



## Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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### June 2018 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

Are you out there fishing as much as you can? What are you catching? Send us your pictures so we can post them in our newsletter. ☺ Dr. Dave sure looks happy with his catch! Thanks Ron for the photo.

We've got a lot of news and happenings in this issue. If you can't read it all at once, scroll through while you're on the beach waiting for the fish to show up.

First off, a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the MVSA Annual Used Tackle Sale to benefit our scholarship fund. We raised \$3,000! A thousand more than last year. Go Surfcasters!!!

### **Don't forget: MVSA Annual Picnic**

When: Saturday, July 14

Where: Bend In The Road Beach

Time: 4:30 PM

Who: Members and their guests

What to bring: a salad or dessert



# Bob “Hawkeye” Jacobs Memorial Weekend Derby

Congratulations to all the MVSA members who participated in the Hawkeye Derby, who weighed in fish, and those lucky few who made it into the top two or three.

## Shore Bass

1. Pat Toomey, 39.8
2. Paul Cormier, 11.4

## Boat Bass

1. Wally Tomkins, 23.5
2. Keith Olsen, 18.0
3. Mike Tomkins, 14.0

## Shore Blue

1. Jonathan Cornwell, 9.6
2. Ralph Peckham, 8.4
3. Jim Cornwell, 6.8

## Boat Blue

1. Mike Tomkins, 8.1
2. Trevor Maciel, 7.8
3. Wally Tomkins, 5.3

## Largest Sea Bass

Mitchell Pachico, 5.5



A great father/son weekend for Jonathan and Jim Cornwell, taking first and third in the Hawkeye Derby.

# Island Cup

Victor Colantonio posted a report of this year's Island Cup:

Perfect weather, ideal water temps and calm surf musta worked against us. This year's contest got down to the last maddening hour with MVSA leading by a dozen pounds. Nine teams of 2 anglers each started arriving at Low Beach 'Sconset around 9 am Sunday morning after an all-nighter in the surf under moonless yet pristine Milky Way lit sky.

Fishing was generally slow and unpredictable. Each team, to this point, had bass on the board in the 10-14 pound range. It became obvious, under sun-drenched morning skies, that bluefish would be the target of the last



Victor Colantonio hands the Island Cup over to Scott Whitlock.

McCarty - try as they might - ended up empty handed.

At the end of 45 minutes, NAC put 46.7 pounds of bluefish to the scales. Prior to that MVSA was leading the contest by 12 pounds, but we ended up losing the Island Cup by 35 pounds.

few hours. Up to then, only 3 or 4 rat blues were caught by the 35 anglers comprising both teams. That is except for Steph Pond's 7.15-pound blue leading both teams in the fish kitty.

On Low Beach at 10:30 a flotilla of 20-40 tons of horsehead seals drifted by the gathered anglers.

Soon after, Peter Sliwkowski hooked up and dropped it.

Denny Dias hooked up and beached it. Slick hooked up again and lost it. Bob Bechtold hooked up and landed it. NAC's

David Small didn't loose his and neither did Raf Osana or

Rich D'Ateuil. Joey Huang hooked up but lost his fish to a

thieving seal. Victor, Bob Lane, Dj Muller, Ned Bean, Brian

**Largest bass:** NAC Kurt Wiggin 14.15 pounds

- won \$300.

**Largest blue:** NAC Bob Bechtold 10.7 pounds

- won \$300.

Peter Johnson, owner of Roberts Lures, donated lures for a spontaneous raffle. The lures brought in \$150, which was split for further, equal, donations to the NAC and MVSA scholarship funds.

We are all looking forward to the 2019 contest on the Vineyard. MVSA is down in the matches 6 to 4.

For next year, Ron McKee reminds me that Hawkeye's house has available beds if Vineyard anglers want to fish the Island Cup but are unable to host a Nantucket angler with a bed.

The 2018 MVSA team was Victor Colantonio, Janet Messineo, Jim and Jonathan Cornwell, Suzanne and Steph Pond, Jim Mullen, Jim Fraser, Peter Sliwkowski, Peter Johnson, DJ Muller, Mark Jolliffe, Bob Lane, Ned Been and Brian McCarty.

