

THE PLUM LINE

SEPT / OCT 2009

Message from the President



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 12th, 13th
Tri-State Maine Leg

Sept 15, 2009
Members Meeting
Patrick Paquette
The Travelling Surfcaster
Late Fall Strategies

Sept 19th, 2009
Beach Blast & Fall Juniors
Fishing Event

Oct. 2nd – 12th, 2009
Topsfield Fair
Volunteers Needed
See Info in Newsletter and
on Website

October 20, 2009
Members Meeting
Gloucester Fisherman's
Wives Association and
Filleting Demo

Oct 24th, 25th
Tri-State Rhode Island Leg

Well it finally stopped raining and summer has shown up. And with all the heat the striper fishing from the surf has dried up somewhat. The boat guys still have plenty of mackerel offshore and the bass are hanging with them. The nights are starting to cool though and the beaches should start becoming more productive as we segue into the fall.

Congratulations to Mark Fulton on taking over 1st place in the shore category. Mark is a fine fisherman with a wealth of knowledge about Marblehead and Cape Ann and I'm sure would be willing to answer any questions about where and how he's fishing if asked.

This is the time of year when everyone should share the information that they've gathered all summer. At least if you listen to the messages on my home and cell phone would lead you to believe. Occasionally I'll give out some information, but it always feels like I'm doing someone else's homework. Fishing is tough right now and when someone gives you a nugget; keep it to yourself. You are being trusted. Keep it out of print, keep it off the Internet, and don't bring your fishing buddy to the hole without going back to the source and getting permission first. With all the information from so many different places nowadays, fishing etiquette has a tendency to get lost in the shuffle.

Good luck and tight lines,
K. Moore

Helpful Hint:

Many factors can influence our success on the water. The divider between simply wetting a line and actually catching is a combination of several variables: tide, time, moon phase, water temperature, etc.

The site run by Maine Harbors, <http://www.maineharbors.com> has an easy to read tide chart that includes mean highs and lows as well as phases of the moon. It is sorted by regions (ME/NH, MA, and RI).



Refreshments

No time to eat before the meetings, no problem! The refreshment committee will be offering a nice home cooked meal before each meeting.

Donations of \$3.00 will be accepted.

Coffee, snacks, and desserts will continue to be offered for a small fee.

Upcoming Menu

Sheila's Gourmet Delights

September:
Spaghetti Sauce over Pasta Apple Pie or Hot dogs*

October:
Beef Stew & Ginger Bread*

*In addition to the featured entrées, hot dogs and rolls will be offered at each meeting.

JR's Program

I received no e-mails or phone calls concerning the weekend fishing/camping trip at Salisbury beach in July. I hung out till dark to make sure nobody showed up to just fish on Sat. night. No one showed. I'm not sure what to do with the one in Sept. Please call so I can confirm a count prior to the event. The refuge should be open by then and we'll probably do just a fishing trip as in years past.

K. Moore

Saturday Sept. 19
Beach Blast & Fall Juniors Fishing Event
Salisbury Reservation
Starting about 8:00AM the Club will gather around the Pavilion area, hopefully we will have coffee and muffins. Plan to wrap up around noon time

Thank you,
K. Moore

Membership

Please make a point to verify or add an email address to your contact information for the club at the next members meeting. We have been increasing electronic notifications for club events.

Year Long Tournament Standings

Striper Surf Kept - Senior

Mark Fulton -33 Lbs 8 Oz
Peter Timmins-30 Lbs 8 Oz
Nancy Brown -27lbs 4oz

Striper Surf Released - Senior

Michael Toole - 43 Inches
Kevin Moore - 42 Inches
Richard Henry - 40 Inches

Striper Boat Kept - Senior

Robert Busch - 37 Lbs 8 Oz
Robert Busch - 36 Lbs 0 Oz

Striper Surf/Fly Released -Senior

Richard Henry - 40 Inches
John Liss - 29 1/4 Inches

Striper Boat Kept - Junior

Matt Camilliere - 32 Lbs 11 Oz

Striper Surf Released - Junior

Anthony Temperino

Striper Boat Released - Senior

Robert Busch - 40 Inches

Bluefish Boat Released - Senior

Robert Busch - 32 Inches

Announcements and Notices

Fishing Reports

The REPORTS section of the website is once again being updated. We encourage all to make submissions. Our intent is not to *spot burn* or inspire report chasers, but to show that as a club we do more than meet monthly to 'talk about fish'. Our website receives a lot of hits, and this is a great way to show our activity level and encourage membership.

Fishing reports can be made on the clubs website; there is a Reports tab at the top of the page or direct link at:

http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org/plum_island_surfcasters_report_entry.html

The form contains inputs for time, tides, moon phase, etc. Locations need not be specific, just general area info (i.e. Plum Island ocean side, Hampton Harbor, etc.)

Lifetime Membership

There has been some question regarding the process for nominating and receiving lifetime membership status in the club. Below is a synopsis from the Club's by-laws regarding nominating and selecting individuals for Lifetime Membership:

Nominations for lifetime membership in the Plum Island Surfcasters are being accepted. Any member in good standing may submit an individual for lifetime membership to the club. Nominations from the general membership need to be in writing and submitted to the Executive Board. The written submission should include a justification for the particular nominees proposed lifetime membership.

