



PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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THE PLUM LINE

SEP/OCT/NOV 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 30th – Oct 10th
Topsfield Fair

Oct 18th, 2011
Members Meeting
Dave Pickering
7:30 PM Newbury Fire

Nov 12th, 2011
Annual Awards Night
6:00 PM Newbury Fire

November 15th, 2011
Members Meeting
Matt Ayer
7:30 PM Newbury Fire

Dec 20th, 2011
Members Meeting
Yankee Swap
Bring a Gift
7:30 PM Newbury Fire

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

Presidents Message

Where did the season go? I could have sworn the Stripers just showed up. I hope all had a great season and went large at least once. It's now time to start putting the gear away and readying for the winter, unless of course some of you are working on the Die Hard Tourney. As for me, winterizing means getting the Ice fishing gear out and ready to go.

This month we will have our Awards Banquet so please make sure to come by, bring a covered dish of your choice, and share some laughs and stories as we congratulate the year's winners. The E-Board will be providing Ham and Turkey, so please bring along one of your favorite dishes to share.

I'd like to also Congratulate this year's Tri-State Tournament team, Plum Island Surfcasters made it a clean sweep this year and won all 3 legs and the Overall tournament.....Congratulations Guys and Gal.

Finally, I know I speak for the entire club when I say this, but a Big THANK YOU needs to be sent out to Sheila Sunman. As most of you know Sheila has been providing us with some great meals on our meeting nights. Unfortunately she will be stepping down this year, and I for one, will miss her culinary touch in the Kitchen, as I'm sure most of you will.

So, Sheila, as Promised...a Big **THANK YOU!!!**

Take Care and Tight Lines
Kevin McGrath
President

MEMBERS ANNUAL AWARD BANQUET

NOVEMBER 12th 2011

6:00 PM

NEWBURY FIRE HALL

TURKEY AND HAM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD

Members please bring a covered side dish, drink or dessert



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

November:
TBD*

December
TBD*

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

Jr's Program

The 2011 fishing season has wrapped up for the juniors.

The formation of a 2012 Schedule is in progress and will be updated to the Website early in January.

All dates and times are subject to change due to weather or other factors. Please contact Kevin Moore at 978-204-4418 with any questions. Bait provided, call if you need a rod.

Note: Fishing trips/outings for the Juniors Program are not restricted by age. *Junior* can also include those new to the club and/or new to the sport.

Announcements and Notices

Membership

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/plum_island_surfcasters_membership.html

Welcome New Members

Tim McCue of Amesbury, MA

Mike Jones of Newbury, MA

John Mele of Haverhill, MA

Clayton Patles of Plaistow, NH

Tony Colletti of Seabrook, NH

David Tremblay of Salisbury, MA

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

Announcements and Notices

Fishing Reports

NONE

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.)

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 meeting will feature the clubs elections for the 2012 Board positions.

Current Open Seats for:

Secretary, Refreshment Chair

Legislation Updates

Below this list of bills is a hearing notice from the Division of Marine Fisheries, which includes two issues of interest surfcasters fishing for striped bass. While Plum Island Surfcaster has not taken a position on any of these proposals we provide this list as a resource to members who may have an interest

The first proposal under consideration is mandating the use of circle hooks for those bait fishing for striped bass. There are many studies available on-line, which examine the impact of circle hooks on mortality rates of striped bass. The second proposal would prohibit the use of yo-yo rigs, which are created by inserting a weight into a baitfish, lowered to the bottom and bounced, or yo-yoed. Some concerns related to this technique can be found in this article from the Martha's Vineyard Times.

www.mvtimes.com/news/2008/01/03/yo-yoing-examination.php

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Legislation (continued)

Marine Fisheries Advisory

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS: HOOK AND LINE GEAR RESTRICTIONS IN THE STRIPED BASS FISHERY MANDATING CIRCLE HOOKS AND PROHIBITING “YO-YO” RIGS

Under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 30A and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. Ch. 130 ss. 17A & 80, the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (MFC) have scheduled two public hearings to accept comments on proposed changes to 322 CMR 6.07. To promote the conservation of the striped bass resource by reducing the discard mortality associated with certain hook and line gears, the Division of Marine Fisheries is proposing the following actions:

Mandate the use of circle hooks. Traditional “J” hooks are often swallowed by striped bass causing internal damage and increasing discard mortality. Circle hooks have demonstrated the ability to hook the fish in the mouth and thereby decrease discard mortality rates. Consequently, Marine Fisheries is proposing to require both recreational and commercial fishermen fishing for or in possession of striped bass to use circle hooks when fishing with whole or cut natural bait.

