



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 first thank the Club Board members, on this my last President's Message, for the strong support they have given me over these last four years and for their unwavering resolve to continue making this club one that our members are proud of belonging to. Our hope is that we will see growth in our membership, more club activities, a greater participation by all members in those activities and a greater involvement by you in running the club. The love we all have of fishing is what brings us together and we must continue the endless fight to protect our right to fish against all those

who are waging a well-funded fight to take that right away from us.

Why is fishing such a popular activity? I think because it mirrors many of life's major lessons without the life and death consequences. We've been taught by good parents and mentors that "Nothing good comes easy." that "Practice makes perfect." that "If at first you don't succeed, try, and try again." that "Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for success." and my biggest motivator, "If you do that again, I'm going to smack you in the back of your thick head."

The point I'm trying to make is, success as an angler doesn't come quickly, is never forever and, as a consequence, represents a challenge almost every day we fish. If we want our children and grandchildren to experience those mini struggles towards a level of accomplishment that fishing gives us, we must fight like hell to protect our right to fish – every chance we get!

It has been my privilege to serve as your President and I want to thank all of you for that honor.

Looking forward to seeing you Friday,

Dave

EVENTS in October and November

BOARD MEETING: November 4

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

725 Bay Avenue
Manahawkin, NJ

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: November 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
- _ 8:00 pm Pizza Party
- _ All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

This month's speaker

Last months speaker was Bill Figley, who informed us about the menhaden resource Thanks for a very informing presentation.

ANY THOUGHTS or IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR. TELL US ABOUT THEM.

Give us your opinions. We want to hear from you! Send them to any of the Board members.

VHFC Tournament Standings

Fish of the Month Leaders 2016

March/April			
WINTER FLOUNDER	No Entries		

May	No Entries		
Striped Bass			
June			
Fluke			
July			
Bluefish			
August			
Fluke & Seas Bass			
September			
Sea Bass & Weakfish			
October			
Bluefish & Stripe Bass			
November			
Bluefish & Stripe Bass			

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 November, 2016

There were two letters that were written on behalf of the VHFC. One was concerning the state of the menhaden population. The other was concerning the "Traps on the Reefs" They are both attached with the mailing of this news letter.

WEIGH INNS – Please see a separate sheet for the 2016 fish weigh inns for the year.

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

But you will also need your Member number to access them



(Vessel Safety)

Jeff Orsoe

With the boating season just about over, our concerns switch over to the winterization of motors, preventions of various systems that contain liquids from freezing and least us not forget the protection of the vessel from theft. If yiu go to the BoatUS website to the following link,

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2016/october/how-to-prevent-your-boat-from-being-stolen.asp>

Also explore the other areas f the site for more information.

Till next season, 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) . 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-016-making-waves>

From their latest newsletter/email that I received Today was the following concerning the election of our 45th President:

The RFA Anticipates Positive Change under President Trump's Leadership

New Gretna, NJ, - When the news broke this morning that Donald J. Trump had

been elected to serve as the 45th

president of the United States, the recreational Fishing Alliance's Executive Director Jim Donofrio couldn't have been more pleased.

"The RFA was the only sport fishing organization in the country that supported and publically endorsed Mr. Trump right from the beginning," explained Donofrio. "He obviously understands business as well as anyone, and we quickly realized that an administration under his leadership would benefit the recreational fishing industry, particularly those in the manufacturing sector such as boat and engine builders and tackle companies, which have been operating under increasing governmental restrictions for years. We believe these businesses will now be better able to improve their products and expand their markets as we move forward."

The RFA is also optimistic that the new administration will provide a more balanced approach to managing the country's marine resources. "The days of the environmental zealots running the show are, for the most part, over," continued Donofrio. "I think we'll start to see a more balanced approach between access to our resources, responsible stewardship, and common-sense conservation. This, of course, has always been a major goal of the RFA, but in many arenas it's been an uphill battle. So, we're excited about this new direction, and look forward to some positive changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act that will benefit our sector, along with a new attitude towards fishery management."

And finally, an issue that has concerned recreational anglers and the sport fishing industry during the past year is unlikely to persist under President Trump's leadership- the use of executive action and other less-than-transparent schemes to circumvent the public management process. President Obama's unilateral use of the Antiquities Act of 1906 to designate vast areas of the oceans as "national monuments" in order to increase restrictions and ban fishing has been particularly troubling. "We're hoping that President

Trump will reverse some of these designations in the near future," said Donofrio. "They represent an unacceptable level of governmental overreach, and we already have a transparent public process to manage our resources in the form of the Magnuson Act."

In short, the RFA congratulates President-Elect Trump, and is gratified to have supported him during his entire hard-fought campaign. "We look forward to working with him and his new administration in improving access for recreational anglers and energizing those in our sport fishing businesses," added Donofrio. "I think we're going to start seeing some positive changes."

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102181706823&ca=961daaf4-381b-477f-9e0a-ba2a018955c8>

Take a look at it.

Taken from the RFA Website



In this month's column, I would like to bring to your attention of the many "E-Newsletters" that are available online at the IGFA Website. It goes back a long way and covers a wider variety of topics. The latest on IGFA world records, conservation projects, outreach and

recognition programs, upcoming events, and more! Check it out! Go to

<https://www.igfa.org/Resources/E-Newsletters>

IGFA - Trolling Speed and Bait Position

Since the Strippers will soon be showing up I thought that rerunning this article would be of interest to those that missed it last month.

<https://www.igfa.org/About/Trolling-Speed-and-Bait-Position.aspx>

FISHING REPORTS

I suggest that you look at the VHFC website at <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> to catch up on 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?

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. At one of our board meeting we sort of got side tracked and began discussing knots. The name of the "KG" knot came up. We all looked at each other as to what it was. It is a small knot that will allow you to link a mono line to a braided line. We found it on "Utube" under the title "The strongest and smallest braid to leader knot ever created: Google it and view the movie.

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**

Board Meeting **Friday, 1 April, 2016**

Club Meeting **Friday, 8 April, 2016**

Board Meeting **Friday, 6 May, 2016**

Club Meeting **Friday, 13 May, 2016**

Board Meeting **Friday, 3 June, 2016**

Club Meeting **Friday, 10 June, 2016**

Board Meeting **Friday, 1 July, 2016**

Club Meeting **Friday, 8 July, 2016**

Board Meeting **Friday, 5 Aug, 2016**

Club Meeting **Friday, 12 Aug, 2016**

Board Meeting **Friday, 2 Sept, 2016**

Club Meeting **Friday, 9 Sept, 2016**

Board Meeting **Friday, 7 Oct, 2016**

Club Meeting **Friday, 14 Oct, 2016**

Board Meeting **Friday, 4 Nov, 2016**

Club Meeting **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:
15 April 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



10% discount on bait & tackle

American Sportsman LLC
Bait and Tackle

Hunting, Fishing, Crab and Shellfish

857 Mill Creek Rd

Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Find us on Facebook

follow us on twitter

609-597-4104

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

BOAT & ENGINE PARTS / SERVICE / REPAIRS



Boat Slips & Storage • Boat Hauling • Mobile Service
Shrink Wrap • Winterize • Tune Ups • Engine Rebuild
Boat, Engine & Trailer Sales



10% Discount



10% Discount

Viking Outfitters

W 19th and Bayview, Historic Viking Village

609-361-9111

609-389-3647

10% Discount