



# HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER June 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: 13 June 2025***

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello VHFC Members,

With Memorial Day Weekend now behind us, the summer season at the 'Jersey shore' has kicked off. Officially, summer starts when the summer solstice occurs on Friday, June 20th at 10:42 p.m. The summer solstice is the longest day of the year, when the sun is at its highest point in the sky. After June 20th, daylight hours start to decrease. However, spring thus far has been on the cooler side with non-stop strong winds. Thankfully, those winds kept the no-see-ums, small biting midges, away. But those same winds also canceled a few fishing trips or at least made for some bouncy rides. The immediate forecast shows warmer and calmer weather! Let's hope it's accurate. Water temperature this afternoon 15 miles off Barnegat Inlet - Station 44091 [Buoy Data Off LBI](#) was 61.9 °F with a wave height of 3.6 ft at 7 seconds. Surf temps are about the same.

Fortunately, the fish have been feeding. Striped bass beach / inlet fishing has been amazing with Bonus Tag, slots and jumbos being taken. Seabass fishing has been fantastic if you can find a

day when the winds are reasonable for travel to a nearby reef or wreck. Fluking is off to a good start with some real nice catches being reported by members in the usual haunts - Double Creek, Oyster Creek and Great Bay - but fluke are also being caught off the beach.

So before the summer crowds and greenheads arrive, do some fishing and enjoy all that the Jersey shore has to offer.. Please be sure to share your reports for fellow club members! I look forward to seeing everyone on June 13th. 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.

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**JUNE SPEAKER Chase Wunder and Doug Zemeckis - A joint presentation on an important project in our waters, The Rutgers University Fluke Tagging Study. If you want to learn about preserving our fluke fishery, this is a seminar you don't want to miss.**



**That's Steve Palmer talking about targeting Black Sea Bass at our May meeting. Steve gave a lot of tips on Sea Bass habitat as well as tackle, bait, and techniques for catching those tasty critters. Lisa & Bill from Creekside were also present for a complete rundown of all their store has to offer.**

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

1. Fluke Tournament / BBQ Saturday July 12 / Sunday July 13 rain date
2. Tri Club Tournament /BBQ August 2 / 3
3. Party Boat Fluke Trip on Super Chic Tuesday August 19
4. VHFC Open Late August - New for 2025
5. Party Boat Bottom Trip on Mary M Wednesday October 1
6. October Dinner at Kosta's in Tuckerton on Wednesday October 15 at 6:00 PM
7. NovemberSurf Tournament



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**NEW JERSEY REGULATORY NEWS** - Very little of importance to the recreational fishing community surfaced at this week's meeting of the Mid Atlantic Council, and the Atlantic States Commission has also been relatively quiet. I did learn, however, that the results of the two follow-up studies on recreational fishing effort will not be ready for review until September. You may remember that in 2023 there was a pilot study that examined the questionnaire mailed to recreational fishermen that tries to assess how many trips and how many people are fishing, the so-called Fishing Effort Survey (FES), which is one half of the input that goes into the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). The other half is the system of dock intercepts, where they question returning fishermen on what and how much they caught.

It was the revised MRIP methods, especially the FES, that led to the large increase in estimates for recreational landings starting in 2018, and which resulted in some of the very strict bag and size limits that we see in some of the fisheries such as summer flounder and striped bass. The pilot study two years ago indicated that the FES was overestimating fishing effort by 30 to 40 percent, and thus the overall estimation of how many fish were being landed was potentially way

over the actual amount. Two more studies were commissioned for 2024 to follow up, and these have been conducted, and the data is under review with a report in the works.

But the fact that the report will not be available for use by the Council and Commission until September means that most likely the regulations for 2026 will be set using data from the current MRIP methods, meaning that we cannot expect relief in the short term. However, both the Council and Commission have already been put on notice that there will be changes coming to MRIP. Let's hope that we see some better science, and some common sense in the development of the new system.

### A Little Humor to Get Through the Week

***Management: "You've been late  
3 days this week because of  
fishing. Can you tell us why?"***

***Me: "Because it's only Wednesday."***



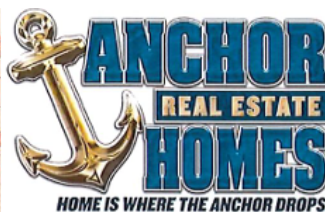
Thanks Phil for the cartoon!