Prohibit the use yo-yo rigs. “Yo-Yo” rigs and other similar gear that use natural baits rigged with embedded weights not attached to the terminal tackle increase discard mortality when striped bass swallow the bait and the associated weight. Marine Fisheries is proposing to prohibit the use of this gear by both recreational and commercial fishermen.

Two public hearings have been scheduled: November 29, 2011 at 6 PM at the CoCo Key Hotel and Water Resort, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923. November 30, 2011 at 6 PM at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.

Public comments will be accepted until 5PM on December 2, 2011. Please e-mail all public comments to marine.fisheries@state.ma.us or jared.silva@state.ma.us or send to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

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



Jack Daniels Glaze

Contributed by J.R. Craig

This recipe works well for fillets no thicker than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

If you're dealing with a thicker fillet then it's recommended you alter them with a sharp knife (fillet the fillet) Cooking will evaporate the alcohol leaving a delightful flavor behind.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Teaspoon of Butter or Olive Oil
- 1 Tablespoon of Brown Sugar
- Pinch of Cinnamon
- Shot of Jack Daniels* per fillet
- Ritz Crackers or Saltines crushed (about 3-5 crackers/fillet)
- Fish fillet of choice trimmed to serving size (about a half pound)

TO PREPARE

Form a "boat" with aluminum foil for each fillet.

Place the butter or olive oil in the bottom of the foil boat to prevent sticking.

Place the Fillet in the boat and top with crushed Ritz or saltines.

TO COOK

Place the boat with fillet on the grill at medium/high heat

Once cooking starts carefully pour the Jack Daniels shot over the fillet (carefully since we've got whiskey and fire)

A $\frac{3}{4}$ inch fillet will cook in about 7 minutes depending on the grill heat.

Serve and enjoy.

*a second shot is allowed for the chef's efforts (or medicinal purposes)

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

Attendance at the October club meeting was outstanding-thanks to the publicity. 47 members in attendance including 7 from E Board. All enjoyed the much anticipated presentation from Rhode Island's Dave Pickering on Secrets of the Striper Surf.

A welcome visit from Al Gags highlighted the September Meeting, with a special raffle table that allowed many in attendance to take home some of Gags newest developments, *The Whip-it Eel*. Al's talk covered Tarpon Fishing in Florida.

Of Note

David Sunman wins this year's *Funny Fish Award*
 David caught a Porbeagle Shark weighing in at 400 lbs and over 8' in length.
 See a picture and read more at <http://www.plumislandsurfcaster.org/content/400-lb-shark>

Topsfield Fair

Congratulations to our dedicated members who worked the booth at the Topsfield Fair. We extend kudos to Larry Craig for the efforts in scheduling and logistics and to Kevin McGrath for "jazzing up" the booth with a new slide show of member's pictures.

Our display at the fair was awarded a Blue Ribbon, and generated some good PR for the club and a few new member joins.

1. The site has had record breaking hits in October—very positive results are improving our image and will positively help with our membership drive.
2. The Allison Miles article has been well received-we discussed getting articles about members on occasion.
3. Julio is nurturing the club relationships with *On the Water & The Fisherman*.
4. *The 2011 Show Sponsors are on the website*.
5. PayPal feature is a lower priority-with a goal by year end to help get members to renew in January plus enable the purchase of merchandise.
6. Progress with our email list has enabled the largest email blast in PISC history

October 18th 2011

MEMBERS MEETING

Featured Speaker

Dave Pickering ~ Secrets of the Striper Surf

A club favorite, Dave is back with a new presentation "Secrets of the Striper Surf" that should not be missed. Dave is a fanatical striper fisherman who fishes for striped bass 12 months of the year. He is considered RI's most prolific striped bass catcher with lifelong landings of over 50,000 stripers with fish upwards of 50 lbs.

