



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER October 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: 11 October

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

Well it's now October 1st and we are entering into what lots of folks consider the finest time of the year 'down the shore'. The water and air temperatures are almost the same, the bugs and crowds have thinned, bait is preparing for their mass migration and stripers and bluefish will hopefully arrive soon! Of course, there are still blowfish and crabs in the bay, tog on the rocks, sea bass opening soon and pelagics off shore in the warm water. Lastly, there's fun in the surf as the migrations of prey and predators collide. Speaking of the surf, Saturday is the start of the LBI Surf Fishing Classic that runs until December 8th. For \$30 per adult / \$15 for 17 & under, you get a hat and T shirt and many opportunities to win money for a bass, bluefish or red drum. Go to <https://www.lbisfc.com/lbi-fall-classic-surf-fishing-tournament> for more details.

So now that I have extolled the wonderful opportunities here in South Jersey, as mentioned at the last meeting, I am departing today to Croatia and not returning until the 16th - my wife's bucket list vacation destination! Therefore, this will be a shortened Newsletter without the FOM

winners. They will be announced by weighmaster Carmine Tocci at the regular club meeting which will be presided over by past president Dave Spendiff.

So take this opportunity to make the best of the weather and fishing. As always, enter your catch for our FOM / FOY awards and submit a report of your success for others to enjoy and benefit from your experience. Since I will not have my laptop with me on vacation, there will likely be a delay in seeing your reports published on our website.

Hope to see you on our next and final 2019 meeting in November.

Ed

October CLUB EVENTS

BOARD MEETING: October 4

CLUB MEETING: October 11

Club Meetings Start at 7:45 With Pledge of Allegiance

- Welcome Club Members, New Recruits and Guests
- Guest Speaker Introduction and Presentation
- Break / Refreshments - Food will be served but Chef Blandine has not yet decided!
- Committee Reports
- 50/50 Drawing
- Fishing Reports

October SPEAKER This month's speaker is **Brett Taylor**. Captain Brett is a licensed USCG captain who has been avidly fishing Barnegat Bay and surrounding waters for the past 20 years. Brett will use an "Open Forum" type of talk to discuss fall fishing techniques in Barnegat Bay and the surrounding waters including fall fishing off LBI. He will focus mostly on fishing by boat but will also cover kayak and land based fishing. Bring any questions you have and Captain Brett will do his best to answer them.

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.**

September FOM winners will be announced at the October club meeting.

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	Marty Friedrich	6 lbs 9 ozs	8/18
August 1- 31	Seabass	Bill Figley	2 lbs 8 ozs	8/13
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			

September Weigh Ins - Weigh ins for September will be listed after I return from vacation.

October FOM awards are striped bass, bluefish and blackfish. There is also an award for Seabass that runs from 8 October through 30 November. For a complete list of all fish entered for 2019, go to the VHFC Web Site:

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

NEW JERSEY FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon - Phil and his wife are on vacation in Greece and he will report out on his return. There are still three state scheduled public hearings in early October for New Hampshire and Massachusetts on the Striped Bass Draft Addendum VI. Sometime after the hearings, ASMFC will release their recommendations.

Draft Addendum VI proposes management options for both commercial and recreational sectors in the ocean and Chesapeake Bay to reduce total fishery removals by 18% relative to 2017 levels. The proposed measures include reduced quotas for commercial fisheries and changes in bag limits, minimum sizes, and slot size limits for the recreational sector. Since catch and release practices represent a significant component of overall fishing mortality, the Draft Addendum also explores the mandatory use of circle hooks when fishing with bait to reduce release mortality in recreational striped bass fisheries.

ROD RAFFLE - Congratulations to Phil Gaetani who won the September Rod Raffle! Yes that's the same Phil Gaetani won also won the June Rod Raffle! That's two fine outfits for \$10 in chances. Phil told me he went out and bought a lottery ticket but no luck so far.

VHFC DINNER - Our annual VHFC Dinner was held at Manera's Restaurant on 21 September. Great food and wonderful conversation were abundant during the delightful evening. Members & Guests in attendance were Vince & Nancy Seabona, Dave and Emily Spendiff, Donna & Vic Harris, Bill and Rosemary Figley, Phil & Susan Simon, Dave Sikorski, Carmine & Diana Tocci, Pat & Lisa Presutto and Ed & Pat Valitutto. Special thanks to Vince for doing all the work and arrangements to make the evening a success! Photos are shown on the next page.



That's the whole group above minus photographer Phil Simon.

Left - Much better photo of Phil and Susan Simon and Pat and Lisa Presutto.

Battle on the Beach Trophy Presentation - If you recall, last June VHFC took over as the sponsor for the Battle on the Beach contest from the BL Heavers. Several VHFC members & spouses did the measuring of the catches and recorded Southern Regional HS as the 2019 winner with a most impressive catch of 566" total inches of fish including a 20" fluke & 31" bluefish. VHFC also provided the trophy and does the yearly engraving. Last week, Dave Spendiff and I went to Southern Regional HS for the trophy presentation. Besides bragging rights and displaying the trophy at their school for the year, the club seniors of the winning school compete for a \$1000 scholarship from the LBI Surf Fishing Tournament. That's plenty of incentive to win the competition!



Trophy award ceremony with Ed Valitutto & Dave Spendiff at the SRHS Fishing Class with VHFC Junior members Tyler Leary and Ryan Mollicone standing next to Dave.

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. There was only 1 report for the month of September with a photo.



That's Marty Friedrich with a very nice 6.5 lb fluke caught on a wreck while heading to GSS reef on 12 September.



Although there was no report submitted, I saw this photo of VHFC member Cheri Hebert with this 3.5 lb weakfish on FHQ's fishing blog.

Both Cheri's weakfish and Marty's fluke will be tough to beat for September FOM awards but until the weigh in slips are collected, anything can happen.

LBI SURF TOURNAMENT - As mentioned earlier in the Newsletter, the 65th Annual Fall Surf Fishing Tournament runs from October 5 to December 8, 2019. For \$30 per adult and \$15 per youth 17 and under, you get a T shirt, hat, car decal and free slice of pizza (while supplies last) and a shot at many prizes in many categories. VHFC member and avid surf fisherman

Pat Presutto won some serious money year before last. See all the details at:

<https://www.lbisfc.com/lbi-fall-classic-surf-fishing-tournament>

Library - The VHFC has an enormous number of books, magazines and DVDS in our library available at club meetings for members to check out and enjoy. New for 2019, VHFC has added subscriptions to **The Fisherman** and **On the Water** magazines with great articles for everyone to read.

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 still 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 are available at club meetings and sell for \$20. They look awesome!

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

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

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS:

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