in back.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hi everyone,

For those members who have fished fluke on the reefs this year, life has been pretty good! For those of us that fished the bays, it's been a lack luster spring and summer fishing season. I realize that for all anglers, "Hope Springs Eternal", and with some cooler weather we can look forward to stripers, blues, weakfish, false albacore, tautog, sea bass and kingfish. For those of us who are a little discouraged, let's hope the fall and early winter season won't be long in coming.

Jim Hutchinson, Jr. of The Fisherman publication and formerly with the RFA, will be

the guest speaker this month. Jim has fished our waters his whole life and will have plenty of information to pass on to our members who attend the meeting Friday night. The Tony Maja donated Outrodders and the St. Croix rod, donated by Manny Silva, will be raffled off at the meeting this Friday night.

For those of us who still believe there are some legal fluke swimming in the bay, we have a club member "Bay Only" fluke tournament scheduled for this Saturday, September 12, 2015. Those who want to fish it, must sign up at the meeting, pay \$5.00 per angler and weigh in your fish at one of our official weigh stations on 9/12/15. This is a tournament with 75% of the money going to the angler with the largest fish and 25% going to the second largest fish.

On the regulatory front, there is the surprising news that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has proposed a 29% reduction in the summer flounder fishery for 2016 and beyond! This reduction applies to both commercial and recreational anglers. What form this reduction will take for the recreational angler, larger size limit, shorter season or smaller daily bag limit, is

yet to be determined. Regardless, this cannot be good for the fishing related economy!

Hope to see you Friday night,

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.

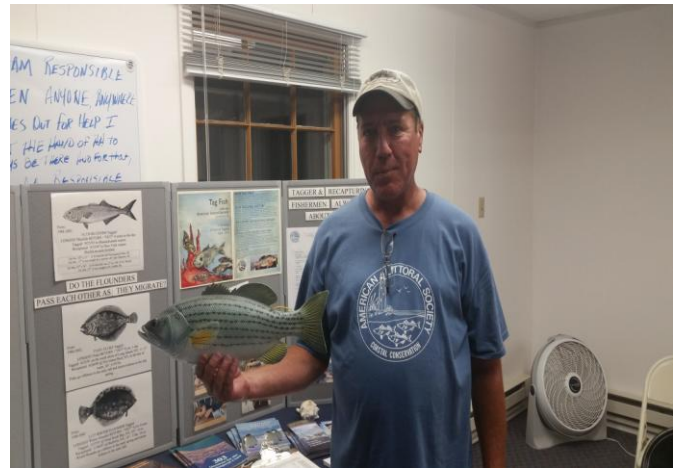
7:45 PM: Meeting Starts With Club Business:

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

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

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Last Month whose speaker was Jeff Dement of the American Littoral Society as our guest speaker Thanks Jeff. Presentation well done.



**Jeff Dement**

VILLAGE Harbour Fishing Club Standings  
(please go to the club website at

<http://vhfishingclub.com/conteststournaments/vhf-c-standings/>

to view

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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.

**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. From the reports that I have seen, Anyone who has applied for the Bonus tag was bee finding them in their mail box.

**Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Regulations Approved**

Just as a reminder, the current Summer Flounder season Closes on **Saturday, September 26, 2015.**

While the Sea Bass season is presently closed, it will reopen on Thursday, **October 22, 2015** and will run until the end of the year, **December 31, 2015** with a 15 fish limit.

<b>2015 Black Sea Bass Seasons and Limits</b>		
<b>Open Season</b>	<b>Minimum Length</b>	<b>Possession Limit</b>
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
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**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 now on the downside of the season. September is the typical prime time of the hurricane season. Not that I want to see

one travel up this way. I was able to get away last week and was in Florida as on the storms looked like it was going to put a damper on the vacation. As I was watching the progress of the storm, I moved over to the BoatUS website and found their hurricane link. I found their alerts and connected it up to my email address. I received report about every 4-6 hours complete with maps and diagrams. I was interested and you had a sense as to what to expect. Fortunately it downgraded to a tropical storm. That link is as follows: Hurricane Advisory Emails at

<http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes/>

Being that I still had time on my hands I also found two other FREE apps. One is called "Tides Near Me" This app is placed on your smart phone and uses the GPS portion of your phone. I will give you several close by points of Tide Stations and tell you when the last Tide was and also the next one. It also gives you the time of sunrise and sunset. This app is located at. <https://tidesnear.me/>

The other app that I found was "Marine Weather by Accuweather. Also a FREE app and can be found at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bluefinengineering.android.marineweather&hl=enhis>

While the tide info can also be found on your GPS. I found it to be handy when I was on land and was looking to fish on the tide change or better yet, I need to be aware of the tide height so I may get into and out of my slip. Just pull up the app and off I go.

