



# ***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> May, 2017 Vol. 28 No.2

### **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 April and May**

#### **BOARD MEETING: April 7**

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

775 E.Bay Avenue  
Manahawkin, NJ

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETING: May 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
- \_ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

**June: Board Meeting Friday, June 2**

### **General Meeting: Friday June 9**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello everyone,

Just when we thought it would never happen, SPRING has finally arrived! Unfortunately, along with the warmer and longer days, the winds from mid April through the first week of May have been unrelenting blowing 25 to 40 mph from almost every direction. Let's hope they quiet down soon and give the boat whips a rest!

Spring is a hectic time as we all try to get the outdoor "stuff" brought out from the garage, basement or under the deck storage spots, plant the garden and all those flower pots - cannot believe how many there are at my house, get the boat ready for launch and finally put new line on our reels and clean up the tackle box. I wouldn't dare mention that some of these things should have been done already because somehow time just flies by all of us. Nevertheless, this is a great fishing opportunity that will only get better as the month progresses. Try to make some time and do a little fishing. Big bluefish are in the bay and inlets although at times can be very elusive, smaller stripers and weakfish

are near the causeway bridge spans, black drum reports should be appearing soon and the surf/ocean fishing is ready to explode with big stripers. So get out there and do some fishing and do not forget to submit those reports!

I would be remiss not to mention the fast approaching controversial fluke season. At this time, no official decision on the 2017 Fluke/Summer Flounder regulations has been made. However, the ASMFC Spring meeting scheduled for 8 - 11 May in Virginia has the afternoon of 10 May dedicated to seabass, scup and summer flounder. The agenda includes the topic "Review State Compliance with Addendum XXVIII Summer Flounder Recreational Measures for 2017 **Possible Action**" Hopefully we have a favorable resolution by our meeting.

Bob Misak is our speaker scheduled for the May 12th meeting. Bob is Field Editor for *The Fisherman* magazine and is especially known for his jetty expertise. Please, do not forget that dues should be paid up this month and are required to enter any fish into our contests. Dues can easily be paid at the meeting. Lastly, if for any reason you need to contact me, please do so by text [edvalitutto@gmail.com](mailto: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 Bob Misak is our speaker scheduled for the May 12th meeting. Bob is Field Editor for *The Fisherman* magazine and is especially known for his jetty expertise

Last month's speaker was **Jim Hutchinson Jr**, Editor of "The Fisherman Magazine" Jim brought us up to date as to what we may expect for the upcoming 2017 fishing season. Job well done Jim.

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

By Dave Spendiff

All eyes are focused on Westin Alexandria in Alexandria, Virginia on May 10 as the **ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC)** will meet and decide just we will find out what our Fishing seasons will be this year.

I hope that everyone took the time to complete the Fishing Survey that has been floating around the stat last month.

### **VHFC Tournament Standings**



Presentation of the 2016 VHFC Melanie Boytos Inshore Grand Slam Award was presented to Dave Spendiff.

Presenting the award were members of the Boytos Family along with Jim Hutchinson, Jr doing the honors.

**Congratulations Dave!**

**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.



Stripe Bass – FOY - John Lyszczarz

**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/>)

Congratulations to all of this years Winners



Sea Bass – FOY Bob Dodds

**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.



Fluke – FOY - Pete Figlia

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!!



Bluefish – FOY – Dave Spendiff

### **IN THE Reading Room**

Check out the Books and DVD at the meeting

By Bill Dabney

### **Check out this book entitled “The Most Important Fish in the Sea: Menhaden and America 2nd Edition**

by [H. Bruce Franklin](#) (Author)

In this brilliant portrait of the oceans' unlikely hero, H. Bruce Franklin shows how menhaden have shaped America's national—and natural—history, and why reckless overfishing now threatens their place in both. Since Native Americans began using menhaden as fertilizer, this amazing fish has greased the wheels of

U.S. agriculture and industry. By the mid-1870s, menhaden had replaced whales as a principal source of industrial lubricant, with hundreds of ships and dozens of factories along the eastern seaboard working feverishly to produce fish oil. Since the Civil War, menhaden have provided the largest catch of any American fishery. Today, one company—Omega Protein—has a monopoly on the menhaden “reduction industry.” Every year it sweeps billions of fish from the sea, grinds them up, and turns them into animal feed, fertilizer, and oil used in everything from linoleum to health-food supplements.

