



# *HARBOUR LIGHT*

Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. PO Box 1026 Manahawkin, NJ 08050

## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE HARBOR FISHING CLUB

Editor: Jeff Orsoe VHFC Web Site: <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> September 2017 Vol. 28 No.5

### NEW MEETING PLACE

**Bay Avenue Community Center**

**775 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin.**

Doors open at 7:30 PM

Parking is off Bay Avenue.

### EVENTS in September and October

**BOARD MEETING: September 1, & October 6**

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

775 E.Bay Avenue  
Manahawkin, NJ

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:  
September 8 & October 13**

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

\_ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello everyone,

Now that Labor Day is behind us, the busy tourist summer season is over and along with it, the controversial 2017 Fluke season. During the September club meeting fishing discussion, I would like opinions on what you thought of this year's fluking. I thought it was a very good year!

As you all have experienced, the fall fishing and cooler weather are a very enjoyable time 'down the shore'. Unfortunately this year has some tough fishing regulations: seabass closed on 31 August until 22 October, fluke closed on 5 September and blackfish is at one fish until 16 November. In the meantime, there's blowfish and crabs in the bay, triggerfish, sheepshead and tog along the jetties and banks, bluefish in the inlets and kingfish along the surf. You may also be surprised with a striper, drum, shark or a southern exotic in any of those places. If you have the means - boat or money - go or jump on a charter for offshore tuna and mahi. My message is get out there for some great fishing and enjoy this time of year!

Once again, thanks to everyone for providing fishing reports on our website in August. As usual, Marty

and his friends caught some very nice fluke, Caesar caught the winner for our fluke contest, Gregg Giaquinto caught a 6.4 lb fluke and Dave landed a 30 - 40 lb brown shark on my boat at the BL reef. Please continue to submit your reports for our members to enjoy.

Just a reminder, our Village Harbour Fishing Club Dinner will be on Saturday, 16 September at 6:00PM at Villaggio in Manahawkin. Dinner is \$36 per person. Please fill out the form with your menu choices and either send it to Vince or pay at our club meeting on 8 September.

If for any reason you need to contact me, please email me at [edvalitutto@gmail.com](mailto:edvalitutto@gmail.com) or call or text my cell phone at 609 994 1311.

Hope to see you on Friday night.

Ed

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

This Month's speaker is Captain Steve Purul Reel Fantasea Fishing Charters. Captain Purul has been a guess speaker before and bring an enormous amount of knowledge. I'm sure that he has a surprise topic for us on Friday.

Captain Brett Taylor was our speaker last mont. Brett spoke about the Fluke Season and gave suggestions of how to catch them. Thank you Capt. for a wonderful evening.

### **Regulatory & Legislative Report June, 2017**

By Dave Spendiff

The Marine Fisheries Council will meet at 4pm on September 7th at the Stafford Township Municipal Building located at 260 East Bay Avenue in Manahawkin, NJ 08050. The Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) is

encouraging all recreational anglers, charter and party boat operators and owners, tackle shop owners and any one whose business is threatened by bad fisheries policy to attend this meeting and ask council members to introduce and pass a motion to open black sea bass in New Jersey state waters from September 6 through October 21 with a 12.5" minimum size limit and a 15 bag limit. The condition of the black sea bass stock, the minimal amount of poundage expected to be harvested under this 6 week opening, and the lack of options available to recreational anglers certainly justify this action.

Based on last year's landings of 1,000 per day under a 12.5" minimum size limit and a 15-fish bag limit, it is expected that this open season could result in approximately 45,000 lbs of black sea bass landed. The most recent assessment of the black sea bass resource found it to be 235% of its rebuilding target biomass. Overfishing is not occurring. 45,000 lbs represents 0.8% of the 2017 recreational annual catch limit for 2017 set at 5.38 million pounds. Furthermore, it was disclosed at the August Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) meeting that the 2015 and 2016 black sea bass (BSB) recreational harvest limit could have been increased by double if they were set using the information from the December 2016 benchmark stock assessment. If these results were applied to the 2015 and 2016 RHL, the recreational sector would have been afforded an additional 1.96 million pounds and 1.47 million pounds, respective, in those years thereby producing a 3.43 million pound unused surplus. This 'found' poundage could then be used to open a New Jersey state waters black sea bass season between September 6 and October 22.

