

Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club

Meeting November 5, 2013

Board of Director's Meeting 7:00 pm

Regular meeting 7:30 pm

Tonight's meeting will feature club member **Rich Cotti**. Rich is a well accomplished fisherman who fishes the Chatham area in a boat. He will be talking about striped bass fishing using diamond jigs and other methods.

Our last meeting featured **Captain Blaine Anderson**. Blaine talked about fishing the Connecticut River from Hartford to the mouth of the river. As usual, Blaine did an outstanding job with his presentation and pictures.

At the 20th annual Surf Challenge our team WON THE EVENT. I felt very honored and proud for our club when the trophy was presented to me from the CT. Surfcasters president. CT. surfcasters had won the tournament the last 2 years. The final standings were:

- Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club 70.27 lbs.
- CT. Surfcasters 61.31 lbs
- Hartford Surf Club 42.58 lbs
- RISAA 41.32 lbs
- Weekapaug Surfcasters 19.12 lbs
- Narragansett Surfcasters 16.80 lbs
- Rhode Island Mobile Sport Fisherman 3.89 lbs
- Mass Striped Bass 0 lbs
- Striped Bass.com 0 lbs
- Largest Striped Bass Paul Ruzala 21.4 lbs Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club
- Largest Bluefish Mark Zabawa 14.7 lbs Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club
- Our club members weighing in fish:
- Striped Bass
- Paul Ruzala 9.1 lbs
- Paul Ruzala 21.4 lbs
- Chris Noftall 13.12 lbs
- Bluefish
- Mike DiSanto 8.3 lbs
- Mark Zabawa 14.7 lbs
- Roy Britton 3.65 lbs
- Ray Nacewicz 3.06 lbs

Total Raised for M/S was \$2100.

Special thanks goes out to all members who participated. We had over 25 members participate. The weather was very nice and warm with a full moon. Congratulations goes out to Jim McKeough and Steve Andras who ran the tournament and did a lot of work to make this event popular, and for raising \$2100 for M/S. I have the trophy and our club holds onto this until next year. We are also thinking about getting T shirts with a winning logo on them.

We will discuss this at our meeting. Of special note is that club member Paul Ruzala has caught the largest Striped Bass in this tournament 3 times. This is a great accomplishment.

Our **50/50 raffle** raised \$60 at the last meeting. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this monthly event and for bringing in the coffee and desserts.

Fish slips should be given to Sean Carey. We need a lot of fish in many categories. So please hand them in.

We are having a **Christmas raffle**. There will be 2 \$100 gift certificates for Cabelas raffled off. Tickets will be sold at our next 2 meetings. The cost is \$5 per ticket.

At our November meeting will be our **elections for officers**. All of our officers will be staying on unless someone would like to run for office. The slate consists of Bob Ruzala, President; Sean Carey, Vice President; Bob Kelley, Secretary; Pearl Warzecka, Treasurer.

Future Meetings and events:

December 2, club meeting, Christmas party, Yankee swap and pizza.

January 7, 2014 club meeting. Guest speaker Al Gag. Al will be talking about his success with his whip it eels and other large catches on his lures.

February 4, 2014 club meeting. Guest speaker Paul Caruso senior biologist for the marine division of Mass. Fisheries. Paul will talk about the Mass. Striped Bass tagging program.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President