



# **HARBOUR LIGHT**

**OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER August 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: 9 August 2024***

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello VHFC Members,

Summer is moving through at warp speed! Today is the 45th day of summer so we are more than halfway through with 7 weeks remaining until fall arrives and the temperature, crowds and traffic begin to diminish. Hopefully the continuous South winds also diminish for more than a few days so the water temperatures and fishing can heat up. Six weeks of southerly winds has resulted in chilly incoming churned up water causing big temperature swings to the warm bay waters. When you include all the weeds, greenheads numerous as ever and scarcity of keepers, bay fluking this year has been a real challenge. Ocean fishing has some advantages, but the cold water makes finding feeding fish difficult. But there are good catches being made. John Barrett had 8 keepers at the Tires on Barnegat Reef and Marty Friedrich had 8 keepers off the Red Tower in Beach Haven. You just have to put your time in before the season closes.

Just a reminder, Blackfish re-opened on 1 August for one fish at 15". So now you can catch and keep one Blackfish, one Sea Bass and one Weakfish for a real mixed bag fish fry - that's

pathetic! Go to [NJ 2024 Seasons and Size Limits](#) for all the details.

Fortunately two of our usual summertime dependable species have made an appearance. Both Kingfish and Triggerfish have been caught and submitted for FOM contention so they're around for the catching. Usually by now, the Blowfish are so annoying biting off Gulp tails that anglers feel compelled to go out and eliminate 50 or more of them. Unfortunately, that has not been the case yet but that will likely quickly change. Returning this year after several years absence are Croakers. Several members including me have caught them in Great Bay and the Middle Grounds while fluking. Larger ones are fine eating and smaller ones are fine bait.

There are still some stripers to be caught mostly near the inlet rocks or sod banks in the early/late hours. Jerry Nichols was out on twice with his brother and nephew to the North jetty. His brother had a fat 33.5" Striper and his nephew landed a 20" fish. Even with a tag, getting a bass between 24 and 31 inches can be a challenge! And then there's Tuna! There are some around and they should stay around for several months. It's an investment in time to travel out to the Tuna grounds (weather permitting) and money for the gas, bait and equipment needed to land these fish, but if that's your thing, go for it! So far, Tim Naples is the only club member reporting a catch. Tim had 3 Yellowfin back in July.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on August 9th. 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.**

**AUGUST 6 FLUKE CHARTER** on the Super Chic. Some spots left. 7 AM departure. VHFC will bring the coffee and donuts. As of now, this may be rescheduled due to weather.

**AUGUST 9 MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:15** at the Manahawkin Community Center. Bayside Dave is the guest speaker.

**OCTOBER 8 BOTTOM FISHING TRIP** - On the spacious Mary M IV out of Barnegat Light. VHFC will bring the coffee and donuts.

**OCTOBER 16 FALL DINNER** - Great time at Kostas Grill in Tuckerton. VHFC will supply wine and hors d'oeuvres.

**AUGUST SPEAKER 'Bayside Dave' Etelman** - Dave has a Facebook forum, **Surf Fishing LBI with Bayside Dave**, with over 6,400 members who share fishing reports from the beaches and jetties of LBI as well as surf fishing information, techniques and tackle recommendations. Dave will present his thoughts on surf fishing our local waters.



Here's a photo of our July speaker Jim Hutchinson Jr explaining the data location readings taken from several tagged Striped Bass. It was fascinating to see how far these fish migrate as they journey up and down the coast. Especially interesting is the realization that the stripers move well off shore in their quest for food.

**Melanie Boytos Award - The 2023 winner of this prestigious award for the second year in a row was Pat Presutto! Pat had the highest point total for the eligible species.**



That's noted local writer Jim Hutchinson Sr presenting the award to VHFC Weighmaster Pat Presutto. Pat's name is engraved on the plaque along with all past winners. Surf City Bait & Tackle has agreed to display the plaque in their store for 2024! Congratulations Pat!

