

### HARBOUR LIGHT

#### **OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER October 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: 11 October 2024

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members.

Well we are now officially into the fall season! The good news is that the relentless water-chilling south winds have finally abated and allowed for a long awaited spurt of decent Fluke fishing. The bad news is that the spurt didn't last long enough as easterly winds arrived and shut down the last 10 days of fluking until 2025! Unfortunately, those east winds have stayed and produced significant wave heights to keep most boats dockside through the start of the October 1 Sea Bass opening. This past weekend seas have started to lie down but there is still a decent swell around especially offshore. Early today, wave heights were 3.6 ft. and the forecast was 3 - 5 ft until midweek when wave heights drop to ~3 '. Right now, they are 4.9'.

I still have a few peanut bunker swirling in my lagoon but their numbers are definitely dwindling as they start their migration south. While fishing off the bulkhead near the condos in Barnegat Light with John Stubing on Friday, massive schools of bunker were streaming by us as they made their way to the inlet. In fact, while reeling a very small Tog, John felt a very strong tug

and his fish was gone. My guess is a Striper caught his lunch. And more will be arriving but you have to be ready with all equipment - rods, reels & tackle all set. If you remember past years, things can explode fishing-wise with little advance notice. Hopefully we will soon get into the normal westerly winds that dominate our fall weather and allow us to venture out and fish before the severe winter weather arrives - it's only 13 1/2 weeks from today until 2025! And it will speed by with all the holidays, family gatherings, kids / grandkids sporting events, etc. that happen this time of year.

Finally, I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on October 11th. 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.

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

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

**OCTOBER 11 MEMBERSHIP MEETING** 

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

NOVEMBER 9 OUR FIRST ANNUAL SURF TOURNAMENT - Enter for a chance to win the prize money / rod raffle and enjoy a burger at Surf City B&T. More details later.

**NOVEMBER SPEAKER VHFC Member Bill Figley** - Bill is a retired Marine Biologist who spent his working career working for New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife (NJDFW). Starting in 1985, under his leadership, all 15 NJ artificial reefs were created and began to be populated with all types of reef building hard structures. The reefs consist of 140 different ships and barges, 397 obsolete army tanks, 250 New York City subway cars, and thousands of concrete reef ball habitats. I do not know yet what Bill's topic will be but I will guarantee it will be interesting!



Here's our September speaker Captain Greg Carr explaining fishing techniques including where to fish, how to fish and caring for your catch to the members in attendance.

**NEW JERSEY FISHING REGULATIONS by Phil Simon -** Things are very quiet right now on the regulatory front. The ASMFC is getting ready for its annual meeting, so we can expect some news for November. The meeting will be held Oct 21 – 24 in Annapolis Maryland, and can be viewed online ( <u>ASMFC 2024 Annual Meeting Registry</u> Webinar ID: 565-353-915 \_. Of interest to us would be the recent actions regarding menhaden management in Chesapeake Bay. Enough people have been raising a stink in the last year about Omega Protein's harvest of menhaden in the bay that the organization is now trying to make some moves and the politics have become intense. Omega tries to deflect the complaints with spin and press releases, but the locals can see what is happening to the striper populations when there is much reduced forage in the bay.

Other recent activities have focused on lobster and cobia regulations. Similarly, the MAMFC will be having a meeting this week, but nothing on the agenda of major concern or impact on recreational fishing. Specifications for Atlantic Mackerel, Butterfish, Spiny Dogfish, and Tilefish are on the agenda. Keep in mind that once these organizations set the overall catch limits for each species, along with general guidelines for size and bag limits, it will be up to each state commission to set the final seasons, bag and size limits. The meetings over the winter of the NJ Marine Fisheries Council will be the ones that need our attention. Let me know if there are any questions. I will try my best to get answers.

**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 their results.

**ROD N' REEL RAFFLE by Ed Valitutto -** The Drawing was held at our September Meeting and member Mark Norell was the winner. Congratulations Mark! Next month's Newsletter will show Mark holding his new outfit with hopefully a nice fish caught during our Bottom Trip!

