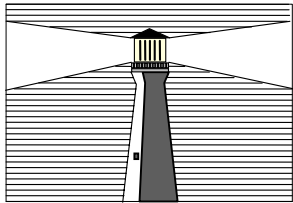
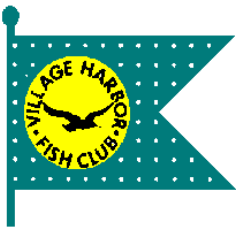


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JULY 11 MEMBERSHIP MEETING:
at the Community Center on Mill Creek Rd.
7:30 PM: Doors open early so come help set up.
7:45 PM: Meeting Starts with Club Business:

- ❖ Weakfish Fish of the Month Award
- ❖ Update for South Bay Fishing Tournament
- ❖ **Speaker: Ed Cherry will give us a presentation on Fly Fishing For Weakfish.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ray Williams

Well, it finally stopped raining last week. I hope everyone has dried out & is enjoying the summer. As I write this message, weakfishing has really dropped off. I think the big fish are leaving & the spikes haven't moved in yet. Fluke fishing really turned on last week with lots of reports of good size fish. Dave Sikorski certainly got a big fluke in the JCAA Fluke Tournament. He was the winner on LBI & won \$1200. Congratulations, Dave!

Our next meeting is July the 11th. Please try to make the meeting. It should be very interesting. Don't forget to sign up for our Second Annual Dinner Dance on August 15th at the Ocean Acres Country Club. Where else can you have a dinner, dessert, coffee, and dancing for \$20.00 per person? Our South Bay Tournament is free to all members & should be a lot of fun. You can sign up until July 11th. Happy Fishing!

JULY FISH OF THE MONTH AND 2003

TROPHY FISH OF THE YEAR by George Fruh

The Fish of the Month (FOM) for July is Bluefish.

The June Fish Of The Month Award goes to Ed Cherry for an 8 lb. 10 oz. Weakfish on 06/23/03.

The Trophy Fish of the Year standings are:

Bluefish (06/14)	7 lb. 12 oz.	Anthony Errico
Fluke (06/19)	8 lb. 15 oz	Bary Gabler
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 (4/28)	1 lb. 14 oz.	Paul Turi

TREASURER'S REPORT by Ken Hansen

The checking account has \$2778.03 as of Friday 27 June. The MMF is unchanged from last month.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by John Nonnenmacher

The 2003 Membership totals 85L 79 Members plus 6 Junior Members.

Village Harbour Fishing Club Dinner

Page 5 is a full page flier on the 2003 VHFC Dinner. Please consider attending. The meal is worth the price and the prizes and companionship are bonuses.

2003 VHFC WEAKFISH TOURNAMENT RESULTS by Don Longstreet

The weather was less than perfect, but there were some nice fish around for our Weakfish tournament this year. Many thanks to Don Longstreet and Bill Dabney for organizing this event for us. We had a record 34 entrants, and many Weakfish were caught by our anglers. There were also some big Fluke, a couple big sand sharks and many Bluefish caught as well. And the 3 Winners and 2 runner-ups are:

1 st	D J Longstreet	9.1 lbs	T J Miller	6.0 lbs
2 nd	Rick Hawrylo	7.5 lbs	Dick Vespe	5.3 lbs
3 rd	Jerry Gestner	6.2 lbs		

JUNIOR ANGLER NEWS by Dick Vesper

DJ Longstreet, Don's grandson, caught this big First Prize fish during the Weakfish Tournament. I can tell you that he worked hard to bring it in. Don noted that that this is the first Junior Angler to win in our club since the bylaws were changed last year.



Hey Members, we'd like to hear and see about some of your younger family members' fishing action.

TWO VHFC MEMBERS ARE WINNERS AT THE JCAA TOURNAMENT

JCAA reported that their 9th Annual Jersey Coast Tournament was a great success. 1010 boats competed in the twelve ports throughout the state. This annual tournament provides funds to help Jersey Coast Anglers Association continue its fight to protect the marine resource and the rights of the recreational fisherman.

Two of our members won prizes for fish caught out of the Long Beach Island Port. 1st prize went to David Sikorski for a 7.94 lb. Fluke and 3rd to Pete Figlia Jr for a 6.82 lb. Fluke. Congratulations to you both. Dave's fish is shown below.



