



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER July 2019

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VHFC meets the second Friday of each month from 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: 14 July

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

Just when we thought summer would never get here, it has arrived in force. I'm talking hot A/C cranking weather, greenheads and westerly driven biting flies, and lots of kids and grandkids down for the beaches and summer shore fun. But it's all good stuff except for those damn greenheads & flies! How bad are they? A recent trip to the Little Egg Inlet yielded two keepers but the greenheads were as bad as I have ever seen. We also made a July 2nd trip to Loveladies beach at 10:00 AM and we were the only inhabitants except for the lifeguards! West wind flies were unbearable unless you were in the water or wash.

But more importantly, there are fish to be caught. Based on my own experience and the many reports posted both on our website and local sites, there are good numbers of fluke with some keepers mixed in, kingfish on the beach, sharks galore including some bruisers, tuna offshore

and decent crabbing in the bay. So spray up both for the bugs and the sun or better yet cover up with something light and get on out and enjoy our wonderful summer weather and fishery.

There's action for everyone either by boat in the bay or ocean or off the surf and be sure to weigh-in your catch for our FOM / FOY awards and submit a report of your success for others to enjoy.

Ed

July CLUB EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: July 5

CLUB MEETING: July 12

Club Meetings Start at 7:45 With Pledge of Allegiance

- Welcome Club Members, New Recruits and Guests
- Presentation of 2018 FOY Awards
- Guest Speaker Introduction and Presentation
- Break / Refreshments
- Committee Reports
- 50/50 Drawing
- Fishing Reports

JULY SPEAKER This month's speaker is Jim Hutchinson Sr. Jim is a local fishing professional and writer for many newspapers, magazines and online publications and will discuss crabbing in our local waters. Jim will start with information on crab biology, and then give us some tips acquired over his 60 years of experience on catching, cleaning, and picking crabs. Jim will also bring some clam dip for everyone to taste and enjoy.

2019 TROPHY FISH OF THE MONTH - The largest fish caught during the month will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Fisherman's Headquarters (no expiration). Weigh-ins are made at any of our 7 weigh in stations. There are 21 FOM awards for 2019. Just a reminder, if no entry is made for a species for a specific month, the award will be added to the award when the species is again offered in 2019 as often as required. **Note: bluefish must be at least 5 lbs for award consideration.**

June FOM winners are Tyler Leary for White Perch (1.37 lbs), Carmine Tocci for Seabass (2.6 lbs) and Frank Tourine for Fluke (5.86 lbs). Congratulations to all three winners!

2019 VHFC Fish of the Month Winners

Month	Fish	Name	Size	Date
1 March – 30 April	Winter Flounder	No Entry		
1 March – 30 April	Striped Bass	No Entry		
1 March – 30 April	Bluefish	No Entry		
1 April – 30 June	White Perch	Tyler Leary	2 lbs 6 ozs	6/12
May 1 - 31	Striped Bass	Pat Presutto	27 lbs 8 ozs	5/15
May 1 - 31	Bluefish	Marty Friedrich	12 lbs 14 oz	5/19
May 24 – 30 June	Fluke	Frank Tourine	5 lbs 14 ozs	6/30
May 15 – 22 June	Seabass	Carmine Tocci	2 lbs 10 ozs	5/15
July 1- 31	Fluke			
July 1- 31	Seabass			
August 1- 31	Fluke			
August 1- 31	Seabass			
September 1 - 21	Fluke			
September 1- 30	Weakfish			
October 1- 31	Blackfish			
October 1- 31	Striped Bass			
October 1- 31	Bluefish			
October 8 - 30 November	Seabass			
November 1 - 30	Blackfish			
November 1 - 30	Striped Bass			
November 1 - 30	Bluefish			

JUNE WEIGH INS - There were nine weigh ins for June shown in chronological order:

Tyler Leary	White Perch	1.37 lbs	June FOM Winner
Carmine Tocci	Winter Flounder	1.4 lbs	Not a FOM candidate but a great catch!
Carmine Tocci	Winter Flounder	1.2 lbs	Two are better than one!
Ron Nachmann	Fluke	3.0 lbs	
Bill Figley	Seabass	1.98 lbs	
Bill Figley	Weakfish	1.36 lbs	Nice to see a weakie weigh in!
Bill Figley	Fluke	5.06 lbs	Great 2nd place!
Marty Friedrich	Fluke	3.3 lbs	
Frank Tourine	Fluke	5.86 lbs	June FOM Winner

For a complete list of all fish entered for 2019, go to the VHFC Web Site:

<http://www.vhfishingclub.com/conteststournaments/vhfc-standings/>

OFFICIAL VHFC WEIGH-IN STATIONS - Jingles is now our 7th official weigh-in station.

