

## Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday November 1, 2017

Regular meeting 7:30

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This month's speaker will feature Dave Pickering. Dave will be doing his 2018 seminar presentation to us. The presentation is called "Striper Trends". He will talk about equipment, techniques, and hot spots for striped bass fishing. Dave fishes Rhode Island and the canal regularly. He will tell us of information how to fish Rhode Island for the remainder of this year.

Last month's speaker was Bill Hurley. Bill did an excellent presentation on how to improve your salt water fishing. He showed us his latest and new lures that he makes. Bill is a member of our club and keep him mind for striper lures for the future. Bill also donated some of his lures for a raffle that we had that night. Thank you Bill!

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 Roy Britton for running this event. Peter Jezouit brought the coffee and snacks to our meeting. Thank you Peter!

The 24th Annual Surf Challenge took place on October 13, 14, and 15. The winning team was from RISAA. Our club finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. RISAA had 59.08lbs, Hartford Surf 47.58lbs, Weekapaug Surf 31.8lbs, Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf 7.9lbs, Rhode Island Mobile Fisherman 6.11lbs, and last place were the teams from Mass Striped Bass and Narragansett surfcasters. Thanks to Jim McKeough for running this event. Steve Andras helped Jim out at the awards breakfast. Seven teams competed. Largest striped bass weighed 30.42lbs and largest bluefish was 18.4lbs. Four striped bass and 8 bluefish were caught for the tournament. Not many fish

were caught that weekend. 72 people attended the awards breakfast at the Andrea.

November elections will take place next month. If anyone is interested in serving as officers of the club please let me know. We need your help to stay strong as a successful club.

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 2018 guest speakers. As always club members are welcome to do a presentation.

**Future Events & Meetings:**

November 1, 2017– Regular meeting, speaker Dave Pickering

December 6, 2017 – Christmas party, pizza, Yankee swap.

January 3, 2018 – Regular meeting, club auction of members fishing equipment

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President