



HARBOUR LIGHT

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE HARBOR FISHING CLUB

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NEW MEETING 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,

Let me sum up my one attempt to hook a fluke since our last meeting as pathetic! I went out last Wednesday, June 29th and fished the middle grounds and ICW just South of Morrison's. It was the last half of the outgoing and beginning of the incoming, just when the fluke guru's say is "the perfect time" to catch. The wind was perfect and I had a conventional rod and reel, just like Jim Hutchinson Sr. recommended and a spinning outfit for dead-sticking – perfect! I fished with buck tails, gulp, bait, teasers, short leaders, long leaders, you name it. In the course of the 5 hours fished, I lost the tails off of 4 gulp mullets – that was the

extent of my action – no sea robins, skates, blackfish, dogfish, blowfish, catfish – not single living creature to make my line dance!

Now, things might have been different had I gone North, farther South or outside along the beach or on the wrecks either North or South. Who knows!? Well, this weekend we'll find out when, as Bill Figley calls it, the clubs **FLUKE MANIA** has its weigh in. I hope a lot of our members sign up for the tournament and join us at the barbeque to be held at home of our club secretary, Donna Harris. There will be tall tales aplenty, good food and drink and great fun for all that attend. In addition, ½ of the entry fees go to the **Save Our Summer Flounder Fishery Fund** for their critical research on this important fishery.

Jeff Orsoe has included an article from Boat US concerning ethanol 15 in our newsletter with a link to use to voice your opposition to the EPA to the increase in the production and distribution of E15. This presents a serious problem to boat owners with outboards and anybody with small gasoline engines such as lawn mowers, blowers, trimmers, etc. Please take the few minutes to link up and send the pre-written message. Your voice does count!

I look forward to seeing you Friday night,

Dave

EVENTS IN July and August

BOARD MEETING: July 1 and August 5

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: July 8 and August 12

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

Village Harbour Fishing Club Scholarship

The Village Harbour Fishing Club's \$500 College Scholarship was presented to Miss Alexa Cacacie by club members Bill Dabney and Bill Figley at the

Southern Regional School District's annual awards ceremony. Miss Cacacie will graduate from Southern Regional High School and plans to major in Marine Biology at Maine Marine Academy.

This month's speaker

This month's speaker is Joshua O'Connor. Joshua works for NOAA.

Last months speaker was Jim Hutchinson, Sr. As always Jim always has a few surprises for us when he comes. He spoke about Fluke fishing and gave us some tips. His surprised for us this month was a demonstration of Fileting a Fluke with an electric Filet knife. And he did it quite well. Thanks Jim for a great presentation.

in an attempt to keep the stocks healthy. As always, Jim's presentation is very informative and enjoyable.

Notice to the Membership: Dues are due this month. Failure to keep your membership in good standing will result in this being your last newsletter.

Please don't be one of them. We will miss you!!!

Executive Board

VHFC 2016 FLUKE TOURNAMENT

July 9, 2016

In an effort to bring club members together in a fishing activity and help fund a worthy organization, the Save our Summer Flounder Fishery Fund (SSFFF), we will hold a fluke tournament for VHFC members, family and their friends. We will be dedicating ½ of the entry fees to the Save our Summer Fishery Fund, who are responsible for cutting edge science directed at maintaining and improving this extremely important New Jersey fishery. The other ½ of the entry fees will be awarded to the anglers weighing in the three (3) largest fluke.

Following the tournament, the club will sponsor a barbecue to be held at Donna Harris's home located at 181 Bruce Drive, Bruce Drive is located off of Newell Drive in the Coves section of Village Harbour. Her cell phone is 908-377-7371 in case you need to contact her.

The entry fee is \$20.00pp, which includes the BBQ. The spouse of any participating club member is invited to attend the BBQ. Non-member participants may invite a guest(s) to attend the BBQ, but each guest must donate \$10.00 pp. All proceeds will be donated to the SSFFF.

