



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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November 2019 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

Anyone else miss fishing as much as I do? I can't believe another season of fishing has come and gone!

It was great to get together at our first fall meeting and talk about the Derby and summer fishing and who's still out there now landing stripers.

It's been awhile since our last newsletter, and there's lots to catch up on as well as Derby results, and upcoming Club events.

Our 2nd Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 15 at 2 PM at my home in Vineyard Haven. It's potluck, and Dr Dave will be sending out a food sign-up soon.

Last year we had a blast with the Yankee Gift Swap so we're doing it again. Brenda already has her gifts purchased and wrapped. I confess, I do too. This gifts can be fun, serious, fishing-related, or have nothing to do with fishing. Don't spend more than \$15.00. The club will supply water and soda, but you need to bring your own booze. And, I've heard that Santa will stopping by to see if we've been naughty or nice. Don't forget our photo contest is still open! Email your favorite picture(s) to the Prez at:

donaldscarpone@yahoo.com

Our **next monthly meeting** is Monday, December 2.

Bring a fishing "secret" or great idea to share with the group. Hint:

The Prez simplified my life when he suggested I mark my rods with the required Derby lengths so I didn't have to take out my tape measure for every fish I caught. Pure genius! We've all got great ideas, tricks of the trade, shortcuts, and great advice we can share with each other. Start thinking now what you can share with the group at our next meeting.

Hope to see you there! Lisa



Club Meeting: What You Missed

1. Our **Annual Banquet** is January 25. Dave Willis is the new Raffle Chair. Thanks, Dave!
2. Our monthly meetings will be held on **Monday nights** at 7 pm at the Rod and Gun Club: December 2, January 6, March 2, April 6, and May 4. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.
3. There is **NO February meeting**. The Banquet takes the place of the February meeting.
4. We discussed ways to expedite the raffle. Should we have one raffle and people then pick an item? Have fewer raffle items and buckets to draw from? Have more people to hand out prizes? We're going to discuss it more and vote at the December meeting.
5. President Don still has some **t-shirts**, long sleeve shirts, and tote bags. He won't be lugging them to anymore meetings, so let him know if you want something.
6. Our **annual Christmas Party** is Sunday, December 15 at 2 pm at Lisa's house. Bring a dish to share. Bring a gift for the Yankee swap. Santa is rumored to be making an appearance. 😊
7. We had a lot of discussion about the Windmill House and how we can work with the new owner to protect the property. Suggestions were made to buy and install a snow a fence and also to purchase and buy much needed beach grass. President Don is going to look into costs.
8. Bob Lane is collecting items for our **military care package** again. Please bring stuff to the December meeting. Check here for good items: <https://www.veteransunited.com/network/what-deployed-troops-really-want-in-their-care-packages/>
9. We will be going back to **Cuttyhunk** this year. Ten (10) people can go. Sign up ASAP.
10. We discussed our **scholarship** criteria and we'll review and vote at the December meeting.
11. We need lots of fishing gear – plugs, lures, weights, -- for **our Used Tackle Sale** on Memorial Day Weekend. Bring your donations to the monthly meetings. Only 25% of our members donate, so go through your gear and bring some items to the coming meetings!
12. President Don is going to look into getting **MVSA Logo patches**.
13. We voted to give the **MV Shellfish** Group a \$250 donation.

MVSA Angler of Year Standings

As of November 8, 2019

1. Cosmo Creanga 33 points
2. Cody Creanga 13 points
3. Dave Nash 10 points
4. Ralph Peckham 8 points
5. Ron Domurat 7 points
6. Tony Rezendes 6 points



Cody Creanga, weighing in another winner

7. Steph Pond, Bob Bottary, Don Scarpone, Lisa Belcastro, Paula Sullivan - 5 points
8. Steve Tirrell, Jim Wareing, 4 points
9. Jonathan Herman, Eric Brown, Brenda Gerosa Beal - 3 points
10. Zach Magid 1 point



Jim Wareing – Two Bonitos in one morning!

