



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER September 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: 13 September 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

Wow - that was quick, summer is over! Well not officially until the autumnal equinox occurs on Sunday, September 22nd but that proverbial fat lady is getting ready to sing. But I view Labor Day as the beginning of the best time to enjoy the Jersey shore. Crowds will be noticeably diminished as the kids head back to school and the weekly rentals begin to subside. Beaches, restaurants, stores, roadways and waterways will definitely all be less crowded and more enjoyable. Even the bugs - greenheads, no see ums and gnats - will start to die off. But the best part is the fall fishing!

Due to primarily non stop south winds and the resultant cold water upwelling, fluking had been rather slow until the last few weeks. Over the last few weeks, there have been several limit catches caught outside Barnegat inlet down through Little Egg inlet. One hotspot has been drifting south for a mile or so from the two white lobster buoys located southwest of the Barnegat reef. You can't miss the buoys as you approach the reef. Our fluke season ends on

the 25th so there's only just over 2 weeks remaining. Blackfish (one fish at 15") are being caught along the inlet jetties, bulkheads and sod banks. Getting a keeper will get easier as more and bigger fish arrive. Besides, you may be surprised with a Triggerfish or Sheepshead. **Just a reminder, Sea Bass is closed until October 1st.** Go to [NJ 2024 Seasons and Size Limits](#) for all the details.

September and October are good times to try for Kingfish off the beach. Especially if you get a nice day and want to enjoy some leisurely time out in the fresh air. Usually the Blowfish are so plentiful that any expensive Gulp tail offered is immediately ruined, but that's not the case so far but don't tell Dave Puzak who just entered one for FOM and had a cooler full of others!

Just outside the inlets, smaller Blues have been plentiful and there are some Spanish Mackerel mixed in. And then there's Tuna! Always an investment in time to travel out to the Tuna grounds and gas money, bait and equipment needed to land these fish, but you just may land one! Jerry Nichols was out trolling with John Stuebing and Pat Presutto and managed to land a 40 lb Bluefin, Read their report on our website. This is a wonderful time of year to be out on the water.

I would be remiss if I didn't caution our boaters to be extra careful when out on the waterways. Two terrible accidents have been reported in the last two weeks. One was bayside off Harvey Cedars and one was in Manahawkin Bay. Please be extra careful lest a fun day turns into a terrible one.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on September 13th. 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.

SEPTEMBER 10 FLUKE TRIP - On the Super Chic out of Barnegat Light. Further details appear later in the Newsletter. VHFC will bring the coffee and donuts.

SEPTEMBER 13 MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:15 at the Manahawkin Community Center. Captain Brett Taylor 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.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER Captain Brett Taylor - Reel Reaction Sportfishing – Captain Brett will bring his expertise on fishing Barnegat Bay and the inshore grounds near Barnegat Light to discuss the best approaches for Fall fishing in our area. Brett is well known to club members as one of the top charter captains in Barnegat Bay. His charter dates fill up well before the start of the season each year due to his high success rate of putting fish in the box, whether fluke, tog, stripers or others. For more information, check out his website at [Reel Reaction Charters](#)



Here's our August speaker Bayside Dave Etelman explaining surf fishing techniques.

NEW JERSEY FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon - The Mid Atlantic Marine Fisheries Council held a 3-day meeting in Philadelphia during the week of August 12. Some of the meetings were also combined with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) as they jointly manage Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass with a joint management board. I was away catching fish at the Nantucket Shoals, but was able to listen to the recordings of the meeting. Some of the major outcomes and items of interest to us as recreational fisherman included:

