



HARBOUR LIGHT

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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: June 2, & July 7

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

775 E.Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: June 9 & July 14

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 it's already June and almost the official start of summer - whatever happened to our spring? Oh well, just make the best of it and get in on some great fishing!

Right now, both seabass and fluke are open for business. Fortunately we were not subjected to the 19" minimum that was planned for NJ. Unfortunately, as of now, our season closes on 5 September. Perhaps that may change but it's a long shot.

If you have been visiting the Member Reports on our website, you will see quite a collection of nice fish over the last few weeks: Slammer blues including Dave's 18.9 lb beast, Carmine's 42 lb striper, Bill Figley's beautiful seabass and a monster 13" white perch by Donna. But even the 'run of the mill' sized fish are fun to catch and read about: Joe Felice's friend's 38" striper, a mess of white perch caught by Caesar and me - thanks to his invite and supply of grass shrimp and some keeper fluke by my grandson Nick. So please make time to do some fishing and do not forget to submit those reports.

Please, do not forget that dues should be paid up and are required to enter any fish into our contests. Dues can easily be paid at the June meeting.

Lastly, if for any reason you need to contact me, please do so by text edvalitutto@gmail.com or cell phone 609 994 1311.

Hope to see you Friday night.
Ed

This month's speaker

This Month's speaker is Jim Hutchinson, Sr. is our speaker scheduled for the June 9th meeting. As many of you are aware, he is the outdoor writer for the Beach Haven Time. Jim has been our speaker several times over the years on a variety of topics, from cooking your catch to fishing tips to cleaning your catch. This month, Jim will bring a surprise topic.

Regulatory & Legislative Report June, 2017

By Dave Spendiff

(This month's report is from JCAA June newsletter):

Summer Flounder

The ASMFC Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass and Scup Board met by conference call on Monday, May 22. They did not approve New Jersey's compromise regulation of 3 fish at 18" and 104 day season (May 25 – Sept. 5) for summer flounder in 2017. They will be sending a letter to the Secretary of Commerce asking him to find New Jersey out of compliance. Depending on the decision of the Secretary of Commerce, it may be necessary for the Policy Board to deal with New Jersey's appeal. The general feeling is Secretary Ross will not find NJ out of compliance and the regulations we are presently fishing under will stand. This, hopefully, may lead to NJ's exit from the regional grouping of CT, NY, and NJ and stand alone in the future.

The bottom line is, there were no good solutions. As Adam Nowalsky and Tom Fote have both been saying, we need to find a better method for developing regulations to deal with fluke. When we are killing more fish by hook and release mortality than people are taking home to eat, the system is broken. Unlike striped bass, which most anglers catch and release, summer flounder is a catch and eat fishery. Hopefully, before the 2018 regulations are put in place, we will find a better management system. The biggest hypocrisy here is that we are reducing the catch on both the recreational and commercial side because of lack of recruitment when we know that the 2013 Benchmark Assessment proved there is no relationship between recruitment and spawning stock biomass. We had better recruitment when the spawning stock biomass was 2/3 of what we have now.

Black Sea Bass

As bad as the summer flounder regulations are, the black sea bass regulations are even worse. The Black Sea Bass Board, at the last minute, decided to reduce the winter months of Nov. and Dec. to a 5-fish bag without knowing the economic consequences for the recreational sector. We also have no idea how much these regulations will save on the black sea bass stocks. There was no technical analysis, just a "shoot from the hip" decision. What is clear is, New Jersey took the hardest hit and will experience serious consequences. The two states pushing this proposal will experience very little negative economic consequences. One state has no winter fishery and the other is only going from a 7-fish to a 5-fish bag limit. In New Jersey, we will go from a 15-fish bag limit to a 5-fish bag limit. The New Jersey Marine Fisheries Council (NJMFC) is hoping to revisit this issue at the next board meeting.

The following was submitted by Dave Spendiff and was written by Jim Hutchinson, Jr for "The Fisherman" :

, NJ VOTES THREE FLUKE AT 18 INCHES

New Jersey moves forward with a May 25 to September 5 fluke season with three fish at 18 inches along much of the coast, two at 16 inches for IBSP and a special 17-inch size limit on the Delaware

GO to this link:

http://www.thefisherman.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=feature.display&feature_ID=1725&ParentCat=19

Thanks Jim

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 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

Come to the meeting to fine out the details (maybe??)

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

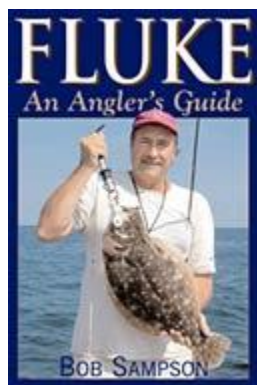
At the last Board of Directors meeting, the Board welcome **Surf City Bait and Tackle** as a Sponsor and Weigh Inn Station. Welcome aboard!!

IN THE Reading Room

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting

By Bill Dabney

Fluke: An Angler's Guide



Product Description

Bob Sampson

One of the Northeast's best fishermen here offers a complete guide to catching a prized saltwater game fish, famous as great sport and great eating. This book covers tackle, technique, baits and lures for catching fluke in bays, from boats, and in the surf. Strategies and pro techniques are emphasized throughout.