WE NEED TO MAKE OUR OWN DECISIONS by Dick Vesper

RFA requested we send letters to Gov. McGreevey stating our support for the **Freedom to Fish Act**.

JCAA does not want us to send letters in support of the same bill.

People I respect are on both sides of the argument.

I checked with CCA, and they are not active in NJ and do not have a position.

As Jay Mann told us at the last club meeting, each person needs to form their own informed position.

SOUTH BAY FISHING TOURNAMENT by Ray Williams

Our South Bay Day Fishing tournament is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday July 12th & 13th. This tournament should be a lot of fun for all who enter. This is a tournament, but we are encouraging the participants to share information about popular & productive fishing spots on the Bay south of the

Manahawkin Bridge. In prior years, boats traveled together to different fishing spots. Due to liability concerns, we can not actually lead fishermen to the different spots we will fish. However, we will be giving out our locations & individual captains can decide if they feel it is safe & prudent to travel to these spots & fish there. This is a good way for you to become more familiar with various fishing spots in Manahawkin Bay & south. We are expecting a very good turnout for this event. There is an entry form for this tournament in this copy of the newsletter.

REEF TOURNAMENT REMINDER

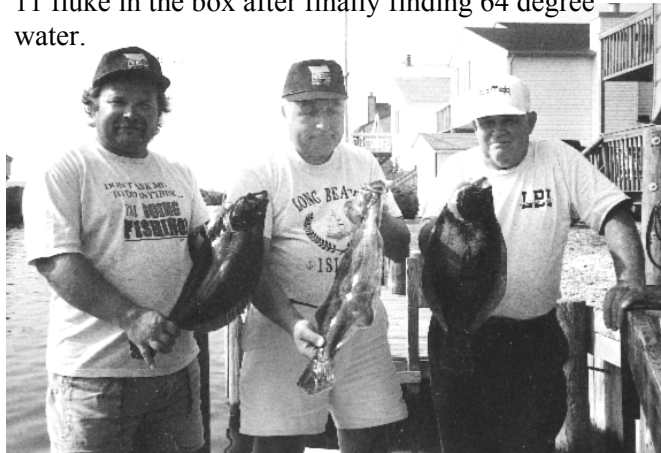
The Annual Reef Tournament date will be a 1-day event on Saturday, August 23.

This is a members-only tournament. There will be cash prizes for Fluke and Sea Bass and a special prize for the largest Trigger Fish. Trigger Fish are some times found on local reefs during the late August time period and can be taken while fishing for Sea Bass.

Anglers can fish anywhere in the ocean or bay for this tournament. I will be located at the Garden State South Reef where I will stay in touch with participants by radio. Participants are welcome to drift over the floats that I will drop at the most productive reef locations. There will be more details as we get closer to the tournament date.

LOCAL FISHING ACTION by Jeff Barnhart

In the photo below you can see, from left to right, Jeff Barnhart, John Lyszczarz and Bill Ferris showing off some of their fluke from a recent trip to the Barnegat Ridge on Jeff Barnhart's Reel Deal. Together, they put 11 fluke in the box after finally finding 64 degree water.



VHFC HATS FOR SALE by John Nonnenmacher

Webster's Dictionary defines a hat as "a head covering-to cover or protect". When we go out on the waters to catch those elusive fish, we need something to protect our head and face with --what else?? A HAT! Get your "Head Covering Hat" at our next meeting. A good quality ,fairly priced hat at \$10.

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; for example in a club Tournament. He offers to help defray costs. Contact Bill at (856)-786-8999 or wjann@voicenet.com

CHECK YOUR BILGE & BILGE PUMP BEFORE YOU LEAVE by Bill Logan

I almost lost the boat in Little Egg Inlet on the 14th. I was in the JCAA tournament and on board with me were both my sons ages 43 & 41 and grandsons ages 20 & 15. We started out in the ocean but decided to stay in as it was too choppy for us. I made two drifts and started the third when Bill Jr said: "Pop Pop there's water on the floor of the cabin". The water was coming up out of the floordrain. I checked the bilge and water was up over the stringers and headed for the batteries.

