

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday October 7, 2015

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will be Bill Hurley. Bill's topic will be "Increase your Catch". Bill has made striped bass lures a longtime. He has many years of experience fishing in saltwater.

Last month speaker was Matt Ayer, fisheries biologist from the North Shore of Massachusetts saltwater fisheries office. Matt talked about striped bass and migration patterns. Matt had a very good presentation to our club.

On Friday September 18 starting at 6:00pm until Saturday September 19 at 10:00am our surf club competition against the Hartford Surf club took place in Rhode Island. Hartford surf had 2 bluefish weighing about 18 lbs. total. Our club did not weigh in a fish. Congratulation goes out to Hartford surf club for winning this event. Thanks to Mike Cardinal for letting us use his facilities and for weighing of the fish along with his wife's delicious clam chowder. Thank you! We also had 30 hamburgers and 30 hot dogs. Hartford brought some food and refreshments. Ray Nacewicz is to be thanked for organizing this event and getting the food. Thank you Ray! Thank you to Don Prior, Steve Nacewicz, and Dennis Donovan for grilling. Peter Jezouit won the \$25 gift certificate to Cardinal bait. Thanks to all who attended and helped in one way or another.

The 22nd annual M/S surf challenge will take place on Friday October 16th 6:00pm to Sunday October 18th 8:00am. This is a surf fishing competition against other fishing clubs and takes place in Rhode Island. The area to fish is from Napatree Point to the Narrow River, RI. The heaviest 3 striped bass and bluefish per team weighed in counts to the team total. Striped bass must be 36 inches to enter. Weighing stations are Cardinal bait, Snug Harbor marina, and Quonny bait and tackle. This tournament is a fundraiser for the M/S society. All

clubs pay \$75 to enter. RIMS will have a breakfast on Saturday morning at their cabin. At 8:30am on Sunday there will be a fisherman's breakfast at the hotel Andrea along with a super raffle.

Get your fish slips in to Rich Cotti. All fish slips are for Master angler awards and for competition against Hartford Surf club in our yearly club challenge.

50/50 raffle takes place at all regular meetings. Thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this event and bringing coffee and snacks.

There will be a special club member only raffle at a cost of \$10 per ticket. The prize will be a painting of a surf casting fisherman catching a striped bass. Size of the painting will be 18"x 18". Maureen Cotti, wife of long time member Rich will be doing the painting. The raffle tickets will be sold at the next 3 meetings. Thank you to Maureen and Rich for this generous gift to raise funds for our operating budget.

November elections will take place next month. There will definitely be some openings for serving as officers of the club. Let me know if you would like to run for a position. We need your help to stay strong as a successful club.

As I write this newsletter we are looking for a speaker for November. Please let me know ASAP if you have anybody in mind.

Future Events & Meetings:

October 16, 17 & 18 – M/S 22nd Annual Surf Challenge, Rhode Island

November 4 – Regular meeting – Speaker TBA

December 2 – Club Christmas Party

February 19, 20, 21, 2016. – Sportsman show, Big E, West Springfield, Mass.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President