

Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association

September 2006 Newsletter

Short Casts

Don Mohr-Our good friend and Derby Hall of Famer Don Mohr is still out of action but on the road to recovery. He is recuperating at home after successful surgery to re-insert his artificial hip. Cards and visits would be greatly appreciated and Don would love to hear from his friends and acquaintances, especially during the Derby. Don Mohr, RFD Box 1119A, Otis Bassett Road, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.

Boys & Girls Club-Many thanks to members Bob Lane, Janet Messineo, Jeff Sayre, Mike Stimola, and Dave Nash for helping out with the Boys & Girls Club trips on board the Skipper fishing vessel. This year the MVSA donated \$1500 to offset the cost of fishing trips for more than forty B & GC campers. While the fishing was on the slow side, a good time was had by all participants.

Weekly Awards-Congratulations to members Phil Horton and Pat Toomey for winning weekly awards during the On the Water Striper Cup Tournament. Pat's award came for catching a 38lb striper and Phil's for a 32lber. Both won a prize package worth more than \$500. The package included a Quantum Cabo reel, a 7' Cabo graphite rod, a \$100 gift card to Boaters World and a selection of Ron Z soft plastic lures. *Congratulations guys!*

The Striper Cup-While we had some good early success, the MVSA has fallen out of contention for the Striper Cup. It's unfortunate that the organizers of this event, On the Water Magazine, place no distinction between boat and shore anglers for the club prize. With a majority of shore anglers in the MVSA, it's tough to compete against clubs with a predominance of boat anglers, particularly commercial striped bass fishermen and charter boats. A look at the standings shows us that the first and second place clubs made up primarily of boat fishermen, average more than 47 and 43 lbs per fish while the MVSA average is around 31 lbs. A very respectable number considering all of the fish were caught from the beach. OTW claimed to have revived the old Schaefer Cup contest of the sixties and seventies but that event awarded double points for shore caught fish. The MVSA Executive Committee will take a hard look at this event before we register a club again next year. On a more positive note, with only two weeks left in the contest, member Pat Toomey leads the individual Shore Angler of the Year division with an aggregate five fish total of 158.5 lbs or 31.7 lbs per fish.

A Fish Called Martha-You might recall from the last newsletter that the MVSA adopted a striper appropriately named '*Martha*'. When Martha was tagged on 5/29/06, she was 15.9" long and weighed 1 lb 6oz. She was tagged around the middle ground area of Plum Island and initially hung out around the Plum Island River. For the next ten days Martha covered a lot of ground while she moved in and out of a number of rivers and estuaries in the area. Unfortunately, Martha appears to have taken off for parts unknown and hasn't been heard from since June 10.

Late Night Surf Fishing-Among our members we have some hard core surf anglers that prowl the surf alone at night in pursuit of big stripers with no company except themselves and their thoughts. Sometimes, these thoughts are verbalized out loud with no one to hear but the elements and the *Fish Gods*. Hall of Famer Janet Messineo recently put an amusing spin on those nights when she said, "*by the end of the first week of the Derby I'm talking to myself. By the end of the third week I'm answering myself, and by the end of the Derby I'm in group therapy.*"

Al Angelone *(In Memoriam)*

A familiar face will be missing from the Lobsterville and Chappy beaches during the Derby this year as Al Angelone recently passed away while out fishing. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know him knew him as tireless, innovative fisherman who loved to tinker with equipment and lures. He was often seen fishing with his wife and partner Mary Ann. Many of us knew about Ang's great sense of humor and his devotion to his wife and family and some of us were even aware that Ang had served his country as a Secret Service Agent. But very few of us knew in what capacity and we didn't know that Ang had served as a Presidential guard for Presidents Ford, Carter and Nixon. He had also worked as an undercover agent in the counterfeiting division. Nelson Siegelman wrote an outstanding piece for the MV Times after speaking with the Secret Service Assist. Director of the Office of Inspection. Nelson's article told about Ang's days as an undercover agent on the streets of NY as well as an amusing story about losing a finger while training a couple of foreign agents. Another story with an accompanying picture told of Ang's involvement during an assassination attempt on President Ford. Some additional stories and tributes appeared on the guest book page of the funeral home website. The comments came from agents Ang had worked with and trained during his career as an agent. There were many and we thought we'd share a just a few with you.

"To me, he was the gold standard of what an agent should be."

"There are very few legends in the Secret Service, Angie was truly one of them."