## LIBRARY REMINDER by Bill Dabney - Please return all library materials by the next meeting.

**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 <u>VHFC FB Site</u> and <u>VHFC Instagram</u>. Both sites are starting to gain followers with 82 followers on Instagram and 127 followers on Facebook. The amount of active followers is growing on both platforms and 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 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 Captain Greg with a nice Sea Bass caught on his charter boat Kevin 'n Ash

**BOTTOM FISHING On The** *Mary M IV* by **Phil Simon** - Our fall Bottom Trip is now scheduled for next Tuesday October 8th on the 62' Mary M IV, Barnegat Light's largest charter boat. She has a large heated cabin where you can stow your gear or eat your lunch, separate accommodations for men and women, a coffee pot and microwave are available for your convenience. The decks are fully walkaround and can accommodate up to 38 anglers

The forecast looks great with sunny weather and reasonable seas and we all know the Weatherman is always accurate! As of today, we have 24 (13 members / 11 guests) signed up for the trip. Per Captain Sam's recommendation, we limit attendance to 30 anglers. So there are a few spots available and if you can fish next Tuesday, text 908-656-4086 or email <a href="mailto:sciman2@gmail.com">sciman2@gmail.com</a> to be added to the list. Although this is considered to be a Sea Bass 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! I was down in Barnegat Light when she came in and I drove over and spoke with some passengers and Captain Sam. They had a decent trip and the captain thought Tuesday would be a GO. Let's hope so!

**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 <a href="What's New">What's New</a>. Here's this month's winner.



VHFC Members enjoyed a lovely day on the *Super Chic* primarily fishing for Fluke but plenty of other forms of marine life came over the rails. Of note, several large Sea Robins were caught and some skeptical anglers were amazed at how good they tasted! I've kept them for years!

ANNUAL DINNER by Ed Valitutto - Just a reminder that our annual dinner is scheduled for Wednesday October 16th at Kostas Grill in Tuckerton for some delicious Greek cuisine - see Kostas Menu. Everyone orders and pays 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 so if you prefer to bring your own favorite libation, certainly do so. There are no space problems but if you plan on attending, please let Bill know at the October meetings. This is always a fun event for our members and spouses to get together for some fun. Bill's info is <a href="mailto:dabney372@outlook.com">dabney372@outlook.com</a> or 609-709-5093.

**LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC by Ed Valitutto -** The 70th Annual Fall Surf Fishing Tournament kicked off yesterday and offers over \$25,000 in prizes over the 9 week event ending on December 8th. This tournament is exciting for all anglers with cash and other prizes awarded for four species of fish. Striped bass lead the way with prizes also available for bluefish, kingfish, tog and red drum. Go to <a href="LBI Home Page">LBI Home Page</a> for complete rules, sponsors, special bonus prize days and a realtime list of all fish entered to date. As of today, there have been two Tog and two Bluefish entered. This is a fun contest with great prizes for everyone.



The tournament offered a free seminar, held yesterday, for all interested anglers. Bayside Dave presented the essentials of surf fishing and is shown here either bragging about his largest Striper or challenging FHQ's Greg Cudnik to a duel!

VHFC FALL SURF FISHING EVENT by Ed Valitutto - Not to be outdone, VHFC will hold our own first annual Surf Fishing contest on Saturday November 9th. Fish from 6:00 AM to noon off the sands or jetties of LBI and bring your catch (Striper, Tog, Kingfish, Bluefish or Red Drum) to Surf City B&T to be measured for one prize for the longest fish. Entry fee is only \$10 with all monies going into the single prize pool. With your \$10 entry, you are also invited to enjoy a burger at SC B&T and you get one ticket for entry into a raffle of a 6'6" TFO Seahunter Rod donated by Surf City Bait & Tackle at the BBQ. Talk about a good deal! Sign up at our October meeting or let John Stuebing or Bayside Dave Etelman know that you would like to enter.

