

Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club Meeting

September 4, 2012 @ 7:30pm

Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

Our **Surf Club summer meeting at Red Cliff Club on the Connecticut River on Saturday August 25th** was well attended. A big THANK YOU goes to John "Hutch" Hutcelseder for being the Chairman of this event. Great job Hutch! The weather was perfect with a beautiful view of the River and Mountain Range in the background. Special thanks also goes to the following: Ray Nacewicz and his wife Phyllis who did a lot of the shopping for the food, beverages, and specially made Sea food salad, Potato salad, onions and peppers. THANK YOU! Bob Genetelli and Don Oberlander for cleaning up and getting the pavilion ready. THANK YOU! Barry Roberts for cleaning and cooking. THANK YOU! Dave Walker for husking the corn. THANK YOU! Charlie Wikar for cooking. THANK YOU! Don and Jean Prior for cooking, Salmon salad and Pineapple dessert. THANK YOU! Pearl for communicating with everyone to get the word out on this event. THANK YOU! We are very grateful of everyone's help and it is very much appreciated.

Special thanks also goes out to the following who donated raffle prizes. Mike Disanto for giving us some of his custom plugs, Steve Andras who donated a salt water reel and fishing rod, Jeff Colson for donating casting plugs, and Charlie Wikar for donating some fine liquor items. Thank you all very much. This was greatly appreciated of your support to help make this event a success.

We had almost 50 members in attendance. Hutch is working on next year's event, so if you have any ideas to make this successful event even better, let us know.

We will be taking **orders for hooded sweatshirts** at this meeting. Cost of the sweat shirts will be \$40 sizes small to extra large. \$5.00 extra for 2XL and larger. Zipper \$5.00 extra. Name \$5.00 extra. The club is contributing \$9.00 per item to help keep these sweatshirts more affordable to everyone.

Sean Carey will be the fish slip chairman. We need fish slips for our annual competition with Hartford Surf Club and for our Club Awards. Please hand them in to Sean. We need both boat and surf slips.

The surf club competition with Hartford Surf Club will be Friday September 14th at 6pm to Saturday Sept. 15th which ends at 10 am. All fish weighed in must be entered at Cardinal Bait and Tackle. The fish weighed in by the fisherman must be entered in the book by a witness other than the one who caught the fish. The heaviest 3 Striped Bass and Bluefish will count per team. Each participant may weigh in more than 1 fish per species. But only the heaviest fish of each species can count towards the competition per person. In other words, a member's largest striped bass and bluefish will count for the event, totaling the 3 largest fish per species per team. Boundaries are from Napa Tree Point to the Narrow River in Rhode Island. At 10 am we will start the barbecue and awards ceremony between the 2 clubs. This will be held at Cardinal Bait and Tackle. Hartford Surf will be bringing some desserts and refreshments. Our club will bring hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments. This is a FUN event which will be a get together between the two surf clubs. This is for camaraderie for all.

The **SURF CLUB CHALLENGE** will be held October 19th-21st. This is the big event between the Surf Clubs of New England area. We will have more information on this event in next month's newsletter. This event is held in Rhode Island every year.

The Striper Cup Tournament sponsored by On The Water will have its Awards on September 29th, at Marina Park in Falmouth, MASS. Right next to Falmouth Harbor. This is called STRIPERFEST! We entered this year as a team. Hopefully some of us can make it out to this event.

We are looking for guest speakers. Let us know if you know of someone interesting, or a speaker you would like to see!

Future Meetings:

October 2, 2012

Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm

Regular meeting 7:30

November 6, 2012

Regular meeting 7:30-8:00pm

8:00- 9:00pm Tentative scheduled speaker: Gary Soldati of Big Fish lures

December 4, 2012

Christmas Party/Yankee Swap Meeting with pizza
7:30-9:00pm

Sincerely,
Bob Ruzala
President
Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club