The Rules and sign-up sheet will be attached under separate cover

VHFC Tournament Standings

Fish of the Month Leaders 2016

March/April			
WINTER FLOUNDER	No Entries		
May	No Entries		
Striped Bass			
June			
June			
Fluke			
July			
Bluefish			
August			
Fluke & Seas Bass			
September			
Sea Bass & Weakfish			
October			
Bluefish & Stripe Bass			

November Bluefish & Stripe Bass			
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2016 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR

Trophies will be awarded to the anglers catching the largest fish in each of the following species

Winter Flounder	No Entries
Blackfish	Striped Bass
Weakfish	Fluke
Bluefish	Dave Spendiff 17 lbs 10 oz.
Fluke	Fluke
Seabass	Sea Bass & Weakfish
Stripe Bass	No Entries

The same seven species will continue for our

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 2015 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/>)

**Regulatory & Legislative Report
June, 2016**

WEAKFISH

by Tom Fote from June 2016 JCAA newsletter

Sometimes being Commissioner to ASMFC is frequently depressing. Weakfish is a prime example. I have not come home with good news about weakfish in over 10 years. Because of concerns about weakfish, Congressman Carper put in a bill titled the Weakfish Emergency Bill. Instead we convinced him to introduce a more generic bill which ultimately became the Atlantic Coast Conservation Act. That legislation enabled ASMFC to produce fisheries management plans to rebuild stocks with the force of law. Weakfish was one of the first species ASMFC began managing. The plan included fish excluding devices in the shrimp fishery to avoid the bycatch. We also changed the size limits so every weakfish harvested would have an opportunity to spawn at least once. We raised the size limit in some states from 6 inches to 12 inches and some states decided to raise the size limit to 16 inches. We began seeing positive results. My friends from New England began to catch 11 to 12 pound weakfish again. We saw a great increase in catch in Barnegat Bay and along the Jersey coast. According to the recreational statistics program in place in 2003, even with its flaws, we harvested 1.3 million pounds in New Jersey recreationally. For no apparent reason, the fishery began to decline. The decline continued despite figures that suggested great recruitment. But we were not seeing fishing from the 9 – 12 inch size limit. The fishery has collapsed and we do not know why. For the last few years we have had a one fish recreational limit and a 100 pound bycatch limit on the commercial fishery. Despite these draconian management measures, there has been no improvement. The SAW review on weakfish has blamed a natural mortality, not fishing pressure, but they are unable to define the causes of the natural mortality.

I actually fished last November and December on Island Beach State Park. One day I was enjoying catching 2-pound bluefish. I saw purple schools of bait and assumed it was rainfish. However, every bluefish I caught had a head or tail from their dinner. What I finally realized was the bluefish were feeding on 9-inch weakfish. No longer are weakfish the predator but have become the prey of many species. With the increase on dogfish, striped bass, bluefish and other species, we may have identified the reason the weakfish are in decline. We are harvesting a lot more of the historical prey species for our meals or for bait. Perhaps the predator species need to find another meal and that may be weakfish or even eating their own young. Maybe this is just a cycle with weakfish. But we also need to remember that perhaps we can't manage everything. So there is, once again, no good news on the weakfish. As an optimist, I continue to hope.

.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

June 28th, 2016

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is asking for [comments](#) on a proposal to increase the amount of ethanol that must be blended into the nation's gasoline supply for 2017. If adopted, these proposed levels will require the use of a record amount of ethanol, forcing higher-level fuel blends (including E15 or 15% ethanol) into gas pumps and at more gas stations. It's important to know that most marine engines are built to only work with up to 10% ethanol, and it is illegal to use gas containing more than 10% ethanol in any marine engine.

Please take a few moments to send a message NOW urging the EPA to lower the ethanol mandates to ensure an adequate supply of fuel that will work in your boat.

[Click here to take action.](#)

Background:

The Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) is the 2005 law that requires the blending of biofuels such as corn-ethanol into our gasoline. When written, it was assumed that America's use of gasoline would continue to rise. However, U.S. gasoline usage has actually dropped steadily

since 2005 and now the law forces more ethanol into fewer gallons of gasoline.

To keep up with this mandate, in 2010 the EPA permitted E15 (fuel containing up to 15% ethanol) into the marketplace, for some engines. E15 has been proven to damage boat engines and so it is prohibited in marine engines. It is also illegal to use E15 in snowmobiles, motorcycles, small engines like lawnmowers and leaf blowers, as well as any car or light-truck made before 2001.

E15 and higher ethanol blends fuel can now be found in 23 states, often at the very same pumps as E10 gasoline. A sticker on the pump mixed in with all the other labels may be the only warning for E15 gasoline. This creates a huge potential for mis-fueling and puts boaters at risk of using fuel that will damage their engines. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on E15 and the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Thanks for being a BoatU.S. member and for [taking action](#) to let EPA hear how more ethanol will affect your boat engine. The deadline for your comment is July 11th, 2016. Help spread the word and please FORWARD TO A FRIEND.

Sincerely,

Margaret B. Podlich
President, BoatU.S.
(703) 461-2878 x8363

www.BoatUS.com/gov

(Control+Click to follow links ie; BoatUS.com.gov, Taking action))

BoatU.S. Government Affairs
[\[govtaffairs@boatus.com\]](mailto:govtaffairs@boatus.com)

To those members who are not aware, VHFC is enrolled in the "Cooperating Group Program" with Boat/US.

