

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting
December 4, 2012
Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club
Board of Director's and Seminar Committee Meeting 7:00
Regular Meeting 7:30

Our regular meeting this month will be our Christmas Party. We will have a short business meeting. Then we will have pizza and refreshments. Members are encouraged to bring a dessert. We will then have our Yankee Swap, in which everyone should bring a wrapped present. Then all who are involved in the Swap get a number, and we proceed to take your choice of presents on the table. #1 goes first, then #2 picks and can keep his present or swap with #1. This continues on until all numbers are picked. The lucky person who gets the #1 ticket gets to choose again at the end, from all of the presents picked during the swap.

We are also drawing our Christmas raffle drawing. The tickets are sold this night are for at \$2.00 or 3 for \$5.00. Raffle prizes are a \$100 gift certificate to Cabelas or a 2 man ice shanty. The winner gets to pick his choice. The 2nd raffle winner gets the prize that is left. The ice shanty was donated by Ed Szczur. We thank Ed for this generous donation. Maurice Morin will be selling the raffle tickets.

Gary Soldati talked at our meeting in November. Gary talked about fishing the surf in a wet suit. He also showed us the heavy equipment he uses in the surf for Large Stripers. Gary also had his custom plugs for sale. This was a fine presentation by Gary.

50/50 Raffle winner last month was Bob Griffiths. Bob won \$60. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this raffle.

Anyone who is interested in buying sweat shirts, see Sean Carey or Ray Nacewicz at the next meeting.

Sean Carey will be taking fish slips. So please bring yours in. We need fish in a lot of categories.

The following members weighed in fish from the **MS tournament in October. CT.** Surfcasters finished in 1st place. We finished 5th.

Striped Bass:

Paul Ruzala 19.3 lbs and 18.3 lbs

Bob Ruzala 17.1 lbs and 13.4lbs

Chris Noftall 16.7 lbs

Bluefish:

Don Downing 9.8 lbs

CLUB ELECTIONS: Re-Elected President was Bob Ruzala . Re-Elected Vice President was Sean Carey. Elected to Treasurer and Secretary was Bob Kelley. Bob Kelley agreed to help out at both positions with the help of Mr. Ruzala and Mr. Carey. Pearl will continue to help with the mailings and other items through the transition of officers. Congratulations to all.

Our club was organized 50 years ago. We are working on a celebration for next year. Especially at the Sportsman's Show.

Hurricane relief donations: At our November meeting we agreed to give Mike Cardinal of **Cardinal Bait \$100** to help with his cleanup from the Hurricane. Mike sent a thank you to us, and was very appreciative of the help. Mike is open and his building is in very good shape after the hurricane. We additionally donated **\$100 to the Westerly R.I. Chamber of Commerce**. This donation will help the town with the beach cleanup and restoration. There are T-Shirts being sold by the Chamber of Commerce also for cleanup. So if you are down in Westerly stop in and buy a T-Shirt to help recover from the hurricane.

At the **Springfield Sportsman's Show** in February our club will be giving a seminar on Saturday and Sunday. Our talk will be on getting started in salt water fishing or something similar. We will be having a committee meeting on this subject at 7:00pm before our next December meeting. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas for us let me know. We probably could use some volunteers helping out with the presentation. Thanks to Doug Sousa and Bob Kelley for doing the leg work to get us in for the seminar. We could try to get more members at this event. We will also be celebrating our 50th anniversary of the club being organized at the show.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala
President