



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER October 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: 8 December 2023

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

Wow! Is it just me or does each year seem to disappear faster than the previous one? Today is November 5th and Thanksgiving is two weeks from next Thursday! Then just as quickly the holiday season will arrive that will end 2023 and usher in 2024! Well the good news is the fall fishing season has started and hopefully the fall run of striped bass will come into full swing. In the meantime, there are seabass, blackfish, porgies and the last of the summer visitors like kingfish and triggerfish to be caught. There are also some bluefish there for the taking.

This is also the season that surf fishing comes into play. Migrating stripers are making an appearance and will offer great fishing opportunities along with bluefish for those days when the waves & winds make boating difficult or you just want to spend a few hours on the beach. The LBI Surf Fishing Tournament opened on Saturday October 7th and runs through December 10th. Additional details are provided later in the Newsletter.

So far, the weather has been fairly mild but last Tuesday we saw that change. Even though most of us have the necessary winter gear, fishing in milder weather is definitely more comfortable. So pick your days or just bundle up and enjoy fishing the rest of 2023. Besides, there's nothing like a tog or striper served alongside that holiday turkey!

There is NO November meeting due to the Community Center closure for Veterans Day. Our next meeting will be at the Community Center on Friday December 8th. **This is our pizza meeting!** So come on out and enjoy a few slices while you swap fishing stories with fellow anglers. We do not schedule a speaker for our last meeting but for the third year in a row, Phil Simon will have a slide show of all our VHFC photos taken in 2023 from your fishing reports and our special events. Be sure to attend and provide your colorful comments for a fun final meeting for this year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting but continue to make the most of the fall season. As always, be sure to take a photo of your catch for our FOM / FOY awards and submit a report of your success for others to enjoy.

Ed

UPCOMING NEAR TERM EVENTS

NOVEMBER MEETING - Canceled due to CC Veterans Day closure

DECEMBER 8 MEETING - Pizza Meeting with 2023 Photo Show

MANDATORY WINTER PFD WEAR - Just another reminder - A USCG approved life jacket is required to be worn at all times, outside of a cabin on a boat under 26 feet during the cold-water months from 1 November to 1 May while underway. Underway is defined as "not at anchor, aground, or made fast to shore." Drifting, spot-locked, and trolling would all be considered underway in the eyes of the new regulation.

NEW JERSEY JCAA & FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon - At the general meeting on Tuesday Oct 31st, the JCAA board and club reps present decided to support a call by the Hi-Mar Striper Club to suspend all work on the wind farms until all their "questions" about the impacts on marine life were answered. Exactly what questions need to be answered was not specified, but several of the members were concerned about the whale die-offs and beaching. The commercial fishing lobby started promoting the idea last year that the survey methods being used by the wind farm companies were responsible for the whale deaths, without any data or evidence to back up this assertion. What data there is shows that a significant portion (40%) of the whale deaths are caused either by ship collisions or net entanglement. Whale die-offs have been occurring long before the wind farms came on the scene and will continue after as well. There

are definitely issues regarding the wind farms related to potential impacts on sea life, ocean currents, fish migration and other issues, but the whale issue is a red herring - pardon the pun.

In any event, after the vote was taken (I abstained) we learned that Orsted, one of the primary wind farm companies, had just announced it was ceasing all construction and investment in the Ocean Wind I and II projects, primarily for financial reasons. These two projects are the ones off of Atlantic City, and were the most advanced in NJ. It is not clear what impact this will have on the other wind projects off NJ, of which there are several including Atlantic Shores and Empire Wind. *See article later in the Newsletter*

Regulatory Update

Some alphabet soup to start the review of the regulatory issues of the day. I promised last month to update you on the recent meetings of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), which are the two federal agencies responsible for managing the fish stocks off the Atlantic coast. Fortunately, or unfortunately the recent MAMFC meeting did not report any major decisions regarding recreational fishing, and the recent ASMFC meeting has yet to issue a summary report. Many of the fish that we target as recreational fishermen are managed by one or the other of these two agencies, such as Tautog (ASMFC), Bluefish (MAMFC), or jointly managed by boards comprised of members of the two agencies, including the Atlantic Striped Bass board and the combined Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board.

