



HARBOUR LIGHT

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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: 13 August

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer because it is quickly passing us by! As of today, we are over half way through summer. But there's still plenty of time to enjoy the best our NJ summer has to offer. The ocean is warm and the bay is even warmer. Everything that lives in our waters from the regular summer denizens to some southern visitors along with crabs and clams are there for the harvesting.

But of course, you have to get out and make the effort! I see plenty of boats with solo anglers on board. I personally prefer to fish with someone. Give a fellow club member a call and see if you can set up a fishing time. An alternative is to fish the surf where fluke, kingfish and small blues are present. Early morning or evening are best due to minimal crowds, no badges

required and usually better fishing but daytime is also fine. The important thing is to take advantage of the opportunities that we have and enjoy them.

Our next meeting will be at the Community Center on Friday August 13th. Please come out and say hello to your fellow club members. Our speaker is Captain Brett Taylor discussing ***End of Season Fluke Fishing.***

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 13 - VHFC Club Meeting

AUGUST SPEAKER - Captain Brett Taylor - Capt. Brett is a licensed USCG captain who has been avidly fishing the Barnegat Bay and surrounding waters for the past 20+ years. He has become one of the most sought-after charter captains along the mid-Jersey coast, primarily because he really knows how to find and catch the fish. With two boats each equipped with trolling motors, he has moved Barnegat Bay fishing to a new level. If you are a regular reader of *The Fisherman* or *On The Water* magazines, you will know that Bret is an expert at communicating his top fishing practices to the recreational community. This year Capt. Brett will discuss his approaches to fishing the end of the summer flounder season. This is one talk that you don't want to miss!

NEW JERSEY FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon - Normally, I do not target bluefish, except during a short period of time in the late spring, when they invade the Barnegat inlet and Barnegat Bay and proceed to terrorize any resident baitfish hanging around. My impression has been that for the last couple of years there have been fewer bluefish, and smaller bluefish in the inlet and bay than in past years, although this is not a scientific survey. When I applied to the Mid-Atlantic Marine Fishery Council this year to be selected to be on one of the advisory panels, the bluefish panel was not my first choice. Nevertheless, that's where I was chosen to sit, along with an unexpected second panel as well (Ecosystem and Ocean Planning). Thus, I had to scramble to educate myself on the bluefish fishery before my first panel meeting last week.

As a result of my reading and the discussion at the panel meeting, I learned several interesting things. First, contrary to my impressions, the bluefish fishing has been quite outstanding for the last two years, according to the charter, party boat, and commercial

boat captains on the panel. Some ascribe this to the reduced fishing for squid and menhaden, providing more food for the blues, which makes sense to me. Second, a substantial portion of the annual recreational harvest of bluefish is taken in Florida and North Carolina, more than I would ever have thought. When I think of southern recreational fishing, I think of redfish, tarpon, snook, and others, but not blues. Yet here are the numbers as reported by the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP):

