

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday May 3, 2017

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will be Matt Ayer. Matt is a saltwater fisheries biologist for the state of Massachusetts. Matt will present information on the striped bass population and other pertinent programs for saltwater fisheries in Massachusetts.

Last month's speaker was Richard Hartley. Richard is the warm water fisheries biologist for the Massachusetts division of fisheries and wildlife. Mr. Hartley's presentation was overview of 50+ years of history of the division's freshwater sport fishing awards program where anglers are awarded pins for catching trophy fish by weight or length. Richard did a fine presentation.

Please pay your dues for this year's membership to Don Prior, our treasurer. The dues are \$30. This will be the last month for dues collection. Failure to pay dues will eliminate your name from our mailings.

50/50 raffle takes place every meeting. Special thanks to Roy Britton for running this event. Thank you goes to Ken Adams along with Peter Jezouit for running the snacks and coffee.

The winner of our raffle for the fishing trip on "The Ernit" with Captain Jim Puhala was Leo Graywacz from Winsor CT. Leo entered the drawing by buying a ticket at our booth at the sportsman show. Congratulations to Leo. Leo is going to try to make our May meeting. We thank Captain Jim Puhala for donating his boat and services for this fund raiser.

Our club fishing trip is for June 26th. The cost for the trip will be \$55. Ray Nacewicz will have a signup sheet at our May and June meetings. Fishing will be for sea bass and fluke. Fishing takes place out of Clinton CT. The boat is a charter which accommodates about 30 fishermen. Rods and reels are available at no extra charge.

We will be having a raffle for those who weighed in fish last year who had the largest fish in each category and the top three fish per category. Two separate raffles of 2 winners each. The winners will be getting a gift certificate to Bill Hurley lures.

The summer surf club challenge will take place on June 16-18 in Rhode Island. The top three striped bass and bluefish weighed in per club will count towards each clubs total. Times will be Friday at 6:00pm to Sunday morning 7:00am. A breakfast and prizes will be awarded Sunday morning. More information will be in next month's newsletter. This tournament is run by RISAA. A \$75 entry fee will be for each club with the money going to "Johnny Cake Center" which feeds the hungry.

Future Events & Meetings:

May 3, 2017 - Regular meeting, speaker Matt Ayer, Recreational Fisheries Biologist.

June 7, 2017 – Regular meeting

June 26, 2017 – Fishing trip on Lucky lady charters

August 19, 2017 – Red Cliff Summer get together and picnic, South Hadley, Mass.

September 6, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Captain Jack Houghton, Daddy Mac Lures

October 4, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Bill Hurley

November 1, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Dave Pickering

December 6, 2017 – Christmas party, pizza, Yankee Swap

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President