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OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER August 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: 08 August 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

Well, we are just about at the midpoint of summer which is traditionally considered to be around August 1st although the official midpoint of summer is August 7 - halfway between the summer solstice and the fall equinox. But make no mistake about it, the days are getting shorter and the nights are getting longer, so get in all your favorite activities sooner than later!

As for fishing, fluking is the prime mid summer fishery and as I noted in last month's report, fluking in the inlets or on our reefs varies from bursts of outstanding to just okay. This past weekend, Little Egg Inlet had some notable catches and limits. The weekend of our tournament, Barnegat Inlet at the base of the lighthouse was loaded with boats catching good numbers of fluke with many keepers in the mix! There is no magic answer other than keep trying and enjoying being out on the water. I haven't heard of Blowfish being caught but that should happen very soon. Triggerfish are now in the mix and we even had two Kingfish entered but both were

caught offshore in deeper water instead of their usual residence in the suds. Stripers and Bluefish have been scarce of late but that can change quickly and no one in the club has reported catching Spanish Mackerel. Seabass reopened in July but finding a keeper among the hordes of shorts can be a daunting task. August 1 is the reopening of Tog and remains at one fish until November 16th! This year more than ever, we have a number of club members who are jumping on the Tuna bandwagon traveling some distances looking for a chance to battle one of these beasts. Also, do not forget about fishing from the beach, jetty or off the sod banks. Early morning or evening are great times to avoid the crowds, the heat and the badge checkers. And the entire beach is open to cast out a line, You just might be surprised at what you might hook!!

One final public announcement. Our VHFC account at TD Bank was hacked back in June with several bogus attempted money transfers. Despite getting new credit cards, Account Numbers, User IDs and Passwords, we were hacked again on Monday July 28th. The club never lost any money, but what a royal PITA going through the process of getting your laptop cleaned and verified before the bank will reopen our accounts. Furthermore, you feel defenseless and frustrated that no one can offer any explanation as to who, how, or where the entry was made! So the message is loud and clear - be very careful with any suspicious email or text. When in doubt about the authenticity, even slightly, discard it immediately and do not open it!

I normally say that I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting (August 8th) but I will be with my whole family including all 6 grandkids up on Lake Champlain missing both the Tri-Club Tournament and the club meeting. Enjoy the events and bring home the trophy!

Ed

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AUGUST SPEAKER - Captain Greg Cudnik is a passionate saltwater angler with a vast knowledge on our local fishery and saltwater fishing tackle. Greg is the general manager of Fisherman's Headquarters and also runs Fish Head Charters, a Light Tackle & Fly Guide Service. He is also the Editor of FishingLBI.com a fishing report blog focused on the waters of Long Beach Island. Greg's topic is **Tips to improve your catch**, but Greg will answer questions on any subject related to fishing in our area.



Shown here are our July speakers Jim Hutchinson Jr and Jim Hutchinson Sr. Jim Jr spoke about all the crazy regulations impacting our fishing and the likelihood that they will

continue or even become more severe - such as a moratorium on Striped Bass. Jim Sr discussed using a vacuum sealer to preserve your catch with minimal degradation. Having taught cooking classes, Jim Sr brought along a generous amount of one of his famous fish dips for everyone to enjoy. It was delicious and appears later in the Newsletter.

MELANIE BOYTOS AWARD - Jim Sr also did the honors of presenting the MBA award which he started quite a few years back to honor the memory of our local captain Mel Boytos who left us way too soon. On hand were a few of Mels' family and friends.