- The Fishing Effort Survey (FES) follow-up study now has 3 months of data in hand, but no detailed preliminary findings were presented. It was noted that the changes made to the mail survey structure appear to have resulted in “a large reduction in reporting errors and illogical responses”. However, we cannot expect to see the final 2024 estimates until the Spring of 2025, meaning that the regs for 2025 and 2026 will still be developed using the old FES survey data to estimate recreational fishing catch numbers, which is suspected to be seriously flawed.
- Summer Flounder and Scup data were reviewed; no significant changes are to be expected here going into 2025. As I reported last month, the Black Sea Bass

recommendation from the Science and Statistical Committee (SSC) to decrease the quota by 20 % for 2025 ran into a buzz saw of objections from the Monitoring Committee and the Advisory Panel. The SSC argues that its new statistical model fits the data better and the model projects a decrease in the size of the stock going forward, thus calling for a decrease in allowable catch. This in spite of the fact that in the past, similar projections of decrease with the old model were not realized and in fact the stock increased. Maybe they should wait and see how the projections of the new model work out before making recommendations to decrease the catch? The full council and commission members of the joint management board did not buy the projections, nor the rationale produced by the SSC, and they proposed a motion to maintain the status quo and use the 2024 quotas for 2025. The motion was initially headed for approval by the joint management board. However, while the ASMFC, which deals with state waters, could implement this, the MAMFC cannot, because the council is required to follow the numbers specified by the SSC as stated in the federal Magnuson Stevens Fishery Act. And none of the commercial reps to the board supported the motion, since the impact would fall more on them but leave recreational measures unchanged. NOAA Fisheries also stated they would vote against the motion because of the stipulations in the law, and they will have veto power going forward. Being caught between a rock and a hard place, the MAMFC members were forced to set the 2025 limits 20% lower in accordance with the SSC recommendation. What a mess. But we still might have a 10% or less reduction in the recreational catch of BSB under the current Harvest Control Rules, which allows some deviance from the overall allowable catch set by the Council. The fact that we are headed for yet another reduction in black sea bass despite a healthy stock is just unacceptable, and the SSC should be chastised for blindly following the models rather than using some common sense. Stay tuned.

- Other news: Bluefish stock numbers on the east coast have shown some improvement, as a result of the current rebuilding program. I don't think this will translate into any changes in the bag limit of 3 fish for private boats and shore, 5 fish for the for hire fleet, for 2025. Some of the council members seemed to indicate that liberalizations of the bag limits should be considered for 2026 if the current trends of improvement continue.

NEW JERSEY MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL (NJMFC) by John Stuebing - I attended the NJMFC meeting on 9/05 in Galloway Township. Besides the NJMFC, it was just Jim Hutchinson Jr and myself in attendance. Below are my notes from the meeting.

- Conservation Police - Marine Division Report: The item I found interesting was about illegal fixed gear on the Reefs. It turns out that there is an increase in this activity (especially on the Axel Carlson reef). I think most of us that fish the reefs and near-by wrecks have seen this as well. It turns out these are not Sea Bass

Traps but are illegal Lobster traps set out by non commercial individuals. The officers are confiscating the gear as they find them.

- Changes in Regulations, Violation and Terminology: There were several changes discussed, I am just going to recap what will be of interest to our club. Keep in mind that these are not being voted on. The Council determines what goes forward for evaluation and legal review.
 - Separate Spotted Sea Trout from Weakfish. Establish Spotted Sea Trout size and possession limits separate from Weakfish. Most Council Members were leaning toward a 12" min and no possession limits.
 - Increase violation fines (like having an illegal fish). Proposed increasing from \$30 to \$100 per incident.
 - Add a Wanton Waste Violation. If someone kills a fish for no reason or potential use there would be a \$100 fine. Example; someone catches a Dog Shark, throws it on the beach and lets it die. There would be a violation.
 - Prohibit At Sea Transfer. Any fish you catch, must stay on your boat and be counted against your limit.
 - SBBP Permit/Tag program. There are changes coming in the reporting requirements. They were not prepared to discuss the changes at the meeting. More on this later
 - In the Mid Atlantic Council meeting, it was suggested that the use of any "Spot Lock Device" be prohibited from the NJ Artificial Reefs. This did not move forward. Enforcement and Legal advised that it would never get passed.
- Black Sea Bass: These regulations are up for review and implementation for the 2025 season. Currently BSB are not considered over fished but the the stock is believed to have too many removals. The spawning stock is at desired levels. While regulations have not changed, NJ has realized a 100% increase in Harvest. Lots of reasons for this, too many for here. But, it is believed that more people are catching Sea Bass because they cannot get keeper Fluke. In addition, there is a concern about a possible decline in the "Projected" Recruitment. At this meeting nobody wanted to put a number out in the public. When pressed, one of the Board Members said there may be a 10% to 20% reduction in catch required. There was much debate on this with some board members opposed to changing regulations to achieve a 10 - 20% reduction in catch. There also seems to be disagreement at other Councils involved in this

