



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER November 2018

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***VHFC meets the second Friday of each month
April through November***

***Location: Manahawkin Community Center
775 East Bay Ave Manahawkin, NJ***

Doors open at 7:30; Meeting begins at 7:45 PM

Next meeting: 12 November

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

Can you believe it - the clocks went back one hour last night and that means we are officially into fall fishing! Now if the weather would cooperate with a little less wind and the resulting big waves, we might get the opportunity to do some striper fishing before 2018 comes to an end. Unfortunately that leaves only 8 weeks at most and with the Thanksgiving & December holidays, getting things around the house ready for winter and winterizing your boat, those 8 weeks will disappear quickly. For the surf fishing folks, fall is a great time to fish and you can put up with more wind & waves on the sand than you can in a boat. For the wreck fishermen, seabass is open and blackfish increases to 5 fish on November 16. Both sea bass and blackfish remain open through 31 December. So make the most of any opportunity to get out and do some fishing!

Thanks to all who attended the October meeting. Guest speaker Jeff Dement provided an excellent overview about the history of the Littoral Society's tagging program since its inception

in 1965 up to the present day with tagging results over the time period. Jeff also provided a hands on guide complete with handout material for VHFC members to do their own fish tagging.

Hope you can attend our meeting this Friday evening.

Ed

November EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: November 2

CLUB MEETING: November 9

Club Meetings Start at 7:45 With Pledge of Allegiance

- Welcome Club Members and Guests
- Committee Reports
- Auction
- Break / Refreshments / Pizza
- 50/50 Drawing
- Fishing Reports

November SPEAKER - There is no speaker for the November meeting but November is our pizza night so please join us for a slice or two. We will also hold our auction during our November meeting, so please look around for any items you no longer need that are still in good, workable condition. Just bring anything you have to the meeting this Friday. A complete list of everything we have to date appears further down in this Newsletter.

2018 FISH OF THE MONTH (FOM) - Winner for the October Blackfish FOM was Bill Figley with a 3 Lb 15 oz tog. There were no entries for the October bluefish or striped bass. Congratulations Bill!!! The largest FOM species featured for the month will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Fisherman's Headquarters (no expiration) so be sure to enter your catch. FOM weigh-ins are made the same as FOY weigh-ins. There are 4 remaining FOM awards for 2018. Blackfish, Bluefish and Striped Bass are the three November FOM candidates and there is an award for Seabass that started on 8 October and runs through 30 November. Remember, bluefish must be 5 lbs or greater to be entered into the FOM.

1 March - 30 April (3 Awards)	Winter Flounder, Striped Bass & Bluefish (No Fish Entered)
1 - 31 May (2 Awards)	Striped Bass Pat Presutto Bluefish (No Fish Entered)
25 May - 30 June (1 Award)	Fluke Aaron Allison
15 May - 22 June (1 Award)	Sea Bass Bob Dodds
1 - 31 July (2 Awards)	Fluke Marty Friedrich Sea Bass (No Fish Entered)
1 - 31 August(2 Awards)	Fluke Brendan Jelley Sea Bass Pat Presutto
1 - 22 September (1 Award)	Fluke Marty Friedrich
1 - 30 September (1 Award)	Weakfish (No Fish Entered)
1 - 31 October (3 Awards)	Blackfish Bill Figley Bluefish (No Fish Entered) Striped Bass (No Fish Entered)
8 October - 30 November (1 Award)	Sea Bass
1 - 30 November (3 Awards)	Blackfish & Bluefish & Striped Bass

2018 NEW JERSEY MARINE FISHING REGULATION - Report by Phil Simon

The ASMFC/MAFMC have issued two draft addendums (XXXI and XXXII, or 31 and 32 for you non-Roman readers) regarding the management of summer flounder, scup and sea bass.

Amendment 31 takes on several issues, including increased usage of conservation equivalency in the fisheries, to allow more flexibility by the states in setting catch limits to meet coastwide quotas. Also included in this document are options for a “transit area” to allow Block Island fish to be transported through the EEZ without penalty, and arguments for and against the use of slot limits. Amendment 32 deals with the sticky issues surrounding both summer flounder and black sea bass that have caused much discussion during the last couple of years, including limits on the two species that seemed to many of us somewhat at odds with the actual states of the fisheries. The council and the commission appear to recognize that their approaches have been somewhat misguided and are proposing some new management measures to replace the current state-by-state approaches to something that deals with the fisheries on a more regional basis. However, NJ would be treated as its own region, rather than lumped in with NY as was tried earlier. The details and options are all spelled out in the

full documents, which you can find on the ASMFC website at <http://www.asmfc.org/>. (Have to say this is not easy reading). Public input will be taken in November, including a session on Monday November 26 at 6pm at the Stafford Township Administrative Office, 260 East Bay Ave in Manahawkin.