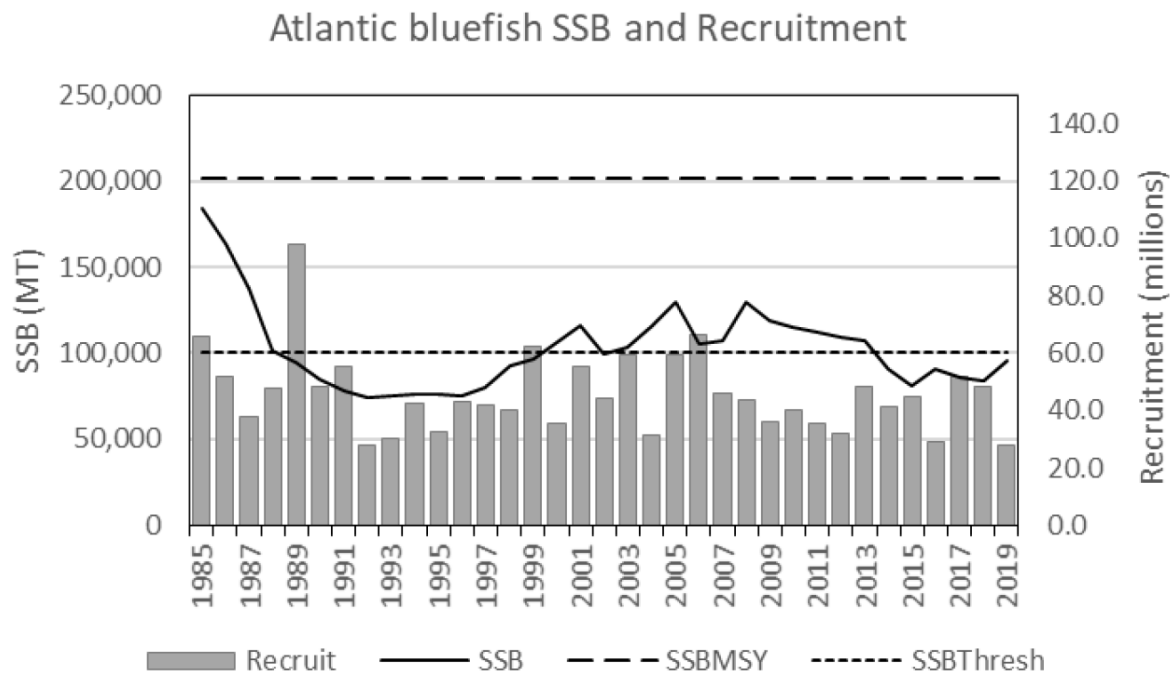
Table 3. MRIP estimates of 2020 bluefish recreational harvest, total catch, and average weight.

State	Harvest			Catch	Released Alive	Dead Discards
	Pounds	Number	Average Weight ¹ (pounds)	Number	Number	Number
ME	0	0	0	0	0	-
NH	1,800	376	4.8	376	0	-
MA	553,242	162,128	3.4	906,269	744,141	111,621
RI	508,227	220,556	2.3	1,089,449	868,893	130,334
CT	594,546	298,383	2.0	1,407,730	1,109,347	166,402
NY	1,478,719	885,517	1.7	3,701,474	2,815,957	422,394
NJ	1,808,548	595,103	3.0	3,372,216	2,777,113	416,567
DE	94,901	53,751	1.8	219,288	165,537	24,831
MD	214,991	173,846	1.2	494,214	320,368	48,055
VA	305,092	395,751	0.8	1,172,803	777,052	116,558
NC	2,124,224	2,108,296	1.0	8,666,047	6,557,751	983,663
SC	154,420	289,339	0.5	2,187,307	1,897,968	284,695
GA	9,902	10,795	0.9	187,272	176,477	26,472
FL	5,732,605	4,142,380	1.4	7,277,380	3,135,000	470,250
Total	13,581,217	9,336,221	-	30,681,825	21,345,604	3,201,841

¹ Average weight in Table 3 is simply the pounds harvested divided by the number of fish harvested. These average weights are calculated differently than what is presented in Table 2 due to the state and wave aspect associated with released fish.

These numbers seemed to me a little strange, especially the huge numbers of bluefish taken in Florida, so I contacted one of the Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife commission members to see what he thought. He basically said that he does not buy any of this data. I also contacted the Simonds brothers, who run the Salt Strong membership club out of Florida, and post a lot of UTube videos on Florida fishing. They were quite puzzled when I showed them the table. It seemed a bit out of line to them but more on MRIP in a minute. Third, while the recent drastic crackdown on recreational bluefish (remember when it was 15 fish, not 3) was triggered by the slippage of the spawning stock biomass (SSB) numbers below the ½ maximum sustainable yield target (SSBMSY). Well, it turns out that the slippage was small, and that the SSB has basically been

following a random walk along the target threshold for the last 30 years or so. And when you look at the graph, you realize that the threshold, and the so-called optimal stock size threshold, were determined using primarily numbers from the distant past. Here's the graph:



The solid line is the stock size, and the SSBMSY long dashed line is what they think the “normal” stock size should be, and what they are now required by law to bring up the stock (i.e. rebuilding) due to the stock falling below the SSB Threshold line - the short dashed line. In fact, there is now so much doubt about all of this that the Bluefish fishery numbers for SSBMSY and SSBThresh are going to be re-visited in depth next year by ASMFC and MAMFC. You will also note that bluefish recruitment (new fish brought into the stock) has been pretty steady as well.

