

Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club Meeting  
November 6, 2012  
Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club  
Regular Meeting 7:30

**Guest Speaker: Gary Soldati.** His topic will be GOING LARGE. Gary is a plug maker and last year caught a 50 lb. Plus Striped Bass from the surf at Watch Hill. Gary will try to bring some of his plugs to the meeting for sale. His talk will be on going after large Striped Bass from the surf.

Our **50/50 raffle winner** last month was Rich Cotti. Rich won \$65.

We will have a **Christmas raffle**. Prizes will be a \$100 gift certificate to Cabelas or a 2 man ice shanty made by Trabil. Ice shanty is being donated by club member Ed Szczur. Thank you Ed!  
Raffle tickets will be sold at next meeting. \$5 per ticket. Winner will pick his choice. Two raffle tickets will be drawn.

Those who ordered **sweat shirts** will be available at this meeting. Ray Nacewicz has the sweat shirts to give out. Thanks to Ray for handling the sweat shirt order.

Sean Carey will be taking the **fish slips**. We need all categories!

The **MS surf challenge** participation by our club was great. We had 28 members fish for our club. The weather was tough the 1st night.

Results were:

1 CT surfcasters	101.1 lbs
2 RIMS	71 lbs
3 Narragansett surf	65.2 lbs
4 RISSA	65.54 lbs
5 Pioneer Valley	65.5 lbs
6 Weekapaug surf	56.25 lbs
7 Hartford surf	2.12 lbs

Congratulations to CT surfcasters! Next year will be the 20th year anniversary of the surf challenge. The winning team will get to keep the trophy. There also will be special tee shirts available next year. Special thanks goes to Steve Andras and Jim McKeough for chairing this event and compiling the results. Our club donated a \$25 gift certificate to Cardinal Bait and Tackle for the raffle table. Steve Andras donated a fishing rod and reel, Bob Kelly donated a reel, and Mike DiSanto donated 4 plugs To the raffle. Thank you! There were many raffle prizes.

**CLUB ELECTIONS:** Will take place this meeting. Running for reelection for President will be Bob Ruzala. For reelection of Vice President will be Sean Carey. For Treasurer will be Bob Kelly. We need someone to step forward for Secretary. Pearl has asked to step off the Board of Directors as Secretary. We need someone to take Pearl's place. If anyone is interested let me know.

Our club was organized in 1962. This marks our **50th year anniversary**. We will be putting together a celebration next year. We will have a banner for the Springfield Sportsmanship Show advertising our 50th. We also will have some PVBSC stickers available with a 50 year logo on them.

Future Meetings:

December 4, 2012: Christmas Party/Yankee Swap meeting with Pizza.

Ice Derby TBA

Springfield Sportsmanship Show TBA

Sincerely,  
Bob Ruzala  
President