**NEW JERSEY FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon** - Not much to report regarding regulations and related activities. All of the various councils, commissions and committees are busy gathering data for the Fall/Winter rule setting season. Right now I don't see much indication of major changes going from 2024 to 2025, other than Black Sea Bass, which may be headed to yet another cutback in allowable catch. (I know, it makes no sense at all.) I also attended a meeting of the Mid Atlantic Science and Statistical Committee, and these folks (mostly senior fishery academic and government scientists) seem to be concerned about the MRIP as much as we are. We are still expecting the current follow up studies to deliver results in early 2025, but I am going to press for an interim report.

You may be wondering what happened to the fluke so far this year. The conventional wisdom is that the strong southerly winds that have been hitting us since the Spring have resulted in an upwelling of the cold water that sits off the coast, which turns off the bite. (For a brief explanation of this phenomenon, take a look at this brief article: [Upwelling and Its Coastal Effects](#) ). The cold ocean water lowered the temperature in the back bays as well, and was also responsible for the heavy fog we encountered a few weeks ago as well. See [Thick Fog Hovers Over the Jersey Shore](#) for further info. There have also been suggestions that the weakening Gulf Stream currents have allowed the cold Labrador current to move more cold water along the coast. An interesting idea although there is not much data yet. Another factor may be the heavy fresh water runoff from the Spring rains, which lowered the salinity of the bays and inshore grounds. Fluke are not happy when the salt levels get low. These are all good possibilities, and they may all be true. But there is another possibility, one that was raised at a recent meeting of the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel meeting which I attended a few weeks ago.

During the Fall and Winter, Summer Flounder move away from our waters and to the north and east 50 or more miles off Long Island and Massachusetts. This is the area and time where the heaviest commercial harvest of Summer Flounder (and Black Sea Bass) takes place. So it's entirely possible that the NJ fluke population is being selectively harvested by the trawlers. This nightmare scenario still lacks data, especially the details of the migration patterns of the fish that spend their Spring and Summers in NJ waters, but tagging studies are now ongoing specifically on this matter. The advisory panel listed research on this matter as a high priority. Let's hope we figure this out before the NJ fluke fishery goes the way of winter flounder and weakfish.

**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; We now have 63 followers on Instagram and 109 followers on Facebook. The amount of active followers is growing on both platforms. The shared posts are reaching a larger audience. All the club's activities and Members' Reports from the website are shared on Facebook and Instagram. I encourage members to submit fishing reports



and boating activities to the members reports section of our website. 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 of Member Cheri Hebert** Cheri caught a 27 1/4" 8+ lb fluke for first place in the Tri-Club Tournament earning him a \$100 gift certificate from Creekside Outfitters. In addition, Cheri won the club July FOM and is in first place for the Jingle's Fluke Tourney! Nice job, Cheri!



**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 August Meeting.

I met with Josh (our West Marine Rep) last week at the Tuckerton Store. Eventually we will be adding everyone's name (who signed) to the account. We are doing it at a rate of about five names per month. Remember, all you really need is the Account # to get your discount at any store. If you need assistance with online orders please contact me at [stuebs@comcast.net](mailto:stuebs@comcast.net). Several members who have used the discount have been very happy with the results.

**TRI-CLUB FLUKE TOURNAMENT by John Stuebing** - VHFC participated in a Tri-Club Fluke Challenge consisting of Village Harbour versus Fish Hawks versus Forked River Tuna Club. The event was held on July 27 with the Picnic on the 28th. Our first year in this Tournament is in the books. VHFC came in second place behind Forked River Tuna Club. As a club, our top 10 fish totaled 27.93 Lbs. Leading the way was Cheri's Doormat weighing in at 8.050 Lbs. Way to go Cheri, he took the top Individual Angler award. In total the three clubs weighed in just under 87 pounds of Fluke. VHFC had over 20 Anglers and 33 people attending the Picnic. I think that was a great turnout – Thank You to everyone! The Forked River Tuna Club did a great job hosting the event. I believe Bayside Dave is posting some pictures from the Picnic on Facebook. I will

work on getting them up on the Website. Hopefully, everyone had a good time. I am looking forward to next year's event. We will be the hosting club next year!

