



Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

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September 2020 Newsletter

Hello Surfcasters,

The excitement is in the air!. Can you feel it? The 75th Martha's Vineyard Bass and Bluefish Derby is about to start. I can't believe it's September. I can't believe another year has passed, and boy oh boy what a year 2020 has been.

How grateful are we that fishing is COVID safe and a day, or night, in the surf is still possible? And equally grateful the Derby wasn't canceled as so many other events were.

There are lots of changes to the Derby. Click on this link to get the scoop:

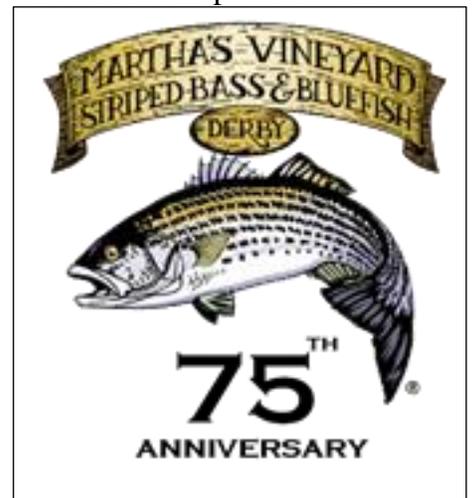
<https://www.mvderby.com/2020%20Derby%20Changes%208-18-20-2.pdf>

We've managed to have a few events and catch some great fish this summer. Our September newsletter is a summer recap, proof that life is still wonderful and fishing is the greatest activity going!

Stay tuned for news on our monthly meetings. We're still talking to members and trying to make the safest decision for all involved.

I hope to see you on the beach. Stay safe out there, and have FUN!.

Lisa



Club Happenings

MVSA Annual Fishing Tag Sale



We held our annual Fishing Tag Sale on Saturday over Labor Day weekend. Before I report on the sale, we all have to give The Prez a HUGE thank you for all his hard work and dedication. I can't imagine the hours Don put in collecting and organizing all the gear.

Thanks to all the members who volunteered on Saturday or in the week before. And thanks to everyone who donated.

Drum roll, please: This year we raised \$11,150!! Yes, you read that correctly. Over eleven thousand dollars!

Here's a nice article from the Gazette: <https://vineyardgazette.com/news/2020/09/07/gearing-derby-annual-surfcasters-sale>



Annual Shark Tournament

Congratulations to John Piekos for his win with a 74.5 inch Brown Shark!!



Island Cup Tournament

This was a great year for our MV Team during the Island Cup. Though we ran the event virtually, and each team stayed on their Island, the fish were biting and we were catching. The Surfcasters won, beating Nantucket by over 112 points.

Martha's Vineyard: 419:40

Nantucket: 307.20



Jason Patterson picking up the Cup on Nantucket and bringing it home to the Island. 😊



Joe Uva with the winning bass: 40 inches, 29.50 pounds. Congrats, Joe!

2020 Angler of the Year Standings

1. Zach Magid 10 pts.
2. Jim Cornwell 6 pts
3. Ralph Peckham 5 pts
- 4 Tyler Poole 5 pts
5. Paul Cormier 5 pts
6. John Piekos 3 pts
7. Dave Kolb 3 pts
8. Dave Nash 3 pts
9. Steph Pond 1 pt



Zach Magid and his 15.12 blue. Way to go, Zach!

August Monthly Pin Winners

Bonito - Paul Cormier, 3.75 lbs
False Albacore - Zach Magid, 9.40 lbs

July Monthly Pin Winners

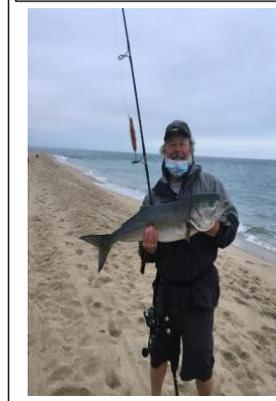
Bluefish – Zach Magid – 15.12

June Monthly Pin Winners

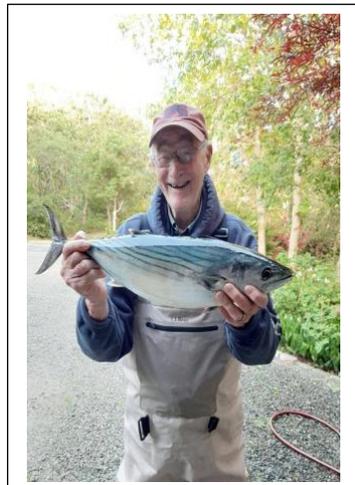
Bluefish – Tyler Poole, 9.50
Bonito – Jim Cornwell, 4.25

May Monthly Pin Winners

May -Bluefish - Ralph Peckham, 9.69



Dr. Dave landed a nice 14.7-pound bluefish.



Jim Cornwall with his first bonito of the season.

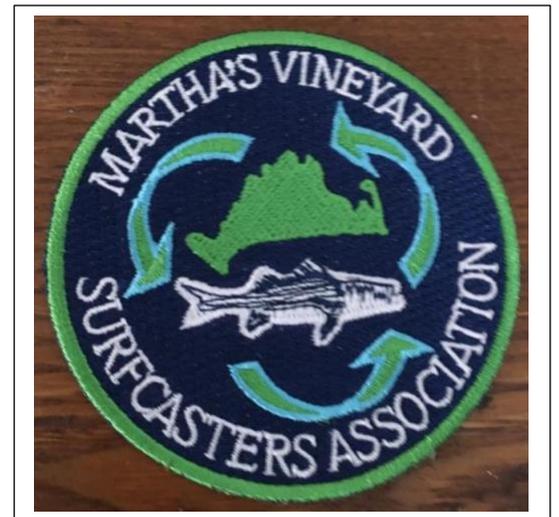
Karen Kukolich Life Celebration



On Sunday, September 7, we held a life celebration for our friend Karen Kukolich, who passed away last October. The sun was shining, there was a light wind, the bait was jumping, stories and laughter were shared by all, and you could feel the love for Karen. Ursula organized a delicious assortment of Karen's favorite appetizers, and we all ate well.

As Karen's ashes drifted out to sea amidst the flowers we had tossed, a pod of silversides jumped and swam among the floral floating into the sunset. It was a beautiful tribute.

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



Oversand Access to The Gut

As was the case last year, the owner of the Windmill House (Cape Poge Preserve) has generously agreed to open a small part of his property for fishing access and parking during the Derby - particularly the area formerly known as Jared's Rock. He reminds us that access to the Gut is over private land and with the exception of the area mentioned above, he has requested that we not park or linger along the Preserve.

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.