So, despite the ever-drastic controls placed on this fishery, the stock size and recruitment have been basically unaffected. In my opinion, if the stock size is truly below normal, other factors other than fishing pressure are more responsible, a theme you may have heard from me before (think food, oxygen, habitat, and sex). Meanwhile, the rebuilding effort targets for 2022 have been proposed, and low and behold they are now estimating that they will be able to *increase* the harvest over the seven year rebuilding time frame, and still achieve their goal of increasing the stock size. To me, this means

that basically the regulators don't think much of their own threshold numbers, and that reality is starting to creep back in.

So some good news may be ahead for the bluefish numbers, but it appears the increased quotas will still bump up against the high estimates for recreational harvest as determined by MRIP. At least our quotas should not go down any further, which usually happens during a rebuilding program.

A lot of the grief we have been experiencing lately has been (partly) the result of the revised methods for the recreational harvest estimation, MRIP. They changed the survey from a random telephone survey to a more directed mail survey for estimating "fishing effort", as well as made some improvements to the angler intercept program that estimates catch per unit effort. The result was a "discovery" that the recreational harvest for all species, bluefish included, has been much larger than previously estimated, sometimes seven or eight-fold more. Of course, the commercial side was thrilled to hear this, as they always have blamed the recreational community for overfishing everything and taking away their livelihoods. NOAA and the various commissions and councils were happy to just accept these new numbers, and re-adjusted not only their quotas, but also the estimates of the stock sizes themselves. The logic was, well if we had been taking so many fish, the stocks must have been so much larger as well. But, what if MRIP's new methods are biased towards overestimating fishing effort? This would result in significant mistakes in the estimates for recreational harvest, and possibly premature adjustments to SSB. I fear that they improved the precision of the numbers, but not the accuracy. Just like a digital scale that reads a precise 4.68 lbs but could still be seriously in error. I'm starting to ask around amongst my contacts in the academic and regulatory camps just how much confidence there is in the "new" MRIP. Standby.

MARINE EXTENSION PROGRAM SEMINAR SERIES (MEPSS) by Doug Zemeckis - The next seminar as part of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension will be held on Monday, August 30 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jennifer S. Walker (Postdoctoral Associate) from Rutgers University. Dr. Walker will deliver a presentation entitled: "Rising Seas on New Jersey's Coasts".

This will be a free Zoom webinar open to all who are interested. Please register by August 27 by completing the following registration form: <http://go.rutgers.edu/eatjnrfn>

NJ Fish & GAME - The R3 Program provides monthly newsletters filled with upcoming events, conservation news, division staff & mentor highlights, and resources to promote your hunting, fishing, and/ or shooting sport participation. Check out their July Newsletter at [July R3 Newsletter](#) which was unavailable for our July VHFC newsletter. The August newsletter is available at [August R3 Newsletter](#) . Both NLs also have a recipe in them.

SHALLOW WATER WARNING - By now, most boaters are aware of the marked shallow water at the junction of High Bar channel and Double Creek. Two weeks ago when returning from the reef, I followed my usual tracks and got into some real shallow water - and this was only one hour into the outgoing tide. When I mentioned this to Andy Tonnesen, owner of Tony's B&T, he said to stay just to the outside of the red buoy when near the white caution buoy. A follow up trip through the area proved Andy was correct.

