



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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March 2020 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

I hope and pray this newsletter finds each of you and your family members safe, health, and finding peace in this time of COVID 19.

In case you have any doubts, the April Surfcasters meetings is **anceled**.

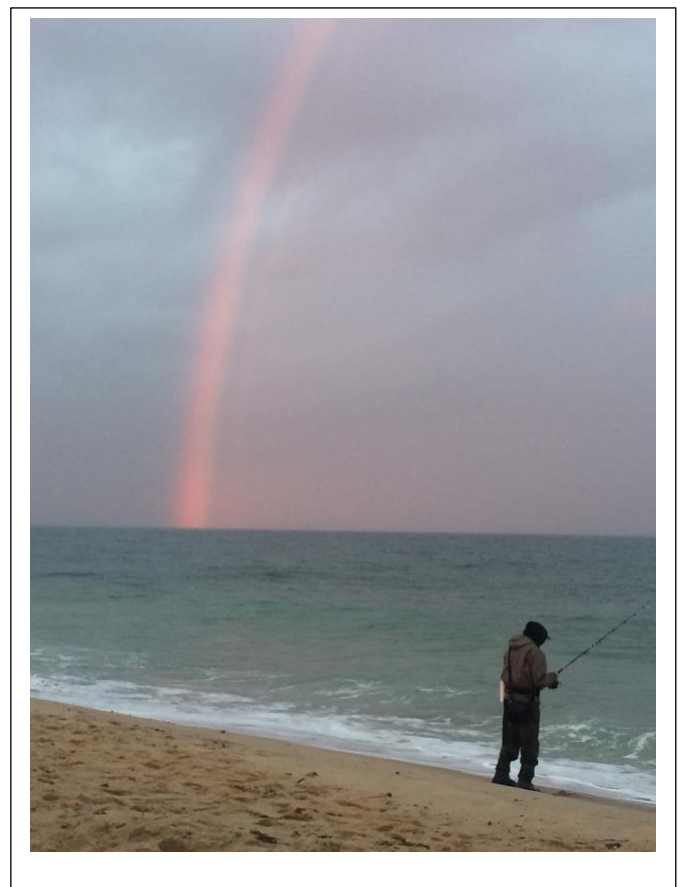
Victor Coltantonio sent me this awesome picture of Jim Mullen fishing at Wasque last June during the Island Cup. If you're like me, any reminders of warm days spent fishing are a welcome sight!

One of our members, or their guest, left a pair of gloves behind at the Banquet in January. Anyone know who these belong to? Let The Prez know.



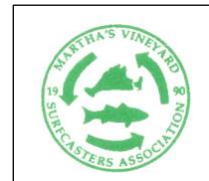
Hope to see you all at the Rod and Gun Club in May!!!

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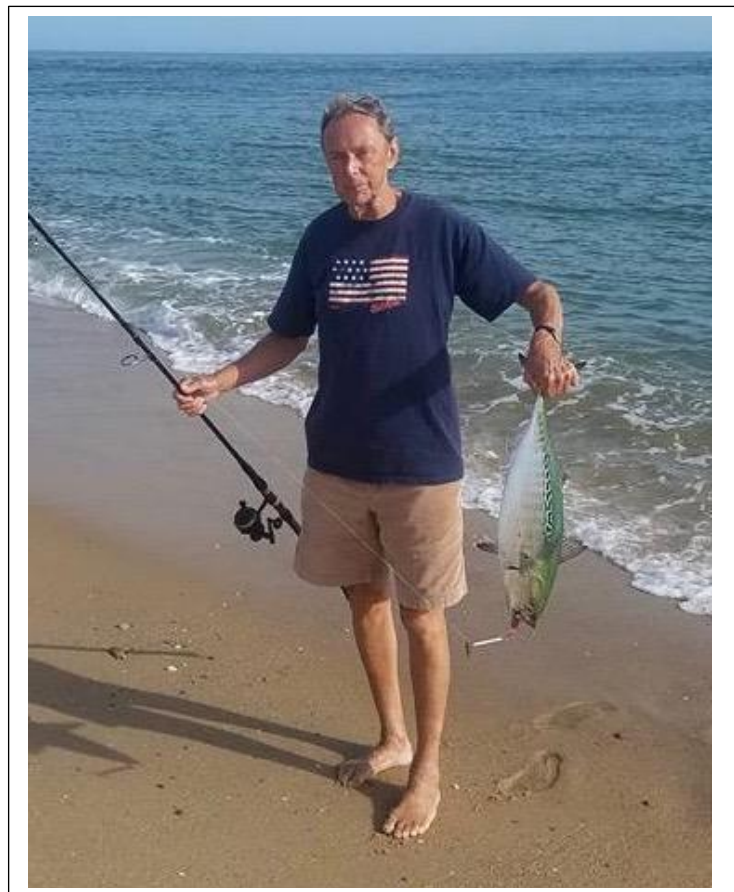


