



# **HARBOUR LIGHT**

**OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER MAY 2023**

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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: 12 May 2023***

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello VHFC Members,

It's finally May but still on the cooler side so far. Every year seems to be the windiest, coldest and wettest spring yet. Rather than the exception, spring here in the Northeast just takes time to fully arrive. But it will get here eventually! Fishing opportunities were tough with the recent heavy rains and winds but for those who persevered there were some good catches to be had. The weather had to be a factor in the slow arrivals of most of our game fish. So far, May hasn't been much better but it will change shortly - we hope. As of today May 7, there were 18 Striped Bass and 4 Bluefish entered into the LBI Spring Derby compared to 9 Bass and 2 Bluefish caught this time last year. So although boat reports are sparse due to the recent winds, the surf has been the place for some action. The tog bite in April was outstanding with several club anglers getting some impressive catches but now that the limit has dropped to one fish, less folks will be targeting them. White Perch were a few weeks behind schedule but are now starting to make a decent showing. I mentioned Bluefish caught in the surf but there

are also reports of small blues in the Barnegat inlet along the North jetty and larger ones in the back bay off Waretown and Oyster Creek.

Finally, now that May has arrived both the air and water temps are slowly rising. Water temperature this afternoon at Station 44091 15 miles off Barnegat Inlet was 55.6°F with a wave height of 2.3 ft at 10 seconds. This site is a great source of real time information at [Buoy Data Off BI](#) and is also listed on our Website under the Resources\_Links pulldown menu.

Summer Flounder (Fluke) opened last Tuesday and like them or not, last year's fluke regulations remain in place for this year. Although this limits the taking of larger fish, it certainly provides ample opportunity to take home a few more filets for some fine eating. Spring fluking usually is best on the outgoing tide and shallow water where the water is warmer.

Finally, if wreck fishing is your thing, Seabass opens on Wednesday May 17 and runs through June 19 with a 10 fish limit at 12.5". While on the wrecks, you might get lucky and a cod or ling.

So before the weather really heats up and the summer crowds arrive, get on out there and do some fishing and please share your reports for fellow club members!

Ed

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## UPCOMING NEAR TERM EVENTS

**May 12 Friday - VHFC Club Meeting 7:45**

**May 31 Wednesday - Battle on the Beach HS Surf Tournament / Rain Date June 7**

**June 9 Friday - VHFC Club Meeting 7:45**

**MAY MEETING** - Our guest speaker is local fisherman and Forked River resident Bob Misak. Bob's topic is "Fishing Our Local Waters". Bob is a Field Editor for The Fisherman Magazine, and a contributor to On the Water. Come on out and support the meeting.

**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 four local high schools competing for trophy honors and bragging rights. Eight VHFC members are needed to measure and record the catches. This year's date is Wednesday May31 with June 7 as the rain date. The event is held in Barnegat Light around 3:00 PM. Please let me know if you are available to officiate. The kids are a blast and you never know what will be caught.

**CLUB DUES REMINDER** - 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 below. **Mailing your dues to our PO Box is highly recommended to minimize chaos and time consuming efforts at the meeting.**

Please 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 and there are 11 FOM contests including 1 Young Angler contest already open.**

**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 2023, 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.

**NEW JERSEY STRIPED BASS BONUS PROGRAM** - The Striped Bass Bonus Program (SBBP) will reopen on May 15, 2023 for anglers having a 2023 tag. Applications for individuals and party/charter boats are currently being accepted through October 31, 2023 for available tags. Go to [SBBP TAG Application](#) and fill out the form so you receive it before the opening date. This is a great way to bring home a great 'eating size' striper. If you do get a bonus fish, you must report it online and NJ F&W will send you a new tag. I did it twice last year and received the new tags within 4 days.

**NEW JERSEY JCAA & FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon** - Well, I guess everyone knows now about the emergency change to the striper regs that will become effective as soon as the NJ Marine Fisheries Council votes to confirm the change, which is mandated by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The council meets Thursday May 11, and I expect the new regs to be approved then. Per Jim Hutchinson Jr *"It's a done deal. States will be responsible for updating the new slot (28 to 31 inches) by July 2. Again, sorry to be the bearer of bad news. There was no advance warning, no public comment, no way to change or alter the plan. It's an emergency rule."* Jim plans to be at the meeting and any info that results from it will be passed along to everyone. Thus you have until July 2nd at the latest unless NJ elects to adopt the new limits immediately to fish under the 38" rule. Apparently, we went way over our anticipated catch for 2022, not surprising striped bass board calculates we would not

be able to achieve our required rebuilding of the stock in 2029. Have to say so far I have not seen any hard data.

