



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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December 2019 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

Can you believe another year is almost over? It seems impossible, but we still have one more MVSA event to look forward to this year – our **Annual Christmas Party**.

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Party will be held this Sunday, December 15 at 2 PM at my home at 175 Lagoon Pond Road in Vineyard Haven. It's potluck, and I've included the current food list in this newsletter. Please email me and let me know what you'll be bringing (mom1runner@aol.com).

The club will supply the desserts, water, and soda. **Bring your own** beer, wine, or other beverage of choice. ☺

Last year we had a blast with the Yankee Gift Swap so we're doing it again. Your **wrapped gift** can be fun, serious, fishing-related, or have nothing to do with fishing. No need to spend more than \$15.00. And, I've heard that Santa will stopping by to see if we've been naughty or nice.

You've got a few days left to submit your photos for our **Annual Photo Contest**. Email your favorite picture(s) to the Prez at: donaldscarpone@yahoo.com

Our **next monthly meeting** is Monday, January 6.

Hope to see you at the Christmas party!

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy Holidays,

Lisa

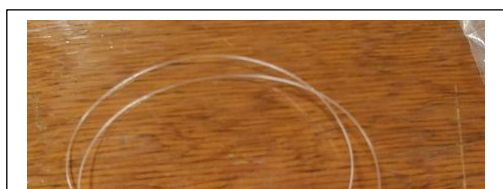


Club Meeting: What You Missed

1. Our **Annual Banquet** is January 25. The Banquet begins at 1 pm. We need **volunteers there at 11:30**.
2. We voted to keep the **Banquet menu** the same: shellfish, shrimp, sushi, wings and chowder supplied by the club. **Members bring a dish to share by last name: A-H- Appetizers, I-Q - Salads, R-Z - Desserts**
3. Dave Willis, our new raffle chair, is starting to **collect donations** and making phone calls. Volunteers have their lists and everything is under control.
4. We discussed ways to expedite the raffle and will continue the discussion at the January 6 meeting.
5. You can pay your **annual dues** at the Banquet or any monthly meeting.
6. Our monthly meetings will be held on **Monday nights** at 7 pm at the Rod and Gun Club: January 6, March 2, April 6, and May 4. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.
7. There is **NO February meeting**. The Banquet takes the place of the February meeting.
8. We discussed the **MVSA Book Library**. Instead of lugging the boxes of books to each meeting, we will have a list of books and videos. If you want to check out a book or video, let Dr. Dave know.
9. Our **annual Christmas Party** is Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm at Lisa's house. Bring a dish to share. Bring a gift for the Yankee swap. Santa is rumored to be making an appearance. ☺
10. We continued the discussion about the **Windmill House** and how we can work with the new owner to protect the property. Dave Nash got prices for beach grass: \$500 for 1,000 square feet. The two areas to be done are 45,000 square feet and 85,000 square. That's way more grass than we have money for. We expanded the discussion to include Rosa Rugosa, a snow fence, used Christmas trees, and whether

or not we'd need a permit to do any of the above. The Prez will do a little more research and get back to us at the January meeting.

11. We still have some **T-shirts and hats**. Let the Prez know if want something. He won't be carrying them to all the meetings.
12. Bob Lane collected **donations for our troops**. Thanks Bob!!
13. We will be going back to **Cuttyhunk** June 8-11, Monday - Thursday. Ten (10) people can go. Sign up ASAP.
14. President Don gave away pins for the winners of the **biggest fish** each month.
15. We need lots of fishing gear – plugs, lures, weights, -- for **our Used Tackle Sale** on Memorial Day Weekend. Bring your donations to the monthly meetings. Only 25% of our members donate, so go through your gear and bring some items to the coming meetings!
16. President Don is waiting on a quote for iron-on **MVSA Logo patches**.
17. We voted to continue our donation of \$250 to the tackle shops for them to distribute to **children in need**. Dicks Tackle didn't use any of their \$250, but Slick said he used \$230 and that it was a good cause. We're waiting to hear back from Coop.
18. **Secrets** – Here's what you don't want to miss! We went around the room and shared a few tips for better fishing.
 - Ralph** – care of the fish after catching them – have a 5-gallon bucket with ice and salt water. Cut the fish to bleed and put the fish in the slurry to cool down.
 - Zach** – he bled everything this year, including bass.
 - Cosmo** – When freezing Striped Bass, cut the red meat out first – fish will taste so much better.
 - New favorite lure – EXO Jigs – all colors – 1 ½ ounce.
 - Dave N.** – This year Dave tied his flies on with a Canoe Man Loop Knot.
 - Tony** – Bass – circle hooks only – go big – 7 or 8
 - Ron** – Abe Williams taught Ron to carry his Albie/Bonito lures in a vitamin bottle.
 - Add wire to eel hooks. A 3-inch, 60-pound test wire to 50-pound flurocarbon.
 - Paul** – Shellfish folks shared that lots of fish are feeding all around the shellfish beds.
 - Steve** – Sambuca. That's his secret ingredient before smoking fish. Coat the fish right before you smoke it. If you don't catch fish, you still have Sambuca.
 - Dave W.** – Chartruese epoxy with a hard leader – enough said!
 - Ken** – Coat your hands with a good handcream before you go fishing. It keeps the water off your hands.
 - Bob** – Steel leaders for Blues and Bass. Also, separate lure boxes for different species.
 - Prez** – Bottom fish with two rods – One is cast far, the other is lobbed close.
 - Bottom fishing – use a three-way instead of a swivel. No more slide. And – BIG hooks and BIG bait for BIG fish.
 - Lisa** – who credits the Prez with this idea – tape your rods with Derby lengths marked off.



