

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

January 2, 2013

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Committee Meeting on Seminar 7:00

Regular meeting 7:30

**ATTENTION MEMBERS. WE ARE MEETING ON A WEDNESDAY THIS MONTH!**

**Speaker for this month will be Al Gag.** Al will be making a presentation on fishing for cod. Al will be selling his new cod fishing setups with a teaser attached. He will have these setups available for purchase after the meeting. Al always does a fine and colorful presentation, so try to make this meeting.

Our last meeting was the **Christmas Party and Yankee Swap night**. Our meeting was well attended. I would want to thank all of you for attending this meeting and making it very successful. Thanks for all who brought in desserts and snacks for this fun event. Thanks to Ray Nacewicz for bringing in the soda, cups, paper plates, and silverware that we had left over from our August meeting.

**We raffled all of our 50/50 money** for the night with 3 prizes of \$90 each. Winners were Roy Britton, Pearl Warzecka, and Bob Ruszala. Thanks to Bob Genetelli who ran this raffle all year. Bob G. also brings the coffee and snacks each meeting. Thank you Bob Genetelli!

We had our **Christmas raffle** this night. Winner of the \$100 gift certificate to Cabelas was Jim McKeough. Winner of the ice shelter was won by Junior member Devin Donahue. Congratulations to the winners. Special thanks to Ed Szczur for donating the ice fishing shelter. The club brought in \$240 for the raffle with a net gain of \$140. Thanks to all who purchased tickets. Special thanks to Maurice Morin for selling the raffle tickets. Thank you Maurice!

**Fish slips** must be brought in by January's meeting. Please give them to Sean Carey.

**Orders for sweatshirts** can be made at this meeting. See Ray Nacewicz or Sean Carey for ordering instructions.

**Our club will be presenting a seminar at the Springfield Sportsman's Show that will be held in February 21-24, 2013 at the Big E in West Springfield, MASS.** The topic of the seminar will be on "How to get started in Surf Fishing". The seminars will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Time for the talks will be determined. We have a committee that is putting an outline together for this event. This committee is meeting on Wednesday January 2, at 7:00. The seminar will be 45 minutes long. Anyone interested in volunteering to help out at the seminar get in touch with President Bob Ruszala. We also will have our booth at the Show. We sell raffle tickets for a fishing trip on the Charter Boat "The Ernit". The Ernit is Captained by Jim Puhala. Jim has been a friend to our club for a long time. We will need volunteers to man the booth during the Sportsman's Show. All volunteers will be able to get in the show free providing they help us out at our booth. Free parking will be available to all volunteers.

**Officers of the club are:** Sean Carey, Vice President. Pearl Warzecka has volunteered to be our Treasurer. She was voted in at the last meeting. Bob Kelley is our Secretary. Special thanks to these members for volunteering their services for our clubs benefit.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2013 are payable this month.** They are \$20. Please see our treasurer Pearl to make payment.

If anyone has any ideas or **thoughts on improving our club** please let me know.

Future Meeting Dates: February 5, 2013; Regular Meeting

February 21-24, 2013: Springfield Sportsman's Show

February TBA: Ice Fishing Get Together (We need Mother Nature's Help)

Date TBA: Club Banquet

Sincerely,  
Bob Ruzala,  
President