Nothing new to report from JCAA. The fluke tournament is still on for June 17, with an awards ceremony in Atlantic City on Friday June 23, where there will be a grand prize drawing for a boat and trailer worth \$31K. All entrants to the tournament are eligible for the drawing, but you have to be there at the drawing to win. More details in the JCAA newsletter, which should be attached to this mailing.

Not regulatory or JCCA news, but for those of you who fish north of the Rt 72 bridge in the bay, there is a new dockside store now open. Creekside Outfitters, one of our sponsors, has opened a satellite store selling all the essentials including live bait and ice, and you can pull your boat right up to the store, which is at the fuel dock at Key Harbor Marina in Waretown.

**2023 FOM CONTESTS** - Please see the following table for all FOM contests. There are presently 14 open contests shaded in blue.

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

<b>1</b>	<b>1 April - 30 September</b>	<b>White Perch</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>1 June - 30 September</b>	<b>Blowfish</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>1 June - 30 September</b>	<b>Kingfish</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>2 May - 27 September</b>	<b>Fluke</b>

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

<b>1</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June</b> John Barrett Leads 36 1/4"	<b>Striped Bass</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June (Surf Only)</b> Pat Presutto leads 35 1/2"	<b>Striped Bass</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>15 March - 30 September</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>15 March - 30 September (Surf Only)</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>15 March - 30 June</b> Dave Spendiff leads 14 1/4"	<b>White Perch</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>1 April - 30 June</b>	<b>Weakfish</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>1 April - 31 October</b>	<b>Blowfish</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>1 April - 31 October</b>	<b>Kingfish</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>1 April - 31 December</b>	<b>Red or Black Drum</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>1 - 30 April &amp; 1 Aug - 30 Sept</b> Marty Friedrich leads 22 1/4"	<b>Blackfish</b>

11	2 May - 30 June John Barrett leads 22 1/4"	Fluke
12	2 May - 27 September (Surf Only)	Fluke
13	17 May - 19 June	Seabass
14	1 - 31 July	Fluke
15	1 - 31 July	Seabass
16	1 July - 31 October	Weakfish
17	1 July - 31 October	Kingfish
18	1 - 31 August	Fluke
19	1 - 31 August	Seabass
20	1 - 27 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	1 October - 31 December	Seabass

**2023 FOM ENTRIES** - Here's our list of 2023 entries to date.

03-24-23	White Perch	13"	Dave Spendiff	BHW Lagoon
03-24-23	White Perch	13 1/2"	Dave Spendiff	BHW Lagoon
04-05-23	White Perch	14"	Dave Spendiff	BHW Lagoon
04-10-23	Blackfish	18"	Marty Friedrich	Little Egg Reef
04-12-23	Striped Bass	33"	Pat Presutto	Graveling Point (Surf Only)
04-13-23	Blackfish	20 1/2"	Bill Figley	Little Egg Reef
04-21-23	Blackfish	22 1/4"	Marty Friedrich	Little Egg Reef
04-25-23	Striped Bass	35 1/2"	Pat Presutto	Harvey Cedars (Surf Only)
05-02-23	Fluke	22 1/4"	John Barrett	Outside BI
05-02-23	Striped Bass	36 1/4"	John Barrett	Barnegat Inlet
05-05-23	White Perch	14 1/4"	Dave Spendiff	BHW Lagoon





Pat Presutto caught and of course released this beautiful Striped Bass Thursday May 4th “on the beach”. Hard to see, but that’s a 45” bass that per the following chart is in the 30 - 41 lb range! Quite a catch for a dedicated Surf Fisherman. Nice job Pat!

## Striped Bass Length to Weight Chart

Simply measure the total length of your striper while it's in the water and use this chart to estimate its weight.



