

Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club Meeting

May 1, 2012

7:30 pm

Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

Guest Speakers: Mike DiSanto and Peter Kernicki. Talking on salt water plugs and how to fish them. Mike is a master plug builder and Peter is a master fisherman. This talk should be very informative.

Our April meeting featured speaker was Dr. Rich Rubin. Rich gave a very good and informative talk on the deer tick and diseases you can catch from them. He also talked about fish bacteria on striped bass. Rich did an excellent presentation!

50/50 Raffle winner was Terry Starrett who won \$70. Congrats Terry! As usual, thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this monthly event.

Club Raffle was won by Barrie Roberts. Pearl will find out if he wants the trip on The Ernit or \$200 in cash. Barrie also wins a membership for 2 in our club. Congrats to Barrie! Special thanks goes to Captain Jim Puhala of The Ernit for helping us with this raffle. Jim has always helped our club in this raffle over the years.

Club Banquet was held at the Cavalier Restaurant on March 31st. We had 59 in attendance that night. We also had quite a few Hartford Surf Club Members join us. The food and camaraderie were excellent. We honored junior members Tim Nacewicz and Andrew Cairns. A trophy was presented to each young man and special thanks to them both for selling raffle tickets for our club at the Sportsmans Show. It was truly an honor for me to present these trophies to them. We presented a plaque to Steve Nacewicz with a Grand Master Angler Award. Ray Nacewicz was honored for Member of the year and received a nice plaque. Ray still does a lot for the club and he is very rewarding of this award.

Inter-Club Competition: Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf has bragging rights this year in our year long competition with Hartford Surf Club. Pioneer's total for fish is 311lbs. 4 oz. Hartford's total was 203lbs. 9 oz. Congratulations to both teams for having a nice history of good and fun competition.

Other awards were presented to the following club members along with a trophy.

	Boat Category	Surf Category
Striped Bass	Don Prior 50lbs. 5 oz.	Chris Noftall 27.8lbs.
Blue Fish	Rich Cotti 12lb.	Bob Ruzala 13.12lbs.
Cod	Don Prior 14lbs. 6 oz.	
Fly Rod Bass		Bob Genetelli 17lbs. 5oz 36"

Thank-you: I would also like to thank the following members: Mike DiSanto donating over \$200 worth of plugs for the raffle; Steve Andras for donating some fishing rods for the raffle; Tom Misiewicz for making our reservations for the Cavaliers Restaurant; Jim McKeough for buying raffle prizes; And all Members and Friends who brought something for the raffle. Thanks to Pearl, Dick Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. Morin for selling the raffle tickets. This was a good night!

Website: Check out our website; it looks great.

Local Shore Access Clean-up Challenge: We received a letter from Peter Jenkins of the Saltwater Edge Fishing Shop. He is getting a Local Shore Access Clean Up Challenge to all Surf Clubs. This will take place on April 21 on the beaches of Rhode Island. Our club cannot make this date. I emailed Peter to see if our club could do this in May. As of this writing I have not heard back from him.

RISAA Surf Fishing Club Challenge The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association 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

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May Newsletter Update from PVBSC: We sent in our check for this event and need club participants. Ray Nacewicz will take your phone number and stay in touch with the team and tell us how we are doing.

Special Notice: Parking for our next 2 meetings will be in competition with the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club members. Please park in parking places and not in front of the boat launch or trailers. If necessary, you might need to park just north of the bridge in the large parking areas.

Volunteers Needed: Summer Cookout on the Connecticut River with John "Hutch" Hutcelseder our chairman for this event will take place on August 25th. So please see Hutch now and see if you can help him out with this event.

Schedule of events:

June 5: We need a speaker for this event. Any member wishing to conduct a talk please let Sean Carey or me know.

June 8-10: RISAA Challenge

August 25: Cook out on the Connecticut River.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President