"One day I had the honor of wearing his 'bad guy' jacket. He always had deals going and made things happen. He was truly a USSS legend."

"Angie walking in the Rose Garden with President Fords arm over Angie's shoulder. The President stops and shoves some money into Angies pocket, then enters the Oval Office. Angie turned to me and said, "he's queer for Michigan. He always gives too many points."

"Big bad Al. you scared the hell out of us especially Pat Nixon. But you were always a gentleman under that rough exterior. You were a legend in your time!"

Finally this from an agent in CA, "deeply emotional, kind and considerate of others, dedicated, a loving and faithful husband and father."

Our heartfelt sympathies and condolence go out to Ang's wife Mary Ann and his sons Anthony and Peter. He will be missed!

Summer Picnic

The weather Gods smiled on us again and the culinary talents of Phil Horton and many of our members contributed to make our annual summer picnic an outstanding success. More than seventy members and guests attended the event on a perfect summer day that featured good food, good company and plenty of talk about fishing. The event also featured an accuracy casting contest that was won by Paul Schultz who placed his cast only 4' 6" from the target. Bob Digiantommaso was a close second only 5'3" off the mark and Peter Swilkowski an inch behind in third. The cookie jar raffle was won by Jack Sayre.

Thanks once again to Phil Horton who organized the event and provided his delicious secret family recipe ribs. Thanks also to Al Premo and Bob Digiantommaso who ably manned the grills.

MVSA Annual Shark Tournament

Twenty-five MVSA members participated in this year's event that was once again hampered by beach closures that prevented most anglers from staying the night or fishing the tides they prefer. In addition, for the second year in a row, a dearth of brown sharks resulted in only one shark being landed during the entire length of the two-week event. By virtue of landing the only brown shark hooked, new member Chet Loiselle established himself as the Shark King for the year. As with last year's winner Joe Gubitose, it was the first time he had ever caught a brown shark. The six-foot, 100lb shark was landed with the aid of Marie Santos. Both had become MVSA members a week or two earlier at the MVSA summer picnic. Since the event ended, Chet has beached a couple of more brown sharks and been spooled by another. He received his award at the awards ceremony hosted by Jeff & Dawn Sayre. *Congratulations Chet & Marie!*

A Skate Story

While few sharks have been caught during the tournament the last few years, each year seems to produce a good fish story. Last year Ed Willoughby broke his favorite rod in three places and landed on his backside while fighting a big skate. This year, Pete Connly wore the flesh off his fingers also fighting a very large skate. He recently posted this story on the MVSA web-site.

Just got back from ten days on Chappy during the hottest week of the year (not a bad place to be). While out there I spent a lot of time fishing in the shark tourney without much luck for shark. While on East Beach fishing during one hot afternoon I hooked a large skate on my shark rig-65# braid, 10/0 wide gap hook, 700 Calcutta BSV conventional reel set up by Steve Purcell at Larry's and a new heavy duty custom made shark rod by Joe Gubitose. The tip on this rod has #18 gauge guide to indicate how heavy it is. The fish hit light until I set the hook and then all hell broke loose. It tore 200 yds of braided line at the expense of my right thumb which was burned nicely trying to help my under set drag. During the next hour and twenty minutes I moved 200 feet to the left and then 200 feet to the right of my original starting point then settled in the middle for the duration. Early on the fight the fish was 50' off the beach and we could see it was a very large skate by its shape. All I knew was that it was a very strong fish. There were times when I locked the drag down put my thumb on the reel and tried to break the line only to find myself being pulled toward the water. (maybe Steve said 165# braid) In the end, the fish surfaced about 120' off the beach and rolled over to show a very white underside. At this point everyone looking on said look at the size of *that thing* while I was thinking look how far away *that thing* still is! Just after it rolled over it spit the hook and the fight was over.

People said it was a Barndoor Skate but when I got home and looked it up, the Barndoor Skate does not grow that big. A big skate (*raja bonocularis*) does though and I believe this is the type of skate I hooked as their range does include Vineyard waters. This skate can grow to be 8' long and weigh hundreds of pounds. For the record, onlookers said it looked to be at least 8' long so I apparently had a shot at the record.

Beach Report

Norton Point: The TTOR has done an outstanding job of managing this stretch of beach since they took over from the County in the late spring. If you haven't been out there, you will notice some very distinct changes and improvements.

