



PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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THE PLUM LINE

January/February 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 17th, 2012
Members Meeting
Joe Brotz~Ice Fishing
7:30 PM Newbury Fire

JAN 20th, 2012
Smelt Trip
Dresden, ME

FEB 18th, 2012
Ice Fishing
Pentucket Pond
8:00 AM
(see site for details)

FEB 21st, 2012
Members Meeting
"How To" Night
7:30 PM Newbury Fire

FEB 25th, 2012
Annual Fundraiser
Newburyport Elks
8:00 AM

MAR 10th, 2012
Jr's Program
Fly Tying Class
3:00-5:00 PM
(see site for details)

March 20th, 2012
Members Meeting
Speaker TBD
7:30 PM Newbury Fire

Presidents Message

Hello Friends, I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. In my initial address, I would like to touch upon just three things.

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President of our club. It is a privilege and an honor! As President, I will continue the great work started by Kevin McGrath and Kevin Moore. For example, in 2010 and 2011, we accomplished great things in programs, membership, and the internet. For 2012, we are going to take our newsletter, Juniors Program, and Tournaments to the next level. I am confident that we will realize this because we have an all-star board that operates as a team and that executes with a synergy that will turn any corporate board green with envy.

Second, my personal goal for 2012 is to enhance communication within our club and with the recreational fishing community. I will realize this by utilizing the website, email, the newsletter, meeting minutes, meeting announcements, social networks (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, striped-bass.com, and LinkedIn) and press releases. If you have feedback, a question, or an idea, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Third, and most important, every decision and action that the executive board does in 2012 will be for the benefit of the club as a whole and to enhance our 50+ years of tradition.

I am not a surfcaster. I am a Plum Island Surfcaster! The difference can only be understood by being a member of our club. Thank you for your membership and participation.

Happy New Year!!!

Tight Lines,

Julio Silva
President

**Annual Fundraiser
February 25th 2012
Doors Open at 8 AM
Elks Lodge Newburyport
See Events for more Detail**



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

Kevin's in the Kitchen

January:

Guinness Stew
with French Bread*

February:

Chicken and Stuffing Pie
with Cranberry Sauce*

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

Jr's Program

Classroom Instruction: Tying Saltwater Flies
Date: March 10, 2012 **Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm**
Location: Newburyport (registration required)

The 2012 Jr's program will begin in March with some "hands on" classroom instruction in fly tying taught by Kevin Moore. This event is free and open to all members and materials provided. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Kevin Moore at 978-204-4418 to register and with any questions.

The formation of a 2012 fishing trip schedule is in progress and will be updated to the Website and newsletter in the coming months.

Announcements and Notices

Membership

2012 Membership fees are now due

Forms for new Members or Renewals will be available at the Members Monthly Meetings.

Online Registration/Renewal Forms are also available at the clubs website:

http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org/system/files/editor/membership/PISC_Membership_Application.pdf

Welcome New Members

Grant Anderson ~ Boxford, MA

Dennis Bedrosian ~ Newburyport, MA

Jim Dykes ~ Merrimack, MA

James Fodenaro ~

Stay up to date on All Club events

Please make sure we have your current email address
Send updates to Plumisc@gmail.com to stay connected

Are you *LinkedIn*?

Plum Island Surfcasters LinkedIn Group
<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4223368>

Find us on Facebook

Plum Island Surfcasters Facebook
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=117460311603964>

Announcements and Notices

Fishing Reports

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/fishing-reports>

For 2012 Capt Charles Crue from Channel Edge Charters will be posting fishing reports. The reports will be posted the Members Area of the website: <http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org/fishing-reports>. Stay tuned for a 2011 Year in Review report!"

Ways & Means

Ways and Means will again be offering custom hand tied flies for purchase at the January and February Meetings. Hats and T-Shirts are still available.

Online purchasing should be available soon.

Hat/T-Shirt/Patch Combos to available at August Show

Club Elections

November was Election month in the club.

Congratulations to Julio Silva who was voted in to serve as club President.

Former President Kevin McGrath has changed to a chef hat and has taken Sheila Sunman's place at food and refreshments.

