



HARBOUR LIGHT

OFFICIAL VHFC NEWSLETTER November 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: 14 November 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello VHFC Members,

Wow! If I didn't know that it was physically impossible for time to go faster, I would swear each succeeding year seems to disappear faster than the previous one? Today is November 9th and Thanksgiving is two weeks from next Thursday! I don't even want to think about how fast the rest of 2025 will disappear with the holiday season activities to put an end to 2025 and usher in 2026! For now, let's forget about that and focus on the fall fishing season. Yes, the fall run of Striped Bass have grown weary of the northern Jersey anglers and have swum south into our area. In reading all the reports, talking with folks and remembering the last few years, it does seem about right for the arrival of our favorite game fish. Let's just hope that as they continue to arrive, the weather doesn't make it unfishable and the bass speed right on by!

In the meantime, there are Sea Bass, Blackfish, Porgies and the last of the Triggerfish to be caught. Perhaps a few more bluefish will make an appearance. This is also prime time for surf fishing on our scenic beaches which have taken a beating from the recent Nor'Easters. When the migrating stripers arrive in force - Captain Purul reports 30 - 40 lb fish just north of the inlet this week and a friend caught 15 over 40" on Spot at the north jetty - they should offer some

great fishing opportunities for those days when the waves & winds make boating difficult or you just prefer a few hours on the beach. The LBI Surf Fishing Tournament runs through 30 November and still has ample time for winning a nice prize. Additional details are provided later in the Newsletter.

Blackfish have been abundant off the Barnegat Light bulkhead and jetties with lots of shorts to devour your crabs and sand fleas. I have only caught one keeper despite many tries but have watched more keepers caught next to me by folks doing the same thing! As the waters cool, more Tog will show up and fishing will only get better. Tog is a one fish limit now but will increase to 5 fish on November 16.

Although Bluefish have been scarce, there are definitely a few in the inlet eagerly devouring expensive Spot like they were M&Ms. At least they only eat half! While folks wait for the ocean arrival of Striped Bass, do not overlook the inlet - especially the submerged rocks. Either use Spot or throw soft plastics, plugs or jigs. Sizes range from Bonus tag fish right through 'overs' like the 38" one I caught a week ago.

While many club members still have their boats in the water, there are plenty of alternatives if that is not an option. Party boats, charters and surf fishing offer great opportunities for having fun fishing in the fall. One of the best things about November fishing 'down the shore' is the lack of people and car / boat traffic. So make the most of it and enjoy this great time of year. As always, please be sure to share your reports for fellow club members. Hope to see you this Friday!

Ed

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NOVEMBER MEETING - Our next meeting will be at the Community Center on Friday November 14th. This is our pizza meeting! So come on out and enjoy a few slices while you swap fishing stories with fellow anglers. We do not schedule a speaker for our last meeting but for the fifth year in a row, Phil Simon will have a slide show of all our VHFC photos taken in 2025 from your fishing reports and our special events along with all your FOM entries. Be sure to attend and provide your colorful comments for a fun final meeting for this year. Since our Surf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday the 22nd, we can also answer any last minute questions.

Special Note: Basil Dubrowsky, one of VHFC's founders (member number 004) and his lovely wife Lynn have decided to give up the snowbird commute and settle full time in their condo in Sarasota, FL. Basil has donated all his fishing gear to VHFC. Included in the mix are several surf / boat rod and reel combos, several tackle boxes with all kinds of goodies, a complete fillet kit, a 12 rod wooden floor rack and many other miscellaneous fishing items. The surf outfits will be donated to the Lacey HS fishing club but all remaining items will be on display at our meeting for nominal member purchase. Any leftover items will be offered for sale at one of our winter flea markets. So come early and look over the goods. Special thank you to Basil for his generous donation and all his effort to start our club back in 1989. All the best to Basil and Lynn!



Our September speaker was our very own Bill Figley who held everyone's attention with a very interesting talk about the history of the offshore artificial reef restoration project. Accompanying Bill was Captain John Lewis who spoke about how the reef restoration project is running now, and what is needed for the future. Afterward, our president Ed Valitutto presented a check for \$1000 on behalf of VHFC to continue supporting reef restoration efforts.

