

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

Meeting October 1, 2013

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Board of Director's Meeting 6:45 pm

Regular Meeting 7:30 pm

Tonight's Speaker will feature Captain Blaine Anderson. Blaine is a very successful guide fishing mainly from a boat off the shore of Connecticut. He has caught striped bass over 60 lbs. He will speak to us about fishing for striped bass from Hartford to the mouth of the Connecticut River.

At our **last meeting we had our guest speaker Paul Caruso**, senior marine fisheries biologist for the state of Massachusetts. Paul talked about fisheries management in salt water. Paul will be back to talk to us about the striped bass tagging program in Massachusetts waters for our February meeting.

We had a good turnout for the **competition against Hartford Surf Club** on September 20 and 21. The weather was beautiful! Our club had 21 members involved for this tournament. This is a fantastic number and I would like to thank all who participated. Our club defeated Hartford Surf Club. Total weight for Pioneer Valley was 33.32 lbs. Hartford Surf had a total of 2.8 lbs. weighed in. Fish caught for our team were: Dan Sliwa 23.9 lb. striped bass, Don Downing 6.3 lb. striped bass, and Ray Nacewicz had a 3.12 lb. bluefish. I would like to thank Ray Nacewicz for chairing this event and getting the food and beverages. Special thanks to Don Prior and Steve Nacewicz for cooking. Thanks to Hartford Surf Club for their camaraderie and bringing soda and desserts. A big thank you goes out to Mike Cardinal at Cardinal bait for letting us use his facilities and his wife's outstanding Rhode Island Clam Chowder. Jim Martin won our raffle at this event good for a \$25 gift certificate for Cardinal Bait and Tackle. Thanks to all involved, great camaraderie and weather made this a nice get together.

The 20th annual Surf Challenge will take place October 18, 19, and 20th. This will be held in Rhode Island from Napatree Point to the Narrow River of Rhode Island. Fishing starts at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends at 8:00 am Sunday morning. The tournament raises money for the M/S Society. There will be a breakfast on Sunday morning at 8:30 am at the Andrea hotel. The heaviest 3 striped bass and 3 bluefish weighed in per team count for the overall team score. Striped bass must be 32 inches in length or longer. Weigh in stations are Cardinal Bait and Tackle, Snug Harbor Marina, Quonny Bait and Tackle. All fish must be weighed in and entered in the book by someone other than the person who caught the fish. RIMS welcomes MS tournament participants to their cabin for a fisherman's breakfast on Saturday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The RIMS cabin is located at Quonny beach. 4 wheel drive vehicle required. There will be tee shirts available to purchase for the 20th year of the M/S tournament. Please include sizes with number. Cost will be \$15.00. Email your count to Steve Andras at saajr53@comcast.net. We will have a signup sheet at our meeting for our club members who participate in the tournament. In the past a few of us kept in contact with each other during the tournament to let all know how we stand and what we have for weighed in fish. For instance, if we have 3 striped bass over a certain amount of inches, we will all know to throw back fish that are shorter.

Winner of the 50/50 raffle last meeting was Dr. Rich Rubin who won \$60. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this raffle and bringing the coffee and snacks for us all to enjoy during the meetings.

We need your fish slips. Please bring them in and give them to Vice President Sean Carey.

If anyone is interested in serving on the board of directors let me know. Elections take place in November.

SP minnows are available by contacting Steve Andras.

If anyone has any **ideas for our club** let me know. We want input from all members if you feel there is an idea that will make our club better.

Future Events and Meetings:

October 18, 19, and 20. M/S Surf Challenge. RI.

November 5, club meeting. Guest speaker Rich Cotti. Rich will be talking about his success diamond jigging for striped bass.

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

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

February 4, club meeting. Guest speaker Paul Caruso senior biologist for the marine division of Mass. Fisheries. Paul will be speaking about the Mass. striped bass tagging program.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President