



## **HARBOUR LIGHT**

**OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER October 2021**

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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: 8 October***

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello VHFC Members,

Well, it's official! The summer of 2021 is over with the fall season having begun on Wednesday, September 22 and lasting until Tuesday, December 21. Even more obvious are the changing sunrise and sunset times. For today, October 3rd in Manahawkin, it's 6:55 AM and 6:37 PM providing 11 hours and 42 minutes of daylight to pursue your outside interests without lighting. By month's end on Halloween, total daylight will have been reduced by over an hour to 10 hours and 33 minutes.

So now is the time to start your fall tasks. I've already put the five kayaks and towable raft that my grandkids use under the house for next season. My tomato cages will be next along with some outdoor items - umbrellas, pots, etc. - that aren't needed any more. But now is also the time to get ready for the fall run and all the great fishing this area has to offer.

Seabass opened on Friday with a 10 fish @ 12.5" limit, bluefish and striped bass fishing will continue to improve, tog is open at 1 fish @ 15" with an increase to 5 fish on November 16,

and blowfish, weakfish and crabs are still out in the bay for the taking. Most club members still have their boats in the water but there are plenty of alternatives if that is not an option for you. Party boats, charters and surf fishing offer great opportunities for having fun fishing in the fall. All three are discussed further in the newsletter. Another great source for a fishing report is [Let's Fish LBI by FishHead.Greg](#) Check it out!

Our next meeting will be at the Community Center on Friday October 8th. Please come out and say hello to your fellow club members. Our speaker for the meeting is charter boat captain Mark Finelli.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

Ed

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday October 8 - VHFC Club Meeting**

**Wednesday October 20 / Rain Date Tuesday the 26th - Club Bottom Fishing Trip  
(Details in the Newsletter)**

**Thursday October 21 - VHFC Dinner at Kostas Grill (Details in the Newsletter)**

**OCTOBER SPEAKER - Captain Mark Finelli** Captain Finelli operates *Laura Sportfishing* which he started in 2012 as a part time business and now averages about 50 trips per year. He specializes in wreck and striper fishing but will target whatever is biting on his 23 foot Parker center console. When he's not saltwater fishing, Mark also enjoys freshwater fishing and hunting. The rest of his time is spent coaching his children's sports teams and working full time as a financial advisor. His presentation is titled **Fishing the Fall Striper Run.**

**NOVEMBER MEETING** - As usual, our November 12th meeting will not have a speaker but there will be pizza for all to enjoy!. New for this year, there will also be a slide show (suggested by Phil Simon) of all pictures from the 2021 season that appeared in the Newsletter or in our Fishing Reports. If you have any other photos that you would like to share, please send them to either Phil or me. It should be a lot of fun!

**NEW JERSEY FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon** - JCAA resumed general meetings for club reps this month, still on Zoom. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, but JCAA president John Toth informed me that the association plans to hold its annual Sportsman of the Year dinner after skipping it last year due to Covid 19. No other details at this time. I have not yet received the monthly newsletter, so nothing else to report.

As to the various fishery regulatory councils and commissions, we are in the “in-between” times, as the committees and councils are working on various amendments and other initiatives. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Council will be holding its Fall Meeting online October 18 – 21 and included on the agenda is a full afternoon of discussion on Amendment 7 to the Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan, as well as sessions on Tog, Menhaden, and other species of fish and shellfish. We should have a lot of news for the next newsletter, including possible dates for public sessions regarding any new proposals for striped bass. You may remember that the last bit of regulations we had to deal with was from Addendum VI, which called for an 18% reduction in harvest, and among other measures introduced us to the circle hook requirement when using bait. What followed was a lot of argument about what constituted bait – something that you would have thought we already knew, but apparently not. One of the interesting results of that series of “discussions” was the determination that a tube and worm rig with a worm attached would be exempt. These rigs are very popular up in New England (I still have a bunch of them in my tackle bag from my five years up in Salem Sound) so it was a hot issue there. In any event it was announced in August that we had in fact produced a reduction of 28% overall in striped bass harvest, though it’s hard to say whether this was due to the measures in Addendum VI, or simply bad striper fishing this year.