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

1. November Dinner at Kosta's in Tuckerton on Wednesday November 19 at 6:00 PM
2. Fall Surf Tournament November 22



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NEW JERSEY REGULATORY NEWS by Phil Simon - By now most of you know that we dodged a bullet on October 29 when the proposal brought forward by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board to introduce seasonal closures in 2026 was decisively shot down by the commissioners of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). So, for next year we will have the same regulations as we had for 2025, which I guess is a victory. I did note that some of the commissioners are still in a panic over the status of the stock, pointing out that so far, the recreational catch of striped bass is down over 40% from last year, and that this could indicate that the size of the stock is significantly reduced from where we thought it is. I'm guessing that this commissioner does not actually fish, or he/she would have known that poor

weather has drastically reduced the number of good days to go out on the ocean. Just ask any of our charter boat captains, and they will tell you their trips are way down this year.

I've started a dialog with some of the commissioners concerning the practice of the Technical Committee (the number crunchers) using recreational catch numbers as an index of stock size, which in my opinion is a mistake. I would agree that over the long term catch and stock size (availability) are very highly correlated, all things (including fishing effort) being equal. But short-term factors such as weather disturb the equations. Add that to the flawed MRIP effort estimations, and I suspect that the numbers going into the computers are questionable. We shall see; a new Benchmark Stock Assessment is due to get underway in 2026 and the results will be seen in 2027.

One other observation on the ASMFC meeting, concerning proposals to reduce Menhaden commercial catch quotas by 50% for 2026 through 2028. Apparently up to now the Technical Committee has been using an incorrect number for its estimate of fishing mortality (termed F), and this led to what is now believed to be a significant over-estimation of the stock size. The so-called Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management requires that the Menhaden commercial catch be adjusted to ensure the continued support of the stocks that feed on them, especially Atlantic Striped Bass. The new calculations called for drastic cuts in the commercial catch. But when it came down to actually walking the talk, the Commission voted down the proposed reductions. They also voted down a proposed compromise to reduce the catch by 50% over three years and instead ended up reducing the 2026 catch by just 20%, thus kicking the can down the road for setting the catch for 2027 and 2028. So, the next time you hear someone claim that ecosystem-based management is being utilized in this fishery, you have permission to smirk.

Finally, we still await the final determinations for bag and size limits for our principal recreational fishing species, including Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Scup. As you may remember the harvest limits for 2026 for all three of these stocks were increased by the combined ASMFC and Mid Atlantic Marine Fisheries Council management board. However, the final numbers will be adjusted by the board using the Percent Change Approach, about which I have written negatively previously. We may find ourselves looking at no increases or even some reductions, as relayed to me by one of the Council staff members. So be prepared for lots more yelling and screaming (OK, some serious discussions) at the upcoming meetings through the late Fall and early Winter.

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ROD n' REEL RAFFLE by Ed Valitutto - Tickets for our next raffle started at the October meeting and a lucky winner will be drawn at our November meeting. Since this is the time for surf fishing, our final raffle is an outfit suitable for fall Striper fishing. The outfit was donated by our own Phil Simon who won it at a George Poveromo fishing seminar. The outfit is a Tica Dolphin Surf Fast Action 10' MH rod with a Penn Spinfisher 6500 V reel. Total value ~\$350.



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OCTOBER POM WINNER by Jerry Nichols & Phil Simon - Here's last month's winner: Mike Woodrow smiling from ear to ear with his prize Striper catch. Mike's photo displays a successful catch with a great sky background. At the November meeting, each prior month's winner will get a chance to win a \$50 gift award.





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SOCIAL MEDIA by Bayside Dave Etelman - Our VHFC sites are [VHFC FB Site](#) and [VHFC Instagram](#). The FB site has **223 followers with 122 Likes** with each post reaching thousands of people; our Instagram account has **280 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.

