



MVSA NEWSLETTER – January 2005

JANUARY 2005 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. It's hard to believe another year has come and gone already. What a year it was too! The fishing was great, many of our members did well in the Derby and a certain 86 year old curse was finally broken! 2004 is full of fond memories but it's time to turn our attention towards 2005.

January is here and that means it's time for the Annual MVSA Banquet. This much anticipated event will be held again at the Old Whaling Church on the 29th. There's no better way to spend a cold afternoon on the Island. It's definitely a cure for the "winter blues" and this year the raffle will be bigger and better than ever! A lot of hard work goes into planning this event and I would like to thank all that helped out. Without their effort this event wouldn't take place.

In an effort to spice up our winter, we have invited our resident shark expert Greg Skomal to speak at our February meeting. Greg will give us a presentation on his encounter with the white shark that made headlines last fall. It should be a great night so don't miss it!

Looking ahead, 2005 promises to be another exciting year for the MVSA. We have lots of great events planned but they don't happen on their own. We are always looking for new contributions from our membership to help our effort. It is my hope to see as many members as possible get involved this year.

Tight Lines,

Jeff Sayre

AWARDS CEREMONY & LUNCHEON

Don't miss the best-kept secret on the Island. The Annual MVSA Awards Ceremony and Banquet and "Awesome Raffle" will be held at the Old Whaling Church on Saturday, January 29, beginning at 12:00PM. Raffle Chairman Chuck Hodgkinson and his committee have been hard at work soliciting

donations from both Island and off Island merchants and this year's event is shaping up as one of the best ever. Chuck and his crew have already amassed a vast array of merchandise and services for our raffle including, Chappy ferry tickets, beach permits, Cape Air tickets, fishing tackle, gift certificates, art work and much more. And back this year with a new twist is the popular 50/50 cash raffle. A silent auction will also be held again and include an Alan James Robinson framed print and a custom tide clock emblazoned with the MVSA logo that was donated by member Ed Pierce.

As in the past, the event is free to MVSA members and everyone is encouraged to bring appetizers or desserts. Clam and oyster shuckers are needed, so if you're handy with a clam knife please plan to arrive by 11:30AM and bring your favorite clam-shucking utensil.

This event is our only fundraiser of the year, and along with your dues money enables us to fund our unique activities like the Boys & Girls Club fishing trips aboard the Skipper. Please plan to attend but if you can't make it please try to support us through the purchase of raffle tickets. Volunteers or questions can be directed to Ron Domurat, 508-627-4956, Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841 or Chuck Hodgkinson, 508-693-9322. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

PIZZA AND SHARK NIGHT WITH DR. GREG SKOMAL

Mark your calendar and plan to join us on February 16 at 7:00PM for a slice of pizza and a talk by our resident Marine Biologist, Dr. Greg Skomal. Greg will speak about sharks in general and particularly his experiences with the Great White that stranded in a Woods Hole estuary late last summer. Dr. Skomal is a foremost authority on sharks and travels the world doing research on the subject. We are fortunate to have him speak to us.

The event will be held beginning at 7:00PM at the American Legion Hall, 34 William Street, Vineyard Haven. Contact Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841 for more information.

OOPS!!!!

We screwed up!! In our last newsletter we incorrectly stated that Russ Lawrence was the winner of the "Long Cast Championship" that was held at our summer picnic. While Russ did indeed made a mighty cast, the truth is that Dave Nash made an even longer throw and took home the Grand Prize. *Sorry Dave!*

We also inadvertently omitted Paula Sullivan's name from the list of weekly winners in last falls Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby. *Our apologies to you as well Paula!*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need help!! Unfortunately, as with most organizations, a small number of members are carrying the load for the MVSA. Some of our volunteers have been at it for a number of years and are getting tired, burned out or simply want to spend time doing other things-like fishing!!! Many times good ideas are brought forward at meetings but left on the meeting room floor because no one steps forward to take them further. Quite simply, we need some fresh faces!! Presently we are in need of a member or members who are handy with a hammer and saw and willing to construct our fishing line recycling boxes. We also need people to take over the maintenance of fishing tackle used for our Safe Haven program and our adult Learn to Fish Seminar. Finally, we need volunteers to staff and help organize our Boys & Girls Club trips aboard the Skipper. If you would like to help, please give President Jeff Sayre a call at 508-693-4841.

2005 MVSA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 29, 2005-Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet

12:00PM, Old Whaling Church, Edgartown

Ron Domurat, 508-627-4956, Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841, Chuck Hodgkinson, 508-693-9322

February 16, 2005-Montly Meeting, Pizza Night and Dr. Greg Skomal

7:00PM, American Legion Hall, Vineyard Haven

Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841

March 16, 2005-Monthly Meeting

7:00PM, American Legion Hall, Vineyard Haven

Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841

April 13, 2005, Monthly Meeting

7:00PM, American Legion Hall, Vineyard Haven

Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841

June 15, 2005, Monthly Meeting

7:00PM, Site TBA

Jeff Sayre, 508-694-4841

July 9, 2005, Summer Picnic

5:00PM, Bend in the Road Beach, Edgartown

Phil Horton, 508-693-6979

July 23-August 7, 2005, MVSA Chappy Shark Tournament

Russ Lawrence, 508-627-9670

September 11-October 15, 2005, 58th Annual Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby

November 16, 2005, Monthly Meeting

7:00PM, American Legion Hall, Vineyard Haven

Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841

December 14, 2005, Monthly Meeting, Pizza Night

7:00PM, American Legion Hall, Vineyard Haven

Jeff Sayre, 508-693-4841

January 28, 2006, Annual Awards Ceremony & Banquet

FINAL 2004 "IN-HOUSE DERBY" STANDINGS

All Tackle Shore Striped Bass Keith McArt-42.46lbs

Flyrod Shore Striped Bass Oh Keong-17.82lbs

All Tackle Shore Striped Bass Will Geresy-41"

(Released)

All Tackle Boat Striped Bass Peter Herrmann-19.30lbs

**Flyrod Boat Striped Bass Phil Cronin-22lbs
(Released)**

All Tackle Shore Bluefish Will Geresy-11.63lbs

Flyrod Shore Bluefish George Moran-3.82lbs

**Flyrod Boat Bluefish Jeff Sayre-8lbs
(Released)**

All Tackle Shore Bonito Ron Domurat-6.05lbs

All Tackle Boat Bonito Sylvia Wheeler-8.35lbs

All Tackle Shore False Albacore Keith McArt-10.87lbs

**All Tackle Shore False Albacore Paul Schultz-27"
(Released)**

Flyrod Shore False Albacore Oh Keong-8.57lbs

**Flyrod Shore False Albacore Jeff Sayre-9.5lbs
(Released)**

All Tackle Boat False Albacore Peter Herrman-7.40lbs

Flyrod Boat False Albacore Peter Herrman-9.19lbs

Abe Williams Memorial Award, Largest Shore Striped Bass-Keith McArt-42.46lbs