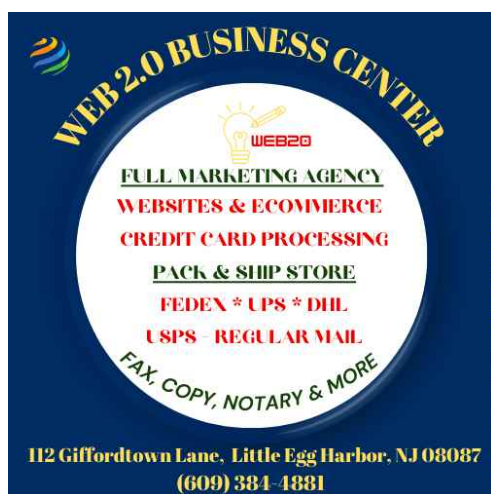
Jim presented the engraved trophy to our 2024 winner Tyler Leary. When not attending college classes, Tyler works part time at FHQ where he can help you just about anything fishing related. Tyler is a phenomenal fisherman who spends a lot of his free time pursuing the denizens of the deep. Grandpa Larry said the trophy will be displayed at FHQ.

You can visit our website for full contest rules and point determination [VHFC Contest Rules](#).



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

1. Tri Club Tournament /BBQ August 2 / 3
2. Party Boat Fluke Trip on Super Chic Tuesday August 19
3. VHFC Open August 18 -24- New for 2025
4. Party Boat Bottom Trip on Mary M Wednesday October 1
5. October Dinner at Kosta's in Tuckerton on Wednesday October 15 at 6:00 PM
6. November Surf Tournament



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED by Chuck Dishian - There's a great fishing event happening out in Lake Julianna on August 23rd. It's a day of fishing called **PLAY HOOK E** and it is geared for active military personnel, veterans and children with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to transport equipment, bait hooks, man booths, supervise parking, etc. Overall supervision of the volunteers is being handled by American Warrior Outdoors and the event is sanctioned by the Jersey Coast Anglers Association.

This will be a great way to show support for AWO and the JCAA as well as a means of our club giving back to the fishing community. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Chuck Dishian (914-439-6244 or cdishian@yahoo.com). There will also be a sign-up sheet at the general meeting on August 8th.



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TRI-CLUB FLUKE TOURNAMENT CANCELED by John Stuebing - The marine forecast for this Saturday August 2nd is calling for NE Winds at 20 -25 KTS and seas 5 - 8'. After a discussion with my counterparts at the Fish Hawks and the Forked River Tuna Club, we all agreed it was best to cancel the tournament in the interests of safety.

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, we could not find another date this season to hold the event. We will revive this tournament in 2026. All monies paid for this event will be returned at the August General meeting.

ROD n' REEL RAFFLE by John Stuebing - Tickets for our next raffle will start at the August meeting and a lucky winner will be drawn at our September meeting. **Scott's Bait & Tackle** has donated a great outfit for this event. Here are the details:

- Daiwa BG 4000 Spinning Reel
- The reel is paired with a Jigging World Nexus Spinning Rod. The rod is rated for 20 – 50 LB line and is rated for 2 to 6 oz lure weight.
- This outfit is perfect for Stripers, Sea Bass, Ocean Fluke and Tog.

This will be a great outfit for the Fall.



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JULY POM WINNER by Jerry Nichols & Phil Simon - We will announce the winner at the August club meeting and at each month thereafter, along with showing the other entries. The winning photo will be shown in the newsletter for the next month. We also want to encourage more shots with people, maybe without necessarily having to display a successful catch, but having a good time fishing. Sunsets and the like are OK, but people are what most folks want to see (especially if it's a picture of themselves and their family).

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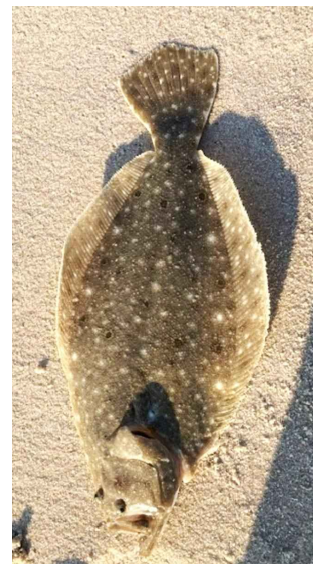


SOCIAL MEDIA by Bayside Dave Etelman - Our VHFC sites are [VHFC FB Site](#) and [VHFC Instagram](#). The FB site has 207 followers with 122 Likes with each post reaching thousands of people; our Instagram account has 206 followers. Dave shares Members Reports, club activities, monthly meetings as well 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 Chuck Dishian with his first surf caught Fluke.

