

# HARBOUR LIGHT

#### **OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER JUNE 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: 09 June 2023

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

With Memorial Day Weekend now behind us, the summer season at the 'Jersey shore' has unofficially started. I know, summer doesn't officially start until the summer solstice occurs. This year that date is on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 10:58 AM EDT. *FYI: The solstice marks the official beginning of summer in the Northern Hemisphere, occurring when Earth arrives at the point in its orbit where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt (about 23.5 degrees) toward the Sun, resulting in the longest day (sunlight hours) and shortest night of the calendar year.* Well solstice be damned, nevertheless, the crowds were here clogging the roadways, food markets, restaurants, and liquor stores! The waterways weren't too bad since there are still a lot of boats not yet in the water. But by the time the school season ends in late June, it will be a different story!

Unfortunately, the spring weather has been on the cooler side with non-stop strong winds that did a great job keeping the no see'ums away. Those same winds also canceled a few fishing

trips or at least made for some bouncy rides. I'm sure things will heat up quickly, but right now, the 10 day forecast shows highs only in the low 70's. I'm attributing the lack of reports and weigh-ins this month to the windy weather keeping the boat anglers tied to the dock.

On the surf front, as of today June 4, there were 39 Striped Bass and 7 Bluefish entered into the LBI Spring Derby compared to 22 Bass and 9 Bluefish caught this time last year. So although boat reports are sparse, the surf has been the place for some action. Of course, the Spring Derby results do not include catches made by anglers not in the contest and any over sized bass (>38") that were caught and released. Seabass action has been stellar for those anglers able to make it out to our local wrecks but fluking has been hit or miss depending on the water temperature. I mentioned Bluefish in the surf but there are also reports of blues in Barnegat Inlet, in the back bay off Waretown and Oyster Creek and also some good reports coming from Great Bay.

No doubt, our fishing will improve with both the air and water temps on the rise. Water temperature this afternoon at Station 44091 15 miles off Barnegat Inlet (<u>Buoy Data Off BI</u>) was 61.5°F with a wave height of 3.6 ft at 7 seconds. That's 5.9 degrees higher than last month!

I know everyone has been talking about the new east coast wide striper slot regulation that was dropped by surprise upon us - only one striped bass can be kept between 28" and less than 31" that will likely go into effect on July 2nd for a minimum of 120 days. Rest assured, it will take effect. I will let Phil discuss the topic in his Regulations section.

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

#### **UPCOMING NEAR TERM EVENTS**

June 09 Friday - VHFC Club Meeting 7:45 July 14 Friday - VHFC Club Meeting 7:45 July 15 Saturday - VHFC Fluke Tournament (July 16 Rain Date)

JUNE MEETING - Our guest speaker is Greg Cudnik – Greg's topic is "Light Tackle Fishing" Captain Greg Cudnik is a passionate saltwater angler with a vast knowledge on the local fishery and saltwater fishing tackle. Greg is the general manager of Fisherman's Headquarters and also runs Fish Head Charters, a Light Tackle & Fly Guide Service. He is also the Editor of FishingLBI.com a fishing report blog focused on the waters of Long Beach Island. Greg will share information about light tackle striped bass fishing in the area and will give us an update on fishing for fluke in the bay. Come on out and support the meeting.

**BATTLE ON THE BEACH** – VHFC officiated the "Battle On The Beach" high school surf fishing tournament this past Wednesday May 31st at the Barnegat Light beaches 9th through 12th streets. This annual contest (this year was the 15th) has students from four local high schools competing not only for trophy honors and bragging rights but the winning school receives a \$1,000 check from the LBI Surf Fishing Tournament. The winning school then selects the senior angler who will receive the money to help with their college costs.

VHFC members were there to support the event and to measure and record all the catches. Attending club members included Bob Massa who provides the beach markers, clipboards, pens and measuring tapes, Greg Cudnik, Brian Leary, Pat Presutto, Chuck Dishian, Phil Simon, Jeff Orsoe, Dave Bier, Jerry Nichols, Jim Blandine and Ed Valitutto. The event ran from 4 - 7 PM and not only was the weather perfect but with the high tide arriving at 5:30, small bluefish were blitzing and made for ideal surf fishing. The kids had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as did the VHFC officials.