2019 MVSA Member Derby Accomplishments

Grand Leader, All Tackle Shore Bluefish – Bob Bottary

Overall Division Leaders

All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st Bob Bottary

All Tackle Shore Catch & Release, False Albacore, Steph Pond

Flyrod Shore Catch & Release, False Albacore, Steph Pond

Flyrod Shore Bluefish, Steph Pond, 1st

Flyrod Shore False Albacore, Steph Pond, 3rd

All tackle Boat Striped Bass, Chuck Wendel, 2nd

Junior All Tackle Shore False Albacore, Leah Wareing, 2nd

All Tackle Shore Team Competition, Don Scarpone, Cosmo Creanga (Woodpeckers), 3rd

Senior Grand Leader

Ray Metcalf Memorial Award, Shore Bluefish, Brenda Beal

Howie Leonard Memorial Award, Boat False Albacore, Steve Baccelli

Special Awards

MVSA Sportsmanship Award, Dave Balon

Shore Top Rod Award, Cosmo Creanga

Bob (Hawkeye) Jacobs Award, 1st Team to Achieve a Shore Grand Slam, Cosmo Creanga, Don Scarpone

Grand Slam - Cosmo Creanga

Hat Trick - Cosmo Creanga (Striped Bass)

Weekly Awards

Two - Steph Pond

One - Steve Baccelli, Brenda Beal, Lisa Belcastro, Bob Bottary, Cosmo Creanga, Phil Cronin, Paula Sullivan, Jim Wareing, Chuck Wendel,

Daily Awards

Five – Cosmo Creanga

Four – Codrin Creanga, Steph Pond

Three – Chuck Wendel

Two – Ed Amaral, Brenda Beal, Bob Bottary, Jack Livingston

One – Bob Beal, Lisa Belcastro, Keith McCart, Ron McKee, John O’Connell, John Piekos, John Schillinger, Melissa Sliwkowski, Jim Wareing

2019 DERBY MEMORIES



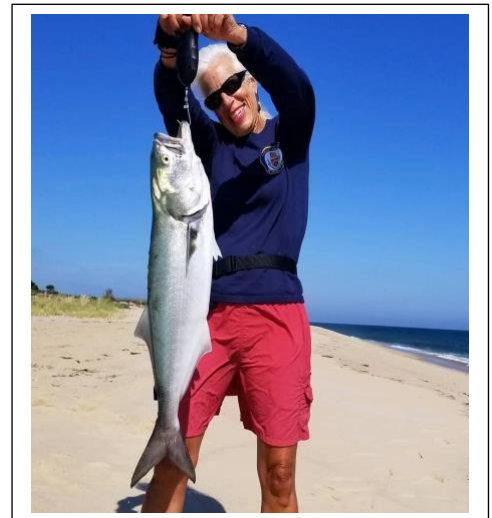
Dave Balon, winner of the
MVSA Sportsmanship Award



Bob Bottary, Grand Leader, All Tackle Shore Bluefish



Cosmo and The Prez – Bob (Hawkeye) Jacobs
Award, and 3rd place team overall



Brenda Beal, Ray Metcalf
Memorial Award, Shore Bluefish

Get Your Mass Striper License Plate!

Massachusetts Striped Bass Conservation License Plate

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the MA Environmental Trust (MET) are developing this plate to support new programs to research, protect, and preserve striped bass populations, ensuring that future generations of anglers have the opportunity to experience the unmatched thrill of fishing for this iconic species.



DMF and MET are collecting orders for the striped bass license plate. Once enough orders have been received (at least 750) the orders will be delivered to the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the printing of the plates will occur.

How to apply

To apply for the Striped Bass Conservation license plate, you will need to complete their form and return to the Division of Marine Fisheries with a \$40 check. Visit this link to print out the application form:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/application-for-the-massachusetts-striped-bass-conservation-license-plate/download>

You will be contacted by the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) after the plates have been printed. You will be instructed to go to your chosen RMV office to purchase your new Striped Bass Conservation plate. Your \$40 payment will be credited towards the purchase price of the new plate.

How will license plate funds will be used

All proceeds from the purchase of Striped Bass Conservation plates will be administered by MET. They will depend on the expertise of a select panel to establish priorities and recommend projects for funding. This panel will include DMF's striped bass stock assessment scientists, an academic researcher, an environmental advocacy organization representative, a recreational fishing representative, and a commercial fishing representative.

