



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER December 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 April 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

Can you believe we are down to three weeks and two days before we are all singing Auld Lang Syne! **Fact:** Auld Lang Syne roughly translates to "times gone by" and was written by Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1788. Anyway, our yearly club meetings are now complete and this will be the last Newsletter for 2024 but we (The Board) are making plans for an even better 2025! But lest we get ahead of ourselves, there are some fish still around - Striped Bass and Blackfish especially - with Sea Bass and Tuna further offshore. We still have 9 FOMs open until 31 December so don't put your fishing gear away just yet. Either from the sand or local party boat - if your boat is already sitting wrapped on blocks in your driveway - the fish are still here for the next few weeks. Pick a good weather day, bundle up and go get 'em.

As far as the fishing for 2024, I personally would give it a generous B. Of course, there were some fantastic days on the water but there were also some pretty tough ones. Let's look at most of our available species:

Striped Bass - Spring was decent but the late fall was awesome by boat. None entered yet from the sand!

Bluefish - Catches were few and far between except for the inlet. Most were on the small side.

Tog - Excellent spring and fall despite the horrendous poaching going on at the inlets.

Fluke - Fish were here but near non-stop south winds kept the water temperature way down and made catching difficult until late season.

Sea Bass - Overall numbers and size seemed to be down. You had to really work for them.

Weakfish - The 'Unicorns of the Sea' lived up to their elusive reputation.

Tuna - Especially good and in close with several club members boating one.

Blowfish, Kingfish & White Perch - All three seemed to be lacking this year.

Skates, Rays & Doggies - Plenty to go around for everyone!

That's the way I saw 2024 at least in our local area. If you had much better results, then more power to you! The important thing is to get out there and enjoy yourself with family and friends. Stay safe over the winter and we will do it all over again next year. Our next meeting will be at the Community Center on **Friday April 11th, 2025!**

Finally, have a **Merry Christmas / Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy and Happy New Year!**
Ed

REGULATORY NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2024 by Phil Simon - Most of the key decisions from the ASMFC and MAMFC that are pending should be completed in the next couple of weeks. We are all interested in what is going to happen to the Striped Bass regulations, as next season's regs and season dates are still on the table. Did any of you listen in on the informational web conference on Dec 4? The issue seems to be that the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board got data from its technical committee (TC) that based on their computer projections, the stock has a less than 50% chance of being rebuilt by 2029, a number and date currently set by existing directives from the management board. However, the TC also showed that with only a very small change in the data input for how many fish would be harvested in 2024, we would move to a trajectory that is above 50%. In fact, the two curves are so similar as to be statistically indistinguishable, a fact that I pointed out during the Q&A portion of the webinar, and to which the head of the TC agreed. My sense is that the data is too weak for the board to take any action at this time. If I'm wrong, then they will most likely impose some type of seasonal closure, an action in my view is like getting a speeding ticket for going 66 in a 65 zone, with the penalty being loss of your license for 2 months. The board will meet on December 16 to decide. You can register for the webinar to listen in and make a comment if you like at [ASBMB Registration](#)

The other major pending decision regards Black Sea Bass, which if you have read my last couple of newsletter articles, could be subject to a 10 to 20% cut for 2025 in spite of the fact that the stock is way over its target size. However, unless there is some legal issue hovering in the

hallways, I believe that we will not see a cut, as basically no one on the MAMFC, ASMFC or NOAA thinks this is the proper thing to do, and the NOAA head for our region provided an apparent legal out for this move. This will be decided on Tuesday December 10 at the meeting of the mid Atlantic commission, and you can find a link to join this meeting as well as full documentation on the commissions web page at [December 2024 Council Meeting](#) . Be forewarned that the briefing book for this meeting is over 300 pages, but the info for the Black Sea Bass decision is the first major set of documents after the overview of all the stocks. Black Sea Bass starts at page 60. But the key recommendation from the MAMFC staff, who guide the discussion, is this: ***“Given that the 2024 Management Track Assessment was not used to update the RHL, a status quo RHL is expected, recreational harvest has been declining in recent years, and given the current positive stock status (i.e., biomass more than double the target level and overfishing not occurring), Council staff recommend that recreational black sea bass measures remain unchanged in 2025. This would result in virtually unchanged measures across 2023-2025.”*** Page 72.

If all goes smoothly, the Black Sea Bass recreational harvest limit, as well as those for summer flounder and scup, will remain unchanged from 2024.