All of these boards are responsible for their respective Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), which set the policies and procedures for the management of each species, and which guide the management teams in setting yearly quotas and other management measures. Once overall quotas and suggested bag and size limits are developed, usually in the Fall or Winter months, the states are then responsible for setting specific season, size and bag limits for each species. In our case it's the NJ Marine Fisheries Council (NJMFC), which advises the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on setting NJ fishing regulations. Recently, Joe Cimino, who is currently head of the NJDEP, was elected as the new Chair of the ASMFC, which means now that NJ has an even stronger representation at this important commission. Up front on his agenda will be the upcoming re-calibration of the recreational fishing effort and harvest data derived by the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Fishing Effort Survey (FES). **You may remember that it was recently discovered that the FES had been possibly over-estimating the recreational catch (all species) and that additional studies are now planned for 2024 to determine if the initial findings were correct and if a new survey needs to be designed.** Don't expect any answers until 2025 and if changes are needed, they would not appear until 2026. So, in the meantime we will continue to be subject to tighter fishing limits based on potentially faulty data collection methods. And you

can expect the commercial sector to fight any indication that recreational fishing limits or quotas will improve, as this is a zero-sum game and they would lose if we gain.

The Current Situation with Atlantic Striped Bass.

You may have seen in The Fishermen a report on the recently released results of the Maryland Young of the Year Striped Bass Survey, which showed yet another poor year of recruitment for the Atlantic Striped Bass stock. This survey, which employs teams of scientists, students and volunteers using nets to sample the waters of the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay, looks for juvenile striped bass that will eventually join the stock. The results are reported as a relative index number from 0 to 60, with the average of the last 69 years being 11.1.

Unfortunately, this year's results were reported as 1.0. There are other surveys yet to be reported, including the important Virginia survey, but this is certainly very bad news for the striped bass stock, which has been in a slow decline since 2005.

Therefore, I don't see any relief from the current extremely tight size and bag limits coming any time soon, and it could get worse (see below). Keep in mind that the stock is not yet at such a low level as was seen prior to the 1980's moratorium, but the trends have been going in the wrong direction. Most frustrating is that fishing pressure is most likely not the cause of the poor recruitment we have been seeing, but rather the poor conditions in the waters of the estuaries that serve as nurseries for the striped bass and other species. There are plenty of gravid females, and a strong supply of striped bass fry produced in most years. They simply don't survive their first year of life to grow and join the stock. Likely causes include weather and climate conditions that reduce the plankton and other food the young fish require, oxygen-depleted "dead zones" caused by nutrient-rich farm-runoff that induces algae blooms and eutrophication, and invasive fish species that feed on juvenile fish. Keeping harvest levels at their already record low may help to preserve what we have, but this is unlikely to provide a solution to the poor recruitment problem.

The Striped Bass Board is a slave to the regulations however and must use the only tools they have to respond to the declining striped bass stock, which results in ever more strict harvest limits. They are also trying to figure out how to reduce the high dead discard numbers in the recreational fishery, but options are few. I expect reduced seasons in some areas, but these are currently not being considered. The only good news that I have seen is that the Hudson River stock of striped bass appears to be doing quite nicely, as the water conditions there have been greatly improved over the last 30 years or so. Also good to hear was the report of record numbers of menhaden and bay anchovy found in the Chesapeake survey, which are important sources of food for older juveniles and adults.

