



## Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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### Summer 2023 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

Happy August! I hope everyone is avoiding the crowds by spending lots of time on the beach fishing and catching! Can you believe we are only one month away from the start of the 78<sup>th</sup> Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby begins. Personally, I can't wait!

**Don't forget: our Annual Used Tackle Sale will take place on Saturday, September 2. The Prez still needs fishing gear. Please call him to schedule drop off.**

**We also need volunteers to help the day Of the Tackle Sale and with set up before. Please call or text The Prez to help.**



Bill Murray shopping at last year's tackle sale.

This newsletter is filled with photo recaps of our summer events. Please, please, please, when you take great pictures and fun shots, please email them to me for the newsletter, especially during the Derby. [mom1runner@aol.com](mailto:mom1runner@aol.com)

See you at the Tackle Sale,

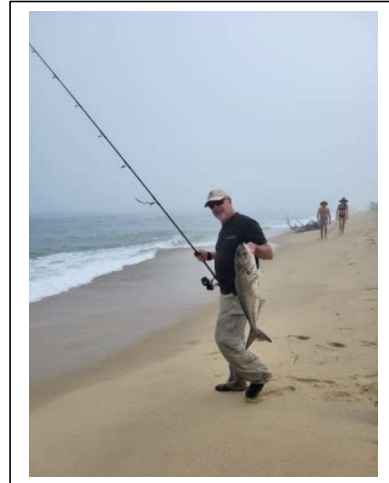
Lisa

# Club Meeting Notes

1. The Prez urged everyone to go through our tackle and get him as much gear as we could for the upcoming **tackle sale**. The Prez has already sold about \$2,500 in merchandise in various Facebook groups. We raised \$13,500 last year. The Prez wants to beat that. Donate now!
2. We need a **new poster for our Lure Donation** collection during the Derby. Any suggestions? Any artists in the Club? Lisa suggested a children's coloring contest to pick the winner. Could also be an adult coloring contest.

Congratulations to Ralph Peckham for weighing in the first bluefish for 2023!

PS - It wasn't this fish.  
This was a few weeks later.



## MVSA Upcoming Calendar

1. **September 2 – Annual Tackle Sale** at 8 am at the MVRHS Parking lot. We need donations and volunteers. Volunteers should arrive at 7 am. Please call The Prez at 203-240-0730.



2. **September 10 – 78<sup>th</sup> Martha's Vineyard. Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby**



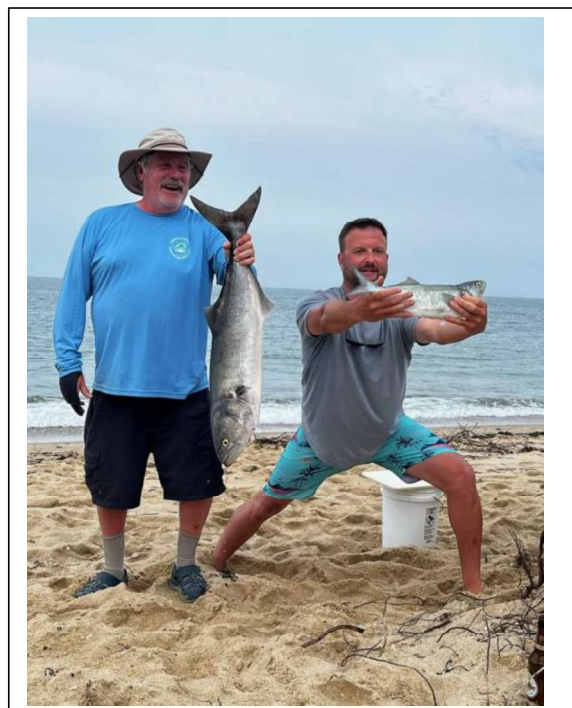
3. **November 6 - Monthly Meeting** - Edgartown Rod and Gun Club - The pizza arrives at 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.



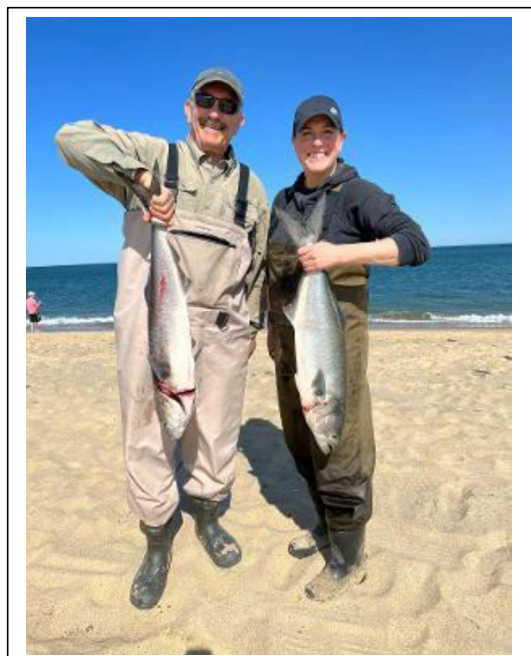
# Fun Club Photo Moments



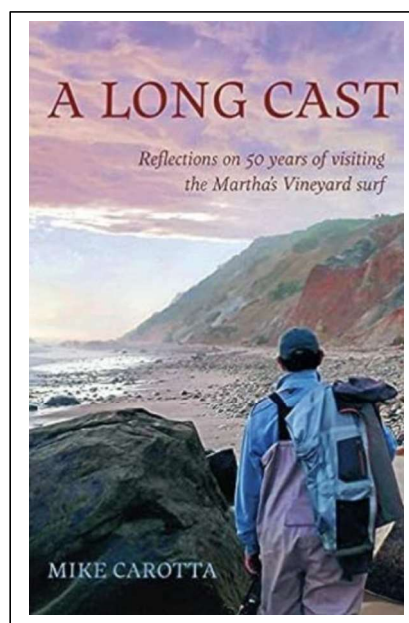
MVSA club members took the Edgartown School 7<sup>th</sup> grade class fishing at the Lighthouse. ☺



Ron McKee with a nice bluefish. Not sure what Matt Brewer is holding up - LOL.