**Look for the separate email for this event.**

**ALSO Keep the Date: September 16, 2017 VHFC Annual Dinner.**

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### **2016 TROPHY FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR**

The "Fish of the Month and Fish of the Year" is changing slightly this year with a few changes. It is important that you check our website and/or the newsletter to stay up to date.

### **2016 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 2017 then you win the FOY trophy for that species. **Note:** your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish. .Go to our website for more information.

(<http://vhfishingclub.com/conteststournaments/vhfc-standings/>)

**WEIGH INNS** – Please see a separate sheet for the 2017 fish weigh inns for the year.

The following Weigh Inns were processed in July as follows:

8-09-17 Martin Friedrich Fluke 5 lb 4oz.

8-14-17 Martin Friedrich Fluke 4 lb 4oz.

8-17-17 Martin Friedrich Fluke 5 lb 7oz

8-16-17 Greg Gioquinto Fluke 6 lb 6 oz.

8-25-17 Dave Spendiff Fluke 6 lb 14oz

8-20-17 Bill Figley Sea Bass 1 lb 134oz

On Saturday August 19, VHFC held it 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament. A fun time was had by all.



Winners were announce but at press time they were not forwarded for time of publication



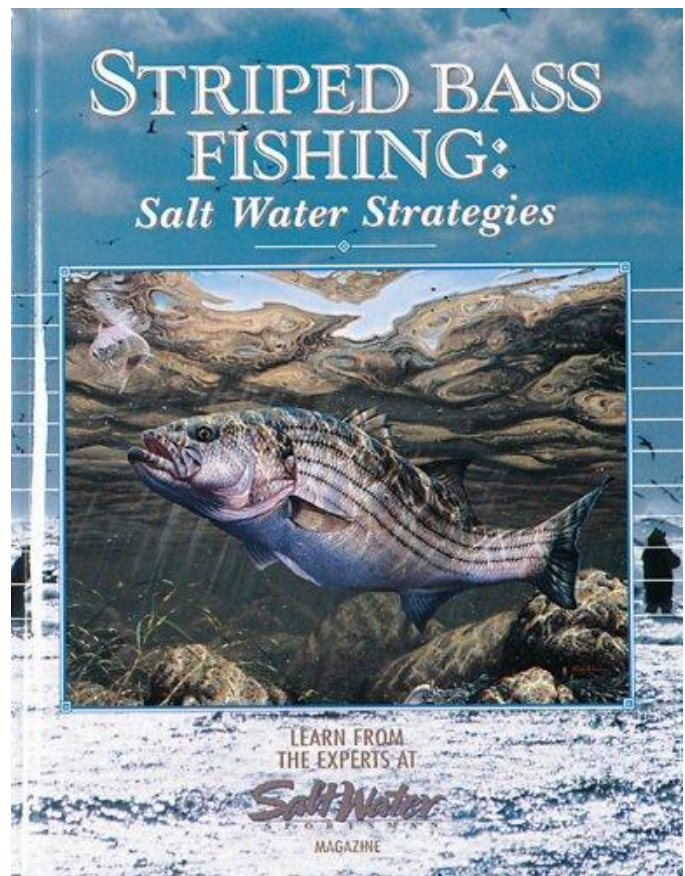




= **IN THE Reading Room**

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting

By Bill Dabney



***Striped Bass Fishing***  
From the Experts at Saltwater

Learn what it takes to catch the aggressive and powerful striped bass. *Striped Bass Fishing* includes invaluable advice from the nation's top striped bass experts. The tips and techniques you'll learn will guide you to catching more and larger bass, wherever you fish.