**FLUKE FISHING ON THE SUPER CHIC by Phil Simon** - As of Sunday evening, we are exploring alternative dates due to weather and possibly rough wave conditions. Dates under consideration are August 12 - 15 and 19 - 22. There are still a few spots available so if you can fish those dates, text 908-656-4086, email to [sciman2@gmail.com](mailto:sciman2@gmail.com) to be added to the list. Although this is billed as a fluke trip, remember Sea Bass and Tog are open for August. Plus you never know what else is lurking on the bottom near wrecks - Triggerfish, Porgies and even bluefish are possible!

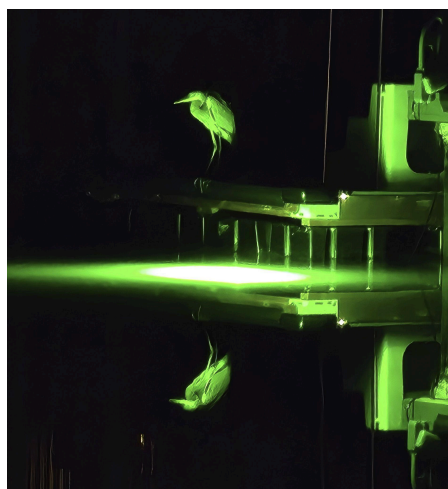
**ROD N' REEL RAFFLE by Ed Valitutto** - We now have a new rod 'n reel raffle donated by Empire Fishing & Tackle in Tuckerton, NJ. This outfit consists of a Daiwa Rod (HRJ 64MLB) and



a Daiwa Saltist Reel (LW 20HB) rated for up to 40 lb braid. The Rod is only 6'4" but really has tremendous Power and the entire outfit is very light. This is a perfect "All Around" outfit that can handle Fluke, Sea Bass, Tog, Stripers or Blues with a full retail value over \$300!

The Drawing will be held at our September Meeting just in time for Sea Bass, Tog and Stripers!!! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20! If you cannot attend the next meeting but would like to buy tickets; you have a couple of options. You can send a check (made out to VHFC) to the Post Office Box with a note that you are buying Raffle Tickets or contact me directly. I will fill out your tickets and send you a picture of the tickets.

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH by Phil Simon & Jerry Nichols** New for 2024 is a photo contest held each month. Rules are simple and are on our website [What's New](#). Here's this month's winner.



Marty Frierich captured this beautiful Egret waiting for a meal to come along. Congrats Marty!

**VHFC 2024 FLUKE TOURNAMENT** - Sunday July 14th was our annual club fluke tournament and barbecue. There were 30 tournament participants fishing the reefs, wrecks, along with the bays and inlets. A mere total of 9 fish were entered despite many hours fishing using the best baits and lures money can buy! But the weather cooperated and everyone enjoyed a day on the water and a nice BBQ. First place was Marty Friedrich (4.55#), second was Tim Naples (4.24#), and third was Will Kresge (4.07#). Go to [VHFC FB](#) for all the pictures. Here's a list of the entries:

<b>Marty Friedrich</b>	<b>4.55 lbs</b>	<b>1st Place</b>
<b>Tim Naples</b>	<b>4.24 lbs</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>
<b>Wil Kresge</b>	<b>4.07 lbs</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
<b>Pat Barrett</b>	<b>3.49 lbs</b>	
<b>Ed Valitutto</b>	<b>2.76 lbs</b>	
<b>Steve Ohler</b>	<b>2.64 lbs</b>	
<b>Bob Rode</b>	<b>2.32 lbs</b>	
<b>Bill Dabney</b>	<b>2.20 lbs</b>	
<b>Frank Ohler</b>	<b>2.20 lbs</b>	



**Weighmaster Pat Presutto presents Marty Friedrich with First Place winnings in our club Fluke Tournament. Congrats Marty!**

**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 as shown. Two contests closed in July bringing the total number of closed contests to seven **(shaded Yellow)**. Congrats to our July winners - **Cheri Hebert Fluke 27 1/4 " and Bob Dodds Sea Bass 19"**.

