



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 off Bay Avenue.

EVENTS in June and July

BOARD MEETING: July 7, & August 4

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

775 E.Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: July 14
& August 11**

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,

Can you believe we are through the second of our three major summertime holidays? At least the fourth of July weekend weather was fantastic for all the outdoor family fun we all enjoy.

Right now we are in the middle of our summer season - fluke, kingfish, blowfish, seabass, blues, a few stripers, some weakfish, crabs and tuna, mahi and marlin offshore are here for the catching. Both the bay, deep ocean and reefs offer ample opportunities. I especially enjoy fishing the beach this time of year. Either early morning before 9:00 or early evening after 4:00 eliminates parking issues and does not require a beach badge. This is the best time for bucktailing fluke or trying for kingfish. While my wife reads or goes for a walk along the beach, i can spend hours waist deep in the surf trying to catch dinner. Give it a try for some quality relaxation!

Once again, the Member Reports on our website located on the far right Club pull down offer quite a collection of nice fish caught in June. Marty and his friends have been catching consistent quality summer flounder, Caesar had a nice fluke and drum

and some blues he caught fishing with Phil, and several keeper fluke caught by my grandsons. Thanks for the posts and please continue to submit your reports.

Please, do not forget that dues must be paid up to enter Fish of the Month or participate in our August fluke contest - details to be provided at the July meeting. Dues can be paid by mail or at the July meeting.

Lastly, if for any reason you need to contact me, please email me at 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 DJ Mueller for the July Meeting. DJ will be speaking on Surf Fishing. He is one of the leading experts in this area. Be sure to come out and hear his thoughts.

Last month's speaker was Jim Hutchinson, Sr

Who spoke about fishing in the LBI area and also what to look for when outside the area. As usual a job well done. Thanks Jim.

Regulatory & Legislative Report June, 2017

By Dave Spendiff

N.J. fishermen make their case to feds as fluke battle rages on

BY MICHAEL SOL WARREN
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With New Jersey's summer flounder fishing industry on the line, Garden State officials made their case to NOAA fisheries on Tuesday afternoon.

The summer flounder fishing season has been shortened by 25 days this year in order to meet a reduced quota imposed by regional fisheries officials.

In this file photo from last year a summer flounder is measured before being thrown back because it falls under the minimum size requirement. (Andre Malok | The Star-Ledger)

In a hearing with the federal agency, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection officials argued that the state's regulations for summer flounder (or fluke) fishing reach conservation equivalency with new federal regulations.

The cornerstone of New Jersey's argument: That the state's proposed regulations will actually preserve more of the summer flounder stock than the measures being put forth by the feds.

Tuesday's call was closed to the press, but in a statement following the call NJDEP spokesperson Bob Considine described it as a "good discussion." He added that New Jersey emphasized its plan would protect more breeding females, thus making a brighter outlook for the future of the fluke stock. The showdown between NOAA and New Jersey fishermen has been building throughout the spring. On June 1, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission declared New Jersey to be out of compliance with fluke regulations.

The dispute is now being considered by NOAA Fisheries, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, for a final decision. If the out-of-compliance finding is upheld, a moratorium on fluke fishing in New Jersey could be instated until the state returns to compliance.

"We appreciated the opportunity to talk with New Jersey. Now that we've heard their thoughts, we'll be reviewing all the information," NOAA spokesperson Jennifer Goebel said in a

statement following the hearing NOAA Fisheries is expected to make a final decision by July 11, according to Goebel. President Donald Trump has yet to nominate anyone for the NOAA administrator position, though AccuWeather chief executive Barry Myers is reported to be a frontrunner according to the Washington Post. The new federal regulations have also garnered attention from state lawmakers. New legislation was introduced in Trenton last week with the intention of extending benefits to fisherman feeling financial strain because of size restrictions placed on both summer flounder and black sea bass.

Assemblymen Bob Andrzejczak (D-Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland) and Bruce Land (D-Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)



introduced Assembly Bill 4981, which would extend unemployment benefits to fishermen that are put out of work by the new regulations. Andrzejczak and Land were joined by Assemblyman Vincent

Mazzeo (D-Atlantic) to introduce Assembly Bill 4974, which would appropriate \$5 million from New Jersey's General Fund to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture in order to provide financial assistance to fishermen affected by the new regulations.