Once again, Southern Regional took the honors catching a record 773 1/2 inches of total fish length. Since most fish were 15 - 17 inches, that's almost 50 fish! The largest fish caught for the day was 21 1/2" caught by Jeremy Muermann of Lacey Township HS. **The winner of the \$1,000 scholarship was our own Junior Angler Brendan Jelley! Congratulations** 



Students from the 4 competing high schools (Southern Regional. Barnegat, Lacey Township and MATES) assemble before the starting horn for the Battle on the Beach NEW JERSEY JCAA & FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon - The JCAA newsletter is attached to this email. You should have a look at Tom Fote's perspective on the current striped bass situation. The Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission has been holding webinars for public input on the Emergency Action that was recently announced to limit the slot to 28 to 31 inches. As of this writing we are still running under the old rules of 28 to 38, but that will change. NJ seems to be out of sync with the rest of the coastal community, which tends to support the measure. However, New Jersey will be forced into compliance no later than July 2nd for a minimum of 180 days. Then supposedly the situation will be reassessed and perhaps changed. But I am still awaiting the hard data that led to this change. We will have another full stock assessment for striped bass conducted in 2024, which should give us more insight as to whether the stock rebuilding program has been threatened by the strong recreational harvest last fall. The numbers generated by the MRIP system said we doubled our harvest in 2022 as compared to 2021. Under Magnuson-Stevens the ASMFC is required to rebuild the stock by 2029, and the latest assessment was that if things continued as they did last year we would not be able to reach that goal. You can find a lot more information at the ASMFC website at Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

There's still time to sign up for the JCAA Fluke tournament on June 17. You can sign up online or by mail; info at their website <u>https://jcaa.org/</u>.

The tournament will follow the same format as in previous years, with 7 regions and 7 prizes for each region. There will be ten weigh-in stations from Jersey City to Sandy Hook. In addition to the \$50 / \$100 Region Calcuttas, \$50 / \$100 Overall Fluke Calcuttas, they will also be having an optional \$50 / \$100 Overall Seabass Calcuttas. They also will also be offering a Doormat Fluke Category cash prize for the largest fish over 12 lbs worth \$50,000.

Here's an interesting article from Scientific American titled *Will the Cheasepeake Become a Dead Zone.* Certainly Barnegat Bay is experiencing very similar issues and is also trying to come up with a suitable long term plan for saving the bay. The article is available at <a href="https://www.scientificamerican.com/video/will-the-chesapeake-bay-become-a-dead-zone/">https://www.scientificamerican.com/video/will-the-chesapeake-bay-become-a-dead-zone/</a>

**2023 FOM CONTESTS** - Please see the following table for all FOM contests. There are presently 17 open contests shaded in blue with the leading entries noted.

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

1	1 April - 30 September No Entry to Date	White Perch
2	1 June - 30 September No Entry to Date	Blowfish
3	1 June - 30 September No Entry to Date	Kingfish
4	2 May - 27 September No Entry to Date	Fluke

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

1	15 March - 30 June Dave Puzak leads 37 3/4"	Striped Bass
2	15 March - 30 June (Surf Only) Pat Presutto leads 37 3/4"	Striped Bass
<mark>3</mark>	15 March - 30 September Bob Rode leads 22"	Bluefish
4	<b>15 March - 30 September (Surf Only)</b> Pat Presutto leads 31 1/2"	<b>Bluefish</b>
5	15 March - 30 June Dave Spendiff leads 14 1/4"	White Perch
6	1 April - 30 June No Entry to Date	Weakfish
7	1 April - 31 October No Entry to Date	Blowfish
8	1 April - 31 October No Entry to Date	Kingfish
9	1 April - 31 December Ron Nachmann leads 37 1/2"	Red or Black Drum
<mark>10</mark>	1 - 30 April & 1 Aug - 30 Sept Marty Friedrich leads 22 1/4"	<b>Blackfish</b>
<mark>11</mark>	<mark>2 May - 30 June</mark> Bob Rode leads 23"	<mark>Fluke</mark>
<mark>12</mark>	2 May - 27 September (Surf Only) No Entry to Date	<mark>Fluke</mark>
<mark>13</mark>	17 May - 19 June Bill Figley leads 21 1/4"	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 with the latest entries from last month's Newsletter in blue text.