Special Co-Op Group Benefits include:

Half-price BoatUS Membership. Your members are entitled to a full Membership in BoatUS for only \$15.00 - that's 50% off the regular \$30 annual dues! BoatUS Member benefits include **Member Rewards** at West Marine stores, **discounts at boating and fishing related businesses nationwide** on fuel, repairs, and overnight slips, **on-the-water Towing Services**, highly-respected **Marine Insurance**, a subscription to BoatUS Magazine and much more. In order to gain there benefits you must have your own Boat US Membership. See Jeff Orsoe for our membership number.

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.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:

http://issuu.com/recreationalfishingalliance/docs/spring_2015_making_waves/1

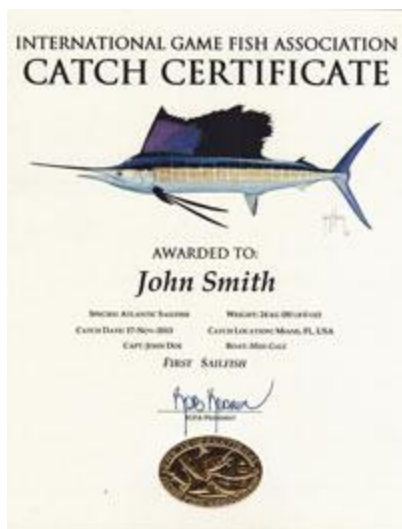
Take a look at it.

Taken from the RFA Website

**CATCH CERTIFICATES**

Got a catch you're proud of, but isn't quite big enough for a record? Now you can commemorate it with an IGFA Catch Certificate. IGFA now offers certificates for both fresh and salt water species and getting one couldn't be easier. Simply [download an application](#) - all that's needed is the angler's name, species, date of catch, place of catch

and estimated weight. Each certificate features a beautiful selection of fresh or saltwater fish species, a gold embossed IGFA logo and President's signature. At a price of \$20 each, it's a great way to venerate any catch. For any questions, please contact Jack Vitek at jvitek@igfa.org or 954-924-4246.



Copy the link below into your browser to obtain the application:

<https://www.igfa.org/images/uploads/files/IGFA%20Catch%20Certificate%20App%202014.pdf>

FISHING REPORTS

SEE PRESIDENT'S DAVE PPRESIDENT MESSAGE FOR HIS REPORT

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

However, some of the following links may be of interest.

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

I saw a knot that was tie directly off to a lure the other day. What intrigue about this knot was that it provided a loop in the eye of the lure in which the lure could still act as it was intended. Some of you may already know this knot. It ihas also been called the "Kreh Loop Knot" named aster Lefty Kreh. I have found a video on how to tie it and follow this link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=iv1aNh7btU

It is a strong Loop knot for fishing and is easy to tie with any size leader line.

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?

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.

If any one wishes to see a particular knot featured, simply send me an email at jorsoe786@comcast.net and I will put it in the newsletter.

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

**American Sportsman Bait & Tackle,
Mnahawkin**

Bill's Surf and Tackle, Harvey Cedars

Captains Quarters Bait & Tackle, Brighton Beach

Creekside Outfitters, Waretown

Jingles Bait & Tackle, Beach Haven

West Creek Bait & Tackle, West Creek

Viking Outfitters, Historic Viking Village

CALENDAR**MEETING DATES**

<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 1 April, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 8 April, 2016
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 6 May, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 13 May, 2016
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 3 June, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 10 June, 2016
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 1 July, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 8 July, 2016
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 5 Aug, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 12 Aug, 2016
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 2 Sept, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 9 Sept, 2016
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 7 Oct, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 14 Oct, 2016
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 4 Nov, 2016
<i>Club Meeting</i>	Friday, 11 Nov, 2016

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 July 2016

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
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David Kelton

10% discount on

bait & tackle

GALLIVANT GRAPHICS

BOAT LETTERING

We come to you ---- 10% off for members

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

10% discount on regular prices



609-812-9883

BILLS SURF AND TACKLE

6332 Long Beach Blvd, Harvey Cedars

609-342-1372

15% discount on everything in the shop, EXCEPT FUEL AND OILS. Present VHFC card before purchase

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Boat, Engine & Trailer Sales

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460 Dock Road • West Creek, NJ 08092
"Honest Work For a Fair Price"

10% Discount



10% Discount

Viking Outfitters

W 19th and Bayview, Historic Viking Village

609-361-9111

609-389-3647

10% Discount