Biggest Fish of the Year by Month

Albie

August – Cody Creanga

September – Donald Scarpone

October – Paula Sullivan



Paula and her winning Albie.

Bass

June – Cosmo Creanga

July – Cosmo Creanga

August – Cosmo Creanga

September – Tony Rezendes

October – Cody Creanga

Bluefish

July – Ralph Peckham

September – Brenda Gerosa-Beal

October – Lisa Belcastro

Bonito

August – Cosmo Creanga

September – Dave Nash

October – Cosmo Creanga



Cody with a daily double.

MVSA Angler of Year Standings

As of December 8, 2019

1. Cosmo Creanga 33 points

2. Cody Creanga 13 points

3. Ron Domurat 12 points

4. Dave Nash 10 points

5. Ralph Peckham 8 points

6. Tony Rezendes 6 points

7. Steph Pond, Bob Bottary, Don Scarpone, Lisa Belcastro, Paula Sullivan - 5 points

8. Steve Tirrell, Jim Wareing, 4 points

9. Jonathan Herman, Eric Brown, Brenda Gerosa Beal - 3 points

10. Zach Magid 1 point



Cosmo, getting ready to land another winner.

Calendar of Events

January 6 -- Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown.
Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.
We're going to be learning about bucktails!



January 25 – MVSA Annual Banquet – 1 PM
Old Whaling Church, Edgartown
Members bring a dish to share by last name:
A-H- Appetizers
I-Q - Salads
R-Z - Desserts

NO Meeting in February!!

March 2 - Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.

April 6 - Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.

May 4 - Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.



Fresh steamers for the gang on Cuttyhunk.

May 23 – MVSA Used Tackle Sale – MVRHS – More info to follow

June 8-11 – Annual Cuttyhunk Fishing Trip – More info to follow

June 12-14 -- The 15th Island Cup Fishing Contest against the Nantucket Anglers' Club on Nantucket

June 20 or 21 – Father's Day Weekend Beach Picnic – More info to follow

I know more people are attending than listed below, but I don't know what you're bringing for food.

MVSA Christmas Party

We need appetizers, salads, side dishes and entrees.

The club is supplying the desserts.

Please send me an email: mom1runner@aol.com

1. Lisa Brussels Sprouts
2. Brenda and Bob Greek Salad
3. Kathi Guac/5-layer dip/chips
4. Ursula Deviled Eggs
5. Mary Ann Veggie Dip and Chips
6. Ken and Laura Appetizers
7. Bob Lane Chicken Wings
8. Tony & Doreen Venison
9. Ron & Barbara ??????????
10. Jim Mullens Brownies & ?????
11. Donald Baked Ziti
12. Cosmo Potato Salad

MVSA 2019 Photo Contest

Please email any questions and comments to President Don Scarpone: donaldscarpone@yahoo.com

Any active club member can enter by sending their original photographs to:
President Don Scarpone: donaldscarpone@yahoo.com