The massive harvest wouldn't be such a problem if menhaden were only good for making lipstick and soap. But they are crucial to the diet of bigger fish and they filter the waters of the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, playing an essential dual role in marine ecology perhaps unmatched anywhere on the planet. As their numbers have plummeted, fish and birds dependent on them have been decimated and toxic algae have begun to choke our bays and seas. In Franklin's vibrant prose, the decline of a once ubiquitous fish becomes an adventure story, an exploration of the U.S. political economy, a groundbreaking history of America's emerging ecological consciousness, and an inspiring vision of a growing alliance between environmentalists and recreational anglers.

This Review taken from Amazon.com

NOW available at the club's library table.

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.

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

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](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net) for our code number. You must be a paid up member for use of this code.

**This is now the busiest time of the year for a boat owner. The is also known as:**  
**"Spring Boat Commissioning"**

While out thoughts are of all of the activities that we are planning, Our mind must be on all of the items that goes along with owning that beloved "TOY". The checklist starts with: Check those Thru Hulls , Inspect the Clamps, Here is a biggie, Inspect the impeller on the engine's raw water pump. The list can go on and on. While you can get over-whelm , take a breather and go to the Boat US Web site and read about it.

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2017/april/spring-boat-commissioning.asp>

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 [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto: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



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)

From their latest news as on their website is the latest information. received

**MODERNIZING RECREATIONAL FISHERIES  
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2017 INTRODUCED  
IN THE HOUSE**

U.S. Reps. Graves, Green, Webster, Wittman

**Champion Federal Saltwater Fisheries Reform**

**Washington, D.C.** – April 6, 2017 – The recreational fishing and boating community praised the introduction of a bill that addresses critical challenges facing saltwater recreational fishing at the federal level. Led by Congressmen Garret Graves (R-La.), Gene Green (D-Texas), Daniel Webster (R-Fla.) and Rob Wittman (R-Va.), the “Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017” (Modern Fish Act) would improve public access to America’s federal waters, promote conservation of our natural marine resources and spur economic growth.

“On behalf of America’s 11 million saltwater anglers, we thank Congressmen Graves, Green, Webster and Wittman for championing this legislation to modernize federal recreational fishing management,” said Jeff Angers, president of the Center for Sportfishing Policy. “For decades, the recreational fishing community has been subjected to antiquated federal policies not designed to manage recreational fishing. The time is now to update these policies so families can fully enjoy our nation’s remarkable marine resources and continue a proud American tradition on the water.”

The Modern Fish Act addresses many of the recreational fishing community’s priorities including allowing alternative management for recreational fishing, reexamining fisheries allocations, smartly rebuilding fishery stocks, establishing exemptions where annual catch limits don’t fit and improving recreational data collection. The bill aims to benefit fishing access and conservation by incorporating modern management approaches, science and technology to guide decision-making.

“We applaud the introduction of the Modern Fish Act in the House and the efforts of Rep. Graves and his colleagues to modernize the federal regulations governing access to the public’s natural resources by boaters and anglers,” said National Marine Manufacturers Association President Thom Dammrich. “We appreciate the Congressmen’s support for better management of our recreational fisheries that will bring federal management into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

“Getting more Americans outdoors and enjoying our wonderful natural treasures, including in saltwater spaces, requires updating and modernizing federal management approaches,” said Mike Nussman, president of the American Sportfishing Association. “The Modern Fish Act addresses the core issues within federal saltwater fisheries management that are limiting the public’s ability to enjoy saltwater recreational fishing, and will help maximize the economic, social and conservation benefits that recreational fishing provides to the nation.”

