



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER June 2024

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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 7:00; Meeting begins at 7:15 PM

Next meeting: 14 June 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

Well the first of our three major summer holidays, Memorial Day, is behind us. So enjoy the remaining 11 days of spring before summer officially arrives on Thursday June 20th. And that means the summer craziness will soon follow. Restaurants, roads, parking spots, waterways, beaches and stores will all be a lot more crowded with the summer shore season underway. So allow a little more time and patience to get things done. As far as our spring goes, thinking back over the past two plus months, this spring 2024 has been as cold and windy as any I can remember. Let's hope things change and the summer weather is closer to the normal conditions we usually experience.

Fishing wise, this spring has had more high notes than low ones. Based on club reports, number of weigh-ins (36 for May) and reading the many local reports, fishing overall has been decent. Tog fishing was hot in April, Drum were very plentiful this year, Bass were around for a while and Bluefish returned for some boat and surf fun. Several Weakfish were also caught.

Fluke, Sea Bass and White Perch got off to a slow start but lets hope their catching improves before long. All you can do is persevere and keep fishing. That's my plan since despite many trips, all I have is one keeper fluke, two blues and 6 sea bass caught on our bottom trip! Bay water temperatures are already near 70 with the surf at 68 and the ocean temp reported 15 miles out of BI at 11:00 AM today via [Station 44091](#) is 66.9 with wave heights of 3.6'. So make the most of our short season!

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone on June 14th at our next meeting. Once again, **meetings start at 7:15!** As always, be sure to take a photo of your catch for our awards and submit a report for others to enjoy and learn where the fish are biting.

Ed

UPCOMING VHFC EVENTS - For your long term planning and participation.

JUNE 14 CLUB MEETING - Doors open at 7:00 PM

JULY 13 FLUKE TOURNAMENT / BBQ - Great day for family fun and fishing competition

JULY 27 / 28 TRI-CLUB FLUKE TOURNAMENT / BBQ - Compete against anglers from Fish Hawks and Forked River clubs for the largest 5 club fluke

FALL DINNER - Great time at Kostas Grill in Tuckerton No date yet

OCTOBER 8 BOTTOM FISHING TRIP - On the spacious Mary M IV out of Barnegat Light

JUNE SPEAKER Greg Cudnik, **FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS & FISH HEAD**

CHARTERS - If you have not attended one of Greg's seminars before, get ready for more tips on fishing Barnegat Bay than you can manage to write down. Primarily a light tackle fisherman, Greg's guide service is in high demand. Greg is very knowledgeable and willing to share information. You can also catch Greg's weekly fishing report and forecast on YouTube or at [FishingLBI.com](#).



That's Jenni Ackerman from *The Fisherman* at our May meeting explaining her technique for catching larger fluke.

NEW JERSEY FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon - Bluefish are on my mind, as they appear to be doing their annual rampage in Barnegat Bay. But do you understand what's happening to the management of that stock? Because I don't, and I'm on the Mid Atlantic Marine Fishery Council Bluefish Advisory Panel. Currently the stock is classified as not overfished, with no overfishing, yet the rebuilding program, which resulted in our current 3 fish limit, will continue until the "target" is reached. The target is based on some dubious numbers determined years ago based on guesstimates of what the ideal stock size should be. And the current estimates of stock size and harvest are based using data from the now infamous "new MRIP", which is currently under review and retesting after strong indications that the system may be overestimating the recreational catch.

This is the data that triggered the change from 15 fish to 3 just a few years back, and the initiation of the rebuilding program. Mind you, this is a management program that allows the harvest of juvenile fish. Every other fishery has a minimum size, so why not this one? Did you know that half the recreational catch comes from 1 – 2 lb fish harvested in Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina, primarily from the beach? The average fish in Georgia is 0.8 lbs! Seems to be a southern specialty. A similar size pattern is seen in the commercial catch, where NC accounts for almost half of the total. Of course, like all the stocks, bluefish are changing their migration patterns due to climate change-induced increases in ocean temperatures, with a resultant shift in the population center more to the north and east to cooler waters during the summer season.