As you approach the entrance to the beach the first thing you will see is the tire re-inflation station that has been installed on the east side of Katama road about 200 yds north of the entrance to the beach. The compressor is housed in a small sound proof shed with two inflation hoses and it is lit for night use. Tire rims have been mounted on both ends of the shed to permit the hoses to be rewound after use.

Just inside the entrance to the beach the Trustees have placed a ranger station to sell permits. The station is staffed between the hours of 9:00AM to 5:00PM. Rangers also patrol the beach between the hours of 9:00AM and 2:00AM.

The trails along NP are well marked and delineated without the ugly steel stakes and miles of yellow plastic rope. The beach itself is in good shape. The primary trail winds in and out of the dunes but there are long stretches of the front beach that are open to OSV travel and fishing. In addition, particularly at the eastern or Chappy end, some nice points and bars have developed over the summer that should provide some good fishing opportunities.

Finally, for the last few years due to the almost total lack of management by the County, many of us have escaped the permit fee and been able to run that beach at no cost. *That's changed!* If you travel NPB between the hours of 9:00AM and 2:00AM, you can expect to be asked to buy a permit or leave the beach. The permit cost is \$100 for non-residents and \$60 for residents. Daily permits are available at a cost of \$30 & \$20 respectively.

East Beach & Wasque: East Beach from out front of Dike Bridge all the way to Wasque Point is open to OSV traffic and with the exception of a short narrow stretch between Leland Point and the Rip, is currently very wide. Wasque Point itself has built out considerably and is almost reminiscent of pre—Hurricane Bob days in 1991.

Cape Poge: Arruda Point to the Lighthouse has also built out and is nice and wide. This includes Arruda Point to the Jetties as well as points north. One note of caution is the soft sand along that entire stretch. The Trustees spent a busy summer hauling vehicles out of the sand in that area. Drivers simply refuse to heed the signs requesting that tires be deflated to 15lbs. The sign is there for a reason. With two re-inflation stations now in place please do yourself and everyone else a favor and deflate your tires to 15lbs. Its' easier on your vehicle and the trails and will help make the Trustees job a little easier.

Finally, as we know the Trustees have always done a great job with the Chappy property they manage, but this year Superintendent Dave Belcher and his staff stepped into a tough situation and have done a terrific job at Norton Point Beach. If you happen to run into Dave During the Derby, please express your appreciation.

Surf Safety Tips

We last ran this in the summer of 2004 but with the Derby upon us we thought it would be timely to run it again.

Wading belt-Wear one! Most experienced surf rats cinch a belt around their waist. Should a dunking occur, the belt prevents water from filling up your waders and hauling you under.

Neoprene waders-While hot as blazes in warmer weather, neoprene has a higher degree of floatation and may provide a bit more protection against hypothermia should you go in the drink.

Inflatable life preserver- If you spend a lot of time at the water's edge and don't own an inflatable vest, buy one before you spend another dollar on any kind of fishing equipment-and get in the habit of

using it. While some may consider this item an expensive and unnecessary piece of equipment, it may save your life someday.

Wading staff-An often overlooked piece of safety equipment, it's a must item for anglers fishing alone or at night, particularly in slimy boulder filled areas. You'd be surprised how much it aids your balance when walking. Most hard-core surf anglers won't venture out without one. Drilling a hole through any old broom handle and running a four or five foot piece of rope through it can make a simple wading staff. Tie a loop around the opposite end and run your wading belt through it. The staff will float out of your way when wading.

Corkers-Corkers are sandals with spikes on the bottom and straps that can be worn over the top of wader shoes. Corkers provide a great deal of added traction in slimy, boulder filled waters. Considered a little heavy by some they are an invaluable piece of footwear if you spend any amount of time in that kind of environment. The spikes are replaceable. Some anglers will even drive small round-headed screws into the bottom of their waders to provide a similar effect.

Short boots-You might consider dispensing of waders altogether when jetty fishing. Instead try wearing short boots with rain pants over them. Should you should go in the drink, the boots, even if filled with water will not weigh you down and are easy to kick off.

Flashlight-It goes without saying that you are going to carry a flashlight when fishing at night. But most veterans carry an extra flashlight or at the very least an extra set of batteries and a spare bulb.

Compass-Buy and carry a small compass and know how to use it. It may get you safely off a bar if a fog rolls in unexpectedly.

First aid kit-Carry a small first aid kit that contains some anti bacterial ointment. At the very least carry some band-aids that are already impregnated with ointment.

Cell phone-Carry it and program in emergency numbers!