decision. Most likely the Regional Administrator will have to make the final call. The new regulations, whatever they may be, will be voted on at the 3/6/25 meeting.

- Tog: Here we go again, Not overfished but the "Stock" is overfished (whatever that means). The trawl surveys are stable. But again, possible Regulation changes are coming. The commercial Harvest is down but the Recreational Harvest is up. In addition they are estimating there is a 90% discards rate in the Recreational sector. So for now, both the Sea Bass and Tog status is being evaluated in the SSC (Science and Statistics Committee). We will have to wait for their recommendations.

Let me know if there are any questions. I will try my best to get answers.

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 with 71 followers on Instagram and 119 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 Bob Dodds with a nice Fluke caught on the Kevin 'n Ash.

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.

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. Several members who have used the discount have been very happy with the results.

Club member Jerry G from Bayonne wrote *"Marine polishing chemicals are very expensive. I found Meguiars # 67 One step compound (\$49.95) and Meguiars # 50 "cleaner wax (\$29.95) at West Marine. Total with tax would have been about \$85.00 out the door. **I paid a total of \$51.00.** Nobody discounts that much! When I add the chemical savings to the surf cart receiver mount, I've saved just about twice my VHFC dues @ West Marine this summer."* That's a great story!

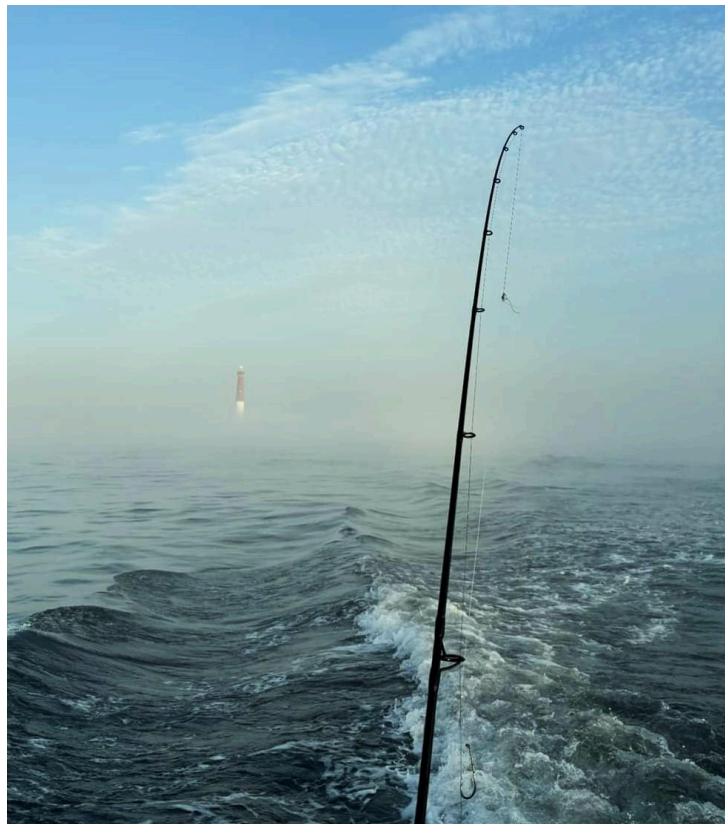
FLUKE FISHING ON THE SUPER CHIC by Phil Simon - After several cancellations due to high winds, our trip is now scheduled for next Tuesday September 10th. The forecast looks great with sunny weather and calm seas and we all know the Weatherman is always accurate! There are still a few spots available so if you can fish next Tuesday, text 908-656-4086 or email sciman2@gmail.com to be added to the list. Although this is billed as a fluke trip, remember Tog is now open plus you never know what else is lurking on the bottom near wrecks or just swimming around - Triggerfish, Porgies, Albies, Spanish Mackerel and 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 next Friday 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.