Both bills are currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

NOAA AFFIRMS NEW JERSEY'S CURRENT-SEASON SUMMER FLOUNDER LENGTH AND BAG LIMITS

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE LAUNCHES OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE ANGLERS ON KEEPING FISHERY SUSTAINABLE

(17/P73) TRENTON – The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has affirmed New Jersey's summer-flounder fishing size, bag limits and season, meaning all rules adopted by the state earlier this year will remain in effect through early September, Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bob Martin announced today.

The decision, approved by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, finds New Jersey in compliance for management of summer flounder. It follows weeks of information-sharing between the DEP and NOAA about the expected impacts on New Jersey's summer flounder fishery imposed by a regional fisheries commission earlier this year.

"We are very pleased that NOAA worked with us to understand our position that sound science and good long-term planning must drive decisions about the management of summer flounder, one of the state's most important recreational and commercial fish species," Commissioner Martin said. "New Jersey is fully committed to employing science and public education to conserve a species that is critical to the fishing culture and economy of the state."

"I would like to thank Secretary Ross and Assistant Administrator of NOAA Fisheries Chris Oliver and for working with the State of New Jersey to preserve and manage our fisheries through responsible management processes, while recognizing the economic impacts of this industry to the state," said DEP Deputy Commissioner David Glass.

The decision from NOAA has been made and was just released

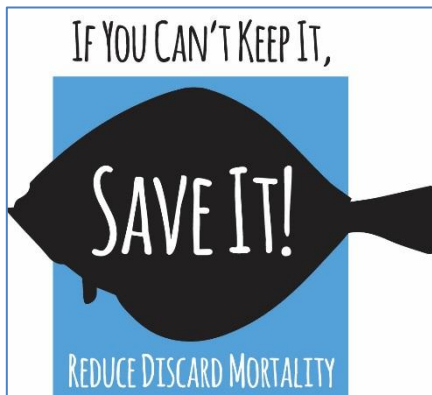
The following was posted on the DEP Website .

The decision means that the recreational summer flounder season, that began May 25 and runs through Sept. 5, remains unchanged. The minimum size remains 18 inches for summer flounder for most coastal waters, including the ocean, estuaries and creeks. Anglers in these areas may keep three legally sized fish per day. The size limit for Delaware Bay is 17 inches, with a three-fish per day limit. At Island Beach State Park the size limit for shore fishing is 16 inches, with a daily two-fish limit.

Toward the DEP's goal of ensuring a sustainable summer flounder fishery, the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife launched a campaign to educate the fishing public on how to reduce discard mortality by safely releasing summer flounder that do not meet minimum size requirements.

"We are asking all anglers to help protect this important species for future generations," Commissioner Martin said.

Recreational and commercial fishing generates \$2.5



billion in economic activity in the state each year. Also known as fluke, summer flounder is popular because of its delicate flavor and abundance along beaches and in bays and other

coastal waters.

The **"If You Can't Keep It, Save It!"** campaign focuses on the proper handling methods and gear to use to reduce unintentional mortalities that can occur when flounder that do not meet minimum length requirements are returned to the water.

The campaign builds upon the FishSmart campaign promoted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. New Jersey's effort features distribution of print and electronic brochures to anglers registered through the state's Saltwater Registry, charter and party boat operations, bait-and-tackle shops and members of fishing organizations, as well as radio public-service announcements and newspaper advertisements. The Division of Fish and Wildlife is also doing outreach through its [website](#), email lists and social media.

To make the **"If You Can't Keep It, Save It!"** campaign even more successful, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, in coordination with the American Sportfishing Association and Eagle Claw

Fishing, will distribute 20,000 free larger-sized hooks that help anglers land bigger fish and reduce the potential for discards.

These hooks will be available soon at bait-and-tackle shops. The Save the Flounder Fishery Fund provided valuable support to this effort. A list of participating shops will be made available on the [DEP's website](#) and the Division of Fish and Wildlife Facebook page.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife encourages anglers to follow these techniques:

- Plan ahead – Expect to release fish and have the necessary equipment to do so, including de-hookers and proper nets; more experienced anglers may also consider using a recompression tool, a device that allows fish to be returned to the water at a safer depth.
- Use appropriate gear – Use gear suited to the size of the fish that you are trying to catch; 5/0 to 7/0 size hooks are recommended to successfully land bigger fish and reduce discards.
- Handle fish carefully – Use knotless, rubberized landing nets and rubberized gloves to avoid removing the protective slime layer on fish and help ensure survival when it is placed back in the water.