03-24-23	White Perch	13 1/2"	Dave Spendiff Dave Spendiff	BHW Lagoon BHW Lagoon
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06-02-23 Fluke

23″

Bpb Rode

Caught on a Bobcat

Here are some notable FOM entries.



That's Weighmaster Pat Presutto with a surf caught Striped Bass. Pat's fish was weighed in at Jingles and was 18.58 lbs and 37 3/4 inches. Pat caught it in Beach Haven on bunker!

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That's Joe Dzienis with a beautiful Black Drum. Joe's fish was 36 1/2 inches. and caught in the Middle Grounds. Joe released the fish after the photo.

In the bottom photo, Bill Figley's impressive 21 1/4 inch Seabass caught on a 10 mile wreck. That is some really good eating!



**A FEW MORE STORIES FROM A FOUNDING MEMBER BY BASIL DUBROSKY -** NOTE: Per Ed V, I thought I would provide a little club history. The Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. (VHFC) was started in 1989 as a non profit organization to bring together anglers wishing to further their knowledge of sportfishing in our area of the New Jersey shore. Ed Cherry, the founder of our club, along with Mickey Lusardo, Ed Siddell, Basil Dubrosky and probably a few others got the club registered as a tax exempt non-profit organization with by laws regulating club operating procedures. Their hard work 24 years ago has allowed us to continue as we are today. The following are a few of Basil's favorite stories.

#### Story #1 Ed Sidell's Automated Reef Marker by Captain Basil

Ed Sidell, who passed away several years ago, was one of the founding members of the VHFC. Ed was a retired GM engineer and was always working on "a better mouse trap". Ed enjoyed reef fishing where the action was non-stop in those days. He was always trying to come up with new ideas to streamline the reef fishing experience and make it even more productive.

The VHFC used to have a reef day activity where VHFC boats would rendezvous at the LE buoy and motor out to the Garden State South Reef for group fishing. On this particular year, during the weeks preceding this function, Ed had been describing an automated reef marker he had designed and built. He hoped it would be a major improvement in efficiency when it came to locating and drifting marked fishing locations.

On the morning of the event Ed showed up at my house with his fishing gear and the new, automated reef marker. It was an odd looking gizmo with a combination of styro-foam, wood, wire, springs and a red flag all folded together in a bundle. According to Ed, once thrown overboard, the contraption would unwind with the flag popping up high in the air improving dramatically the visibility over my standard white gallon jug marker. We fixed a window sash with 65 feet of line to the bottom of the contraption and headed out to the reef.

On the first stop of the day we all stood in suspense as Ed dropped his contraption overboard. All at once the wires sprung apart, the flag deployed and the whole thing flipped over and got tangled in the weighted line stopping it from reaching the bottom. The contraption, that was now about 4 feet across, started floating away. Ed cried out in disappointment and directed us to retrieve his invention. We were able to snag the thing that was tangled in the weighted line. It was impossible to fold the thing up in the original tight package and it took up much of our fishing room. I thought it might be best to abandon the contraption but Ed was intent on bringing it back so he could improve it. We spent the rest of the morning doing our best to fish around the tangled mess.

We all caught fish that day but it could not cut through the sense of disappointment felt by Ed over the failure of his contraption. I never did hear if Ed perfected his float.

#### Story #2 Surf Fishing Beach Surprise by Captain Basil

It was a warm Spring weekend and my buddy Jim B and I decided to go surf fishing at Sandy Hook, NJ. We heard they were still catching bass on the beach so we loaded up our stuff in his truck and took off at sunrise. When we got to Sandy Hook we parked in one of the lots, donned our waders and started walking to the beach. The walk to the beach at Sandy Hook is a long one. The first leg on boardwalk gets you to the bath house and the second leg goes across an expansive sand flatland that eventually leads to the beach.

There was a fork in the path shortly after we departed the bath house with a small sign pointing to the nude beach. Jim and I looked at each other briefly and decided, why not. We finally arrived at the beach and found a place near the surf. We saw very few people in the distance and you couldn't tell whether they had clothes on or not, it was still early.

Now I won't deny that part of my thinking when we took that fork toward the nude beach was that I thought we would be catching glimpses of gorgeous, well endowed naked babes while we were fishing that day but that was not to happen. The only people who seemed to want to get close enough for us to see were old, bald, fat men who seemed to enjoy walking right under our lines, gross!