BUOY CORRECTION by Ed Valitutto - On our website *LINKS* pulldown menu under **Resources**, there is a link called [Wave Height at Bell Buoy 2 Miles Outside Barnegat Inlet](#) that takes you to [NDBC - Station 44091 Recent Data \(noaa.gov\)](#) . This is a wonderful site that gives you wave heights, wave period, wave direction and water temperature every 30 minutes plus 24 hrs of past readings. It is a great resource to use for real time data rather than a forecast for our general area. On a recent trip fishing near the buoy, I noticed the water was 40+ feet deep. However, the buoy site lists the water depth at 25.6 m which is ~85 feet. Digging a bit deeper, I realized that the referenced buoy (#44091) is actually located 15 nm East of Barnegat Inlet. It was established in 2014 and is the closest buoy to the Jersey shore providing this type of data. I just wanted to clarify my previous information. It is still a great resource that everyone should use before venturing out into the ocean. The *Links* name has been changed to reflect the correct location.

CAST NET VIDEO by Ed Valitutto - Also on our *LINKS* pulldown menu under **Resources**, there is a link for [How to Throw a Cast Net](#) that takes you to [How to Throw a Cast Net Video - YouTube](#) This is the best site I have found for learning how to use a net. Yes, I know the young lady is very attractive, but eventually you will focus on the tutorial. Peanut bunker are now present in my lagoon and my grandson has been catching them. They are a great free bait for fluking, weakfish, etc. You can also use the net in the surf when mullet make their run south.

BEACH HAVEN CHARTER FISHING ASSOCIATION REEF UPDATE FROM CAPT LEWIS - As you may recall, I reported that VHFC made a \$500 donation to the reef project that recently deposited several vessels on LER. VHFC made a second \$500 donation for a follow-on reef effort getting underway. In response to my request for a status update, Captain Lewis sent me the following email on 20 July.

Currently, we are looking at reef balls rather for reef use. They are readily available and better for fluke fishing vs the ships that are better suited for seabass and tog.

There is a company in Sarasota, Fl. that makes them \$250 per 1300 lb ball and can ship 30 of them here for around \$10,000 total. Then we need to deploy them. There is a State boat that may be available at no cost but limited schedule depending on the other needs. We are also seeking prices from a private vendor to deploy them and I will update you when we nail that down.

The other option and the one that the DEP and the Sport Fishing Fund are proposing is that we make them with volunteer labor. The DEP has 20 molds available. I am trying to find out more of the details such as what land and equipment do they have available to prep, pour and cure the balls and store them until the state boat is available. I was told we can make them for \$90 each. I am exploring this option but I believe we would need three days of volunteers to make each set of 20. It may be cheaper but getting the necessary volunteers for an ongoing project will be difficult.

Captain Lewis then sent out the following email on 3 August...

All of a sudden things are moving in the reef world. The state boat that would deploy reef balls is available in August and September and January and February. I found this out over the weekend.

It may be possible to make balls in time for September deployment but it is questionable as there are a lot of unanswered questions as of today as well as supplies to procure.

I am working to get volunteers for the end of August but in consultation with the DEP we think it would be good to buy the existing 30 reef balls which could be shipped to NJ in about two weeks and deploy them from the State boat at no cost. The pre-made balls will cost about \$11,000 including delivery to the boat in Forked River. The contractor we talked with to deploy them wants \$36,000 so the free boat looks very good right now.

To make them ourselves we need to procure 16 4X8' 3/4 sheets of pressure treated plywood, 32 4X4X8' lumber, and two loads of concrete and probably some other consumables and reusable parts. I should know more within the week. If this works out we could deploy around 100 plus balls per year or more to the four reefs off of LBI, The most underdeveloped reefs in New jersey.

As a reminder the average reef in NJ has over 600,000 cubic Yards of material on them. Garden State North has around 50,000 cu. yds. Garden State South has 12,000 cu. yds. Barnegat Inlet has 10,000 cu. yds. and Little Egg had 11,000 cu. yds. after our January deployment.

All of you have been very generous to make the first deployment a reality. We hope you will continue to support the Beach Haven Charter Fishing's Junior Mate Reef project. www.bhcfa.org is an IRS approved 501c3 nonprofit so your investment in the future of fishing off of LBI should be tax deductible.