“By following these guidelines, anglers will be giving fish a better chance of survival,” said Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Larry Herrigty. “This campaign reminds all generations of anglers that proper handling and quick return to the water will help ensure an ample supply of keepers for generations to come.”

In February, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), a regional board comprised of representatives from Maine to Florida, approved a 19-inch size limit for New Jersey. However, Division of Fish and Wildlife data show that few fish in New Jersey reach that size due to the species' biological needs and distribution patterns. Moreover, the overwhelming majority of fish that would meet that “keeper” size limit would be reproductive females.

New Jersey appealed the ASMFC decision to NOAA, expressing concerns that the larger size limit would result in a significant increase in discard mortalities and would make the population less sustainable by forcing anglers to keep reproductive females.

For more on flounder regulations, best fishing practices, a list of shops distributing free hooks (when available) and other information, click the logo or visit: www.SaveFluke.nj.gov

Keep the Date: August 12, 2017 VHFC 2nd Annual Fluke Tournament

Keep the date for this event. All the details will be presented at the July meeting.

A separate flyer with the Tournament Rules will be sent to the membership

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 2016 fish weigh inns for the year.

The following Weigh Inns were processed in May as follows:

4-17-17 Dave Spendiff Bluefish 14.50 lbs.

4-18-17 Bill Kleimenhagen Bluefish 15.10 lbs.

4-27-17 Martin Friedrich Bluefish 8 lbs-15 oz.

Bluefish:

5-07-17 Bill Figley Bluefish 15.06 lbs

5-09-17 Martin Friedrich Bluefish 11 lbs-15 oz

5-09-17 Dave Spendiff Bluefish 18.84 lbs

STRIPED BASS

5-10-17 Carmine Tocci Striped Bass 41.68 lbs

5-26-17 Pat Presto Striped Bass 23lbs- 02 oz

Sea Bass:

5-27-17 Bill Dabney Sea Bass 1lbs- 13 oz

5-27-17 Bill Figley Sea Bass 3.44 lbs

I did not receive any reports of weigh ins for June.

Come to the meeting to fine out the details

For those that receive “**The Fisherman**” Magazine, take a look at the July Issue. Actually page 18 to be exact.

We have a celebrity in our club. Take a look and you shall find our own **Bill Dabney**. Yup that is him. He also claims to really did catch that fish. The article is entitled “Are You Better Off Dead Sticking “ It was written by Captain Harvey Venkinson.

Congratulations on a job well done.

(Sorry Bill, I just could not get the picture to insert.)

The current Weigh Stations for the club are as follows:

Captain’s Quarters, Brighton Beach, NJ

Creekside Outfitters, Waretown, NJ

Fisherman’s Headquarters, Ship Bottom, NJ

West Creek Bait and Tackle, West Creek, NJ

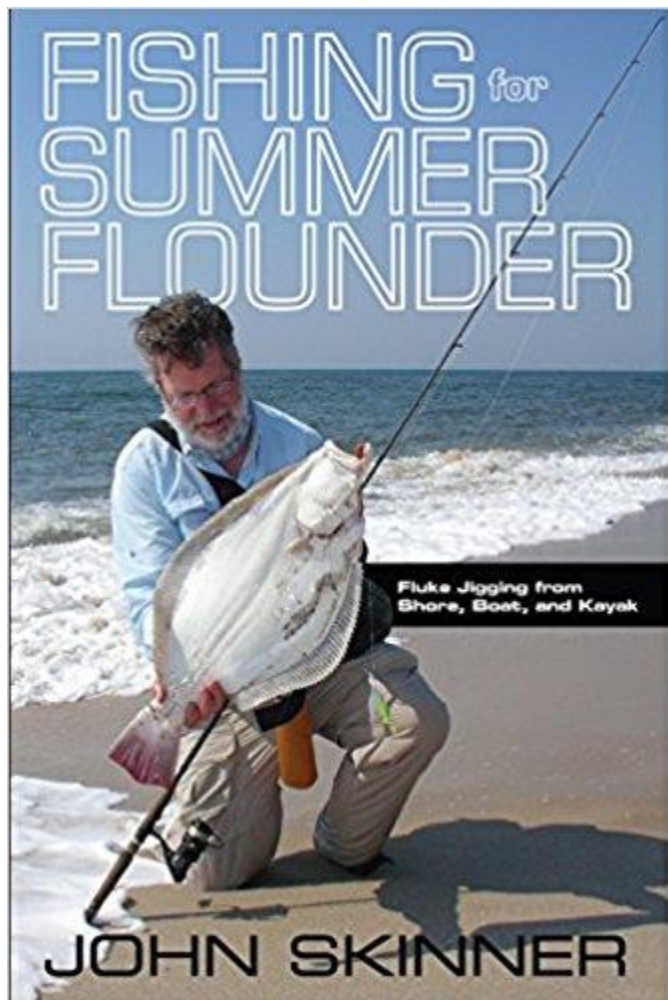
Viking Outfitters, Barnegat Light, NJ

At the last Board of Directors meeting, the Board welcome **Surf City Bait and Tackle** as a Sponsor and Weigh Inn Station. Welcome aboard!!

IN THE Reading Room

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting

By Bill Dabney

Fluke: An Angler's Guide**Product Description**

Whether you call them fluke or flounder, they're challenging, fun to catch, and among the best eating fish that inhabit the waters along the East Coast and Gulf States. From the beach and bays to the ocean depths, fishing writer and videographer, John Skinner, takes the reader along in pursuit of these fish from boat, shore, and kayak. Skinner's writing style will make you feel as if you're fishing with him as he locates fish in varied environments and catches them with simple jigging rigs and straightforward techniques. Chapters on gear, rigs, and presentation will get novices up to speed as well as help seasoned anglers take their fishing to a new level. The book is

enhanced by videos organized by chapter on the book's companion website, FlounderBook.com.

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](http://www.boatus.com/magazine/archives/default.asp)

But you will also need your Member number to access them



(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

In the current issue of "BoatUS" there seems to be a variety of articles to spur your interest. They range from a simple "Marking Anchor Chain" to "Keeping a proper Lookout" including several articles on Fishing.



I thought high-lighting the following would be a good safety reminder. Please to their website for see the complete issue.

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

Keeping A Proper Lookout

By Raul Chacon and Marcus Mahfood

The legal requirements and ramifications of COLREGS Rule 5.



Photo: Charles Maltbie

In September 2015, a U.S. Coast Guard-licensed captain delivering a 60-foot boat from the Newport, Rhode Island, boat show to another boat show in Norwalk, Connecticut, ran over a small fishing boat, killing the lone occupant. After a trial this spring, the captain was found guilty of, among other things, failing to keep a proper lookout. He said at trial that he hadn't seen the 23-foot boat.

Often termed the first rule of seamanship, Rule 5 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) expressly requires that "[e]very vessel shall at all times maintain a proper lookout by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision." Here's a practical perspective to assist the recreational boater.

All mariners must utilize sight, sound, and all available means to monitor the presence and location of other vessels to avoid risk of collision, stranding, and other hazards to navigation. Courts have interpreted this to include the power and speed of your vessel, other vessels, prevailing weather and sea conditions, visibility, traffic density, proximity of navigational hazards, as well as other allision (running into something stationary) and grounding risks.

For a recreational vessel owner or operator who takes to the seas alone, complying with the lookout rule is not exactly as cut-and-dried as one may think. If a skipper decides to act as his or her own lookout, there must be an unobstructed view from the steering station, and there should be no conditions that would require a posted lookout, such as restricted visibility or a crowded waterway.

Courts have made it clear that a boat owner cannot turn control of his boat over to someone who may lack experience or may be intoxicated. If the boat is being operated jointly and a passenger maintains some active responsibility for and control over certain aspects of navigation, there still must be a clear delineation of duties with the lookout obligation always being assigned and satisfied. They have also consistently refused to recognize an exception to the lookout rule on account of size alone. One court found that a 36-foot sailboat owner was partially at fault for failing to maintain a lookout when an oceangoing container ship collided with his sailboat.

Raul J. Chacon Jr. is a partner at The Chartwell Law Offices in Miami, Florida, focusing on admiralty/maritime law, products liability, property and casualty, insurance defense, and commercial litigation. Marcus G. Mahfood is a partner with The Chartwell Law Offices, LLP in Miami, Florida. He specializes in the areas of admiralty and maritime law, insurance coverage, personal injury, wrongful death, and premises and products liability.