Not a keeper but you always remember your first!



VHFC OPEN by John Stuebing - VHFC is planning a new tournament for August (8/18 – 8/24). However, as of this writing, we only have 13 people signed up and unless we get around 20 anglers, we may decide to cancel this event. Some details about the tournament below. This tournament will be different from what we have run in the past. We will be fishing for Fluke, Bluefish, Sea Bass, Blackfish and Tog. It will run for an entire week (7 days). Every angler can fish any two days of their choosing. All fish must be measured and a photo sent to Pat Presutto

and Ed Valitutto. **Only your largest fish, per species, per day will count.** Just like we do for the FOM's, the pictures must clearly show the total length of the fish or will be disqualified. All NJ fishing regulations apply as does the club's geographic boundaries. Anglers earn points for the most total inches by species. Winners are determined by total points across all species. Entry Fee will be \$20. Top three anglers will win a percentage of the pot (50%, 30%, 20%). Below is a look at how points are earned.

We will review the details again at the August Meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet available or contact John Stuebing (stuebs@comcast.net). Based on the response, I will make a GO NO/GO call.

| PTS | Fluke | Bluefish | Sea Bass | Blackfish | Triggerfish |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | |
| 1 | 5th Most Inches | 5th Most Inches | 5th Most Inches | 5th Most Inches | 5th Most Inches |
| 2 | 4th Most Inches | 4th Most Inches | 4th Most Inches | 4th Most Inches | 4th Most Inches |
| 3 | 3rd Most Inches | 3rd Most Inches | 3rd Most Inches | 3rd Most Inches | 3rd Most Inches |
| 4 | 2nd Most Inches | 2nd Most Inches | 2nd Most Inches | 2nd Most Inches | 2nd Most Inches |
| 5 | Most Inches | Most Inches | Most Inches | Most Inches | Most Inches |

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VHFC FLUKE TOURNAMENT by Ed Valitutto - Our Fluke Tournament was a resounding success and our biggest ever with 44 entrants making the prize package an amazing \$880. The final standings in the fluke tournament were: 1st place, Ron Nachmann - 6.95lb, \$440. 2nd was

Jerry Nichols - 5.67, \$265. and 3rd was split between John Steubing and Bryon Leary - 4lb fish, for a split of \$175. The weather was great and the food at the BBQ was well enjoyed by all.

VHFC Social Media director, Bayside Dave Etelman, invited his friend Tim Stilwell of **Tiger Shrimp Prints** who did a presentation of his artwork of printed fish. He explained how this is an ancient Japanese process (Gyotaku) of rolling ink on a fish and printing it on rice paper. That's how they showed off their catch back then since there were no cell phones yet! Tim did a free print of Ron's fish for winning first place fish shown on the left below..



On the right, Ron happily accepts the winning \$440 prize from Weighmaster Pat Presutto.



While we are all happy for Ron and wish him all the best for his stellar fishing skills which earned him his first place finish, there were a few folks who murmured comments best portrayed by the Meme on the left!



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NEW JERSEY REGULATORY NEWS by Phil Simon - Two big meetings are coming up in the next couple of weeks, each of which could ultimately affect our fishing regulations for 2026 and beyond. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) meets August 5 – 7, and of main interest to us will be the discussion of the proposed Addendum III to the Fisheries Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. This will be the first step in a series of meetings and sessions to deal with measures that may be taken to ensure that the recovery of the stock of Striped Bass by 2030 is achieved. The Science and Statistical Committee of the Striped Bass Management Board has determined that with the existing regulations we will not achieve with reasonable certainty that the required stock size will be achieved, and thus the board has created a set of options for reducing harvest, primarily by seasonal closures that reduce the number of days that we can fish for stripers. The draft addendum, if approved, would then be open for public comment through a series of open meetings with the public this Fall, and most likely would present options that we can support or not. Any new regulations would apply in 2026 and later. You can get the full agenda, meeting materials, and the link to register for attendance via video at the ASMFC meeting web page at [Summer Meeting 2025](#).