**A shout of thanks to Victor for once again organizing this awesome event!!**

## And on THE Island . . .

While some Surfcasters were fishing on Nantucket, others were celebrating Father's Day on the beach with Don's famous ribs.



## MVSA 2018 Scholarship Recipients



Shannon Levesque and Curtis Fisher won our \$2,000 MVSA Scholarships this year. Shannon intends to major in Maritime Studies and Emergency Management at Mass Maritime Academy. Curtis plans to study Environmental Science and Computer Engineering at Northeastern University.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the MVSA Used Tackle Sale and who purchased items!

## MVSA 2018 Used Tackle Sale

Did I mention how awesome the MVSA Used Tackle Sale was?

**\$3,000!!!**

President Don thanks everyone who donated, volunteered, and collected items. You all are AWESOME!!



# Angler of the Year

The 2018 season has begun, and we have our first leaders for our in-house Angler of the Year award. As of May 31:

1. Jonathan Cornwell 5
2. Jim Cornwell Sr. 3
3. Ed Amaral 1

*(Members receive five points for a monthly first place fish, three for second and one for third)*



## 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](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.

## Don't Forget

1. The **MVSA** reusable shopping bags are in! Did I already mention that? LOL They cost \$15 each. Call President Don to purchase yours.



2. **The photo contest** is now open. Email Don your pictures – NO fish/catch pictures. Get creative – sunsets with fishing rods, beach scenes with our beach buggies, you get the idea. Don will submit the photos anonymously to our three judges: Barbara Domurat, Kathi Pogoda, and Michelle Scarpone. The winning picture will be framed. And, we might do a calendar. Let's get those photos in.

Email pictures to: [Donaldscarpone@yahoo.com](mailto:Donaldscarpone@yahoo.com)

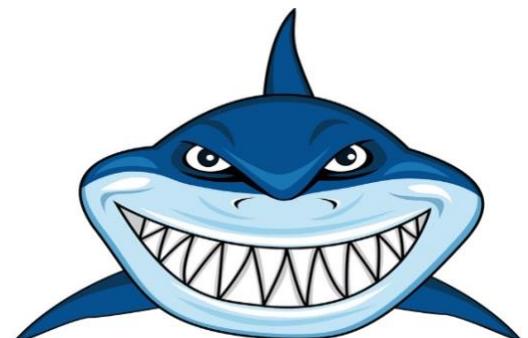
3. We have a **MVSA Facebook Page**. It is private, for group notices. If you'd like to join the group, please send President Don an email, letting Don know you want to be in the club's FB group, and then send a friend request via FB and he will add you.



## Calendar of Events

July 14      Annual Beach Picnic – Saturday, 4:30 PM,  
Bend in the Road Beach, Bring a salad or  
dessert. MVSA supplies BBQ ☺

August 8-12    Shark Tournament – More details to follow



## Access to Long Point-

Once again, The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) have generously and graciously agreed to make Long Point Reservation available exclusively to MVSA members for fishing.

Beginning June 18 entrance to the property, which is normally closed to the public during the summer months, can be accessed by calling President Don Scarpone (203-240-0730) to obtain a code which can be used to open the lockbox pictured below. The key inside will open the lock on the chain. (The code will be changed monthly). Once inside the property entrance, the chain must be replaced and the key returned to the lock box. Upon leaving the property the procedure must be repeated as it is extremely important that the chain remains across the entrance and the key in the lock box for use by emergency vehicles if required. The property will re-open to the general public on or about September 8.

A few commonsense rules must be followed.

Time of use is limited to an hour before sunset to an hour after sunrise.

The lock box code is not to be shared with non-members.

Use is limited to one MVSA member and two guests and limited to fishing or shell fishing.

Member will use the property at their own risk and TTOR will not be held liable for injuries or accidents that occur while on the property.

Commercially guided fishing trips are not allowed.

Fires are not permitted.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

Parking is only permitted in the visitor's center parking lot.

The house on the property is occupied for the summer and members are requested to respect the occupants and keep the area quiet when entering or leaving.

Trash and/or unused bait should be removed and not discarded on the property.

**We are privileged and very fortunate to have summer access to this property and grateful to the Trustees for granting it. Please respect and follow all the rules. Thank you!**