BoatUS is also the place to assist you with “MMSI Registration.

What is it? Read below

BoatUS - MMSI Registration

Take the search out of search & rescue!

Your VHF radio equipped with Digital Selective

Calling (DSC) is the single most important piece of safety equipment you can have on board your

vessel.

About DSC

DSC allows the radio to transfer information digitally, not just by voice, and to instantly send a digital distress alert to the Coast Guard. Part of that alert is a nine-digit Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number that identifies your boat. The MMSI number is a bit like a phone number for your boat, and all DSC capable equipment (including AIS units) associated with the specific vessel should use the same MMSI number, since the MMSI serves to identify the vessel, not the equipment. If you sell your boat, the MMSI number is normally transferred with it.

Without an MMSI, the digital functions on a DSC-equipped VHF radio will not function. The MMSI number must be registered in a database that is relayed to the Coast Guard for use in Search and Rescue. DSC-equipped radios also need to be interfaced with a GPS when they are installed so that your position will be sent with the emergency message in a distress situation.

Registration Criteria

BoatUS has been authorized by both the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the U.S.

Coast Guard to assign MMSI numbers only to vessels that meet the following criteria:

- Used for recreation only
- Not required by law to carry a radio
- Do not make international voyages or communications
- Do NOT Register with BoatUS MMSI if:
 - Your vessel is required to carry a radio onboard ("Compulsory Equipped")
 - You plan to visit or communicate in a foreign port including Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, and the British Virgin Islands

If either of the above conditions apply, you are legally required to obtain a Ship Station License from the **FCC**. They will issue an appropriate MMSI with the License.

NOTE: when traveling to foreign ports, you are required to have a Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit holder aboard.

Go to this page to get all of the information.

<https://www.boatus.com/MMSI/>

With As a reminder to all members, Village Harbour Fishing Club is enrolled in BoatUS Cooperating Boat Program. This allows you to join BoatUS for half of the normal membership fee. Please contact me via email at jorsoe786@comcast.net for our code number. You must be a paid up member for use of this code.

While you are at it, schedule a Vessel Safety Check . I can help you out wuth this. And it is still "Free". I am available tp perform that service to you. Please contact me via email at jorsoe786@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) . 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

Take a look at it.

Taken from the RFA Website



For those that have a membership to the International Game Fish Association

The association has revised the membership structure along with some associated items that they provide.

IGFA MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Revised IGFA Membership Structure

Update on restructuring of the IGFA membership

At the January 2017 IGFA Annual Board meeting, the Board of Trustees voted for a complete restructuring of the IGFA membership. A membership that is reflective of the new age of communication we live in, to better serve our members and one that will help accomplish the original goals of informing our membership on an international platform while enhancing our programs.

• While the membership cost will remain the same (\$40 USD), all publications will now be delivered in an electronic format, thus reducing the costs and associated environmental impact of printing and shipping, yet still providing the same high-quality information that only the world's largest international recreational fishing organization can provide—in a more timely fashion.

• We will still continue to offer a printed version of the iconic *World Record Game Fishes* book to paying IGFA members at cost (\$8 USD per copy), plus shipping. Additional benefits will also be included such as new video content and automatic registration for the new Annual Fishing Contest (see page 14).

Membership Categories

The revised membership structure includes four categories of individual memberships:

- Junior Angler - \$20
- Premium - \$40
- Family Fishing - \$55
- Lifetime - \$1,500

Going forward, all paid memberships, Junior Angler, Premium, Family, and Lifetime will have access to the digital versions of the *World Record Game Fishes* book and the *International Angler* magazine online at www.igfa.org/About/Current-Publications.aspx as well as all access to the website, world records and biweekly E-Newsletters.



• On the revamped IGFA Membership page at www.igfa.org/Memberships.aspx you can select the printed version of the *World Record Game Fishes* book and the quantities you desire. You will then be charged for the publication(s) at cost - \$8 each plus shipping fees.

• Lifetime Member benefits will remain the same and Lifetime Members will continue to receive the printed version of the *World Record Game Fishes* book at no additional charge.