Plan-Finally, without divulging any secrets, let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

Fish with a Friend-The safety benefits are obvious!

Three Friends, Six Hours, Eighty-five Bones

(An epic day fishing for Atlantic Bonito off the coast of Martha's Vineyard)

by: Captain Phil Cronin

American Catholics don't usually think much about the feast of St. Bartholomew celebrated on August 24 each year. He was one of the twelve apostles and his name means "gift from God". Not much is known about him except that he was a very close friend of St. Philip, my patron saint. That friendship will always be remembered by me now for it was on the morning of August 24, 2006 that we set out on a very eventful day fishing the shoals around the "hooter".

For several days prior to our trip to the hooter we had heard about the exceptional bonito bite that was happening out there. Captain Jeff Sayre, a good friend and fellow charter captain, had been out at the hooter days before and experienced that bite with his anglers and convinced me that it was the spot to fish. Jeff was anxious to return to the area and my son Jay wanted to tag along so we agreed that I would take my boat as it had sat idle for the past several weeks while renters occupied my house. We launched at the Vineyard Haven ramp around 6:00 AM and set out for the 45 minute journey to the hooter buoy. The buoy lies around 8 miles southeast of Chappaquiddick and is surrounded with

shoals that attract both bait and predators. Named after the whistle noise it produces, the buoy marks the start of Muskeget channel. It is the go-to spot for charter boats when closer to shore fishing is slow.

Our game plan was to make a bee-line to an area where the bottom was as shallow as 16 feet and troll a rebel fast track along the drop off in order to find some Atlantic Bonito or “bones” as we call them. Once we arrived at the coordinates we set out the troll and within a minute the line went tight to a fish. A small but feisty bone was landed and we knew this would be the area to concentrate. An ENE wind was blowing lightly and the tide was flooding so we figured the best drift over the area and started our quest. We started by throwing deadly dicks on light spin tackle and immediately began what can only be described as an epic day of catching bones. During the four hours we fished the area we must have had a dozen “triples” and even more “doubles”. Jay and I alternated with the fly rod, throwing snake flies and deceivers. Although the hook-ups on the fly were not as consistent as on spinning tackle, the challenge of catching and landing bones on the fly was exhilarating to say the least.

Within the first hour of fishing we had landed 20 and decided that perhaps we could bring in 30. When we surpassed 30 we wondered if a 50 bonito day was doable. We passed 50 and started to rationalize whether or not it was possible to catch 70. As the number of 70 became a distant memory we threw caution to the wind and reestablished our day’s goal at 100. By this time the boat was covered in blood from the ones we kept. We had decided that any fish brought to the boat that we felt would not survive a release would become dinner fare as all of us wanted to keep a few and one of Jeff’s friends had a smoker that could handle 8 at a time. By the time we reached a count of 85 bonito we had stowed away 9 to bring home and released 76 in survivable condition. We didn’t keep an accurate count of the number of lost fish but it is safe to say that number must have been in the low teens.

As the tide started to flatten out and the fishing slowed we agreed that enough was enough and it was time to head back to the barn. Jeff and Jay stowed the fishing gear minus a brand new G Loomis rod and Penn reel I had lost overboard to a slippery bone (unfortunately I don’t think that fish survived its escape). I made a feeble attempt at washing away all the slime, blood, and scales that covered every square inch of my 21 foot Parker and then headed for the ramp. The three of us were beat both mentally and physically with the final count being 85 Atlantic Bonito caught. Individually the numbers were: 37 for Jeff on the spinning rod, 29 for Jay alternating between fly and spinning, and 19 for me on spin and fly while handling the boat.

I’ve been fishing for bonito for quite a few years now. Days when we have caught several have been considered good fishing days. If we caught one from the beach it was a treat. A rare instance of a double hook-up on the boat was bragged about endlessly. On the feast of St. Bartholomew, gift of God and friend of St. Philip, we caught 85. I will forever remember St. Bart and from time to time thank him for his gift. It was an epic day, one on which three friends spent six hours catching eighty-five bones.