Annually in September, the Board will review nominees for lifetime membership and select two individuals from the submitted names to present to the General Membership for a vote.

Annually in November as part of the monthly members meeting, the General Membership will vote on the 2 individuals who were nominated and selected by the Board. If voted and approved by the Membership, those individuals will receive Lifetime Membership in the Plum Island Surfcasters.

Cape Ann Fresh Catch Community Supported Fishery

Our October Speakers, Gloucester Fisherman Wives Association, is sponsoring a Fresh Catch program for the next ten weeks. You can purchase a share for \$360 or a half share for \$180. The full share means you get 10-12 pounds each Friday in Newburyport between 2:00 and 4:00PM. A half share is 4-6 pounds. Since the program started two weeks ago one will be prorated at a lower amount. The fish is gutted and iced. It is delightful. There are seven other pick up sites on different days and hours. Averages about \$3.00 a pound. Fresh, locally caught includes a variety of haddock, cod, flounder, monkfish, Pollock, hake, grey sole, red fish and possibly clams, lobster and scallops.

For more information e-mail Debra Metivier at pm.damjpld@verizon.net.

Or visit on the web: <http://www.gfwa.org/programs/cafreshcatch.html>

Upcoming Speakers and Events

SEPTEMBER

MEMBERS MEETING SEPT 15TH

LATE FALL & WINTER STRATEGIES FOR THE TRAVELLING SURFCASTER

Captain Patrick Paquette created and has been writing the "Travelling Surfcaster" column in *On the Water* magazine for the past two seasons. In this highly informative presentation Patrick will discuss where, when and how Travelling Surfcasters follow the fall run all the way to the Outer Banks of Hatteras North Carolina. Patrick will review the different techniques and other inside information that can turn the average fisherman from tourist to informed surfcaster in famous locations between Montauk and the Outer Banks. A three term Past President of the MA Striped Bass Assn, Patrick's work as a professional advocate and community organizer of recreational fishermen up and down the east coast has lead him to be given information that normally takes years to learn. Patrick is currently the State Chairperson of the RFA and is the Executive Director of the National Beach Buggy Organization; the United Mobile Sport fishermen.

BEACH BLAST & FALL JUNIORS FISHING EVENT

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OCTOBER

TOPSFIELD FAIR OCT. 2ND - 12TH

We need volunteers for the booth in the Fish and Game Building. We have enough Wrist Bracelets to provide four a day. They can be reused, just talk to Larry when you sign up. Three shifts a day, 9:00-1:00, 1:00-5:00, and 5:00-9:00. Please see Larry at the next meeting or call to sign up and get you free passes for parking and entrance. (781-828-4441) This is great exposure for the club, a typical fair week has over a half million visitors. We need your help to promote the club.

MEMBERS MEETING OCT. 20th

GLOUCESTER FISHERMAN'S WIVES ASSOCIATION AND FILLETING DEMONSTRATION.

Learn how not to leave half of the meat on the carcass. These folks sponsor Fresh Fish program for twelve weeks in NBPT along with Filleting Classes. They will give us a brief view of what's going on with our Commercial friends which they see on a daily basis.

Tournaments

YEAR LONG CLUB TOURNAMENT

May 1st through Oct. 31

Multiple Categories Stripers and Bluefish

Adult and Junior Divisions Awards

Plum Island Surfcasters Year Long Club Tournament for 2009. Trophies awarded and bragging rights earned for Striped Bass and Bluefish, kept and catch and release in both shore and boat category. We're putting special emphasis on the fly division for 2009 as in years past we had zero slips submitted for the fly category. Dust off those 'magic wands'.

***Current Standings listed in Newsletter and on Club Website

THE EXOTICS

This event will run from August 1-November 1.

Species will include:

Spanish Mackerel, Bonito, False Albacore

Trophies will be awarded for the LONGEST fish, weight will not count.

Slips must include:

Species, length, time caught, name, witness signature

Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Anglers may only hold 1 Position.

TRI-STATE TOURNAMENT

Maine Leg, Old Orchard Beach

Sept 12th, 13th

Rhode Island Leg, Westerly, RI

October 24th, 25th

Contact Mark Fulton or Tim Brooks for more info if you're interested in joining a team.

Editors Note

The Plum Line is back after a short summer hiatus following some scheduling issues by your humble editor. (No I was not fishing, but I hope everyone else was, and successfully to boot.)

As many of you have noticed, I've been making an effort to increase the electronic notifications for club events and the newsletter distribution via emails. Please take some time at the next members meeting in September or October to verify your email address on file with the club.

The idea has been proposed to go with an all electronic distribution of the Plum Line, emailing of the letter in .pdf format and also posting it on the clubs website. Electronic distribution would result in a decrease of the Clubs cost for printing, supplies and postage, which is currently topping \$200 per mailing. At the same time it would increase our efficiency with a timelier distribution, and less hours spent compiling, folding, addressing, and mailing.

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