



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER August 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: 9 August

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

Well all the signs are present - tomatoes are turning red, the A/C has been running non stop for weeks, bay water is approaching 80 degrees, weekend traffic on all our roads and waterways is bad, restaurant dining is difficult and within 4 weeks school reopens. Yep the summer of 2019 is about half over! If you haven't been making the most of what this fine area has to offer in the good ol' summertime, then it's time to start before the fall season arrives.

The Fourth Annual VHFC Fluke Tournament was held on 13 July and was a fantastic success! Be sure to read the article in this month's Newsletter showing lots of pictures from the event and listing the winners. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time.

If you missed the July meeting, then you missed out on Jim Hutchinson Sr providing a wealth of knowledge from his many years of experience crabbing in this area. Jim also generously supplied two large trays of fantastic crab dip along with several recipes for members to try.

Jim also presented the Melanie Boytos Award to Bill Figley for his fishing accomplishments in 2018. Congratulations Bill!

Lastly, enjoy the bounty of our area but please stay safe. Drink plenty of fluids, use sunscreen, plan your activities off the scorching afternoon hours or just get in the shade sporadically and be sure to weigh-in your catch for our FOM / FOY awards and submit a report of your success for others to enjoy.

Hope to see you on Friday,

Ed

August CLUB EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: August 2

CLUB MEETING: August 9

Club Meetings Start at 7:45 With Pledge of Allegiance

- Welcome Club Members, New Recruits and Guests
- Guest Speaker Introduction and Presentation
- Break / Refreshments - this month we will have hot dogs!
- Committee Reports
- 50/50 Drawing
- Fishing Reports

AUGUST SPEAKER This month's speaker is **Rick Bushnell President of Reclam the Bay** – Rick is a Certified Shellfish Gardener and was instrumental in forming the organization in 2005. After reading about the problems in the bay, he decided to learn more by getting involved in a program to grow shellfish and teach others about what he learned. That led Rick to the Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program. BBSRP was established by Rutgers DEP Bureau of Shellfisheries and the Ocean County to train, educate, and motivate citizens to become involved in improving the bay. Reclam the Bay volunteers have grown over 1 million hard clams and oysters each year since 2005 and use them as living representatives of the bay ecosystem. They educate people about the requirements of shellfish that serve as watchdogs for good water quality and explain the impact of people on these natural resources..

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.**

July FOM winners are: **Bob Dodds for Seabass (2 lbs 10 oz)** and **Marty Friedrich for Fluke (4 lbs 6 oz)**. Congratulations Bob and Marty!

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 ozs	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	Marty Friedrich	4 lbs 6 ozs	7/9
July 1- 31	Seabass	Bob Dodds	2 lbs 10 ozs	7/13
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			

JULY WEIGH INS - There were 10 weigh ins for July shown below in chronological order:

Dave Spendiff	Fluke	3.4 lbs	
Bill Figley	Seabass	2.1 lbs	
Larry Leary	Fluke	4.34 lbs	Just missed FOM!
Marty Friedrich	Seabass	1.09 lbs	
Marty Friedrich	Fluke	4.39 lbs	July FOM Winner by less than 1 oz!
Bob Dodds	Seabass	2.62 lbs	July FOM Winner
Bob Dodds	Seabass	1.83 lbs	
Bill Dabney	Fluke	3.6 lbs	1st place for Fluke Tournament
Cheri Hebert	Fluke	4.2 lbs	
Cheri Hebert	Fluke	3.4 lbs	

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

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

2019 New Jersey Marine Fishing Regulations by Phil Simon - JCAA is on standby for the summer, but I received a number of announcements from Doug Zemeckis (Ocean County Agent, Rutgers Cooperative Extension) that I thought I would relay:

Peer Review of Four Fishery Species Set for August - The stock assessments for black sea bass, bluefish, monkfish and scup will be peer reviewed on August 5-7, at the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Woods Hole Laboratory. Meeting details and call-in information can be found at:

www.nefsc.noaa.gov/assessments/2019-assessments/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Black sea bass, bluefish, and scup have strong recreational components. During these assessments we will incorporate updated data through 2018, including newly revised catch estimates for recreational fishing.

At this meeting, the data and models will be evaluated by an independent panel of experts. More information about the review and the review panel is posted at:

https://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/saw/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

NOAA Fisheries Explores Electronic Reporting as a Supplemental Source of Recreational Fishing Data - For more information, go to:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNOAAFISHERIES/bulletins/254076c>

Shark Regulations - Please be aware that fishing for sharks is regulated by the State and federal regulations. Federal regulations prohibit targeting any prohibited species and anglers must release any prohibited shark immediately, without removing it from the water and in a manner that maximizes its chances of survival. For example, Sand Tiger Sharks are a prohibited species, therefore posing for pictures on the beach with this species or any other species on the prohibited list is a violation of federal regulations. Additional information on the regulations regarding these species can be found at:

www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/atlantic-highly-migratory-species.