Total Length

Length	Max.	Avg.	Min.	Length	Max.	Avg.	Min.	Length	Max.	Avg.	Min.
12"	1.0	1.0	1.0	26"	10.0	8.5	7.0	40"	29.5	26.0	22.0
13"	2.0	1.5	1.0	27"	11.0	9.8	8.0	41"	31.0	27.3	23.0
14"	2.5	2.3	2.0	28"	12.0	10.3	8.8	42"	33.5	29.7	25.0
15"	3.0	2.5	2.0	29"	12.9	11.0	9.7	43"	36.3	32.0	27.0
16"	3.5	3.0	2.5	30"	14.0	12.3	10.3	44"	39.0	34.0	29.0
17"	4.0	3.5	2.8	31"	15.0	13.0	11.0	45"	41.0	36.0	30.5
18"	4.5	4.0	3.0	32"	16.7	14.5	12.0	46"	44.0	38.7	32.5
19"	5.0	4.3	3.5	33"	17.8	15.8	13.0	47"	47.5	42.0	35.0
20"	5.5	4.8	4.0	34"	19.0	16.5	14.0	48"	51.0	44.0	37.0
21"	6.0	5.0	4.3	35"	20.5	18.0	15.5	49"	54.0	47.0	39.0
22"	6.8	5.8	4.8	36"	22.0	19.5	16.8	50"	58.0	50.0	42.0
23"	7.5	6.3	5.0	37"	23.5	20.7	17.5	51"	62.0	55.0	45.0
24"	8.3	7.0	6.0	38"	25.5	22.0	19.0	52"	65.0	58.0	47.0
25"	8.8	7.8	6.3	39"	27.2	24.5	20.7	53"	68.0	60.0	49.0

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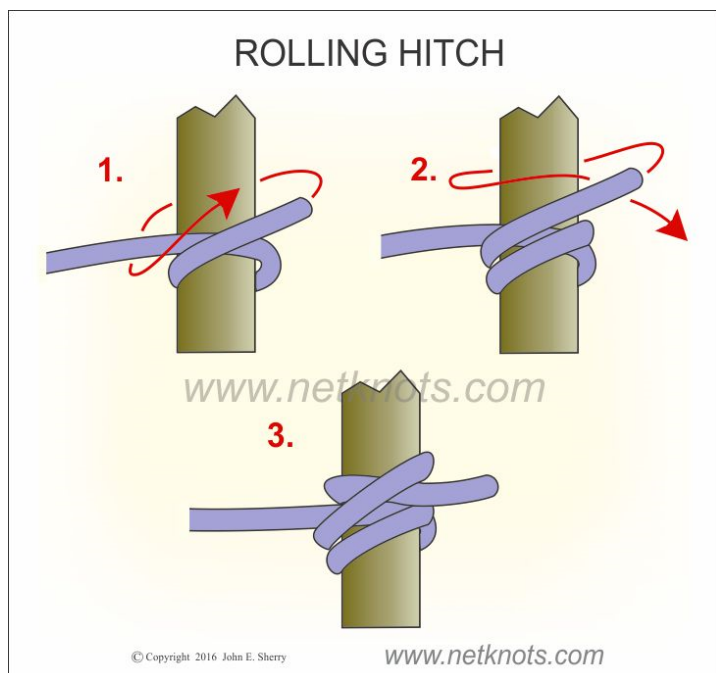
## do

- Release fish without taking them out of the water if possible
- Limit air exposure in fish removed from the water to less than 15 seconds
- Handle fish with wet hands or gloves
- Cradle fish with one hand under the belly and one under the shoulder
- Resuscitate bass by pulling it forward or in a figure eight through the water by the lower lip. Never move it backwards
- Use barbless hooks for quick release
- Use circle hooks when bait fishing
- Leave deep hooks in the fish by cutting the leader off closest to the hook

## don't

- Lift bass by the mouth or tail. This can cause serious internal injury
- Handle bass with dry hands
- Drag fish across dry sand or excessively handle fish in a manner that removes their protective mucous coating
- Kick or step on fish; You will damage their organs
- Touch the red gill rakers or gill area; They are the equivalent of your lungs
- Gaff a fish you intend to release
- Release a bass without first resuscitating

### Striped Bass Catch and Release Best Practices



This has been in past issues of the Newsletter but for our new members or just as a reminder, here is the Rolling Hitch. This is a very secure and easy to tie method of fastening a rope to a post. See [Rolling Hitch Instructions](#) for animated details.

**GREAT WHITE OFF THE OCEAN COUNTY COAST** - For you shark fisherman out there, A nine foot great white shark recently broke the surface of the water a few times off the coast of the Barnegat Peninsula. Named Simon by shark tracker organization OCEARCH, he was pinged several times on April 30 off the coast around Island Beach State Park, according to researchers. The pings mean that the 434 pound juvenile white shark actually broke the surface of the water, according to OCEARCH. The next day, he pinged further north near Long Branch and as of Tuesday morning May 2nd he was up in New York relatively close to the coastline of Fire Island. You can track his location via [Simon Tracker](#).