The people on the advisory panel from New England talk of routine catches of 10 lb fish, which appear to be plentiful up there. The average bluefish in Massachusetts is 8.4 lb!. They never understood the reasoning for a restriction on harvest and a rebuilding program. Also interesting is the apparent dividing line between NJ and NY, where the average sizes are 1.8 and 4.7 lbs, respectively. I wonder how the big fish know to avoid NJ? Or are we catching lots of snappers for use as bait? No one seems to know. I've asked every year for the last 3 years of my time on the panel. What we do know is that the overall recreational harvest of bluefish is at an all time low, but the spawning stock biomass (SSB) has remained fairly constant for the last 30 years, suggesting that the regulatory program has had little impact on the biology. So if there is a problem with the bluefish stock, which I doubt, it's not due to fishing pressure. At least that's my opinion.

VHFC needs a new representative to the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA). Would you like to volunteer? It only requires attending and reporting back on the monthly meetings (except July and August), which are held at the Jersey Coast Shark Anglers building in Brick on the last Tuesday of month at 7:30 pm. You can attend via Zoom, but I recommend going in-person as you can't always hear the discussions using the zoom sessions. JCAA needs some new blood; most of the board members are 75+, and some fresh insight and opinions would be healthy for this organization. They are one of only a few remaining recreational fishing organizations left in

NJ that strive to impact legislation and fishery regulations, as well as support youth and veterans in the state. Let me or someone on our board know if you are interested.

SOCIAL MEDIA by Bayside Dave Etelman - VHFC now has a Facebook page and an Instagram account. You can find them by searching "Village Harbour Fishing Club" on both platforms. For your convenience, both links are provided [VHFC FB Site](#) and [VHFC Instagram](#). Both sites are starting to gain followers; our FB site has 75 followers with each post reaching 2,000 people and our Instagram account has 32 followers. Our club accounts will be regularly sharing what we do within the club, including the dates and times of our events and monthly meetings. We will also be sharing pictures and stories of our members fishing outings, as well as tips for fishing and boating.

As a follower of these platforms you can be interactive with the posts by sharing your thoughts, ideas and pictures in the comments. It's important to Like and Comment on each post to help boost distribution.

Here's a recent post from our Bottom Trip on Mary M IV



WEST MARINE PRO ACCOUNT by John Stuebing - Our West Marine Pro Team Account has been activated. Our Account number is **110779699**. You have to be signed up as a member of the Pro Team to receive discounts. I will have a sign-up sheet at our June Meeting.



You must provide both your name and e-mail to be able to shop both in store and on-line. Several members have contacted me about using the Pro Team Account for discounts. The feedback has been good so far. It appears that the only name set up on the account is mine. I contacted Josh (our West Marine Rep) and he is working on this. When you go to a West Marine Store, make sure you have the account number above. The store should be able to see the account in their system. Let me know if you encounter any problems. Several members who have

used the discount have been very happy with the results.

TRI-CLUB FLUKE TOURNAMENT by John Stuebing - As discussed at the last meeting, we have been invited to participate in a Tri-Club Fluke Challenge comprised of Village Harbour versus Fish Hawks versus Forked River Tuna Club. The dates for this Tournament will be Saturday 7/27/24 for Fishing and Sunday 7/28/24 for the Awards Picnic. See more details below:

- There is no entry fee for this Tournament but only active Members of each Club are eligible. The Tournament is sponsored by Creekside Outfitters.
- Anglers can bring Family and/or Friends to the Picnic. The Picnic will be held at the Forked River Tuna Club facility. There is both indoor and outdoor seating available and there will be a cash bar. The cost of the Picnic is \$5.00 per person. Kids under 12 are free. The Picnic gets started at 1:00PM.
- All Fluke must be weighed in at Creekside Outfitters in Waretown. The top **10** Fluke for each Fishing Club will be counted toward the Club Championship. There will also be individual awards (Gift Certificates to Creek Side Outfitters) for the Largest Fluke: \$100, 2nd Place: \$50, 3rd - 6th Place: \$25. I will make arrangements to pick up fish in the Tuckerton/LEH area **at Scott's Bait & Tackle**, tag the fish and then run them up to Creekside. The fish will be returned at the picnic.
- I started a sign-up sheet at the last meeting and will have it available again at the June Meeting. You can send me an e-mail if you would like to sign up for the Tournament and/or Picnic. I also need to know the number of people you will be bringing to the Picnic. We will start collecting the \$5.00 for the Picnic at the June Meeting.
- The winning Club will be presented a Trophy at the Picnic!

