



## ***HARBOUR LIGHT***

**OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022**

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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 April 2022***

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello VHFC Members,

Welcome to the 2022 fishing season! Today is April 2nd and we are almost two weeks into spring. This year has started off really promising with reports of White Perch being caught in the usual early season haunts and Striped Bass reported around the bridges, sod banks and even a few on the surf. Schools of bunker and diving gannets were sighted just off shore, and hopefully. Bluefish will soon invade Barnegat Bay. Past member reports confirm their arrival in mid / late April. Adding to the fun, Tautog aka Blackfish opened on 1 April and should be found on local wrecks and sod banks. So it is time for the 2022 season to happen!

Spring is usually the busiest time around the house and garden as you bring out the table & chairs, plant containers, boat whips & ropes, kayaks, BBQ grill and all the other items needed for a fun time 'down the shore'. Now is definitely the time to get your boat and fishing equipment all ready to go. My recommendation, unless you have a lot of time and talent, let our local bait & tackle shops help out. For a modest fee, they will quickly clean your reel,

replace that 8 year old braid with a newer product and fix any damaged guides on your rods. Another idea, buy yourself some new equipment. Who deserves it more than you!

I look forward to another great year with our club. Since our meeting in December, the VHFC Board has reviewed and implemented several new things that will be discussed later in the Newsletter. We have a great lineup of speakers for our meetings, our club events have been expanded and there are some nice additions to our Fish of the Month (FOM) contests. As in the past, some of this year's changes are the result of members' comments. This is your club and all suggestions are carefully reviewed. You can email or verbally give them to me or any board member or discuss your idea at a meeting. We want your input!

Ed

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### **UPCOMING NEAR TERM EVENTS**

**April 8 Friday - VHFC Club Meeting 7:45**

**May 4 Wednesday - VHFC Zoom Board Meeting 7:00**

**May 13 Friday - VHFC Club Meeting 7:45**

**May TBD - Surf Fishing Outing (Details Pending)**

**May 18th (Tentative) High School Battle on the Beach (Details Pending)**

**APRIL MEETING** - Our kickoff meeting for 2022 should be a lot of fun! Future members recruited at the recent HS Flea Market and *The Boat Shop* Open House will attend for a chance to win a free membership or hopefully just sign up. Steve Purul, local charter captain of *Reel FantaSea* is our guest speaker to discuss *Spring Striper Techniques and Tips*. Lastly, there will be pizza! Mark your calendars and bring a friend.

**Battle On The Beach** – VHFC officiates the “Battle On The Beach” high school surf fishing tournament providing volunteers to measure and record all the fish caught. The annual contest has students from Lacey Township HS, Barnegat HS, Southern Regional HS and Mates Academy (Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science) of Manahawkin competing for top bragging rights on the beach in Barnegat Light. The winner gets their school name engraved on a trophy that is displayed in the school lobby. The event date is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday May 18. Once the date has been finalized, I will let everyone know and then begin the search for the 10 volunteers needed. The 2019 battle was amazing. The kids were fantastic and really appreciative for the opportunity to participate in the contest. Southern Regional High School was the 2019 winner! Unfortunately, 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to COVID and thunderstorms. Hopefully, 2022 sees a return to normalcy!

**DUES** - VHFC yearly dues are \$40 for adults and \$10 for junior members and worth every penny! Junior members must be 18 or less by the May 13 Meeting. Dues are required by the May meeting but can be paid ahead at our April meeting or mailed to our PO Box (preferred to minimize chaos before the meeting). Fill out the [Membership Form](#) and mail with a check to:

**VHFC MEMBERSHIP  
PO BOX 1026  
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050**

**Remember: Dues must be paid at least 24 hrs ahead of any entry into our contests.**

**NEW JERSEY SALTWATER RECREATIONAL REGISTRY** - Individual saltwater anglers ages 16 and older MUST register with the State of New Jersey. Registrations expire on 31 December. So if you are now age 16+ or you have not yet renewed your registration for 2022, go to [NJ Saltwater Registry](#) and complete the appropriate form. Registration is free and is required if you fish NJ waters. Also, your registration number is needed if you plan to apply for a striped bass Bonus Tag.

**VHFC MEMBER DIRECTORY** - After receiving several requests for a club directory and now more importantly having a volunteer (Rosemary Figley) to generate the list, VHFC will generate a directory of members' names with their address, phone, email and boat name. The directory will only go to members but if you do not want any or all of your information included, you must let us know. Thanks again to Rosemary for her offer to help!

