

Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association P.O. Box 3053 Edgartown, MA 02539 www.mvsurfcasters.org

January 2024 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters.

It's here! It's finally here!! Our Annual MVSA Banquet!!!

What are you doing next Saturday, February 3?

Answer: Going to the MVSA Annual Banquet, of course!

Our Annual Banquet will be held at The Old Whaling Church. The Banquet begins at 1

pm. Yes, you can park in the Whaling Church parking lot.

The Prez is asking all volunteers to arrive at 11:30 am to help set up.

The Prez needs 6 foot tables. If you have any, please let The Prez know and please plan

to bring them to the Whaling Church at 11:30 am.

Edgartown Parks Commissioner Andy Kelly will be our guest speaker. Andy will update us on Norton Point.

John Piekos will also update us on what is happening with MVBAG and OSV developments on Chappy.

We will be having a silent auction as well as the 50/50raffle and the prize buckets. **Bring your wallet – with cash.**

If you haven't paid your dues yet this year, plan to do so at the Banquet. It's only \$30. Cash or checks made out to: MVSA.

You'll also find the club member's Derby accomplishments in the newsletter. Thanks so much to Ron Domurat who compiles all this information for the Club.

I hope to see you at the Banquet.

Lisa



Club Meeting Notes

- 1. **February 3 is our Annual Banquet** at the Old Whaling Church in Edgartown at 1 pm. The club will provide clams, oysters (Thanks, Ralph!), and fish chowder. We'll also pick up some wings and sandwiches. No sushi or shrimp this year. See the below members food list by LAST NAME below.
- 2. Bob Yapp has gotten some donations for our auction. We need more donations for our **silent auction**. Go out and get some donations or donate your new gear. Bring them to the Banquet at noon



- Chris Edwards is going to Larry's to pick up a donation.
 Zach Magid will go to Dick's, and Kevin Seger will stop into Coop's to pick up a donation.
- 4. The Prez is asking everyone to go through your fishing gear and bring in your used tackle to the Banquet for the used tackle sale in September.
- 5. Andy Kelly from the Town of Edgartown will speak at the Banquet about Norton Point. We did not invite TTOR this year. John Piekos will give us an update from MVBAG.
- 6. The Prez and Lucas Brewer collected and dropped off about 75 Christmas trees at South Beach to help with the restoration process.
- 7. The Prez announced we are going to have another pig roast on the beach over Father's Day Weekend. More information to come. Day will depend on weather, hoping for Saturday.
- 8. March 8-10 is the Saltwater Fishing Show in Rhode Island. Lots of club members are going. If you'd like to go, please let The Prez know.
- 9. The annual club shark tournament will be in July or August when the sharks arrive. Stay tuned.
- 10. We discussed the option of offering all our meetings on Zoom. Chris Edward's is going to look into it.
- 11. Dr Dave is judging the MVRHS Science Fair again this year. He said it's tons of fun. The Club always donates a prize. If you'd like to volunteer as a judge, reach out to Dr. Dave: lama1954@yahoo.com.
- 12. Alley McConnell from MV Shellfish spoke at the meeting at Eel Grass Restoration. Eel grass is a habitat for bay scallops, bass, and flounder. Click here for more information: http://www.mvshellfishgroup.org/eelgrass-restoration
- 13. We will have donation buckets at the banquet for members to give to MVBAG and we'll have QR codes on each of the tables to make it simple to give.

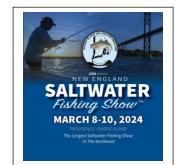


MVSA Upcoming Calendar

- 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.
- Banquet helpers Please arrive at 11:30 am bring tables and shucking knives, as well as all your donations.
- MVRHS Science Fair If you're interested in judging, please contact Dr. Dave at: <u>lama1954@yahoo.com</u>.
- 4. February 21st Edgartown Conservation Commission Meeting via Zoom at 4 pm. OSV access on Chappy is being discussed. Don't miss this meeting!
- 5. March 4th Monthly Meeting Edgartown Rod and Gun Club The pizza arrives at 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.
- March 8-10 Rhode Island Fishing Show A bunch of members are going.
 Contact The Prez if you'd like to go.
- 7. April 1st Monthly Meeting Edgartown Rod and Gun Club The pizza arrives at 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.
- May 6th Monthly Meeting Edgartown Rod and Gun Club -The pizza arrives at 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

What are you bringing to the MVSA Banquet?