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council holds its own webinar the first week of October, but there is relatively little on the agenda regarding the recreational fisheries. Other initiatives in the works include a team working on potential ways to reduce recreational discards in the summer flounder fishery, the delayed decision on recreational/commercial split for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass, and an overall reform initiative targeting big changes as to how the recreational fisheries are managed. I expect to hear about these by December, so the first newsletter of 2022 will be busy.

**JACQUES COUSTEAU NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE** -.Check out this year's full schedule of Lunch N' Learn topics and dates! Lunch N' Learn programs will continue to be conducted through Zoom unless otherwise stated. Presentation and registration info can be found in this document [Lunch 'n Learn Schedule](#)

**NJ FISH & GAME - Last Call for Striped Bass Bonus Tags** - Time is running out, so apply now for a 2021 Striped Bass Bonus Program permit which is good whether you are fishing from shore, on a party boat or from land. Applications must be submitted using the new online form by October 31, 2021. Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing due to the high volume of applications. Take advantage of this great resource available to all New Jersey anglers having a Saltwater Registration number. See the following links for more info:

- [Striped Bass Bonus Program Application](#)

- [Striped Bass Bonus Program Information](#)

**BEACH HAVEN CHARTER FISHING ASSOCIATION REEF NEWS** - In last month's Newsletter, I reported that 32 reef balls were delivered to a dock site up in Forked River where the Bureau of Navigation was preparing to transport them out to the reef. On September 20th, I received an email from Captain John Lewis of BHFA stating, *"Our first Reef Ball deployment will be tomorrow morning on Little Egg Reef. We will be selling sponsorships at \$500 per reef ball to cover the cost. You will receive a commemorative certificate stating who is the sponsor and the approximate location along with information about the benefits of reef balls for the marine habitat."*

I responded to the request stating that in the first week of September, VHFC made a \$500 donation to this great cause and requested getting the commemorative certificate for our early donation. Captain Lewis said he would take care of it and thanked us for our continued donations. Every club member should be proud of our support to this great cause to upgrade the reefs in our fishing area. To date, VHFC has made three \$500 donations from your dues!

**VHFC 2021 PARTY BOAT TRIP** - Mark your calendars for Wednesday October 20 for a



members+ party boat trip. This will be a 3/4 day bottom fishing trip on the Dauntless (47 Broadway Point Pleasant Beach NJ), departing the dock at 7:30 and returning at 3:30. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the rain date is Tuesday October 26th. Expectations are we will catch black sea bass,

ling, tog, winter flounder and scup. Costs are \$90 for adults, \$85 for seniors (62), \$40 for children 16 or under, and \$6 for rod rentals paid directly to the Dauntless. Tips for mates for their help with fishing and filleting are not included.

We would like to get a preliminary headcount for the trip so we can secure an area for us along the rail. If you do not come to the October 8th club meeting, please send a note to Phil Simon at [sciman2@gmail.com](mailto:sciman2@gmail.com). **This is for planning only and is not binding!** Here's a link to the Dauntless' website: <https://www.dauntlessfishing.com/>

**VHFC will offer a \$50 FHQ certificate for the largest fish caught during the outing. If a clear winner is not discernable, the certificate will be raffled off to a VHFC attendee.**

**VHFC DINNER** - Also mark your calendars for our annual dinner party planned for 6:00 on Thursday evening October 21 at Kostas Grill - a lovely restaurant featuring Greek cuisine in Tuckerton. See [Kostas Grill](#) for the full menu. A partial menu is below. Everyone will order and pay individually. Kostas is BYOB so bring your favorite libation but **VHFC will provide Prosecco for a lovely toast to start the evening.** We would like a non-binding headcount to reserve adequate space at the restaurant. Contact Bill Dabney at [dabney372@outlook.com](mailto:dabney372@outlook.com) or 609 709 5093 OPA!



