

## Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday March 2, 2016

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's meeting will feature Captain Mike Roy of Reel Cast charters. Mike's topic will be catching trophy striped bass on light equipment. Mike was at the RISAA salt water show recently and this talk was rated one of the best from the fisherman in attendance. Mike had a presentation 2 years ago in which he shared a lot of useful information with us. Mike fishes mainly Connecticut and Rhode Island waters.

Last month's meeting was Al Gag. Al had a nice presentation of using his lures fishing the Cape Cod Canal. He also brought some of his lures for sale to our members. He donated some of his lures to our club for a raffle. Al had an excellent presentation. Great job Al!

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 \$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. Ray Nacewicz will distribute the tickets at every meeting. We also sell these tickets at the Sportsman's show.

The Springfield Sportsman Show on February 19, 20, and 21 was a great event for our club. Our club had a large booth at the show. We had many of our members work the show; set up and take down the booth; sell raffle tickets; encourage new members to join; and spread the word about our club. Thank you to all who helped in one way or another. Your hard work and dedication to our club is greatly appreciated! A raffle will be held at our March meeting for new and prospective members who attended this show. The raffle will be a rod and reel set up donated by Steve Andras. Thanks Steve for donating this prize for the

raffle. Thanks to Al Gag who donated one of his whip it eel lures for new members who joined our club. Thank you Al! We will find out at our March meeting how we did selling raffle tickets. Thanks to Tim Nacewicz and all members who again did a great job selling raffle tickets. Thanks to Tom Misiewicz for bringing “big blue” our booth set up. Thanks to Ray Nacewicz, Don Prior and all others who helped securing the raffle ticket sales. Thanks to Bob Kelley for getting us parking passes for all who worked the show. Again, thanks to all who made our booth successful!

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual fishing and hunting swap meet will be on March 6, 2016. This event takes place at the Feeding Hills Polish club. Cost to get in is \$2. Tables are available for rent at \$35 for anyone to sell their gear.

Our club banquet will be held on Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

We are presently getting speakers secured for April, October, and November. We will update as soon as the speakers confirm with us. For June and September we have a few leads for these meetings.

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:**

March 2, 2016 – Regular meeting, Speaker Mike Roy

March 6, 2016 – Annual fishing & hunting swap, Polish club, Feeding Hills, MA

March 12, 2016 – Breakfast at Pomeroy's sugar house 8:00 – 10:00.

Address is 491 Russellville Road, Westfield, Mass.

April 6, 2016 – Regular meeting

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

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

June 1, 2016 – Regular meeting

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

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President