There are still open positions available for club Secretary and Club Corresponding Secretary. If interested in serving in any capacity, please contact any member of the Board

Brief position descriptions:

Secretary: Seat on the Executive Board, primarily responsible for the recording and filing of meeting minutes at Members and Executive Board meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: Seat on the Executive Board, primarily responsible for official correspondence both within the club and to external institutions. Examples may include letters of thanks to donors or featured meeting speakers and written announcements of club events submitted to media.

Shallow Water Striper University

A crash course in Fishing Techniques that are sure to pay off. Last Year's Fundraiser featured speaker Capt. Jim White sent us this notice about Shallow Water University.

Follow this link for more info

<http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org/content/shallow-water-striper-university-2012>

Legislation Updates

The New Year brings many things including the need to renew your Massachusetts fishing permits. The cost for a saltwater fishing permit is \$10.00; if you purchase it on line you will be charged an additional \$1.50 "convenience fee".

No permit is required for the following individuals:

- Persons under 16 years of age.
- Persons fishing on a charter or partyboat.
- Persons who possess a saltwater fishing license from Connecticut, Rhode Island or New Hampshire.
- Persons who, regardless of age, otherwise meet the definition of a disabled person.
- The permit fee is waived for anglers 60 and older; however, these individuals must still register with the state. A small fee will be charged by the vendor to process the permit if purchased online.

You can purchase a permit 3 ways.

1. By phone: 1-866-703-1925
2. By filling out the attached application and mailing it back to the Division of Marine Fisheries, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114 applications can also be accessed by going to: http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/recreationalfishing/rec_saltwater_application.pdf
3. Through the internet by going to <https://www.ma.wildlifelicense.com/Customer/InternetCustomerSearch>

What you'll need to buy permit online:

- 1.Date of Birth or your customer ID from 2011, which is printed on your old permit.
- 2.A primary Phone Number where the permit holder can be reached
- 3.VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express Credit Card
- 4.A Printer to print your permit
- 5.An email address is highly recommended but not required

Kayak Columns

by Rick Buss, Owner/Guide,

BelleisleKayakAdventures.com

Editor's Note: Rick is [we surmise] out on the water. We hope to catch up with him at the next installment for some tales and tips.

Amateur Chef



Simplicity-Fish in the Wok *by Larry Craig*

Sometimes people put off cooking fish because it's a bit time consuming and complicated. Here is a quick and easy solution to both of those problems that comes to us care of Amy Brownhill, an excellent Chef in training.

Ingredients

- Fish Fillet (1/2 inch to 3/4 inch works best)
- Olive Oil
- 2 – 3 Eggs
- Ritz Crackers
- Lemon and/or Tartar Sauce to taste

Prepare

- Oil up your favorite Wok
 - *the electric from that Yard Sale last summer will do fine...guess why I know*
- Take a fillet 1/2 to 3/4 inches thick and cut into pieces 4 inches long.
 - *If they're longer they'll break up when you flip them on the Wok.*
- Beat the eggs in a dish which you will use for dipping.
- Crunch up half a sleeve of Ritz crackers. (Remember the sandwich bag and the full beer can)

Cook

- Dip the Fillet Cuts in the egg wash and then coat both sides of each fillet in Ritz crackers
- Cook fillets in the wok on both sides, about 3-5 minutes a side until fillet is all white.
- You may need to add Oil if you do a second batch since the crackers absorb a lot

Serve with fresh lemon or Tartar Sauce, a glass of wine, nice vegetable and your all set.

TIP: Safety Helper for the Kitchen

Your Dishwasher or Microwave can be one of your best helpers but that sponge that hangs arounds the sink can be one of the worst bacteria spreaders in the kitchen.

Here are two easy solutions; every time you run the Dishwasher run the sponge through with the dishes, and make sure it goes through the drying cycle. Or Plan B, 60 seconds in the Microwave.

Old Business

Emails

In our ever constant effort to keep them up to date, John Liss will have the master record as you check in at the members meetings. Please take a few minutes to verify your information.

Meeting Recaps

A near banner crowd for the annual Yankee Swap at the December Members meeting. Sergeant at Arms John Liss wasn't there to count noses, but 42 gifts on the table is a good indicator of attendance. Our membership enjoyed a coffee and dessert table and everybody left with a smile and a gift. Frozen Bloodworms anyone?