**2023 MARINE DIGEST NOW AVAILABLE** - NJ Fish & Wildlife has published the 2023 Marine Digest which provides a *Summary of recreational regulations and marine fish and shellfish information*. The Digest is available at [2023 Marine Digest](#).

**STORIES FROM A VHFC FOUNDING MEMBER BY BASIL DUBROSKY** - During and ever since I got leukemia thirteen years ago and spent a year in isolation at home getting cured, I have written stories about my sporting adventures. In more recent years, I have prepared some story shows for the radio and have even presented some story shows here at our condo in Sarasota, FL. The following are a few of my favorites. NOTE: Per Ed V, Basil's VHFC number is 2 as compared to my number 771. So Basil was there when the club started.)

### **Story #1 Refrigerator Floating in Little Egg Inlet by Captain Basil**

A few years back, I was headed outside and motoring toward LEI early in the morning when I heard the warning on the radio about a refrigerator floating in the channel going out the inlet near Little Beach. Sure enough, there was the refrigerator bobbing up and down, ready to punch a hole in someone's boat. Pays to listen to the radio report from the first boat out.

A boat on autopilot motoring South had hit Little Beach at full speed overnight and dislodged its refrigerator into the channel. I don't know how the boat made it across LEI but, high and dry on the beach, there she stood. Certainly made for an interesting start to the day. We often wondered what happened to the refrigerator. Did the Coast Guard pick it up or a salvage boat, or is it still out there bobbing around?

### **Story #2 I Lost a Bluefish Off the Back of My Truck by Captain Basil**

It was late October and I was surf fishing in Surf City. The fishing was slow all afternoon and it was getting dark when I had a huge run off. I fought the fish for some time and it ended up being a 12 pound blue. I threw the fish in my cooler and loaded up the truck for the trip over to Pat and Bruce's Bait & Tackle for air.



As I was filling up with air, another truck stopped by and I could not resist showing them my big blue. I dropped the tailgate and showed the fish proudly. I finished airing up and took off to FHQ to weigh the fish in for the Derby.

I pulled up in front of FHQ, went around back and there was my tailgate down and no freezer chest. My big blue was gone! I went back and checked with Pat and Bruce's, but no freezer chest anywhere! I checked the path over to FHQ 3 times but I just could not locate my freezer chest. My first weigh in of the season and I lost it!

FHQ was packed with fishermen trying to weigh in blue fish. The fish must have come in all up and down the beach at the time I caught mine and everyone thought they had a winner. I made my way into the crowd and saw an older couple with my freezer chest appearing like they were getting ready to weigh in my fish! I said, "That's my chest and fish" and they said, "We were looking for you"! I weighed in my fish and no, it was not a winner. Now I make sure to double check my tailgate now after showing off any fish.

### **Story #3 Wall of Waves at Little Egg Inlet by Captain Basil**

It was late September and we were quickly approaching the end of fluke season. The day before we hit the mother-load of fluke. The fish were schooled up near the Brigantine lump and we hit one or 2 fish on every drift while drifting from 60 feet down to 22 feet. We brought home a limit of nice fish.

Unfortunately, a hurricane was in the Atlantic and headed in our direction but the seas were supposed to be 2 - 4 feet until later in the day. The impending hurricane was sure to close down the fluke fishing for the year so I made plans for one last trip.

We ran the inlet and hurried out to the lump where we had the place to ourselves. We started hitting fish on every drift just like the day before. Quite often we had 2 fish on the floor at one time and high fives were exchanged often. However, it was getting hard to stand up and hold bottom even though we were bouncing 8-10 ounce sinkers. We hated to leave but the water was getting nasty and we reluctantly turned for home.

As I approached the inlet in a following sea, I noticed a giant wave with a foaming curl stretched across the entire marked inlet channel. It seems that the brisk south wind was colliding with a full outgoing tide. I had not anticipated the outgoing tide and now I was in trouble. I motored back toward the LE Buoy to contemplate my choices. I could anchor and wait out the tide but the seas were getting progressively worse with the coming storm and I was not sure how long I could hold out. I could motor over the wave and take my chances but I had never hit a wave that strong in my boat so the thought was frightening.