Thanks for your time,

Captain Lewis

2021 July FOM ENTRIES - There were 18 entries for July and 5 for August:

07-03-21 Fluke	20 3/4"	Cheri Hebert Bay
07-04-21 Fluke	21 1/4"	Dave Sikorski Middle Grounds
07-06-21 Fluke	22 1/2"	Caesar Pesarini Middle Grounds
07-10-21 Fluke	21"	Joe Filice DCC Fluke Tournament First Place
07-11-21 Seabass	17 1/4"	Bill Dabney LE Reef
07-11-21 Seabass	18 1/2"	Nicholas Salamone Barnegat Reef
07-14-21 Fluke	23"	Marty Friedrich Red Tower
07-15-21 Weakfish	17 1/2"	Cheri Hebert Barnegat Inlet
07-15-21 Weakfish	18 1/2"	Dave Sikorski Barnegat Inlet
07-19-21 Fluke	21"	Bill Dabney Great Bay
07-19-21 Fluke	21 1/2"	Jeff Barnhart LE Reef
07-20-21 Fluke	23"	Larry Leary Tires at Barnegat Reef
07-22-21 Fluke	20 1/2"	Cheri Hebert Barnegat Inlet
07-23-21 Fluke	23"	Bob Rode
07-23-21 Fluke	20"	Jeff Barnhart LE Reef
07-23-21 Fluke	24 1/4"	Phil Simon Tires at Barnegat Reef
07-26-21 Fluke	24"	Cheri Hebert Barnegat Inlet
07-31-21 Fluke	24 3/4"	Tyler Leary Ocean off IBSP
08-01-21 Fluke	24 3/4"	Cheri Hebert Surf off old north jetty mussel beds
08-02-21 Blowfish	10 1/4"	Vinnie Rossi South of the artificial island below Oyster Creek
08-07-21 Fluke	25 1/2"	Marty Friedrich off Red Tower
08-07-21 Seabass	16 1/8"	Larry Leary wreck
08-07-21 Fluke	23 1/4"	Bill Figley Little Egg reef

2021 FISH of the MONTH (FOM) Winners - Congratulations to our two FOM winners for July with their impressive catches. They are:

1 - 31 July	Sea Bass	Nick Salamane	11 July	18 1/2"
1 - 31 July	Fluke	Tyler Leary	31 July	24 3/4"

This is the full list of the 17 FOM Awards for 2021. 6 awards are now open as shown in Bold.

2021 FOM Categories (17 Awards)

Time Period	Species	Angler
1 March - 30 June	Striped Bass	Pat Presutto won 35 1/4"
1 March - 30 June	Bluefish	Cheri Hebert won 24 1/4"
1 April - 31 October	Weakfish	Ron Roshelli leads 15 1/4"

1 April - 31 October	White Perch	Dave Spendiff leads 14 1/4"
1 May - 31 October	Blowfish	Vinnie Rossi leads 10 1/4"
1 May - 31 October	Kingfish	Cheri Hebert leads 14 1/2"
15 May - 22 June	Seabass	Nathan Figley won 18"
22 May - 30 June	Fluke	Bob Dodds won 22 3/4"
1 - 31 July	Fluke	Tyler Leary won 24 3/4"
1 - 31 July	Seabass	Nick Salamone won 18 1/2"
1 - 31 August	Fluke	Marty Friedrich leads 25 1/2"
1 - 31 August	Seabass	Larry Leary leads 16 1/8"
1 - 19 September	Fluke	
1 October- 30 November	Blackfish, Bluefish & Striper	
8 October - 30 November	Seabass	



For contest entry, **take a photo of your catch with a ruler visible from the nose to the end of the tail for all species entered.** There are L shaped rulers that make this an easy task to show your catch. Inches are preferred rather than feet as shown in Bill Figley's photo! Send your picture to our Weighmaster Pat Presutto at pat1016pat@aol.com with a copy to me at edvalitutto@gmail.com for backup.

VHFC 2021 FLUKE TOURNAMENT - The fifth annual VHFC Fluke Tournament was held on Saturday July 10th followed by a lovely BBQ picnic at the Stafford Mill Creek Rd pavilion. There were 28 anglers resulting in a total prize payout of \$560 allocated to First - \$280, Second - \$168 and Third - \$112. Taking the honors and prize money were:

First	Joe Filice	3 lb 7 oz
Second	Ron Roshelli	3 lb 4 oz
Third	Larry Leary	3 lb

At the BBQ, burgers and dogs were prepared and served with some outstanding side dishes and desserts provided by members and their wives. It was a very enjoyable event for everyone in attendance..