**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 September winners listed below:

- 1) Bryson Wyatt JR Bluefish 15 3/4"
- 2) Cheri Hebert September Fluke 25"
- 3) Cheri Hebert Season Surf Fluke 21"
- 4) Tyler Leary Spring / Summer Blackfish 22"
- 5) Dave Puzak Spring / Summer Bluefish 33 1/4"
- 6) Pat P & Mike Woodrow Spring / Summer Surf Bluefish 31 3/4"

#### **Junior Angler FOM Contests**

Month	Species	Name	Size
1 April – 30 September	White Perch	No Entry	
1 April – 30 September	Bluefish	Bryson Wyatt	15 3/4 "
1 June – 30 September	<b>Kingfish</b>	No Entry	
1 June – 30 September	Blowfish	No Entry	
4 May – 25 September	Fluke	No Entry	

#### **Adult Angler FOM Contests**

Month	<b>Species</b>	Name	Size
1 March – 30 June	Striped Bass	Bob Dodds	30 7/8 <sup>"</sup>
1 March – 30 June (Surf Only)	Striped Bass	Pat Presutto	<mark>25 1/2"</mark>
1 Mar – 31 Dec (No Size Limit)	Striped Bass	Tyler Leary Leads	39"
1 March – 30 September	Bluefish	Dave Puzak	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"

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**2024 FOM ENTRIES -** Here's the 9 September weigh-ins.

09-02-24 Fluke	25"	Cheri Hebert	Barnegat Bay
09-04-24 Fluke	24"	Bill Figley	Barnegat Inlet - 5.7 lbs
09-06-24 Blowfish	9 1/4"	Dave Puzak	Barnegat Bay
09-06-24 Weakfish	13 3/4"	Dave Puzak	Little Egg Inlet

09-12-24 Blowfis	h 9 3/4"	Ken Chew	Barnegat Bay
09-12-24 Blowfis	h 9 1/2"	Doug O'Brien	<b>Barnegat Bay</b>
09-12-24 Blowfis	h 9 3/4"	John Barrett	<b>Barnegat Bay</b>
09-14-24 Fluke	21 1/4"	Wil Kresge	LER
09-15-24 Blowfis	h 9 1/2"	Dave Puzak	<b>Barnegat Bay</b>

Go to <u>VHFC Contest Rules</u> 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 <a href="mailto:pat1016pat@aol.com">pat1016pat@aol.com</a> 609 994 8361 Ed <a href="mailto:edvalitutto@gmail.com">edvalitutto@gmail.com</a> 609 994 1311 Here are a few photos to show some nice fish recently caught.

AUGUST RECIPE TESTED AS PROMISED by Ed Valitutto - The August Newsletter had a Skate recipe that I promised to try as soon as I caught one suitable for the table. Well that finally happened. The instructions called for the Skate to be gently poached at 160°F for 20 minutes in an aromatic broth. This step cooked the Skate and allowed the skin to be easily removed. A brown butter sauce with lemons and capers was served over the fish.



This is the Skate after poaching and removing the skin which easily came off using a tablespoon. The hardest part was maintaining the water at a low temperature - barely a simmer. There is a piece of cartilage that separates the two halves and can be easily removed which I did.



This is the finished dish and was very enjoyable with a nice glass of white wine. The fish was very mild flavored and delicate. I suggested adding slivered almonds to the brown butter sauce but I would change that to thinly sliced almonds or just omit them. Give it a try!

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 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 <a href="mailto:dabney372@outlook.com">dabney372@outlook.com</a> or 609-709-5093.

**Broiled Bluefish with Lime Aioli by Ed Valitutto** - I was sent this recipe from one of the many cooking sites I have. It's easy and should also work well on other fish like Striper or Tog.