- 9. Father's Day Weekend Pig Roast on the Beach More information to follow.
- 10. July 13th **MVSA Annual Beach Picnic** Bend in the Road Beach. Stay tuned for more info.

11. July/August – MVSA Annual Shark Tournament – Stay tuned for shark updates.

MVSA Member Past Derby Accomplishments

Over the years, MVSA members have distinguished themselves as outstanding anglers by winning major prizes in the prestigious Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby. It's important to recognize their accomplishments.

Karen Altieri	2015 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1 st (Grand Leader)
Ed Amaral	2007 Ray Metcalf Memorial Award, Senior Boat Striped Bass, 1st 2013 Flyrod Release Award 2016 Madison Alwardt Memorial Award, Senior Boat Bluefish, 1st 2016 All Tackle Boat Bluefish, 1st, <i>(Grand Leader, Truck Winner)</i> 2017 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame 2021 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 2 nd 2021 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Boat False Albacore, 1st 2023 Senior Boat False Albacore, 3 rd
Al Angelone (Deceased)	2001 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 2nd
Mary Ann Angelone	2014 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2017 Arnold Spofford Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bonito, 1st 2014 First Place Shore False Albacore, 1st <i>(Grand leader)</i>
Dave Balon	 2009 Shore Grand Slam, 3rd 2009 Abe Williams Memorial Award, for the first shore angler to win a Grand Slam 2017 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3rd 2019 Martha'sVineyard Surfcasters Association Sportsmanship Award
Brenda Beal	2019 Ray Metcalf Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st 2023 Ray Metcalf Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st
Lenny Beford	2009 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 2 nd 2012 Shore Team Competition, 1 st 2015 Shore Team Competition 2 nd 2015 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3 rd 2016 Shore Team Competition, 1st 2018 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 2 nd 2020 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3 rd 2022 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 3 rd
Lisa Belcastro	2020 Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Sportsmanship Award

Chip Bergeron 1984 All Tackle Shore Bass, Non Resident 1st 1991 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1st 1992 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 3rd 1995 Flyrod Shore Bass, 1st 1995 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 3rd 1995 Flyrod Shore Bonito, 3rd 1995 Flyrod Shore Grand Slam, 1st *(Derby Record)* 1997 Flyrod Shore Bass, 2nd 2004 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1st 2005 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 2nd 2010 Flyrod Shore Striped Bass, 2nd 2013 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 2nd

Bob Bottary2017 All Tackle Shore Bluefish 1st, (Grand Leader)
2019 All Tackle Shore Bluefish 1st (Grand Leader)
2023 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3rd

Lucas Brewer 2017 Shore Team Competition 3rd 2019 Shore Team Competition, 2nd 2019 Shore All Tackle Grand Slam, 3rd 2023 Shore All Tackle Triple Crown, 3rd 2023 Shore Team Competition, 1st

Matt Brewer 2023 MVSA Sportsmanship Award



Mark Campos 2009 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 2nd 2014 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 1st 2017 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1st, (*Grand Leader*) 2021 Shore Triple Crown, 2nd 2022 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1st, (*Grand Leader*)

Fran Clay 2001 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 1st

- 2012 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 2nd
 - 2012 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Boat False Albacore, 1st
 - 2012 Vintage Jewelry Award, Heaviest False Albacore caught by a senior woman
 - 2013 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame

Bob Clay	 2001 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 1st (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2005 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 3rd 2006 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3rd 2008 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Boat False Albacore, 1st 2012 Flyrod Shore Striped Bass, 1st 2013 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame 2013 Arnold Spofford Memorial Award, Senior Boat Bonito, 1st 2013 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 1st, (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2021 Robert "Huff" Langley Award 2021 Arnold Spofford Award Senior Shore Bonito, 1st 2021 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3rd 2022 Madison Alwardt Award, All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3rd
Paul Cormier	2020 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st
Jim Cornwell	 2002 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1st (Grand Leader) 2002 Brickman Award, Senior Shore Bonito 2002 Arnold Spofford Award, Senior Shore Bonito, 1st 2008 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 1st (Grand Leader) 2008 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2015 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Boat False Albacore, 1st