#### **NEW JERSEY JCAA & FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon -**

**JCAA News:** The annual JCAA Fluke Tournament will be held on Saturday June 11, with the awards ceremony scheduled for June 17 at the Resorts Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City. As usual, the tournament will be organized into multiple "ports", allowing for fishing against competitors in your local waters. There is a \$50K overall prize for the largest Fluke exceeding 12lbs, as well as optional calcuttas for fluke and seabass. The entry fee is \$150 per boat up to 6 anglers, plus any of the calcuttas that you select. Updated info on the JCAA website should be posted soon (currently it shows info for last year).

**Regulatory News:** We are still awaiting (as of April 2) final determination of the 2022 bag and size limits for most of the species we commonly fish. Striped Bass opened in March with the same limits as last year - one fish from 28 inches to less than 38 inches and circle hooks required when fishing natural bait. We can probably expect a 13 inch minimum on black sea bass this year but stand by, and we are not expecting any significant change in the bag and size limits for summer flounder, although the season may be extended a few days. For the rest, we need to await the posting by the NJ DEP.

**Editorial by Phil Simon:** The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC, 0-3 miles, state waters) and the Mid Atlantic Marine Fisheries Council (MAMFC, 3 – 250 miles, Federal zone), who jointly manage Scup, Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish, are seeking public input on draft addenda to the fishery management plans for those species. This set of proposals are part of the output of the Recreational Reform Initiative which has been implemented to come up with hopefully better approaches to setting harvest limits for the recreational sector. This particular set of proposals deals with the methods used to determine whether to increase, decrease, and leave unchanged the overall recreational sector harvest limits in terms of number or pounds of fish to be kept each year.

The current method estimates the projected harvest based on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) data from the previous year, primarily the harvest number, and then determine if the next year's harvest should be decreased, increased, or remain unchanged based on whether the Recreational Harvest Limit (RHL) was exceeded or not, and set the new RHL accordingly. For species such as Black Sea Bass and Scup, whose stock numbers are quite good, this creates a problem in that with lots of fish available, we catch more fish and go over our RHL, and so the regulations are tightened for the following year. What we need here is an approach that allows a little more liberalization for species with healthy stocks. Thus the need for some new thinking here, and the regulatory committees have developed four new options plus the option for maintaining the status quo for calculating future RHLs. All the details and documents can be found here:

<https://www.mafmc.org/actions/hcr-framework-addenda>.

But there is a puzzling aspect to this! For some reason, a number of the recreational fishing organizations, including both RFA and JCAA, have selected Option B, the so-called Percent Change Approach. as the one they favor. However, in my opinion, this option does not fix the problem relative to the status quo. Without going into details, here is a table that I prepared that shows what the regulatory committee projects as the outcomes for each of the five options A-E for three of the four species (bluefish is omitted because it is currently in a rebuilding program):

Option	Summer Flounder	Scup	Black Sea Bass
A – Status Quo	Liberalize	Decrease	Decrease
B – Percent Change	Decrease	Decrease or No change	Decrease or no change
C – Fishery Score	Liberalize	Liberalize	Liberalize
D – Biol. Reference Point	Decrease	Liberalize	Liberalize
E -Biomass Matrix	Decrease or no change	Liberalize	Liberalize

Take a look at the full document and see if you would agree with my table, but I have to question the choice of option B, as it decreases summer flounder and provides us no relief for scup or black sea bass. Options C – E look better, but most of the details are not provided in the public information document. Personally, I would let the committee work on this some more and narrow it down to no more than 3 options.

But, if I had to pick a new approach now, I would go with Option E, as it focuses primarily on the size of the stock, and less on MRIP data, and other factors such as recruitment. The MRIP numbers, including estimated catch and fishing mortality are highly problematic in my opinion in terms of their accuracy, although are useful in following trends over a period of years. Recruitment, while predicting future possible stock size increases or decreases, is not really correlated with fishing pressure until the stock is so low that it can be described as “crashed”.

I suspect that the fishery folks would not be happy with my assessment, and I have over-simplified the approaches for sure. I give them a lot of credit for rescuing many of the fish stocks that were depleted. But they have not done a good job with regulating stocks that are healthy, at least up to now, and we see in this draft addendum an attempt to make things better (except for option B).

The ultimate problem we are facing is that poor recruitment primarily due to environmental conditions is reducing the size of the stocks, and this has very little to do with overfishing. As the regulators really can do nothing about recruitment, they are left to twist the dials on recreational and commercial harvest levels which are already at historically low levels.