### MEZEDES (APPETIZERS)

#### ✓ GREEK MAC N CHEESE / 9.49

spinach, feta, kefalograviera cheese, golden bread crumbs

#### ✓ GREEK FRIES / 9.49

melted feta and kefalograviera cheeses, oregano

#### ✓ FRIED ZUCCHINI AND EGGPLANT / 9.99

flash fried crispy, tossed in gyro spice, tzatziki

#### DOLMADES / 9.39

grape leaves stuffed with rice, ground beef and lamb, herbs

#### KEFTEDES / 8.99

beef meatballs, herbs and spices, tzatziki, pita

#### ✓ KOSTAS EGGPLANT / 9.89

baked eggplant, tomato sauce, feta

#### ✓ FALAFEL / 8.99

chick peas, herbs and spices, tzatziki, pita

#### ✓ GIGANTES / 8.99

butter beans, tomato sauce, pita

#### BAKED GREEK SAUSAGE / 10.99

tomato sauce, feta, peppers and onions, pita

#### ✓ SPANAKOPITA TRIANGLES / 7.49

#### ✓ TYROPITA TRIANGLES / 7.49

#### GRILLED OCTOPUS / 18.79

pesto, tomato, chick peas

#### FRIED CALAMARI / 13.39

#### CLAMS MILOS / 13.89

fresh dill, garlic, white wine

#### AEGEAN MUSSELS / 13.89

choice of white wine sauce or zesty tomato sauce

#### OYSTERS ONASSIS / 13.89

spinach, béchamel, fresh dill, touch of ouzo and kefalograviera cheese

#### OYSTERS ON THE HALF / 12.29

#### CORFU SHRIMP / 13.39

5 shrimp over shredded phyllo layered with béchamel, spinach and kefalograviera cheese

#### ✓ SAGANAKI (FLAMING CHEESE) / 11.99

broiled kasseri

#### ✓ FRIED KEFALOGRAVIERA CHEESE / 12.39

#### ✓ GRILLED HALLOUMI CHEESE / 11.89

grilled zucchini and tomato, pesto

#### PIKILIA SAMPLER (SERVES 2-3) / 19.79

spanakopita, tyropita, keftedes, dolmades, feta, tzatziki, hummus, pita

### TRADITIONAL DIPS

Housemade, served with grilled pita triangles

#### ✓ TZATZIKI / 7.39

greek yogurt, cucumber, garlic, fresh dill

#### ✓ MELITZANOSALATA / 8.79

roasted eggplant, garlic, herbs

#### ✓ TYROKATERI (SPICY) / 8.79

feta, hot peppers, roasted red pepper

#### ✓ HUMMUS / 7.39

chick peas, tahini, garlic

#### TARAMOSALATA / 8.99

carp roe

#### DIP TRIO / 19.95

choice of 3 dips (no duplicates)



**RACK OF LAMB / 33.99**

grilled new zealand, gigantes (butter beans), asparagus

**LAMB SOUVLAKI / 23.99**

skewered leg of lamb, herbs, grilled onion and peppers, rice pilaf

**LAMB SHANK / 29.89**

light tomato sauce, orzo

**FILET MIGNON MEDALLIONS / 29.99**

Three 3oz medallions, garlic string beans and lemon potatoes

**STEAK & CAKE / 33.89**

Two 3oz filet mignon medallions, 5oz Maryland crab cake, garlic string beans and lemon potatoes

**SURF & TURF**

Two 3oz filet mignon medallions, garlic string beans and lemon potatoes

• SHRIMP 30.99 SCALLOPS 33.79 SALMON 33.79

**PORK TENDERLOIN / 25.99**

bacon-wrapped, fig reduction, garlic spinach, rice pilaf

**SPARTAN CHICKEN / 20.79**

sautéed chicken breast, lemon oregano sauce, artichokes, orzo

**OLYMPUS CHICKEN / 20.79**

sautéed chicken breast, Greek tomato sauce, peppers, onion and kalamata olives served over linguini

**LEMON CHICKEN / 18.79**

roasted half chicken, oregano, garlic kale, lemon potatoes

## FROM THE SEA

**MEDITERRANEAN SALMON / 26.99**

organic scottish, citrus marinated, garlic spinach, orzo  
• add shrimp 7.59

**THASSOS FISH AND CHIPS / 18.59**

hand battered cod, fries, tzatziki

**CLAMS WITH ORZO / 19.99**

white wine, garlic, lemon, fresh parsley

**MARYLAND CRAB CAKES**

housemade, super and jumbo lump, asparagus and choice of fries, lemon potatoes or orzo