DUES CHANGE FOR 2025 by Ed Valitutto - If you weren't at the last meeting, let me 'just rip off the band aid' and say that the board unanimously agreed that our club dues be increased from **\$40 to \$50** for adults and that Junior members remain at **\$10**. Our dues have remained the same for 10+ years! Everyone knows that prices have increased over that time. But VHFC has expanded many of the club benefits for our members and we want to do even more moving forward! For example, just look at the differences between 2014 and 2024.

2014	2024
10 FOMs	34 FOMs
1 Pizza Night	3 Pizza Nights
Club Dinner	Club Dinner with Wine & Appetizers or Dessert
1 Party Boat Trip	3 Party Boat Trips with Coffee & Donuts
N/A	Surf Tournament with Burgers
N/A	Tri-Club Fluke Tournament and BBQ

Dues are required by the May meeting. But if you send in your dues postmarked by March 15th, you only pay \$40. How's that for a deal! Send them to our club address:

VHFC
PO Box 1026
Manahawkin, Nj 08050

NEW FOR 2025 by John Stuebing - At the last meeting, I presented two new club tournaments - VHFC Inshore Slam and VHFC Open. More specific information will be forthcoming at our meetings next year. If you have questions or suggestions, please send them to me, For those members who missed the last meeting, here are my charts:



VHFC Inshore Slam

Points By Weight				
PTS	Fluke	Weakfish	Bluefish	Striper
1	5th Most Weight	5th Most Weight	5th Most Weight	5th Most Weight
2	4th Most Weight	4th Most Weight	4th Most Weight	4th Most Weight
3	3rd Most Weight	3rd Most Weight	3rd Most Weight	3rd Most Weight
4	2nd Most Weight	2nd Most Weight	2nd Most Weight	2nd Most Weight
5	Most Weight	Most Weight	Most Weight	Most Weight

Entry \$20

Proposed Dates 5/26 – 6/1/25

Fish Any Two Days

Must Fish Inside the Inlet or from Land

More Details at the April Meeting

Multiple Weigh-In
Stations

This first tournament in late May is primarily intended for our land based anglers and anglers with smaller boats. The Barnegat Inlet boundary will likely be defined as the imaginary line running from the tip of the North jetty to the tip of the South jetty. The Little Egg Inlet boundary on the other hand will need some further thought. But it should be fun and being able to pick your two days of fishing will allow consideration for weather, work schedules, holiday time and family commitments.

The second tournament on the next page is proposed for late August and will also allow you to choose your fishing days and fish by boat or from the land with no location restrictions.



VHFC Open

Points By Total Weight

PTS	Fluke	Bluefish	Sea Bass	Blackfish
1	5th Most Weight	5th Most Weight	5th Most Weight	5th Most Weight
2	4th Most Weight	4th Most Weight	4th Most Weight	4th Most Weight
3	3rd Most Weight	3rd Most Weight	3rd Most Weight	3rd Most Weight
4	2nd Most Weight	2nd Most Weight	2nd Most Weight	2nd Most Weight
5	Most Weight	Most Weight	Most Weight	Most Weight

Proposed Dates 8/25 – 8/31/25

Entry \$20

Fish Any Two Days

Fish from Boat or Land

More Details in the Spring

Multiple Weigh-In
Stations

With these two new tournaments, we will have a full fishing year of activities for our members to participate in as many as they wish or their schedule allows. Here's a rundown for 2025 with approximate dates depending on NJ F&W seasons:

- 1) Party Boat Spring Bottom Trip (May)
- 2) VHFC Inshore Slam Late May - New
- 3) Fluke Tournament / BBQ in July
- 4) Tri Club Tournament /BBQ late July early August
- 5) Party Boat Fluke Trip in August
- 6) VHFC Open Late August - New
- 7) Party Boat Bottom Trip in October
- 8) Dinner in October
- 9) Surf Tournament in November

Be sure to check out the winter seminars later in the Newsletter

SOCIAL MEDIA by Bayside Dave Etelman - VHFC now has a Facebook page and an Instagram account. For your convenience, both links are provided [VHFC FB Site](#) and [VHFC Instagram](#). Both sites have had a steady increase in followers on both our Facebook page and Instagram account. Facebook is up to 145 followers and Instagram is up to 125 followers. We will continue to put out posts every week all winter long. Fishing related instructional videos on knot tying, fileting, and other topics are the plan. Look for short videos as well.