The Striped Bass Management Board has just issued its latest proposal for dealing with striped bass regulations. You can read this doc by going to the ASMFC home page and looking under the breaking news section [Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission](#). We have until December 22 to provide our comments to the striped bass board. In a nutshell the current data indicate that we are not on track to restoring the stock by 2029 as required under Magnusen-Stevens, based on the more recent levels of striped bass harvest and discard mortality. A number of options are presented for achieving a 14.5% reduction in harvest, which is what the board has calculated is needed to get the stock numbers back on track. Quite frankly, I have not had time to study this proposal yet as it was just published this morning; I hope to have some recommendations by the December club meeting and we can decide if we wish to submit our views to the board.

TWO OFFSHORE WIND FARMS CANCELED IN NEW JERSEY (Patch News Article)

OCEAN CITY, NJ — The farm originally planned to be New Jersey's first offshore wind project has officially been canceled by its developer, along with its plans for the second project. The decision to halt development of Ocean Wind 1 and Ocean Wind 2 projects was announced late Tuesday night by Danish developer Orsted, citing decisions by the company's board of directors.

Ocean Wind 1 was originally supposed to begin operation in 2025 but it was delayed until 2026 earlier this year due to supply chain delays, interest rates and insufficient tax credits. The announcement came as local opposition to offshore wind continues to grow. The Ocean Wind 1 project would have set 98 turbines off Ocean City's coast. **Atlantic Shores is the developer for the sites off LBI and is still proceeding with their efforts.**

Orsted made the announcement and revealed a 23 per cent year-on-year downturn in operating profits, with post-tax earnings falling from £2.96bn to £2.26bn for the first nine months of 2023.

ANNUAL LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC - The 69th Annual Fall Surf Fishing Tournament kicked off on October 7 and runs through December 10, 2023. That means there's 5 weeks of fishing on Long Beach Island during the prime time of the fall run for a chance at over \$25,000 in prizes for striped bass, kingfish, tog, red drum and bluefish including special prize categories for Ladies, Seniors and Juniors.

Surf City Bait and Tackle in Surf City, Jingles Bait and Tackle in Beach Haven, and Fisherman's Headquarters in Ship Bottom are the official weigh-in sites. Registration and regulations are available at all three as well as online.

Entry fees are \$30 for adults, and \$15 for junior anglers ages seventeen and under. Full details at [LBI Fall Classic](#). For all the latest daily weigh-ins and to see who has the largest fish to date, go to [Live Weigh-In Results](#). As of today, 408 anglers have entered 101 fish:

- Tog 47 entries
- Striped Bass 18 entries
- Kingfish 29 entries
- Bluefish 7 entries
- Red Drum 0 entries

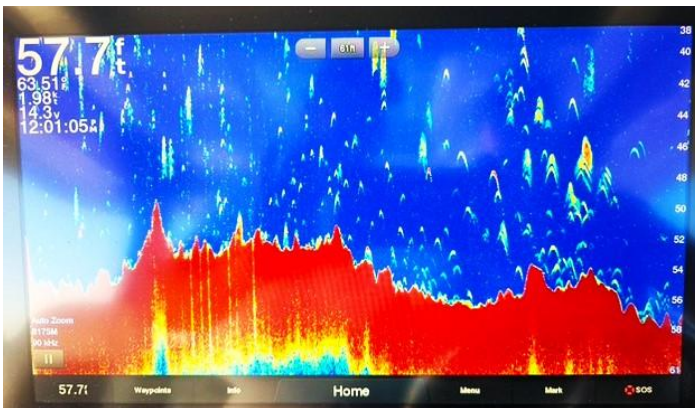
ANNUAL DINNER by Ed Valitutto - Our final 2023 club event was our annual dinner on October 18th at Kostas Grill in Tuckerton. Once again, Bill Dabney did an outstanding job coordinating the event with the owner Gus regarding the number of attendees (20+), appetizer platters for the tables and especially the fine selection of wines both provided by VHFC. Everyone Bill and I spoke with afterward definitely enjoyed the evening of good food, drink and cordial conversations with fellow members.