• two 4oz crab cakes 27.99

• two 6oz crab cakes 37.59

**LAVRAKI (BRONZINI) / 30.79**

whole grilled, asparagus, lemon potatoes and olive oil lemon dressing

**WHOLE FISH OF THE DAY / MARKET**

garlic spinach and lemon potatoes

**PAN-SEARED SCALLOPS / 27.79**

pan-seared lemon and dill scallops over vegetable orzo

**SHRIMP SANTORINI / 21.79**

creamy ouzo tomato sauce with feta over linguini  
• add scallops 8.50

**ATHENIAN SHRIMP / 21.79**

tomato sauce, feta, orzo

**BAKED COD / 20.99**

tomato sauce, zucchini, bell peppers, potato, feta

**SEAFOOD WITH ORZO / 34.99**

shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels, zesty tomato sauce, fresh parsley

**BROILED CAPTAIN'S PLATTER / 37.99**

shrimp, scallops, cod, 4oz Maryland crab cake, garlic string beans and choice of lemon potatoes or orzo

**FRIED CAPTAIN'S PLATTER / 37.99**

shrimp, scallops, cod, calamari, garlic string beans and choice of lemon potatoes or orzo

**WE'RE GOING TO NEED A BIGGER BOAT by VINCE SIBONA** - Jeff Barnhart and John Lysczarz were fluke fishing with me on the *Seabona* on the Brant Beach lumps. The drift was east to west and went from 50 feet of water to about 22 feet. Around noon after a few drifts and a couple of nice fluke in the box, we were ready to make another drift so I told the guys to pick up their lines. Just as I began to reel in, something hit and ran off. I tightened the drag a little but not too much on my light rod and reel. We thought it may have been a shark with all of the bunker around. I was fighting it and it was really stripping the line off of the reel. Jeff suggested trying to back down on the shark. I agreed and handed him the rod as I started the boat and began to back down.

Jeff fought the shark and was able to take some line back on the reel. There is no steering control in reverse on an inboard. When we got enough line back on, I was able to turn the boat and steer toward the shark while watching the line alongside the boat. By this time, the shark had run 4 or 5 times. After about a half hour, Jeff had the shark to the boat, I photographed it and then we released it. What an exciting day for the 3 of us. While we were out fluke fishing, we caught and released a 6 foot brown shark.



**INFECTION FROM HANDLING FISH** - At last month's meeting, we got into a discussion regarding careful handling of sea robins and sea bass with regard to injury from their nasty dorsal spines. I relayed my personal story from just a few years back where I picked up a striper for a photo on my dock by placing my hand inside the gills. I noticed a small cut near my wedding band that within an hour had my finger throbbing and severely swollen. A visit to the ER resulted in my ring being cut off and immediate antibiotics being administered!

In another instance, Dave Spendiff was down in Florida fishing off a pier and caught a saltwater catfish which he attempted to return to the ocean using his foot as a broom. His soft

shoe material was no match for the sharp tip of the pectoral fin on the catfish. Dave said the pain was excruciating and he also had to be taken to the ER for immediate aid.

VHFC member and retired physician Dr. Gene Geld sent me the following link [https://www.emedicinehealth.com/fish-handlers\\_disease/article\\_em.htm](https://www.emedicinehealth.com/fish-handlers_disease/article_em.htm) if you want to know more about the subject. Bottom line: **Be careful and seek medical help for any wound that lingers, swells or appears to be infected. It probably is and needs professional care.**

### **67th ANNUAL LONG BEACH ISLAND SURF FISHING CLASSIC by Jim Hutchinson Sr -**

Night temperatures are cooling, leaves are turning color, and football games are filling stadiums. Fall is here and on Long Beach Island that means the LBI Surf Fishing Classic is fast approaching. The 2021 version of this historic fishing tournament promises to be an exciting one with cash and other prizes awarded for four varieties of fish. Striped bass lead the way with prizes also available for bluefish, kingfish, and red drum.

This year is the 67<sup>th</sup> annual running of the contest and starts next Saturday, October 9th, and will end on Sunday, December 12. Entry fee is \$30 for adults with those seventeen and younger paying just \$15. Anglers can sign up at any of the three official weigh-in stations on LBI including Jingles Bait and Tackle in Beach Haven, Fisherman's Headquarters in Ship Bottom, and Surf City Bait and Tackle. Official Classic 2021 hats and decals are available to those who register early.