#### **Broiled Bluefish with Lime Aioli**



#### **Ingredients**

2 medium garlic cloves

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 yolk from a large egg

2 teaspoons fresh juice from 1 lime, plus wedges for serving

1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard

1/4 teaspoon chipotle chile powder

1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

1/8 teaspoon lime zest from 1 lime

1 1/2 pounds bluefish fillets, cut into 4 even portions

1 tablespoon chopped flat-leaf parsley

#### **Directions**

- 1) Preheat the oven to 400°F and arrange the rack 8 inches from the element. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil or parchment paper.
- 2) Combine garlic with a pinch of salt and work into a paste. In a medium bowl, whisk together garlic paste, lime zest, egg yolk, lime juice, mustard, and chili powder. Whisking constantly, drizzle in canola and extra-virgin olive oils to form a thick, emulsified sauce (Aioli). Season aioli with salt and pepper. Or you can use a blender, Blend garlic with egg yolk, lime juice, mustard, and chile powder; then drizzle in canola oil in a thin, steady stream until a thick, emulsified sauce forms. Whisk in olive oil (do not add olive oil to the blender) and season with salt and pepper.
- 3) Pat fish dry with paper towels, arrange on a baking sheet and spread the aioli evenly over it. Bake until fish reaches 135°F on an instant-read thermometer, about 7 minutes. Remove from the oven and turn on the broiler.
- 4) Broil bluefish until lightly browned and bubbling on top and an instant-read thermometer registers 140°F when inserted in the center ~4 minutes. Transfer bluefish to plates, sprinkle with parsley, and serve with lime wedges.

**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 @ <a href="mailto:edvalitutto@gmail.com">edvalitutto@gmail.com</a> 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 5 reports since the September Newsletter.





On 9/10/2024, a group of club members and a few guests went out on the *Super Chic* for some fun Fluke fishing on Barnegat Reef.

Many fish were caught and we ended up with 10 keeper Fluke, a Spanish Mackerel, a Bonito, a Bluefish, 2 large Sea Robins, and Ed took home a skate. John Steubing won the pool with a 22" fluke caught on a spoon tipped with some meat fished off a three way swivel!



John Stuebing and Bayside Dave joined Ed V for some Fluke fishing. Due to a slow ~ .5 kt drift, the flutter spoon that had super results on our charter just didn't work, But freshly netted peanut bunker were just the ticket!

We caught three respectable keepers, many shorts, birds and skates. Andy's and the fuel docks, but all we caught were shorts. Still a great day on the water!



Mike Woodrow, Doug O'Brien and Jim
Healy were out for some fishing around
the inlet and BI reef. On the way out,
blitzing 2 - 3 lb bluefish provided about 2
hours of fun mostly on top water plugs
including the two shown on one plug!

Out on the reef they caught sea bass, robins, skates and 3 keeper fluke. They tried tog along the fuel dock but had all shorts. Still a great day on the water!



Tyler Leary and some friends made an overnight trip to the Canyon since the weather was perfect for venturing out on the ocean. They caught a mixed bag including Yellow Fin Tuna, Mahi Mahi and Tilefish. Looks like they hit the jackpot!"

That's Tyler below with a beautiful Tilefish!





That's Ed V and his neighbor
Anthony after a fun time
togging about 50 ft off where
Andy's restaurant and the
State Park properties meet. We
fished an hour before and after
the current null which was at
noon. We fished until we were
out of crabs. The action was
non-stop with many hits,
misses, shorts and 7 keepers
including the two we actually
kept in the photo at 16 and 17
inches.

**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

**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 a second order and the 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: <u>Buoy #44091</u>

Boat/US: <a href="http://www.boatus.com/">http://www.boatus.com/</a>

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary: <a href="http://www.cgaux.org/">http://www.cgaux.org/</a>

Notice to Mariners (District 5): <a href="http://www.navcen.uscq.gov/?pageName=InmDistrict&region=5">http://www.navcen.uscq.gov/?pageName=InmDistrict&region=5</a>

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

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

The Bass Barn: <a href="http://www.thebassbarn.com">http://www.thebassbarn.com</a>

Barnegat Fishing Hole: <a href="http://www.barnegatfishinghole.com/ubbthreads/ubbthreads.php">http://www.barnegatfishinghole.com/ubbthreads/ubbthreads.php</a>

Animated Knots: <a href="http://www.animatedknots.com/">http://www.animatedknots.com/</a>

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.

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

**Surf City Bait & Tackle** 15% discount with VHFC card 317 Long Beach Blvd, Surf City, NJ 08008 609 994 2333