Most of the people were discreet and put up privacy screens but there were several extended families there with everything from little kids to grandmothers, naked, gross! We continued fishing and trying not to notice what was going on. Another fisherman showed up next to me. I shared the information about what we caught and how we caught them. He was a rugged, older guy that seemed to know what he was doing. He cast out a couple rods and returned to his chair.

After a while, I reeled in my rods and freshened my bait. When I started to walk back to where I was standing, here was the fisherman who set up next to me buck naked! This was too much. I went over to Jim and said I'm out here. Jim felt the same way. We headed back to the car without seeing one gorgeous, well endowed naked babe. We had made the wrong choice at the fork in the path that day.

**GREAT WHITE OFF THE OCEAN COUNTY COAST** - Last month a 434 lb juvenile Great White named SImon was reported off the coast around Island Beach State Park. This month it's a 522 lb juvenile shark named Penny whose tracker "pinged" near the Ocean City Beach at around 6:48 AM. Penny currently measures 10 feet 3 inches long and before making her way up to Ocean City, she was first pinged on April 24 off the coast of North Carolina and May 15 off the coast of Virginia. You can track her or any tagged White Shark at <u>Shark Tracker</u>. **STINGING, CLINGING JELLYFISH RETURN TO JERSEY SHORE** - If Great Whites weren;t enough to worry about, clinging jellyfish have been spotted in waters off the Jersey Shore already this year, and these tiny creatures have a powerful sting. As beachgoers begin packing the Jersey Shore and wading in the river mouths and lagoons of Barnegat Bay, they may not see the tiny stinging jellyfish that make their home there — but they sure will feel a sting!

Clinging jellyfish have been spotted in Cape May and the Barnegat Bay already this year. The non-native species, first confirmed in New Jersey in 2016, delivers a powerful sting, and the presence of the jellyfish has been monitored since then by the state DEP. Monitoring in 2021 began in late May, but so far the number of clinging jellyfish found at the Shore, from the Shrewsbury River to the Forked River, has been low. <u>A map maintained by the state DEP</u> shows where clinging jellyfish have been confirmed.

The clinging jellyfish, a native of the Pacific Ocean, is small and very difficult to spot in the water. They range from the size of a dime to about the size of a quarter and have a distinctive red, orange or violet cross across their middle. They are not known to inhabit ocean beaches or other sandy areas but tend to attach to submerged aquatic vegetation and algae in back bays and estuaries. Sea nettles, another type of jellyfish with a less powerful sting, are common in Barnegat Bay but are much larger. They prey on clinging jellyfish.

VHFC 2023 FLUKE TOURNAMENT - The seventh annual VHFC fluke tournament will be on Saturday July 15th with a rain date on Sunday the 16th. The details are on the next page. Please complete the form and send it in with your check to VHFC PO Box 1026 Manahawkin, NJ 08050 ASAP. Better yet, sign up and pay at our June meeting. All entrance fees will be awarded as prizes. VHFC will provide the BBQ (burgers, dogs, soft drinks) at Mill Creek park but we need to get an accurate headcount so we can buy the food! At a minimum, let me or Pat Presutto know if you plan on attending and how many will be in your group.

The same rules for the Fluke Tournament apply as with all our contests. You must be fishing from Ocean County on land or from a boat that departs and returns to Ocean County. For the tournament, you can fish from the beach or off a jetty, by boat or kayak, on a party boat or even on a charter.

If there are members looking to jump on someone's boat. Please let me know and I will let folks know. So far, only Bob Dodds has made it known that he is looking for a spot. I may also be looking for a vacancy. My boat is still awaiting a fuel injector with the latest promised delivery 21 June!

#### VHFC 2023 FLUKE TOURNAMENT Saturday, July 15, 2023



Once again, VHFC will hold our 7th fluke tournament for members, family and their friends. Following the tournament, the club will sponsor a BBQ for tournament entrants to be held at the Beach Haven West Pavilion located on Mill Creek Rd. VHFC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, soda and water. Please feel free to bring your favorite side dish to share.