19 Members enjoyed the November presentation from Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries representative Matt Ayer and his presentation on Anadromous Fish. Club elections for E-Board positions rounded out the evening. See the note above RE: Elections for details.

December 2011 Internet Report

1. The article on the club has been submitted to the Editor of The Fisherman, New England Edition.
2. The 2012 show press release has been submitted to On The Water and The Fisherman:
3. The 2012 show marketing plan is done. In particular, we are going focus more on email blasts and posters in Bait and Tackle Shops in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.
4. The Membership via PayPal feature is 80% complete. Here is a screen shot <http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org/news/december-2011-internet-report> of the shopping cart with a membership product:
5. Once the Membership via PayPal feature is complete, we can leverage the ecommerce engine to then sell club merchandise.
6. Dave Anderson and Jimmy Fee have provided the titles, bios, short descriptions, and fishy pic.
7. The 2012 show flyer is completed.
8. The 2012 "Ask" letter is completed.
9. The December 2011 Club Meeting email was sent.
10. A LinkedIn Group call "[Plum Island Surfcasters](#)" has been created. Members are welcome to join.

Programs

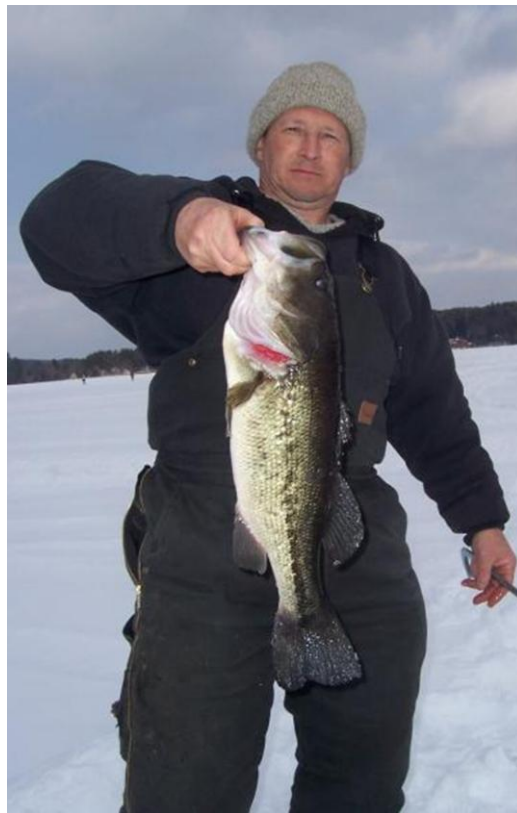
January 17th 2012

MEMBERS MEETING

Featured Speaker

Joe Brotz~ From Augers to Ice

Joe's no stranger to those of us who like to sling eels and he's also an accomplished ice angler as well. Sharing his tips and tricks that he learned from years on the ice, he will also share with us: Ice Fishing Methods, Species to Target, Rigging, Methods for cutting holes, Baits, and Clothing and Safety. From novice to "hard-water" expert, there should be a little for everyone.



February 21th 2012

MEMBERS MEETING

Annual "How-To" night

Newbury fire hall

Demonstrations and Hands On activities

Fly Tying

Reel Cleaning and restoration (bring your own, or clean one of mine)

Lure Building

And more.....

The 2012 Club & Junior Program Fundraiser Fishing Show

Saturday, February 25th, 2012

Where: The Elks Lodge, 25 Low Street, Newburyport, MA

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Tickets: \$13.00 for Public | \$8.00 for Members

Dave Anderson (a.k.a "Canal Man") is the founder of Surfasyllum Lures. His innovative and fish-catching plugs have earned the respect of surfcasters from Maine to Delaware, and California. Dave is also a prolific writer with articles published in *The Fisherman* and [Surfcasters Journal](#).



Dave's seminar will teach you how to properly present several types of plugs; how to tune and modify plugs; how to go beyond "white by day and black by night"; and how to develop confidence in your plugs.