This event can be a lot of fun and offer an opportunity to meet new people with a common interest. I am confident that Village Harbour will have Bragging Rights and bring home the Trophy!

BOTTOM FISHING ON THE MARY M IV by Phil Simon- Thirty three VHFC members sailed with Captain Sam (Rescigno) for a bottom fishing trip back on Tuesday, May 21, on the 62' Mary M IV, Barnegat Light's largest charter boat. The weather was great and a good time was had by all. We caught Sea Bass and Ling with a few Tog thrown in and even a couple of Conger eels (ugh). Everyone had a nice bag of filets to bring home. Congratulations to pool winners Boston Bob Long (Sea Bass) and Jerry Nichols (Ling). Let's repeat the fun on the October 8th Fall Trip.



That's Pat Presutto, Ed V, John Barrett and Dave Puzak on the ride to the fishing grounds

ROD N' REEL RAFFLE by Ed Valitutto - Hey folks, Our first rod and reel raffle - Shimano Talavera Inshore 7' Medium Action rod with a Penn Fierce IV 3000 - will be held at our June meeting. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20 and are available at the meeting. We will also start our next raffle details TBD for a September drawing. Get in on the action and buy your tickets!

NEW MEMBERS by Ed Valitutto - VHFC has worked hard at recruiting new members. Last month we welcomed 27 new members. This month, I am pleased to welcome 9 additional members bringing our membership for 2024 to 112! Our new members for May are:

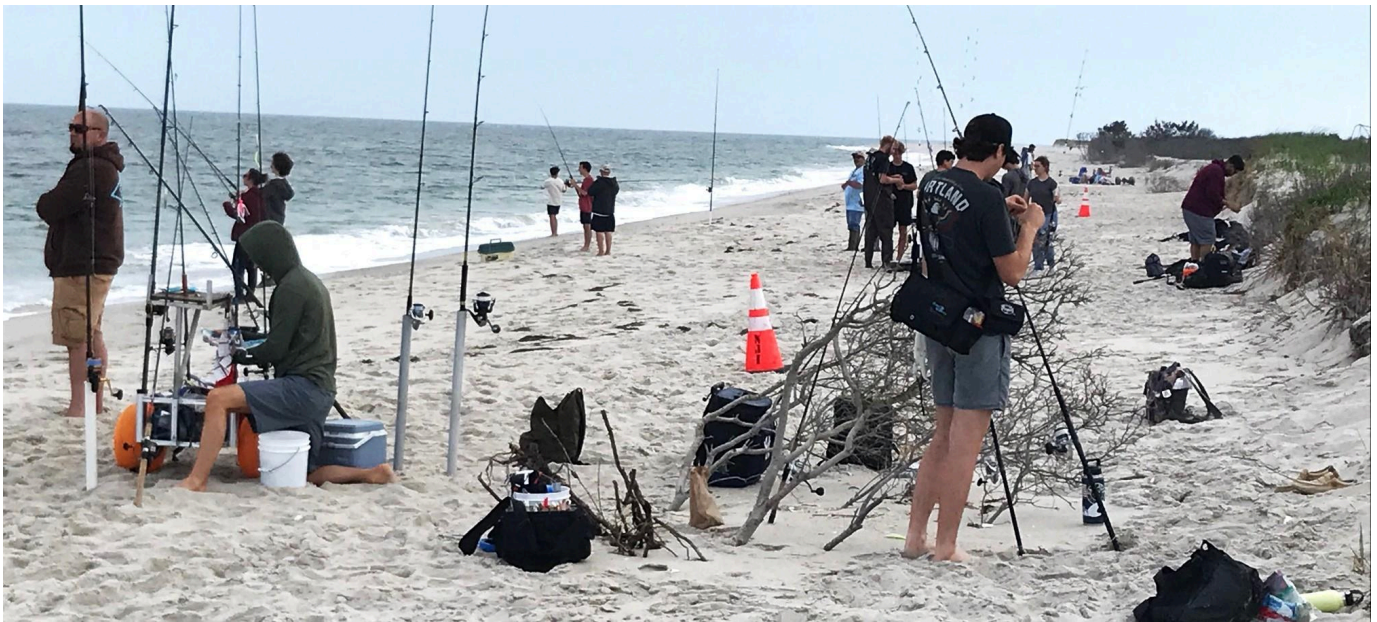
Michael Giuliana, Wil Kresge, Michael Matthews, John Murphy, Mark Norell, David Robinson, Charles Tortorella, John Werkheiser and John Wittlieb.

