



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER May 2025

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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 6:45; Meeting begins at 7:15 PM

Next meeting: 09 May 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

Now that the weather has warmed and the winds are reasonable, it's time to get into some serious fishing. Blackfish closed April 30th and the month went by too quickly. Cold water and winds made it difficult to catch Tog until the final week. But with May comes Fluke and Sea Bass along with the ongoing White Perch, Black Drum and Striped Bass seasons. Maybe Bluefish will also make a sizable showing around their usual Mother's Day arrival time in our area. Bill Bond already caught the first one off Brant Beach. Who knows how the year will shape up as both the air and water temps slowly rise throughout May. Water temperature Monday afternoon at Station 44091 15 miles off Barnegat Inlet was 55 °F with a wave height of 3.6 ft at 8 seconds. BTW, this site is a great source of real time water temperature and wave information 12 miles out at [Buoy Data Off LBI](#) and is also listed on our Website under the Resources_Links pulldown menu.

Summer Flounder (Fluke) opened last Saturday and like them or not, last year's fluke regulations remain in place for 2025. Spring fluking usually is best on the outgoing tide and

shallow water where the water is warmer. If wreck fishing is your thing, Seabass opens on Wednesday May 17 and runs through June 19 with a 10 fish limit at 12.5". While on the wrecks, you might get lucky and hook a cod or ling.

May will also be a busy time for the club with two events scheduled. Our first party boat outing on the Mary M fishing the bottom for Sea Bass along with anything else willing to bite is on May 20th and a new event, the VHFC Inshore Slam, will occur from May 12 through the 18th. More info is provided later in the Newsletter for both events.

So before the weather really heats up and the summer crowds arrive, get on out there and do some fishing. I look forward to seeing everyone on May 9th at our first **Pizza** meeting for 2025. Once again, **meetings start at 7:15 but doors are open at 6:45**. 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.

Ed

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MAY SPEAKER Steve Palmer, *Jingles Bait & Tackle* and *The Miss Beach Haven* - Steve returns to VHFC with what will surely be an interesting seminar on fishing our local waters. Steve is the owner of Jingles Bait and Tackle, and Co-owner of the party boat *Miss Beach Haven*. And IT WILL BE A PIZZA NIGHT! Also on the docket, Liza from Creekside Outfitters will tell us a little about her Bait & Tackle shop.



That's Jenni Ackerman of *The Fisherman Magazine* talking about targeting blackfish at our May meeting. She gave a lot of tips on tackle, bait, and techniques. Her presentation was very informative and everyone learned something.

UPCOMING VHFC 2025 EVENTS - For your long term planning and participation.

1. Battle On The Beach Friday June 6 rain date Monday June 9 - Local HS fishing contest on the Barnegat Light sands. VHFC officiates the event.
2. Party Boat Spring Bottom Trip on Mary M Tuesday May 20
3. VHFC Inshore Slam May 12 - 18 New for 2025
4. Fluke Tournament / BBQ Saturday July 12 / Sunday July 13 rain date
5. Tri Club Tournament /BBQ July 26 / 27
6. Party Boat Fluke Trip on Super Chic Tuesday August 19
7. VHFC Open Late August - New for 2025
8. Party Boat Bottom Trip on Mary M Wednesday October 1
9. Dinner in October
10. Surf Tournament in November

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NEW JERSEY REGULATORY NEWS - Atlantic Striped Bass: Good News and Bad News -

by Phil Simon As we head into the Spring striper run in May and June, you should be aware by now that fisheries scientists are predicting that we will have another strong season of fishing. This is due primarily to the entry of the large 2018 year-class of fish into the range of the 28" to 31" slot limit. Those of you who have been utilizing the NJ bonus striper program have already been seeing this year-class of fish on your dinner table for the last couple of years. This year should see a high level of success for striper fisherman, maybe better than the good years we have seen recently. Good news, yes? Well, the fisheries scientists and regulators see it differently. Because the striper stock (the spawning stock biomass, SSB) is below its threshold of 80% of its numbers to support the fishery (the Maximum Sustainable Yield, MSY), the stock is

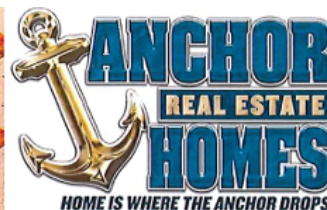
officially “Overfished”, requiring under Magnuson-Stevens that the regulatory agency responsible should institute a rebuilding program to restore the stock. This was done several years ago by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board, (the Board), and we have seen the results in the reduced bag and size limits that we are currently experiencing.