Caesar Pesarini took this photo looking aft off his boat with Ol' Barney peaking out from shore. Congrats Caesar!

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 August bringing the total number of closed contests to nine **(shaded Yellow)**. Congrats to our August winners - **Cheri Hebert Fluke 24"** and **Nathan Figley Sea Bass 17 1/4"**.

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	Dave Puzak Leads	9 1/4 "
1 April – 31 October	Kingfish	Ed Valitutto Leads	13 "
1 May – 30 November	Triggerfish	Dave Puzak Leads	16 1/4 "
1 May – 30 November	Porgy	Tyler Leary Leads	14 "
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	Dave Puzak Leads	13 3/4 "
1 – 31 August	Fluke	Cheri Hebert	24"

1 – 31 August**Seabass****Nathan Figley****17 1/4 "****1 – 27 September****Fluke****Cheri Hebert Leads****25"**

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 9 August weigh-ins. [VHFC Standings](#) for the complete list.

08-11-24	Fluke	23"
08-13-24	Fluke	24"
08-13-24	Porgy	14"
08-22-24	Sea Bass	16 1/2"
08-22-24	Fluke	22"
08-26-24	Kingfish	13"
08-23-24	Sea Bass	17 1/4"
08-27-24	Porgy	13 1/2"
08-27-24	Fluke	23 1/4"

Cheri Hebert	Oyster Creek
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Tyler Leary	Barnegat Inlet
Bill Dabney	LER
Dave Greenberg	GSN
Ed Valitutto	Ship Bottom Surf
Nathan Figley	GSN
Bill Figley	Barnegat Inlet
Bob Dodds	Wreck fishing on Kev 'n Ash

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 some nice fish recently caught.



That's Tyler Leary with a fantastic Sheepshead and his FOM leading 14" Porgy. No FOM for Sheepshead this year.





That's Cher
Hebert's
September
FOM
leading 25"
Fluke



Bill caught this fat flattie that only measured 24" but weighed 5.7 lbs! Bill doesn't look happy probably because Cheri's fish went 25" and VHFC goes by length.

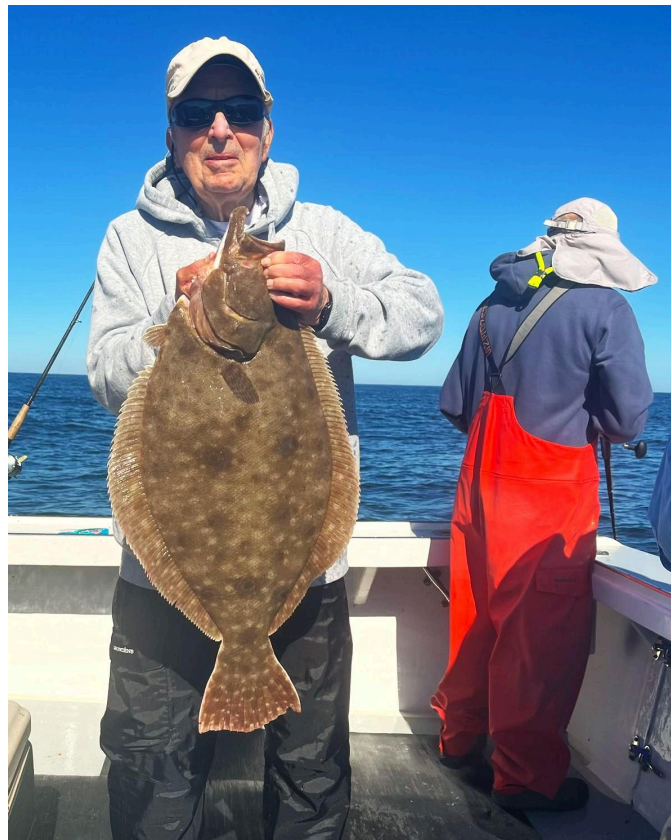
NANTUCKET COMES THROUGH AGAIN THIS YEAR by **Bill Dabney** - Five VHFC members (Bill & Nathan Figley, Ron Nachman, Phil Simon and me along with my son Bill from Colorado) made the trip north to Nantucket for a chance at jumbo Fluke and Sea Bass. After a night's sleep, we arrived at the boat at 4:30 AM for a three hour ride to the fishing grounds. Our go to boat has been the ***Fishhawk***, a converted lobster boat. If the wind is at your back and the tide is with you, you can boogie along at almost 10 kts! But when we finally arrived and started fishing, everyone caught keeper Fluke and Sea Bass. Phil was the first with a nice 7 pound Fluke only to be topped by my son Bill Junior with a 9 1/2 pound beauty. However, I took the grand prize with an 11 1/2 lb pound monster later that day. Bill Junior made the captain really happy with another 9 pound fish the following day. Nate & Bill Figley did very well jigging for big Sea Bass along with Ron and Phil who all caught some respectable fish.



