



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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September 2018 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

It's here! It's here! Derby time has arrived and so many of us are fishing as much as we can. This is the best time of the year, and it's wonderful to see so many Surfcasters on the shore, casting, talking, laughing, and enjoying the simple pleasures of fishing and friends.

The MVSA Angler of the Year standings will most likely change quite a bit over the next two months, but the current points are listed below.

The Island community, and all of us who fish, lost a great leader, teacher, friend, and fisherman on September 18. Ed Jerome touched lives everywhere he went, and he will be dearly missed.. If you have a favorite Ed memory that you'd like to share, please send it to me. I'll include a tribute to Ed in the next newsletter.

As you're out there catching Derby winners, making memories, forgetting to put your rods on roof before you leave home (who would do that?!), or any other memorable moment during the Derby, please take a picture and email it to me at: lisa@lisabelcastro.com. I'd love to print them here in our newsletter.

Hope to see you at weigh-in. Tight lines!



MVSA Angler of the Year Standings

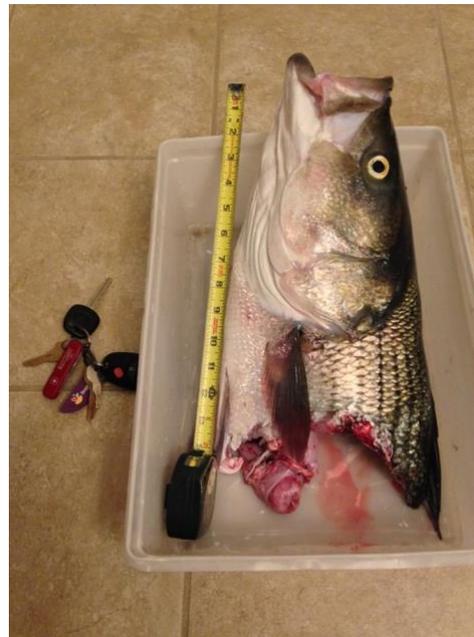
As of September 20

Cosmo Creanga	13 points
Peter Sliwkowski	9
Ralph Peckham	8
Dave Kolb	6
John Piekos	5
Jonathan Cornwell	5
Phil Horton	5
Kathi Pogoda	5
Tony Rezendes	5
Brad Holley	5
Ed Amaral	4
Cody Creanga	4
Peter Johnson	3
Jim Cornwell	3
Dave Nash	3
Dave Balon	3
Lisa Belcastro	1
Jason Patterson	1
Don Scarpone	1



Cosmo and his beautiful 29.04-pound Striper. He'll be adding a few more points to MVSA Angler standing.

Below – what remained of the bass Cosmo lost to a shark – yikes!



Derby Memories



Jason Patterson caught Albie fever early on.

David Nash weighed in a gorgeous 25.79-pound Striper on September 11 for a daily first place.





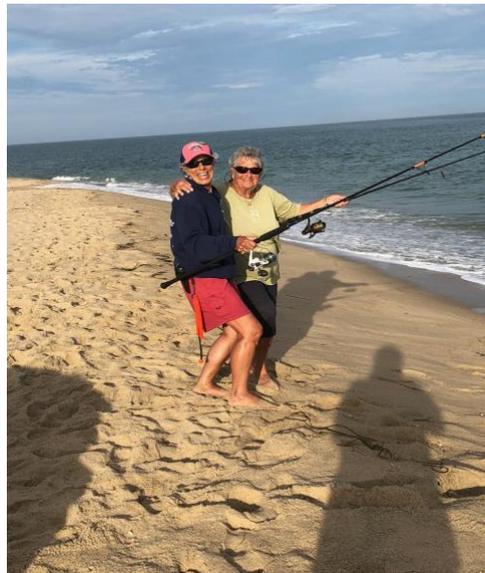
Dave Balon landed an 8.31-pound Bluefish to take the daily and the weekly.



Lisa Belcastro with her first shore Bonito; won the daily and the women's weekly.



Janet Messineo at the Kid's Derby



Brenda and Urusula enjoying a great day on the beach, even though the fish forgot to show up ☺

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.

Calendar of Events

September 9 – October 13

What time is it? [Derby Time!](#)

No meetings, just fishing and fun.

There will be impromptu picnics on the beach. 😊



Don't Forget

1. The **MVSA** reusable shopping bags are still available. 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
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.

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!