Despite reminding Bill, Phil and my wife, no one remembered to take or remind me to take some photos during the dinner. This post dinner photo shows me with some of the empties!

WHEN LIFE DEALS YOU LEMONS... MAKE LEMONADE - Club member Captain George Guerin has been diligently pursuing the striped bass migration in the Hudson River, a journey that amazingly began as a typical BHW house-raising tale. George's foray into the Hudson's spring run can be attributed to his contractor's significant delays in completing a project scheduled for March 2023 and surprisingly, the house remains unfinished to this day. As a Weehawken resident who lacked access to his BHW house, George found himself more or less

confined to Hudson County for the summer. To remedy this situation, he took on an additional gig chartering boats out of the Shipyard Marina in Hoboken.



For years, George had been an observant spectator, witnessing fellow fishermen and women reeling in impressive, what looked to be 10 to 40-pound striped bass from the piers of Hudson County during his fall and spring bike rides, walks, and runs. Years ago, he delved into the pages of "Striped Bass Chronicles," which revealed the Hudson River as the second-largest striped

bass estuary, trailing only behind the Chesapeake. Regrettably, George never had the opportunity to fish these waters until he was recruited by Ironstate Properties, the proprietors of the marina and charter boats.

During the spring season, the fishing adventures primarily involved anchoring near the iconic Statue of Liberty and utilizing bunker chunks as bait. Productive wreck sites and bountiful mussel beds just northeast of the statue contributed to many successful outings. This year, despite warmer waters, he enticed the bass to bite on live eels in 60 feet of water. He first spotted the fish on the sonar screen on October 6th, and by the 13th, he was consistently reeling them in. The fish seem to bite best when the current is ripping at 3 to 5 knots! While the estuary offers exceptional angling experiences, the captain must remain vigilant, skillfully navigating past ferries, tankers, cruise ships, sailboats, jet skis (yes, they are just as annoying on the Hudson) and the abundant debris that drifts downstream in the Hudson.



George operates two boats from the Marina – "Popeye," a 42-foot H&H Downeast vessel, and the recently acquired "Dona Brava," a 39-foot Bertram Center Console. Both boats are versatile, serving as platforms for fishing excursions and hosting enjoyable parties.



"Popeye" boasts Coast Guard approval for up to 20 passengers and primarily cruises inshore, while the Center Console caters to offshore fishing and inshore striper and fluke fishing for 6 passengers, in addition to the crew.

This year, the most substantial bass caught measures an impressive 38 inches, and catches have included a diverse range of species, encompassing weakfish, fluke, and bass. **If you are up in the NYC area and want to combine fishing with fantastic sightseeing, call George at 917-841-8121 or Adam at 201-232-5700.**

2023 FOM CONTESTS - Please see the following table for all FOM contests. There are presently 7 **Open contests shaded in blue**. 4 Contests closed this month. **Congratulations to this month's Winners shaded in green: Dave Spendiff White Perch, Steve Scharaldi Weakfish, Dave Puzak Blowfish and Phil Kaplan Kingfish.**

2023 Bill Figley Young Angler FOM Awards (4)

1	1 April - 30 September No Entry to Date	White Perch
2	1 June - 30 September Hunter Mayo 9"	Blowfish
3	1 June - 30 September Mila Ellis 13"	Kingfish
4	2 May - 27 September Braddock Cline 18 3/4"	Fluke

