



## Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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### August 2017 Newsletter

#### In House Derby

Cosmo Creanga continues to work his striped bass magic and won pins for June and July with very impressive fish. Cosmo's June winner was 42.76 lbs. but his new personal best of 50.53 lbs. was first for the month of July and just about destroyed dreams anyone might have had of winning that category for the year. Even more impressive is the fact that both fish were released. For June, Jason Patterson was a distant second with a 15.00 fish and in July, Cosmo's fishing partner President Scarpone was second with an equally impressive 42.36 lb. fish that was caught the same night as Cosmo's "50". Cosmo also caught another 40 that night and they both scored additional fish in the 30's. All the fish were released. Ron Domurat, with a 22.68 lb. fish that paled in comparison, was a distant third.

In the bluefish category, Ralph Peckham was the pin winner for June with a 14.00 fish that also won the shore bluefish division of Larry's Tackle Shop's June Bass n Blue Battle. Jonathan Cornwell was second with an 11.00 lber. and Peter Johnson was third with a 10.50 lb fish.

For July, Ron Domurat took the pin with an 8.90 lb. fish which was the only bluefish entered.

Cosmo 's "fifty" is the current overall leader of the striped bass and striped bass release categories and Ralph Peckham's 14 lb bluefish leads the bluefish division. .

***In-House Derby entry forms may be obtained on the MVSA web-site [www.mvsurfcasters.org](http://www.mvsurfcasters.org) (Then go to the Club tab, 2017 In-House Derby) The Official Weigh In Slip link is under the MVSA Derby Info section.***

***Entries: Must be received within seven days after the catch and may be submitted to: MVSA, In-House Derby, MVSA P.O. Box 3053, Edgartown, MA 02539 or emailed to Dave Balon [WeighSlip@mvsurfcasters.org](mailto:WeighSlip@mvsurfcasters.org)***

#### Angler of the Year Standings

By virtue of his three first place monthly wins (15 points), Cosmo is also the current leader for the Angler of the Year Award. Jason Patterson is second with nine points and Ron Domurat third with six. Ed Amaral and Ralph Peckham have five each, Jonathan Cornwell four, Don Scarpone three and Peter Johnson one.

With albies and bonito (it's always possible) due to show up any day now and only two entries so far for August (John Piekos 6.90 bluefish and Tony Rezendes 27 lb. striper) no one has a lock on this award. Fishing has been slow but due to pick up very soon so get out and fish.

*(Members receive five points for a monthly first place fish, three for second and one for third)*

## Shark Tournament

Eighty one year old Jim Cornwell, was the winner of our recent surf shark tournament. Jim muscled a 63" brown shark estimated to weigh approx. 103 lbs., onto the beach after a hard fought 35 minute battle. Denise Fraser, Don Scarpone and Ralph Peckham also beached fish of smaller size. Eight members battled fog, crowds and strong tides and two members had rods and reels dragged into the sea. Fortunately, both outfits were recovered, cleaned and were pressed back into service. Congratulations Jim!!



## Tisbury Pond is Open

Tisbury Pond has been opened and the cut is available to MVSA members for fishing. The opening can be accessed by calling President Don Scarpone (203-240-0730) to obtain a code which can be used to open the lockbox pictured below. The key inside will open the lock on the chain. The code will be changed monthly. Once inside the property entrance, the chain must be replaced and the key returned to the lock box. Upon leaving the property the procedure must be repeated as it is extremely important that the chain remains across the entrance and the key in the lock box for use by emergency vehicles if required. The property will re-open to the general public on or about September 8.



**A few common sense rules must be followed.**

***Time of use is limited to an hour before sunset to an hour after sunrise.***

***The lock box code is not to be shared with non-members.***

*Use is limited to one MVSA member and two guests and limited to fishing or shell fishing.*

*Member will use the property at their own risk and TTOR will not be held liable for injuries or accidents that occur while on the property.*

*Commercially guided fishing trips are not allowed.*

*Fires are not permitted.*

*Parking is only permitted in the visitor's center parking lot.*

*The house on the property is occupied for the summer and members are requested to respect the occupants and keep the area quiet when entering or leaving.*

*Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.*

*Trash and/or unused bait should be removed and not discarded on the property.*

*Dogs are not allowed.*

We are privileged and very fortunate to have summer access to this property and grateful to the Trustees for granting it.

## **Help Wanted**

The Derby is always looking for volunteers to help with file duty. Please consider giving it a try even if you've never file'd a fish before. There is always plenty of experienced help available to help and all equipment is provided. Weekday morning shifts are more low keyed and less busy than evenings.

Contact Phil Horton at [phil.horton54@gmail.com](mailto:phil.horton54@gmail.com) or 603-682-8335.

## **Calendar of Events**

**September 10, 2017-October 14, 2017-"The Derby"**

**October 1-31, 2017-Octoberfish, Larry's Tackle Shop, 508-627-5088, [www.larrystackle.com](http://www.larrystackle.com)**

Addendum from MVSA secretary Dave Kolb: Member Peter Johnson has been gathering beach toys (abandoned ones, not ones snatched from crying children) to offer children at the upcoming Wounded Warriors surfcasting beach get together. Peter asked if other members could also gather abandoned toys on the beach, or donate some, to add to his for this important get together. You can contact Peter for any questions: [peter@robertslures.com](mailto:peter@robertslures.com).

I am not sure when the Wounded Warriors Beach get together is, but I'm sure more information will be forthcoming from other members.