Funds from the sale of this plate will be used to:

- Study striped bass populations, stock structure, movements, and local ecology
- Improve passageways for sea-run fish (e.g., river herring, eels), expanding forage food options for striped bass
- Study angler practices to improve hook-and-release survival
- Develop materials and programs to educate anglers about the importance of responsible angling strategies

Calendar of Events

December 2 -- Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown.
Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.



January 6 -- Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown.
Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.

January 25 – MVSA Annual Banquet – 1 PM
Old Whaling Church, Edgartown

NO Meeting in February!!

March 2 - Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.



April 6 - Monthly Meeting – 7 PM
We're meeting at the Rod and Gun Club in Edgartown. Pizza at 7 PM. Meeting at 7:30.

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

TBA - June ?????? – Annual Cuttyhunk Fishing Trip – More info to follow

TBA - June ?????? -- The **15th Island Cup** Fishing Contest against the Nantucket Anglers' Club

MVSA 2019 Photo Contest

Please email any questions and comments to President Don Scarpone: donaldscarpone@yahoo.com

Any active club member can enter by sending their original photographs to:
President Don Scarpone: donaldscarpone@yahoo.com

The photos should not be just of caught fish. Scenic or interesting beach views, nature, etc will all be considered.

The judges will be unaware of the photographer's name when judging.

Photos must be received by 12.31.19

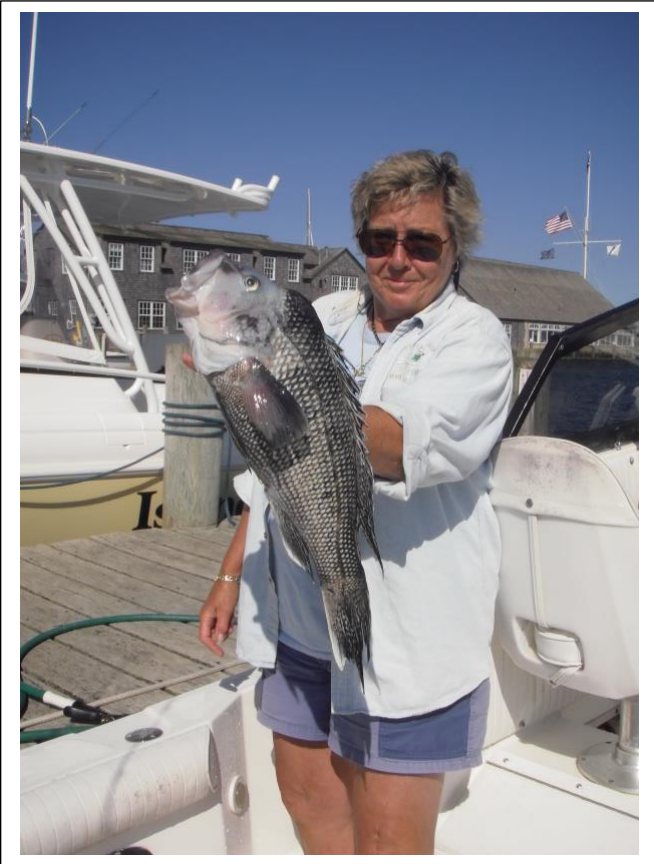
The winner will be announced at the club banquet in January 2020, you need not be present to win.

The prize will be an enlarged framed copy of your photograph.



Dave Kolb's winning picture from last year.

KAREN A. KUKOLICH



Our beloved Karen A. Kukolich died peacefully in her home on October 26, 2019, after a long, valiant, and painful battle with cancer.

Karen was born in Vicksburg, Mich. She graduated from Ithaca College, earning a degree in physical Therapy. Karen arrived on the Vineyard in 1978 when she accepted a job at the MV Hospital. After five years, she opened her own private practice in Edgartown. She retired in April 2010.

While managing her successful PT business, Karen also volunteered and assisted as a certified CPR for the Vineyard EMT for seven years.

Karen was an active member of many Island organizations, including the MV Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, the MV Land Bank, the Rod & Gun Club, Island Health Care, Vineyard Golf Club, and the MVSA.

Karen liked nothing better than to captain her boat, *The Tippet*, through Vineyard waters. Karen's love of fishing took her all over the world and earned her many awards, including world fly fishing records for her Pacific Jack Crevalle and a Rooster fish.

Donations in Karen's name can be made to: The Animal Shelter of MV, P.O. Box 1829, 1 Pennywise Path, Edgartown, MA, 02539.

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.