In the end it's the size of the stock that counts, so why not focus primarily on that. Just keep in mind that this decision could impact our bag limits, size limits, and seasons starting in 2023. As they say, *you get what you pay for*.

**2022 EXPECTATIONS by Ed Valitutto** - Here's a summary of all the great things we - the members of VHFC - will enjoy this year with our membership.

### **1. Great Monthly Meetings with Speakers & Fishing Discussions**

- a. April 8 Captain Steve Purul **"Spring Striper Techniques and Tips"**
- b. May 13 Doug Zemeckis ***"Biology, Assessment, and Management of Black Sea Bass"***
- c. June 10 Greg Cudnik **"Local Fluke and Stripers"**
- d. July 8 Jim Hutchinson Jr **"Circle Hooks and Stripers"**
- e. August 12 Save the Bay will present **"Drift - A film showing Barnegat Bay"**
- f. September 9 Captain Brett Taylor **"Light Tackle Striped Bass"**
- g. October 14 Anthony Arcabascio (Tony Maja's son) **"Fall Striper Trolling"**
- h. November 10 No speaker but it's Pizza Night with a slide show of 2022 catches!

### **2. Wonderful Club Events (Details to be provided)**

- a. Spring Surf Outing - Club members having a fun day competing on a local beach
- b. Battle on the Beach - VHFC judges this local high school fishing contest
- c. Fluke Tournament - July 9 /10 (rain date) Great day on the water and fantastic BBQ for members and families
- d. Club Dinner - Fun time gathering off the water for members and families
- e. Fall Fishing Trip - Members enjoying a day out on a local party boat

### **3. Fantastic Fishing Contests**

- a. Melanie Boytos Award - The angler with the most points for their best striper, fluke, bluefish & weakfish will have their name engraved on a special plaque.
- b. Fish of the Year (FOY) - The angler with the largest striper, bluefish, fluke, seabass, blackfish & weakfish will receive a lovely engraved personal plaque.
- c. Fish of the Month - Thirty (30) contests for multiple species spread out over the entire fishing season. New this year are five Surf Only contests for those fishing the rocks and sand instead of by boat and four Junior Angler (12 and under) contests called the Bill Figley Junior Angler awards in recognition of club member Bill Figley who has done so much for NJ anglers during his career as a Marine Biologist constructing all 17 reefs in New Jersey. Google his name to read all the details. Winners receive \$50 FHQ certificates with \$25 certificates for Junior Anglers. See the following tables for FOM contests:

**2022 Bill Figley Young Angler FOM Awards (4) (Active contests shaded in blue)**

<b>1</b>	<b>1 April - 30 June</b>	<b>White Perch</b>
2	1 June - 31 August	Blowfish
3	1 June - 31 August	Kingfish
4	1 June - 31 August	Fluke

**2022 Regular FOM Awards (26) (Active contests shaded in blue)**

<b>1</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June (Surf Only)</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June (Surf Only)</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June</b>	<b>White Perch</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>1 April - 30 June</b>	<b>Weakfish</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>1 April - 30 June</b>	<b>Blowfish</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>1 April - 30 June</b>	<b>Kingfish</b>
9	XX May - YY June	Seabass
10	XX May - 30 June	Fluke
11	XX May - XX September (Surf Only)	Fluke
12	1 - 31 July	Fluke
13	1 - 31 July	Seabass
14	1 July - 31 October	White Perch
15	1 July - 31 October	Blowfish
16	1 July - 31 October	Weakfish
17	1 July - 31 October	Kingfish
18	1 - 31 August	Fluke
19	1 - 31 August	Seabass
20	1 - XX September	Fluke
21	1 October - 31 December	Blackfish



22	1 October - 31 December	Bluefish
23	1 October - 31 December (Surf Only)	Bluefish
24	1 October - 31 December	Striped Bass
25	1 October - 31 December (Surf Only)	Striped Bass
26	XX October - 31 December	Seabass

**BOARD MEMBERS** - Board members meet monthly from March through December to discuss club business, plan events, pay the bills, etc. All board members have agreed to retain their positions for 2022. Thank you Board Members for the work you do!

