

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

Meeting Date May 7, 2013

7:30 Regular Meeting

At The Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Tonight's speaker will be Mike DiSanto. Mike is a master plug builder and owner of Mike's Custom Plugs. He will also have some plugs on hand to sell after his talk.

Last month's meeting our speaker was Captain Al Anderson. The Captain did a nice talk on Block Island Stripers. A lot of history of Block Island was presented along with many successful fishing techniques.

50/50 Raffle winner was Dick Roberts. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running the raffle for us. Bob also picks up the snacks and coffee for our meetings. Thank you Bob!

Our raffle for the trip on "The Ernit" with Captain Jim Puhala will take place this meeting. Or the winner can choose to take \$200 in cash. Special thanks goes to Captain Jim for his donation of this raffle prize. The prize on the Ernit is an all day fishing charter with the Captain. The boat launches out of Connecticut at the mouth of the CT. River.

The RISAA Surf Fishing Challenge will take place June 7 to June 9. This tournament takes place in Rhode Island. The heaviest 3 striped bass and bluefish weighed in per team are entered. There are prizes for largest striped bass and bluefish individually. Registration is \$75.00 per team. All donations benefit the MS Society. An awards banquet will be held Sunday June 9, 8:15 am at the Homestead Restaurant, RT 2, Exeter, RI. Additional information is on our website under events.

WE NEED YOUR FISH SLIPS THIS YEAR! Please take the time to weigh in some fish. We did not have many slips in the year 2012. These slips count for individual awards and the contest against Hartford Surf Club.

Visit our website at www.pioneervalleyboatandsurf.org/ There are pictures of the April meeting along with our March banquet. The events for this year are posted as well.

Membership dues should have been paid by now. Please see Pearl if you have not paid yet.

There will be a **raffle for Maple Syrup** for those who attended the breakfast at the Pomeroy Sugar House in April. We would like to thank Pomeroy's Sugar House and Don Prior for this successful event and for the donation of the maple syrup. The raffle will take place at our May meeting.

All members are asked for names of speakers you would like to see in the future. We have speakers booked up until September this year. We also ask if you or someone you know can be a speaker in case one of our speakers cancels out at the last minute. This happened this month when our guest speaker called in 8 days before our meeting and cancelled. Fortunately for our club, Mike DiSanto offered to speak at this month's May meeting. Please let us know if you can be of help or have any suggestions.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS. They help us out throughout the year with donations to our club for many events and give us a good deal on many items they sell. The sponsors are Mike's Custom Plugs, Expressions screen print and embroidery, Al Gag's custom lures, Scrappy liquors, and Cardinal Bait and Tackle. Their addresses can be found on our website under Sponsors. We would like to make it known that we are thankful of our sponsors and are appreciative they help us out.

Future Events:

May 11, 12, and 18, and 19. Holyoke Shad derby.

June 2, open house at the Westfield River fish ladder. Location is at Southworth paper company lot. 150 Front St, West Springfield, MASS. Go under www.westfieldriver.org for more information.

June 4, Club Meeting, Speaker: Caleb Slater, Anadromous Fish Project Leader, MASS. Talk is on Anadromous fish on the Westfield River.

June 7-9, RISAA Surf Fishing Club Challenge

August 3, Red Cliff 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.

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

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President