Fast Fish Options

By: Ron Domurat

When I first discovered the Island and started fishing the Derby in the early eighties, the name of the game was striped bass and bluefish. Blitzes of good size bluefish eight pounds and up would occur regularly and all roads led to Wasque Point where a crowd would gather daily. At night, those in the know would skulk around for striped bass. Bonito and false albacore however were also plentiful at the time and it was not unusual to find both species swimming together. But few anglers targeted these speedsters and although numbers and sizes were good, competition for daily pins and weekly awards was relatively light. Daily bonito pin winners would often be in the six to eight pound range and many times to win a false albacore pin, you would have to catch a fish of eight to ten pounds but

it was not to unusual to catch a fish in excess of that. Witness member Don MacGillivray's Derby record of 19.39 lbs that was caught in 1990. In addition, for many years anglers even had trouble distinguishing one species from the other, and basically the only lure options were Spofford's Needlefish and the 7N Swedish Pimple.

But things change! Striped bass stocks crashed and the fish was temporarily removed as a Derby species in 1985. About that time anglers started to discover what exciting action fast fish provided and the rest is history. Our web-master Phil Cronin recently posed an interesting question on the MVSA survey page. The question asked, "*what fish would you prefer to catch?*" While striped bass remains a favorite of 43% of our members, the number of members favoring false albacore was a surprisingly strong 37%. Bonito was a distant third at 7% and bluefish the favorite of only 3%. But clearly, more than 50% of our members would rather fish for something other than stripers or bluefish. I wonder what the results of this poll would have been during the striper *hey days* of the seventies.

So what does today's angler use to catch fast fish like bonito, false albacore and spanish mackerel? As mentioned earlier, Spofford's Needle Fish and the 7N Swedish Pimple were the early and pretty much the only favorites and are still favored by many of the old guard. Ask 2004 Grand Slam winner Jack Livingston about the effectiveness of the Spofford Needle Fish. And while many ignore it in favor of flashier newer offerings, the 7N Swedish Pimple with or without the dark green strip of metallic tape is still a great fish catcher especially when moved rapidly along the surface. But when angler interest in fast fish really took off so did the number of lure offerings on the shelves of tackle shops. The Deadly Dick and the Hammer led the early charge but right on their heels came lures like the Maria, the L-Jack by Yo-Zuri, Mega Baits, Acmes Needle-Eel, 007's, Crippled Herring, broken back Rebels, Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnows, Boone Needle Jigs, Grim Reefer. The list goes on and on and all are effective.

This year some new offerings have hit the shelves. Member Peter Johnson and the Roberts Lure Company have introduced a wonderful imitation of a baby bunker. Joe Martin and Point Jude Lures makes a line of beautifully crafted tins including a 1.25oz Sand Eel and another slender offering called a Po-Jee which comes in various sizes but the 1.5oz should be a killer. Just in time for the Derby Pt Jude also introduced a Jointed Sand Eel that can be fished in one, two or three sections. While three sections may be a bit large for our fast fish friends, a two-section version should be perfect. Pt Jude also makes a 1,5 oz version of a butterfish that can comes in chrome or new bright gold finish. (*Note: The hooks on most Point Jude lures are 7/0 or 8/0 and aimed at striped bass. They should be scaled down to smaller sizes for use on fast fish.*)

Another new addition is the Tormentor Tackle line of small lures. These lures come in a variety of sizes and hard finish colors that approximate the size and colors of many of our local baitfish. The lures are inexpensive and are sold loose and unpackaged. Another newcomer to the market is HRT Lures that has introduced a line of realistic looking neutrally buoyant plastic imitations including a sand eel. For whatever reason the lure is called the "*Polish Sand Eel*" and also comes in a variety of sizes.

Finally, don't ignore soft plastics when fishing for fast fish especially when baby bunker are the predominant baitfish. A few years back I was fishing on the soft side of the Gut watching albies crash the other side. Only one guy was hooking up consistently. The next day I went over there to see why and asked the guy what he was using. Reluctantly he showed me a cut down version of a 3" Storm Shad with the tail cut off. The remaining size closely resembled the size of the baby bunker that the albies were corralling. I also have friends in CT that make a living out of dead drifting pearl or crystal colored plastic Zoom Lures for false albacore in the Race and other fast moving rips in Long Island Sound. Finally, small weighted 3" pink or white Sluggo's are being used successfully by anglers around the Watch Hill, RI reefs.

Whatever your lure choice is be sure to keep your terminal small and to a minimum or use none at all. Use fluorocarbon leader and try to use a reel with high line capacity and a high retrieve ratio. You can't move the lure to fast for these fish. The late Arnold Spofford put this advice on his Needle Fish package, "if they want it, they'll get it".