BOTTOM TRIP by Ed Valitutto We had the Mary M IV out of Barnegat Light booked for opening day of the Black Sea Bass season, for Wednesday October 1st but unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans whipping up strong winds and significant waves. So our trip was rescheduled for Wednesday October 8th, but once again, Mother Nature intervened. So we rescheduled a third time for October 22nd. The weather was marginal but unfortunately we only had about 10 people available so the captain suggested we cancel until next year. Wow!

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FALL DINNER by Bill Dabney - Not only was our Bottom Trip cancelled but our Fall Dinner was originally planned for October 15th but due to a Nor 'Easter, had to be rescheduled for November 19th. We are still at Kostas Grill in Tuckerton. Everyone orders and pays for their own selections off the menu. However, wine expert Bill Dabney will select an assortment of wine complements of VHFC for the occasion and VHFC will also provide appetizer platters for your enjoyment. Kosta's is BYOB so if you prefer to bring your own favorite libation, certainly do so. There are no space problems but if you plan on attending, please let Bill know at the November meeting. This is always a fun event for our members and spouses to get together for some fun. Bill's info is dabney372@outlook.com or 609-709-5093.



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DREDGING NEWS - Article supplied by Mike Hanrahan & Jim Healy

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Waretown Channel Complex dredging project is scheduled to begin this month in Barnegat Light Borough and Barnegat, Long Beach, Ocean and Lacey townships in Ocean County. The \$6.2 million project will restore channels to a safe navigable depth. NJDOT's contractor, JF Brennan, will dredge approximately 90,000 cubic yards of fine sand and silt from multiple channels within the Waretown Channel Complex.

The following eight channels serve emergency services, commercial fisheries, marinas, homeowners and recreational boaters:

- **Holiday Harbor** • **Skippers Cove** • **Waretown Creek** • **South Harbor**
- **Double Creek Mainland** • **Double Creek** • **High Bar Harbor** • **Barnegat Light Stake**

The project will restore safe navigation by dredging the channels to their appropriate depths, between six and nine feet. The public is advised to use caution when boating in the area. Dredging operations are scheduled to begin this month and are expected to be completed in December 2025. Work will be conducted 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The area is expected to remain open throughout the duration of the project. All material removed from the channels will be transported via pipeline and discharged into the Oyster Creek Confined Disposal Facility. The pipeline will be clearly marked with buoys and lights for safe navigation. Channel closures are not expected, but if they are needed, closures will be communicated through the Local Notice to Mariners. State Aids to Navigation (ATON) will be removed as necessary for the duration of the project.

The public is advised to be aware of and stay alert for the pipeline, buoys, dredge, and other maritime construction equipment during the project. NJDOT asks that no one enter the construction areas nor approach project-related equipment (including dredges). Boaters should proceed through dredging and construction zones with caution and can contact the contractor for passing arrangements on Channel 4. No wake speed should be observed in active work zones.



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SURF FISHING CLASSIC - The 71st LBISFC kicked off August 30th and runs to November 30th. This legendary event, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious surf fishing tournaments, offers anglers a shot at over \$25,000 in prizes for landing striped bass, bluefish, kingfish, blackfish, red drum and now *New for 2025 - Summer Flounder!*

Be sure to check out the new details in the [Tournament Rules And Prizes Brochure](#). *Don't miss out on this legendary island tradition, hit the surf and make history!* [More Info.](#)

As of today, there are 344 registered anglers who have entered 190 fish - 38 Kingfish, 26 Fluke, 29 Bluefish, 25 Striped Bass, 72 Blackfish and 1 Weakfish! The fish are here!!



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VHFC SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT & BBQ by Bayside Dave

Date: Saturday, November 22nd Fishing time: 6 AM to 11 AM

Registration: \$20 VHFC members only - All fees returned as prizes

BBQ by VHFC: Noon at Surf City Bait & Tackle 317 Long Beach Blvd.