**Fluke Tournament Winners from
Left to Right:**

Ron Roshelli Second Place

Larry Leary Third Place

Weighmaster Pat Presutto &

Joe Filice First Place



**That's Bob Dodds winner of our first rod n' reel
raffle with Dave Spendiff. The winning ticket was
drawn at the Fluke Tournament BBQ.**

**Tickets for our second raffle start at the August
meeting and will be drawn at the October meeting
for a Tsunami 5 Star 6' 6" Medium heavy power
spinning rod with a Penn Pursuit III 3000 reel.**

**Thanks to FHQ for their help with the rod & reel as well
as the FOM gift certificates!**

SOUTHERN VISITOR - During the last week of July, Bill Figley was fishing Barnegat Ridge and caught the impressive 33" Kingfish shown below. Not to be confused with members of the Drum family normally caught in the surf with the same name, Kingfish are actually King Mackerel and are aggressive fish with amazing teeth.



That's Cheri Hebert with a nice pair of triggerfish caught early July in the bay. Cheri says he gets them under rafts of eelgrass. Eelgrass is loaded with crabs and shrimp that the triggers feed on. He gets his boat even with the floating vegetation and drifts along with it while dropping small baited hooks.

NEW USE FOR CHAMOIS by Ed Valitutto - Remember those slimy feeling 'cloths' you used to wash your car. Well those were chamois usually pronounced 'shammy' but properly pronounced 'shamwa' in french. Chamois leather was traditionally the skin of a European mountain goat but today made almost exclusively from a sheepskin. So how does this relate to fishing? Well, I read an article in *On The Water* a few years back about using chamois as a substitute for Uncle Josh's Pork Rind which was no longer being manufactured - see <https://www.onthewater.com/the-anglers-work-bench-make-your-own-chamois-trailers> Then at the fluke picnic Cheri Hebert mentioned it and I decided to try it for myself.

Now the article recommends using artificial chamois that can be bought at most auto or big box stores. Mine cost around \$18 and was called the Absorber from NAPA. The article recommended cutting the strips 5" X ½". I cut some that length but then cut most of them 1" X 8 ½". Since the cloth was 17" X 28", I ended up with 56 strips. If you cut them ½" wide, you'll get 112 strips. When my wife asked what I was doing with the ruler, pen, razor knife and board, I told her and she commented, "You need to get a life". Wives - what do they know!

The strips definitely catch fish. I even drew eyes on some. You can use them as is or dye them or dip them in shedder or bunker oil or even Gulp liquid. Best of all, you leave them on your hook and they revive when put back in water. You also won't get into trouble with NJ F&G! I'll bring them to Friday's meeting and you can have a sample or two to try for yourself.



That's my pile of strips on the left and single 1" and ½" strips with 'eyes' on the right. I wouldn't throw away your Gulp or sell your stock just yet. In our limited trials, blowfish didn't destroy them and fluke hit them. Maybe my wife was right?

RECIPE SUBMITTED BY BILL DABNEY - Maple Glazed Salmon

1 (1 1/2-pound) skin-on or skinless salmon fillet in one piece
12 fresh cilantro sprigs
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
2 tablespoons whole-grain Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon mayonnaise
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
Lemon wedges, for serving

1. Remove salmon from the refrigerator 30 minutes before cooking. Heat oven to 400.
2. Bundle the cilantro sprigs by their stems and hold them tightly, then slice the stems crosswise until you get to the leaves. Reserve leaves for garnish. Transfer sliced stems to a small bowl and stir in the maple syrup, mustard and mayonnaise until well mixed.
3. Season the salmon all over with salt and pepper and place in a baking dish, skin-side down if there is skin. Slather the maple sauce all over the top.
4. Bake until a paring knife slides into the center with only a little resistance or meat thermometer reads 130 F, 20 to 24 minutes. When you remove the knife and touch the blade to your upper lip, it should feel very warm but not hot. The salmon will continue to heat through out of the oven in the baking dish. Top with the reserved cilantro leaves, and squeeze lemon wedges all over just before serving. 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 and I will submit a report for you.