The second meeting is by our friends at the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), which will be held August 11 through 14. There will be a number of sessions of interest to us, including the setting of specifications (i.e. catch targets) for Bluefish, Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass. As with the ASMFC meeting, the MAFMC meeting can be attended by video, and all the information and links can be found at [August 2025 Council Meeting](#). We need to be especially vigilant of the summer flounder numbers, where there is the risk of cuts to our future fishing seasons. We should also hope that the nonsense with the black sea bass regulations does not continue, and that at a minimum the status quo catch limits will continue. Better would be a decrease in the minimum sizes for the NE states, and an overall increase in the catch. All signs indicate that the Black Sea Bass stock is so big now that the fish are not finding enough to eat and their condition is deteriorating.

Still unclear to me is what the impact of the soon to be released (September?) data on the MRIP Fishing Effort Survey follow-up studies will have on all the decisions to be made at the two meetings. If it turns out that the earlier findings were correct that the MRIP process is significantly over-estimating the amount of recreational fishing effort, then it would seem that all

the specifications would have to be re-visited. We shall see. I think there will be strong political pressure from the commercial sector and their lobbyists to bury this under the rug, as more fish for us means less fish for them.

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BARGE DEPLOYMENT ON LITTLE EGG REEF by Ed Valitutto - Thanks to a tip from Marty Friedrich, I contacted Capt John Lewis of the **Beach Haven Charter Fishing Association** regarding their **Jr Mate Reef Restoration Project** (Bill Figley Chairman) and found out that a 180' barge was deployed on Monday July 14th on Little Egg Reef. That is a massive new structure that will become home to many denizens of the deep. Capt Lewis provided the following coordinates of the drop: **N 39°28.251' W 74°11.407'**

Bill Figley provided the following additional coordinates of the barge and said the structure rose up 14' off the bottom:

N 39°28.251' W 74°11.407'

N 39°28.261' W 74°11.404'

N 39°28.254' W 74°11.413'

N 39°28.257' W 74°11.420'



Here's the barge just before the sinking process was initiated.



Here's the barge just before the sinking process was completed.



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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 20 Adult contests open. **Open contests are shaded Green.** **Closed contests are shaded Red.**

3 FOMs closed in July

1 Surf - Pat Presutto Striper 30.875"

2 Boat - Drew Kraycirik Striper 26.5" & Ron Nachman Fluke 26.25"

Junior Angler Awards

| Species | Start | Finish | Leader / Winner | Size |
|--------------|---------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| White Perch | 3/1/25 | 12/31/25 | TBD | |
| Bluefish | 3/1/25 | 12/31/25 | Jake Nichols | 14 |
| Kingfish | 3/1/25 | 11/30/25 | ALexa Figley | 10.5 |
| Blowfish | 3/1/25 | 11/30/25 | TBD | |
| Fluke | 5/4/25 | 9/25/25 | Bryson Wyatt | 22.25 |
| 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 / Winner | Size |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Striper | 3/1/25 | 7/31/25 | Pat Presutto | 30.875 |
| 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 | 6/30/25 | Pat Presutto | 30.25 |
| Bluefish | 7/1/25 | 12/31/25 | TBD | |
| Fluke | 5/4/25 | 6/30/25 | Pat Presutto | 22 |
| 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 / Winner | Size |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Striper | 3/1/25 | 7/31/25 | Drew Kraycirik | 26.5 |
| 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 | Jim Healy | 20.75 |
| Bluefish | 7/1/25 | 12/31/25 | Mike Woodrow | 26 |
| 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 | Drew Kraycirik | 17.5 |
| Sea Bass | 10/1/25 | 12/31/25 | TBD | |
| Triggerfish | 5/1/25 | 11/30/25 | Marty Friedrich | 17 |
| Porgy | 5/1/25 | 12/31/25 | TBD | |
| Fluke | 5/4/25 | 6/30/25 | Cheri Hebert | 26.5 |