2023 Regular FOM Awards (26)

1	15 March - 30 June Dave Puzak 37 3/4"	Striped Bass
2	15 March - 30 June (Surf Only) Pat Presutto 37 3/4"	Striped Bass
3	15 March - 30 September Brian Leary 26 3/4"	Bluefish
4	15 March - 30 September (Surf Only) Pat Presutto 31 1/2"	Bluefish
5	15 March - 30 June Dave Spendiff 14 1/4"	White Perch
6	1 April - 30 June Tyler Leary 27 1/4"	Weakfish
7	1 April - 31 October Dave Puzak 11"	Blowfish
8	1 April - 31 October Phil Kaplan 13 3/4"	Kingfish
9	1 April - 31 December Ron Nachmann leads 37 1/2"	Red or Black Drum
10	1 - 30 April & 1 Aug - 30 Sept Marty Friedrich 22 1/4"	Blackfish
11	2 May - 30 June John Barrett 24 1/2"	Fluke
12	2 May - 27 September (Surf Only) Cheri Hebert 22 1/2"	Fluke
13	17 May - 19 June Bill Figley 21 1/4"	Seabass
14	1 - 31 July Marty Friedrich 24 1/2"	Fluke
15	1 - 31 July Marty Friedrich 20 1/2"	Seabass
16	1 July - 31 October Dave Spendiff 13 1/2"	White Perch
17	1 July - 31 October Steve Scharaldi 19"	Weakfish
18	1 - 31 August Alan Goracy 24"	Fluke
19	1 - 31 August Brian Leary 18 1/4"	Seabass
20	1 - 27 September Cheri Hebert 25"	Fluke
21	1 Oct - 31 Dec	Bluefish
22	1 Oct - 31 Dec (Surf Only)	Bluefish
23	1 Oct - 31 Dec Marty Friedrich leads 26"	Striped Bass
24	1 Oct - 31 Dec (Surf Only)	Striped Bass
25	1 Oct - 31 Dec Marty Friedrich leads 20"	Blackfish
26	1 Oct - 31 Dec Pat Presutto leads 19"	Seabass

2023 FOM ENTRIES - Here's our list of recent 2023 entries since last month's Newsletter. Go to [VHFC Standings](#) for the complete list of entries.

10-01-23	Blowfish	10 3/4"	Bill Figley	Holgate
10-03-23	Seabass	19"	Pat Presutto	Wreck 12 miles out
10-03-23	Seabass	17 1/2"	Bill Figley	AC Reef
10-18-23	Striped Bass	26"	Marty Friedrich	Mullica River
10-18-23	Blackfish	17 3/4"	Brian Leary	Barnegat Inlet
10-28-23	White Perch	13 1/2"	Dave Spendiff	BHW Lagoon
11-03-23	Blackfish	20"	Marty Friedrich	Wreck

Be sure to check out the following photos! Correction - Last month I credited Dave Puzak for the catfish shown. Nick Della Fave actually caught it. Sorry Nick!



That's Bill Dabney's Step-Grandson

Kevin with a couple of lovely Stripers caught up in the Sandy Hook area. Kevin you may recall also won the 'Other' prize on our Bottom Fishing trip with a nice fat Bonito.



Dave Spendiff managed a day of freshwater fishing last week in the Swimming River Reservoir in Monmouth County. Dave was fishing for crappie with a 1/16 oz. jig and 1 1/4" chartreuse grub on 6lb fluorocarbon line. What a surprise when the largemouth bass hit!

Dave estimates the bass was 4 1/2+ lbs and ~20".



Those are Marty's hands holding a bluefish for FOM entry. Weighmaster Pat ruled it a No Go since Bluefish must be 14" to the center of the fork. Next time Marty!



Marty's Bonus Striper at 26" leads so far. If you look closely, you'll see the tag attached per F&G rules. Marty's latest FOM entry below - a 20" Blackfish on a jig!



TOG ON THE BULKHEAD by Ed Valitutto - Having heard about the good tog fishing at Barnegat Light, I finally decided to give it a try. Wow - what a pleasant surprise. It's really accessible, relatively snag free and yields great results most days.



