



THE HARBOUR LIGHT



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EVENTS IN OCTOBER

BOARD MEETING: 03 OCTOBER

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 10 OCTOBER

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
- Sea Bass FOM Award
- Club Business
- 2008 Tournament Plans
- Intro-Fall Surf Tournament
- All-Present Fishing Discussion Break

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Henson

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received at the September meeting. I think the VHFC has a lot to offer and I am looking forward to the opportunity to be your President.

It is quickly becoming one of my favorite times of the year. I am a surf fisherman at heart and the fall season is upon us. The nights are becoming cooler, the bait fish are on the move, and the Bass and Blues won't be far behind. Fall fishing on the beach has many things to offer; beautiful sunrises, solitude, stunning sunsets, and many forms of wildlife among other things. Some of the wildlife might include many forms of shore birds, diving gannets, pelicans, seals, dolphins and even whales. This spring was the first time I saw a whale from the beach and I was absolutely awestruck.

It is a great time to take your wife, girlfriend, children, or the grandchildren fishing, especially so if they are prone to seasickness as that will not be a factor on the beach. This is also the time of year when we can start driving on the beach. I spend a lot of time getting my "Beach Buggy" ready for the season. Remember to have the proper safety gear and

emergency gear in order and easily accessible, and don't forget to buy your permits. Please, as a fellow fisherman, if you are driving on the beach and see someone in need of help, like being stuck, stop to lend a hand. Someday this could be you, and I know if it were me, I would be very grateful.

There are many different species of fish you may catch at the beach, Blues, Stripers, Weakies, Kings, and Croakers, among others. The beach can be a very rewarding place, but remember to take in the entire experience, from the morning chill and the saltwater spraying your face to preparing your catch and sharing it with your family and friends. I drive a silver Jeep with a rod rack on the front so if you see me stop by and say Hello and tell a fish story or two!

Hope to see you in the suds,

John H

2008 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR AS OF 09/30 by John Kleban

Blackfish	1 lb 10 oz	Ed Wetmore
Bluefish	18 lb 9.9 oz	John Kleban
Fluke	9 lb 4.5 oz	John Kleban
Sea Bass	4 lb 11 oz	Susan Gabler
Striped Bass	40 lb .8 oz	John Kleban
Weakfish	11 lb 11 oz	Ed Cherry
W. Flounder	No Entry	

Congratulations to all those listed above.

Prizes for all the Trophy Fish of the Year winners will be distributed during the April 2009 Membership Meeting.

2008 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR PROGRAM by John Kleban

The same seven species will continue for our 2008 Trophy Fish of the Year Program.

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.

2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AWARDS by John Kleban

The award for Sea Bass will be announced at the October General Membership meeting.

2008 FISH OF THE MONTH AND FISH OF THE YEAR AWARDS by John Kleban

Due to changes in New Jersey Fishing Regs, there are changes in the 2008 Trophy Fish of the Month Program:

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

Fish of the Year & Month standings are recapped and updated on our website frequently. Click on the site to get current standings.

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.

BIGMOUTH by Vince Sibona

A few years back our club sponsored a Striped Bass tagged by Rutgers University. Bigmouth was fitted with a special sonar transponder. Come to the October meeting to find out what has happened to Bigmouth over the last couple of years. He has traveled on quite a trip!

FLUKE & SEA BASS WINNERS RECOGNIZED by Bill Logan

Bob Klebosis & John Lyszczarz were presented with checks for their winning fish at the September General Meeting. Each man was presented with a check for \$85.00. Congratulations & thanks to all VHFC members who entered this great tournament!



Bob Klebosis & Bill Logan



John Lyszczarz & Bill Logan

NEW PRESIDENT HOLDS SEPTEMBER MEETING by Ray Williams

Our September meeting was a big success. There was a large crowd at the meeting to wish John Henson success in his new position. Checks were presented to the winners of the Sea Bass & Fluke Tournament, Bob Klebosis & John Lyszczarz & to the FOM for August, John Klebosis. In addition, the Coast Guard gave a great presentation on cold water survival techniques.



OUR NEW PRESIDENT, JOHN HENSON



Coast Guard Members Speak at September Meeting

POKER CHIP DRAWING UPDATE by John Henson

Poker Chip Drawing-- John Kleban was the lucky winner of the monthly Poker Chip Drawing for September which had grown to \$40.00!! Way to go John!!!

We will reset the drawing to \$10.00 for Oct. and good luck to all!!!