The tournament entry fee is \$20.00 per person, which includes the BBQ for the member and their spouse and non-member fishing participants. Members and non-member participants may invite a guest(s) to attend the BBQ, but each guest, 13 years old or older, must pay \$10.00. All tournament entry fee money will be paid out as prize money.

#### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

- Entry Fee \$20.00 per person
- Date Saturday July 15, 2023 (Rain date Sunday July 16)
- Time 12:01 AM to 5:00 PM
- Where From the surf or boat leaving / returning to an Ocean County port.
- Weigh In BHW Pavilion from 4:30 5:00 PM. One entry per person.
- Prizes 1<sup>st</sup> Place = 50% of prize money 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 30% 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 20%

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MONTHLY RECIPE SUBMITTED by Bill Dabney NJ Flounder Mediterranean Style

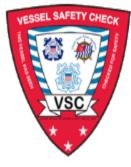
#### Ingredients

- 1/2 to 1 lb fluke filets or whatever type fish you have on hand
- 1 cup Jasmine rice cooked per package directions
- 3 ribs celery sliced
- 6 cloves garlic thinly sliced
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 15 oz can tomatoes
- 3 4 cups spinach fresh or frozen & squeezed dry
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> black(or your favorite) olives
- 1/2 teaspoon salt or more
- 1/2 teaspoons paprika
- 1/2 teaspoons black pepper
- Lemon wedges

#### Directions

- 1) Prepare rice using vegetable stock or water
- Place olive oil. onion, celery & garlic over medium heat with a little dusting of S&P. Saute 3 minutes.
- 3) Add tomatoes and spinach. Cover and simmer over low heat for 5 minutes
- 4) Remove cover, Mix in the olives and layer fish on top. Lightly season with S&P and paprika.
- 5) Cover and simmer on low heat for 6-8 minutes until fish easily flakes.
- 6) Serve over the rice for a nice dinner with lemon wedges.

Note: When I (Ed V) made this as shown in the photo, I added  $\sim \frac{1}{4}$  cup white wine to the onion celery mixture and reduced it down, just before proceeding to Step #3. I also served the fish with a light drizzle of EVOO on top.



**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.

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 <u>http://www.vhfishingclub.com</u> 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 @ <u>edvalitutto@gmail.com</u> 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 4 reports submitted since the May Newsletter.

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That's Bob Dodds, Ed V and non member Boston Bob on a Brett Taylor charter. We fished the back end of High Bar along LBI under very challenging 20+ knot winds. Despite spray and brutal winds, we boxed our three-man limit of fluke with 9 keepers up to 22.5 inches. Lots of feisty throwbacks from 15 1/2" to just under 17". Fun time as always with a knowledgeable captain.



Marty Friedrich went out on a solo half day fishing trip on May 14th. Despite a little rain off & on throughout the trip, Marty caught 3 fluke – one at 19", one at 20" and a slot at 17 1/2". He released the 19" and still enjoyed a good morning on the water.



Ed V and Alan Goracy decided to fish the Middle Grounds on Memorial Day. Unfortunately, there was no drift, so we decided to go up by Morrisons fuel dock (now Queen City Marina) where we felt the narrow channel would give us more drift. We were right on! Drift speed was .8 to 1.2 mph. We made several drifts down to the BHYC fuel docks before heading back up to Morrisons.

Over 3 hours we caught 5 fish. Four keeper fluke – 2 17 1/2 slots, one 18 1/2 and one 19 inch. I also caught a 20 inch bluefish. No throwbacks to deal with! We also saw a nice weakfish taken out of the hole outside the marina.



John Stuebing really struggled with NE winds and snot grass on Thursday and then, on the next day, the wind laid down but Great Bay was covered in smoke from the forest fire. John said the grass was not bad in the southern end of grassy channel and he finally managed to get one keeper out of a batch of short fish.



**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 <u>dnspendiff@netscape.net</u> 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 <u>edvalitutto@gmail.com</u> 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: <u>Buoy #44091</u>

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: <a href="http://theboatshoponline.com/">http://theboatshoponline.com/</a>

The Bass Barn: http://www.thebassbarn.com

Barnegat Fishing Hole: http://www.barnegatfishinghole.com/ubbthreads/ubbthreads.php

Animated Knots: <u>http://www.animatedknots.com/</u>

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 card6
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

The Boat Shop 10% discount with VHFC card 756 E. Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 609-597-1271