JCAA Fluke Tournament - JCAA is running a new format fluke tournament August 16 -18. You get to pick one of the three days to fish, allowing you to fish the day with the best conditions. For more info:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-format-3-day-jcaa-fluke-tournament-registration-64404176626>

NEW VENUE for Jim Hutchinson Sr - Fellow club member and local notable Jim Hutchinson Sr posts 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 VHFC FLUKE TOURNAMENT - VHFC held the 4th annual fluke tournament for members, family and friends on Saturday July 13th. As good as the fishing was, the barbecue at the home of Donna and Vic Harris was spectacular! Everyone had a fantastic time socializing, enjoying some fine food and having a few beverages. Many thanks to Donna and Vic for allowing VHFC the use of their lovely home. As for the fishing, it was slow out on the reefs with the larger fish caught inside. This year's tournament winners shared \$520 in prize money. See photos following the list of money winners

1st Place (\$260)	Bill Dabney 3lbs 10 ozs	Caught behind Holgate
2nd Place (\$156)	Cherie Hebert 2 lbs 12 ozs	Caught off the South jetty
3rd Place (\$104)	Will 2 lbs 6 ozs	Caught behind Holgate



Tournament winner Bill Dabney with his 3 lb 10 oz catch. Nice fish Bill!



Marty Friedrich (seated) had first place (Bill Dabney) and third place Will on his boat.



Donna Harris (our gracious host) speaking with Diane Goracy while my grandson Nick thinks about his next catch.



Folks chatting and enjoying the day's ambience!



Yours truly manning the grill. Besides the burgers and dogs shown, Donna made fantastic ribs & chicken parm that was nicely complemented with many dishes brought by other attendees. Thanks to all for a great time!

DINNER - Be sure to sign up for the VHFC Dinner. This year's event will be on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 6:00PM at Manera's Restaurant at 291 Rt. 72 East, located in Day Plaza. Dinner selections are:

1. Eggplant Parmesan with Linguine
2. Chicken Francaise with Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables of the day
3. Salmon with Sweet Chili Mango sauce served over Garlic Bok Choy
4. Sirloin Steak (10oz) with red wine demi glaze, Roasted Potatoes and Vegetables of the day

All dinners include dessert and choice of soup or salad. Manera's is BYOB! All entree choices are \$36 including tax & tip. and must be paid by September 6, 2019. Send payment and form to: VHFC Dinner, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 or bring it to the next club meeting and pay Vince Sibona. Forms are available on the home page at vhfishingclub.com/ and will be available at the August meeting. Or use the form shown below:

Member Name _____
 Pasta____, Chicken____, Fish____, Beef____ @\$36ea = _____
 TOTAL _____

FLUKASAURUS CAUGHT BY VHFC MEMBER - Check out the photos below!



That's VHFC member Tom Siciliano who fished on the Helen H out of Hyannis MA with the Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County. This beauty was weighed by the captain and went 11 lbs 7 ozs. Tom had 4 other fish that were between 4 - 7 lbs!

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.

ROD & REEL RAFFLE - Our second rod 'n reel raffle will occur at the September 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! I incorrectly stated in the last Newsletter that the raffle would be in August.

NJ DIVISION of FISH and WILDLIFE REMINDER - 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".

VHFC T Shirts - The new VHFC T Shirts are available for ordering. Sizes range from XS (Extra Small) to 6XL. All sizes are available in nine colors. Shirts have long sleeves and feature UPF 50 Sun Protection. We have orders for 4 of the required 12 minimum lot buy.

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!

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 Larry Leary with a nice 24-1/2" fluke that weighed in at 4.34 lbs.



That's Alan Goracy on the left holding two of his three man limit caught off Double Creek on killies since the blowfish ate the tail off all the Gulp.



On the right, Phil Simon displays his one keeper caught on the Barnegat Light reef while battling the flies non-stop.



My grandson Nick proudly displays one of 60 blowfish we caught in 2 hours fishing near the Rutgers research buoy north of the BI buoy.



That's Weigh Master Carmine Tocci holding a ribbon fish caught at GS North. No Member Report was submitted but I wanted everyone to see one of these critters up close. These are an invasive species to our waters and should be removed.



Those teeth will make short work of most anything they chomp down on!

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