



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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December 2020 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

Here we are, the last month of 2020, and what a year it's been. I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and found lots to be grateful for.

Our club is about to join the rest of the world and venture into the world of Zoom meetings. If we can't gather in person, let's meet together online. ring your pizza, beer, or candy canes, and sign in on Monday, December 7, to stay connected with your fishing buddies.

While our activities have been limited, we still have a bit of news to share. Our club members had some great successes during the 75th Martha's Vineyard Bass and Bluefish Derby. Check out the results compiled by Ron Domurat. Congratulations to all!

Personally, I had a ton of fun during this year's Derby, but the best day I had was a charter with Ken Bebee and Dave Balon. Ken has been fishing in the Derby for around 30 years, but he'd never weighed in a fish before. Dave and I had the sheer pleasure of watching Ken land his first weighable fish – the beautiful bluefish in the photo. Look at Ken's beaming smile! Congratulations Ken (and Laura)!

I hope to see you Monday on our Zoom meeting.
Wishing each of you a wonderful holiiday seaond!

Lisa



2020 MVSA Member Derby Accomplishments

Overall Division Leaders

- Steph Pond – Flyrod Triple Crown, 1st
- Steph Pond – Flyrod Shore Bonito, 1st
- Steph Pond – Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 2nd
- Jack Creighton – All Tackle Shore Team Competition, 3rd (Salties)



Stef Pond with the first two of his Triple Crown – all caught in one day. Go, Stef!!

Senior Grand Leader

Paul Cormier – Howie Leonard Memorial Award – Shore False Albacore



Paul fished hard, and then landed this beautiful Albie on the last day. Way to go, Paul!

Special Awards

- Steph Pond- Roberto Germani Catch & Release Award , Shore False Albacore
- Lisa Belcastro – Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Sportsmanship Award

Triple Crown Winners

Ralph Peckham
Jason Patterson
Steph Pond
Ron McKee
Chuck Wendel
Ivo Kipre



Newest club member Ivo Kipre proudly displaying the bonito that scored him a Triple Crown.



Stef and his blue, third fish in one day for a seven-hour Triple Crown. WOWZA!

Hat Trick

Bob Bottary, Bluefish

Weekly Awards

Two-Cooper Gilkes, Paul Cormier, Steph Pond
One – Paula Sullivan, Dave Nash, Ron Domurat

Daily Awards

Four – Bob Bottary
Three – Ralph Peckham, Steph Pond
Two – Pat Paquette, John Piekos, Ron Domurat
One – Cooper Gilkes, Ivo Kipre, Jack Creighton, Chuck Wendel, Jason Patterson, Don Scarpone, Zach Magid, Jonathan Herman, Melissa Sliwkowski, Peter Sliwkowski, Dave Nash, Paul Cormier, Janet Messineo



Always great to see Coop on the beach, especially when he's winning awards!

Let's Zoom!

Due to COVID, our monthly meetings and the January "banquet" will be held virtually on Zoom. Zoom is *very easy to use*; please don't be intimidated by the technology.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: ZOOM!

Our first meeting of the year will be held via Zoom on Monday December 7 at 7pm. The monthly meetings on Zoom will generally include a speaker, the usual old and new business, and a chance to see your old buddies. And, we're going to have a **\$50 tackle shop giveaway** at each meeting, but you must be "on" the Zoom when we draw names.

The meetings will generally be the first Monday of the month (except January, when we have the "banquet"-see below) at 7 pm, and you will receive a Zoom invitation in advance by email. Don't worry - At the beginning of each meeting, a brief "how to" about Zoom meetings will be reviewed.

Please attend and continue our club's long tradition.

Here's the link for Monday, December 7:

Lisa Belcastro is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MVSA Monthly Meeting

Time: Dec 7, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82663307022?pwd=R3A3c2NXenQ0WGVkQ2Z4Zk02TGtKZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6330 7022

Passcode: 271035

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Annual Club Banquet

The "Banquet" will be held by Zoom Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 1 pm. You will receive an invitation by email. The banquet will include:

1. New & old business
2. Treasurer's Report
3. [Election of officers \(see below\)](#)
4. Announcement of in-house derby winners
5. A moment of silence for our treasured members who have passed away in the last year
6. [In-house photo contest \(see below\)](#)
7. Announcement of our newly created Fishermen's Hall of Fame celebrants
8. News from the beach: TTOR
9. There will be no raffle this year. In lieu of a raffle, we'll have two \$100 giveaways!

