



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN APRIL

BOARD MEETING: 04 APRIL

7:00 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 11 APRIL

At the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

7:30 PM: Doors Open Early - Come Help Set Up.

7:45 PM: Meeting Starts With Club Business:

- Committee Reports
- Trophy Fish Of The Year 2007 Awards
- 2007 Striped Bass Fish of the Month Award
- 2008 Tournament Plans
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break
- Presentation: Weak fishing by Steve Pural

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ron Nachmann

Welcome back to the Village Harbor Fishing Club---- 2008 marks our 20th season. This year is already shaping up to be a year of many new concepts and ideas. Some are ready to debut at the April and May meetings, and others are still in the planning stage. We will of course continue our traditional fishing tournaments, dinner dance and speaker program.

At our first meeting, the Board of Directors voted to allow Reef Rescue to use our club logo to show our support for this most important mission. Check out their website ww.njreefrescue.com and you'll see we're in pretty good company. With the 18" minimum, legal sized fluke will be scarce in the bay. The artificial reefs offer structure and food (i.e. bigger fish).

John Henson has accepted the position of 1st Vice President. Steve Cook, Bill Dabney, Roland Dixon, Vince Sibona, Dave Sikorski and Ray Williams have all agreed to again serve on the board-----to them my sincere thank you. At this time, I would like to thank both John Borick and John Nonnenmacher for their valuable contribution to the VHFC. John Borick

served as President and Secretary to the board. John Nonnenmacher, in addition to his serving on the board was our go-to-guy---Whatever needed to be done John can be counted on. Again thank you both. The retirement of John and John leaves a gap on our Board of Directors. Remembering that my bark is worse than my bite, I ask you to think about volunteering to help on the board. What a deal, no pay, no health care benefits, no vacation, but lots of satisfaction.

I hope that with your participation, we'll have a super 2008 season! 'til the next tide,

Ron

Thought for today: Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught.

2007 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by Ron Nachmann

Blackfish	No Entry	
Bluefish	14 lb 13oz	Ron Nachmann
Fluke	10 lb 9 oz	Vince Sibona
Sea Bass	2 lb 12 oz	Ron Nachmann
Striped Bass	37 lb 2 oz	Jim Hutchinson
Weakfish	4lb 13 oz	Robert Citarelli
W. Flounder	2 lb 8 oz	Susan Gabler

Congratulations to all those listed above.

2007 FISH OF THE MONTH RECAP

by Ron Nachmann

April Winter Flounder Susan Gabler 2 lb 8oz
 May Weakfish Robert Cittarelli 4 lb 12.8 oz
 June Fluke Larry Leary 6 lb 14 oz
 July Bluefish Paul Galasso 13.15 lb
 August Sea Bass Larry Leary 2.05 lb
 September Fluke William Farris 4 lb
 September Croaker Basil Dubrosky 1 lb 7/8 oz
 Oct/Nov Striped Bass John Henson 20 lb 11.2 oz
 Oct/Nov Bluefish Ron Nachmann 14lb 13 oz

2008 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by Ron Nachmann

Blackfish
Bluefish
Fluke
Sea Bass
Striped Bass
Weakfish
Winter Flounder

The rules are simple: you have to catch a fish of the above species, take it to one of our official weigh stations to have it weighed and recorded on our official weigh-in forms. If you have weighed in the largest fish of a particular species for the calendar year 2008, then you win the FOY trophy for that species. Note: your dues have to be paid before you catch an eligible fish.

2007 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

The awards for October/November FOM, Striped Bass & Bluefish, will be presented at the April General Membership meeting.

2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by Ron Nachmann

The Board is considering changes for 2008 due to regulations changes. Here is last year's lineup:

March & April	Winter Flounder
May	Weakfish
June	Fluke
July	Bluefish
August	Sea Bass
September	Fluke & Croaker
October/November	Striped Bass & Bluefish

MAY & JUNE SPEAKERS by Bill Dabney

May meeting, Jim Hutchinson Sr. and Jr. will speak on livelining and bait fishing for stripers. June meeting, Bill Figley will speak on reef fishing. With the 18 inch limit we will need to fish the reefs more than the bay.

**SOME REAL NICE MUTTON SNAPPERS
 JERRY PAPP CAUGHT 4 MILES OFF THE
 JUPITER INLET THIS WINTER**



CHUM BUCKET TOURNAMENT by John Hensen

Skip Deckman, owner of the Chum Bucket, one of our clubs sponsors, is running a tournament starting March 1st. Please see the attached file for all the details. I am sure he would appreciate any support from our members.



SEE THE CHUM BUCKET TO ENTER

REGULATORY UPDATE by Dave Sikorski

The battle between the folks who would love to end fishing and the folks who love fishing continues.

If you have not already heard, the 2008 NJ **Fluke** regulations will be: 18" minimum length, 8-fish bag limit, with a season opening May 24 and closing on September 7.

As of October, 2007 the bag limit on **Weakfish** was reduced to 6 fish. This carries over into 2008. The minimum size is still 13" and the season is open all year.

