



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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December 2018 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

I hope everyone is enjoying this festive holiday season! Can you believe 2018 is almost over and we'll soon be ringing in 2019? Anyone else counting the days till spring fishing?

Thank you to everyone who made our first MVSA Christmas party a huge success. Much laughter, food, and fun was had by all. Santa stopped by, and all the good boys and girls received a voucher for a 30-pounder or larger Striped Bass to be caught in 2019. Just kidding! Though we did have fun with the Yankee Swap.

At our December meeting, **Karen Kukolich gave an incredible knot-tying demonstration**. Karen showed us a double uni knot, a Bimini Twist, a Spider Hitch, a Double Surgeon, a Berkley Trilene knot, a Perfection Loop knot, a Huffnagel Loop knot, and an Albright knot.

We could easily have Karen back for another session with all of us practicing our tying skills. The session was fantastic! Thank you, Karen. ☺

Our next monthly meeting is Monday, January 7. Emma Green-Beach from **MV Shellfish** will be speaking about our Island shellfish. You don't want to miss her talk! We will also be making **soldier bracelets** to send with our care packages overseas. Be there!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all,

Lisa



Club Meeting News and Notes

1. The MVSA Annual Banquet is January 26 at 1 PM at the Old Whaling Church in Edgartown. Don is asking for help **shucking the oysters at 11:30 am.**

2. If you have any **6-foot tables**, please let Don know. The more tables we have, the fewer we have to rent.

3. Kathi Pogoda announced that anyone who has a **lightly used rod or reel** in good condition can donate them to our banquet raffle. The monies raised will also go toward the MVRHS scholarships for 2019.

4. This will be Kathi's last year as **raffle chair**. If you'd be willing to take over, please let Kathi or Don know.

5. Paula Sullivan will be organizing and orchestrating the food and kitchen the day of the banquet. This is **Paula's 15th year**, and also her final year. Please consider stepping up to fulfill this role. I'm sure Paula will fill you in on what to do.

6. The **In-House Derby** is over. Cosmo won and Ralph came in second. We'll have prizes and full results at the Banquet.

7. The **photo contest** ended on December 8. Don sent all the pictures entered to the judges. Winners will be announced at the Banquet.

8. If you're looking for **last-minute Christmas presents** or hostess gifts, President Don still has MVSA tote bags, t-shirts and long sleeve shirts. Give him a call for sizes and to purchase these awesome presents.

9. President Don priced out **sweatshirts**. A standard hoodie sweatshirt would cost \$30. A fleece jacket would cost \$40. We'll need to order 72 items, which can be mixed and matched. We'll discuss again at the January meeting. If you're interested in a sweatshirt or fleece, please let President Don know.



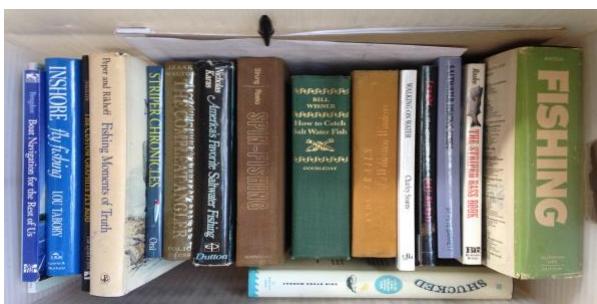
10. We need lots of fishing gear for **our Used Tackle Sale** on Memorial Day Weekend. Bring your donations to the monthly meeetings or the Banquet.

11. The annual **Cuttyhunk fishing trip** will be June 17-20. The cost is \$425 for the three nights, a club golf cart, all food, and ferry to the Island. If you're interested in going, please let President Don know.

12. The 14th Island Cup Fishing Contest against the Nantucket Anglers' Club will be on Martha's Vineyrd on June 21, 22, & 23, **the weekend after Father's Day!**

13. Dr. Dave has our club **books and movies**. If you're interested in borrowing a book or movie, please email Dr. Dave at:

lama1954@yahoo.com



14. We talked about participating in the local parades. We'll discuss this further at upcoming meetings.

15. The tackle shops – Coop's, Dick's, and Larry's – Don will be asking them to chip in with our \$250 donations to help children in need with fishing gear purchases.

16. Bob Lane is organizing the **military care packages** again. He's also making bracelets for the service men and women. If anyone is interested in helping with bracelets, please let Bob know or come to our January meeting. **Bring items to donate for our troops to the next meeting.**



Christmas Party





MVSA Angler of the Year Standings

As of December 15

1. Cosmo Creanga	16 points
2. Ralph Peckham	15
3. John Piekos	10
4. Dave Kolb	6
5. Phil Horton	6
6. Pete Sliwkowski	6
7. Don Scarpone	6
8. Dave Nash	6
9. Jonathan Cornwell	5
10. Tony Rezendes	5
11. Brad Holly	5
12. Kathi Pogoda	5
13. Leah Wareing	5
14. Cody Creanga	4
15. Dave Balon	4
16. Ed Amaral	4
17. Jim Cornwell	3
18. Peter Johnson	3
19. Jason Patterson	1



John Piekos with one of his shore Bonitos.



Cosmo's leading Albie

Calendar of Events

January 7 -- Monthly Meeting – 7 PM

We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30. **Emma Green-Beach from M.V. Shellfish** will be with us, speaking on the Island's shellfish. Don't miss it!!



January 26 -- MVSA Annual Banquet – 1 PM

Old Whaling Church, Edgartown



March 4 -- Monthly Meeting – 7 PM

We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.



April 1 -- Monthly Meeting – 7 PM

We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.

May 6 -- Monthly Meeting – 7 PM

We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.

June 17-20 – Annual Cuttyhunk Fishing Trip

June 21-23 -- The 14th Island Cup Fishing Contest against the Nantucket Anglers' Club

July 13 -- The MVSA “Fourth of July” Picnic at Bend In The Road Beach

Don't miss the Banquet as we celebrate club members' successes and the joy of fishing. Kathi at last year's Banquet. ☺

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.