

Pioneer Valley Boat & Surf Club Meeting

Wednesday September 6, 2017

Board of Director's Meeting 7:00

Regular meeting 7:30

www.pioneervalleyboatandsurfclub.org

This month's speaker will be Captain Jack Houghton. Jack has talked at our club a few years ago. He is also owner of Daddy Mac lures. Jack will be talking about fishing for False Albacore and Bonito. This is a very timely presentation because the fishing he will be talking about is getting very hot right now. These Tuna species best fishing has been in September through early October. Jack has already caught some Bonito recently.

Our club had a fishing trip on June 26th on the Lucky Lady party boat. The boat sailed out of Clinton, CT. We had just over 20 members take part in this fishing day. The weather was beautiful with calm seas. I believe everyone caught fish. Mostly sea bass were caught. Thanks to Ray Nacewicz for making the arrangements with the Lucky Lady charter.

Master angler points along with fish slips for our yearly match against Hartford Surf Club and for our club awards 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. Also Ken Adams will bring coffee and snacks. Thanks Ken for helping out. We ask that everyone donate to the coffee/snack fund.

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 perfect 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 Phyllis Nacewicz, Tim Nacewicz, Don Oberlander, Steve Nacewicz and Don Prior for cooking and helping with the food preparation and cleanup. We wish to thank everyone who brought desserts and raffle items. Thanks to all who made this day a great one.

Friday September 15th at 6:00 pm and ending on Saturday the 16th 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 Misquamicut Bait and Tackle shop. At 10:30 we will have a cookout at Misquamicut Tackle shop. Hamburgers and hot dogs along with refreshments will be served. Hartford usually brings the desserts. We will have a raffle. Don Prior will be our chairman in charge of getting the food and preparations. Ray Nacewicz will help Don. Please let us know at the September meeting if you plan on attending so we can get a head count for the food.

The 24rd Annual Surf Challenge will take place on October 13, 14 and 15. This takes place in Rhode Island. More details in next month's newsletter. I will have the information available on our website. Beach permits for 3 days will be available when we get more information.

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. As always club members are welcome to do a presentation.

Future Events & Meetings:

September 6, 2017 – Regular meeting, Speaker Jack Houghton talking on fishing for Albacore

September 15, 16 – Hartford surf club versus Pioneer Valley boat and surf club fishing tournament. Cookout to follow at Misquamicut Bait and Tackle, Weekapaug, RI.

October 4, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Bill Hurley

October 13, 14 and 15 2017 – M/S Annual Surf Challenge (24 years), Rhode Island.

November 1, 2017 – Regular meeting, speaker Dave Pickering

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

January 3, 2018 – Club Auction

Sincerely,

Bob Ruzala

President