I went to the helm and turned on both switches for the bilges pumps but nothing happened. I beached the boat on Little Beach and called for TowBOATS/US on channel 9, the Coast Guard heard me tell TowBOATS/US I was taking on water and they responded as well. The C.G. arrived first, I had everyone in life jackets and the boat was up on the beach so we were secure and they stood off until TowBOATS/US arrived. When Rick and Boat #10 arrived, he put my crew on his boat and took them out to the C.G. boat, then returned to assist me. He put two big bilge pumps on board and pumped out enough water to stabilize the boat. Next, he pulled me off the beach. He snapped the first line so I went in to the water to attach the second line. He pulled the boat out to deeper water. I put the motors down and they started, I then called Westcreek Outboard by cell and told him what was happening and they said get to Parkertown ramp and he will pull me out. I drove the boat past Holgate, Beach Haven and thru the middle grounds to Parkertown Ramp with no problems. Unfortunately, I never checked the bilges or the pumps before we left the dock. Apparently, the pumps had burned out due to all the rain and with the extra weight meaning; I had filled the tank the weekend before with 190 gallons, put about 15 gallons of fresh water in the tank. With the extra coolers with ice, drinks and food we took along, it put me low in the back and we took on too much water over the transom and not knowing the pumps were not working did me in. A lesson learned: CHECK THE BILGES. I was too excited about having all my boys with me since we do

not get the opportunity to go together too often due to conflicting schedules. Still waiting to hear from Mat at Westcreek Outboard. I can't say enough about TowBOATS/US's Rick (Boat #10) and the extra effort he made to help me that day.

FISHING IN FEBRUARY IN COSTA RICA by Jeff. Barnhart

Below is a photo from my fishing trip to Que Pos, Costa Rica in February where our group of four (I am the only VHFC member who went) caught and released 45 sailfish in three days of fishing....quite an experience and one I will never forget....we also caught several dorado and a rooster fish.



FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECK .

VHFC club member, Ed Wetmore, has offered to go to your boat and give you an official US Power Squadron Safety Inspection and, when successful, proof of your passing. Call Ed at 609 294-6956.

3 ITEMS FOR SALE .

Note: If your listed item is sold, tell Dick at (609)-494-0263.

1. Charlie Kochka is selling a 1984 9.9HP Suzuki Long Shaft in excellent condition. Low hours. Was kept in garage for years. Asking \$600.00. (597-4430)
2. 25' 1993 Parker with 99 Suzuki 225 HP w/347 Hrs. Windlass, Washdown, Radio, Loran, 2 saddle tanks (216 Gal. Capacity). Best offer over \$23,000. Call weekends (609)-978-1114 or cell (610)-291-1197.
3. 20' 1995 Stratos 2000CC with 175 Evinrude Ocean Pro, T-Top with radio box, rod holders, 25 gal livewell, VHF, fish finder, AM-FM radio, Canvas, Wash down system, hydraulic steering, 85 gal. fuel tank, low Hrs. \$12,500 Call John at (609)-597-3523.

CORRECTION: AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT AND TACKLE ON MILL CREEK RD., FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, OPENS EARLY (AT 5AM) ON FRI, SAT & SUN ; ALL OTHER DAYS AT 6AM. (597-4104).



South Bay Tournament on July 12th & 13th

This fishing event is free to all active members (2003 dues paid) with or without boats. Non-members do not qualify for prizes.

We are asking all participating boats to fly the club flag, so we can identify each other and aid one another as needed.

Entries: Prizes will only be awarded to current (2003 dues paid) members who have signed up for this event before it starts; either at a club meeting or by mail received before the event. We need you to sign the Signup Sheet and thereby acknowledge your understanding of the rules and responsibilities for the event.

Prizes: \$50.00 prizes will be awarded for each of the heaviest keeper Fluke, Weakfish. and Bluefish (the bluefish must be over 2 pounds),.

VHF channel 9 is the day's communication channel

Fishing Time will be from sun-up Sat July 12th to 4pm Sun July 13th

Fishing Area SOUTH OF MANAHAWKIN BRIDGE; BAY ONLY

Co-Chairmen: Ray Williams (978-1480) & Charlie Kochka

Chairman's Boat will be "Memories", captained by Ray Williams.