### Junior Angler FOM Contests

Month	Species	Name	Size
1 April – 30 September	White Perch	No Entry	
1 April – 30 September	Bluefish	Bryson Wyatt Leads	15 3/4 "
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	30 7/8"
1 March – 30 June (Surf Only)	Striped Bass	Pat Presutto	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	26 1/2"



1 April – 31 October	Blowfish	No Entry	
1 April – 31 October	Kingfish	Gene Geld Leads	11 3/4 "
1 May – 30 November	Triggerfish	Dave Puzak Leads	16 1/4 "
1 May – 30 November	Porgy	No Entry	
17 May – 19 June	Sea Bass	Bill Dabney	21"
4 May – 30 June	Fluke	Jim Borkowski	24"
4 May – 25 Sept (Surf Only)	Fluke	Cheri Hebert Leads	21"
1 – 31 July	Fluke	Cheri Hebert	27 1/4 "
1 – 31 July	Sea Bass	Bob Dodds	19"
1 July – 31 October	Weakfish	No Entry	
1 – 31 August	Fluke	No Entry	
1 – 31 August	Seabass	No Entry	
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 12 July weigh-ins. [VHFC Standings](#) for the complete list.

07-07 Fluke	20 3/4"	Tim Naples	LER
07-07 Fluke	22 1/2"	Dave Etelman	Great Bay
07-14 Fluke	23"	Tim Naples	GSS reef
07-14 Sea Bass	15"	Bill Dabney	LER
07-14 Fluke	23 1/2"	Marty Friedrich	LER
07-18 Sea Bass	19"	Bob Dodds	Barnegat Reef
07-20 Fluke	26 1/4"	Wil Kresge	Off the Red Tower
07-20 Fluke	23"	Ed Valitutto	GSS
07-20 Trigger	16 1/4"	Dave Puzak	Barnegat Bay
07-21 Kingfish	11 3/4"	Gene Geld	Barnegat Light Surf
07-27 Fluke	27 1/4"	Cheri Hebert	Barnegat Bay
07-28 Fluke	20 1/2"	Gene Geld	Barnegat Light Surf

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](mailto:pat1016pat@aol.com) 609 994 8361 Ed [edvalitutto@gmail.com](mailto:edvalitutto@gmail.com) 609 994 1311** Here are a few photos to show both the nice fish caught and also how to measure them.



**That's Dave Puzak holding two nice Triggerfish he caught in the bay and Wil Kresge's 24 1/2 " Fluke caught off the red tower.**



**That's Jerry Nichols' brother and nephew with a heavy 33 1/2" Striper caught on a twitch bait at the BI Jetty.**

**SAUTEED SKATE WINGS** by Ed Valitutto - This is a recipe I saw on *Surf Fishing LBI with Bayside Dave* submitted by Tom Griffiths. It looked really interesting and Tom was happy to let me share it. Here's Tom's article....*Chefs I know enjoy eating sauteed skate wings with brown butter! I was taught to poach skate wings while learning to cook in NYC restaurants, then peel off the skin & serve with black butter & capers. It's absolutely delicious... I've noticed skate on restaurant menus and in fish stores more and more lately. I was fishing at the Jersey shore recently & caught some skate, dogfish, fluke and spot. (all very small) but the skate was a keeper!*



### **Skate wings with Capers**

**Serves 2**

Four Skate wings, skin on - See Ed's note at the end of the recipe

4 oz Butter, softened

2 Tbsp Capers

Small handful of slivered almonds (Optional)

1 qt Water for poaching the wings

2 Bay leaves

4 Lemon, slices

4 Tbsp Apple Cider Vinegar

1 Tbsp Kosher Salt

10 ea Black Peppercorns

1. Heat the water, bay leaves, lemon, vinegar, salt and pepper to 160 F for 5 minutes; carefully place the skate wings into the pan to poach, submerged, for 15 minutes. The water will come down in temperature when you put the skate into it; keep the water at 160 F so it poaches gently.



2. Carefully drain the poaching liquid out and let the skate cool to the touch-you can easily peel the top skin off of the skate wings once it is warm; reverse and repeat. Discard the skin. Place the poached skate wing onto a plate and keep warm.

3. Although the skate is delicate, there is cartilage in the center which will hold it together. Basically, the skate 'meat' is on the top and bottom of the cartilage.

4. Towards the end of the poaching time, heat the butter in a pan until light brown; you'll smell toasted nuts... this is brown butter. You can serve the brown butter or cook a little longer & create black butter which is very popular with skate wings. Turn off the heat and add the capers and almonds if using, this will stop the butter from cooking any longer and bubble up.