Jonathan Cornwell 2018 Thomas Furino Memorial Award

Cosmin Creanga 2014 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 1st (Grand Leader)

- 2014 Team Competition, Shore, 1st
- 2014 David Finkelstein Award, Shore Team Competition
- 2018 Shore Top Rod Award
- 2018 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st
- 2018 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 3rd
- 2018 Shore Team Competition, 1st
- 2018 David Finkelstein Award, Shore Team Competition
- 2019 All Tackle Shore Team Competition, 3rd
- 2019 Bob (Hawkeye) Jacobs Award, First Team to Achieve a Shore Grand Slam
- 2019 Shore Top Rod Award

Jack Creighton 2015 George H. Pye Award, Senior Non-Resident Shore Bluefish 2015 Madison Alwardt Award Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st 2020 Shore Team Competition, 3rd Joe Dart

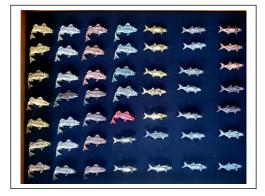
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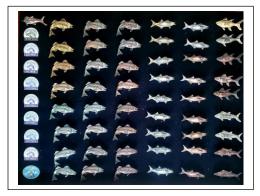
2011 Flyrod Shore Striped Bass, 2nd

- 2012 Flyrod Shore Striped Bass, 3rd
- 2016 Flyrod Shore Striped Bass, 2nd
- 2017 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 3rd
- 2022 Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 1st

Ron Domurat 1992 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1st

- 2004 Kastmaster Joe Kresky Memorial Award, Heaviest Shore Bluefish Weighed in on First Day of Derby
- 2008 Madison Alwardt Award, Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st
- 2008 Ray Metcalf Award, Senior Shore Striped Bass, 1st
- 2008 Shore Top Rod Award
- 2008 Team Competition, Shore, 1st
- 2009 Team Competition, Shore, 1st
- 2009 David Finkelstein Award, Shore Team Winner
- 2010 Shore Team Competition, 3rd
- 2011 Thomas Nessa Award, Heaviest Striped Bass Weighed in on the First Day of Derby
- 2011 Madison Alwardt Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st
- 2011 Shore Top Rod Award
- 2011 Shore Team Competition, 3rd
- 2012 Madison Alwardt Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st
- 2012 James P. Catlow Memorial Award, Heaviest Shore Bluefish Caught by an Island Resident
- 2012 Shore Top Rod Award
- 2013 Howie Leonard Memorial Award Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st
- 2017 Ray Metcalf Memorial Award, Senior Shore Striped Bass, 1st





- Frank Dougherty 1995 All Tackle Boat Striped Bass, 1st (Grand Leader) 2005 Howie Leonard Award Senior Boat False Albacore, 1st
- Cooper Fersen 2021 Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 3rd 2022 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 2nd 2023 Flyrod Shore Bonito, 3rd 2023 Flyrod Shore False Albacore,, 3rd

Cooper Gilkes	 1987 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 1st (Grand Leader and Boat Winner) 2003 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame 2009 Creek Company Fly Rod Award 2009 Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 1st 2011 Ray Metcalf Memorial Award, Senior Shore Striped Bass. 1st 2011 Cooper & Lela Gilkes, MVSA Sportsmanship Award 2012 Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 2nd 2012 Howie Leonard Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2013 All Tackle Team Competition, 2nd 2013 Arnold Spofford Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bonito, 1st 2013 Abe Williams Memorial Award, for the first shore angler to record a Grand Slam 2013 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1st, (Grand Leader)
Phil Horton	 2006 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 2nd 2006 Abe Williams Memorial Award, for the first shore angler to win a Grand Slam 2012 Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Sportsmanship Award 2014 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 2nd
Bob (Hawkeye) Jacobs <i>(Deceased)</i>	1995 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 3rd 1997 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3 rd 1998 All Tackle shore Grand Slam, 3rd 2001 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st 2001 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3rd 2001 Robert "Huff" Langley Award 2002 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1 st 2009 Shore Team Competition, 2nd
Ed Jerome <i>(Deceased)</i>	1982 Dan Hull/Ben Morton Memorial Award 1983 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st 1983 All Tackle Shore Weakfish, 3 rd 1995 Tom Nessa Award 2001 All Tackle Boat Bluefish 2 nd 2001 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame 2009 Shore Team Competition, 3rd
Peter Johnson (Deceased)	2017 MVSA Sportsmanship Award

