



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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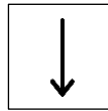
November 2023 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

Someone please tell me where summer went! I can't believe the Derby is over, we just celebrated Thanksgiving, and Christmas is less than a month away. While you're making your lists and checking them twice, spend a few minutes in this month's newsletter. There is a lot of important information in this newsletter, news that you want to know, or didn't know that you want to know.

We have two big events in the next two weeks. Our upcoming Christmas party on December 10 and our monthly meeting on Monday, December 4th.

John Piekos is our guest speaker for our December meeting next Monday on December 4. John is going to talk about MVBAG and Chappy beach access. You don't want to miss this meeting. And we don't want you to miss this meeting, so we're hosting the meeting in person and on Zoom. See link below.



Topic: MVSA December Meeting

Time: Dec 4, 2023 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89857498963?pwd=L1dkd0NiS2lYenJvRmpRUKF0UjJEQ109>

Meeting ID: 898 5749 8963

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I hope to see you Monday at the meeting – in person or on Zoom.

Lisa



MVSA Christmas Party

Sunday, December 10
Time: 2 PM

Location: 175 Lagoon Pond Road, VH

Please bring a dish to share.

Last Name: A-H – Dessert, I-R – Main
Course, S-Z – Side/Apps

B.Y.O. Beverages

We're going to have a Yankee gift swap.
Bring a wrapped gift (\$20 or less)

RSVP by December 5 to: mom1runner@aol.com

Club Meeting Notes

1. The Prez announced our monthly meetings – the first Monday of every month through May.
2. Treasurer's Report: the Club has two bank accounts. The scholarship account has about \$23,000, which includes \$4,000 put on hold by one of last year's recipients. We will pay the annual storage unit fees from the scholarship account. The general account has \$8,500.
3. Our Annual Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 3, will be our monthly meeting for February. The Banquet will be held at the Old Whaling Church again this year. We need volunteers to arrive at 12 pm for set up.
4. Bob Yapp has volunteered to get donations for the Banquet. The Prez is asking for one or two more people to help out with the auction.
5. We also need kitchen help. Kevin will oversee the kitchen help and Ralph will coordinate the shellfish.
6. The Prez talked about TTOR and MVBAG. The Prez is going to ask John Piekos to speak at an upcoming meeting.
7. The Prez thanked everyone for a fantastic tackle sale this year. He has already sold a lot of lures and gear since the sale. The Prez asked everyone sort through our gear as we're cleaning up and to bring donations to the next meeting or the Banquet, especially if you live off Island.
8. The Prez has hats, shirts, tech shirts, and sweatshirts. If you're looking for a great Christmas gift for a friend, or yourself, call The Prez.
9. The Prez welcomed new members Joe Carter, who retired to the Island in May, and Dodi Smith.
10. We need a new poster for our lure donations during the Derby. Jared suggested we give an incentive to people who donate. We could offer a drawing for a prize. When someone donates a lure, then get an entry into the drawing.
11. The Prez awarded the monthly pins. (Keep scrolling for the list of winners.)
12. The Prez gave out the Luck of Draw lures. (yup – keep scrolling)
13. The Prez shared with a club a letter from a teacher at the West Tisbury School about an Island-wide school fishing club. Keep reading for more information how YOU can get involved.

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Monthly Pin Winners

Bluefish

May – Ralph Peckham

June – Zach Magid

July – Sal Tummino

August – Ralph Peckham

September – Lucas Brewer

October – Phil Horton



Sal Tummino with a nice blue.

Bonitos

September – Tyler Poole

October – Lucas Brewer



Tyler Poole's bonito catch ready for the trip back to Maryland.

Albies

September - Kevin Seger

October – Kathi Pogoda

In-House Leaders to Date

Zach Magid – Bluefish (16.57 pounds)

Luke Brewer – Bonito (7.09 pounds)

Kathi Pogoda – Albie (11.87 pounds)



Luke Brewer with teammate Tim Scott winning the Shore Team.

Luck of the Draw Winners

Bluefish

1. Sal Tummino
2. Dan Sentementes
3. Zach Magid
4. Chris Edwards

Bonito

1. Kathi Pogoda
2. Luke Brewer
3. Kevin Seger
4. Kathi Pogoda

False Albacore

1. Kathi Pogoda
2. Kevin Seger
3. Zach Magid
4. Kathi Pogoda

All-Island Youth Fishing Club

Jeff Majkowski and Luke Bettencourt reached out to The Prez earlier this month. They would like to start an Island-wide youth fishing club. They will begin the program at the West Tisbury School this spring. Their idea is to get students involved in all aspects of fishing within the schools. They plan to start with a school-based fishing club this spring that will offer students the opportunity to build lures, learn knots, build rods, etc.

The club will host a school-based fishing competition, similar to derby rules, but a freshwater catch and release.

If there is enough student interest, they will try to recruit teachers at other schools to form similar clubs/teams and use the same format to have each school from each town "fish against" each other in a fall "derby" competition. Students could use their Derby catches to count towards their school "team" and maybe win the Island Fishing Cup or some sort of trophy recognition for the year.

Jeff and Luke are asking the Surfcasters for rods, reels, and lure donations, as well as blanks for students to learn how to build their own rods. They are also looking for volunteers to come and speak at the club or participate and help students during fishing trips.

If you would like to volunteer in any way, please email Jeff at: jmajkowski@mvyps.org.

MVSA Upcoming Calendar

1. **December 4th – Monthly Meeting** at the Edgartown Rod & Gun Club. Pizza is served at 7 pm. Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.
John Piekos will be our guest speaker talking about MVBAG.



2. **January 8th – Monthly Meeting** at the Edgartown Rod & Gun Club. Pizza is served at 7 pm. Meeting begins at 7:30 pm.



3. Feb 3rd at 1 pm is our **Annual Club Banquet** at the Old Whaling Church. Set up begins at noon. Raffles, awards, lots of food. Stay tuned for More information next month.



4. **March 4th - Monthly Meeting** - Edgartown Rod and Gun Club -
The pizza arrives at 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

5. April 1st - **Monthly Meeting** - Edgartown Rod and Gun Club -
The pizza arrives at 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.



6. May 6th - **Monthly Meeting** - Edgartown Rod and Gun Club -
The pizza arrives at 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

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:

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.

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.