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**BATTLE ON THE BEACH** by John Stuebing - Southern Regional, Mates and Barnegat high schools battled for top Surf Fishing honors. The kids caught a lot of Dog Sharks but soon zeroed in on the fluke that were sitting in the trough. Three keepers went in the boxes and one was a 21" beauty. Several kids caught their first fish that day, and they were stoked!

Thanks to our judges: Beach #1 - Gene Geld and Jeff Orsoe, Beach #2 - Pat Presutto and Bill Bond, Beach #3 - Jerry Nichols and Chuck Dishian. Bayside Dave and myself floated between the beaches making sure all the rules were followed and taking pictures.

For me, this is one of the highlights of the year. It is great to see these kids enjoying the outdoors and competing. Every year, a great bunch of kids. Already looking forward to next year's event!

**Third Place - Mates - 89" of fish**

**Second Place - Barnegat - 140.5" of fish**

**First Place Southern Regional - 330.5" of fish**



**Another Great Battle on the Beach!**



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That's Phil Gaetani with Creekside proprietors Lisa & Bill. Phil was the rod n' Reel Raffle winner at the May meeting. This was Phil's third rod n' Reel that he's won.

On the right is our next raffle donated by FHQ. Perfect for jigging Fluke, Tog & Stripers. Tickets will be offered at our June meeting for a July raffle. It's a Diawa LEXA 300H Casting Reel paired with a Jigging World Rod rated for 20 - 50 LB line, 2 to 6 OZ. Be sure to get your tickets at the meeting. If you cannot make it to the meeting but want tickets - contact John Stuebing.

BTW, Phil Gaetani is banned from future raffles for three years!



**COAST GUARD PRESS RELEASE by Chuck Dishian** - The following is a U.S. Coast Guard press release that was made available to reps of the JCAA. In a nutshell, the coast guard is considering the elimination of some 350 marker buoys in favor of more technologically advanced equipment. This proposal will cover the East Coast from Maine to Raritan Bay.

The release states that the Coast Guard is seeking input from the public regarding this proposal. Please read the press release and if you have something to say, follow the links near the end of it. The access to the website as listed in the press release doesn't seem to work but the email address does. You can also obtain more information by Googling "Coast Guard Proposes Decommissioning Buoys in New Jersey". We only have until June 13<sup>th</sup> to voice any concerns.

*BOSTON - The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking public input on proposed aids to navigation (AtoN) changes in the northeast, April 30, 2025. The Coast Guard is proposing to discontinue some buoys as one of several efforts to advance a modern approach to physical aids to navigation. The current buoy constellation predates global navigation satellite systems, electronic navigation charts and electronic charting systems (ECS), which are widely used by today's mariners.*

*This long term effort is designed to determine the most sustainable navigational risk reduction tools to support and complement mariners, ECS and smartphone navigation apps that are more widely available and affordable. Regardless of technological advances, a robust physical aids to navigation network will always complement electronic systems.*

*The proposed buoy changes are intended to:*

- Support the navigational needs of the 21st century*
- Deliver efficient and economical service to manage vessel transit at an acceptable level of risk*
- Better maintain the most critical risk reducing buoys*
- Reduce the risk of aids to navigation discrepancies and electronic system failures for those aids most critical to safe navigation.*

*"The proposal aims to support waterway safety by ensuring the right short-range aids work well with modern navigation technology. Public comment about specific buoy use is essential. A sustainable buoy system ensures safety and efficiency, even during disruptions or technology failures, keeping commerce flowing smoothly. In the First Coast Guard District, the 350 buoys proposed for discontinuation represent about 6% of the 5,640 federally-maintained aids to navigation," said Matthew Stuck chief of waterways management.*

*"We're actively adjusting short-range aids to work better and more sustainably given today's navigation tools and methods," said Stuck. "As part of this effort, the First Coast Guard District has assessed AtoN system modernization options over the last two years, identifying buoys with the highest navigational significance and those providing less navigational value established the*



baseline to engage the public for feedback on this proposal. The Coast Guard is strongly requesting mariners to give feedback before June 13, 2025. When providing feedback, include the size and type of your vessel, how you use the buoys to navigate and the distance at which you start looking for and using it. Responses are only accepted by email at 001-SMB DPWPublicComments@uscg.mil. The proposed buoy constellation summary can be found at [Coast Guard Buoy Changes](#)

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**MAY POM WINNER** - The May winning photo was submitted by Bill Dabney. At our June meeting, Phil Simon and Jerry Nichols will take a few minutes and present the other photos that were submitted for May.