March Meeting: What You Missed

1. We welcomed **two new members** at the March meeting: Kevin Nydam and Tyler Poole.
2. **Big news** – we had a lot of discussion on the pros and cons of including a Catch and Release Striped Bass division in our In-House Derby. After much debating, we voted: **NO Striped Bass in 2020**.
3. The Prez thanked everyone for a **great banquet**. The food was great. The volunteers were awesome. We had between 100-120 people. We raised \$261 more than last year.
4. **Dave Willis** noted that there are changes we can make next year to improve the raffle, though it was a success this year.
5. We had 118 paid members last year. As of March 5 we had **78 paid members**.
6. Dave Willis **thanked all the people** who gathered donations for our annual banquet auction.
7. New for 2020 – **Electronic Scales must** be used when weighing fish for the In-house Derby.
8. **Bring your scale** to the next meeting and Ralph will check it for accuracy.
9. We hope to be going back to **Cuttyhunk** June 8-11, Monday - Thursday Ten (10) people can go. Sign up ASAP. Cost is \$450, which includes everything plus an awesome great time!
10. The **Island Cup** is on Nantucket this year. We're going June 12-14. Sign up now with Victor so we can kick some Whaler butt!!
11. The Prez is asking all club members **for ideas on monthly speakers**. Who would you like to hear from?
12. May meeting – **Ron McKee** will be our guest speaker. Ron will explain how to make a lure from start to finish. We voted to pay for Ron's ferry ticket.
13. The Prez ordered our 3-inch iron-on **MVSA Logo patches**.
14. Edgartown Pizza did not donate to our raffle this year, so we are now getting our **pizzas at Rocco's** in Vineyard Haven.
15. **Earth Day is Saturday, April 18**. At this point we have no idea if we'll be able to do beach clean up. Stay tuned.
16. When the fish arrive and we're out of quarantine, The Prez is going to host a **Make-Your-Own Lure Fishing Contest**. Hey, another project we can work on while we're at home. 😊
17. Our **Annual Used Tackle Fishing Tag Sale** is still on for Memorial Day weekend. The Prez wants more gear. Will we're on home shelter, why not gather some gear together to donate in May.
18. We will advertise the Tag Sale in the **calendar section** of both newspapers.



19. **The Trustees** have **closed all their properties**. And we thought the plovers were a nuisance!
20. **Father's Day** Weekend – Picnic/BBQ on the beach. We voted to buy some fish to grill too.
21. **July 11** will be our Annual "July 4th" picnic at Bend in the Road Beach. Mark your calendars. Pray Corona is gone long before July!!!
22. Our friend Peter Johnson is battling cancer. He's in great spirits. Please give him a call when you have 10 minutes. Peter's phone number: (703) 628-4020



Calendar of Events

April 18 – Earth Day Beach Clean Up

May 4 - Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.



May 23 – MVSA Used Tackle Sale – MVRHS – More info to follow

June 8-11 – Annual Cuttyhunk Fishing Trip

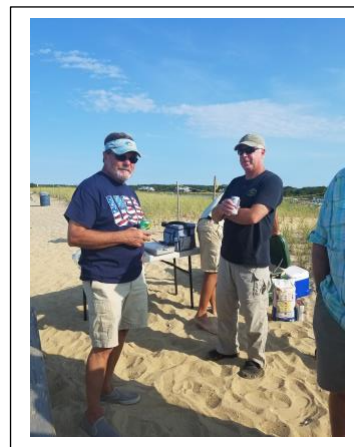
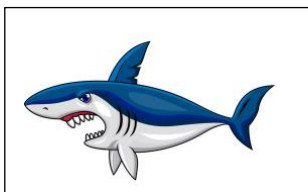
June 12-14 -- The **15th Island Cup** Fishing Contest against the Nantucket Anglers' Club on Nantucket



June 20 or 21 – Father's Day Weekend Beach Picnic

July 11 – Annual Club Beach Picnic at Bend in the Road Beach

August - Annual Shark Tournament



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 (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 . 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.