

VHFC Angler of the Year Award

The VHFC Angler of the Year Award will commemorate this club's long time friendship with Captain Melanie Boytos. In honor of Melanie's passion for fishing Barnegat Bay and, seeking multiple species therein, this award will be based on catching multiple species. We could also call this the Melanie Boytos Inshore Slam Award. The target species will include our bay's most popular sport fish: Fluke, Weakfish, Striped Bass and Bluefish. Being consistent with all other VHFC fishing contests, all fish weighed in for this award must be caught in Ocean County, NJ waters or from a vessel which leaves and returns to an Ocean County, NJ port. Please note, however, this contest is not necessarily limited to the bay; Ocean-caught fish are also eligible.

The winner of this award will be determined by a "points system". The angler accumulating the most points during a year (March 1 through December 31) will win this award. The deadline for the last eligible weigh-in shall be 12 noon on December 31. The angler must weigh in a legally caught fish at one of the VHFC's official weigh in locations. Points will be awarded for a participating angler's heaviest fish of each species. To be eligible to win this award, the angler must have caught and officially weighed in at least one fish in each of the four species. Note: if an angler has weighed in multiple fish in the same species, only the heaviest fish will be awarded the appropriate points. Only paid-up members of the Village Harbour Fishing Club are eligible to win this award (all paid up member are automatically eligible).

Points	Fluke	Weakfish	Striped Bass	Bluefish
1	Less than 2 lb	Less than 2 lb	Less than 10 lb	Less than 2 lb
2	2 to 3 lb	2 to 3 lb	10 to 15 lb.	2 to 3 lb
3	3 to 4 lb.	3 to 4 lb.	15 to 20 lb.	3 to 4 lb.
4	4 to 5 lb.	4 to 6 lb.	20 to 25 lb.	4 to 6 lb.
5	5 to 6 lb.	6 to 8 lb.	25 to 30 lb.	6 to 8 lb.
6	6 to 7 lb.	8 to 10 lb.	30 to 35 lb.	8 to 11 lb.
7	7 to 8 lb.	10 to 12 lb.	35 to 40 lb.	11 to 14 lb.
8	8 to 10 lb.	12 to 14 lb.	40 to 45 lb.	14 to 17 lb.
9	10 to 12 lb.	14 to 16 lb.	45 to 50 lb.	17 to 20 lb.
10	Over 12 lb.	Over 16 lb.	Over 50 lb.	Over 20 lb.

Example:

If an angler weighed in the following fish, his or her total would be 22 points.

Fluke: 3.5 lb (3)

Weakfish: 11 lb (7)

Striped Bass: 30 lb (6)

Bluefish: 10 lb (6)

In the event of a tie, the angler who achieves the winning points total the earliest, (according to the official weigh-in slips) shall be the VHFC Angler of the Year.

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