

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

April 1, 2014

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Regular Meeting 7:30

Our regular meeting will have Captain Bruce Millar of the "Otter" fishing charter. Bruce will talk about fishing for trophy striped bass. Bruce's charters have caught many large bass over the years. He will also have some of his lures for sale.

Last month's speaker was Captain Mike Roy. Mike did a great job on how to fish for large striped bass. He also showed us many techniques and equipment usage.

Dues are payable by this month. See Pearl for payment.

Ray Nacewicz will have hats and jackets for those who ordered from him at the last meeting. Hats are \$12. Jackets are \$40 with the club logo on them. If you want your name on them it will cost \$5 more. Sizes 2X are \$5 more also.

50/50 Raffle winner was Steve Nacewicz. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running the raffle and bringing snacks and coffee for our meetings.

Club Banquet will be held on Saturday March 29th. Awards will be given out this night for largest fish in each category from the boat and surf. We will also have an award for member of the year. Hartford surf club will join us also.

Special thanks to Ed Szczur for donating many fishing items for our ice fishing get together. Thank you Ed! Ed has helped us out in the past with many donations and we really appreciate Ed's generosity.

Breakfast at Pomeroy's sugar house went well. We will draw the winner of the maple syrup donated by Pomeroy's at our meeting. Special thanks to Don Prior for helping out with this event.

We will be having our fish slip raffle at this meeting. There will be 2 separate drawings. Each drawing will have 2 winners. Prizes will be \$25 gift certificates to Mike's custom plugs or to Scrappy's liquor locker. One raffle is for those who weighed in fish for our annual club and Hartford surf competition. These fish have to be weighed in at a certified scale or boga grip and must be witnessed by one other person. The other raffle will be for those who handed in fish slips that had striped bass or bluefish amounts that were caught for the entire year. This fish slip count is for Master angler award points that will enable members to cumulate points toward awards. (100 points - Certified angler; 500 points - Accomplished angler; 1000 points Master Angler; 2000 points Grand Master Angler). 1 point is for fish 12 to 23 inches; 2 points for 24 - 35 inches; 3 points 36 - 47 inches; 4 points 48 - 59 inches; 5 points 60 - 71 inches. If you catch a fish from the surf points are doubled. We have these affidavits at our next meeting. So start off this year with trying for some awards. Sean Carey is the chairman of this event and all fish slips should be given to him throughout the year.

Surf Fishing Club Challenge will be held on May 30th to June 1. More information will be in next month's newsletter. This competition takes place in Rhode Island and is for surf fishing.

There was a fishing and hunting equipment sale at the Polish American Club in Southwick. Ray Nacawicz worked a booth for our club there. Special thanks to Ray and all who helped at the booth selling raffle tickets and answering questions for our club.

Raffle for the trip on The Ernit or \$200 in cash will be at this meeting. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for our club. Many tickets have been sold at the sportsmen's show. Also many members sold tickets for this event. Thank you to all who have helped out our club. The winner also will win a membership in our club for the year.

At the last meeting we had many new members join our club. The winner of the fishing rod and reel for the new members went to Ron Blais. We would like to extend a great big welcome to all new members. Please join us at our monthly meetings and if you need any help or questions answered about our club please don't be afraid to ask. Many of our members are also willing to share techniques and tips about fishing. There are also upcoming events in the future. So come on and join us for fun and fishing.

Future Events:

March 28-30 RISAA Saltwater fishing show, Providence, RI

March 29, Club Banquet, Cavalier Restaurant, Chicopee, MA

April 1, Club meeting, Captain Bruce Millar, Fishing for trophy striped bass.

May 6, Club meeting, speaker Pete Lajoie, Fishing the Cape Cod Canal for Stripers.

May 30 – June 1, Surf Fishing Club Challenge, Rhode Island

June 3, Club meeting, Speaker TBA

August 2, Summer get together at Red Cliffe Club, South Hadley, MA

September 2, Club meeting, Speaker TBA

October 7, Club meeting, Speaker TBA

November 4, Club meeting, Speaker Captain Mel True, Tautog Fishing

December 2, Club meeting, Christmas party, Yankee Swap, and Pizza

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President