**THE 20TH ANNUAL SPRING DERBY IS COMING UP! - Register & Weigh-In At Participating Shops: Fisherman's Headquarters, Jingle's Bait & Tackle & Surf City Bait & Tackle. 100% Prize Payout!**



**DATES: APRIL 2ND TO JUNE 26, 2022**

**\$20 REGISTRATION FEE**

**Striped Bass Prizes: 1st Place 50% Payout, 2nd Place 25% Payout, 3rd Place 10% Payout**

**Bluefish Prizes: 1st Place 15% Payout**

**Go to [LBI Spring Surf Derby](#) for more information on where to sign up!**

**MONTHLY RECIPE SUBMITTED by Bill Dabney - *World's Best Bluefish Recipe*** This recipe recently appeared in *On The Water* magazine. While it is intended for Bluefish, I think Striped Bass would also work very well. If anyone tries the recipe, please provide comments.

**Ingredients:**

- 2 bluefish filets ~1 lb each
- 1 1/2 lbs boiling potatoes
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 - 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley



**Directions:**

- 1) Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Slice the potatoes thinly (1/8 inch thick) and mix with half the olive oil, parsley and garlic. Line a casserole dish, bottom and sides, with the mixture. Salt and pepper to taste. Bake for 15 minutes.
- 2) Remove from the oven and place the filets on top of the potatoes. Salt and pepper the fish and place the remaining oil, parsley and garlic on top.
- 3) Return the pan to the oven and bake for 10 minutes. Baste with pan juices and bake 5 minutes more.
- 4) Garnish with additional parsley and lemon wedges.

**BoatUS SPRING COMMISSIONING CHECKLIST - Submitted by Jeff Orsoe** - Have a trouble-free boating season. Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](http://BoatUS.com)) offers its Spring Commissioning Checklist to help boaters start the season right. The nation's largest advocacy, service and savings group also offers [BoatUS.com/Spring](http://BoatUS.com/Spring), a one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about the yearly ritual of recreational boat commissioning. A PDF copy of the checklist is available to download, print, and take to the boat with you. Be sure to follow all manufacturer recommendations for your specific boat, engine and accessories.

**Before You Launch**

1. Inspect all around the hose clamps for rust and replace as necessary. Double clamp fuel lines and exhaust hoses with marine-rated stainless steel hose clamps. While not technically required, it's wise to double clamp whenever possible on all hoses — especially those below the waterline.
2. Inspect all hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking, and replace any that are faulty. Make sure they fit snugly.
3. Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure.
4. Grip the prop (on inboard drive systems) and try moving the shaft up and down and side to side. If it's loose and can be wiggled, the cutless bearing may need to be replaced.
5. Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent. Operate the wheel or tiller to ensure the steering works correctly. Check the rudder bearing and steering cable for unusual play or movement.
6. Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
7. Make sure your engine intake sea strainer (if equipped) is not cracked or bent from ice and is free of corrosion, clean and properly secured.
8. With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for correct adjustment. A stuffing box should leak no more than two or three drops each minute.

when the prop shaft is turning. Check the shaft log hose for deterioration and rusty hose clamps.

9. Inspect, lubricate and exercise thru-hull valves. It's a good idea to tie a right-sized wooden bung to the valve in case of failure.
10. Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
11. Inspect and test the bilge pump and float switch to ensure they're both working properly. Also inspect the pump's hose.
12. Check stove and remote LPG tanks for loose fittings, leaking hoses and properly functioning shutoff systems. Use the pressure gauge to conduct a leak down test to check for system leaks.
13. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafe and wear.
14. If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.
15. After the boat is launched, be sure to check all thru-hulls for leaks.

### **Engines and Fuel Systems**

1. Inspect fuel lines, including fuel tank fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
2. Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with fresh fuel. Clean or replace fuel filters and/or fuel-water separators if not done before winterization.
3. Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds and risers for corrosion (for inboard-powered and inboard/outboard boats).
4. Charge battery.
5. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Use a wire brush to clean battery terminals, and top off cells with distilled water (if applicable).
6. Inspect the bilge ventilation intake and blower ducting for damage or leaks and run the blower to confirm correct operation.
7. Test engine warnings and alarms.

### **Engine Outdrives and Outboards**

1. Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds) and replace if suspect.
2. Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
3. Replace anodes/zincs that are more than half wasted.
4. Inspect the outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.

5. Inspect lower unit oil level and top off as necessary.

### **Sailboat Rigging**

1. Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for “fishhooks” and rust.
2. Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape, and ensure that water is able to freely drain from it.
3. If you suspect the core around a chainplate is damp, remove the chainplate to inspect and make repairs.
4. Inspect masthead sheaves and all blocks to make sure they’re running freely.

### **Trailers**

1. Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure; don’t forget the spare.
2. Inspect wheel bearings and repack as necessary.
3. Test all lights and replace any broken bulbs or lenses.
4. Inspect winch to make sure it’s working properly. Inspect hitch chains.
5. Inspect trailer frame and axle(s) for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.
6. Inspect brakes and brake fluid reservoir.