Our group photo holding several sizable Fluke rarely caught in our local waters. From the left, Nate & Bill Figley, Phil Simon, Bill Sr and Bill Jr Dabney and Ron Nachman.



That's Nate Figley with a pair of very respectable Sea Bass Taken on a jig.



Bill Sr proudly holds his monster Fluke!

Nice fish guys!



Nothing like a little nap to make that 3 hour ride seem like only 180 minutes!

ANNUAL DINNER by Ed Valitutto - One of our most enjoyable club events is our annual dinner. Once again, Bill Dabney has done all the leg work and coordinated our dinner event for Wednesday October 16th at Kostas Grill in Tuckerton. Kostas serves Greek cuisine - see [Kostas Menu](#). Everyone will pay for their own selections off the menu. Club wine expert Bill Dabney (I'm not kidding, Bill has really worked in the wine industry) will select an assortment of wine complements of VHFC for the occasion and once again this year, VHFC will provide appetizer platters for your enjoyment. Kosta's is BYOB but if you prefer to bring your own favorite libation, certainly do so. There are no space problems but please let Bill know if you will attend at the September or October meetings so he can coordinate with Kostas Grill. This is always a fun event for members and their spouse to get together for some fun, Bill's info is dabney372@outlook.com or 609-709-5093.

Broiled Bluefish with Gin and Lime Butter by Ed Valitutto - Last month's recipe was **Skate Wings with Capers**. I promised to try the recipe and report back but so far I have been unable to catch a lousy skate! Well, this month's recipe I have tried and I think it is delicious and super easy. The recipe appeared in this month's **On The Water** magazine by Andy Nabreski, an accomplished seafood chef. Since I had a couple of ~2 lb Bluefish and wasn't in the mood to make Bluefish cakes, I decided to give it a try.

Broiled Bluefish with Gin and Lime Butter

Ingredients

1 pound bluefish filets, skinned, red meat removed - As you should always do
1/4 cup red onion or shallot, very finely diced - I used yellow onion
2 teaspoons freshly squeezed lime juice
2 teaspoons gin - I prefer Bombay Sapphire. Pour a few fingers over ice and add a few olives to make sure it is still potable!
2½ tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper
Chopped fresh basil for garnish

Directions

- 1) Line a broiler pan with foil, and spray with cooking spray while you preheat the broiler.
- 2) Thoroughly dry both sides of the fish with paper towels and sprinkle with salt and pepper.
- 3) Rinse the diced onion under warm water. Combine with the lime juice and gin in a bowl and spread evenly over the fish.
- 4) Top the fish off with pats of butter and broil 4 inches from the flame until browned, 3-5 minutes, being careful not to burn the onions (check every couple of minutes). If the bluefish is not cooked through by the time the onions brown, bake it at 425 degrees until

cooked through. The total cooking time (broiling plus baking) should be about 8 minutes per inch of thickness. Garnish with chopped basil and serve, spooning the juice over the fish.