Once again there are daily, weekly, and grand prizes available along with special "Bonus Prizes." There are also special prize categories for junior anglers seventeen and younger, "Senior Citizen" prizes for those 62 and older, and "Ladies Prizes." Prizes range from \$50 daily awards to \$100 and \$250 weekly prizes, \$500 and \$1,000 for 3-week segment winners, and \$1,000 for the grand prize for bluefish.

Local fishing experts are optimistic about this year's fall fishing run on Long Beach Island and its impact on the Classic. Steve Palmer, owner of Jingles Bait and Tackle, is looking forward to the upcoming action. "I have a gut feeling this will be an exciting tournament. We have had a good spring and summer with other fish, and I expect it to continue." Palmer advises anglers to be ready to "put the time in." He likes the prospects of action at Holgate to lead the way for surf fishing. He notes strong showings of mullet and other baitfish in that area already.

Greg Cudnik from Fisherman's Headquarters also expects good surf fishing this fall. He points to a strong run of striped bass in the spring and feels the new striper regulations seem to have resulted in more fish already. Cudnik is expecting a good number of new entrants this year. He has seen an increase this year in anglers new to the area and looks for many of them to enter the contest. He too is encouraged by the amount of bait in area waters and is keeping his fingers crossed for good weather conditions. "We have had good, clean water all summer. We now have plenty of anchovies and mullet around and as long as they are here, we should have fish feeding on them."



Sue Castrati of Surf City Bait and Tackle points to striper action already happening around Barnegat Inlet and the LBI Causeway with good numbers of schoolie stripers showing up. "We are having a good start already on bass, and the amount of bait in the water is encouraging." Her shop has already had a goodly number of anglers signing up for the Classic and attributes the interest to "a great annual tradition." She saw an increase in new registrations in 2020 and is hoping for more again this year.

Last year was the first to offer prizes for kingfish which will once again be included. "Adding kingfish was an attempt to get an early start to the Classic," observes Jim Hutchinson Jr., chairperson of the Classic committee. "This move stirred up interest and developed winners right from the opening bell." Jim points to outstanding support from not just local bait and tackle shops but also, "the entire business community." Some businesses supply bonus prizes. "All money raised goes to prizes and tournament expenses. There are no salaries, and we award scholarships to members of local high school fishing clubs."



The tournament kicks off with a surf fishing seminar. This year it starts at 10am on Saturday October 9th. The location is the Ship Bottom Fire House, 2006 Central Ave, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008. It is between 20th and 21st street. Save the date and be sure to join. There will be lots of information as well as door prizes. Registrations and information for the Classic are available at any of the three official weigh-in stations. Information can also be located on the tournament website [www.LBISFC.com](http://www.LBISFC.com) and Facebook page, LBI Surf Fishing Classic.

**This year's free hat shown on the left with Ed V's entry number 0382. Hope to see you on the beach!**

#### **2021 SEPTEMBER FOM ENTRIES** - There were 7 FOM entries for September shown below:

09-06-21	Fluke	23 1/4"	Cheri Hebert north end surf
09-07-21	Fluke	23"	Marty Friedrich LE Reef
09-07-21	Fluke	23 1/2"	Tom Siciliano off Mantoloking
09-07-21	Fluke	24 1/2"	Jeff Barnhart GSN Reef
09-12-21	Kingfish	16"	Gene Geld BL Surf
09-13-21	Fluke	26"	Tom Siciliano GSN Reef
09-19-21	Weakfish	16"	Dave Spendiff Little Egg inlet

**2021 FISH of the MONTH (FOM) Winner - Congratulations to our FOM winner for September with his impressive catch:**

**13 September                      Fluke                      Tom Siciliano                      26"**

This is the full list of the 17 FOM Awards for 2021. 8 awards are now open as shown in Bold!