November 12th 2011

Annual Awards Banquet

6:00 pm

Newbury fire hall

Turkey and ham provided by the board

Side dish, drinks and dessert sign up at October members meeting

November 15th 2011

MEMBERS MEETING

Featured Speaker

Matt Ayer

Matt Ayer is from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and will be joining us for a talk on anadromous fishing.

December 20th 2011

MEMBERS MEETING

Yankee Swap

NO SPEAKER (limited business)

It's time again for some Christmas Cheer at our annual Yankee Swap to honor the holidays. Join your members for some laughs; bring a dessert to share and a gift (\$20 Value) in order to participate in the exchange. You must bring a gift to get a gift.

January 17th 2012

MEMBERS MEETING

Featured Speaker

Joe Brotz ~ Ice Fishing

He's known as Roccus and the Eel Slinger. Joe's also an experienced ice angler. He'll be presenting his tips and techniques for fishing the hard water and getting through the winter months.

Tournaments

<p style="text-align: center;">PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS YEARLONG TOURNAMENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May 1st Through Oct. 31st</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Multiple Categories Stripers and Bluefish Adult and Junior Divisions Awards</p>	<p>Yearlong Tournament News</p> <p>Many categories still wide open. Current standings as of publishing are listed below. Website may contain further updates.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tri-State Tournament</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cape Cod ~ Maine ~ Rhode Island</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://tristatetournamentofnewengland.com/</p> <p>Contact Kevin Heinrich on E-Board for more detail or to join a team</p>	<p>Tri-State News</p> <p>It's been reported that the Plum Island Surfcasters have won in both the Massachusetts and Maine Legs of the Tri-State Tournament.</p> <p>Congratulations to all who fished.</p> <p>The Club's Team is looking for a 6th member to round out our entry in the Rhode Island Leg scheduled for weekend of 22 October.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS Die Hard Tournament</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nov 1st Through Nov 30th</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Multiple Categories Stripers and Bluefish Adult and Junior Divisions Awards</p>	<p>Dig out the mittens and hats or gas up for the pilgrimage south and follow the fall migration</p>
<p>STRIPER CUP Sponsored by <i>On The Water Magazine</i></p> <p>May 5st thru Sept. 21st Striper Cup Web page - Register here Join the Plum Island Surfcasters Striper Cup Tournament Team!</p>	
<p>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</p> <p>Or contact Mike Hosker via the e-board information.</p>	

CURRENT STANDINGS		
PLUM ISLAND SURFCASTERS		
YEARLONG TOURNAMENT		
<p>Striper Surf Kept - Senior Peter Novello ~ 22 lbs. John Noonan ~ 20 lbs. 8 oz.</p> <p>Striper Surf Released - Senior Aaron Quinlan ~ 46" Julio Silva ~ 41"</p> <p>Striper Boat Kept - Senior David Sunman ~ 32lbs .7 oz. Joe Camilliere ~ 26lbs 7oz</p> <p>Striper Boat Released –Senior Larry Craig ~ 39"</p> <p>Striper Surf Kept - Junior Jacob Powers ~ 8lbs 5oz (31")</p> <p>Striper Surf Released - Junior ~no landings</p> <p>Striper Boat Kept - Junior Matt Camilliere ~ 36.15 lbs</p>	<p>Striper Boat Released – Junior ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Surf Kept – Junior ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Surf Released – Junior ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Boat Kept – Junior ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Boat Released – Junior ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Surf Kept – Senior Kevin Henrich ~ 6lbs 14oz</p> <p>Bluefish Surf Released – Senior Peter Novello – 32 inches</p> <p>Bluefish Boat Kept- Senior Bob Busch ~12lbs 9oz</p> <p>Bluefish Boat Released – Senior Bob Busch ~ 36.5"</p>	<p>Striper Surf FLYDivision Released ~no landings</p> <p>Striper Surf FLYDivision Kept ~no landings</p> <p>Striper Boat FlyDivision Released ~no landings</p> <p>Striper Boat Fly Division Kept ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Surf FLYDivision Released ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Surf FLYDivision Kept ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Boat FlyDivision Released ~no landings</p> <p>Bluefish Boat Fly Division Kept ~no landings</p>

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