Jimmy Fee is a contributing writer for [On The Water](#). He fishes 250+ days a



year for bluegills to blue fin tuna. But, his passion is catching striped bass from Massachusetts' North Shore to the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Jimmy's casts has proven that "Elephants eat peanuts". In his seminar, he will teach you where, when, and how to present small plugs, jigs, and lures to seduce BIG fish.

Trips and Tournaments

2nd Annual PISC Smelt Fishing Trip

When: Friday January 20th 11:30 PM - 6:00 AM

Where: Sonny's Smelt Camps, Dresden ME

Cost: \$15 per person

The Club has reserved 5 Shacks for the night to give club Members a chance at experiencing a Down east Tradition....Winter Smelting in Maine. If the smelts are running it's not unheard of a shack catching 2-300 of the tasty morsels in 1 tide. Each Shack is heated and has electricity.

The price is just for the Shack, transportation to and from the camp will be up to the individual. They sell bait @ \$4 a dozen for sea worms, but you are welcome to bring your own. Bring a cooler and a grill and relax for the evening.

There are 20 openings total, as each shack holds 4 people. Space is limited and is reserved on a 1st Come/1st Served basis.

Please contact Kevin McGrath reserve your spot.

February 12, 2009

5th Annual ICE FISHING Outing

Pentucket Pond ~ Georgetown, MA

Registration: 8:00 am Fishing: 8:00 am- 1:00 pm

Target Species: Bass, Trout, and Pickerel

MA Fresh Water Fishing License required for any angler over 15 yrs of age

See website for registration form/Info or contact Mike Hosker for further detail

Tri-State Tournament

Cape Cod ~ Maine ~ Rhode Island

<http://tristatetournamentofnewengland.com/>

Contact Kevin Heinrich on E-Board for more detail or to join a team

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Die Hard Tournament

Nov 1st Through Nov 30th

Multiple Categories Stripers and Bluefish

Adult and Junior Divisions Awards

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YEARLONG TOURNAMENT

May 1st Through Oct. 31st

Multiple Categories Stripers and Bluefish

Adult and Junior Divisions Awards

STRIPER CUP

Sponsored by *On The Water Magazine*

[Striper Cup Web page - Register here](#)

Join the Plum Island Surfcasters Striper Cup Tournament Team!

For more information, rules, regulations, entry forms or affidavits on any of the above club tournaments please visit the website at <http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org>

Or contact Mike Hosker via the e-board information.

Members Pages

January ~ Bob Smith

Winter is more than an absence of summer. It's the dry rattle of sleet against my easterly windows, or perhaps the thunderous roar of the breakers along the endless stretch of shoreline. We know it well, having lived on Plum Island off and on for over 50 years.

Living on the edge of the sea, at a time when man has virtually disappeared from this world of nature, one must leave footprints along the water's edge to understand and truly appreciate it's atmosphere. Winter means putting the snow shovel by the door on the weather man's forecast of "flurries"- and being prepared for "6 to 12" inches, for January is noted for nor'easters, blowing snow and salt marsh transformed into wintry plains. A surfcasters land, it is not.

Now the afternoon shadows grow even longer, time to begin the endless journey- the one that will take surfcasters along the paper calendar of-2012.

Contributing Editor Bob Smith is one of the clubs founding members.

Photo submitted by new member Grant Anderson



We were in Alaska this past summer and fly fished the Russian and Kenai rivers with good success.

Although I've salt water fished a little and my son never, we thought the club would be a good opportunity to learn the ropes with this type of fishing. We are members of Danvers Fish and Game which also has an excellent juniors program.

Regards,

Grant

Need a Calendar for 2012

<https://www.fish360.net/the-reel-women-of-fishing-calendar>

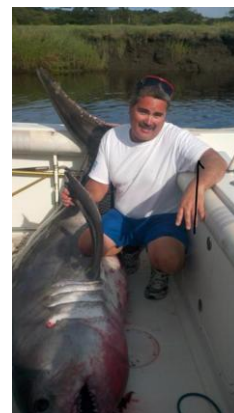
The reel woman of fishing 2012 Calendar is a good choice and features club member Allison Miles

2011 Photo-Contest Winner

Photographer: Liz Wyka

(elizabethwyka@yahoo.com)

Photo: Dave Sunman's 400 lb porbeagle shark



<http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org/content/400-lb-shark>

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