This complete references covers a wide range of topics to help you become a better bass fisherman. From the feeding habits and other behavior patterns to special tactics to catch trophy-sized bass, it's all in this book. The experts even teach how to release your striper so the population can be managed, and the sport can be maintained.

-NOW available at the club's library table.

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



Boat Owners Association of The United States

(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

In the current issue of "BoatUS" there seems to be a variety of articles to spur your interest. It also on line. There is an article entitled

## **Does Your Boat Scare The Fish?**

By Lenny Rudow

Some boats scare fish worse than others, but there are several things you can do to fix your fishing machine.

You say you want to fill that cooler with fish? Then stop scaring them away! We anglers scare off fish far more often than we realize, thanks to sound, vibration, and other factors we may not be taking into account. A big issue here is a failure to understand our quarry.

The full text can be found at :

[http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2015/april/does-your-boat-scare-the-fish.asp?utm\\_source=membership&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=eline-07173](http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2015/april/does-your-boat-scare-the-fish.asp?utm_source=membership&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eline-07173)

## **Cheers To Nautically Inspired Beers**

Kick back at the dock after a long day on the water with one (or more) of these nautically inspired beers.

To those of us who are so inclined, is there anything better than kicking back at the dock after a long, hot day on the water and savoring that first swallow of a cold brew? This month, we've collected beers that have nautical inspiration behind them. It was a hardship assignment, let me tell you — all that research and testing. But our editors were willing to make the sacrifice for you,

our dear readers. Let's toast to fair winds and following seas. Enjoy!

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2017/august/nautically-inspired-beers.asp>

## Easy LED Lighting Upgrade

Lighting technology has come a long way in the last few years. Now might be the time to consider an upgrade to LEDs

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2016/august/led-lighting.asp>

The current issue of Boat/US can also be found at :

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

While you are at it, schedule a Vessel Safety Check . I can help you out with this. And it is still "Free". I am available to perform that service to you. Please contact me via email at [joroe786@comcast.net](mailto:joroe786@comcast.net) or leave a message on my cell at 732-672-5530  
Till next time, Tight Lines!

## T-Shirts are still Available

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.

We are running low on the shirts, Come to the meeting to let your voice be heard about the future of this item.



I encourage everyone to go to the RFA website at ([www.joinrfa.org](http://www.joinrfa.org)) . Along with 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 located at:

[https://issuu.com/recreationalfishingalliance/docs/fall\\_2016\\_making\\_waves](https://issuu.com/recreationalfishingalliance/docs/fall_2016_making_waves)

Take a look at it.

Taken from the RFA Website



I thought that I would take a look back at some of the people that have made an impact onto the way we fish. So I reached back to the IGFA's "Legendary Captains and Crew" So This month we are taking a look at Zane Grey. He was inducted into the IGFA Hall of Fame Class of 1998. And were



known to either held or still holds many world records.

### **Zane Grey**



**1872 - 1939**

#### **1998 Inductee**

Best known for his Western novels, Zane Grey was a pioneering angler, a great innovator, and one-time holder of more than a dozen saltwater world records. Just as significant as his fishing accomplishments is the fact that Grey was a superb storyteller who inspired countless anglers the world over with his tales of travels and encounters with fish. As a boy in Zanesville, Ohio, Grey fished for bullhead and bass in the Muskingum River. His first fishing mentor was locally known as "Old Muddy Miser," a man who fired Grey's imagination with tales of trout and salmon and great saltwater fish, which he said no one seemed to go after. Grey would eventually go after them, but not until he'd married, tried dentistry and disliked it, and begun writing after hours. After struggling for some years as a writer, the lean years ended with the 1910 publication of