Lastly, I was in the Towing area of the BoatUS website and found myself in the FAQ section, so I clicked on a few questions. One of these was this question,

Question: If a friend or family member borrows my boat and it breaks down, can they use membership to be towed

Answer: Yes, A friend or family member using your boat would be provided for up to your towing service level. The towboat captain would need to verify that you are the owner of the vessel and that your membership and towing level are current.

The link to this area is as follows:

<http://www.boatus.com/towing/faq.asp>

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](http://www.uscg.mil/mobile)

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 encourage everyone to go to the RFA website at ([www](http://www.recreationalfishingalliance.com)) the current information that is on the website. They also put out a quarterly publication call "Making Waves". The latest issue that is on the site can be found located at:

<http://issuu.com/recreationalfishingalliance/docs/spring>

Take a look at it.

Taken from the RFA Website



If you have not had the chance to visit the IGFA website, I suggest that you do there are some interesting areas for visit.

Did you know that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame induction is coming up? Well it will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Call for your reservations. We maybe not, I am not going either. But some of the biggest names in the industry are to be honored . The first class, honoring 29 of sport fishing's luminaries, was inducted in 1998. With the induction this year of C.M. "Rip" Cunningham, Thomas M. Evans, Jr., George Hommell, Jr., Flip Pallot., and Neil Patrick, the total number of IGFA Fishing Hall of

Fame members will grow to 110. Go to this lime and read about each of the honorees.

<https://igfa.org/About/HOF2015>

Speaking of Honorees, The Chairman of the Board at the IGFA has crossed over the bar, The IGFA recently celebrated his life. In an article "**IGFA CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF PAXSON H. OFFIELD**"

The follow is a small portion of the celebration. "A lifetime of conservation and passion for sport fishing ended on Sunday, June 14, 2015, when IGFA Chairman of the Board and IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame Inductee Paxson "Packy" Offield passed away peacefully at his family's residence in Michigan. His contributions to science and conservation will leave a lasting legacy on sport fishing...." Go to

<https://igfa.org/About/PaxsonOffield>

For entire piece.

The Prime Season of Striped Bass Season is approaching. Will you land that record fish?

The IGFA provides and E-Newsletter. I found two article that may be of help to get you in the record books. The first is "Five things you need to know about pursuing an IGFA World Record" this is a piece that tells you what you need to do. And can be found at:

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/68e870e2#/68e870e2/32>

The next on is at the end of the spectrum explains "What Not To DO" This is entitled "Real-life lessons to learn from so your record catch lands in the record book" and can be found at:

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/d53aca78#/d53aca78/44>

**FISHING REPORTS**

FROM BRETT TAYLOR

Happy Labor Day weekend to all of the fisherman out there! We had some weather, mainly winds, the past few days which produced a pretty big easterly ocean swell. This may affect the ocean bottom for fluking, but it should clean up during the start of next week. From what I heard, we have some weakfish out front, mainly small spikes and some croaker mixed in. The bay is still loaded with lots of bait (peanut bunker, spearing, mullet), but the fluke are really starting to thin out - it's mainly an ocean thing right now.

This past week I had Stan Gola and Nick of S&S Bucktails out for a few hours to hit up some ocean fluke. We hit a few small snags that were holding quite a few fish with keepers mixed in. We used a combination of the Bigeye, Rattletail, and Squidster bucktails to box 9 keepers to 6 lbs. Nick ending up catching two of his first-ever keeper fluke. Nice job and an awesome day on the water.

**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 SALE:** Set of 14 foot mooring whips with mounts for sale. \$100. Contact **Bill Kleimenhagen** 609- 597-3765

,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](mailto: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**

Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact Jeff if you wish to place a free ad. Please contact Jeff Orsoe via email at jorsoe786@comcast.net to place your ad.

### **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>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 10 April, 2015</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 1 May, 2015</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 8 May, 2015</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 5 June, 2015</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 12 June, 2015</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 3 July, 2015</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 10 July, 2015</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 7 Aug, 2015</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 14 Aug, 2015</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 4 Sept, 2015</b>

**Club Meeting** **Friday, 11 Sept, 2015**

*Board Meeting* **Friday, 2 Oct, 2015**

**Club Meeting** **Friday, 9 Oct, 2015**

*Board Meeting* **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&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 September 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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### BOAT LETTERING

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