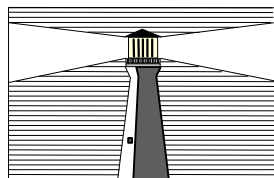


THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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JOIN VHFC AND LEARN ABOUT FISHING LOCAL WATERS NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting: 8:00 PM on Friday August 2nd

Membership Meeting: 7:45 PM Friday August 9th at the Stafford Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

Club Business will include:

- Fish Of The Month Award For July – Bluefish
- 50/50
- Reef Fishing Event – September 14th and 15th
- VHFC Dinner Dance - Friday August 16th
- Guest Speaker : Bill Figley will give us a presentation the NJ Artificial Reef Program and the local fishery.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Don Longstreet

Don't forget the meeting on August 9th is the last time to sign up for the dinner and dance. I hope we have a great turn out as we have a few rather nice door prizes.

This month Bill Figley will be our guest speaker and for those that have listened to him in the past know he is good.

Also, I hope that we get a good turn out for the Reef Fishing event. Please note the new dates are September 14th and 15th.

The August Fish Of The Month is fluke. I wish you all have a good time, get the big one and don't forget to weigh it in at Fisherman's Headquarters.

FINANCIAL STATUS by Ken Hansen

We currently have \$3582.24 in the checking account at Commerce Bank. The money market account with Gilmore Funds has an additional \$5519.72 as of today.

FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by George Fruh

Will be updated by 1 August: The following anglers are in the lead for 2002:

Weakfish(06/01)*	8 lb. 4 oz. Bob Citarelli
Bluefish(05/19)	13 lb. 7 oz. Paul Galasso
Sea Bass (04/21)	5 lb. 4 oz. Bob Gers
Fluke(07/04)	8 lb. 8 oz. John Lyszczarz
Winter Flounder (4/13)	1 lb. 8 oz. Gerald Kelleher
Winter Flounder (4/13)	1 lb. 8 oz. Shane Barrett

John Lyszczarz, fishing on the Real Deal, caught his big fluke and his buddies caught three more 4 pounds + fluke at The Tires.

FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

The Fish of the Month for July was bluefish. Congratulations to Paul Galasso, on his boat Scorpio, caught a 10 lb. 8 oz. bluefish on July 31 at "25 fathoms". The Fish of the Month for August is fluke.

VHFC Reef Day by Dave Sikorski (Tournament Chairman)

On Sept 14 and 15, (sun-up Saturday to 5 pm Sunday) we will be having our 2002 VHFC Reef Days. The boundaries for this event are all Bay and Ocean waters between 39° 48' North and 39° 24' North. This event targets Sea Bass and Fluke, which will congregate around the reef sites, but entrants are free to probe any waters within the specified boundaries for these tasty fish. There are 4 NJ Artificial Reef Sites within these boundaries, where fish congregate much like an oasis in the desert: they are Barnegat Light Reef, Garden State North Reef, Garden State South Reef, and Little Egg Reef. Also located within this range are the Harvey Cedars Lumps, the Barnegat and Little Egg Inlets, Oyster Creek Channel, the Bi buoy, Double Creek Channel, the Middle Grounds, the Holgate Channel, Marshelder Channel, Grassy Channel, and Great Bay. Prizes will be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd heaviest of two species: Fluke and Sea Bass (\$50, \$25 & \$20). Weigh-in is at Fisherman's Headquarters before 5pm Sunday. Any ties will be decided by first fish to be weighed in. Communications will be on VHF channel 68. Note: only VHFC members are eligible for the prizes Also note: Sea Bass is our September fish-of-the-month, so hopefully someone on this trip will win this prize as well (that's what happened last year!)

Good luck to everyone!

FISHING REPORT by Ray Williams

On Monday July the 29th, my friend Jerry Gertner & I went weakfishing at Marshelder Channel. We were using shedder crab & buck tails & fin-esses on light tackle. We started fishing on the second hour of incoming tide but were fishing against a strong southwest wind, which really made our drifts difficult. After about 2 hours with no bite I

decided to move west in the channel to the area marked with barrels denoting sand bars. I figured we might get a fluke or two. As we drifted through about 3 feet of water across the bar, I started reeling in my buck tail to check it for weeds. As I reeled it in I noticed a fluke following it & trying to catch it. I stopped reeling it & let the buck tail drop. The fluke followed it down & then followed it up as I began reeling it again. Wow! I had a trained fish following my lure. At that point I stopped & let the lure drop again. This time the fluke nimbly swallowed the buck tail.

It's a real thrill to see a fluke trying to catch up with your lure! Well, he turned out to be 20 inches. His performing days are over but he made a delicious meal! We caught 7 other fluke that day, of which four were keepers. Guess fluke like crabs too!