Rules:

- Fish must be targeted from the beaches / jetties of Long Beach Island
 - Maximum 2 rods per angler •Baits and lures can be used
 - Inline circle hooks required for striped bass with natural baits
 - Bring your largest legal fish to Surf City Bait & Tackle for weigh in
- Bluefish: Minimum length: 16"
- Striped Bass: Legal length 28" to 31" or 24" to less than 28" (Bonus tag)

Prizes:

Largest Striped Bass: 50% of fees collected

Largest Bluefish: 50% of fees collected

Tie broken by length

If only one species is entered, money will be split 60 / 40 for 1st and 2nd place or 100% if only one entry. If no species are entered, one winner for all the money by raffle.

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	Date	Size	MBA Pts	Location	
Paul Pintinalli	Sea Bass	Boat	October	5	20	5	20 Mile Wreck
Tom Godfrey	Blackfish	Boat	October	8	15.25	1	BL Jetty
Boston Bob Long	Sea Bass	Boat	October	8	17.25	3	Offshore Wreck
Tim Naples	Yellowfin Tuna	Boat	October	5	45		Offshore Wreck
Dave Puzak	Porgy	Boat	October	10	15		
Drew Kraycirik	Striped Bass	Boat	October	11	29.25	2	Barnegat Inlet

Drew Kraycirik	Striped Bass	Boat	October	18	31	3	Barnegat Inlet
Tom Godfrey	Blackfish	Surf	October	24	18.75	4	BL Jetty
Doug O'Brien	Striped Bass	Boat	October	26	30.5	2	Barnegat Inlet
Mike Woodrow	Striped Bass	Boat	October	26	27.25	1	Barnegat Inlet
Wil Kresge	Triggerfish	Boat	October	25	14.25		Offshore Wreck
Marty Friedrich	Sea Bass	Boat	October	26	19	4	Offshore Wreck
Marty Friedrich	Blackfish	Boat	October	26	18	4	Offshore Wreck
Jeremy Johnson	Blackfish	Surf	October	26	15.25	1	Barnegat Docks
Ed Valitutto	Striped Bass	Boat	November	2	38	5	BI
Tim Naples	Sea Bass	Boat	November	2	16	3	Offshore Wreck

Here are a few photos of some October entries:



That's a really nice 15" Porgy caught by Dave Puzak to tie Bayside Dave for the FOM lead.

Wil Kresge caught the fat Triggerfish shown on the opposite side. That's some great eating!





Doug O'Brien was fishing on the Madison River in Montana where he caught this beautiful 20" Brown Trout. Not a FOM contender but a magnificent catch!



Paul Pinatelli proudly shows his 20" FOM / FOY leading Sea Bass caught on Marty's boat! Marty is still grimacing!



That's Drew Kraycirik's daughter, Rachel proudly displaying a nice keeper Bass she caught!

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 awards each for a \$50 certificate..

1 FOM closed in October:

Weakfish No Entry Unfortunately, Weakfish were scarce in 2025

As of 1 November, there are 6 Junior Angler and 18 Adult contests open

4 Surf, 7 Boat, 4 Boat or Surf & 3 Offshore.

Open contests are shaded Green. Closed contests are shaded Red.

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	Mallory and Alexa Figley	14.5
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 & Mallory Figley	22.25
Sea Bass	5/17/25	12/31/25	Bryson Wyatt & Alexa Figley	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	Dave Etelman	20
Fluke	5/4/25	6/30/25	Pat Presutto	22
Fluke	7/1/25	9/25/25	No Entry	

Blackfish	4/1/25	4/30/25	Mike Woodrow	15.25
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Blackfish	8/1/25	12/31/25	Tom Godfrey	18.75
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2025 Boat FOM Leaders

Species	Start	Finish	Leader / Winner	Size
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Striper	3/1/25	7/31/25	Drew Kraycirik	26.5
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Striper	8/1/25	12/31/25	Drew Kraycirik	31
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Striper Over 31"	3/1/25	12/31/25	Ed Valitutto	38
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Bluefish	3/1/25	6/30/25	Jim Healy	20.75
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Bluefish	7/1/25	12/31/25	Mike Woodrow	26
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Blackfish	4/1/25	4/30/25	Bert Kern	17.5
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Blackfish	8/1/25	12/31/25	Drew Kraycirik	18.75
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Sea Bass	5/17/25	6/19/25	Marty Friedrich	19.5
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Sea Bass	7/1/25	8/31/25	Drew Kraycirik	17.5
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Sea Bass	10/1/25	12/31/25	Paul Pinatelli	20
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Triggerfish	5/1/25	11/30/25	Glen Minor	17.25
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Porgy	5/1/25	12/31/25	Dave Etelman/Dave Puzak	15
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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
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Fluke	8/1/25	8/31/25	Tim Naples	25.25
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Fluke	9/1/25	9/25/24	Perry Hoagey	27
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Weakfish	4/1/25	10/31/25	No Entry	
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2025 Boat or Surf FOM Leaders