The plan set 2029 as its target year for the ten-year program for restoration of the stock. Under their guidelines, the plan would be considered “working” as long as there was a reasonable statistical chance that the goal would be met on time. Unfortunately, with the predictions of this year’s high level of harvest (both recreational and commercial), the predicted chances for success of the rebuilding plan have fallen below the 50 to 60% range that the Board sees as essential. At the end of 2024 we almost faced another “Emergency” declaration by the Board to severely cut back on the 2025 harvest, but this was tabled to allow for some breathing room while the numbers were checked and rechecked and included the full set of data of the 2024 harvest and mortality numbers.

On May 6, the Board will meet to review and discuss proposed new sets of rules for striper fishing that could take effect in 2026 and beyond. This proposal, the “Draft Addendum III to Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass” (the Addendum), includes a large section entitled “Reduction in Fishery Removals to Support Stock Rebuilding”, which is the bad news portion of this article. In the proposal are tables and tables of options for new rules for reducing the harvest of stripers, including options for “no targeting” and “no harvest” seasonal closures. If the Board approves the Addendum at the May 6 meeting, the document will go out for public comment in June through mid-July, including a series of public hearings, and that’s when all the shouting and yelling will begin because the changes could basically wipe out a huge chunk of the striper fishery for us. Oh Boy! Stay tuned - I should have an update at this month’s club meeting.

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CLUB DUES - VHFC yearly dues are \$50 for adults and \$10 for junior members and worth every penny! Junior members must be 18 or less by the May 9 Meeting. Dues are required by the May meeting and can be paid at the meeting or mailed to our PO Box below. to minimize the time consumed at meetings. Please fill out the [Membership Form](#) and mail with a check to:

**VHFC MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 1026
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Remember: Dues must be paid at least 24 hrs ahead of any entry into our contests.

Forest Fire Picture taken from the ICW - Ed Valitutto



That's the horrible forest fire taken while traveling home in a friend's boat after a few hours of Tog fishing. We were off of Andy's bulkhead when we saw the first smoke. We caught lots of shorts and two just barely keepers!

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BATTLE ON THE BEACH by Ed Valitutto - This year's annual high school surf fishing contest is scheduled for Friday June 9th starting at 4:00 PM on 9th Street in Barnegat Light with June 12th as the rain date. Four high schools (Southern Regional, Barnegat, Lacey Township and MATES Academy) compete for bragging rights and displaying the coveted trophy engraved with their school name for one year in their school lobby. In addition, the winning school receives a \$1,000 scholarship provided by LBI Surf Fishing Committee for their fishing club use..

Each school gets one entire block to fish for 45 minutes before being rotated to a new block until each school has fished all four blocks. Since VHFC officiates the event, eight volunteers are needed. One person does the tape measurement and one person records the entries for one of the four blocks. VHFC's Bob Massa. Bob will provide all materials for manning the 4 stations but cannot join us on the sand due to a torn meniscus. Get well soon Bob!

This is a great opportunity to enjoy a day on the beach and spend time with our future anglers. Anyone interested should contact me to confirm your support. I'll send out further details as available to all participants. We usually meet at 3:30 at 9th St and walk in together. Note that at this time of the year it can get quite chilly. Therefore, dress appropriately for a day on the beach. The photo below is from 2018. Those are some happy young anglers eager to fish.



PROPERLY HANDLE YOUR CATCH by Ed Valitutto - This is a modification to an article I did 3 years back but it deserves another reminder. We all spend a lot of money on our boats or for gas on a friend's boat along with many quality rods and reels, tackle and bait. So why skimp on the time and cost to guarantee the best table quality of your catch - bleeding and icing.

- 1) **Bleeding** - Bleeding removes almost all blood making for a cleaner filet and much better tasting meal. It also quickly dispatches the fish instead of flopping around in your cooler allowing lactic acid to build up while the fish slowly dies. Basically every fish you catch should be bled, but you should definitely bleed striped bass, bluefish, blackfish and weakfish. Fluke and seabass are optional but will taste better if bled. Simply lift a gill cover and insert your filet knife through one side and out the other side without stabbing your palm - been there, done that! With a slight downward motion, you will cut the main artery and immediately know it when the blood spurts.