Just at that moment a 40 foot sport fisherman came motoring toward the inlet. He did not look like he planned to avoid the wave so I quickly formulated a plan to get on his tail and ride over the wave that I hoped would be softened by the big boat in front of me. I gunned the engine and headed in behind the big boat with my breath held tight. As I hit the curl of the wave my boat pin-wheeled and dropped into the hole. The engine screamed as the boat tried to lift itself out. Our gear and ice chest flew about as water splashed over the boat. It seemed to take forever but we came out of the hole and flew forward in the direction of the sport fisherman who fared much better and was moving away in the distance with flags flying. It was obvious that he would not have returned if we needed help.

My fishing guest turned to me after a long silence and asked me where the life vests were stored. We laughed but knew we lucked out. I never went out the inlet again with impending bad weather and always checked not only wind speed and direction but also tide flow.

**Ed V's comments:** As Basil found out, the worst situation is outgoing current colliding with a strong wind, especially with an easterly component (NE, E or SE). Also, put on your PFD before running the gauntlet!

**MONTHLY RECIPE SUBMITTED by Ed Valitutto** - I was fortunate to get a nice 18+” tog during the early April season and I decided to do it ‘blackened’. There are several variations to this type of preparation but all require a hot pan - usually cast iron and a rub you either mix yourself or buy pre-made. I prefer to mix my own rub since the pre-made ones tend to be salty. I used Blackfish filets but any fish would work especially striper or bluefish but remember to remove the red meat. Enjoy!



### **Easy Blackened Fish**

**I really enjoyed this dish. Note the splitting of the filets indicating they are cooked. This was enough for two meals for me.**

## Ingredients

- 2 blackfish filets or whatever type fish you have on hand
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or more
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme or oregano or basil or a combination of them
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 lemon

## Instructions

1. Rinse blackfish filets in cold water and pat dry with paper towels.
2. Mix spices in a small bowl and cover the fish entirely.
3. Heat butter in the skillet (it has to be very hot) and place fish in it. Cook for 4 minutes on one side and then flip fish over and cook for another 3 minutes.
4. Serve with lemon wedges.

## Notes:

- Some recipes call for melting the butter, brushing the fish with it and then applying the rub. Either method works.
- Cooking time depends on the thickness of the fish and the temperature. Fish should be removed from the refrigerator at least 30 minutes before cooking. Using a meat thermometer, it should read 145 degrees Fahrenheit when fully cooked.
- Do not move fish during cooking otherwise it may stick to the skillet.
- Optional - Top fish with chopped green onions, cilantro or parsley.



**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. Last year, a new law regarding them went into 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 provide me with the details so I can 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 7 reports submitted since the April Newsletter.



**That's Pat Presutto's first of many bass caught this year 'off the sand' at Graveling Point. This beauty went 33" using bloodworms and Pat caught it on his first cast. Good thing since there were a lot of people fishing this very popular early season area.**





That's yours truly, Ed Valitutto, with an opening day 18+” Tog. Since my boat was and still is waiting on a fuel injector, when Phil Simon asked me to join him I immediately agreed. I had one other keeper and a few shorts.





That's quite a cleaning table of Tog! Marty Friedrich and friends had two wonderful trips. On the left, Marty and 3 friends caught 11 tog and 1 ling using green crabs. On the right, they caught 10 keepers including 2 at 7 lbs. One was a female which was released in good shape.



**That's Marty after another nice day on the water. Once again, a crew of four boated 11 tog. Marty caught a nice one just under 7 lbs on a jig.**





That's John Barrett with his 2 neighbors who went out on the opening day of Fluke. They quickly switched gears when we saw some birds working the inlet. For the next hour, John said it was crazy striper fishing, hooking up on almost every cast. They iced 3

from 33-36" before they headed to the fluke grounds. There they managed 3 fluke between 20-23 inches with lots of shorts but no slot fish!





When Dave Spendiff asked me to join him perch fishing on Cinco de Mayo, I quickly said yes. Fishing wasn't spectacular but it was still really good. We fished the lagoons adjacent to Dave's house and managed 12 keepers in a few hours.

We decided to do a second trip on Saturday and had even more action. We kept 16 of the biggest fish including several 12's and a few over 13".



That's my cleaning table with a dozen nice perch. Not the most glamorous fishing, but using light tackle, feisty White Perch are fun to catch and great to eat!



**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.

Member Bill Logan reports he no longer fishes in the Keys and would like to sell his anchor retrieving ball (\$35) and chum net (\$5). Contact Bill at [wlogansr@comcast.net](mailto:wlogansr@comcast.net) or call 609-597-0784. See photos on the next page.





**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  
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