That's Bill Dabney's grandson, Kevin, holding a beautiful Striped Bass taken at Sandy Hook Park in the early morning. When not covering up from the sun, Kevin wears a surgical mask as head nurse in the coronary operating room at Robert Woods Hospital. He tries to get out fishing after his late night shifts at the surgery center. Congratulations!



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**NEW SPONSOR by John Stuebing** - I am happy to announce that we have a new sponsor - Sea Tow and they are offering our members a discount on yearly memberships.

The promo code is **VHFC50** and it is ready for use. All active club members are now entitled to a \$50.00 discount off the yearly membership!!! Simply call their local Sea Tow location and provide them with the code. You will need your VHFC membership card and membership number to get the discount. I am working on getting a Sea Tow representative to one of our meetings to answer questions.

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**SOCIAL MEDIA by Bayside Dave Etelman** - Our VHFC sites are [VHFC FB Site](#) and [VHFC Instagram](#). The FB site has 196 followers with 118 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. It's important to Like and Comment on each post to help boost distribution. Here's a recent post.



**That's yours truly holding an oversized Striped Bass that unfortunately shows signs of a bacterial disease called mycobacteriosis near my right hand. Technically, I should be wearing gloves for safe handling. Also, I forgot to measure it for the Boat FOM!**

**MARY M IV BOTTOM FISHING REPORT by Pat Presuto** - Our first club trip on the Mary M for Sea Bass and Ling was on Tuesday May 20th. 25 members and guests attended the event. All in all, it was a nice day with a few nice fish caught, but I wish there were more. Glen Minor took the Sea Bass pool with a 19" fish and Will Kresge swept the ling category. Thanks to Phil Simon for setting up the trip!



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**VOLUNTEER ANGLER SURVEY by Bayside Dave** - While I was on Mike Shepard's show last week, a guest from the NJ Marine Fisheries Counsel spoke about the Recreational Saltwater Volunteer Angler Survey to collect data on the number and size of both kept and released sea bass and fluke. This will provide data that may support alternative management strategies that increase fishing opportunities for the public. They ask that everyone who targets these species to go to the [dep.nj.gov](http://dep.nj.gov) website and download the form to be filled out with each outing. Not

every single fish needs to be logged, especially since dozens of sea bass are caught during each outing. They will be happy with 20% of the sea bass catch logged in.

**VHFC INSHORE SLAM by John Stuebing** - The Slam was held the week of May 12 - 18 with anglers able to fish any two days of their choosing. Only 9 fish were weighed in indicating how difficult the fishing was during the week. Congratulations to Pat, Mike and Doug. The Prize Money will be awarded at the June Meeting. Hope everyone had fun!

Angler	Tot Pts	Finish	Prize
Pat Presutto	10	1	\$120
Mike Woodrow	7	2	\$72
Doug O'Brien	5	3	\$48
Bayside Dave	4	4	\$0
Ed Valitutto	2	5	\$0



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LBI 23rd Annual 2025 Spring Derby - [LBI Spring Derby](#) closes on Sunday June 22nd.



To date 23 slot Bass and 5 'Over Slot' Bass and 7 Bluefish have been entered. Guess who leads in the Bluefish category? Weighmaster Pat Presutto with a 12.44 Lb Yellow Eyed Demon. Good Luck Pat!



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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 7 Junior Angler and 18 Adult contests open. Open contests are shaded Green. Closed contests are shaded Red.

