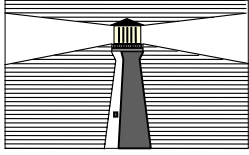


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UPCOMING MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING: 05 SEPTEMBER

7:30 P.M at the Community Center

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 12 SEPTEMBER

at the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.

7:30 PM: Doors open early so come help set up.

7:45 PM: Meeting Starts with Club Business:

- ❖ Fluke Fish of the Month Award
- ❖ Second Annual Dinner Report
- ❖ Update – Reef Tournament
- ❖ Fishing Discussion-All Present
- ❖ Break
- ❖ Guest Speaker Jim Shockley “Winterizing your boat”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE by Ray Williams

We had 37 people at our August meeting. Our guest speaker, Bill Haluska, gave a very interesting talk on Striper Fishing. The Second Annual Dinner Dance was a great success. The spike Weakfish never showed up in the bay but Crabbing was excellent & the latter half of the month was phenomenal for Fluke fishing in the ocean. We will have Jim Shockley speak to us at the September meeting on winterizing your boat. I hope we can have a large turnout for this meeting as Jim is one of the best marine mechanics in our area & all of us can learn something from him.

THE 2003 MEMBERSHIP REPORT by John Nonnenmacher

The 2003 Membership totals 97 with 90 Members & 7 Junior Members.

TREASURER’S REPORT by Ken Hansen

Our balance will be reported at the September meeting.
(ED. Note: The club’s Money Market Account has had no deposit or withdrawal in the past year).

AUGUST DINNER DANCE REPORT

Twenty Six members & spouses attended our Second Annual Dinner Dance at Ocean Acres Country Club on Friday August 15th. We had a section of the dining room reserved for our group. There were 21 door prizes, including Gift Certificates for Fisherman’s Headquarters, The Boat

Shop, & McDonald’s. Ocean Beach Marina donated a nice first aid kit. We would like to thank these businesses for their generous gifts. Also, thanks to Jim McGrath, John Nonnenmacher & Steve Cook for arranging the dinner and door prizes.



2003 FISH OF THE MONTH by George Fruh

Congratulations to George West, a Junior Angler, who caught a 9lbs. 2 oz. Fluke outside Barnegat Inlet on August 30th.

The Fish of the Month for September is Sea Bass.

2003 REEF TOURNAMENT by Dave Sikorski

This year we had a decent weather day for our reef tournament. It was a little cloudy in the morning but that gave way to bright sunshine. Although we never saw the 20 knot winds NOAA had predicted, the seas were a little choppy in the morning, but they calmed down as the day went on.

A total of 30 people signed up for the tournament this year, and even though the fishing was on the slow side (after a cold front passed through overnight), we had several nice weigh ins, and a close race with most fish within a pound or two of each other (in some cases only 1 oz difference!).

Fluke		Sea Bass	
Bill Dabney	4 lb 14 oz	Dave Sikorski	2 lb 6 oz
Bill Farris	4 lb 13 oz	John Lyszczarz	2 lb 4 oz
John Barnhart	4 lb 6 oz	Ed Wetmore	2 lb 3 oz
Steve Cook	3 lb 15 oz	Dave Sikorski	1 lb 10 oz
John Lyszczarz	3 lb 11 oz		
Dave Sikorski	3 lb 4 oz		
Bill Logan	2 lb		

The crew of the “New Beginnings” took top money honors with Captain Ed Wetmore’s 3rd place Sea Bass and First Mate Bill Dabney’s 1st place Fluke. Unfortunately we did not hear too much club discussion on channel 10 as planned, but we hope everyone had a good time out there nonetheless.

WE HAVE A NEW SOURCE OF DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS by Ray Williams

Ocean Beach Marina has opened up on Route 72 in Manahawkin. In addition to being a dealer for Monterey, Wellcraft & Contender boats, there is a boat store with all types of Boating supplies. Ocean Beach Marina will offer a discount on winterizing supplies to VHFC members this fall & plans to carry bulk oil for members next spring.

NOTABLE AUGUST WEIGH INS by George Fruh

In August we had some weigh ins that I would like to mention to show that our Junior Members & Co-members are catching some nice fish. John West, a Junior caught a 3 lbs. 1oz. Fluke the same day his brother, George, caught his 9 lbs. plus doormat. T.J. Miller, also a Junior, caught a 7 lbs. 6 oz. Fluke off the Red Tower on 8/16 and Judy Mueller; a Co-member caught a 3 lbs. Sea Bass on 8/15. A Member, John Lyszczarz, caught a 8 lbs. 2 oz. Doormat on 8/16. This was the biggest Fluke till the 30th.

AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER REVIEW BY Ray Williams

Bill Haluska, a Charter Boat Captain, spoke to our Membership at the August Meeting on Striper fishing in the Bay. Bill does most of his fishing near Barnegat Light, an area that I am not well acquainted with. Bill has some very interesting thoughts about catching Stripers. Several of our members have been on his charters & have had excellent results using his techniques. John Kerstanski introduced Bill to me on May 30th. John, his brother-in-law, Bill Dabney & myself went on a trip with him. We limited out on Stripers. I hope all the members enjoyed his talk & took good notes as it seems he really does know his subject well. Below is a picture from that trip. By the way, I think we should all thank Bill Dabney for setting up such a great group of speakers this year!



SURF TOURNAMENT by Steve Cook

This is a 2 day event again this year; October 11th & 12th. Please sign up in advance so you can be a participant. You can fish either or both days. However, only one fish of each species (striper and bluefish) can be entered for prize money for the entire tournament.

Steve Cook (978-8416) is the VHFC Surf Tournament Chairman. Participants should sign up in advance with Steve. If you are in a hurry and can't find Steve, he is being assisted by John Nonnenmacher(597-5383).

The primary location for the event will be in the vicinity of the 5th Street ramp in Surf City. This area has proven over the years to be a decent area for surf fishing.

Bring your own thermos of coffee.

All participants in this Tournament are invited to a luncheon on Sunday at Subbogies Food Depot, 512 Long Beach Blvd. in Surf City between 6th & 7th Streets. Each member, co-member & junior member participating in the luncheon will be charged \$5.00 at that time. Others can attend Dutch.

The owner of Subbogies Food Depot has agreed that we can use their restaurant's rest room during the event.

Schedule:

07:00 AM to 12:30 PM Surf fishing Saturday
07:00A M to 12:00 Noon Surf Fishing Sunday
1:00 PM Weigh-ins closed.
1:00 PM: Luncheon at Subbogies Food Depot (Sun. only)

Prizes will be awarded for the heaviest fish caught at the designated area for the two day event from the shore of Long Beach Island:

Striper: \$50.00 Bluefish: \$50.00

Fish weight & length must be measured at the 5th Street ramp in order to be eligible for a tournament prize.

George Fruh, Steve Cook & John Nonnenmacher will be on site to measure participant's keeper-sized surf catches. Bluefish must be at least 2 lbs. in weight to qualify for a prize. Regs say fishermen can keep up to two stripers a day: one 28 inches or longer & one at least 24 inches but less than 28 inches. Members of the Bonus Program may keep a 3rd fish.

The decision to participate in any aspect of this event rests solely with each participant. Formal participation includes a commitment to hold harmless the VHFC & its officers & directors for any damage or injury which may result from participation in this event.

During our club's 10th. October Membership Meeting, we be reviewing what you should bring to surf fish, answering your questions & filling in any last minute details. An entry form for the tournament is in this Newsletter.

BOATING GEAR FOR SALE

1. George Fruh has the following items for sale.

Set of 14 ft. Mooring Whips Good condition \$125 or best offer

Taylor Bumpers \$5 each

3 way battery switch \$10

1 new & 2 used bilge pumps \$10 new \$5 used

Anchors, deck lines, & an aerator

Call George at (609) 597-4588.

2. Charlie Kochka is selling a 1984 9.9 HP Suzuki Long Shaft in excellent condition. Low Hours. Was kept in garage for years. Asking \$600 597-4430

3. 25' 1993 Parker with 99 Suzuki 225 HP w/347 hrs. Windlass, washdown, radio, Loran, 2 saddle tanks with 216 gal capacity. Best offer over \$23,000. Call weekends 978-1114 or cell 610-291-1197.

4. 20' 1990 Sportcraft cuddy cabin, IO, Good Bay Boat, in good running condition. \$4500. Call John Nonnenmacher 597-5383.

FISHING WITH CLUB MEMBERS

1. 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

2. 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

3. John Borick would like to go surf fishing with a member who has some surf fishing know-how. His local number is 597-8572. Home number is 973-235-0930

2003 TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The Trophy Fish of the Year standings as of August 31st. are:

Blackfish (07/25)	4 lb. 6 oz.	William Power
Bluefish (08/28)	12 lb 9 oz.	Paul Galasso
Fluke (08/30)	9 lb. 2 oz.	George West
Sea Bass (05/20)	3 lb. 5 oz.	John Barrett
Striped Bass (05/30)	38 lb. 8 oz.	Paul Galasso
Weakfish (05/10)	12 lb. 14 oz.	Ed Cherry
Winter Flounder (04/8)	1 lb. 14 oz.	Paul Turi

NOVEMBER MEETING

At our September meeting we will poll the members attending to see if there is interest in having a November Meeting this year.

SEPTEMBER BOATING TIP by Ray Williams

I always tied my boat 6 ways to the dock including the use of mooring whips. However, I didn't allow for the possibility of the boat being trapped under the dock during an abnormally low tide coupled with a Jet Ski rider coming thru the lagoon at full throttle. This combination trapped the boat under the dock. Now, my dock has pilings that go to the bottom of the lagoon to prevent the boat from being forced under the dock. You might want to check out your mooring arrangements to prevent this from happening to you!



Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.
Surf Tournament
Registration Form
Saturday & Sunday October 11th & 12th, 2003

This Surf Tournament is planned to be a VHFC group event (new to some of our members, familiar to others). Participation in this Surf Tournament is planned for current members only. Please sign up or call to receive a signup form so you can participate in one or both days of this event. You must submit a form to be entered in the event. You can fish both days or only one day. However, only one fish per species (Striper & Bluefish) can be entered for prize money for the entire tournament. Final arrangements will be discussed at the October 2003 Membership meeting.

Chairman: Steve Cook (978-8416) is back again as the VHFC Surf Tournament Chairman for 2003. Steve is being assisted by John Nonnenmacher (597-5383).

Fishing Location: We will be fishing the surf on Long Beach Island. The primary location for the event will be in the vicinity of 5th. Street in Surf City. Once again, Subbogies' owner will let us use the restroom during the fishing event.

Gear, Clothes, Bait: During the 10 October Membership Meeting, we will be reviewing what you should bring to surf fish.

Refreshments:

On The Beach: Bring your own thermos of coffee.

Luncheon: All current members participating in this Tournament are invited to a luncheon celebration at Subogies Food Depot; 512 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, between 6th. & 7th. Streets at 1:00 PM. Each Member participating in the luncheon will be charged \$5.00 at that time. Non-Members can attend "Dutch".

Schedule:

07:00AM to 12:30 PM Sat 07:00AM to 12:00 Noon Sun Surf Fishing

01:00 PM Weigh-Ins Closed

01:00 Pm Sunday Only Luncheon at Subogies

Prizes: Will be awarded for the heaviest fish caught at the designated area during the event. In case of a tie, the longer fish wins. **Striper: \$50 Bluefish \$50**

Weigh-ins: At the 5th Street Ramp by Steve Cook, John Nonnenmacher, or George Fruh will measure weight and length of member's keeper sized surf catches at the beach entrance. Bluefish must be at least 2 lbs. to qualify for a prize.

Limits; New Jersey fish & wildlife regulations apply. Turn in this signed form at September or October Membership Meeting or mail it in.

- Signed entry forms and related fees can be mailed to VHFC, Tournaments, 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 vessels and captain and crew experience levels. The captain of a 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** _____

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2003 Form for Member Renewals and New Applications
MAIL 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 9, 2003

Name*: _____ Member #: _____ Nickname: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: __/__/____ Note: Both * items must be completed.

Renewals: Please insert any changes from 2002 Membership list.

New Applicants: Please complete all of the following:

Name of Spouse:	
Principle Address:	Shore Address:
City/St/Zip:	City/St/Zip:
Phone:	Phone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

Would you like to receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No

Boat Owners, please complete the following:

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

Equipment on Boat (circle): VHF CB RADAR GPS LORAN FISH FINDER

VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
Junior Angler Application Form for 2003
MAIL 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 9, 2003

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 receive your monthly newsletter via e-mail? (circle): Yes No

SPONSOR:

SPONSORING 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 that the applicant will reach 18 years of age after May 9, 2003.

Sponsor's Name*: _____ Sponsor's Member #: _____

Signature*: _____ Date*: __/__/____ Relation to Applicant*: _____

Junior Angler Boat Owners, please complete the following: Note: Five * items must be completed.

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

Equipment on Boat (circle): VHF CB RADAR GPS LORAN FISH FINDER

**VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB, INC.
2003 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Officers:

President Ray Williams (978-1480)
 1st Vice President Open
 2nd Vice President Open
 Treasurer Ken Hansen (361-9350)
 Secretary Dave Sikorski (978-0437)

Newsletter Dick Vesper (494-0263)
 Weigh Master/Awards George Fruh (597-4588)
 Library Jim McGrath (597-8395)
 Printing Bill Logan (597-0784)
 Website Dave Sikorski
 John Kerstanski (698-6662)

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

Trustees

Sergeant at Arms Charlie Kochka
 Weigh Master/Awards George Fruh
 Recruiting Ray Williams
 Membership Data Base John Nonnenmacher(597-5383)
 Hands-on Sessions Steve Cook (597-8416)
 Guest Speakers Bill Dabney (978-6893)
 Immediate Past President Don Longstreet (597-3991)

2003 Tournament Chairmen

Weakfish Tournament Don Longstreet & Bill Dabney
 South Bay Day Ray Williams & Charlie Kochka
 Reef Fishing Event Basil Dubrosky
 Surf Tournament Steve Cook & John Nonnenmacher

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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 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
THE CHUM BUCKET BAIT & TACKLE 381 Rte. 9, West Creek, NJ 294-2500 10% discount on 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
HOOK UP WITH US SHRIMPING TT will meet you on the Bay 973-931-8346 or use VHF Channel 10 qts. 1 thru 5 at \$5 each—more qts. Are \$4 each	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
FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait & tackle	AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle	BOAT U.S. VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for members' use will be available at VHFC meetings or call Charlie 597-4430