Bob Sampson is the author of *Fishing the Connecticut and Rhode Island Coasts* and writes for *On the Water* and many other publications.

This Review taken from Amazon.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

New App!

BoatUS — We're With You On The Water

The New BoatUS app is all of BoatUS right at your fingertips. Still the fastest way to get a tow on the water, our new app combines the features you love to take with you on the water like tides and marine forecasts, plus convenient access to your BoatUS Membership or insurance policy.

Not a BoatUS Member? You can still download the free app to call for assistance on the water and take advantage of the convenient tide and weather forecasting features.

Download now or text the app to your smartphone

40 Years Of The Magnusen-Stevens Act

By Ryck Lydecker

After 40 years of one-size-fits-all management, Congress and federal managers can now redesign fisheries law and policy to include the rest of us. But will they?

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2017/june/40-years-of-the-magnusen-stevens-act.asp>

Did you know that you can find the latest issue of the Boat/US magazine on line. Yup this on along with the rest of the back issues. So, If you do not want to keep the past paper issues around, simple dispose of them and download a pdf copy electronically. Tis way you have access to all of the information that you were keeping around. Go to the link below for the current addition.

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

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



BIG NEWS FOR ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LITTLE FISH IN THE SEA

Found in nearshore waters from Florida up to Nova Scotia, Atlantic menhaden *Brevoortia tyrannus* are small, schooling fish related to herring, shad, and sardines. Arguably one of the most important fish in the sea, menhaden play a critical role in the ecosystem as prey for many prized sportfish, seabirds and whales. They also support one of the most important commercial fisheries along the Atlantic coast and are harvested for fish meal, oil, and bait for other fisheries. In fact, menhaden constitute the largest landings by volume along the Atlantic coast.

The fishery is overseen by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)'s Atlantic Menhaden Management Board which tracks and regulates menhaden harvest under Amendment 2 to the Interstate Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden. A few years ago after a stock assessment which revealed that menhaden had been overfished for 32 years and reached record-low population levels, the Board instituted a coast-wide, total allowable catch (TAC) and allocates a specific catch limit to each state, so states are required to close their fisheries when they reach their specific catch allowance. Since the quota was put in place, menhaden populations have been said to be steadily rebounding. Then in May 2015, in response to a new assessment which confirmed the rumors of population improvement, the Board increased the TAC to

187,880 metric tons per year for 2015 & 2016- a 10% increase from the 2014 TAC.

Last week at the 75 Annual Meeting of the ASMFC in Bar Harbor, Maine, many coastal fisheries were discussed including two big decisions for Atlantic menhaden. The first was whether or not to increase the TAC, and the second was whether or not to approve a public information document (PID) for Draft Amendment 3 which would develop ecological based reference points to reflect Atlantic menhaden's role as a forage species (science-based numbers to help determine how many menhaden must be left in the ocean to fulfill its functions in the food web). The Menhaden Management Board ultimately voted for a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) of 200,000 metric tons- a 6.45% quota increase from the 2016 TAC. According to the ASMFC, the Board's decision was in response to the positive benchmark assessment which indicates that menhaden are not currently overfished or experiencing overfishing relative to the current biological reference points. The Board also approved the PID, the first step in the process for Draft Amendment 3

Follow this link to view the entire proposal

http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/AtlMenhadenAmend3PID_PublicComment.pdf

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: Since we are still in the beginning of the season, I thought that I would rerun this item again for those that may have missed it.)

15 Fishing Knots Every Angler Should Know

JASON SEALOCK

01/21/2014

Here are 15 proven fishing knots we think will make you extremely versatile in bass fishing. These knots will give you a lot of options for joining lines, creating loops on lures, snelling, or just getting

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Fishing line isn't magic, no matter what any commercial tells you. It wears out, it builds up friction, it gets nicked, scraped, scratched, cut, stretched and everything else. So retying is important. Tying a good knot to begin with, however, is more important, so you might want to read our [**4 Tips on Tying a Good Fishing Knot**](#) before delving into these knots.

We've spent the last year quizzing professional guides, professional anglers and avid fishermen to find out what are the most commonly mentioned and used knots for bass fishing. Here are step-by-step instructions on how to tie each of the fishing knots we felt were relevant.

The Palomar Knot**-The Improved Clinch****-The Trilene Knot****-The Uni Slip Knot****-The San Diego Jam Knot****-The Snell Knot****-The Rapala Loop Knot****-The Eugene Slip Knot**

-The Alberto Knot

-The Two-Uni Join Knot

-The Yucatan Knot

-The J-Knot

-The Double-Line Uni Knot

-The Double Line San Diego Jam Knot

-The Arbor Knot

To find out more copy and past this link into your browser

<http://www.scout.com/outdoors/wired2fish/story/1468499-15-fishing-knots-every-angler-should-know>

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.

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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

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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Manahawkin, NJ 08050



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10%

discount on bait & tackle

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Ken Braswell, Owner

618-1744

10% Discount to VHFC Members

BOAT U.S.

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Or call Jeff Orsoe 732-672-5530

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W 19th and Bayview, Historic Viking Village

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609-389-3647

10% Discount