**There were no closed contests to report.**

### 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	Bryson Wyatt	15.25
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	Tom Godfrey	44.5
Bluefish	3/1/25	6/31/25	Pat Presutto	30.25
Bluefish	7/1/25	12/31/25	TBD	
Fluke	5/4/25	6/30/25	Tyler Leary	21.75
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	Dave Puzak	16
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	Marty Friedrich	19.5
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	Ed Valitutto	26
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	

**2025 Boat or Surf FOM Leaders**

Species	Start	Finish	Leader	Size
White Perch	3/1/25	12/31/25	Dave Spendriff	19
Blowfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
Kingfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
Black Drum	3/1/25	12/31/25	Tyler Leary/Tom Godfrey	39

**2025 Offshore FOM Leaders**

Species	Start	Finish	Leader	Size
Bluefin	5/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
Yellowfin	5/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
Mahi	5/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	
False Albacore	9/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	

**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**

Bill Bond	Bluefish	Surf	May	2	22	3	Surf City
Doug O'Brien	Fluke	Surf	May	6	19.5	1	North Beach
Pat Presutto	Striped Bass	Surf	May	7	37.75	4	Beach Haven
Bill Dabney	Fluke	Boat	May	8	19.5	1	Great Bay
Tom Godfrey	Black Drum	Boat or Surf	May	8	39	N/A	Bay Surfside
Tom Godfrey	Striped Bass	Surf	May	10	44.5	8	Mid-Island
Dave Puzak	Fluke	Boat	May	8	20	2	Double Creek

<b>Bill Bond</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>Surf</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>43.25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Beach Haven</b>
<b>Tom Norton</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Barnegat Bay</b>
<b>Pat Presutto</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>Surf</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30.25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Brant Beach</b>
<b>Doug O'Brien</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19.25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Double Creek</b>
<b>Dave Etelman</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19.75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Great Bay</b>
<b>Pat Presutto</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>Surf</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Brant Beach</b>
<b>Bob Dodds</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Double Creek</b>
<b>Dave Puzak</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Double Creek</b>
<b>Dave Puzak</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Double Creek</b>
<b>Perry Hoagey</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20 Mile Wreck</b>
<b>Dave Etelman</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>Surf</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29.25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>LBI</b>
<b>Glen Minor</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Offshore Wreck</b>
<b>Marie Godfrey</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Tom Godfrey</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Caesar Pesarini</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17.25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Offshore Wreck</b>
<b>Mallory Figley</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>AC Reef</b>
<b>Dave Etelman</b>	<b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>Surf</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Beach Haven Crest</b>
<b>Bryson Wyatt</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15.25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25 Mile Wreck</b>

<b>Marty Friedrich</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Mike Woodrow</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Double Creek Channel</b>
<b>Marty Friedrich</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Tim Naples</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Bill Dabney</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16.75</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>AC Reef</b>
<b>Ed Valitutto</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Offshore Wreck</b>
<b>Bill Dabney</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21.75</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Tim Naples</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14.25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>AC Reef</b>
<b>Tyler Leary</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Surf</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21.75</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Jetty</b>
<b>Ed Valitutto</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Offshore Wreck</b>
<b>Joe Filice</b>	<b>Bluefish</b>	<b>Surf</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25.75</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Beach Haven</b>
<b>Marty Friedrich</b>	<b>Fluke</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Perry Hoagey</b>	<b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>Boat</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>17.25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14 Mile Wreck off AC</b>

Here are some recent catch photos

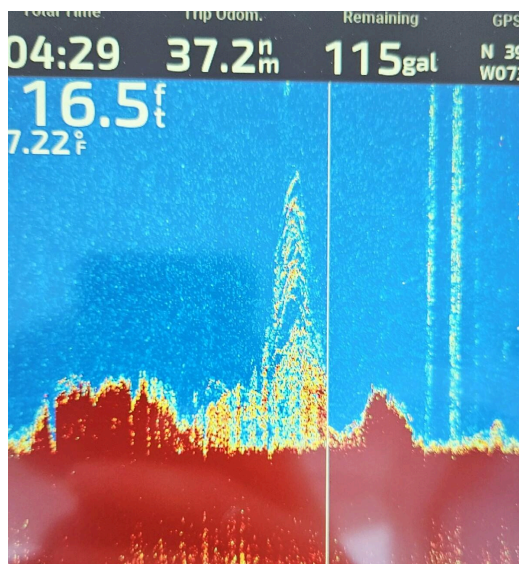


That's a Spot spit up by a Fluke on Larry Leary's boat. It was still alive and it was put back on a hook with no takers!





