

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

May 7, 2014

Springfield Yacht & Canoe Club

Regular Meeting 7:30

ALL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE.

Our meeting tonight will feature Peter Lajoie. Peter will talk on fishing the Cape Cod Canal. Peter is a very successful surf fisherman and fishes Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Last month's speaker was Captain Bruce Millar of the fishing boat "The Otter". The Captain did a nice presentation of how he fishes in the boat for Striped Bass and Blues.

Ray Nacewicz will have jackets and hats for those who ordered them at this meeting.

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

Club banquet was held on March 29th. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making arraignments with the Cavalier restaurant. Thanks to Jim McKeough and his wife Shirley for getting the raffle table prizes. Thanks to Charlie Harner, Steve Andras, Mike DiSanto, Steve Higgins, Roy Britton, Steve Nacewicz, Ray Nacewicz, Genie Prior, Don Prior, Rich Cotti, and Shirley McKeough for donating raffle prizes. Hartford Surf beat our club in the annual fishing contest in which they weighed in 269 lbs. of fish to our 224lbs. Thanks to all who attended and made this night enjoyable and fun. MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD went to Bob Genetelli. Bob has done a lot of work for our club and runs the 50/50 raffle and gets our snacks and coffee for us at our monthly meetings. Congratulations Bob! We honored Tim Nacewicz with a trophy and gift certificate for his hard work selling raffle tickets at the Sportsman's show. The following awards were presented to the members with the largest caught fish per category:

Roy Britton largest boat striped bass 44lbs.

Paul Ruzala largest surf striped bass 40. Lbs

Rich Cotti largest boat bluefish 11lbs

Jim KcKeough largest surf bluefish 13.9lbs

Don Downing largest fluke 3.10lbs

Mark Senafonte largest cod 9.10lbs

Don Downing largest sea bass 4.5lbs

Sean Carey largest striped bass on a fly rod 16.5lbs

Devin Donahue largest striped bass junior division

Raffle drawing winner for the trip on "The Ernit" or \$200 was won by Ray Duplissie of Connecticut. He also wins a membership to our club for the year. Thanks to all who sold and bought tickets.

Raffle winner for the drawing for the Maple Syrup donated by Pomeroy's Sugar House was Margaret Nacewicz.

Winners of the fish slip raffle were Dan Sliwa and Roy Britton who won gift certificates to Mike's Custom Plugs at \$25 each. Steve Nacewicz and Lenny Colson won \$25 gift certificates to Scrappys Liquor Locker.

Surf Fishing challenge will be held on May 30th to June 1st. Competition starts at 6:00 pm on Friday night and ends on Sunday at 7:00 am. Awards will be held at the Homestead restaurant, RT. 2, Exeter, R.I. at 8:15 am on Sunday. A 32 inch minimum length is for striped bass entries. The largest 3 striped bass and blue fish determine the team standings and winner. There is an individual award for the largest striped bass and bluefish. All fishing takes place in all of Rhode Island, including Block Island. Weigh-ins are at Galilee Bait and tackle; Quaker Lane tackle; Snug Harbor Marina; Quonny bait and tackle; or Sam's bait and tackle. All fish must be caught from the surf. Our club has entered this event.

FUTURE EVENTS:

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

June 4, Club meeting, speaker Ralph Taylor Mass Wildlife, How we are funded, goals and mandate activities, and eagle program. Speaker needs to be confirmed.

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

September 3, Club meeting

October 1, Club meeting, Speaker Dave Pickering, Fishing Rhode Island from the surf

November 5, Club meeting, Speaker Captain Mel True, Tautog fishing

December 3, Club meeting, Christmas Party, Yankee Swap, Pizza party

January 7, Club Meeting, Speaker Dennis Zamboratta, Needlefish History

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President