Past Derby Accomplishments

Over the years, MVSA members have distinguished themselves as outstanding anglers by winning major prizes in the prestigious Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby. We thought it would be good to recognize their accomplishments. The list is impressive!

Dick Adams	1985 All Tackle Non-Resident Boat Bonito, 3 rd 1990 Flyrod Boat Bonito, 2 nd 1996 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 3 rd 1997 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1 st 1998 Flyrod Boat Striped Bass 2 nd 1998 Flyrod Shore Striped Bass, 3 rd
Al Angelone (Deceased)	2001 All Tackle Grand Slam, 3 rd
Ernie Baracchini	1998 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 2 nd
Chip Bergeron	1984 All Tackle Shore Bass, Non Resident 1 st 1991 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1 st 1992 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 3 rd 1995 Flyrod Shore Bass, 1 st 1995 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 3 rd 1995 Flyrod Shore Bonito, 3 rd 1995 Flyrod Shore Grand Slam, 1 st (<i>Derby Record</i>) 1997 Flyrod Shore Bass, 2 nd 2004 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1 st 2005 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 2 nd
Fran Clay	2001 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 1 st
Bob Clay	2001 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 1 st (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2005 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 3 rd
Jim Cornwell	2003 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1 st (<i>Grand Leader</i>) 2003 Brickman Award, Senior Shore Bonito 2003 Arnold Spofford Award, Senior Shore Bonito
Win Crocker	2005 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 3 rd
Phil Cronin	2005 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 1 st
Ron Domurat	1993 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1 st 2004 Kastmaster Joe Memorial Award.
Frank Dougherty	1995 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 1 st (<i>Grand Leader</i>)
Dan Geary	2002 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1 st (<i>Grand Leader</i>)

2002 Bob Post Memorial Award, Senior Shore Bluefish.
2002 DaRosa Award, Senior Shore Bluefish.
2002 James P. Catlow Memorial Award, Heaviest Resident Shore Bluefish.
2002 George H. Pye Award, Senior Resident Shore Bluefish.
2002 Chamber of Commerce Award, Senior Shore Bluefish
2002 Madison Alwardt Senior Memorial Award, Shore Bluefish.

Cooper Gilkes 1987 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 1st (*Grand Leader and Boat Winner*)
2003 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame

Bob (Hawkeye) Jacobs 1995 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 3rd
1997 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3rd
1998 All Tackle shore Grand Slam, 3rd
2001 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st
2001 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3rd
2001 Robert "Huff" Langley Award
2002 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st

Ed Jerome 2001 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame

Lois Kelly Stout 2003 Ray Metcalf Award, Senior Boat Striped Bass

Tom Kieras 2003 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st (*Grand Leader and Truck Winner*)
2003 David Finkelstein Award, Shore Bluefish
2003 The DaRosa Award, Heaviest Shore Bluefish
2005 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 2nd

Karen Kukolich 1986 Flyrod Boat Bluefish, 3rd
1988 Flyrod Boat Bluefish, 3rd
1995 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 1st
1995 Pierre Aetello Award, Women,s largest False Albacore
2001 All Tackle Boat Bluefish, 1st (*Grand Leader*)
2001 Dr David Finkelstein Award, Boat Bluefish,
2001 Carol Driscoll Memorial Award, Boat Bluefish
2001 The DaRosa Award, Boat Bluefish
2001 The Musia Fly Fishing Award

Bob Lane 1993 All Tackle Shore Bass, 2nd

(Bonito) Ed Lepore 1991 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 3RD
1992 Flyrod Shore bluefish, 3RD
1993 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 2nd

Walter Lison 2004 Chamber of Commerce Award, Senior Shore Bluefish
2004 George Pye Award, Senior Shore Bluefish
2004 Madison Alwardt Award, Senior Shore Bluefish
2004 Howie Leonard Award, Senior Shore False Albacore

Jack Livingston 1985 Resident Shore False Albacore, 2nd
1996 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 1st, (*Grand Leader*)
2001 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st (*Grand Leader*)
2001 James P. Catlow, Memorial Award, shore bluefish.
2001 Dr. David Finklestein Award, shore bluefish.

2004 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st
2004 Abe Williams Memorial Award, 1st All Tackle Angler to record a
Shore Grand Slam.