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|----------|--------|----------|-------------|-------|
| Fluke | 7/1/25 | 7/31/25 | Ron Nachman | 26.25 |
| 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 / Winner | Size |
|-------------|--------|----------|-------------------------|------|
| White Perch | 3/1/25 | 12/31/25 | Dave Spendriff | 13 |
| Blowfish | 3/1/25 | 11/30/25 | Dave Puzak | 8.25 |
| Kingfish | 3/1/25 | 11/30/25 | Perry Hoagey | 13.5 |
| Black Drum | 3/1/25 | 12/31/25 | Tyler Leary/Tom Godfrey | 39 |

2025 Offshore FOM Leaders

| Species | Start | Finish | Leader / Winner | Size |
|----------------|--------|----------|-----------------|------|
| Bluefin | 5/1/25 | 11/30/25 | TBD | |
| Yellowfin | 5/1/25 | 11/30/25 | TBD | |
| Mahi | 5/1/25 | 11/30/25 | Glen Minor | 34 |
| 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

| Angler | Species | Category | Month | Day | Size " | MBA Points | Location |
|-----------------|-------------|----------|-------|-----|--------|------------|------------------|
| Marty Friedrich | Triggerfish | Boat | July | 11 | 17 | | |
| Jerry Nichols | Fluke | Boat | July | 12 | 25.25 | 6 | Tires |
| Ron Nachman | Fluke | Boat | July | 12 | 26.25 | 7 | Near the BI Reef |
| Glen Minor | Fluke | Boat | July | 18 | 20.75 | 2 | Little Egg Inlet |

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|----------------|-----------|------|------|----|-------|---|----------------|
| John Stuebing | Fluke | Boat | July | 12 | 23 | 4 | Great Bay |
| Bryson Wyatt | Fluke | Boat | July | 12 | 22.25 | 3 | Barnegat Inlet |
| Brian Leary | Fluke | Boat | July | 12 | 23.25 | 4 | Barnegat Inlet |
| Cheri Hebert | Fluke | Boat | July | 18 | 24.5 | 5 | Barnegat Inlet |
| Bill Bond | Kingfish | Boat | July | 24 | 11.75 | | Offshore Wreck |
| Perry Hoagey | Kingfish | Boat | July | 24 | 13.5 | | Offshore Wreck |
| Drew Kraycirik | Sea Bass | Boat | July | 27 | 17.5 | 3 | GSN |
| Doug O'Brien | Fluke | Boat | July | 29 | 24.5 | 5 | LEI |
| Glen Minor | Mahi Mahi | Boat | July | 29 | 34 | | Offshore LEI |
| Bert Kern | Fluke | Boat | July | 29 | 22.25 | 3 | Barnegat Bay |
| Nathan Figley | Sea Bass | Boat | July | 29 | 17.25 | 3 | AC Reef |
| Alexa Figley | Kingfish | Boat | July | 29 | 10.5 | | LEI |
| Jake Nichols | Bluefish | Boat | July | 30 | 14 | | Barnegat Inlet |
| Mike Woodrow | Bluefish | Boat | July | 30 | 26 | 5 | Barnegat Inlet |



Here are some recent photos starting with a beautiful 24.5" Fluke from Cheri Hebert who always catches several nice fish each season!



That's Drew Kraycirik and a friend with a limit catch of Fluke caught in Little Egg Inlet and his FOM leading Sea Bass caught on GSN. Once NE winds had the waves at 3 - 5', Drew headed south to LEI where they limited out in an hour!