### **Safety**

1. A [new law that went into effect in 2021](#) requires a vessel operator to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless engine cutoff switch on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed, so be sure your switch is working properly and the lanyard is in serviceable condition. If you use a wireless cutoff switch, ensure batteries in the fobs and wrist worn devices are refreshed.
2. Flares expire after 42 months so check expiration dates.
3. Inspect fire extinguishers. A [new regulation that goes into effect April 20, 2022](#), requires a 12-year expiration for disposables and has different carriage requirements for older and newer model year vessels.
4. Ensure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids. Check inflatable life jacket cylinders and dissolvable “pill” bobbins in auto-inflating models.
5. Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.
6. Check running lights for operation and spare bulb inventory.
7. [Update chartplotter software](#).
8. Replenish first-aid kit items that may have been used last season or are expired.

9. Check the operation of VHF radio(s) and that the MMSI number is correctly programmed in. ([BoatUS members can obtain a free MMSI number at BoatUS.com/MMSI.](#))
10. Get a free vessel safety check from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons. Find out more at [cgaux.org/vsc](#).

### **For the Dock**

1. In addition to checking its entire length for wear or abrasions, check both ends of the shore power cable connections as well as the shore power receptacle on the boat for burns, which indicate the cable and/or boat's shore power inlet or the dock's receptacle must be replaced.
2. Test ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock, and [know how to prevent Electric Shock Drowning](#).

### **The Paperwork**

1. Make sure your boat registration is up to date – and dinghy if you have one. Don't forget your boat trailer tags
2. Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. BoatUS provides [free quotes at BoatUS.com/Insurance](#). Provide a copy to your marina or club.
3. Ensure your BoatUS membership is in good standing, and check your [TowBoatUS](#) coverage by logging into [BoatUS.com/Account](#), or join at [BoatUS.com/Membership](#).
4. Download the free BoatUS App ([BoatUS.com/App](#)) to make it easy to summon on-water assistance and speed response times as well to check tide tables, weather, and partner discounts.



**VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS - By Jeff Orsoe** Both the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the United States Power Squadrons have certified vessel examiners who will perform a free Vessel Safety Check ("VSC") at your boat, at a time of mutual convenience. There is no charge and no consequences if your boat doesn't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends. Personal pleasure craft, only.

I am available to perform a Vessel Safety exam on your vessel. As stated above, there is no charge for the exam and if you do not qualify for the sticker, the results will not be reported to any agency. Contact: Jeff Orsoe Cell / Text: 732-672-5530 or email: [jorsoe786@gmail.com](mailto:jorsoe786@gmail.com)

A fire extinguisher is one of the items that is required. This year a new law regarding them is in effect. The extinguisher now has a 12 year qualifying life cycle. If you look at the bottom, you will see the year it was made. Just add 12 years to that date to figure the expiration date.

**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 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 do a report for you. Please take a moment to provide a report for other members to enjoy and gain some valuable fishing insight.

There were only two reports submitted since the December Newsletter and yours truly was the author of both.



While down in Cape Coral, FL for the winter months, I went fishing off a small park pier using a shrimp on a small hook on the bottom. My first ever redfish inhaled the shrimp and gave me quite a battle. I estimated the fish was 30" and at least 10+ lbs. Florida normally has a one fish limit from 18" to 27", so this fish likely would not have been legal. However, redfish and snook are 'catch and release' due to the red tide a few years back. So, after a quick photo, back it went!





I went out on a solo charter for a half day back bay fishing. We started casting for snook and I boated the one shown. Snook are catch and release so it was quickly released and sent on its way. I had two more on – one was a beast – but they both threw the hook!

We then fished for speckled trout. We caught them on both pilchards and shrimp under a popping cork. One was 15", one 17" and one 19+" We also looked to no avail for stingrays with cobia swimming over them. We saw a few rays but all were without cobia. There's always next year!

**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. If you would like a hat,, please contact Dave Spendiff for details.



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

### **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. With gas prices reaching the sky, helping out with fuel costs is almost a necessity.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS**

See the full list on our website [Links](#)

**Wave Information (Height, Period, Direction and Water Temperature) from a Buoy 15 Miles Outside Barnegat Inlet Updated Every 30 minutes:** [Buoy #44091](#)

**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&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>

**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**

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

**Jingles Bait & Tackle** 10% discount with VHFC card  
1214 N Bay Ave, Beach Haven, NJ 08008  
**609-492-2795**

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