Another hot-button issue that has floated up (again) is a proposal to open up the EEZ to striper fishing in the block island transit zone. Apparently one congressman in NY is pushing this for his local constituents. JCAA and nearly everyone else is against it, as it might be a door for other areas to ask for similar special treatment. ASMFC will review the request only after the completion of the striped bass stock assessment in February. Have a look at Tom Fote's view on the subject in this month's JCAA newsletter: <http://www.jcaa.org/JCNL1811/Mainpage.htm>.

JCAA will need volunteers for 4-hr shifts at their tables at the AC Boat Show (Feb 27-Mar 3), The Saltwater Fishing Expo (Mar 15-17), and the Povoromo Fishing Show Feb 9. Let Phil Simon (sciman2@gmail.com) know if you are interested.

NJ 2018 FISHING REGULATIONS & SALTWATER ANGLER SURVEY

Paste this link into your browser for NJ Regulations:

<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/2018/maregsum18.pdf>

Paste this link into your browser for Saltwater Angler Survey

<https://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/marinesurvey.htm>:

VHFC AUCTION

At our November 9 club meeting, there will be an auction of various fishing, boating and marine equipment. This is a great opportunity to acquire some fine gear at bargain prices! It is also a fine opportunity to clean out your garage, shed, storage unit, etc. of supplies you no longer need or use and donate them to our club. The following list is everything received to date. There may be additional material brought to the meeting.

Reels:

Tidewater 10L – level wind conventional

Okuma Magda Pro MA20DX line counter, level wind conventional

Sears Trolling Reel 6 4377 conventional

Abu Garcia Ambassadeur 5000c

Cabela's Depth Master DM2 line counter, level wind conventional (2)

Olympic Dolphin 625-LW level wind conventional

Penn Long Beach #65
Penn Long Beach #60
Bay City conventional
Ryobi V-Mag 3 small level wind conventional

RODS:

Custom 8' 2pc conventional boat
Berkley B-90 10'8" 2pc spinning surf
Penn Slammer 6'6" conventional boat
Penn Mariner 5'6" conventional boat
6' conventional boat
Abu Garcia 5000c 6" conventional
Zebco Rhino Glowtip 2pc 7" spinning
Shakespeare Ugly Stik 6'6" 2pc conventional (2)
Shimano Triton 7" 2pc spinning
Zebco 6'6" 2pc spinning
Shakespeare Ranger 6" 2pc spinning
Abu Garcia 6" 2pc spinning

Miscellaneous:

Two fishing nets
Plano Phantom Tackle Box - includes 12 large dividers for main case - See photo
Taco Tote-Em 4-Rod Carrier - rods not included - but a great way to transport rods to your boat, to the beach or to store in your car - See photo on the following page.



VHFC BOTTOM FISHING TRIP - VHFC members Marty Friedrich, Diana & Carmine Tocci, Caesar Pesarini and Ed Valitutto set sail on the Dauntless out of Point Pleasant on 25 October for a day of bottom fishing. The weather was lovely and the fishing was drop and reel for non stop large porgies. Unfortunately the sea bass were mostly shorts with very few keepers but Caesar managed to put a keeper on ice. The minute you hit bottom (~100 ft), either a seabass or bergall was on your bait. Per the captain's instructions, we reeled up 5 - 15 feet off bottom and within a few seconds the porgies found your bait. Using bergall strips stayed on the hook longer for the seabass and also attracted several ~3 lb blues. See the following photos:



Caesar, Diana and Carmine at the rails above.

Marty on the right with one of his several doubleheader porgies.

The five of us below ready for our trip back to port. I'm not sure why there's a blue tint?





Carmine and Diana's filled coolers above and some of fillets with one porgy ready for the knife!

LIBRARY REPORT

Check out books, magazines and DVDS from our library available at club meetings.

There are two Featured DVDs this Month:

1) ***Fishing for Trophy Striped Bass*** by Captain Al Lorenzetti - This DVD covers all the action. Catching and rigging live bait, fishing strategies, boat handling, electronics and special secrets used by one of the most successful striped bass fisherman on the water today.

2) ***Trolling for Bass and Blues*** by Captain Al Lorenzetti - Successful trolling requires application of proven techniques. Captain Al covers the most productive trolling methods and pays attention to the lures and tackle. Fishing shallow or deep, with light tackle or wire line, this video will make you a more successful fisherman.