As a follower, 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 me (Bayside Dave) with a beautiful 38 - 40" Striper caught while fishing with John Stuebing and Ed V on his boat 'Set The Hook'. We had an epic day!

GREAT UPCOMING EVENTS by John Stuebing - As mentioned at the November meeting, there are two seminars over the winter months in Atlantic City that may be of interest to many of our members and each offers special deals for VHFC. But first, a reminder about an offer from one of our Sponsors:

1. **Empire Bait and Tackle** has a special promotion for VHFC Members. If you buy a Gift Card between now and 12/31/24, Empire will add 50% of the purchase to the card. As an example, buy a \$100 gift card, get \$150 put on the card.

There are some stipulations:

1. You must present your VHFC Membership Card at time of purchase
2. The Gift Card cannot be redeemed until 3/1/25 or when the store reopens from the winter break.

If you have any questions give Chris a call at Empire Bait & Tackle. 609-857-5291

2. **Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series** - Hosted by George Poveromo, this event will be held at Resorts in Atlantic City on January 25th. For those of you who attended the November club meeting, we raffled off two free tickets for this seminar. The tickets were compliments of George and Edie Poveromo. **Greg Camilleri and Pat Presutto won the tickets** and will be joining me at the Seminar. Joining George will be the likes of Nick Honachefsy, Melissa Toro, Tom Daffin, Steve Palmer, Brian Williams and many more as the faculty. This seminar covers local fishing techniques for Offshore, Inshore and Back Bays. I am hoping that more of our members will be joining us. Tickets are \$65 for this all-day event. If we get a good showing I am certain I can get free tickets for next year. Check out <https://www.nationalseminarseries.com> for more information. If you buy tickets, you will see a place for "Business Name" when completing the transaction. Make sure you put Village Harbour Fishing Club in that spot. Let me know if you are planning to go to the seminar. We will arrange carpooling to Atlantic City.
3. **Canyon Runner Offshore Seminar in Atlantic City on 2/8/25** - This event will be held at Harrah's in Atlantic City on February 8th. I discussed this seminar at the November Meeting and it is a must for anybody that fishes Inshore, Midshore or Offshore. I am in contact with Adam LaRossa to get a discount for our members and I will send out a separate email on how to get the discount. In the meantime, go to: <https://canyonrunner.com/seminars> for more detailed information. Again, let me know if you are going so we can set up carpooling.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH by Phil Simon & Jerry Nichols New for 2024, VHFC started a Photo of the Month contest, in which members submitted a photo showing family, nature, or anything related to the outdoors with the monthly winning photo featured on our Facebook site. Each monthly winner was also given one entry to a drawing held at the November meeting for a \$50 FHQ award. John Stuebing was the drawing winner. Congratulations John!

MELANIE BOYTOS AWARD - by Ed Valitutto As written up in the November Newsletter, this prestigious yearly award goes to the angler who scores the most points for their largest catch in any / all of our six Fish of the Year (FOY) species based on the table at [Contest Rules](#). It's not over yet, but here are the top leaders so far this year with points shown in parentheses:

Tyler Leary 24 Points

31.5" Bluefish (8) 47" Striper (7) 22" Tog (8) 18" Fluke (1)

Bill Figley 19 Points

36.5" Striper (3) 24" Fluke (8) 17" Sea Bass (3) 19" Tog (5)

Jim Healy 18 Points

17.25" Bluefish (1) 33.5" Striper (2) 19" Tog (5) 26" Weakfish (10)

Dave Puzak 17 Points

33.25" Bluefish (9) 23.5" Fluke (7) 13.75" Weakfish (1)

Mike Woodward 15 Points

31.75" Bluefish (8) 23" Fluke (7)

Dave Etelman 14 Points

22.5" Fluke (6) 33.5" Striper (2) 20.5" Weakfish (6)

Check your own scores using [FOM Entries](#) and the table in [Contest Rules](#) If I made a mistake, I apologize in advance, just let me know.

LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC by Ed Valitutto - The 70th Annual Fall Surf Fishing Tournament ends today and offered over \$25,000 in prizes over the 9 week event for five species of fish. Striped Bass lead the way with prizes also available for Bluefish, Kingfish, Tog and Red Drum. Go to the LBI [Home Page](#) for a list of all fish entered. As of today, 407 anglers entered 69 Tog, 47 Bluefish, 5 Kingfish and 37 Striped Bass with an additional 13 released after being photographed. Even more impressive, VHFC Angler John Stuebing took overall 4th Place for Tog with his 4.22 Lb fish thanks to a superb netting job by yours truly! Nice work John!

VHFC FALL SURF FISHING EVENT by Dave Etelman - On Saturday November 9th, VHFC held a one day Surf Fishing Tournament. Open to all members, sixteen anglers signed up and fished from 6am until noon trying for the largest by length legal Striper, Tog, Bluefish or Kingfish. Unfortunately, no one was able to land a keeper! Afterward, everyone met at Surf City Bait & Tackle and enjoyed the cheeseburgers expertly grilled by our president, Ed Valitutto. Since no one caught a winning fish, the \$160 prize was raffled off and won by **Bill Bond**. Tom Santaguida, a fellow member and owner of Surf City Bait & Tackle, donated a 6'6" TFO Seahunter Conventional Rod as a raffle prize. New member **Pete Begley** won the rod which he donated via Bob Massa to the Southern Regional HS fishing club. Thank you **Tom Santaguida** for hosting our club at your shop, for the use of your grill, and for donating the TFO rod. Here are some pictures from the event.



That's Bayside Dave with rod raffle winner Pete Begley (Upper Left) and money raffle winner Bill Bond (Upper Right).

Folks are getting anxious waiting for burgers (Left).

2024 VHFC FISH of the YEAR LEADERS TO DATE - Not over yet, except for Fluke.

Fish	Name	Size
Bluefish	Dave Puzak Leads	33 1/4"
Fluke	Cheri Hebert	27 1/4"
Seabass	Bill Dabney Leads	21"
Striped Bass	Tyler Leary Leads	47"
Weakfish	Charles Tortorella Leads	26 1/2
Blackfish	Tyler Leary Leads	22"

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 9 contests still open and Leaders as shown. Two contests closed in November bringing the total number of closed contests to 25 (**shaded Yellow**).. Congrats to our November winners listed below:

- 1) Ron Nachman Triggerfish 16 3/4"
- 2) Perry Hoagey Porgy 15"

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	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	47"
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"
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	22"

1 April – 30 June	Weakfish	Charles Tortorella	26 1/2"
1 April – 31 October	Blowfish	Caesar Pesarini	11 1/2 "
1 April – 31 October	Kingfish	Ed Valitutto	13 "
1 May – 30 November	Triggerfish	Ron Nachman Leads	16 3/4 "
1 May – 30 November	Porgy	Perry Hoagey Leads	15 "
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 Heber	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	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	John Barrett Leads	24"
1 Oct – 31 Dec (Surf Only)	Bluefish	Joe Filice Leads	16 1/2"
1 Oct – 31 Dec	Striped Bass	Ed Valitutto Leads	30 3/4 "
1 Oct – 31 Dec Surf Only)	Striped Bass	No Entry to Date	
1 Oct – 31 Dec	Blackfish	John Stuebing & Jim Healy Tied	19"
1 Oct – 31 Dec	Sea Bass	Perry Hoagey Leads	18 1/4"

2024 FOM ENTRIES - Here are the 6 November and 1 December weigh-ins.

11-02-24 Striped Bass	47"	Tyler Leary	Off IBSP
11-08-24 Bluefish	17 1/4"	Jim Healy	BL North Jetty
11-13-24 Tog	16 1/4"	Tom Godfrey	BL Jetty
11-18-24 Striped Bass	30 3/4"	Ed Valitutto	Off Governor's Mansion at IBSP
11-20-24 Striped Bass	33"	Bill Figley	Off BI
11-28-24 Striped Bass	36 1/2"	Bill Figley	Off Seaside Park
12-01-24 Striped Bass	37 1/4"	Tom Godfrey	IBSP on Topwater Plug

Go to [VHFC Contest Rules](#) for full FOM entry details. 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

Lemon Herb Baked Striped Bass by Ed Valitutto - I found this recipe originally published in the October 2018 edition of *The Fisherman* magazine. I have not made it yet but I definitely will try it as part of my Christmas dinner. I will use Striper that has been vacuum sealed and frozen but I am sure this would be delicious using Tog, Cod, Haddock or any firm white fleshed fish. Note: cooking times vary based on thickness and temperature. **Do not overcook!**