For blues and stripers, after cutting, I prefer to place them head down in my live well with the water running for a few minutes. Makes for a much cleaner cooler back at the dock. For fluke and seabass, simply lift a gill cover with a shears and tear off or cut several gill rakers. I do this to all fish except Blowfish and Kingfish. But be careful!

- 2) **Ice** - Seems obvious but don't skimp on this step. Two frozen soda bottles is not going to do it for a cooler full of seabass. Bluefish when bled & iced will have super firm white flesh that makes for wonderful eating. For bluefish and striped bass, I always remove all the dark red meat before cooking due to the strong taste. Also, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends removing the skin, belly, dark meat, head, tail and all internal organs before cooking to remove potential toxins. I know it takes a few minutes to trim up the meat but the results are well worth it.

The photo below shows filets from a bonus tag striped bass caught last year. Take a close look at the difference between the trimmed and untrimmed filets!



Striped bass filets being readied for cooking. The top filet has been cut along the lateral line and all dark meat removed - shown in the center. The bottom filet has not yet been done. Totally a personal preference but I recommend it.



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NEW JERSEY STRIPED BASS BONUS PROGRAM - Apply now for your tag which opens on 15 May. Here is a link to the Striped Bass Bonus: [Striper Bonus Tags](#)

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SOCIAL MEDIA by Bayside Dave Etelman - Our VHFC sites are [VHFC FB Site](#) and [VHFC Instagram](#). The FB site has 172 followers with 102 Likes with each post reaching thousands of people; our Instagram account has 163 followers. Dave shares Members Reports, club activities, monthly meetings as well as tips for fishing and boating on both social media networks.

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.



That's what remains after Jim Healy had a screaming drag fishing the bay one evening. Now was it a Bass or Black Drum? I told Jim to quit using those 'Made in Japan' Gamakatsu hooks - only kidding, they're my favorite brand! The real question - are circle hooks weaker than J hooks!

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BOTTOM FISHING ON THE MARY M IV by Phil Simon- We are now scheduled with Capt Sam (Rescigno) for a bottom fishing trip on Tuesday, May 20th on the Mary M IV. The average cost per person should be about \$100 including tip depending on the total number of anglers. Sea Bass opens on May 17 and runs through June 19 with a 10 fish limit at 12.5 inches, so we will be hitting the wrecks just days after opening. Sign up for some great early season bottom fishing. VHFC will provide coffee and donuts for your enjoyment.

This is a full size party boat with plenty of space. Captain Sam and first mate Sammy provide a great day on the water. Space is limited so sign up now! *The decks are fully walkaround and can accommodate up to 38 anglers on fishing trips but **VHFC limits the number to ~ 30 for adequate space. Last count had 22 anglers signed up.***



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VHFC INSHORE SLAM by John Stuebing - We have a new tournament scheduled for May 12th to the 18th. We will be fishing for Fluke, Bluefish, Weakfish and Striper for an entire week (7 days). Every angler can fish any two days of their choosing. The rules give every type of angler some advantages and some disadvantages. **Full rules explanation at our meeting!**

- Boat Anglers can only fish in the Bay. They cannot enter or fish in any inlet. This gives Kayakers even chances with other boats.
- Surf Fishermen can fish from shore, piers, bulkheads or jetties. If fishing from the jetty, they cannot go out on the jetty further than the shore line. They can fish the Ocean (from the beach) and part of the Inlet. They lack the mobility of the Boat Fisherman.

All fish will be weighed in at designated Weigh-In Stations. All NJ fishing regulations apply. Anglers earn points for most weight by species. Winners are determined by total points earned across all species. Entry Fee will be \$20 with all fees returned as prizes. Top three anglers will win a percentage of the pot. Below is a look at how points are earned.

Points	Striper	Fluke	Bluefish	Weakfish
5	Heaviest Total Weight Caught Over 2 Days	Heaviest Total Weight Caught Over 2 Days	Heaviest Total Weight Caught Over 2 Days	Heaviest Total Weight Caught Over 2 Days
4	2nd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place	2nd Place
3	3rd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place	3rd Place
2	4th Place	4th Place	4th Place	4th Place
1	5th Place	5th Place	5th Place	5th Place

Total Weight is the cumulative catch per species over two days. Therefore, each angler can enter 2 Striper, 6 Fluke, 6 Bluefish and 2 Weakfish for the tournament.