Welcome and I hope you enjoy your membership. If I missed anyone, my sincere apologies and please let me know.

BATTLE ON THE BEACH by Ed Valitutto - This year's annual high school surf fishing contest was held on June 5th in Barnegat Light. Weather was perfect for the four high schools (Southern

Regional, Barnegat, Lacey Township and MATES Academy) competing for the right to display the coveted trophy in their school lobby and a \$1,000 scholarship provided by the LBI Surf Fishing Committee. VHFC's Bob Massa is the Tournament Director and 8 VHFC members (Bill Bond, Chuck Dishian, Jeff Orsoe, Pat Presutto, Phil Simon, John Stuebing, Ed Valitutto & Mike Woodrow) did the measuring and recording of the catch at each station. Thank you everyone!

This year it was all fluke with a few dogs in the mix, but the kids had a blast. Despite the cold water and south winds, they were all soaked by the final horn. Once again Southern Regional took the honors with an impressive 414 inches of Fluke including the one lone keeper of 21".



The above photo shows preparations before the opening horn as the kids get ready to hit the suds!

Final Tally was Southern 414", Lacey 175", Mates 161.5" and Barnegat 15".

Left photo shows SRHS Tanyon Borg with his tournament leading 21" keeper Fluke.

VHFC 2024 FLUKE TOURNAMENT - The VHFC Fluke Tournament will be held on the Saturday in July following the Friday club meeting. This year's event will be held on July 13th with the 14th as a rain date. Entry fee is \$20 per angler with all monies returned in prizes. Following the contest, VHFC will host a picnic / BBQ at the Mill Creek Pavilion for entrants and their guests. Please fill out the form VHFC Fluke Tournament and send it with your check to VHFC, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ 08050. Forms will also be available at the June meeting.



Unlike our other contests, all entered fish will be weighed on a digital scale by Weighmaster Pat Presutto at Mill Creek Park from 4:30 to 5:00 PM.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- **Entry Fee** – \$20.00 per person
- **Date** – Saturday July 13, 2023 (Rain date - Sunday July 14)
- **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** – **1st Place** = 50% of prize money **2nd Place** = 30% **3rd Place** = 20%

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SIGN UP SHEET

Name: _____ Phone: _____

VHFC Member Will spouse attend BBQ? Y N 1 X \$20.00 = _____

Non - VHFC participant Will attend BBQ? Y N 1 X \$20.00 = _____

Non Fishing Guest(s) attending BBQ # ____ X \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL = _____

PHOTO OF THE MONTH by Phil Simon & Jerry Nichols New for 2024 is a photo contest held each month. Rules are simple and available on our website [What's New](#). Basically, send in your photos (Member Reports pics are automatically included) for monthly bragging rights and a chance to win a \$50 certificate randomly drawn in November. Photos not submitted as part of a member fishing report should be texted or emailed to Phil Simon: Text: 908-656-4086; email: sciman2@gmail.com. This month's winner is below.



That's Junior Member Mallory Figley holding a beautiful 7 lb Tog and smiling despite having to release her catch!

Mallory and sister Alexa were out on GSN reef with dad Nathan and grandpop Bill for a fun day of Sea Bass, Ling and Tog catching.

Nice Work Mallory!

Fish of the Month (FOM) - The largest fish caught during the specified period will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to a local tackle shop. For 2024, there are 29 FOM adult awards and 5 Junior Angler Only awards each for a \$50 certificate. **Open contests are shaded Green**, with Leaders

Junior Angler FOM Contests

Month	Species	Name	Size
1 April – 30 September	White Perch	No Entry	

1 April – 30 September	Bluefish	No Entry
1 June – 30 September	Kingfish	No Entry
1 June – 30 September	Blowfish	No Entry
4 May – 25 September	Fluke	No Entry

