



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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VHFC EVENTS IN NOVEMBER 2005

NOVEMBER FISH OF THE MONTH:
STRIPED BASS & BLUEFISH

BOARD MEETING: 04 NOVEMBER

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 11 NOVEMBER

At the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

- 7:30PM: Doors Open Early: Come Help Set Up
- 7:45 PM: Meeting Starts With Club Business
- FOM & FOY Awards and Status
- Report on the 2005 Surf Tournament
- Break with All-Present Fishing Discussions

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Borick becomes our club President on January 1, 2006.

The first 2006 Membership Meeting will be held on April 14th at the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd. We hope to see you all there.

All members will receive at least one newsletter prior to that first meeting including a 2006 schedule of events, membership renewal form and the details of upcoming events.

2005 was a good year. We managed our funds and ended the year a little better than break even; about what we'd hoped to do. The 2006 dues will be the same level of \$ 35.00 & \$ 10.00 for Members and Junior, respectively.

The 2006 Board will start meeting over the winter to review 2005 and plan 2006; we welcome our members' suggestions to make the club better.

VHFC NOMINATES BILL FIGLEY

We have entered Bill Figley as our club's nominee for JCAA's Sportsperson of the Year 2005 Award. The Award will be given on November 11th at JCAA's 2005 Dinner Dance.

Most of you know Bill for his role in the NJ Reef Program. He has done much more while working in NJ's Fish and Wildlife. Bill is a local resident and we sincerely hope he is selected – He Deserves It!

MY LAST ISSUE by Dick Vesper

A hearty **Thank You** to all of you who have contributed your time, energy, words and pictures to help me get the VHFC Newsletter published for the past 5 or more years. I have enjoyed working with you and have been proud to be the one who put each issue together (and sometimes pulled to get some good stories).

Thanks also to the readers who gave me feedback; supportive compliments and suggestions.

It is now time for me to pass this job on to someone with fresh new ideas and more energy than I can apply to this important task. See you at the meetings and on the water.

TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The Trophy Fish of the Year (FOY) weigh-in status has one new leader, Bill Jann, as of noon 1 November 2005.

No weigh-ins for October were received from Chum Bucket or American Sportsman. The current standings for FOY are:

Blackfish	No Entry as Yet
Bluefish (07/23)	11 lb. 9.6 oz. John Lyszczarz
Fluke (07/02)	11 lb 12.8 oz. Eian Beron
Sea Bass (06/17)	04 lb. 12 oz. Lorraine Wetmore
Striped Bass (10/21)	18 lb. 04 oz. Bill Jann
Weakfish (05/18)	12 lb. 06 oz. Ed Cherry
W. Fl'nder (04/25)	02 lb. 04 oz. Jerry Papp

FISH OF THE MONTH AWARD by George Fruh

The FOM leaders for the October/November (2 month competition) are:

Striped Bass (10/21)	18 lb. 04 oz. Bill Jann
Bluefish 10/09	11 lb. 06 oz. Paul Galasso

OCTOBER'S FISHING REPORT

OCTOBER 22, 2005 by Bill Jann

Catch: 3 stripers (one @ 37", 18lb 6oz), 2 short stripers, miscellaneous fish including many skates, some sharks, robins and one blue.

Went out with Bill Dabney and John Nonnenmacher, on the Ice Wine, to do some serious striper fishing . Bill and John had gotten a bushel of clams (from Columbia, yet!) and a few dozen live bunker. It was a rainy, cloudy day, cool but not much wind—perfect for fishing.

We anchored up on a rip that Jim Hutchinson had told Bill about, in about 14 feet of water off the Coast Guard Station; slack tide at first, and no stripers.

Once the outgoing water started to run we got some bites; 2 stripers in the 7 to 8 pound class and the big one at 18+ pounds. All the stripers were caught on clams, with fish finder rigs, blues and robins on the bunker.

When I hooked the big one, Bill also tied into what turned out to be a very large skate, so we had a hectic 20 minutes or so. Thanks to John's net skills though, all ended up well. We made our way back just as darkness fell and eventually got to Fish Heads to register the fish.