- 1) Fisherman's Headquarters, Ship Bottom
- 2) West Creek Bait & Tackle, Manahawkin
- 3) Creekside Outfitters, Waretown
- 4) BHW Marine Center, Manahawkin
- 5) Sheltered Cove Marina, Tuckerton
- 6) Surf City Bait & Tackle, Surf City
- 7) Jingles Bait & Tackle, Beach Haven

2019 New Jersey Marine Fishing Regulations by Phil Simon - There are no JCAA meetings scheduled for the summer months. We will keep everyone apprised of any Fishing Regulation items / issues as they occur.

NEW VENUE for Jim Hutchinson Sr - Fellow club member and local notable Jim Hutchinson Sr has posted his weekly report at www.jerseyshoreoutdoors.com Check it out for the latest fishing news. Jim will gladly take any reports and pictures from VHFC members.

2019 FLUKE TOURNAMENT - VHFC will hold our 4th annual fluke tournament for VHFC members, family and friends on Saturday July 13th with Sunday as the rain date. Prizes will be awarded to anglers weighing in the three (3) largest fluke. Following the tournament, the club will sponsor a barbecue at the home of Donna and Vic Harris located at 181 Bruce Drive, off Newell Drive in the Coves section of Village Harbour.

The tournament entry fee is \$20 per person, which includes the BBQ. Spouses of participating club members are also included and invited to attend the BBQ. Non-member participants may invite a guest(s) to attend the BBQ, but guests must pay \$10 - still a great deal!. BBQ includes burgers, dogs, sides, soft drinks, beer & wine. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish or appetizer for all to enjoy! Weigh ins are from 3-5 PM with the BBQ following.

Additional details and entry form will be available at the July meeting. **Just an FYI, you can also fish from shore, go out on a headboat or even use a guide!**

Attendees to date are shown below. Please let me know of any corrections to the list.:

#	Name	Tournament	BBQ
1	Ed Valitutto	2	3
2	Marty Friedrich	2	3
3	Alan Goracy	1	2
4	Dave Spendiff	1	2
5	Caesar Pesarini	1	1
6	Gene Geld	1	2
7	Cheri Hebert	1	2
8	Pat Presutto	1	2
9	Phil Simon	1	2
10	Bill Dabney	1	2
11	Joe Filice	2	2
12	Walt Thomas	2	4
13	George Guerin	1	2
14	Bob Dodds	1	1
15	Vince Sibona	1	2
16	Carmine Tocci	1	2
17	Donna Harris	1	2

ROD & REEL RAFFLE - The first rod 'n reel raffle was held at the June meeting. Phil Gaetani won the contest and received the Shimano Talavera 7' 6" Inshore rod with a Shimano Sedona FE 4000 reel. Our second rod 'n reel raffle will occur at the August meeting for a Penn Pursuit III 4000 LE reel and a Penn Pursuit 7' extra fast action rod. Be sure to buy a ticket to be in it!

NJ DIVISION of FISH and WILDLIFE - The **Striped Bass Bonus Program** (SBBP) will reopen on September 1, 2019. Applications for individuals and party/charter boats are now being accepted through October 31. Please visit the SBBP webpage at https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/bonusbas.htm?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery to apply and for more information. Your permit will allow you to harvest one striped bass from 24" to less than 28".

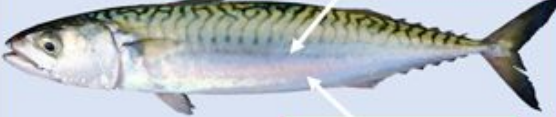


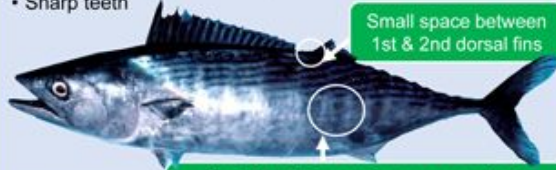




ALTERNATE WEATHER SITE - Here's a handy weather site to use in place of our often times unreliable US Weather Service.



SAVE THIS SITE - From Vince Sibona, you may want to save this website for LBI water temps and winds. On a recent trip to the beach with my grandkids, this proved a lot more accurate than the Weather Channel site I presently use. The new site is: <https://seatemperature.info/long-beach-island-water-temperature.html>

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT - The June 24th issue of The Fisherman had a helpful guide from NOAA Fisheries to help you ID your mackerel / tuna catch.