To do ZOOM – Dr. Dave's "professional" advice:

1. Any time now, copy and paste this into your browser address: <https://zoom.us/download>
2. Click on "ZOOM CLIENT FOR MEETINGS: DOWNLOAD"
3. Near to the time of the meeting, you will receive an invitation by email
4. Some helpful hints (non-essential, but they will help):
 - your experience will be more satisfying if you can download and use Zoom on your *computer* instead of your smart phone, although either can be used
 - try to have a quiet background without radios, TVs, barking dogs, wind, singing kids or crying spouses
 - try to have a light source *in front* of you (it's best if it's in front and above, not behind you)
 - if you can, have the computer camera or phone camera at or slightly above the level of your face. If you put it flat or propped on a table, we'll see your multiple chins, upper fillings, or, as is the case with Bob Beal and myself, only the beards. It's not a flattering angle, at least not for me. Remember, these are not clothing optional events.
4. *If you have any problems setting up or downloading ZOOM, please contact:*
Treasurer Phil Horton

Nominations for 2021 MVSA officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer:

If you wish to be considered for office, please submit your name by email to Prez Don before Friday Jan 15, 2021. If you have any questions regarding what the position entails, the current holder of the position will be glad to fill you in. Election of officers will occur at the January "banquet."

President	Don Scarpone
Vice president	Lisa Belcastro
Treasurer	Phil Horton
Secretary	Dave Kolb

In-house photo contest:

Any active club member can enter by sending their original digital photographs from 2020 to: Lisa Belcastro at: mom1runner@aol.com. The photos should not be just be of fish. Scenic or interesting beach views, nature, etc will all be considered. Photos will be judged and selected by all the members on the Banquet Zoom. Everyone will be unaware of the photographer's name when judging. Photos must be received by Friday January 15, 2021. The prize will be an enlarged framed copy of your photograph (thanks, once again, to the Prez).

And finally, as you all know, there is a substantial COVID spike here on the Island, so even though we're tired of them, all the rules of the past are even more important now. We want to see you back on the beach in the Spring:

Distance---Wash---Mask !!

Thank you from William, the young boy we purchased a new tackle box for after his was lost/stolen.



dear MV surfcasters Thanks for the
box of lures its people like you that make
us come back every year for derby

From William

Thank you!

To all of the Surfcasters,

Thank you! I was, and still am, overwhelmed to receive the Sportsmanship Award. It's a joy to be a member of our club and fish alongside so many of you throughout the year. While I was able to fish with lots of kids this year, so many of you were kind enough to help out, offering encouraging words or gifting the boys and girls with fishing tackle. It was a Derby I will always treasure!



On a side note: special thanks to Paula, Dave, and Phil – three of the sneakiest and best people around! They somehow managed to get me to the Awards ceremony (white lies) and completely surprised me. Needless to say, all I did was cry tears of happiness.

Club Website

Don't forget, we have an awesome MVSA club website. Dave Balon ensures that we are up to date with all the club going-ons. Check it out: <http://www.mvsurfcasters.org>

2021 Club Dues

Many of the club members pay their annual dues (\$30) at the banquet in January. In the absence of a banquet this year please reminder to mail your 2021 dues to the club USPS address

MVSA
PO Box 3053
Edgartown, MA 02539

Your dues help fund the club's activities throughout the year. All of our winter in person activities have been cancelled, but with luck we will be able to get together outdoors for club gatherings when the warmer weather returns - and some progress is made on the covid crisis. Your 2021 dues are important because the club will not be able to do our usual banquet fundraising. The 2021 scholarships are already funded due to the incredibly successful tackle sale held this past fall. Thanks again to Don, and all the folks who donated tackle and worked the sale.

Angler of the Year Standings as of 12/1/2020

1. Zach Magid 16 Points
2. Ralph Peckham 15 Points
3. Paul Cormier 10 Points
4. Bob Bottary 8 Points
5. Dave Nash 7 Points
6. Jim Cornwell 6 Points
7. John Piekos 6 Points
8. Tyler Poole 5 Points
9. Don Scarpone 5 Points
10. Ron McKee 5 Points
11. Dave Kolb 3 Points
12. Steph Pond 1 Point



Zach and his rather impressive Blue!

Monthly Pin Winners

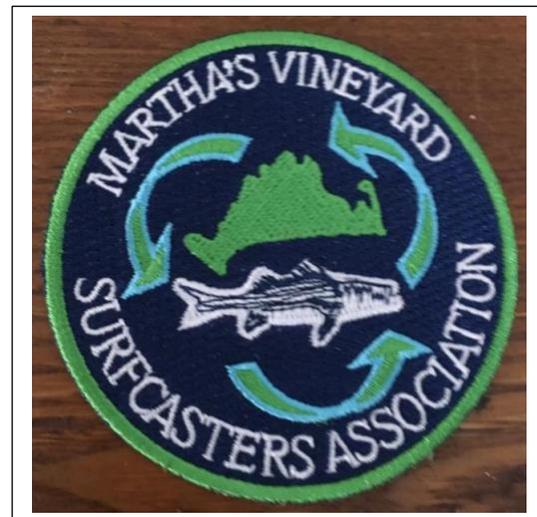
Bob Bottary, Bluefish, 9.00 lbs.

Ron McKee, Bonito, 5.01 lbs.

Paul Cormier, False Albacore, 10.11 lbs.

If you're interested in our MVSA iron-on logo Patches, please contact The Prez.

Great Christmas Presents!!



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.

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.