That's Glen Minor's FOM leading 13.5" Kingfish caught offshore. That same day, I was out on John Stuebing's boat and Bill Bond caught a smaller Kingfish and we were ~8 miles out! I never knew Kingfish frequented the deeper waters.



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2025 MBA Point Leaders (Top 5 Shown)

| Angler | MBA Points |
|--------------|------------|
| Pat Presutto | 13 |
| Tom Godfrey | 12 |
| Ed Valitutto | 11 |
| Mike Woodrow | 11 |
| Bill Bond | 10 |

2025 Fish of the Year Leaders

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|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Bluefish | Pat Presutto | 30 |
| Fluke | Cheri Hebert | 26.5 |
| Sea Bass | Marty Friedrich | 19.5 |
| Striped Bass | Tom Godfrey | 44.5 |
| Weakfish | TBD | No Entry |
| Blackfish | Bert Kern | 17 1/2 |

FLUKE FISHING ON THE SUPER CHIC by Phil Simon- We still have openings for our ocean fluke charter on the Super Chic for Tuesday August 19. We will now open availability to non-members. This is First Come First Served so let me know ASAP! Cost is estimated at ~ \$135 depending on our final number with a max of 14. Text to 908-656-4086, or email to sciman2@gmail.com. Although this is billed as a fluke trip, remember Sea Bass is open and Tog will be open for August. Plus you never know what else is lurking on the bottom near wrecks - Triggerfish, Porgies and even bluefish are possible!



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VHFC SHIRTS by Chuck Dishian - Our recent shirt order has been delivered and will be available at our next club meeting. These high quality and fashionable VHFC shirts offer UPF 50 sun protection, are made from quick dry, stain resistant fabric and feature our club's artwork front & back. **PLEASE NOTE! We've just been informed by our supplier that prices and order minimums will increase after August 30. ORDER UP NOW!!** Please note, we offer these shirts at cost for our members to enjoy and proudly advertise our club.

NEW LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE by Ed Valitutto - I recently received an email from a woman who mentioned that her son Ben, was working on earning his Scouts' Boating badge and was intrigued by our Links page. Ben had two sites of his own that he shared and after review, I added them to our page. They appear below:

[A Glossary of Boating Terminology](#) - This site lists all the basic terms and offers an additional 25 links to other sites.

[The Ultimate Guide to Fishing Knots, Hooks, Bait & Lures](#) - The title says it all.

Visit our Links page for all our available sites at [VHFC Links](#)

TUNA TARTARE WITH WASABI & AVOCADO by Ed Valitutto - I haven't tried this recipe yet but I will make it early next week using Costco Tuna. It appeared recently in ***On The Water*** and looks easy and delicious.



OTW partnered with the MA Division of Marine Fisheries to bring you this inspiration. With its deep red color, rich flavor, and melt-in-your-mouth texture, Tuna shines best with just a hint of citrus, a dash of salt, and just enough heat to awaken your palate.

Ingredients *Serves 2–4 as an appetizer*

- 1/2 lb fresh, sushi-grade local Tuna
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- Zest and juice of 1 lime
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon wasabi powder
- 6 dashes hot sauce (Tabasco or your favorite)
- A few drops of sesame oil (to taste)
- 1 ripe avocado, diced
- 3 scallions, thinly sliced
- Toasted sesame seeds, for garnish

