

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club

November 5, 2014 Meeting (1st Wednesday of the month)

7:30 Regular meeting

At Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club

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Tonight's speaker will be Captain Mel True. Captain Mel will be talking about fishing for Tautog. Captain Mel runs Fishnet Charters located in East Freetown, MASS. Look under Togzilla on YouTube for some of his videos.

Last month's speaker was Dave Pickering from Rhode Island. Dave did an outstanding job on how to fish Rhode Island from the surf. He also showed how to use various lures and jigs for striped bass. He shared some of Rhode Island's top spots for fishing.

In our club competition at the M/S surf challenge our team finished in 3rd place. 1st place was Rhode Island Mobile Sport Fisherman with weighins of 81lbs; 2nd was Hartford surf with 49 lbs; Pioneer Valley Boat and Surf 43 lbs; 4th Weekapaug surfcasters with 24lbs; and last was RISAA. Fish weighed in for our club was Bob Ruzsala 28.12lb striped bass and Paul Ruzsala with a 15.2lb striper. Fishing conditions were tough with very few fish weighed in. I would like to thank all of our club members who participated. We had over 25 fisherman and fisherwoman from our club. Last report I heard was well over \$1300 was raised for M/S. Thank you to everyone for your support! Special thanks to Jim McKeough and Steve Andras for doing all the work and running this event. This was the 21st year of the tournament. There was a fantastic raffle table in which our club donated a \$25 gift certificate. Thanks to Mike DiSanto and Steve Andras for donating to the raffle as well.

Special thanks to Bob Genetelli for running our 50/50 raffle and for bringing the coffee and cookies. Thank you Bob!

We need fish slips. Please bring them to our next meeting and give to Sean Carey. The weighins go for our yearlong competition with Hartford surf club and our individual club awards. We need your help.

At our November meeting we will have club elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Please let me know if you are interested in being on our board.

We will have a Christmas raffle for 2 \$100 gift certificates. These certificates are for Cabelas. We will have raffle tickets available at our November and December meetings. Please buy tickets to help support our club.

There is a budget committee that will be looking into several areas. Some of these are our due structure, speaker expense, fund raisers, tournaments, meetings, and other relevant club expenses and income. The committee consists of Pearl Warzecka, Ray Nacewicz, Tom Misiewicz, Rich Cotti, and Bob Ruzsala. If any of our members has any ideas for our club, please let us know ASAP.

Future events and meetings:

December 3, Regular meeting with Christmas party, pizza, and Yankee swap.

January 7, 2015, Regular meeting with Dennis Zamboratta speaking on the history of the Needlefish.

February 4, 2015, Regular meeting, speaker to be announced

March 4, Regular meeting with Speaker Al Gag.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President