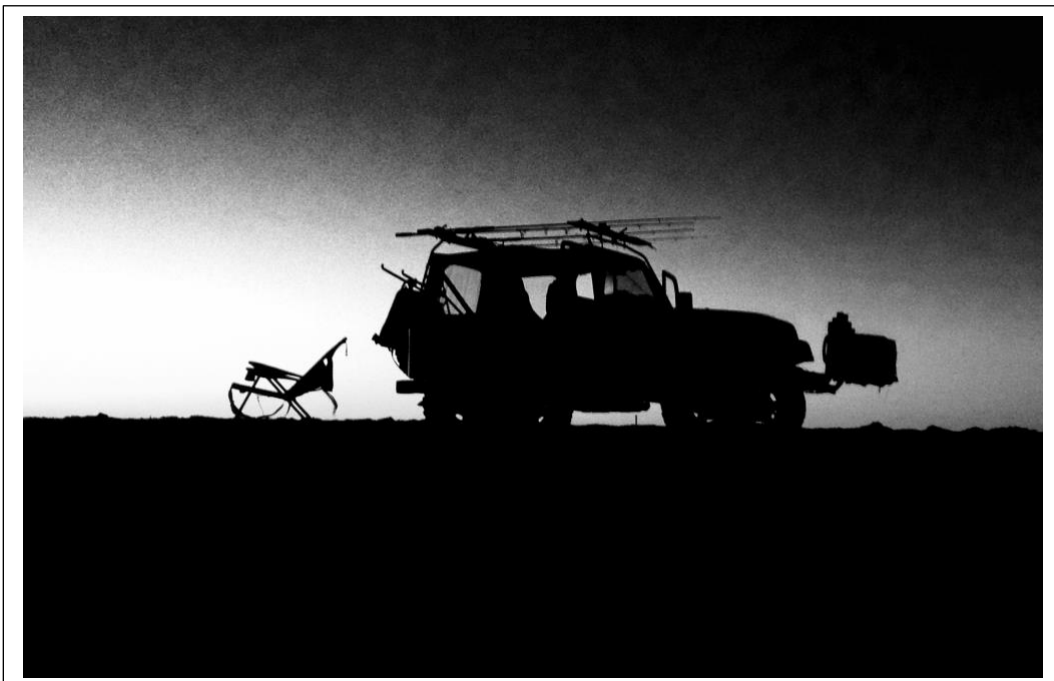
The photos should not be just of caught fish. Scenic or interesting beach views, nature, etc will all be considered.

The judges will be unaware of the photographer's name when judging.

Photos must be received by 12.15.19

The winner will be announced at the club banquet in January 2020, you need not be present to win.

The prize will be an enlarged framed copy of your photograph.



Dave Kolb's winning picture from last year.

BE A WINNER IN THE MVSA IN-HOUSE DERBY

MVSA In-House Derby - This is a fun and loosely run tournament based solely on the honor system and club members are eligible to win prizes by submitting entries for one or more of the eligible species (striped bass, bluefish, false albacore, bonito). Fish can be kept but catch and release is strongly encouraged. To determine the weight, the fish can be weighed or the weight can be estimated by using the following formula. (length x the girth squared, divided by 800=total weight). It's surprisingly accurate.

HOW TO ENTER -----

You must be a paid in full member before catching and weighing in any fish.

Use the weigh-in slip on the MVSA website and make as many copies as you need.

When you catch a fish you want to enter, use the calculation above or weigh on a digital fishing scale.

To be eligible for consideration, your fish must conform to the minimum sizes below:

Striped bass 32"

Bluefish 22"

Bonito 21"

False Albacore 25"

Boundaries: To be eligible, a fish must be caught in or around the waters of Martha's Vineyard, within MVSB & BF Derby Boundaries. *(Fish caught during the trip to Cuttyhunk are not eligible for any prizes)*

DIVISION AND AWARDS

A monthly pin will be awarded to the member that submits an entry for the largest fish in each species. All monthly entries will participate in a "luck of the draw" raffle to win a Ron McKee custom lure. All first, second and third place monthly winners will also be entered into a year-end raffle to win new fishing reels. There will be three raffles, one each for all first, second and third place entries.

A special prize will also be awarded to the member who catches and releases the largest striped bass over 20 lbs.

The 'Angler of the Year' will be determined by a point system based on monthly entries. Five points will be awarded for a first-place monthly winner, three for second, and one for third. The member who finishes the year with the most points will be declared the '**Angler of the Year**'.

Entries: Must be received within seven days after the catch and may be submitted by **email** to Dave Balon at: WeighSlip@mvsurfcasters.org . If you do not have an email account, mail your entry to: MVSA In-House Derby, P.O. Box 3053, Edgartown, MA 02539

Slips must be postmarked within seven days of the date of catch. During the MV Bass & Bluefish Derby, there is no need to fill out our weigh-in slip; simply mail in the official MV Derby weigh-in slip.

In-House Derby entry forms may be obtained on the MVSA web-site www.mvsurfcasters.org (Then go to the Club tab, 2018 In-House Derby) The Official Weigh-In Slip link is under the MVSA Derby Info section.