Species	Start	Finish	Leader / Winner	Size
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White Perch	3/1/25	12/31/25	Dave Spendriff	13
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Blowfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	Dave Puzak	8.25
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Kingfish	3/1/25	11/30/25	Perry Hoagey	13.5
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Black Drum	3/1/25	12/31/25	Tyler Leary/Tom Godfrey	39
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2025 Offshore FOM Leaders

Species	Start	Finish	Leader / Winner	Size
Bluefin	5/1/25	11/30/25	No Entry	
Yellowfin	5/1/25	11/30/25	Tim Naples	45
Mahi	5/1/25	11/30/25	Glen Minor	34
False Albacore	9/1/25	11/30/25	TBD	

2025 Melanie Boytos Award (MBA) Point Leaders (Top 10 Shown)

Angler	MBA Points
Tom Godfrey	16
Ed Valitutto	16
Pat Presutto	13
Marty Friedrich	12
Tim Naples	12
Perry Hoagey	11
Paul Pintinalli	11
Bill Bond	10

Drew Kraycirik	10
Mike Woodrow	9

2025 Fish of the Year Leaders

Bluefish	Pat Presutto	30"
Fluke	Perry Hoagey	27"
Sea Bass	Paul Pinatelli	20"
Striped Bass	Tom Godfrey	44.5"
Weakfish	TBD	No Entry
Blackfish	Drew Kraycirik / Tom Godfrey	18.75"

SOME GOOD NEWS by Chuck Dishian - As reported at the May meeting, the US Coast Guard proposed a discontinuation of 350 marker buoys in an effort to "bring navigational safety into the 21st century" by placing more reliance on global satellite navigation systems, electronic navigation charts and electronic charting systems". The prevailing thinking was that the real reason for this transition is due to the cost of maintenance of the marker buoys. The Coast Guard sought public input on this transition. Well, the public has spoken. The plan faced overwhelming opposition from mariners, harbor masters, local officials and fishing clubs who argued the buoys are vital for safety, especially in poor visibility conditions or when electronic systems fail which we all know never happens!. As a result, the Coast Guard has suspended the proposed removal of these buoys largely due to public pressure in the form of over 3500 responses by such groups as the JCAA and by extension US!

MEDITERRANEAN ROASTED TAUTOG by Ed Valitutto I saw this recipe while searching online and thought it would be perfect for this time of year. It was created for an episode of *My Fishing Cape Cod TV* and the reviews were all raves! Tautog is simmered and roasted in a Mediterranean style sauce of freshly chopped tomatoes, spices, herbs, capers and golden raisins. According to the author, this recipe also works for halibut, cod, swordfish, striped bass,

bluefish, shrimp or chicken, so even if you don't catch a keeper tog, you can still enjoy this delicious dish.



Ingredients

1 lb tautog (or any firm white fish like halibut, swordfish or striped bass)
2 TBS olive oil
1/4 C diced red onion
2 large firm tomatoes chopped or substitute 1 cup drained canned tomatoes
8 garlic cloves, minced
1 tsp coriander, 1 tsp paprika & 1 tsp cumin
1 TBS capers, drained
1/4 C golden raisins

1/4 C broth (chicken, vegetable, drained tomato juice or white wine)

Zest of 1/2 lemon

Juice of 1 lemon

Chopped fresh flat leaf parsley for garnish

Optional - a few chopped hot peppers or some hot sauce (Ed's idea!)

