

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday September 7, 2016

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will be Ken Adams, one of our members. Ken will be presenting the fishing trip to Alaska he took with some of our members this summer. From what I hear they caught a lot of fish, and Ken will show some pictures and let us know how the trip went.

Our club had a fishing trip on June 27th on the Lucky Lady party boat. The boat sailed out of Clinton, CT. We had about 30 members take part in this fishing day. The weather was beautiful with calm seas. I believe everyone caught fish. Many sea bass were caught. A few fluke and bluefish were brought in. Thanks to Ray Nacewicz for making the arraignments with the Lucky Lady charter.

Master angler points along with fish slips for our yearly match against Hartford Surf Club should be given to Rich Cotti. Fish slips affidavits are available off of our website or we have them at our monthly meetings. Please get us some slips for our club, we need everyone's help.

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 asking for someone to help out on the 50/50 raffle to run it temporarily because Bob is helping his wife recover from a recent car accident. Please let me know before the meeting if you can help.

Our summer get together at the Red Cliffe club in South Hadley was a good time. There was plenty of food and desserts for all in attendance. The weather was hot but those in attendance enjoyed the shade under the pavilion along with the beautiful view of the CT. River. Thanks to "Hutch" and Ray Nacewicz for getting the food and beverages. Thanks to Steve Andras for donating a rod and reel for our raffle. Thanks to all for cooking and helping with the food preparation and cleanup. Many thanks to all who brought desserts and raffle items.

The winner of our club raffle for the fishing trip on "The Ernit" with Captain Jim Puhala, Kevin O'Connor and his group had a very successful outing. They caught their limit on striped bass. Bluefish were caught with the largest being a whopping 17lbs. The Captain let me know that the group had a very good time in spite of some rough waves and wind. The fishing group was drifting at more than 4mph which is considered fast for fishing, but the fish bite was good. We are happy the fishing trip was so successful. Captain Jim Puhala has been great to our club for doing this trip for about 20 years. We are grateful and thankful to Captain Jim for his generous support to our club over the years.

Friday September 16th at 6:00 pm and ending on Saturday the 17th at 10:00 am will be our surf fishing contest against the Hartford surf club. The fishing will take place in Rhode Island. Boundaries of the fishing will be from Napatree Point to the Narrow river. The 3 heaviest striped bass (must be 32 inches or larger) and the 3 heaviest bluefish will be counted on for a total for each team. All fish must be weighed in at Cardinal Bait shop. At 10:30 we will have a cookout at Cardinal bait. Hamburgers and hot dogs along with refreshments will be served. Hartford usually brings the desserts. We will have a raffle. Steve Andras will be our chairman for this event. Please let us know at the September meeting if you plan on attending so we can get a head count for the food.

The 23rd Annual Surf Challenge will take place on October 14, 15, and 16. This takes place in Rhode Island. More details in next month's newsletter. I will forward to all our members the M/S rules and regulations via email.

Let me know of any guest speakers you would like to see for our future meetings. We are all set with speakers for this year, but working on 2017 guest speakers. As always club members are welcome to do a presentation.

Future Events & Meetings:

September 16, 17 – Hartford surf club versus Pioneer Valley boat and surf club fishing tournament. Cookout to follow at Cardinal bait shop, Weekapaug, RI.

October 5, 2016 – Regular meeting, speaker Bill Hurley

October 14, 15, 16, 2016 – M/S Annual Surf Challenge (23 years), Rhode Island.

November 2, 2016 – Regular meeting, speaker Jim Legacy, Massachusetts angler education.

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

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President