Adult Angler FOM Contests

Month	Species	Name	Size
1 March – 30 June	Striped Bass	Bob Dodds Leads	30 7/8"
1 March – 30 June (Surf Only)	Striped Bass	Pat Presutto Leads	25 1/2"
1 Mar – 31 Dec (No Size Limit)	Striped Bass	Tyler Leary Leads	39"
1 March – 30 September	Bluefish	Dave Puzak Leads	33 1/4"
1 March – 30 Sept (Surf Only)	Bluefish	Pat Presutto & Mike Woodrow Tied	31 3/4"
1 March – 31 October	White Perch	Dave Spendiff & Caesar Pesarini Tied	12 1/2"
1 March – 31 December	Red Drum	No Entry	
1 March – 31 December	Black Drum	Bill Figley Leads	34 3/4"
1-30 Apr & 1 Aug – 30 Sept	Blackfish	Tyler Leary Leads	22"
1 April – 30 June	Weakfish	Charles Tortorella Leads	26 1/2"
1 April – 31 October	Blowfish	No Entry	
1 April – 31 October	Kingfish	No Entry	
1 May – 30 November	Triggerfish	No Entry	
1 May – 30 November	Porgy	No Entry	
17 May – 19 June	Sea Bass	Bill Dabney Leads	21"
4 May – 30 June	Fluke	Jim Borkowski Leads	24"
4 May – 25 Sept (Surf Only)	Fluke	Cheri Hebert Leads	21"

1 – 31 July	Fluke
1 – 31 July	Sea Bass
1 July – 31 October	Weakfish
1 – 31 August	Fluke
1 – 31 August	Seabass
1 – 27 September	Fluke
1 Oct – 31 Dec	Bluefish
1 Oct – 31 Dec (Surf Only)	Bluefish
1 Oct – 31 Dec	Striped Bass
1 Oct – 31 Dec Surf Only)	Striped Bass
1 Oct – 31 Dec	Blackfish
1 Oct – 31 Dec	Sea Bass

2024 FOM ENTRIES - Here's the list of May entries. Despite a slow start in April, May entries have been the most seen in a very long time! Go to [VHFC Standings](#) for the complete list of 2024 entries to date.

05-05-24	Fluke	18"	Tyler Leary	LBI Surf
05-05-24	Fluke	19 1/4"	Brian Leary	LBI Surf
05-05-24	White Perch	12 1/4"	Phil Kaplan	Mullica River
05-07-24	Black Drum	34 3/4"	Bill Figley	Beach Haven
05-08-24	Fluke	23 1/2"	Dave Puzak	Barnegat Bay
05-08-24	White Perch	12 1/2"	Dave Spendiff	BHW Lagoon
05-08-24	Striped Bass	32 1/2"	Dave Etelman	Beach Haven Surf
05-11-24	Bluefish	31 1/2"	Tyler Leary	LBI Surf
05-12-24	Bluefish	21 1/4"	Tim Naples	Great Bay
05-13-24	Fluke	23"	Doug O'Brien	BI
05-14-24	Striped Bass	28 1/2"	Pat Presutto	Brant Beach
05-14-24	Bluefish	31 3/4"	Pat Presutto	Brant Beach
05-14-24	Bluefish	31 3/4"	Mike Woodrow	BI South Jetty
05-14-24	Bluefish	21 1/2"	Marty Friedrich	Great Bay
05-16-24	White Perch	12 1/2"	Caesar Pesarini	Mullica River
05-17-24	Fluke	22 1/4"	Bill Dabney	
05-17-24	Sea Bass	17 1/2"	Greg Camilleri	Wreck
05-18-24	Fluke	20"	Doug O'Brien	North Beach Surf
05-18-24	Fluke	24"	Jim Borkowski	Barnegat Bay
05-18-24	Sea Bass	16 3/4"	John Barrett	GSS Reef