Bill Jann and another Nice Striper:



John Nonnenmacher with a nice Striper:



Someone's Heel and Yet Another Nice Striper:



NEW ITEMS IN THE LIBRARY

by Bill Dabney

Two new DVD's:

1. Fluke Fishing by Capt. Al Lorenzetti
2. Reef & Wreck Fishing by Capt. Al Lorenzetti

Two new books:

1. Fishing for Striped Bass by Capt. Gary Caputi
2. Fishing for Yellowfin Tuna by Capt. Dave Preble

Stefano's Clam Chowder from Stefano's Seafood, Beach Haven, NJ – contributed by Al Tichenor

4 quarts clam juice	1 quart chopped NJ clams
1 pint diced onion	1 pint diced carrots
1 pint diced celery	1 pint diced potatoes
1 ½ pint crushed tomatoes	1 tsp salt
1 tsp pepper	1 tsp Old Bay seasoning
Fresh rosemary	Fresh thyme
Fresh basil	Makes 7 quarts or 28 cups

Directions:

Put clam juice, onions, carrots, celery and tomatoes in 10 quart stock pot and bring to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes, then add potatoes, clams and spices. Cook for 10 minutes over low heat until potatoes are tender.

Make a day ahead, re-heat and enjoy with some crusty Italian bread. Stefano's web site is at: http://jerseyseafood.nj.gov/red_chowder.htm

BOATING GEAR FOR SALE by Dick Vesper

1. New Item: Good Fishing boat – very stable. 21 Ft. Sea Cat, 8.5 Ft. Beam; includes T-top, full enclosure curtains, porta-potty with privacy

screen, fuel water separator, compass, Twin 2003 Honda 50 HP motors with power tilt @ trim (4 stroke, quiet & efficient), tachometer, water pressure gauges, Garmin 176C GPS/MAP, Loran, Fish Finder, Anchor & 2 whips. Boat is 10 years old, well kept and in very good condition. In water at 28 Henry Dr. (off Mill Creek Rd in Manahawkin). For inspection or further info contact Jim McGrath at 609-597-8395. Asking \$ 22,000, **(Unless renewed, this ad expires 1/06).**

2. Garmin Handheld GPS Map76 with Garmin Blue Chart Americas CD Chart. Sells new today for over \$450 for GPS & chart. Will sell for \$250.00. Hardly used as I bought a combo GPS & Depth finder for my boat. Call Ray Williams at 609-978-1480. Still have box & all instructions. **[ad expires 11/15/2005]**

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

(These 3 ads expire 12/31/05; unless owners renew)

1. John Leitner, a new member and resident of Barnegat, would like to go out fishing with a member who has a boat and some space for another fisherman. Please contact John at 609-607-9426.
2. Jerry, a newly retired club member, is looking for someone to fish with any day of the week. Will share expenses. Call Jerry Papp at 609-812-1432.
3. Bill Jann, a member with a great bay boat, is looking to go outside with someone with a bigger boat. He offers to help defray costs. Contact Bill at 856-786-8999 or wjann@voicenet.com

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.

2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

President	Dave Sikorski
1 st Vice Pres.	John Borick
2 nd Vice Pres.	Ed Wetmore
Treasurer	Bill Logan
Secretary	Ed Wetmore

Trustees

Sgt.at Arms	Charlie Kochka
Weigh Master	George Fruh
Member Data	John Nonnenmacher
Guest Speakers	Bill Dabney
Past President	Ray Williams

Trustees (cont'd)

Communications	Roland Dixon
Newsletter	Dick Vesper (nonvoting)
Library	Bill Dabney
Library Alternate	Steve Cook
Sponsors	Bill Logan
Website	Dave Sikorski
Vessel Safety	Ed Wetmore
JCAA/Regulations	John Borick
Recruiting	Vacant
Fishing Hands On	Vacant
Tournament Dir.	Vacant
All '05 Tournament	Chairpersons
Other Past Presidents	(non-voting)

**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>TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies</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>BOAT U.S. VHFC members only pay \$9.50 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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