FISHING REPORTS

Please go to the VHFC website at <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> to read the fishing reports submitted by fellow club members. Please submit your own reports using the simple form on the pull down menu. If you do not feel comfortable using the form or have any issues using it, please email Ed Valitutto @ edvalitutto@gmail.com or call 609 994 1311. If you provide me the details, I will submit the report for you. **Your reports supply important information for fellow club members.**

During the month of October, due to the late arrival of bluefish and striped bass coupled with some nasty weather, there were only two reports submitted. One was submitted for the VHFC Bottom Fishing Trip and was covered earlier in the Newsletter. The second October report was by Carl Wolfarth. Carl was fishing in the bay with eels and caught a monster 39 lb / 44 inch bass! So much for the lack of keeper bass around that everyone has been griping about!



What a beauty - talking about the fish of course!

Unfortunately, Carl caught it Sunday evening and wasn't close to an open VHFC weigh in station and could not weigh it in for FOM.

For further details, please visit the VHFC website.

Surf Tournament - The Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Classic started on October 6th and will run through December 9th. If you haven't signed up yet, do not delay any further. Since only a handful of stripers and no bluefish have been entered to date, you really haven't missed much. Thousands of dollars in prizes are still available for bass, bluefish and redfish caught by anglers from the shores of LBI. Adult entry is \$30, and just \$15 for kids 17 and younger. Early registration included a tournament hat, T shirt, decal, and a coupon for a free slice of Panzone's pizza but check with local tackle shops to see who still has them available.

A number of junior, ladies, senior citizen and bonus prizes are also up for grabs, as well as many special prizes, including awards for the biggest striper caught on particular days throughout the competition. Full details are available at their website:

<https://www.lbift.com/tournament.php?id=1814>

CLASSIFIED ADS

BUY, SELL or TRADE

Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact Ed Valitutto via email at edvalitutto@gmail.com to place your ad.



1998 Seamaster Model 2588 Walkaround & Trailer - Needs New Engine

Stern Drive and Bell Housing Replaced in 2008

Completely Repowered in 2008 - Mercury 350 2 bbl carburetor

New enclosure, Garmin GPS, VHF Antenna & 100 Gallons of Gas

GREAT FISHING BOAT with Anchor, Rope & Life Jackets Included

CALL VHFC Member Carmine Tocci with your best offer at 201-403-4411

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.



Boat US has made their publications available online including back issues. Go to <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/archives/default.asp> to access their informative material.



VHFC encourages everyone to go to the RFA website at www.joinrfa.org where you will find a tremendous amount of useful information for your personal use. In addition, RFA also puts out a quarterly publication call “**Making Waves**” which can be requested via email on the Homepage of the RFA website. There is also a link to access all past issues.

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®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: Call Jeff Orsoe @ 732-672-5530 and leave a message or email him at jorsoe786@comcast.net

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS:
03 September 2018

Email items / requests to edvalitutto@gmail.com

SPONSORS: The following sponsors offer a discount with the presentation of your current VHFC Membership Card. Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale.

BHW Marine Center (10% discount w/ VHFC card) - **Closed for the season**
857 Mill Creek Rd Manahawkin, NJ 08050
609-709-5424

Boat U.S.
Special membership price call Jeff Orsoe
732-672-5530

Causeway Boat Rentals (10% discount on bait & tackle w/ VHFC card)
2200 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ
609-494-1371

Creekside Outfitters (10% discount w/ VHFC card)
403 Rt. 9 Waretown, NJ 08758
609-242-1812

D & S Marine Service (10% discount on parts w/ VHFC card)
460 Dock Rd, West Creek NJ 08092
609-296-0309

Fisherman's Headquarters (10% discount w/ VHFC card)
280 West 9th St, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008
609-494-5739

JB Awards (10% discount on engraving and trophies w/VHFC card)
609-290-5851

Surf City Bait & Tackle (10% discount on bait w/ VHFC card)
317 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ 08008
609 494-2333

The Boat Shop (10% discount w/ VHFC card)

756 E. Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

609-597-1271

Viking Outfitters (10% discount w/ VHFC card)

W.19th and Bayview in Viking Village, Barnegat Light, NJ

609-361-9111

West Creek Bait and Tackle (10% discount w/ VHFC card)

387 Route 9, West Creek, NJ 08092

609-857-3516

West Creek Kayak and Canoe (10% discount only on accessories w/VHFC card)

224 Route 9, West Creek, NJ 08092

609-296-8030

Boat US 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

2018 FISHING REGULATIONS

Paste this link into your browser for the latest NJ 2018 Fishing Regulations

<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/2018/maregsum18.pdf>