05-18-24	Sea Bass	17"	Bill Figley	AC Reef
05-19-24	Sea Bass	19 1/4"	Boston Bob Long	Wreck off BL
05-20-24	Bluefish	19"	Joe Filice	LBI Surf
05-20-24	Striped Bass	39"	Tyler Leary	LBI Surf
05-21-24	Weakfish	26 1/2"	Charles Tortorella	Middle Grounds
05-24-24	Sea Bass	19 1/2"	Dave Glassberg	GSN reef
05-25-24	Sea Bass	16 1/2"	Marty Friedrich	Deep Water Wreck
05-25-24	Sea Bass	16 3/4"	Wil Kresge	Deep Water Wreck
05-25-24	Weakfish	20 1/2"	Dave Etelman	Great Bay
05-26-24	Bluefish	33 1/4"	Dave Puzak	Drifting Barnegat Inlet
05-28-24	Fluke	21"	Cheri Hebert	Barnegat Light Surf
05-29-24	Sea Bass	15 3/4"	Mallory Figley	GSN Reef
05-29-24	Sea Bass	18 1/2"	Alexa Figley	GSN Reef
05-29-24	Sea Bass	21"	Bill Dabney	Wreck off AC
05-29-24	Sea Bass	17 3/4"	Bob Dodds	
05-30-24	Weakfish	24 1/4"	Dave Glassberg	Little Egg Inlet

Go to [VHFC Contest Rules](#) for full FOM entry details. Simply take a photo showing the length of fish atop a rigid ruler. For Striped Bass, pinch the tail. All fish must be in season and legal size except for the FOM for "Over Slot" Stripers which should be quickly measured and released. Bluefish must be 14" minimum. **Please send your photos to both Weighmaster Pat Presutto and Ed Valitutto. Pat determines the length but we both keep track of the entries.** Pat pat1016pat@aol.com 609 994 8361 Ed edvalitutto@gmail.com 609 994 1311 Here are a few photos to show both the nice fish caught and also how to measure them.



Doug O'Brien submitted this surf caught fluke that went 20" off North Beach



**Charles Tortorella's 26 1/2" FOM
leading Weakfish**



Caesar Pesarini submitted this 12 1/2 " WHite Perch that ties for the lead.

BLUEFISH CAKES by Ed Valitutto - I have made this recipe or a variant many times. I usually never measure things but this time I decided to measure for the Newsletter. Let me just say that fish cakes are like stuffing or stew - there isn't any one exact recipe. Here's the version I made this week with a Bluefish caught on Monday. It was delicious!

Ingredients:

2 cups diced raw bluefish. Remove all red meat and place in cold water with a TBSP of salt for 10 minutes.

2 cups finely diced veggies. I used 1 celery rib, 1/2 onion, 1 jalapeno seeds and all and 1/3 red pepper. Substitute shredded carrot, green pepper or fennel as preferred.

1/2 TBSP Old Bay

2 heaping TBSP mayo or use an egg to bind the mix

1 cup crushed Ritz crackers. Or use bread crumbs or panko. You can add more if the mix is too loose.

I didn't add garlic but you certainly can or add dill, red pepper flakes or parsley.

Directions:

- 1) Add a little salt and EVOO to the veggies and microwave for 2 minutes. Let sit for 30 minutes until cool. **Drain off the water.**
- 2) Gently mix the fish, veggies, mayo, Old Bay and crackers in a large bowl with some S&P.
- 3) Rinse off and dry the cutting board used earlier, line with waxed paper or foil and sprinkle with a little flour. Using a 1/2 measuring cup lightly sprayed with oil, loosely pack the mix



and place on the board. I ended up with 7 cakes as shown. Refrigerate for at least 1 hr.

4) Heat a large pan with a layer of oil. Flour the top of the cakes and saute for 3 minutes or more each side.

5) Serve with a lemon wedge and Tartar Sauce. Enjoy!



Here's my dinner (plus one more cake) after the Battle on the Beach on Wednesday. Pan fried homemade Bluefish cakes, homemade Tartar Sauce, the last of my garden lettuce, chilled Sauvignon Blanc and fresh picked lemons! Okay, the lemons were from Aldi but they were freshly bought.

Leftover cakes were delicious the next day for lunch and dinner. These take a little effort to cut up all the ingredients but they are so worth it!

FISHING REPORTS by Ed Valitutto - Please go [VHFC Fishing](#) to read our 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 10 reports since the May Newsletter.



That's Bayside Dave Edelman with a 32+'' Bass back in early May.



After lamenting about the lack of spring White Perch, Dave Spendiff finally caught two 12.5'' beauties!



John Stuebing and Ed V had a fun day on the Surf City sands with few Bluefish. John's fish was 27" and mine was 24".



Pat Presutto's friend Tom joined Pat and member Bill Bond for some fun on the sand. Lots of Bass & Bluefish but the prize went to Tom for this 43" beauty!



