

Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club

Meeting September 3, 2013

Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

Meeting Time 7:30 pm

**Tonight's meeting will feature Paul Caruso.** Paul is the Senior Marine Fisheries Biologist for the state of Massachusetts. Paul will be talking about public access in our state. He also will talk about the striped bass tagging program and the fishery management. Paul is coming from the Eastern part of our state and we thank him for his commitment to us.

We had a very good turnout at our **August get together at the Red Cliff Club in South Hadley**. Over forty members and guests showed up for a beautiful day of weather, camaraderie, and food. Chairman "Hutch" is to be congratulated for his work in putting this together. Thanks Hutch! Ray Nacewicz is to be congratulated for helping with the shopping and set up. Charlie Wikar did a fine job of cooking. Phyllis Nacewicz made a nice potato salad. Don Oberlander helped with the prep work and cleanup. Denise Ruzsala helped with preparing the food. Steve Andras donated a rod and reel for the raffle. Jeff Colson donated wooden casting eggs to the raffle. We thank everyone who made this day a great one. Winners of the raffle were Phyllis Nacewicz winning the rod and reel combo. Dick Roberts and Dave Donahue won the casting eggs. Bob Tanner, Len Colson, and Bob Kelley won some Pintail rubber baits. This was a great event for all who participated.

The **June surf challenge** had very tough fishing conditions. The winners were RISSA who had only one fish weighed in for the event. There was only one fish weighed in for the entire tournament. I would like to thank all of our members who participated in this event.

If anyone needs any **SP minnows**, Steve Andras would get them for you. Just get in touch with Steve at our meeting or give him a call and he will get you what you need.

At our **June meeting** Al Gags won the 50/50 raffle, which was \$65. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running the raffle and getting the coffee and desserts for the meeting.

**Our surf fishing competition against Hartford Surf Club will take place on Friday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.** It will end at 10:00 am Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Boundaries for the tournament are from Napatree Point to the Narrow River, Rhode Island. The 3 largest striped bass and bluefish weighed in per team counts towards the total teams points. All fish weighed in will be at Cardinal Bait and Tackle. The team having the heaviest total weight of fish are the winning team. At 10:30 am on Saturday we will have our cookout. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs. This event is a great get together for both teams. This is a fun event with camaraderie for all.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf Fishing challenge will take place October 18, 19, and 20<sup>th</sup>.** This will be held in Rhode Island from Napatree Point to the Narrow river. Fishing starts at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends at 8:00 am on Sunday. This tournament raises money for the M/S Society. There will be a breakfast on Sunday morning at 8:30 at the Andrea hotel. I will have more information on this tournament in the future and on our website. There also will be available a 3 day beach permit available for your four wheel drive at the cost of \$15. Bob Ruzsala is the point man for this in which we will mail all of our clubs permit applications out together. So if you are interested in a permit, contact Bob.

**We need fish slips.** Get them in to Sean Carey. The slips count towards individual awards and for our team contest against Hartford Surf Club.

**We are looking for speakers for October and November meetings.** Some of you who gave me your name and are interested in speaking, please contact me ASAP.

**Future meetings and events:**

September 20 and 21. Hartford Surf Club versus Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf Club. Weigh in and Cookout at Cardinal Bait and Tackle Rhode Island.

October 1, club meeting

October 18, 19, 20. M/S Surf challenge. Rhode Island.

November 5, club meeting

December 2, club meeting, Christmas party, Yankee swap with pizza

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President