Schedule: Weigh-ins must be Fish must be caught and weighed on the same day at Fisherman's Headquarters; on July 12 & 13th. .

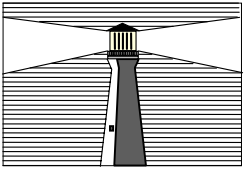
Prize Awards: Prizes will be distributed at the July Membership Meeting.

Note Please:

- Signed entries can be mailed to VHFC, South Bay Tournament, 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 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.

Revised July 2, 2003

Captain's Name & Signature	Phone #	Boat Name	Crew's Names and Signatures	Running Total



VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB DINNER



Date: Friday August 15, 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
STRIN BEANS
DESSERT: APPLE PIE & ICE CREAM
COFFEE & TEA

CASH BAR

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

RESERVATION WILL BE AVAILABLE AT OUR JULY MEETING AND BY MAIL

RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 8TH

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.

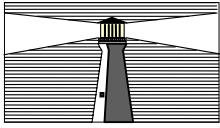
COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL IT TO: VHFC, BOX 1026, MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050

NAME _____ #PERSONS _____

TEL. # _____ AMT. PAID _____

MEAL CHOICE: CHICKEN _____ FLOUNDER _____ PRIME RIB _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: VHFC



REEF DAY



WHEN: Sun-up to 5 pm Saturday August 23, 2003

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. There will be a special bonus for the largest Trigger Fish.

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

Barnegat Light Reef: ~39° 45' N; 74° 1.5' W

GSN Reef: ~39° 37.5' N; 74° 1.5' W

GSS Reef: ~39 33.5' N; 74° 6.5' 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.

Anglers can fish anywhere in the ocean or bay for this tournament. Tournament Chairman, Basil Dubrosky will be located at the Garden State South Reef and will stay in touch with participants by radio. Participants are welcome to drift over the floats that I will drop at the most productive reef locations.

TARGET SPECIES:

- **Sea Bass:** 12" min, 25 fish bag limit
- **Fluke:** 16 1/2" min, 8 fish bag limit
- **Trigger Fish**

PRIZES:

- 1st, 2nd & 3rd heaviest (\$75, \$25 & \$20) of Sea Bass and Fluke
- Bonus: Heaviest Trigger Fish (\$50)

(Weigh in at Fisherman's Headquarters by 5pm), Any ties will be decided by first fish to be weighed in.

Also: only VHFC members are eligible for the prizes

Also note: Fluke is our August fish-of-the-month, so hopefully someone on this trip will win this prize as well

BAITS:

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

RIG:

- High-Low rig with 3 to 16 oz sinker, depending on ocean current (just enough to hold bottom)

COMMUNICATIONS:

- VHF channel 10

SIGN UP DEALINE

- Signed Signup Sheets will be accepted by Dave Sikorski until the end of the VHFC Dinner on 08/15/03.

- ❖ 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.
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Captain's Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date** _____
Boat Name: _____ **Call Sign:** _____

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

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)	Newsletter	Dick Vesper (494-0263)
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Weakfish Tournament	Don Longstreet & Bill Dabney
South Bay Day	Ray Williams & Charlie Kochka
Reef Fishing Event	Basil Dubrosky (597-1531)
Surf Tournament	Steve Cook & John Nonnenmacher

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Village Harbour Fishing Club, Inc.**

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	BARNEGAT LIGHT BAIT & TACKLE Bay Avenue & 15 th St., Barnegat Lt. 494-4566 10% discount on bait & tackle	AMERICAN SPORTSMAN BAIT & TACKLE Mill Creek Plaza 597-4104 10% discount on bait & tackle
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
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	TIP'S HARDWARE West Creek, NJ 296-3192 10% on bait, tackle & supplies
FIRST BRIDGE MARINA & KAYAKS 500 Great Bay Boulevard, Tuckerton 296-1888 10% discount on bait & tackle	THIS SPACE AVAILABLE	BOAT U.S. VHFC members only pay \$9.50 for a year of Boat U.S. Forms for member's use will be available at VHFC meetings. Member to contact is Charlie Kochka (609) 597-4430.