NEW WEIGHMASTER by John Henson

John Kleban has taken over the duties of the official VHFC Weigh Master. In addition John will be updating our website weigh in reports. I'm sure John will do a top notch job in this position. It is nice to see someone from the general membership step up and get involved.

MONTHLY HANDS ON by John Henson

We will have the Hands On table at every meeting. Let me know if you want to help out or just stop by if you have any fishing questions.

CLASSIFIED ADS by Ray Williams

Classified ads may be placed free of charge by any club member for non-commercial fishing related items. Please contact me at 978-1480 if you wish to place a free ad.

Boat for Sale

1987 Sea Ray Seville, 19.5 foot cuddy cabin
130 hp Mercruiser AlphaOne stern drive
1996 re-powered with new GM marine short block

low hours, excellent ski boat, also great for crabbing, fishing, and cruising, less than 34" draught, modified V-hull, new (4 years) upper shift and throttle cables and handle, new (this year) lower shift cable, less than 20 hours since 2004 (when we moved to FL)
Mooring cover, Am/fm radio, tape player
Dry docked for five years, Shrink wrapped in winter,
1990 Load-Rite boat trailer: newer tires
\$4000.00 contact Tom or Kathy @ (973) 464-7523 (cell) or (732) 477-5170



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.

NEW DVD AVAILABLE FROM OUR LIBRARY! by Bill Dabney

The New Jersey Angler DVD set, Season #2, 2 DVD...11 Episodes, Fishing for stripers, drum, sea bass, sharks, bonito, walleye and inshore pelagics

VHFC "GREEN PAGE" by Dave Sikorski

Gentlemen,
I have decided to create a "Green Page" for the VHFC website.

The concept is to:

Increase awareness to ordinary activities that can actually degrade water quality and fish habitat.

Provide various suggestions that people can follow to help improve water quality, fish habitat and the environment.

Provide links to websites with similar information.

I would appreciate if all of you would send me any

related web site links or suggestions that you may have that fit this strategy

UPDATE ON GREEN PAGE

The new Green Page is now active on our web site. This is only the first version of this page. I hope to add lots more to this, over time...

Please check it out, and provide any info & links you think we could add...

Thanks,
Dave

VHFC FORUM ON MESSAGE BOARD by John Henson

I don't know how many members frequent the Chum Bucket Web Site, but Skip has now set us up with our own VHFC forum in the Message Board Section. Hopefully our members will take advantage and use this to post fishing reports and other club news.

The site is located at <http://www.thechumbucket.net/>

FLUKE TRIP by Bill Jann

Guys Here is a picture from our fluke trip to Little Egg Reef on the 13th. Caught 33 fluke but only 3 keepers. It's this year's theme.



Bill Jann & Two Keepers

2008 VHFC Striper & Bluefish Surf Tournament
Exclusively Sponsored by The Chum Bucket
All proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society



\$5.00 Entry Fee per Angler

All anglers must be registered at least 24 hours prior to fish being eligible

**Tournament is for VHFC members only and runs from
Saturday, October 18th to Sunday November 9th at 6 pm**

Tournament will be divided into 3 segments:

Segment #1-Midnight, October 18th to midnight October 25th

Segment #2-12:01 am, October 25th until midnight, November 1st

Segment #3-12:01 am, November 1st to 6pm, November 9th

There will be three (3) segment prizes and one (1) Grand Prize for the Striped Bass division

****Each segment winner will receive an 11 ft. Lami-Glas Surf King Rod****

****The Grand Prize winner in the Striped Bass division will receive a**

Penn 760 Slammer Live-liner reel**

****A \$50.00 gift certificate to The Chum Bucket will be awarded for the heaviest**

Bluefish of the entire tournament**

All prizes provided by Skip & Nancy Deckman of The Chum Bucket, 381 Route 9, West Creek

Only surf caught fish are eligible.

All entries must be weighed at a VHFC weigh-in station

All weigh-in slips must be complete and all information must be legible and signed by the tackle shop.

It is the angler's responsibility that all information be correct and accurate.

All fish must be caught on hook and line only.

All fish must be weighed within 24 hours of being caught.

Incomplete or incorrect information on a weigh slip may result in disqualification.

****Prizes will be based on weight****

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by length, in the event both are the same, the angler that weighed in first will be the winner.

Anglers may enter more than one fish and be eligible for more than one (1) prize.