Instructions

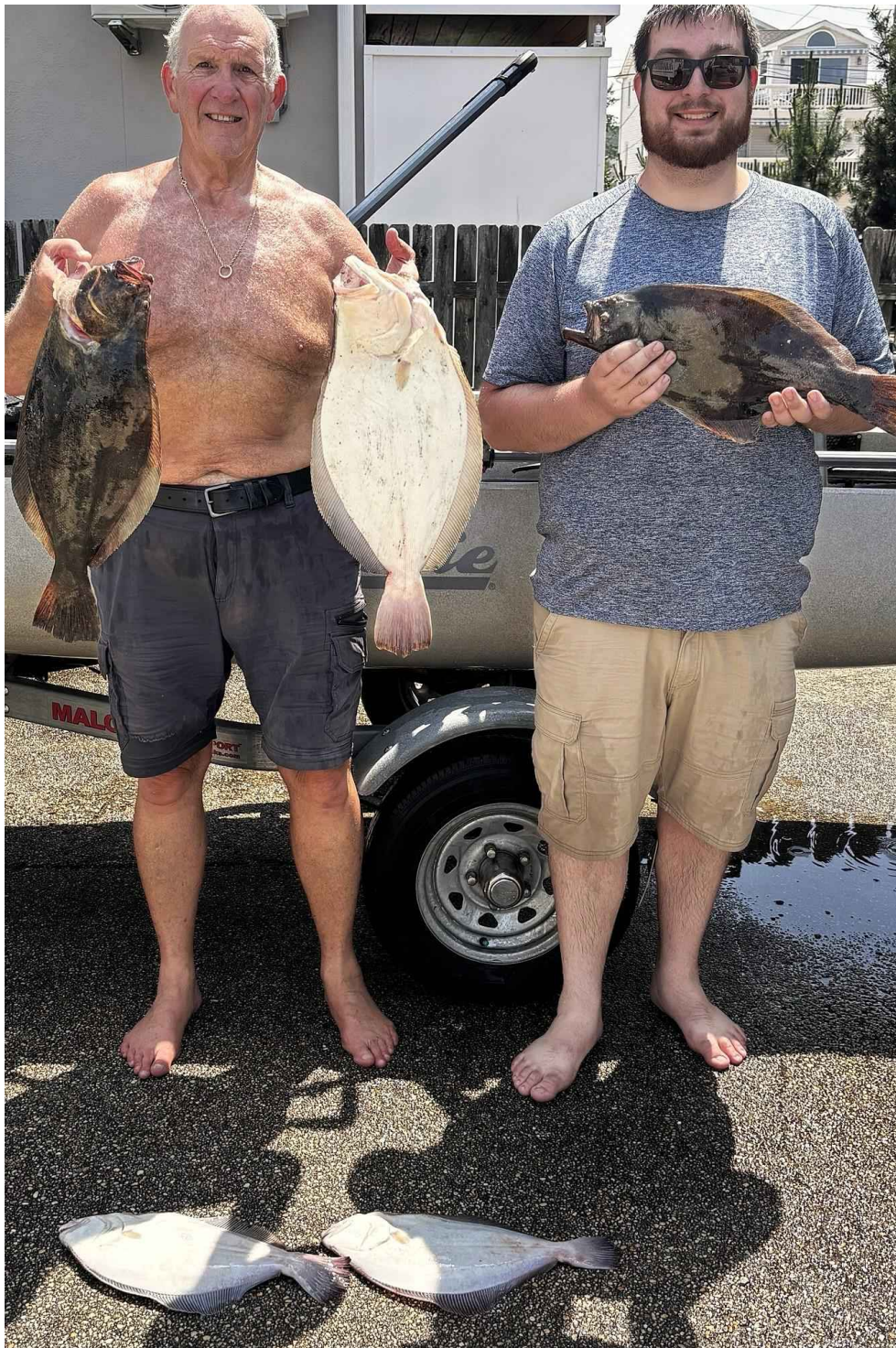
1. Using a very sharp knife, cube the bluefin tuna into small, even pieces (about 1/4-inch cubes). Place in a mixing bowl with diced avocado and chopped scallions.
2. In a separate bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime zest, lime juice, salt, soy sauce, wasabi powder, hot sauce, and sesame oil until well combined.
3. Pour the marinade over the tuna mixture and gently toss to coat. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed—add more lime or hot sauce if desired.
4. Spoon the tartare into chilled bowls or mold into rounds using a ring mold. Sprinkle with toasted sesame seeds and serve immediately with crisp wonton chips, seaweed snacks, cucumber slices or your favorite crackers.