International Angler



IGFA will also discontinue the printed publication of the quarterly *International Angler* magazine and focus on an enhanced digital version that will be delivered via e-mail to all members and be available online. This will allow us to embed and add enhanced content to the *International Angler* such as videos, active links, and more.



The final printed edition of the *International Angler* will be the October/November/December 2017 edition.

IGFA Mobile and IGFA Mobile Lite

Now available for iPhone, iPad,

and Android devices

The International Game Fish Association, the world's foremost global authority on record-breaking fishing, brings you the App anglers have been asking for. The updated *IGFA Mobile* App for the iPhone, iPad, and Android will amaze and inspire your fishing adventures. Search IGFA angling world records, plan your trips, identify your catch with our Species ID section, log your catches, find the nearest IGFA Official Weigh Station and IGFA Captain, track your slam club progress and more, all from this must-have App!

Want to know how your catch measures up to the world's greatest? The entire IGFA world records database is right at your fingertips! Searchable by vacant, approved, or pending records, the world records database makes selecting your next line-class or fly fishing tippet record target easier than ever. The App is automatically updated with the real-time records when it is opened and connected to cellular or WiFi signal and is stored for easy access in the phone when offshore and out of connectivity range.

The app may be found at the following link

<https://igfa.org/Resources/IGFA-Mobile.aspx>

To find out about these change go to:

<https://igfa.org/News/memberchanges2017>

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 monthly 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?

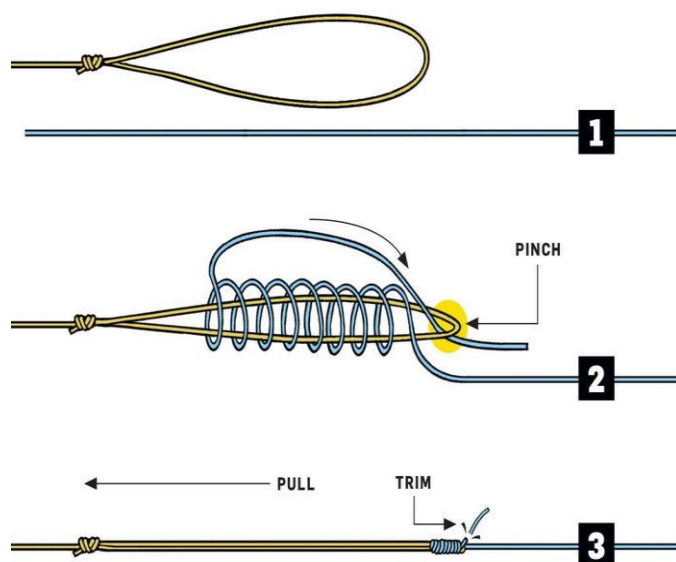
(Editors Note: We are now in the mist of the beginning of the season, I found this article on line at the "Saltwater Sportsman" website and decided to share it.)

How-To

HOW TO TIE MONO LEADER TO BRAID

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR EVERY ANGLER

BY SWS STAFF OCTOBER 28, 2016



1. Tie a loop in the braid using a surgeon's end loop, spider hitch or Bimini twist, and lay the leader alongside the loop.
2. Pinch the leader and the end of the loop and wrap the leader around the doubled braid eight times, then bring the tag back through the braid loop.
3. Pull on the braid until the knot tightens and seats. Clip off the tag end of the mono.

Steve Sanford

Braided line and nylon or fluorocarbon monofilament seldom play well together with conventional knots designed for mono-to-mono connections. When connecting a leader to braided line for light-tackle fishing, this simple, secure connection does the job.

<http://www.saltwatersportsman.com/how-to-tie-mono-leader-to-braid>

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

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

CALENDAR

MEETING DATES

<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 7 April, 2017
Club Meeting	Friday, 21 April, 2017
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 5 May, 2017
Club Meeting	Friday, 12 May, 2017
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 2 June, 2017
Club Meeting	Friday, 9 June, 2017
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 7 July, 2017
Club Meeting	Friday, 14 July, 2017
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 4 Aug, 2017
Club Meeting	Friday, 11 Aug, 2017
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 1 Sept, 2017
Club Meeting	Friday, 8 Sept, 2017
<i>Board Meeting</i>	Friday, 6 Oct, 2017
Club Meeting	Friday, 13 Oct, 2017
<i>Board Meeting</i>	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®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/s/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:

26 June 2017

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