Riders of the Purple Sage, a phenomenal seller that brought Grey fortune and freedom to do what he wanted. Grey fished across the United States and around the world, both salt and freshwater. He was the first man to catch a 1,000 pound fish on rod and reel. He pioneered methods for catching the elusive broadbill swordfish and successfully championed the use of light tackle for sailfish. He was the first to use the "mother boat" concept for keeping his smaller fishing boat supplied without having to return to land. Grey caught snook before other outdoor writers discovered them, he was one of the earliest bonefishermen, one of the first to recognize the great fighting abilities of permit, and was among the first to start taking sailfish in the fertile blue Gulf Stream. With his 190 foot schooner The Fisherman, Grey was among the first to explore sport fishing in Mexico, Central and South America, New Zealand, Australia, and the South Pacific. In 1952, Ed Zern wrote of Grey, "No other man ... has devoted so much of his fortune, or so large a share of his time and energy, to the catching of fish for the sport of it

To find out who else is also in the Hall of Fame go to the IGFA.org website and start exploring.

This article was taken from the IGFA Website.

### **FISHING REPORTS**

I suggest that you look at the VHFC website at <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> to catch up club news and fishing reports.

### **MONTHLY HANDS ON**

A monthly hands on workshop at the montly meeting may be of interest to members.

Let me know if you want to help out or just stop by if you have any fishing questions.

**CLASSIFIED ADS** by Jeff Orsoe

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 OR Why this LINE?****Best Fishing Knot for Braided Line to Swivel, Hook, or Lure**

If you use a swivel to connect braided line to your leader, then it's smart to have a fishing knot specific to that need because the knot will most often be the weakest point in your system (assuming you're using a light braided line for maximum casting performance with a heavier leader to handle the biggest and saltiest of predators).

Most importantly, it's smart to use a fishing knot that is proven to excel with braided line when tied to a metal ring.

The most common problem facing anglers who use braided line is that many fishing knots that are strong with mono are not nearly as good when used with braid given the vast differences in the two line types.

Since this connection is so vital, we decided to perform a test that matched the most popular knots against one another to determine which

one truly is the best fishing knot for braided line to a swivel, hook, or lure.

**Here are the knots that we started out with in this analysis:**

- Uni Knot (improved for braid)
- Palomar Knot
- Improved Clinch Knot
- San Diego Jam Knot

For the entire article please go the follow website of Salt Strong.

It can be found at:

<https://www.saltstrong.com/articles/best-fishing-knot-for-braided-line-swivel-hook-lure/>

**BUY, SELL or TRADE**

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**OFFICIAL VHFC WEIGH-IN STATIONS**

As of this time, we have 8 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, Ship Bottom**

**Captains Quarters Bait & Tackle, Brighton Beach**

**Creekside Outfitters, Waretown**

**West Creek Bait & Tackle, West Creek**



**Viking Outfitters, Historic Viking Village**

**Surf City Bait and Tackle, Surf City**

**NEW NEW NEW NEW**

**BHW Marine Center (New Weigh Station and Sponsor – 10% off everything except BAIT)**

857 Mill Creek Road, Beach Haven, NJ

609-709-5424

**Shelter Cove Marina (New Weigh Station)**

910 S Green Street, Tuckerton, NJ

609-296-9400

### **CALENDAR**

#### **MEETING DATES**

<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 7 April, 2017</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 21 April, 2017</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 5 May, 2017</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 12 May, 2017</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 2 June, 2017</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 9 June, 2017</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 7 July, 2017</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 14 July, 2017</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 4 Aug, 2017</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 11 Aug, 2017</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 1 Sept, 2017</b>
<b>Club Meeting</b>	<b>Friday, 8 Sept, 2017</b>
<i>Board Meeting</i>	<b>Friday, 6 Oct, 2017</b>

**Club Meeting Friday, 13 Oct, 2017**

*Board Meeting* **Friday, 3 Nov, 2017**

**Club Meeting Friday, 10 Nov, 2017**

**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>

**Surf City Bait and Tackle:**

<http://www.surfcitybaitandtackle.com>

**Animated Knots**

<http://www.animatedknots.com/>

Weather:

Windfinder:

<http://www.windfinder.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:**  
**25 September 2017**

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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**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

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