

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday April 6, 2016

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's meeting will feature Captain John Planeta. John will be talking about how to catch fluke and other fish from a boat. Mr. Planeta does most of his fishing in Long Island Sound out of Connecticut.

Last month's meeting was Mike Roy. Mike had a nice presentation on catching trophy striped bass on light tackle. Captain Mike did a very nice job of giving different techniques and tactics for catching large striped bass.

Membership dues are payable at this meeting. Dues are \$30 and should be paid to Don Prior, our treasurer.

Raffle tickets for our club fund raiser will be available at this meeting. We ask all club members to sell at least \$10 worth of tickets. The raffle is for a chance to win a fishing trip on the ERNIT with Captain Jim Puhala. This is our largest fund raiser and we need everyone's help to make this a success. We ask all members to sell their tickets and hand them in at this meeting. The drawing will take place this meeting.

The 8th annual fishing and hunting swap took place on March 6, 2016. Thanks to Ray Nacewicz and all of our members who helped out at our booth. I believe we had a new member join. Our club also sold some raffle tickets on this day.

Our club banquet will be held on Saturday April 9th at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee. Time will be 6:00-6:30 social event. Dinner will be served at 6:45. Cost is \$30 per member, payable in advance of the banquet. Food choice is Filet Mignon, Boneless Breast of Chicken, or Broiled Scrod. The meal will include chicken noodle soup, oven browned potatoes, green beans, and apple pie with ice cream. There will be a signup sheet this meeting. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for making the arraignments. All members are encouraged to bring a raffle prize to

the raffle table. Club awards will be given out at this event. We also invite Hartford Surf Club to attend this event. If anyone is not signed up for the banquet and would like to attend please email me back by this Saturday (April 2nd) and let me know how many will attend.

50/50 raffle takes place every meeting. Special thanks to Bob Genetelli for running this event. Bob also brings the coffee and snacks.

The Saturday breakfast at Pomeroy's sugar house was well attended. We had 22 members attend. Special thanks to Don Prior for helping to set up this day.

We need speakers for June, September and November this year. Let me know if you know of any one you would like to hear talk at our meetings. Members are encouraged to speak at our meetings if anyone is interested in doing so.

The Spring Surf Challenge will take place June 3-5th. This will be a CATCH and RELEASE of STRIPED BASS and bluefish. Our club usually fishes this tournament. This tournament will be held in all Rhode Island waters. More information will be available next month.

Our friend Patrick Paquette needs our support to be appointed to the New England Fisheries Management Council. He is a longtime representative from our state fishing community and will always represent our best interest in management species like black sea bass, scup, flounders and other fish. I will be writing a letter on behalf of our club for Patrick. If anyone knows a state representative or senator, please contact them with support!

Future Events & Meetings:

April 9, 2016 - Club Banquet, Cavalier restaurant, Chicopee, Mass.

May 4, 2016 – Regular meeting, Speaker Jack Houghton, Daddy Mac lures

June 8, 2016 – Regular meeting

August 6, 2016 – Summer get together at Red Cliffe Club, South Hadley, MA

September 7, 2016 – Regular meeting

October 5, 2016 – Regular meeting, speaker Bill Hurley

November 2, 2016 – Regular meeting

December 7, 2016 – Christmas party, pizza, Yankee swap.

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President