

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

Meeting Date June 4, 2013

7:30 Regular Meeting

At The Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Tonight's speaker will be Caleb Slater. Caleb is the Anadromous Fish Project Leader for the Massachusetts Fish and Game. He will be educating us about fish on the Westfield River. He also is responsible for stocking Atlantic Salmon in the Western Mass. Feeder rivers and brooks connecting to the Connecticut River.

Last month's speaker was Mike DiSanto. Mike did a wonderful job of explaining the differences in his beautiful hand made wooden plugs and how to fish them. Thank you Mike, your presentation was excellent.

The winner of the club's raffle was Mark Dion. Mark chose to take the \$200 in which he would like a Lowe's gift Certificate. We will congratulate Mark at our next meeting. Special thanks to Jim Puhala who always donates a fishing trip for our raffle and is always supportive of our club.

The RISSA Surf Fishing challenge will take place starting on Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to Sunday Morning June 9<sup>th</sup> ending at 7 am. The largest 3 Striped Bass and Bluefish per club will count to determine the Team Trophy. Prizes also will be awarded to the top catch of each species. All fish must be caught in Rhode Island waters. There is a 32 inch minimum length for all striped bass entered. An awards breakfast will be held at the Homestead Restaurant. Rt. 2, Exeter, R.I. Breakfast will start at 8:15 am. All the money raised will be for MS society. Donations will be accepted and there will be a raffle in which proceeds will be for MS.

We need your fish slips this year. Please take the time to weigh in the fish you catch. These slips count towards our annual contest with Hartford Surf Club and for awards for our club. Please see Sean Carey with your fish slips. The fish that our in our contest are: Striped Bass, Bluefish, Cod, Pollack, Fluke, and Blackfish. We are not doing Haddock this year. There are two categories for all fish. They are Boat or Surf caught fish. Please get us some slips and weigh them in. Also keep a

record of all the fish you caught for entry to our Master Angler fish point award contest.

The winner of the raffle for the Maple Syrup in which you needed to enter at Pomeroy's Sugar House was Carl Robitalle. Congratulations Carl! Special thanks to Don Prior for his help with setting this up and cooking breakfast.

Give us names of future speakers you might want to hear for this fall and winter meetings.

SP Minnow Lures will be available for \$8.00 at this month's meeting. Steve Andras will have them available in green or blue mackerel patterns.

Future Events:

June 2, open house at the Westfield fish ladder. Location is at Southworth paper company lot. Address is 150 Front St., West Springfield, MA. Go under [www.westfieldriver.org](http://www.westfieldriver.org) Time is 10 am to 3 pm. Tours are available and the cost is free.

June 7-9, RISSA Surf Fishing Club Challenge.

August 3, Redcliffe Canoe Club Summer Get-Together, South Hadley, MA. Chairman John Hutcelseder.

September 3, Club meeting, Speaker: Paul Caruso, Senior Saltwater Fishery Biologist, MASS. Talk is on public access and striped bass tagging program.

October 1, Club Meeting.

November 5, Club Meeting.

December 2, Club Meeting, Christmas Party, Yankee Swap with Pizza.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President