There were 14 reports submitted in July, one of our highest monthly submittals to date. Please take a moment after your fishing trip and provide a report for other members to enjoy.



That's Tyler Leary with the FOM winning fluke (24 $\frac{3}{4}$ "') caught on the last day of July and Dave Spendiff with a 3' Needlefish caught in Double Creek.



My grandson Nick battled the ray on the left in LE inlet for 10+ minutes until I could gaff it and remove the jig. Not my idea of fun, but he enjoyed it!



Phil Simon caught a nice 24 ¼” fluke at the Tires that was a FOM contender until the last day of the month.



Tyler Leary not only catches winning fluke, he also knows how to tackle a bluefin tuna! Great fish, great photo and great eating!

That fish was caught at the Rezor wreck and was the only hookup of the day.



Larry Leary and friends had a great day fishing the Tires. They finished the day with 5 nice keeper fluke to 23" and 1 sea bass.



That's Dave Spendiff and yours truly showing off a rare (for us) limit of fluke and two bluefish. All were caught out at the bell buoy outside the inlet.



That's Bill Dabney and grandson Kevin with the results of a charter with Brett Taylor. They caught four keepers with Kevin pulling in the fish of the day – a nice 22 inch fluke. The next day, Bill and Kevin went fishing on Great Bay on Bill's boat and landed five fish with Bill's 21 inch keeper in the mix.



Marty Friedrich and two friends had another good day outside the bay. They caught a 3 man limit up to 20" fishing a broken up wreck.



Marty Friedrich fished the GSN and GSS with a friend but only caught 1 keeper. He then fished the red tower and caught three more keepers to 23".

Over the 4th, The Jen-Jen caught 6 keepers to 22" and a ton of shorts. On the 5th, fishing between the BI & BB buoys, they caught 3 keepers to 23". The highlight was granddaughter Addison who caught the beautiful Weakfish in the right photo which was released - unmeasured!



Dave Spendiff joined my grandson and me and graciously provided fluke lessons. Finally was Nick 4 shorts, me nothing and Dave 3 shorts and 4 keepers from 18.5" to 20"!

In the right photo, Greg Camilleri shows a nice keeper caught on his boat fishing with Dave Spendiff in the North cut off Double Creek channel.

BoatUS / BOATING SAFETY by Jeff Orsoe - VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS - No cost, no penalty vessel safety checks (VSC) at launch ramps, boat clubs and marinas are back. Contact your local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons to see if there is a VSC event scheduled at a marina, boat club or launch ramp. VHFC Jeff Orsoe can also perform the VSC. Call Jeff at 732 672 5530. Leave a message if he doesn't pick up or email him at jorsoe786@gmail.com

VHFC Shirts - VHFC T-Shirts are available for purchase but we need to order a 12 lot minimum. Sizes range from XS (Extra Small) to 6XL and are available in nine colors. Shirts have long sleeves and feature UPF 50 Sun Protection. Let us know



your size and color preference. These are quality shirts to be worn proudly. White is shown below with the ordering info. Sizes/Cost: XS, S, M, L & XL @ \$31, 2XL @ \$32, 3XL @ \$33 4XL @ \$34, 5XL @ \$35 & 6XL @ \$36. Colors: White, Pale Green, Sand, Pale Orange, Pale Yellow,

Pale Teal, Aqua, Lime & Medium Blue. For a slightly loose fit, order your normal shirt size. For a tight fit, order one size smaller than your normal shirt size. Contact Dave Spendiff at dnspeidiff@netscape.net for placing an order.

VHFC Hats - Hats are khaki colored and feature a high definition VHFC patch on the front. They are available at club meetings and sell for \$20.



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.

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.

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 - 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 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.

Creekside Outfitters 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 10% discount with VHFC card
280 West 9th St, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008
609-494-5739

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609-290-5851

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