### **2021 FOM Categories (17 Awards)**

<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Angler</b>
1 March - 30 June	Striped Bass	Pat Presutto won 35 1/4"
1 March - 30 June	Bluefish	Cheri Hebert won 24 1/4"
<b>1 April - 31 October</b>	<b>Weakfish</b>	<b>Dave Sikorski leads 18 1/2"</b>
<b>1 April - 31 October</b>	<b>White Perch</b>	<b>Dave Spendiff leads 14 1/4"</b>
<b>1 May - 31 October</b>	<b>Blowfish</b>	<b>Vinnie Rossi leads 10 1/4"</b>
<b>1 May - 31 October</b>	<b>Kingfish</b>	<b>Gene Geld leads 16"</b>
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 won 25 1/2"
1 - 31 August	Seabass	Bob Dodds won 18 1/4"
1 - 19 September	Fluke	Tom Siciliano won 26"
<b>1 October- 30 November</b>	<b>Blackfish</b>	
<b>1 October- 30 November</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>	
<b>1 October- 30 November</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>	
<b>8 October - 30 November</b>	<b>Seabass</b>	

For contest entry, **take a photo of your catch with a ruler visible from the nose to the center of the tail, without bunching the tail fin together or counting that little dangler on a seabass, for all species entered except kingfish. Due to their sloping tails, kingfish are measured to the bottom of the tail fin.** There are L shaped rulers that make this an easy task to show your catch. Send your picture to our Weighmaster Pat Presutto at [pat1016pat@aol.com](mailto:pat1016pat@aol.com) with a backup copy to [edvalitutto@gmail.com](mailto:edvalitutto@gmail.com).

**Dave Sikorski sent in this bluefish photo caught in Barnegat inlet on 9/25.** It's great to



see a bluefish but this one is a bit short for entry measuring 20" to the end of the tail and not the fork. Entry rules were clearly stated on our website but were misleading in the newsletter. Hopefully, that has been corrected with the statement made above. The rules were intended to make it easier for both the angler and the weighmaster to determine length by measuring to the center of the tail especially for oversized stripers and large angry bluefish that will be released.

#### **MONTHLY RECIPE SUBMITTED BY BILL DABNEY - Buttery Scallops with Lemon & Herbs**



##### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 2 lbs sea scallops patted dry
- 4 - 5 TBSP unsalted butter
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 2 TBSP minced thyme leaves
- 2 TBSP lemon juice plus wedges for serving
- 2 TSP finely grated lemon zest
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup finely chopped herbs - basil, cilantro, or mint - for garnish
- Splash of white wine - optional

##### **DIRECTIONS:**

1. Season scallops lightly on both sides with salt & pepper
2. Heat a large skillet and melt 3 TBS butter

3. Place scallops in a pan in a single layer without touching. Do this in two batches if necessary, adding an additional TBS butter for the 2nd batch. Cook 3 minutes without moving until bottoms are golden brown.
4. Flip the scallops and add another tablespoon of butter to the pan. Add garlic, thyme and white wine. Cook 1 - 2 minutes longer.
5. Add scallops from the second batch if required. Pour lemon juice and sprinkle zest over scallops. Toss gently to combine
6. Transfer to serving plates. Sprinkle red pepper flakes on top. Garnish with chopped fresh herbs and lemon wedges. 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](mailto:edvalitutto@gmail.com) or call 609 994 1311 and I will submit a report for you.

There were only 3 reports submitted in September most likely due to the fluke season closure and rough ocean. Please take a moment after your fishing trip and provide a report for other members to enjoy.





Dave Spendiff and Bill Dabney joined Ed V for a day at the GSN reef on his boat *Set the Hook*. Dave and Bill had 5 keepers between them while I showed the shorts who was boss! We also had a nice sea bass (still swimming for opening day) and two really nice sea robins which make excellent eating.





**Dan Ludwig and his wife Cindy joined Phil Simon for a 3 hour trip to the Gulf Trade Bow wreck just south of the Barnegat Light Reef. They managed two keepers including a nice 23.5" fish caught by Cindy and another just legal fish caught by Phil.**





**Dave Spendiff and yours truly ended the fluke season at Little Egg inlet due to 4 - 5 ft waves. Many hours of fishing yielded 2 dogs, a bird and a 16" weakfish!**

**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](mailto: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 [dnspendiff@netscape.net](mailto:dnspendiff@netscape.net) for placing an order.

**VHFC Hats** - Hats are khaki colored and feature a high definition VHFC patch on the front. They are high quality and available at club meetings 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](mailto: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=lnmDistrict&region=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](mailto:jorsoe786@comcast.net)

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