Tournament updates will be available at www.thechumbucket.net

****All decisions are final and are at the sole discretion of tournament director****

Contact tournament director, John Henson, @ (609) 709-9406

Email Highgear417@aol.com

All entries may be given to John Henson at any meeting or mailed to:

288 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

- Formal participation includes a commitment to hold harmless the Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc, its officers and directors for any damage or injury, which may result from participation in this event. Event dates are scheduled well in advance of any weather forecast. Each angler agrees to take full responsibility for all decisions regarding the safe participation in this event regardless of current conditions and agrees to indemnify and hold the club and Board members harmless from any claims made by anyone affected in the participation of this event.

Anglers Name: _____ Signature: _____

Anglers Phone# _____ Date: _____

2008 Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc. Meeting and Events Schedule (Revised 9/30/08)

<p>April 11 2008 Fish of the Month: Winter Flounder 7:45 APRIL 11: ➤ Club business ➤ 2007 Awards Presentations for 7 "Trophy Fish of the Year" & for the Oct & Nov Fish of the Month ➤ Intro - Surf Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speakers: Steve Purul</p>	<p>May 09 2008 -DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 09- Fish of the Month: WEAKFISH 7:45 MAY 09: ➤ Club business ➤ W. Flounder FoM Award ➤ Update - Surf Tourney ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speakers: Jim Hutchinson Sr. & Jr. Liveling & bait fishing Stripers ➤ Flea Market Coming Soon!</p>	<p>May 17th SURF TOURNAMENT Chairmen: Dave Sikorski John Kleban Entry Form in this issue</p>
<p>JUNE 13 2008 Fish of the Month: FLUKE 7:45 June 13: ➤ Club business ➤ Weakfish Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Surf Tournament ➤ Speakers: Bill Figley "Reef Fishing" ➤ Flea Market at July Meeting</p>	<p>July 11th FLEA MARKET AT MEETING BRING YOUR JUNK & SELL IT TO SOMEONE WHO NEEDS NEW TREASURE! FREE TO ALL VHFC MEMBERS Chairman: John Kleban</p>	<p>JULY 11 2008 Fish of the Month: BLUEFISH 7:45 July 11: ➤ Club Business ➤ Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Flea Market ➤ Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney ➤ Intro to VHFC Dinner ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speakers: Tom Fote of JCAA "The Fight For Your Fishing Rights"</p>
<p>AUGUST 16TH FLUKE & SEA BASS TOURNEY CHAIRMEN: BILL LOGAN & ED WETMORE Species: Fluke & Sea Bass</p>	<p>AUGUST 08 2008 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS & FLUKE 7:45 Aug. 08: ➤ Club business ➤ Bluefish of the Month Award ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Intro-Fluke & Sea Bass Tourney ➤</p>	<p>JULY 19TH, 2008 VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER CHAIRMEN: Bill Logan & Ed Wetmore DINNER AT THE OCEAN ACRES GOLF CLUB</p>
<p>SEPTEMBER 12 2008 Fish of the Month: SEA BASS 7:45 Sept. 12: ➤ Club business ➤ Sea Bass & Fluke Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report - Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ Intro - Fall Surf Tournament ➤ All-Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ <u>Hands-On Surf Fishing</u></p>	<p>October 10 2008 Fish of the Month: Striped Bass & Bluefish 7:45 Oct. 10: ➤ Sept. Fish of the Month Award ➤ Report on Fluke & Sea Bass Tournament ➤ All Present - Fishing Discussion ➤ Speaker Unknown ➤ Fall 3 week Tourney Begins</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 14, 2008 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN NOVEMBER. 7:45 NOV 14 ALL PRESENT- FISHING DISCUSSION NO SPEAKER FALL TOURNEY CONTINUES!</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.

LAST ISSUE OF THE YEAR by Ray Williams

I want to thank all of our members for the articles they submitted this year. You make my job easy! See you in the spring.

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Officers:

President John Henson (978-0312)
1st Vice President Vacant
2nd Vice President Vacant

Treasurer Bill Logan (597-0784)
Secretary Charlie Daddona (954-4965)

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Weigh Master/Awards John Kleban (597-4852)
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All Past Presidents, not listed above, are non-voting Board members.

**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 www.theboatshoponline.com</p>	<p>BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle</p>
<p>REVOLUTION MARINE & SPORTS CENTER 294 0166 227 Main Street, Tuckerton, NJ 10% discount on bait , tackle, clothing & batteries</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 \$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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