

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday May 4, 2016

Regular meeting 7:30

www.pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org

This month's meeting will feature Captain Jack Houghton. Jack will teach his methods of vertical jigging for striped bass off of Chatham. Learn some tips and techniques to even the playing field. It is the little things that make the biggest difference according to Jack. Jack is the owner of Daddy Mac lures.

Last month's meeting was John Planeta. Captain John had a nice presentation on how to catch fluke. He did a wonderful talk to our members.

Membership dues should have been paid by now. Dues are \$30 and should be paid to Don Prior, our treasurer. Names will be taken off of our email list if not paid up.

The winner of our club raffle for a trip on "The Ernit" was Kevin O'Connor of Springfield, Mass. Kevin also wins a membership to our club for the year. Captain Jim Puhala who captains this boat is to be thanked for supporting our club over the years with this prize. Thank you Jim and congratulations to Kevin.

Our club will have a fishing trip on June 27th on the Lucky Lady party boat. The boat sails out of Clinton, CT. Cost is \$60 per person. Ray Nacewicz will have a signup sheet at our May meeting. There will be no rod rental fees. All bait and tackle are supplied to you. Targeted fish will be stripers, blue fish, fluke, and sea bass. All fish will be fileted. Tipping fee is normally 20%. Departure time will be determined later.

We will have our drawing for the members who gave in fish slips and master angler points for the year 2015 at our May meeting. For the largest fish in each category and the fish slips gave in there will be two drawings for each. We thank all who gave in the fish slips. Thanks to Rich Cotti for compiling all the slips and weights. Thank you Rich!

Our club banquet was held on Saturday April 9th at the Cavalier restaurant in Chicopee. Thank you to Tom Misiewicz for making the arrangements with the Cavalier restaurant. Thanks to Jim McKeough for shopping for our raffle gifts. Thank you to all who donated to the raffle. The raffle was truly super in which it took about one hour to complete. We had 62 attend this event. Hartford Surf club joined on this occasion. Hartford surf club beat our club in the yearlong contest of boat and surf fish caught in which they had 333lbs. to our 265lbs. They had 3 striped bass over 40lbs. Congratulations to Hartford Surf Club. We had our club awards in which Don Prior was honored with member of the year award. Don is very deserving of this award. Don is our treasurer and cooks at our events and is always helping out. Congratulations Don! Maureen Cotti was presented a plaque in honor of her beautiful painting of a striped bass being caught with Watch Hill in the background. The painting was for a fund raiser for the club. Beautiful job Maureen and thank you! Our banquet was truly a great night of camaraderie, good food, and fun, it was a great time enjoyed by all. The following were our fish caught for the year by our members. The first place winner in each category received a trophy.

Boat division

Striped bass. 1. Rich Cotti 30lbs., Len Brennan 27lbs., Don Prior 16lbs 4oz.

Bluefish. 1. Don Prior 16lbs., Len Brennan 12lbs., Mark Senafonte 10lbs 3oz.

Fluke. 1. Don Downing 4lbs 10oz., Rich Cotti 3lbs 8oz., Dan Sliwa 3lbs 8oz.

Sea Bass. 1. Dan Sliwa 4lbs., Don Downing 3lbs 7oz., Rich Cotti 3lbs 4oz.

Cod. 1. Don Downing 11lbs. 8oz.

Surf division

Striped bass. 1. Len Brennan 27lbs., Ken Adams 24lbs 15oz., Rich Cotti 19lbs 8oz.

Bluefish. 1. Ken Adams 13lbs 7oz., Vic Nardacci 12lbs 14oz., Dennis Donovan 12lbs.

Junior division

Tim Nacewicz

Striped bass 10lbs

Sea Bass 2lbs 8oz

Fluke 3lbs

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

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. This tournament will be held in all Rhode Island waters. Friday 6pm to Sunday 7am are the times of fishing. All information is on our website under special notices. pioneervalleyboatandsurf.org

Future Events & Meetings:

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

June 8, 2016 – Regular meeting, Speaker needed

June 27, 2016 – Fishing trip on Lucky Lady Charters, Clinton, CT.

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