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RAFFLE - Our first raffle will be at the May meeting for a Penn Battle III 6000 Reel with a Penn Battle III Medium Heavy Rod supplied by Creekside Outfitters. This would be a great outfit for Sea Bass, Tog, Ocean Fluke or Striper. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.



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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 2025, there are 34 FOM adult awards and 7 Junior Angler Only awards each for a \$50 certificate. As of today, there are 6 Junior Angler and 18 Adult contests open. Open contests are shaded Green. Closed contests are shaded Red.

Congratulations to our May winners: Bert Kern Blackfish (Boat) 17.5" and Mike Woodrow Blackfish (Surf) 15.25)

Junior Angler Awards

Species	Start	Finish	Leader	Size
White Perch	3/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Bluefish	3/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Kingfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
Blowfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
Fluke	5/4/25	9/25/25	TBD	
Sea Bass*	5/17/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Striped Bass	3/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	

Surf FOM

Species	Start	Finish	Leader	Size
Striper	3/1/25	7/31/25	Pat Presutto	30 7/8 "

Striper	8/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Striper Over 31"	3/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Bluefish	3/1/25	6/31/25	Bill Bond	22
Bluefish	7/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Fluke	5/4/25	6/30/25	TBD	
Fluke	7/1/25	9/25/25	TBD	
Blackfish	4/1/25	4/30/25	Mike Woodrow	15.25
Blackfish	8/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	

2025 Boat FOM Leaders

Species	Start	Finish	Leader	Size
Striper	3/1/25	7/31/25	TBD	
Striper	8/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Striper Over 31"	3/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Bluefish	3/1/25	6/30/25	TBD	
Bluefish	7/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Blackfish	4/1/25	4/30/25	Bert Kern	17.5
Blackfish	8/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Sea Bass	5/17/25	6/19/25	TBD	
Sea Bass	7/1/25	8/31/25	TBD	
Sea Bass	10/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Triggerfish	5/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
Porgy	5/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Fluke	5/4/25	6/30/25	TBD	
Fluke	7/1/25	7/31/25	TBD	
Fluke	8/1/25	8/31/25	TBD	
Fluke	9/1/25	9/25/24	TBD	

Weakfish	4/1/25	10/31/25	TBD
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Black Drum	3/1/25	12/31/25	TBD
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2025 Boat or Surf FOM Leaders

Species	Start	Finish	Leader	Size
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White Perch	3/1/25	12/31/25	TBD
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Blowfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	TBD
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Kingfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	TBD
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2025 Offshore FOM Leaders

Species	Start	Finish	Leader	Size
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Bluefin	5/1/25	11/30/25	TBD
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Yellowfin	5/1/25	11/30/25	TBD
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Mahi	5/1/25	11/30/25	TBD
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False Albacore	9/1/25	11/30/25	TBD
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2025 FOM ENTRIES - Here's our list of 2025 entries since the last Newsletter. Go to [2025 FOM Entries](#) for the list of all entries and contest standings

Date	Angler	Species	Length	Location
04/11	Tyler Leary	Black Drum	39	Bay Surfside
04/15	Will Kresge	Blackfish	16	Glory Wreck
04/18	Tim Naples	Blackfish	16.25	Wreck
04/15	Mike Woodrow	Blackfish (Surf Only)	15.25	BL Jetty
04/25	Paul Pintinalli	Blackfish	17	Wreck
04/28	Bert Kern	Blackfish	17 1/2	Wreck
05/02	Bill Bond	Bluefish	22	Brant Beach



Here's a photo of Bert Kern's April winning Tog!



Here's the first place leading (22") Surf Bluefish caught by Bill Bond. Good thing Weighmaster Pat P was on the sands with Bill to verify that the ruler went all the way to the fish's tip!



LBI 23rd Annual 2024 Spring Derby - See [LBI Spring Derby](#) Saturday, April 5th @ 12 AM to Sunday, June 22nd @ 6 PM
\$20 - Registration Fee For All Anglers
100% Payout Prize Structure
Striped Bass 50%/25%/10% Bluefish 15%
Striped Bass Catch & Release "Surf Master"
Prizes: \$150 in gift cards awarded to the angler with the longest striped bass over 38",

To date 6 slot Bass and 2 'Over Slot' Bass have been entered. No Bluefish entered yet.