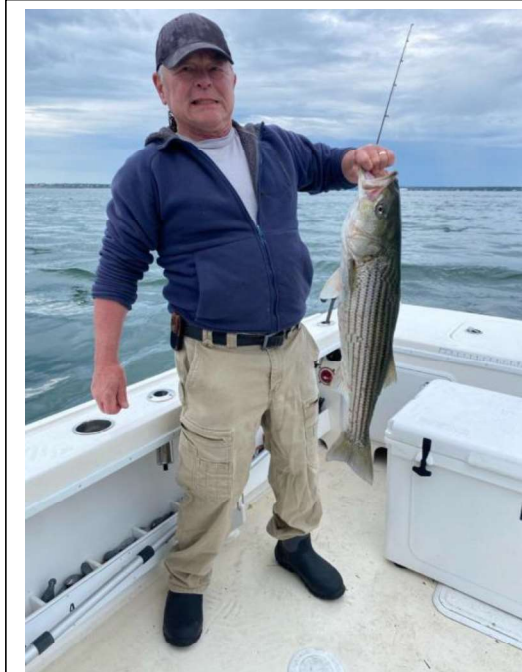
Mike Carotta and his daughter Christin caught some nice fish during May-June visit.



If you haven't read Mike's book, do yourself a favor and buy a copy. It's a great read! You'll laugh, cheer, nod your head, and shed a few tears.



# Boat Fish Don't Count!

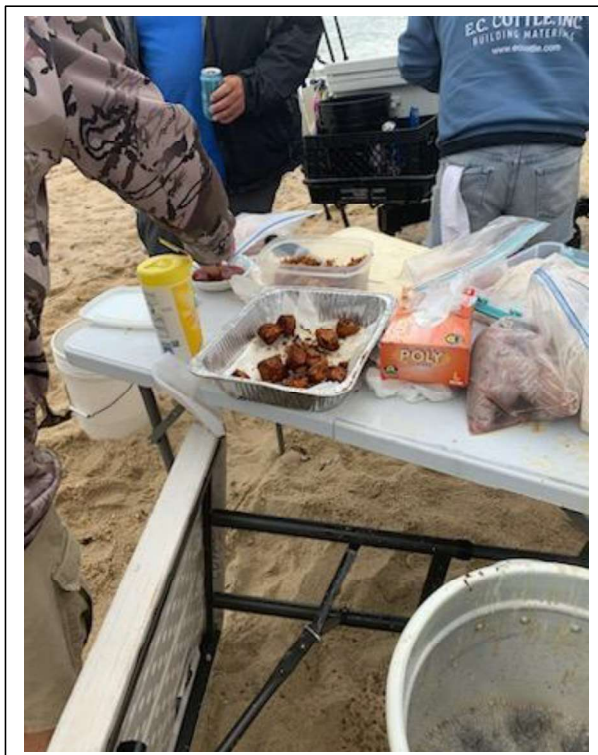


Dr. Dave won the boat raffle  
generously donate by Scot. The  
Prez and Dr. Dave had a great time  
and even caught some fish.

Thanks Scott!!!



# Father's Day Weekend Fish Fry

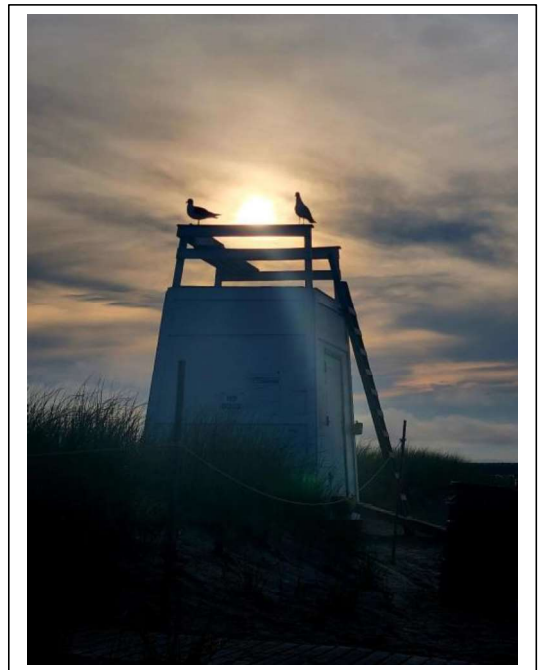


Dan Sentementes caught the first and only bluefish. Go Dan!





# Annual Club Picnic



# Annual MVSA Shark Tournament



Congratulations Julie Erwin Tummino!  
Julie landed the largest shark this year,  
measuring 57 inches.



The Prez with a nice shark. Just not big  
enough to bump Julie out of the lead.



Lucas Brewer joined in  
the fun.



Tyler Poole was spotted on the beach! So  
nice to have you back for a visit, Tyler.



Matt Brewer landed this  
guy, then was serving  
Mexican dip when the  
biggest shark of the  
weekend hit his line -- and  
someone else, not entered in  
the tournament, reeled it in.  
The dip was fabulous. 😊

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.