WARNING shared by Bill Logan

(Ref: Fisherman Headquarters web page 8/01/02)

***Boats heading out of Little Egg Inlet be cautious, buoy tenders have repositioned some of the buoys in the inlet.**

NEW MEMBERS by Ray Williams

All of our members want to become better fishermen. Some of our new members are looking for an opportunity to get out & fish with more experienced anglers or in some cases with anglers more familiar with our local waters. On Monday July 15th, Steve Melnychuck, Bill Dabney, & I went fishing on my boat. The goal of the day was to familiarize Bill with the south bay as he just purchased a new boat & to give Steve a chance to do some boat fishing, as he has no boat. We didn't have much luck most of the day. We fished at Marshelder & I showed them some spots around long Point, Morrison's, & the middle grounds. After a few hours, I decided to take them down to the fish factory. As we were heading east in Marshelder, Steve noticed a large group of birds working in the distance. We came upon a school of small bluefish in about 4 feet of water. We had fin-esses & bucktails on our lines and didn't want to take the time to change our lures. Well, we caught 21 small blues without losing any lures. Bill's fin-ess was eaten down to nothing though. A lot was learned and we all had a great time.

Perhaps some of our members can start talking to each other about fishing together. It seems that someone is always looking for company fishing. If a couple of guys get together & split the costs, you can have an enjoyable day together.

APPROVED CHANGE TO THE VHFC BYLAWS by Dick Vesper

The Bylaws amendment crafted by Dave Sikorski, Ray Williams and Dick Vesper, approved by the Board of Directors and was formally approved at the VHFC July 12, 2002 Membership Meeting.

Article VII of the By-Laws states: "These By-Laws may be altered and/or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at a general meeting, provided that

written notice of the proposed changes is mailed to all members in good standing a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting."

In compliance with the Bylaws, the proposed amendment text was mailed to all current members as an insert to the June and the July VHFC Newsletters. Further, copies of the proposed amendment were made available at the June and July 2002 Membership Meetings.

The twenty eight (28) members attending the Monthly Membership Meeting on July 12, 2002 unanimously approved the proposed amendment without any changes. The vote was made by a show of raised hands; counted by Dick Vesper. No hands were raised against. The vote was witnessed by all attending. The attendance record is in the VHFC file.

2002 MEMBERSHIP LIST

The 2002 Membership List remains to be printed and mailed in the next few weeks.

GOVERNOR MCGREEVEY APPOINTS THOMAS FOTE TO THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

(Editor's note: VHFC supported Tom Fote's nomination to the commission. He is the recreational fisherman's friend)

On Wednesday, July 3, 2003, Thomas Fote was sworn in as New Jersey's Governor's Appointee to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Governor's and Legislative Appointees are caucusing members on every board and for every vote."

Tom Fote served as the Governor's Appointee from 1990 - 1996. From 1996 - 2001, he attended ASMFC meetings as the proxy for the legislative appointee. Mr. Fote is a retired Captain in the United States Army who received a medical discharge due to wounds sustained in Vietnam. Mr. Fote has been an active member of the Jersey Coast Anglers Association and the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs for many years, currently serving as their legislative chairman. He has also been active on environmental issues, serving on numerous boards for environmental groups. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the NJ Environmental Federation and the Marine Fish Conservation Network. He also serves on the Policy Board of the Barnegat Bay Estuary Program.

Boat US

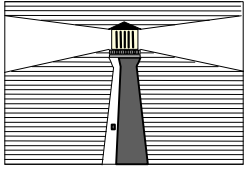
VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Application forms will be available at VHFC meetings

KNOT WEB SITE given by Steve Cook

This is a good web site for knots:

<http://www.fishingcairns.com.au/page6-1.html>

(Ed. Note: For the "webless", I will try to copy some of the good knot info into the next few newsletters)



REEF DAY



WHEN: Sun-up Saturday Sept 14 to 5 pm Sunday Sept 15

To be eligible for a prize the fish must be caught and weighed-in between these times.

WHERE: All Bay and Ocean waters between 39° 48' North and 39° 24' North

This event targets Sea Bass and Fluke, which will congregate around the reef sites, but entrants are free to probe any waters within the specified boundaries for these tasty fish.

The centers of the artificial reef sites within that range are approximately:

Barnegat Light Reef

~39° 45' N; 74° 1.5' W

GSS Reef

~39 33.5' N; 74° 6.5' W

GSN Reef

~39° 37.5' N; 74° 1.5' W

Little Egg Reef

~39° 28.5' N; 74° 11' W

Also located within this range are the Harvey Cedars Lump sites, the Barnegat and Little Egg Inlets, Oyster Creek Channel, the Bi buoy, Double Creek Channel, the Middle Grounds, the Holgate Channel, Marshelder Channel, Grassy Channel, and Great Bay.