Ingredients:

~ 3 lbs striped bass fillet cut to equal thickness and set out for 30 minutes
2 tbsp. melted butter
1 lemon
Salt and pepper

Topping:

3/4 cup Panko bread crumbs
3 cloves garlic minced
2 tbsp. fresh parsley minced
1 tbsp. dill minced
Zest from 1 lemon
2 tbsp. shredded parmesan cheese
3 tbsp. melted butter

Instructions:

- 1) Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
- 2) Combine Topping ingredients in a small bowl.
- 3) Line a pan with foil and spray with cooking spray or brush with olive oi.
- 4) Place fish in the pan and brush with melted butter. Season with salt and pepper, and squeeze some lemon over it.
- 5) Sprinkle crumb mixture on top and bake uncovered for 13 to 17 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.
- 6) Enjoy with a nice glass of white wine!

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 November Newsletter.



Alan Goracy and Ed V had some fun early November feeding green crabs to the Tog. Not many keepers but Alan managed an 18+ and I caught a 17+.



Mike Woodrow, Doug O'Brien, and Bayside Dave pounded the bass and bluefish at the mouth of the inlet for almost 4 hours! Close to 30 fish were caught including 17 bass to 37"! What a day on the water.



That's Brandon Leary with one of several monster Bass he, Tyler and dad Brian caught north of IBSP.



Ed V ventured up to the Barnegat Light docks and his first two casts were stripped of his green crab. Third cast was the charm with this 17 1/4" 3+ lb Tog.



That's Ed V above with a nice keeper 30+” Striper one of many caught on *Rig a Tony*.



Bill Figley proudly poses with a 64” BFT caught off Barnegat Ridge on the *Red Herring*. The fish was hooked after sunset and landed in the dark!





That's Tom Godfrey struggling to hold that huge Striper hooked off IBSP by good fishing buddy Kathy! What a thrill for her to catch and reel in this 46" Striped Bass!

No pictures but Bob Dodds celebrated his 80th Birthday on the Kev n' Ash catching 3 stripers including one over 43". Captain Greg even had a cake! Many more Birthdays Bob!



Bayside Dave, John Stuebing and Ed V had an epic day boxing three slots, two bonus tag fish and several arm-tiring 'overs'. Twice, we even had two fish on at once! After the Striper fest, they anchored off Andy's and managed three keeper Tog. What a day – great weather and fishing!



Using diamond jigs with teasers, the “Leary Clan” – Brian, Carter & Tyler - shown in the selfie below, caught over 30 stripers keeping 3 and 1 bonus for the table. That’s Carter (Left) with a nice bass. What a day!



CLASSIFIED ADS BUY, SELL or TRADE

FOR SALE By Bayside Dave Etelman: \$450 for the combo

**Never used tuna jigging combo. Purchased new in 2022 and never used.
Please contact Dave at 201-638-5774 if you're interested.**

**5'3" Centaur Combat Arm 53SUL Purchased new in 2022 for \$230 with Penn
Slammer 5500DX SLAIV5500DX Purchased new in 2022 for \$300 Braid**

Spooled with 50# Cortland Master Braid



VHFC Hats - Hats are khaki colored and feature a high definition VHFC patch on the front. They are high quality and available for \$20.

NOTE: John Stuebing, Chuck Dishian and Ed V will be at the CC on Monday to sort through our club material. The CC closes for the season on Wednesday, Therefore, If you would like a hat for a holiday gift, let one of us know ASAP!

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS By Jeff Orsoe - No longer available this year, but I will be available to perform a Vessel Safety exam on your vessel any time next spring and have the VE sticker (Vessel Exam decal) 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. Schedule your inspection early so you know what needs replacing at the start of next season. **Contact: Jeff Orsoe Cell / Text: 732-672-5530 or email: jorsoe786@gmail.com.**

Note: 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.

USEFUL INFORMATION LINKS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Long Beach Island Water Temperature & Winds:

<https://seatemperature.info/long-beach-island-water-temperature.html>

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

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

Boat U.S.

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

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

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

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
1214 N Bay Ave, Beach Haven, NJ 08008
609-492-2795

The Boat Shop 10% discount with VHFC card
756 E. Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ 08050
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 15% discount with VHFC card
317 Long Beach Blvd, Surf City, NJ 08008
609 994 2333