5. Pour over the skate and enjoy-simply use a fork or spoon to slide the tender flesh from the center cartilage.

Ed V's note: DO NOT CUT OFF THE WINGS AND DISCARD THE SKATE TO SLOWLY DIE! The two accepted ways to dispatch skate are 1) Blunt force trauma by a blow to the head in the area between the eyes or 2) Insert a knife between the eyes and cut back toward the spine. Both methods are quick and humane. Then, cut off the wings and ice them.

I also promise to keep and clean a skate and try this recipe. I will provide my honest assessment. I hoped to catch a suitable specimen during the tri-club fishing but between the four of us on John Stuebing's boat, we only caught one paltry skate!



**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](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 8 reports since the July Newsletter.



(L) In early July, Bayside Dave fished in Great Bay with buddy Tommy who limited out with one fish weighing 5.09 lbs.

(R) Ed V fished LER with John Stuebing and they managed three keepers - 2 at 19" and 1 20"

(L) Marty Friedrich took 2 friends out to fluke fish in Great Bay on July 5th. Both limited out with 20-in fluke and one 5 lb beauty!





Tim Naples is all smiles displaying the three Yellowfin he and a buddy caught in the Lindenkohl canyon early July. All around them bait, whales and dolphins played.

Tim had a great day with his grandpa (87) on the reef catching a keeper Sea Bass and Fluke. What a memory!





**That's Tim Naples and a happy crew with a great Fluke catch of 8 keepers.**

**Wil Kresge shows off his 24 1/4" Fluke that weighed 5.9 lbs!**



**That's Doug O'Brien, and Mike Woodrow with a pair of nice keepers at 19" and 20".**







That's CHeri Hebert with his monster 27 1/4" Tri-Club Tournament winner. Cheri's fish weighed 8.05 lbs and not only won him top honors for the tournament but also has him in first place in the Jingles summer-long tourney. Congrats Cheri!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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** - Per the club email on June 30, we can now order any combo of style, size and color with our club logo **without a minimum buy**. All shirts are SPF 50 and Mens sizes run S, M, L, XL, XXL & XXXL. Prices are \$30 for Short and Long Sleeve Tees and \$35 for Hooded Tees. XXL and XXXL have an additional \$1 and \$2 surcharge. **VHFC placed an order and has been received. SHirts will be available at the club meeting this Friday.**



**FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS** - Members may place free ads in this section if you wish to find someone to fish with. Maybe you need to find someone with a boat or you are interested in finding someone to share expenses on your boat. With gas prices reaching the sky, helping out with fuel costs is almost a necessity.

### **USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS**

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

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

**Boat/US:** <http://www.boatus.com/>

**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary:** <http://www.cgaux.org/>

**Notice to Mariners (District 5):** <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=InmDistrict&region=5>

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SPONSORS** - The following sponsors offer a discount with the presentation of your current VHFC Membership Card. Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale.

**BHW Marine Center** 10% discount with VHFC card  
857 Mill Creek Rd Manahawkin, NJ 08050  
**609-709-5424**

**Boat U.S.**

Special membership price call Jeff Orsoe. Forms for members' use will be at VHFC meetings or call Jeff Orsoe 732-672-5530. Also, VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S.

**Creekside Outfitters** 10% discount with VHFC card  
403 Rt. 9 Waretown, NJ 08758  
**609-242-1812**

**D & S Marine Service** 10% discount on parts with VHFC card  
460 Dock Rd, West Creek NJ 08092  
**609-296-0309**

**Fisherman's Headquarters** 10% discount with VHFC card  
280 West 9th St, Ship Bottom, NJ 08008  
**609-494-5739**

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

**Jingles Bait & Tackle** 10% discount with VHFC card  
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**609-492-2795**

**The Boat Shop** 10% discount with VHFC card  
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**609-597-1271**

**Empire Fishing & Tackle** 10% discount with VHFC card  
11 East Main St Tuckerton. NJ 08087  
**609 857 5291**

**Scott's Bait & Tackle** 10% discount with VHFC card  
**609 294 1300**

**Surf City Bait & Tackle** 10% discount with VHFC card  
317 Long Beach Blvd, Surf City, NJ 08008  
**609 994 2333**