TARGET SPECIES:

- **Sea Bass:** 11 ½" min, 25 fish bag limit
- **Fluke:** 16 ½" min, 8 fish bag limit

Some other species could be caught on and around the Reef sites:

- Tautog: 14" min, 1 fish bag limit
- Porgy: 9" min, 50 fish bag limit

PRIZES:

1st, 2nd & 3^d heaviest (\$50, \$25 & \$20) of Sea Bass and Fluke
(Weigh in at Fisherman's Headquarters by 5pm Sunday)

Any ties will be decided by first fish to be weighed in.

Also: only VHFC members are eligible for the prizes

Also note: Sea Bass is our September fish-of-the-month, so hopefully someone on this trip will win this prize as well (that's what happened last year!)

BAITS:

- Clam, Squid, Crabs (green, fiddler), small fish (Killies, bergall), fillet, mackerel pieces, worms (sand, blood), mussels, shrimp

RIG:

- High-Low rigw/ith3 to 16 oz sinker, depending on ocean current (just enough to hold bottom)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- VHF channel 68

- ❖ Signed entries can be mailed to VHFC, Reef Day, PO Box 1026, Manahawkin, NJ, 08050
- ❖ Each captain is responsible for the safety of his or her boat and all the people aboard.
- ❖ Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. does not inspect the boats or assess the training and experience of the captain or crew.
- ❖ Each captain is responsible for all the decisions regarding the safe operation of their vessels, including the decision to leave the dock.
- ❖ Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Conditions necessary for safe operation are different for different vessel and captain and crew experience levels. The captain of the participating vessel who signs this entry form agrees to take full responsibility for all decisions affecting the safe operation of his vessel and agrees to indemnify and hold the club harmless from any claims made by anyone affected by the operation of the captain's vessel.

Captain's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date** _____

Boat Name: _____

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC. 2002 BOARD by Don Longstreet

Officers:

President Don Longstreet
 1st Vice President Ray Williams
 2nd Vice President Dave Taylor
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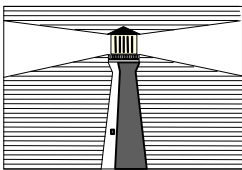
Library Jim McGrath
 Printing Bill Logan
 Legal Adviser Ralph Padovano

All 2002 Tournament Chairmen
 Weakfish Tournament Maurice Piergrossi
 South Bay Tournament Pete Figlia and Art Piciallo
 Reef Fishing Event Dave Sikorski
 Surf Tournament Steve Cook

All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting members.

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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		
FISHERMAN'S HEADQUARTERS Causeway, Ship Bottom, NJ 494-5739 10% discount on all bait & tackle	BOBBIES 7 th & Bay Ave., Barnegat Light, NJ 494-1345 10% discount on bait & tackle	TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
MERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza, Manahawkin, NJ 597-4104 10% discount on all bait & tackle	CAUSEWAY BOAT RENTALS On the LBI Causeway 494-1371 10% discount on bait and tackle.	CLARKE'S MARINE SUPPLY Tuckerton, NJ 294-0166 15% off on OMC, etc. parts 10% off on marine supplies & tackle
ISLAND COVE MARINE CENTER 2601 Central Ave., Ship Bottom, NJ 494-8100 10% discount on bait & tackle	THE BOAT SHOPS 756 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin, NJ 597-1271 10% discount on regular prices	BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15 th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle



Village Harbour Fishing Club Dinner



Date: Friday August 16, 2002 Time: 7:30 PM
Music Good Food Dancing Door Prizes

LOCATION: OCEAN ACRES COUNTRY CLUB OVERLOOKING THE GOLF COURSE

**MENU: CHICKEN FRANCAISE
BROILED FLOUNDER
PRIME RIB**

**MEAL INCLUDES: SALAD
BAKED POTATO
STRING BEANS
APPLE PIE & ICE CREAM COFFEE & TEA**

CASH BAR

PRICE: \$20. PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES TIP & TAX

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT OUR JULY MEETING

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 9TH

DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 72 West (under parkway). Pass 1st traffic light & make a right onto the next street; Lighthouse Rd. Stay on Lighthouse for approximately 1 1/2 miles to Buccaneer Rd. Turn right on Buccaneer for 2/10 mile. Ocean Acres Country Club is on the right.

**CUT OFF THIS FORM, COMPLETE IT AND MAIL IT TO: BOX 1026,
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050**

NAME _____ #PERSONS _____

TEL. # _____ AMT. PAID _____

MEAL CHOICE: CHICKEN _____ FLOUNDER _____ PRIME RIB _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VHFC