MEMBERS' 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 **11** reports for the month of July.



Despite the fog, Tim Naples and crew headed out and ended up with 3 yellowfin and 1 bluefin. This was also Bayside Dave's first ever tuna catch.

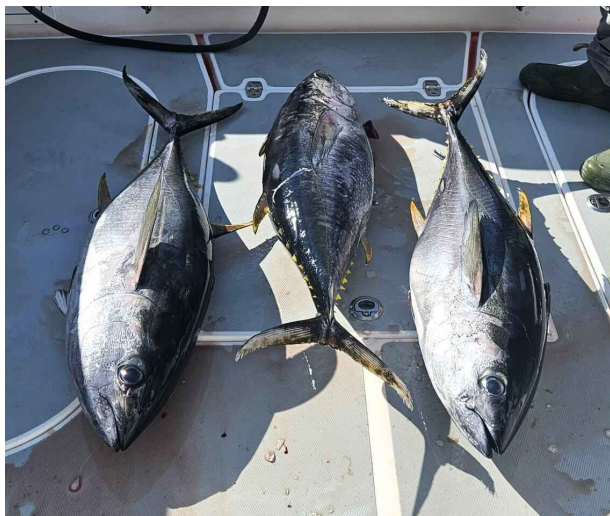
And we forgot to measure for FOMs!



Joe Filice went out with his grandson Tyler, on his Hobie 2 man Kayak. Launching from Taylor Ave in Beach Haven, Joe and Tyler had two 18", a 19", a 22" and a 24" over an hour! All were caught in a drift that was no more than 200 yards long.



Pail Pintinalli was out with Marty and Will for a rough morning and slow fishing. But eventually things changed and they caught fish from 19 to Paul's 22 3/4" Fluke that went 4lbs 13 oz. They ended up with 8 keepers making for a great day!



Tim Naples was out again for Tuna and caught 3 Yellowfin Tuna. The man can catch Tuna - he just can't remember to measure them for the FOM!



Perry Hoagey and fellow club member Rick had a pretty steady bite and ended up with 3 Fluke between 18 1/2 to 20 1/2.



John Stuebing was joined by “Weigh master Pat, Bayside Dave and Bill 006 3/4 for the VHFC Fluke Tournament. Having received some good intel, they headed to Great Bay where they boated 9 keepers with several over 20”. They also noted that some of the fish were spitting up small croakers!



Larry Leary had the whole clan out for club Fluke Tournament. After many unsuccessful attempts, they went back to Barnegat Inlet and joined the fleet fishing just off the lighthouse. Not an easy place to fish dealing with the current and boat traffic. But they caught a total of 11 Keepers



The Boys again but this time, Glen Minor joined John Stuebing on a Tuna Trip aboard the Salty Dog. No luck with Tuna but some quick thinking on the way back when they found a floating pallet saved the day. A handful of Butterfish and Sardine chunks let everyone go home with Mahi fillets for the grill.



Larry Leary and friends Smitty, Ed and his grandson Jamie, and Tyler went Fluke fishing up near Seaside. They boxed 10 nice Fluke and also had a 3 foot shark that Tyler hooked with a Spot. Tyler let Jamie reel it in inly to safely release. That's Jamie with his fluke.



Jerry Nichols' brother, Chris, and his son, Jake, came up from Virginia for a visit this week. They had two objectives: 1) eat as much NJ Italian food and bakery pastries as possible; and 2) fish like crazy for our summer saltwater species. Two days fishing yielded fluke, black seabass, bluefish (Jake), one Atlantic croaker (also Jake) and lots of pesky sea robins. Great vacation!

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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. Some 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 cdishian@yahoo.com for placing an order. Last order prices were from \$30 - \$36 depending on size. But our supplier has stated that costs and minimum quantity will increase late August so order now.



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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.

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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.

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.

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460 Dock Rd, West Creek NJ 08092
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609-296-6243