Karen Kukolich <i>(Deceased)</i>	1986 Flyrod Boat Bluefish, 3rd 1988 Flyrod Boat Bluefish, 3 rd 1995 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 1st 1995 Pierre Aetello Award, Women,s largest False Albacore 2001 All Tackle Boat Bluefish, 1st <i>(Grand Leader)</i> 2001 Dr David Finklelstein Award, Boat Bluefish, 2001 Carol Driscoll Memorial Award, Boat Bluefish 2001 The DaRosa Award, Boat Bluefish 2001 The Musia Fly Fishing Award 2006 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 2 nd 2021 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame
Bob Lane	1993 All Tackle Shore Bass, 2nd
Ed (Bonito) Lepore (Deceased)	 1991 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 3rd 1992 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 3RD 1993 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 2nd 2003 Arnold Spofford Award, Senior Boat Bonito, 1st 2006 All Tackle Boat Grand Slam, 3rd 2006 All Tackle Top Rod Award 2008 Arnold Spofford Award, Senior Boat Bonito, 1st 2010 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 2nd 2010 Arnold Spofford Award, Senior Boat Bonito, 1st 2010 Arnold Spofford Award, Senior Boat Bonito, 1st 2011 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Boat False Albacore, 1st 2015 Roberto Germani Catch & Release Award 2015 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 2nd
Walter Lison (Deceased)	1998 George Pye Award, Senior Shore Bluefish 2004 Chamber of Commerce Award, Senior Shore Bluefish 2004 George Pye Award, Senior Shore Bluefish 2004 Madison Alwardt Award, Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st 2004 Howie Leonard Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st
Jack Livingston	 1985 Resident Shore False Albacore, 2nd 1996 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1st, (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2001 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2001 James P. Catlow, Memorial Award, shore bluefish. 2001 Dr. David Finklestein Award, shore bluefish. 2004 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st 2004 Abe Williams Memorial Award, for the first shore angler to win a Grand Slam 2015 James P. Catlow Memorial Award, Heaviest Shore Bluefish caught by am Isalnd Resident 2015 Roberto Germani Catch & Release Award, Shore False Albacore 2015 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 2nd

- 2014 Kayak Challenge False Albacore, 1st Place Zachary Magid 2015 Kayak Challenge False Albacore, 1st Place (Kayak Winner) 2017 Shore Flyrod Division, Bluefish, 1st Place 2021 Shore Team Competition, 1st 2021 Shore Triple Crown, 1st 2021 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st (Grand Leader,) (Grand Prize Winner) 2022 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 2nd Keith McArt 2003 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st 2003 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3rd 2004 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 1st (Grand Leader) 2005 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 2nd 2008 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st 2008 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass. 2nd 2008 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 2nd 2008 Abe Williams Memorial Award, Shore Grand Slam 2008 Shore Team Competition, 1st 2009 Shore Team Competition, 1st 2009 David Finklestein Award, Shore Team Competition 2009 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 1st, (Grand Leader) 2010 Shore Team Competition, 3rd 2011 Shore Team Competition, 3rd 2014 Abe Williams Memorial Award, Shore Grand Slam 2014 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 2nd **Ron McKee** 1997 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 2nd 1999 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3rd
 - 1999 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st
 - 2002 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 3rd
 - 2007 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 2nd
 - 2009 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 2nd
 - 2009 Shore Team Competition, 2nd
 - 2018 Roberto Germani Catch & Release Award, Striped Bass



