

Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club Meeting
April 3, 2012
7:30 pm
Springfield Canoe and Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: Dr. Rich Rubin, Talk on Ticks and Lyme Disease

Pat Paquette and Doug Cameron Our March meeting featured Pat Paquette of On the Water Magazine. Pat talked about fishing the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He also talked about the Fishery Management going on and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming fishery management meetings. Pat donated some Ledge Runner rubber baits to our club, and we raffled them off that night. Doug Cameron also of On the Water Magazine talked about the Striper Cup fishing tournament. Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club has entered this year as a team. You may also register a catch and release striped bass with documented picture, length and girth measurements. Doug also donated a year subscription to On the Water Magazine.

Raffle 50/50 raffle winner was won by Maurice Morin. Pat Paquette donated some Ledge Runner rubber baits in which 5 winning names were drawn.

Our club raffle will be drawn this meeting. Grand prize is for a fishing trip on "The Ernit" with Jim Puhala or \$200 cash, Plus a membership for two to our club for 1 year. Tickets will be available this night. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Morin for selling tickets at our meetings. Please bring any unsold tickets to us, we use these tickets for our Christmas raffle.

Membership Dues Membership dues should be paid for by this meeting. If you have not paid, please do so ASAP! The dues are \$20/yr.

Club Banquet Club Banquet to be held: March 31, 2012. We have 59 signed up. 12 from Hartford Surf Club are attending. Time is 6:00-6:45 for social hour. Dinner 6:45 is served at 6:45. Special thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making arraignments with the Cavalier Restaurant. Thank you also to Jim McKeough for buying the raffle prizes. All members who attend the banquet are encouraged to bring a prize for the raffle.

Maple Syrup Breakfast Maple Syrup breakfast was held at Pomeroy's Sugar House on March 24th. Thanks goes out to Pomeroy's for donating the ½ gallon of Maple Syrup. Winner drawn for the ½ gallon is Vera Nickleson. Congratulations Vera!

MS Surf Challenge The MS Surf Challenge will be held on June 8th at 6:00pm to June 10th, 7:00am. The three largest Bluefish and Striped Bass weighed in per team will count towards the crowning of the team champion. Striped Bass must be minimum of 32 inches to qualify. Awards breakfast will be at Homestead Restaurant, Rt. 2, Exeter, R.I. Time of breakfast will be 8:00 am. Breakfast will cost \$9.00 per person. Cost is \$75 per team. We need to get a team together for this event.

Website Updated Our website has been updated with some nice changes. Please take a look. The address is www.pioneervalleyboatandsurf.org.

RISAA Surf Fishing Club Challenge The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association invites your club's team to participate in the ninth annual spring Surf Fishing Club Challenge. The Tournament will begin on Friday, June 8, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. and end on Sunday June 10, 2012 at 7:00 A.M. Each team enters their three largest striped bass and three largest bluefish to determine the Team Trophy winner. All fish must

be caught from shore in Rhode Island waters only. We have instituted a 32-inch minimum length for all striped bass entries.

The registration fee for this weekend, club tournament is \$75.00. All checks should be made payable to the "MS Society" and mailed directly to RISAA-Surfcasters, P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02816. Please make sure that your club's name/phone number is with the check.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to help fight Multiple Sclerosis. This disabling disease strikes people in the prime of their life. Rhode Island has one of the highest affliction rates, per capita, for MS in the United States.

An Awards Breakfast will be held at the Homestead Restaurant, Rt. 2, Exeter, RI at 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 10. The Team Trophy Award and additional prizes for the Largest Striped Bass and the Largest Bluefish will be presented. We plan to have a tackle raffle at the breakfast too. The cost of the breakfast is \$9.00 per person at the door.

Please send in your registration fee by Friday, May 25, 2012. An advance email notice to me at rihome1@aol.com informing me of your club's participation would be appreciated. Any other donations that your club may wish to collect to benefit the MS Society can be brought along and presented at the breakfast. More information on our tournament, including rules, weigh-in stations, etc. will be sent out later. Please relay this invitation to your fishing club/organization a.s.a.p. If any contact email addresses have changed please inform me.

Tight Lines,
Robert Moeller, Chairman
RISAA Surfcasters Committee
401-864-8693 cell,
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SPECIAL NOTICE: Parking for our next 3 meetings will be in competition with the Springfield Canoe and Yacht Club members. Please park in parking spaces and not in front of boat launch or areas where trailers may be. If necessary, we might have to park just north of the bridge in the large parking area.

Schedule of Events:

May 1: Speaker Mike DiSanto, talk on Plugs

June 5: TBA

August 25: Cookout on the Connecticut River. Host, John "Hutch" Hutcelseder

Please give us names of who may make a good speaker so we can make contacts for our fall and winter meetings.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala
President