**That's the 26" 6.96 Lb  
Fluke caught by Ed V on  
the day after Memorial  
Day in Double Creek  
Channel**



**You know the fishing will be great when your  
screen looks like Tlm Naples' display on opening  
day of Sea Bass. BTW, they were fishing 25 miles  
out so the depth was 116.5 ft.**

### **RECIPES - Grilled Striped Bass with Compound Butter - by Ed Valitutto**



**I saw this recipe in OTW  
magazine. It calls for Striped  
Bass but Tog or Bluefish  
should also work well. Just  
adjust the grilling time based  
on thickness.**

## Ingredients

### Fish

Striped bass, Tog, Bluefish or any other firm fish fillets suitable for grilling.

### Marinade

1 chopped shallot or use scallions or mild onion

1 cup olive oil

1/4 cup white wine

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1–2 dashes of Tabasco

Juice of 1 lemon wedge

### Compound Butter

1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, softened

1 shallot, finely diced or use scallions or mild onion

1 tablespoon diced red bell pepper

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Juice of 1 lemon wedge

## Instructions

**1. Marinate the Fish** - Combine the chopped shallot, olive oil, white wine, soy sauce, Tabasco, and lemon juice in a bowl. Pour the marinade over your fillets and refrigerate for about 30 minutes, allowing the flavors to soak in.

**2. Make the Compound Butter** - In a small bowl, mix the softened butter with diced shallot, red pepper, parsley, and a squeeze of lemon. Blend thoroughly and set aside. This butter will infuse the fish with vibrant flavor during grilling. Can be made ahead but bring to room temp.

**3. Grill the Bass** - Preheat the grill to high heat. Place the marinated fillets directly on well oiled grates or use a fish grill mesh pan if you prefer. Grill for 10 to 20 minutes, depending on thickness, flipping once if needed. About halfway through cooking, top each fillet with a generous dollop of the compound butter. Let it melt over the fish as it finishes cooking.

**4. Serve and Enjoy** - Remove the fish from the grill and serve immediately with grilled vegetables, rice, or a fresh summer salad with a nice crisp white wine. Enjoy!



**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](mailto: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 10 reports for the month of May including the club Trip on the Mary M already shown earlier.



Two days on the beach and two great catches for Pat P. The Striper was 30 1/4 " and weighed 10.2 Lbs. The Bluefish was 30" and weighed 12.44 lbs. Both were the reason Pat won the Inshore Slam and leads both FOMs. The Bluefish also leads the LBI Spring Derby!



This is Tim Naples' and crew's catch based on the sonar screen shown earlier. They had 26 keeper Sea Bass and some Ling. Perry Hoagey had a nice 17" keeper.





Bob Dodds Charters had some great trips. On the left, Bob, Bill Dabney, Bill's son John and grandson Will, 13 had a 4 hour bay fluke charter with Brett Taylor. Will had never fished for fluke before, but learned fast. He caught the first keeper and followed with many more. they caught over 70 fluke with our limit of 12 from 18 – 21". Brett put in the finishing touch with number 13, a beauty at 25" and 6 pounds.

On the right, Bob, Caesar, John, Gene and Bill were on a Sea Bass charter with Captain Greg Carr, on the Kev 'n Ash. They fished hard for a boat limit of 60 with Caesar having the largest at 17 1/4 "





Three of the largest Sea Bass caught on three separate outings. Top - Larry Leary's grandson Bryson 15.25 for the JR angler lead. Mid - Marty Friedrich caught the 19.5 fish shown and Bottom - Ed V caught the 18.5 on the Mary M





Armed with Spot, Ed V and neighbor Anthony aka Rig a Toni, went to the inlet and fed the bluefish expensive snacks. Fluke was the backup plan but Double Creek and High Bar wouldn't cooperate. Back in Double Creek, Anthony caught a 20" and Ed caught the 26 beauty shown above. Weighed at Elks, it went 6.96 lbs!





Larry Leary and grandson Sean limited out by noon on Double Creek with the largest at 22". Best of all, there were no shorts! That was the trip one of Sean's fluke spit up a spot that was still alive!

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**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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**Cell / Text: 732-672-5530 or email: [jorsoe786@gmail.com](mailto:jorsoe786@gmail.com).**

A fire extinguisher is required onboard and all fire extinguishers now have a 12 year qualifying life cycle. If you look at the bottom, you will see the year it was made. Just add 12 years to that date to figure the expiration date.

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#### **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=lnmDistrict&region=5>**

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

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

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

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

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



**Long Beach Island Water Temperature & Winds:**

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

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