Janet Messineo	 1984 All Tackle Shore Resident Bass, 2nd. 1984 The Thomas Goode Special Memorial Award 1985 All Tackle Resident False Albacore, 1st 1985 All Tackle Resident Bonito, 1st 1987 & 1988 CB Stark Award, woman's heaviest shore fish. 1991 CB Stark Award, woman's heaviest shore false albacore 1996, 98, 99, 00, 01 Carol Driscoll Award, woman's heaviest shore bluefish 1998 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam 2nd 1998 Sunglasses USA Award, woman's heaviest shore striped bass. 1998 Sunglasses USA Award, woman's heaviest shore bluefish. 2005 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame 2009 Shore Team Competition, 3rd 2015 Senior Grand Leader, Ray Metcalf Memorial Award, Shore Striped Bass
Frank O'Rourke	1985 Non Resident Shore Bluefish, 1st 2003 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1st 2016 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2016 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 2nd
Patrick Paquette	2003 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 2nd 2016 Roberto Germani Flyrod Catch & Release Award
Ralph Peckham	 1999 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3rd 2008 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st 2009 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3rd 2011 Shore Team Competition, 2nd 2013 James P. Catlow Award, largest Shore Bluefish Caught by a Island Resident 2013 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st. (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2022 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 2nd 2022 Shore Team Competition, 2nd
Kathi Pogoda	2005 Shore False Albacore, 2nd 2010 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2011 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2011 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3 rd 2012 Arnold Spofford Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bonito, 1st 2017 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2021 Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Senior Shore False Albacore, 1st 2021 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 1 st (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2023 Senior Shore Bonito, 3rd
Tyler Poole	2021 Shore Team Competition, 1 st 2021 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 2nd

Jeff Sayre	1996 Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 1st 2001 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1 st
Don Scarpone	 2014 Team Competition, Shore, 1st 2014 David Finkelstein Award, Shore Team Winner 2016 Roberto Germani Catch & Release All Tackle Catch & Release 2018 Shore Team Competition, 1st 2018 David Finklestein Award, Shore Team Winner 2018 Robert 'Huff' Langley Award 2018 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3rd 2019 Shore Team Competition, 3rd 2019 Bob (Hawkeye) Jacobs Award, First Team to Achieve a Shore Grand Slam
Paul Schultz	1984 Sportsman Award 1995 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st 1999 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st <i>(Grand Leader)</i> 2023 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame
Kevin Seger	2022 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3rd
Peter Sliwkowski	2009 Shore Top Rod Award 2010 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3 rd 2013 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 2 nd .
Gavin Smith	All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1 st , <i>(Grand Leader)</i>
Jared Stobie	2008 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1 st <i>(Grand Leader)</i> 2912 All tackle Shore Grand Slam, 2nd 2020 Flyrod Shore Bonito, 2 nd 2023 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1st
Lois Kelly Stout (Deceased)	2005 Ray Metcalf Award Senior Boat Striped Bass, 1st
Steve Tirrell	2021 Madison Alwardt Award, Senior Shore Bluefish, 1st 2023 Senior Shore Bluefish, 3rd
Jim Wareing <i>(Deceased)</i>	2014 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1 st 2014 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 3 rd 2014 Shore Team Competition. 2nd 2014 Robert "Huff" Langley Award 2015 MVSA Sportsmanship Award 2017 Catch & Release Photo Contest Winner
Mark Wrabel	2016 MVSA Sportsmanship Award
Richard Wood	2021 Madison Alwardt Award, Senior Boat Bluefish, 1st 2021 All Tackle Boat Bluefish, 1 st , <i>(Grand Leader)</i>
Paul Yagid	All Tackle Shore Bonito, 2nd

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 <u>email</u> to Dave Balon at: <u>WeighSlip@mvsurfcasters.org</u>. 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 <u>www.mvsurfcasters.org</u> (Then go to the Club tab, 2018 In-House Derby) The Official Weigh-In Slip link is under the MVSA Derby Info section.