FISH IN BUTTER SAUCE (Fish Meunière) - by Ed Valitutto



This easy fish meunière (fish in butter sauce) is seared in butter and oil, and served with a lemon and butter sauce.

Ingredients

- 2 mild white fish fillets, such as flounder, sea bass or tog (~ 1 lb)
- 1 tablespoon flour
- pinch salt, pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 ½ tablespoons butter, divided
- ½ cup white wine Substitute white wine or rice wine vinegar if needed
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 tablespoon capers (optional)

Handful fresh herbs (parsley, chives, basil, cilantro etc)

Instructions

1. Pat fillets dry. Dust with flour, and shake off any excess. Sprinkle them on both sides with salt and pepper.
2. Prepare a heavy pan with the olive oil and 1 TB butter. Heat on medium-high until butter is melted but not browned, then turn the heat down to medium.
3. Place the fillets in the pan and cook for 2-4 minutes. Don't touch the fillets until they're ready to flip.
4. Note: Thin fillets like flounder will need to cook approx. 2 minutes per side, Dover sole 2-3 min per side, cod + halibut 4 min per side.
5. Use a thin metal spatula to test the fish. If you can slide the spatula under the fish without the fish sticking to the pan, it's ready to flip. If the fillets won't release- give them another 30 seconds. They'll release when they've finished cooking.
6. Cook fish for another 2-4 minutes until done.
7. Divide the 1 TB butter and place over both fillets. Transfer the fish to plates, leaving the excess butter in the pan. Cover fish to keep warm, or set fish in a 200°F oven.
8. Reduce heat to medium. Add the wine to the pan, and allow it to reduce for about a minute. Add the remaining butter and lemon juice and stir with a wooden spoon. Add half the herbs and stir again.
9. Serve fish hot with pan sauce, remaining herbs, and optional capers and lemons.

FISHING REPORTS by **Ed Valitutto** - Please go to the VHFC website at <http://www.vhfishingclub.com> to read fishing reports submitted by fellow club members. Please submit your reports using the simple form on our website. If you prefer, please email Ed Valitutto @ edvalitutto@gmail.com or call 609 994 1311 and provide the details so I can do a report for you. Other members enjoy your reports and gain some valuable fishing insight. There were only 4 reports since the April Newsletter due primarily to the weather but that will change with the opening of Fluke and Sea Bass as we move into May.



That's this year's Melanie Boytos winner Tyler Leary with a monster Black Drum caught before Community College class back in early April. Of course, Tyler safely released it!



Another picture of Tyler's 39" Black Drum that went 35 lbs on a Boga grip! Fantastic fish!



Marty Friedrich and 4 friends started at Little Egg reef but eventually went to the Glory Wreck with slightly better results. Unfortunately, there were still many short fish from 14 to almost 15" but they managed four Keepers to 16" that Will Kresge caught along with a few nice sea bass! Fun day on the water and a good season opener!



Here's the man, the myth, the legend, Bayside Dave himself out on GSS in Tim Naples' boat. They caught 5 keepers along with a lot of smaller fish among their 30+ fish total.



Dave had one nice 16" keeper!



Bill Bond is all smiles with the first Bluefish of the season. At 22", that's the perfect eating size but it's still out their swimming after a quick photo and catch & release.

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Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact Ed Valitutto via email at edvalitutto@gmail.com to place your ad.

VHFC Hats - As previously reported, new hats with a khaki cap and dark blue brim with a mesh back were ordered and received. Hats are available at all meetings. Hats will have our logo on them and will be \$25. Eight original caps are still available for \$20 if you prefer. Hats are khaki colored and feature a high definition VHFC patch on the front. They are high quality and available at club meetings. If you would like a hat, come to a meeting to purchase one.

VHFC Shirts - Only 1 Medium left on hand - We no longer need to order a minimum of 12 shirts, so please let us know your size and color preference. Sizes range from XS (Extra Small) to 6XL and are available in nine colors. Shirts feature UPF 50 Sun Protection. These are quality shirts to be worn proudly. White is shown in the photo. Sizes: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, & 6XL. Colors: White, Pale Green, Sand, Pale Orange, Pale Yellow, Pale Teal, Aqua, Lime & Medium Blue. Contact Chuck Dishian at



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

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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](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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