- Don MacGillivray** 1990 All Tackle Boat False Albacore, 1st (*Grand Leader*) (*Derby Record*)
1993 All Tackle Boat Bonito, 1st
1993 All Tackle Boat Triple Crown, 1st
1995 All Tackle Boat Grand Slam, 2nd
1995 All Tackle Boat Bluefish, 2nd
2000 Flyrod Boat Bonito, 1st
2000 Arnold Spofford Award, Senior Boat Bonito
- Keith McArt** 2003 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 1st
2003 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3rd
2004 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 1st (*Grand Leader*)
2005 All Tackle Shore Striped Bass, 2nd
- Janet Messineo** 1984 All Tackle Shore Resident Bass, 2nd.
1984 The Thomas Goode Special Memorial Award
1985 All Tackle Resident False Albacore, 1st
1985 All Tackle Resident Bonito, 1st
1987 & 1988 CB Stark Award, woman's heaviest shore fish.
1991 CB Stark Award, woman's heaviest shore false albacore
1996, 98, 99, 00, 01 Carol Driscoll Award, woman's heaviest shore bluefish
1998 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam 2nd.
1998 Sunglasses USA Award, woman's heaviest shore striped bass.
1998 Sunglasses USA Award, woman's heaviest shore bluefish.
2005 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame
- Gary Mirando** 2002 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 2nd
2003 Flyrod Boat False Albacore, 3rd
- Don Mohr** 1984 All Tackle Shore Bass, Resident 3rd
2003 Inducted into the Derby Hall of Fame
- George Moran** 2004 Flyrod Shore Striped Bass, 1st
- Dave Nash** 1993 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3rd
2002 Fly Rod Shore Bonito, 3rd
- Leong Ngor** 2005 All Tackle Shore Bonito, 3rd
2005 All Tackle Shore Grand Slam, 2nd
- Scott Patterson** 2005 Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 1st
- Paul Schultz** 1995 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st (*Grand Leader*)
1999 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st (*Grand Leader*)
- Jeff Sayre** 1996 Flyrod Shore False Albacore, 1st
2001 Flyrod Shore Bluefish, 1st
- Connor Smith** 2005 Junior All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 2nd
- Tom Smith** 2005 All Tackle Shore False Albacore, 3rd

Wayne Smith 1998 Flyrod Shore False Albacore 1st
Hank Unczur 2001 Ray Metcalf Senior Memorial Award, boat bass
Abe Williams 1997 All Tackle Shore Bluefish, 1st (*Grand Leader*)
(Deceased) 2001 Howie Leonard Senior Memorial Award shore false albacore.
2002 Madison Alwardt Senior Memorial Award, shore false albacore.

MVSA Braggin' Board

Ron Domurat-30.5lb striped bass

Chet Loiselle-Six foot Brown Shark

Keith McArt-30.2 lb Striped Bass
Part of a four man crew that landed a 400lb Bluefin Tuna

Phil Cronin/Jeff Sayre-85 bonito in one outing

Current In House Derby Standings (as of 8/230/06)

Senior Division

Shore Striped Bass

- 1. Will Point, 22.7lbs*
- 2. Jim Cornwell, 19.7*
- 3. Vince Frye, 17.5lbs*

Shore Bluefish

- 1. Vince Frye 6.1lbs.*

Boat Bonito

- 1. Ed Lepore-6.70lbs.*

Flyrod Shore Striped Bass Release

- 1. Ken Beebe-29.5"*

Open Division

Shore Striped Bass

- 1. Pat Toomey-38.2 lbs*
- 2. Ron Domurat-30.5 lbs*
- 3. Janet Messineo-24.9 lbs*

Shore Striped Bass Release

- 1. Pat Toomey-43"*
- 2. Ron Domurat-41"*
- 3. Ron Domurat- 38"*

Shore Bluefish

1. Dave Balon, 10.68lbs

Junior Division

Shore Striped Bass Release

1. Conor Smith-19"

Shore Bluefish Release

1. Conor Smith-22.5"

Note: Derby weigh slips or photo copies can be used as MVSA In House Derby entry forms but be sure to get your entry to Paul Schultz by the 5th of the next month following your catch. Don't forget the Grand Slam award!

Calendar

September 10, 2006-October 14, 2006-61st Annual Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby

October 1-October 31 - Octoberfish, Sponsored by Larry's Tackle Shop

November 14 - 7:00PM, MVSA General Membership Meeting, MV Rod & Gun Club

December 12 - 7:00PM, MVSA General Membership Meeting, MV Rod & Gun Club (pizza night)

January 27, 2007 - Annual Award Ceremony, Banquet and Raffle, Site TBA,