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400.
2. Heat olive oil in a large oven safe skillet, then add onion, sauteeing for 3 minutes, or until the onion turns golden in color. Next add in the tomatoes, garlic, coriander, paprika, cumin, capers, a pinch of salt and pepper and the raisins. Bring to a low simmer and cook, stirring occasionally until the sauce cooks down, then add in the broth to loosen up the sauce. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Pat the fish filets dry and season with salt and pepper. Tuck the fish into the sauce and spoon some of the sauce over the fish. Sprinkle the fish with the lemon zest and pour the lemon juice over the fish. Transfer to the oven and let the fish cook for 15 - 18 minutes, or until cooked through. Garnish with parsley and enjoy

Serve over rice with crusty bread to sop up all that delicious sauce along with a glass of your favorite chilled Sauvignon Blanc or Chardonnay!

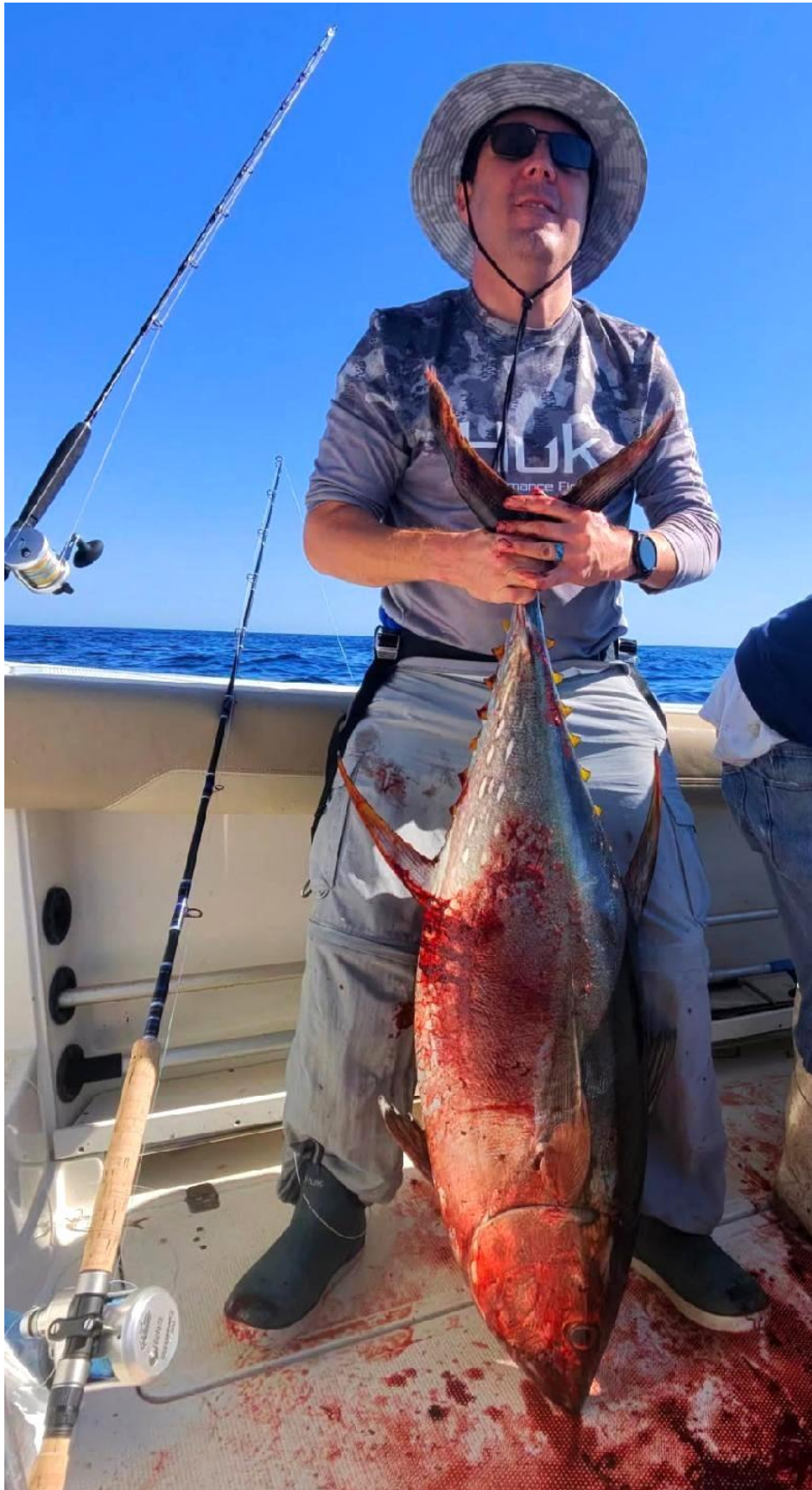
VHFC SHIRTS by Chuck Dishian - We are presently in discussions with a local apparel provider for short and long sleeve cotton tees that will feature our current artwork. The company we are working with does not require minimums and the shirts should be less expensive than the UPF material currently offered. Samples of the shirt will be available for you to evaluate at our general meeting on November 14th. The new shirts will likely be available at the start of our 2026 season and we are working on the ability to purchase via our website. Stay tuned.