This was delicious and I will definitely make it again. I'm sure it would work well with Tog or Striped Bass too.



Here's the finished dish. Delicious

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 7 reports since the August Newsletter.



Dave Etelman went out on the walkway near the monument on the first day of Tog. Dave went through over a 100 sand fleas and landed over 30 Tog and one 12" Fluke. He harvested one fish at 15.5" and released 2 others the same size.



Dave Puzak took his daughter out fishing and she caught her first keeper Triggerfish. Dave lamented that he didn't catch a thing! However, they enjoyed a great morning on the waters of Barnegat Bay. They tried fluking and blackfishing but no luck. They decided instead to take a dip and do some clamming. What great memories!



Marty Friedrich had Wil, his neighbor, and his friend Rick who's a new member for some nonstop fishing. The shorts were more than they could count plus many short sea bass. They ended up with 11 keeper fluke – just couldn't get that last one – and 4 keeper sea bass. They also had 3 small blue fish. Truly a great day of fishing!



After weeks of frustrating weather & a poor fluke bite, Bob Dodds accompanied by several VHFC members, Boston Bob, Bert, Bill and James, finally had a great day out with Captain Greg Carr on the Kev 'n Ash. It started slow but turned on fast. With Greg making many slight position moves, they finished the day with 18 fluke from 20" to 6.5 pounds! They even let 2 18" keepers go.



John Stuebing , Pat Presutto and Jerry Nichols trolled Tuna off the Tolten wreck. At 11:30, a fish slammed the green Sterling spreader bars and the reel screamed. Everyone helped and before long they had the BFT in the boat and quickly on ice. "Hands down the most delicious tuna ever!"



Bob Dodds and several club members went out on the Kev 'n Ash for a productive but rough day. They finished with a limit of sea bass, several ling and 11 fluke including a 23" 5 lb+ that Bob caught!



Jim Healy took Doug O'Brien and Dave Etelman out for a fluke trip in Barnegat Bay. They caught and released fish on every drift in High Bar Harbor and near the gas dock by the Coast Guard Station. Doug caught the keepers - both 19" Fluke - one on a minnow and one on a peanut bunker.

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 and have the VE stickers (Vessel Exam decal) that is placed on the vessel upon successful completion of the

checklist. There is no charge for the exam. The boat owner just needs to take care of the problem and reschedule another exam for the decal to be awarded. Although it's late in the season, it can be nice to know what needs replacing for the rest of this season and next year.

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. There are two boats for sale by club members. **The first is from Dave Robinson.**

**PRICE
\$12,500**

BOAT FOR SALE

1997 CROWLINE CR 250

- MOTOR WAS PULLED NEW PARTS INCLUDE: ENGINE COUPLER, BELL HOUSING, TRANSOM PLATE, OIL PAN, MANIFOLDS & ELBOWS, GIMBAL BEARING, BELLOWS, STEERING CYLINDER & HOSES, +MORE!
- NEW TRIM TABS
- BRAND NEW MOORING COVER & BIMINI
- 7.4 MERCRUISER & BRAVO DRIVE

**GREAT
FAMILY
BOAT!**



CALL 201 207 5404



The second is from Dave Spendiff - I am the original owner of this 2010 Sundance SV 205 boat. The boat has been meticulously maintained and service records have been kept. Because of personal family matters, I can't find time to use it. It was last wrapped in the Fall of 2023 and unused in 2024. The boat was primarily used in the bay and inlets but was taken outside when water conditions allowed. This boat has an incredible amount of storage space. It has a 150 HP Yamaha four-stroke engine, trim tabs, a Motor Guide bow-trolling motor(24-volt) with a 24-volt lithium battery, two Garmin depth finders, a Sony radio(needs antenna), a 12' fiberglass stick anchor(used in the bay), and trailer(new tires and brake actuator). The boat has a custom CC cover and many miscellaneous items I've accumulated over the years. This is a fantastic fishing boat with a very shallow draft—special pricing consideration for VHFC members. **\$23,800.00**



Give me a call if you would like to set up an appointment to see it.

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 it 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®ion=5>

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

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

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