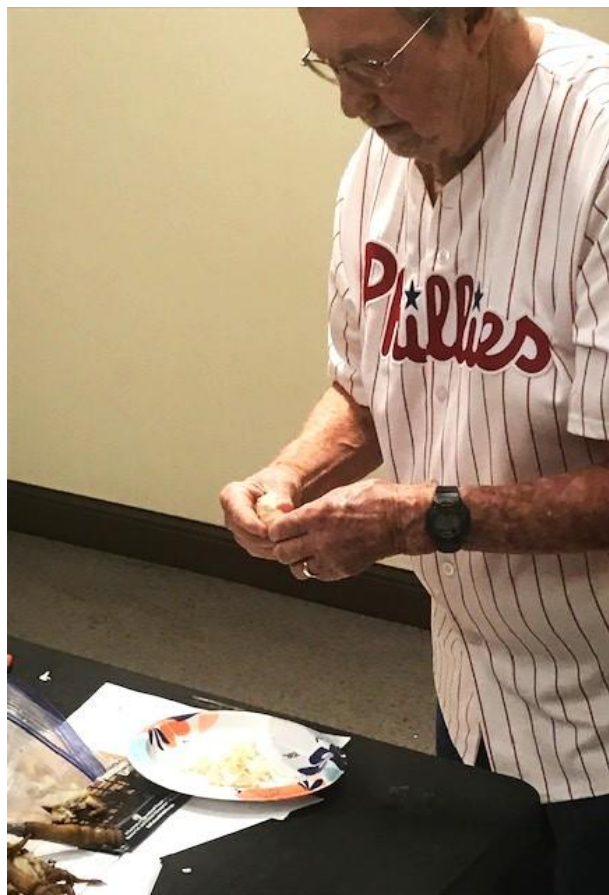
The left photo shows where I park near Andy's restaurant. Many people fish the bulkhead closest to it but use at least 4 - 5 oz sinkers to keep from sliding and snagging. I prefer near the three benches or along the bulkhead shown in the right photo using 2 - 3 oz sinkers. You can also fish along the condo docks or head out towards Ol' Barney and beyond on the rocks.



That's my 5th 16" keeper in 12 trips! John Stuebing joined me and he got a nice 16" fish. Shown are the sand fleas from FHQ for \$12 per pint which lasts me for 3 - 4 trips when stored in the fridge or I use green crabs at \$6/doz. I saw folks catching on shrimp and Bill Figley swears by salted clam. A loop for your sinker with a dropper loop 4-6" above for your hook is all you need. Give it a try for an easy

fishing trip. BTW, I netted a 20" tog for a nearby fisherman so there are some really nice fish there. When you can't get out by boat and until the surf heats up, this is a great alternative!

OCTOBER SPEAKER JIM HUTCHINSON SR - It's always a fun time when Jim Hutchinson Sr speaks at our meeting. Last month Jim shared his crabbing secrets which he avidly pursues.



Not only did Jim share how to catch crabs, he showed us his technique for cleaning them! He is amazingly fast and claims he often does it while watching TV. Jim Hutch Jr told me that sneaking a few morsels of meat while dad was cleaning was a definite No No!

Jim also treated the attendees to his wonderful crab appetizer. Cover a block of cream cheese with your favorite cocktail sauce. Then place your lump crab meat on top. Add some crackers and an adult beverage - this is as simple and delicious as can be.

Thank you Jim!

MONTHLY RECIPE - FISH AMATRICIANA by Ed Valitutto - This is a variation of Cod Amatriciana with Potato Gnocchi that appeared in OTW magazine. Amatriciano is the name of an Italian sauce from the village of Amatrice using guanciale (cured unsmoked pig jowl) as its main flavoring. Pancetta can be used or even bacon but that will impart a slight smoke flavor.