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 7 reports for the month of November!



Ed V and neighbor Anthony had a great day getting a limit of Sea Bass and a Triggerfish at GSN and then drifted Spot along the lower end of Oyster Creek. They boated 6 Stripers – all bonus tag fish 26 – 27" and two Fluke!

Note: We discovered later that the camera lens was cracked!



I would say Tim Naples won the battle with that Tuna! The final count was 6 fish landed and 7 lost due to line breakage.



Mario is all smiles after a long trip on Marty's boat for bottom fish. They caught their 4 man limit of nice Sea Bass up to 19" along with a Flounder, False Albacore & Triggerfish. They tried closer to the beach for Tog but caught only one keeper! But look at that cooler below!!!



**Bob**

Dodds finally got a break in the winds and was able to fish on 10/6 & 10/10 with Captain Greg Carr on the Kev 'n Ash. However, it took a couple of hours at the start of each trip to get good. The final result on 10/6, was a boat limit of 70 sea bass. Of these, over a dozen were from 15 – 17", plus 9 triggerfish. On 10/10, they finished just 7 shy of their 70 fish limit



After our club cancellations and his own boat under wraps, Phil Simon found an open slot on Greg Carr's boat Kev 'N Ash (LBI charters). With tough weather conditions looming, Greg picked a spot closer in and five hours later they had collected 52 Sea Bass and over 60 Scup (Porgy), plus a few straggler Blues and at least one Triggerfish. Nice haul!



Tim Naples, Bayside Dave and 3 friends headed 25 miles offshore for some deep wreck fishing. Unfortunately, the seas were rougher than predicted. But after 4 hours, they had had 22 Sea Bass and 16 Triggerfish in the box.

VHFC Hats by Chuck Dishian - 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.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS By Jeff Orsoe - I am available to perform a Vessel Safety exam on your vessel at any time and have the VE stickers (Vessel Exam decal) that is placed on the vessel upon successful completion of the checklist. There is no charge and no consequences if your boat doesn't pass. Our goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends. Personal pleasure craft, only. The boat owner just needs to take care of the problem and reschedule another exam for the decal to be awarded. **Contact: Jeff Orsoe**
Cell / Text: 732-672-5530 or email: jorsoe786@gmail.com.

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

CLASSIFIED ADS BUY, SELL or TRADE

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.

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.

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**

Great Bay Outfitters 5% -10% discount with VHFC card
955 Radio Road Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey **609 848 3657**

JB Awards 10% discount on engraving and trophies with VHFC card **609-290-5851**

Martek Electronics
701 Old Avalon Blvd Unit 4 Avalon, New Jersey 08202 **609 390 3355**

The Boat Shop 10% discount with VHFC card
756 E. Bay Ave, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 **609-597-1271**

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

Surf City Bait & Tackle 10% discount with VHFC card
317 Long Beach Blvd, Surf City, NJ 08008 **609 994 2333**

West Marine - Special discount with VHFC card
424 Rte 9 S, Little Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08087 **609-296-6243**