“This legislation reflects the vision and commitment of the recreational angling community to work with Congress and NOAA to provide quality angling opportunities for all stakeholders,” said Patrick Murray, president of Coastal Conservation Association. “We commend Congressmen Graves, Green, Webster and Wittman for providing a pathway to better management of America’s marine fisheries in the future.”

“For decades in federal fisheries management, recreational fishing was always an afterthought,” explained Jim Donofrio executive director of the Recreational Fishing Alliance. “The Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act introduced by Congressman Graves and his colleagues finally addresses the specific needs of the recreational fishing community; stands to bring parity to fisheries management and

will get anglers back on the water.”

The coalition of groups supporting the Modern Fish Act includes American Sportfishing Association, Center for Sportfishing Policy, Coastal Conservation Association, Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, International Game Fish Association, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Recreational Fishing Alliance, The Billfish Foundation and Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership.

Take a look at it.

Taken from the RFA Website



## **IGFA Codifies New Release Rules and Recommendations**

Recreational anglers – whether weekend fishermen, world record hunters, or tournament competitors – are becoming increasingly conscious of the need to conserve the fish they love to pursue. As they call for more and better science to strengthen the health of fisheries the world over, they have also looked for ways to reduce the impact of their hobby on game fish species. In particular, more and more tournaments are adopting an all-release format, necessitating a standard for released catches. Answering this

need, the International Game Fish Association has codified a new set of Release Rules to clarify and support the ideals of ethical recreational angling.



It is IGFA's hope that establishing a definition for an “official IGFA release” will not only institute a standard by which anglers can compare releases, but also, and more importantly, encourage anglers to continue releasing fish. At its recent annual board meeting in January, the IGFA Board of Trustees approved the following:

IGFA will consider a fish officially released when one of the following actions is completed:

- A. The mate is able to grab the leader
- B. The swivel hits the rod tip



C. The connection (knot, splice, etc.) between the leader and the mainline/double line/ fly line passes through the rod tip

To read the entire article, Follow the link below:

. <https://www.igfa.org/Fish/IGFA-Codifies-New-Release-Rules-299.aspx>

### **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](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net) to place your ad.if you wish to place a free ad.

### **.FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS**

Members may place free ads in this section if you wish to find someone to fish with. Maybe you need to find someone with a boat or you

are interested in finding someone to share expenses on your boat.

### **What's This KNOT?**

## **15 Fishing Knots Every Angler Should Know**



JASON SEALOCK

01/21/2014

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**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 stronger connections and quick solid knots when you're in a hurry to get your lure back in the water. ...**

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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](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net) and I will put it in the newsletter.

### **BUY, SELL or TRADE**

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place a free ad. Please contact Jeff Orsoe via email at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net) to place your ad.

### **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**

*Board Meeting*                      **Friday, 7 April, 2017**

*Club Meeting*                      **Friday, 21 April, 2017**

*Board Meeting*                      **Friday, 5 May, 2017**

*Club Meeting*                      **Friday, 12 May, 2017**

*Board Meeting*                      **Friday, 2 June, 2017**

**Club Meeting** Friday, 9 June, 2017

**Board Meeting** Friday, 7 July, 2017

**Club Meeting** Friday, 14 July, 2017

**Board Meeting** Friday, 4 Aug, 2017

**Club Meeting** Friday, 11 Aug, 2017

**Board Meeting** Friday, 1 Sept, 2017

**Club Meeting** Friday, 8 Sept, 2017

**Board Meeting** Friday, 6 Oct, 2017

**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=InmDistrict&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/>

**Vessel Safety Checks**

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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS:**

**26 May 2017**

**at [jorsoe786@comcast.net](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net)**

*Our Sponsors:* The following have offered a discount with the presentation of current VHFC Membership Card

Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale

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10% discount on bait & tackle

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Manahawkin, NJ 08050



David Kelton

10%

discount on bait & tackle

## 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

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494-1371

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## GALLIVANT GRAPHICS

### BOAT LETTERING

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609-812-9883

## BILLS SURF AND TACKLE

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