Ingredients:

- 1 lb Cod, tog, striper or any thicker white fish fillets**
- 2 TBSP olive oil divided**
- 4 oz guanciale, pancetta or bacon chopped**
- Small bunch parsley chopped**
- 1- 2 TSP oregano or use fresh if you have it**
- 6 leaves basil chopped**
- 1 onion finely chopped**
- Salt, black pepper and red pepper flakes**
- 1 28 oz can whole tomatoes crushed by hand**
- Pasta, gnocchi, rice, couscous or whatever you prefer**
- Wine - white or red optional**

Directions:

1. Lightly season fish with olive oil, salt, black pepper and oregano. Set aside.
2. Heat 1 TBSP olive oil in a pan. Add pancetta or guanciale or bacon and cook 3 - 4 minutes until crisp. Add onion and cover pan until it softens ~3 minutes.
3. Add parsley, garlic, basil, tomatoes and their juice and 1/2 cup water or wine.
4. Add salt and red pepper flakes to taste. Bring to a boil and then simmer uncovered for 25 - 30 minutes until sauce thickens a bit. Pour into a bowl.
5. Wipe out the pan and heat 1 TBSP olive oil. When hot, add fish and sear 3-4 minutes per side depending on thickness or until starting to flake.
6. Cook your pasta, rice, gnocchi, couscous or use cooked diced potatoes. Put on a plate and add a good amount of sauce. Place fish on top.
7. 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 reports using the simple form on the pull down menu. If you do not feel comfortable using the form, please email Ed Valitutto @ edvalitutto@gmail.com or call 609 994 1311 and 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 8 reports since the October Newsletter.



Hard work paid off for John Stuebing and Ed V on John's 28' Parker hitting various wrecks off Holgate. We worked equally hard on my boat *Set The Hook* at GSN for a partial limit with a few porgies thrown in.





My third trip to the BL bulkhead yielded my first 16" keeper tog! As described in my article earlier in the NL, this is fun, easy fishing. I usually only fish for 2 - 3 hours. Most days the action is non stop with every cast resulting in a hit with either a miss or a fish. If nothing happens after a few minutes, your bait was stolen!



John Stuebing and Ed V made their first striper trip but had nothing to show for it. Despite finding schools of bunker there were no predators bothering them!

Heavy bottom returns turned out to be small weakfish that inhaled any jig dropped down to them.

There's always next time!

As it turned out, 'next time' a few days later was a fantastic journey north of BI traversing the length of IBSP, passing the 'wheel' at Seaside Heights and continuing on to Ortley Beach and finally to Lavallette. My log recorded almost 60 miles! What we found along the way were massive schools of bunker fairly close to the beach with a few schools of smaller bait that brought out the birds.

Bunker on every cast but unfortunately every drop brought out packs of marauding dogfish - hence their name - AKA Atlantic Spiny Dogfish. These critters are a real PITA!



Yeah I know, you're sick of seeing my photo. Then please send in your own reports! Even my wife complains about having to take my photo.

Anyway, this was my third keeper. All have been 16" but I have seen fish caught up to 20" which I netted for a stranger. Tide doesn't seem to matter and they hit sand fleas and crabs equally well.



Bayside Dave Edelman was up in the Sandy Hook area with some pals catching quality bass in the 36" range using 6" pencil poppers. Dave was lucky enough to land this 47" cow that had to be close to 50 lbs. Dave, recently recovered from a broken ankle, said it took all I had to land this beast. He revived it in the surf, and it kicked away and swam off strongly.



Dave Spendiff bought a used 10' Jon boat to fish in the lagoons near his house for white perch and decided to put it in the lagoon for a test run. Of course, he brought his rods and reels. After a few bumps, he downsized his jig and hooked what felt like a bigger fish. But it got off! Next cast he caught the 13.5" white perch shown. It was good enough for a FOM award and was released to fight another day.

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.



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 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 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®ion=5>

Fisherman's Headquarters: <http://www.fishermansheadquarters.com/>

The Boat Shop: <http://theboatshoponline.com/>

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

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

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

Long Beach Island Water Temperature & Winds:
<https://seatemperature.info/long-beach-island-water-temperature.html>

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

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280 West 9th St, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008
609-494-5739

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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

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