The *Red Herring* crew, Bill, Nathan & friends, fished the AC reef and caught ~100 fish with a 60/40 split of sea bass & tog. One especially noteworthy catch was a 7 lb cod!



Dave Puzak reported a limit of Bluefish and Fluke Memorial Day weekend. As an added bonus, he picked 150 clams!



Bayside Dave had a fun trip fishing Great Bay for fluke with 3 buddies, They all caught fish and nearly limited out on fluke. Dave caught a nice weakfish along with a 21" fluke.



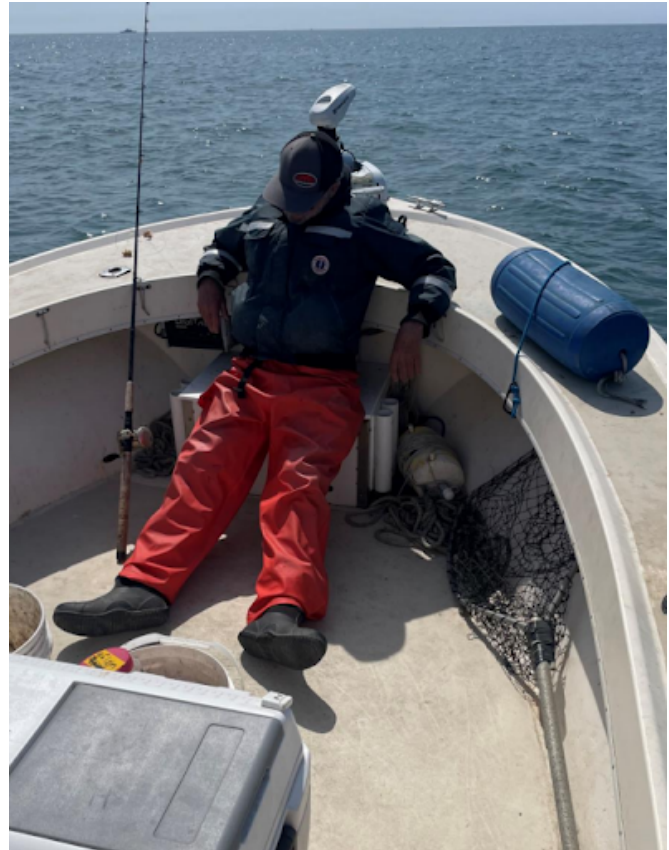
Doug O'Brien is all smiles with a keeper caught on the trip with Bayside Dave



Larry Leary and crew on *The Jen-Jen* had a blast Memorial Weekend catching their Seabass limit of nice fish 16-18". Lots of Tog were also caught and all released



Here's one of Jen-Jen's catches!



The Figley clan had a great day wreck fishing on the Garden State North Reef putting together a decent catch of sea bass, ling, and tog. All tog were released, with a few of them in the 3-5lb range and the biggest caught by Mallory – a 7 lb beauty featured as our winning POM shown earlier in the NL. Here we see sister Alexa with a doubleheader Sea Bass and grandfather Bill taking a power nap! Reeling in all those fish is tiring!

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 any time after May 8th and have the VE stickers (Vessel Exam decal) that is placed on the vessel upon successful completion of the checklist. 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. The boat owner just needs to take care of

the problem and reschedule another exam for the decal to be awarded. **Contact: Jeff Orsoe**
Cell / Text: 732-672-5530 or email: jorsoe786@gmail.com.

A fire extinguisher is required onboard and all fire extinguishers now have 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. Also, NJ law now requires a PFD be worn by all occupants if your vessel is less than 26 feet while underway between Nov 1 and May 1.

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.

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, come to a meeting to purchase one.

VHFC Shirts - Only 2 are left on hand - White 3XL & Blue Medium. We must order a minimum buy of 12 and prefer to have ~6 spoken for before we place an order. So please let us know your size and color preference. Sizes range from XS (Extra Small) to 6XL and are available in nine colors. Shirts have long sleeves and feature UPF 50 Sun Protection. These are quality shirts to be worn proudly. White is shown in the photo. Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, & 6XL. Colors: White, Pale Green, Sand, Pale Orange, Pale Yellow, Pale Teal, Aqua, Lime & Medium Blue. Contact Phil Simon



at sciman2@gmail.com for placing an order. Last order prices were from \$30 - \$36 depending on size.

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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
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