Commonly Confused Mackerel & Tuna Species

<p>Atlantic mackerel, <i>Scomber scombrus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other common names: tinker mackerel, Boston mackerel, common mackerel Up to 2 feet <p>Usually has a broken faint to dark stripe along sides below wavy bars on upper body</p>  <p>VTR CODE: MACK</p> <p>No spots on lower sides</p>	<p>Chub mackerel, <i>Scomber colias</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other common names: tinker mackerel, hardhead, bullseye Up to 22 inches <p>Stripes on upper body less defined than in Atlantic mackerel</p>  <p>VTR CODE: MACC</p> <p>Dusky spots on lower sides</p>
<p>Frigate mackerel/tuna, <i>Auxis thazard</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 2 feet <p>Height of the scaled area under the second dorsal fin is 1-5 scales</p>  <p>Pectoral fins extend past beginning of scaleless, striped area on upper body</p> <p>VTR CODE: MACF</p>	<p>Bullet mackerel/tuna, <i>Auxis rochei</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 20 inches <p>Height of the scaled area under the second dorsal fin is 10-15 scales</p>  <p>Pectoral fins do not reach past the scaleless, striped area on upper body</p> <p>VTR CODE: MACB</p>
<p>Atlantic bonito, <i>Sarda sarda</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 3.2 feet Body covered in scales; larger scales below striped area Sharp teeth <p>Small space between 1st & 2nd dorsal fins</p>  <p>Straight, oblique stripes on upper body sometimes underlain with lighter vertical bars</p> <p>VTR CODE: BON</p>	<p>Little tunny, <i>Euthynnus alletteratus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other common names: false albacore, vaquita, bonito Up to 3.5 feet No sharp teeth <p>Dorsal fins connected (not clearly visible in picture)</p>  <p>Spots on sides near pectoral fins</p> <p>VTR CODE: LTA</p>
<p>Skipjack tuna, <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 3.8 feet No scales on upper striped area <p>Small space between 1st & 2nd dorsal fins</p>  <p>4 - 6 horizontal stripes on lower sides, may be broken or solid</p> <p>VTR CODE: SKJ</p>	<p>For more information, contact:</p> <p>NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region Sustainable Fisheries Division 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, MA 01930 978-281-9300, greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov</p> <p>Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council 800 North State Street, Suite 201 Dover, DE 19901 302-674-2331 mafmcc.org</p> <p> </p> <p>Photos Atl. mackerel: Hans Hillewaert. Chub mackerel: Alessandro Duci. Bullet mackerel: Jack Randall. Frigate mackerel: Robertson & Van Tassell. Bonito: MBL/Flesher Collection. Little tunny: J. T. Williams. Skipjack: R. Freitas.</p>

VHFC T Shirts - The new VHFC T Shirts are available for ordering. Sizes will range from XS (Extra Small) to 6XL. All sizes will be available in nine colors. Shirts have long sleeves and feature UPF 50 Sun Protection. These are quality shirts to be worn proudly. Orders must total 12 shirts of any size/color combos to be placed with the manufacturer so there could be a delay in receiving an order.

VHFC Hats - The new hats have been delivered!. Hats are khaki colored and feature a high definition VHFC patch on the front. They will be available at the June meeting and will sell for \$20. They look awesome!



Library - Check out books, magazines and DVDS from our library available at club meetings. New for 2019, VHFC has added subscriptions to ***The Fisherman*** and ***On the Water*** magazines with great articles for everyone to enjoy.

FISHING REPORTS - Please go to the VHFC website at <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> to read 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, please email Ed Valitutto @ edvalitutto@gmail.com or call 609 994 1311. If you provide me the details, I will submit a report for you. **Lots of reports this month means the fishing was good!**

See all the photos from our website Reports section below:

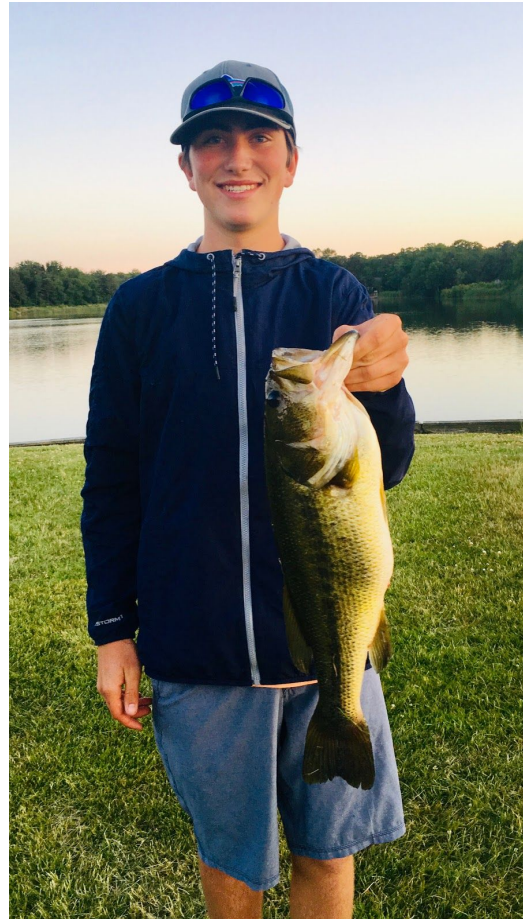


That's me with my first keeper fluke of 2019. Nothing all that great but it's a start!



Bob Dodds, Phil Simon, Gene Geld and I signed up for the IFISSH bottom trip on the Voyager out of Point Pleasant on Sunday June 9th. The seabass were not cooperative but the ling were non stop. Just a small portion of my catch on my fillet table. No fight but they taste really nice! The two wider fillets are the seabass.





That's Tyler Leary in the upper photos. On the left, he's holding his white perch that won the FOM for him. On the right, sweetwater fish aren't safe either. That's a beautiful largemouth bass one of several he and Brendan Jelley in the left photo caught and released!



That's Carter Leary with a nice 20" inch fluke caught in Great Bay. Those Leary boys sure catch fish!



That's VHFC's Bob Dodds with his son Shawn and son-in-law Eric after a charter on the Kev n' Ash II. They caught their limit of sea bass from 13.5 – 23" including several keeper throwbacks. The 4.5 lb.+ was caught by Eric and not entered into our FOM.



Gene Geld proudly displays his catch of three kingfish caught in the Harvey Cedars surf.



Brendan Jelley caught this sand tiger fishing off the Surf in Holgate. Per grandfather Larry, "Confirms why I don't swim in the Ocean."



Here's Brendan and Carter with another sand tiger on the beach!



The "boys" will hook and reel in anything that swims in the sea including this sizeable ray!



That's me and my grandson Nick with his 18 inch fluke and my 14" weakfish. Both were caught in Marshelder Channel. BTW, the greenheads this season are the worst I've ever seen!



I saw this neat idea for a rod rack using an inexpensive pool noodle. Certainly good enough for temporary storage in a shed for the summer fluke rods that are usually light and being used often.

CLASSIFIED ADS - 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.

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.

Bob Dodds is looking to fish on a member's boat and is willing to share expenses. Please contact Bob if you would like a fishing companion and save a few bucks. Bob can be reached at 609 464 6773.

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/>

Long Beach Island Water Temperature & Winds:

<https://seatemperature.info/long-beach-island-water-temperature.html>

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:

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Email items / requests to edvalitutto@gmail.com

SPONSORS / (WEIGH IN STATIONS) : 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 (Weigh In Station) 10% discount with VHFC card
857 Mill Creek Rd Manahawkin, NJ 08050
609-709-5424

Boat U.S.

Special membership price call Jeff Orsoe. Forms for members' use will be at VHFC meetings or call Jeff Orsoe 732-672-5530. Also, VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S.

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

Creekside Outfitters (Weigh In Station) 10% discount with VHFC card
403 Rt. 9 Waretown, NJ 08758
609-242-1812

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

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

JB Awards 10% discount on engraving and trophies with VHFC card
609-290-5851

Jingles Bait & Tackle (Weigh In Station) - 10% discount with VHFC card
1214 N Bay Ave, Beach Haven, NJ 08008
609-492-2795

The Boat Shop 10% discount with VHFC card
756 E. Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ 08050
609-597-1271

Viking Outfitters 10% discount with VHFC card
W.19th and Bayview in Viking Village, Barnegat Light, NJ
609-361-9111

West Creek Bait and Tackle (Weigh In Station) - 10% discount with VHFC card

387 Route 9, West Creek, NJ 08092

609-857-3516

West Creek Kayak and Canoe (Weigh In Station) 10% discount only on accessories with VHFC card

224 Route 9, West Creek, NJ 08092

609-296-8030