We nearly lost our right to fish for **Tautog**, when the NMFS threatened a moratorium in NJ unless NJ implemented a cutback in our regulations. Once we know the new regulations we will post them on our web site, and in the next newsletter.

In May, the Division of Fish and Wildlife will publish the official saltwater regulations. We will provide a link to the new regulations on our website, once they are published.

There are several bills in process in the NJ legislature. We will give you updates on these as they progress, and we may need support from the club's membership to get some pushed through (letters, etc.). For now, you can get additional information from the JCAA web site at www.jcaa.com. The information is in their newsletters.

UPDATED VHFC WEBSITE by Dave Sikorski

I have updated our website. Please check it out; I think you'll find some very useful information! The address is

<http://fishermansheadquarters.com/vhfc/>

PUT YOUR FISHING REPORT ON OUR WEBSITE by Dave Sikorski

The procedure is simple. Anyone who wants their fishing report on the website can submit their report electronically via e-mail to: VHFCInfo@aol.com. I will then add it to the reports page, when I have the time.

The direct address for this page is:

<http://fishermansheadquarters.com/vhfc/VHFCmemberfishingreports.htm>. It is also

accessible through the "Fishing Reports and Links" button on the front page of the website.

HELP ME! By Ray Williams

I need pictures & recaps of your fishing trips to put in the newsletter. They can be funny or serious. Get your name in the headlines! Thanks to those guys who have sent in info & pictures. However, we need more to publish. Call me at 609-978-1480 & I'll tell you how to send me your stories.

LUNAR CHART by Ed Wetmore

Lunar charts give you an estimate of feeding times based on the effects of moon and sun location. Many of us have seen similar tables in Field & Stream Magazine for years.

If you want to receive the latest table each month, simply send an email to Ed Wetmore (ejwetmore@comcast.net) and state your interest in receiving the Lunar Charts.

LIKE TO SEE COLOR PICTURES? By Ray Williams

Unfortunately, the cost of printing our newsletter in color is almost ten times higher than publishing in black & white. However, if you choose to get your free Newsletter by email, you'll get all of the pictures in color. Another benefit is that you won't have to

find a place to store the paper after you've read it. Simply save the newsletter to a folder in your computer. To get the newsletter by email instead of by mail, call me at 609-978-1480.

RESCUE REEF by Ron Nachmann

The Reef Rescue mission goes on. If we speak up, we can win this important issue. Check out the website www.njreefrescue.com.

IN MEMORIAM by Ron Nachmann

On December 23rd the Village Harbour Fishing Club lost a true friend---Captain Melanie Boytos. To quote Jim Hutchinson Sr. from his tribute article---"I attended a seminar of hers at the VHFC in Manahawkin about a year ago. She had that audience in the palm of her hand-she was talking about baits, lures, fishing lines, catching weakfish--all that good stuff--and you could have heard a pin drop in that crowded room."

Captain Mel's family requested that donations be made to the MELANIE BOYTOS FISHERQUEEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, which awards scholarships to two graduating seniors at Southern Regional High School. To honor her memory the VHFC has donated \$250.00 to the fund.

CAPTAIN MEL-MAY YOU REST IN PEACE AND ONLY CATCH KEEPERS!

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DRAWING by John Henson

A random drawing will be held at each of the monthly general membership meetings. All members who have paid their dues will be automatically entered each month. One name will be drawn randomly each month. Member must be present at the meeting to claim prize, if not the winnings will be "rolled over" into the following months drawing until a winner is present. After the prize has been claimed the drawing will be reset to \$10.00. Good Luck and see you at the meetings.

CLASSIFIED ADS by Ray Williams

12' alum. Row boat. Starcraft w'wood seats, does not leak. 7.5 hp Evinrude mint cond. No trailer. \$800. 2 man kayak. Hobie w' 2 seats & paddles \$300. Call Gail at 201-797-1333

10' 6" U. S. Marine Inflatable Boat, Max 15 H.P., Load Capacity 1500 lbs. Has 4 air chambers. Includes 2 aluminum oars, air pump, carrying bag, repair kit, retractable wheels, only \$400. Call Walt at 492-2655

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. Contact Ray Williams at 978-1480 to place your ad.

Walter Maier, a new member, is looking for members with boats who might want to take him fishing with them. He is willing to share expenses. He has been out with several of our members already. He is available most days & lives in the area; his number is 609-489-0779.

FOR SALE

MINN-KOTA POWER DRIVE 40PD
TROLLING MOTOR WITH FOOT PEDAL
12V ELECTRIC MOTOR, 48 INCH SHAFT.
ONLINE PRICES RANGE FROM \$379.00 TO \$419.00 NEW
CONDITION: VERY GOOD.
OUR PRICE \$350.00.
Call 609-597-0784 ASK FOR BILL

FISHING IN THE KEYS! by Bill Logan

Guy in Photo is Phil Heffner long time friend from N.E. Philadelphia, his wife and Arleen (my Wife) went to the same High School and were in each others wedding. Small fish on left of photo are called Grunts we have a self imposed boat size limit of 10 inches. No State Limits. There also is a small Spanish mackerel. The fish in Phil's right hand is a Hog fish had several of these. (Really good eating) The big fish is a Yellow Tail Jack (Not bad eating either)

Not bad for 3.5 hours of fishing, we fished from my 14 foot Starcraft all aluminum boat, powered by a 15hp- 4 stroke Mercury (that's the boat in back of

Phil.) Went to a Flea Market in the morning for fishing stuff, put the boat in around 11:30 started fishing at noon and was back at the ramp at 3:30.



VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2008 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$35.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 09, 2008

Print Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Note: Both * items must be completed

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2007 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete the following:

Name of Spouse:	Shore Address:
Principle Address:	(complete if different from Principle Address)
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Would you like to get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Print Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2008 Form for Junior Angler Renewals and New Applications
MAIL COMPETED FORMS WITH DUES (Checks only) FOR \$10.00 PAYABLE TO "VHFC" TO:
VHFC JUNIOR ANGLER
PO BOX 1026
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050
Dues for renewals are due by May 09, 2008

Note: All 5 * items must be completed.

APPLICANT: Please complete the following each year (one sheet per Junior Angler)

Name*:	Member #: Nick Name:
Signature:	Junior Angler's E-Mail:
Home Address:	Home Phone:

Would you like to get your newsletter by email? Circle Yes or No A yes will save the club printing & mailing costs.

SPONSOR: Please complete the following:

SPONSOR MEMBER'S INFORMATION (ALL ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR)	
By completing the following, the Sponsor takes full responsibility to accompany and supervise the applicant's behavior and ensure the applicant's well being during and en route to and from any club activity or event and further certifies possession of the legal authority to do so.	
Further, the sponsor affirms this applicant will not reach 18 years of age on or before May 09, 2008.	
Sponsor's Name*:	Sponsor's Member #:
Sponsor's Signature*:	Relation to Applicant*:
Date*: / /	

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following:

Print Name of Boat: _____ Length (ft.): _____

LAST YEAR'S CALENDAR USE AS A GUIDE UNTIL 2008 IS FINALIZED (Revised 4/3/08)

<p>April 11 2008 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder <u>7:45 APRIL 11:</u> ➤ THIS IS LAST ➤ YEARS CALENDAR ➤ LOOK FOR 2008 IN NEXT ISSUE</p>	<p>May 11 2007 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 11- Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH ➤ LAST YEAR'S CALENDAR</p>	<p>May 5th SURF TOURNAMENT Chairmen: John Borick Ron Nachmann Entry Form in this issue</p>
<p>JUNE 8 2007 Fish of the Month: FLUKE <u>7:45 June 8:</u> ➤ Club business ➤ Weakfish Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Surf Tournament ➤ Intro to North & South Bay Fishing Tourney ➤ Speakers: Shell Caris "Boat & Surf Fishing Techniques" ➤ Flea Market</p>	<p>June 23rd NORTH & SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT Chairman: Ron Nachmann</p>	<p>JULY 13 2007 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH <u>7:45 July 13:</u> ➤ Club Business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report -N. & S. Bay Fishing Tourney ➤ Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney ➤ Intro to VHFC Dinner ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speakers: Hugh Carberry "Reef Fishing Techniques"</p>
<p>AUGUST 18TH FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNEY CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN & ED WETMORE Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>	<p>AUGUST 10 2007 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS <u>7:45 Aug. 10:</u> ➤ Club business ➤ Bluefish of the Month Award ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney ➤ Speaker: Barry Gabler "Reef Fishing"</p>	<p>AUGUST 31, 2007 VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB 7:30PM</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 14 2007 Fish of the Month: FLUKE & CROAKER <u>7:45 Sept. 14:</u> ➤ Club business ➤ Sea Bass Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ Speaker: Bryan Rose, Striper fishing with jigs and artificial lures All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ <u>Hands-On Surf Fishing</u></p>	<p>October 12 2007 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish <u>7:45 Oct. 12:</u> ➤ Sept. Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker Unknown</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 9, 2007 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. <u>7:45 NOV 12</u> ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER</p>

Monthly meetings are 2nd Fridays starting promptly at 7:45 PM. Doors open at 7:30 – Come early and help us get set up.

No Membership Meetings are planned for the months of December through March.

**The following have offered a discount with the presentation of current VHFC Membership Card
Discounts normally do not apply to items that are fair traded or items on sale**

<p>FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>BOBBIES 7th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>L&H Woods & Water 403 Route 9 Waretown 242-1812 10% off any purchase</p>
<p>THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.</p>	<p>GALLIVANT GRAPHICS BOAT LETTERING We come to you ---- 10% off for members 609-812-9883</p>
<p>AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>THE BOAT SHOP 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices</p>	<p>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>
<p>FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>	<p>OCEANSIDE BAIT & TACKLE 8201 Long Beach Boulevard Brighton Beach, NJ. 08008 609-361-9800</p>	<p>BOAT U.S. VHFC members only pay \$12.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for members' use will be at VHFC meetings or call Charlie Kochka</p>

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