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## THE PLUM LINE

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### Presidents Message

April is finally upon us and the last month's count down to the first arrivals has begun. No matter how much I try to prepare for the upcoming season there's always last minute things to do.

In this newsletter you will find the letter for the Choir Coalition, which the general membership voted to support at the last meeting. The addresses for Senators Kennedy and Kerry, as well as Representative Tierney are below. Please take the time to mail out these letters for this important cause.

Also in this newsletter you will find an application form for the clubs scholarship. If you have a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter, please take the time to submit an application.

I'd like to announce to the club that we have adopted a girl. Her name is Hannah and she is a herring. The club/ jrs. program is participating in the Ipswich river, River Herring Restoration Study. A herring has been adopted by the club and will be fitted with a radio tag and her movements will be tracked throughout the year to help the study learn how to best reestablish a prolific herring run to the Ipswich river. In January of 08 they will give a summary of their findings at a club meeting.

The Newbury selectmen have approved our request for the use of the Newbury upper green and pond for our annual casting clinic to be held June 9th 2007 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., volunteers for fly and surf casting instructors welcome. This instruction is open to the public and you never know how many people will show up.

Thank you, K. Moore

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Boston, MA. 02203

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1 Bowdoin Sq. 10th floor  
Boston, MA. 02114

Rep. John F. Tierney  
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### JR's Program

On the 31st of March the kids and adults learned to tie the Clouser minnow and its spinoff the 1/2 and 1/2. Our next and last classroom meeting of the year will be on Sat. April 28th from 3-5 p.m. at the Wildlife Refuge headquarters on Rolfe's In. in Newbury. The subject will be 'leaders and bait rigs'. Starting in May the meetings will take place on the beach with a rod in hand. Thanks to all those who have supported the jrs. program this winter. Your help and contributions have been greatly appreciated.

Put a kid on the beach, and keep em off the streets!  
Kevin M. Moore

## April's Speaker- **Capt. John T. Pirie**

In case you have not seen or met Capt. John T. Pirie he has been doing slide show seminars in New England since 1992 and gives 12-14 seminars every winter on a broad range of fishing topics . He has also been a touring National Faculty member with the SaltWater Sportsman National Seminar Series for the last five years and is a co-host for the series this year. John's background as a teacher and previously as a researcher at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute allows him to convey a clear understanding of the many topics covered. John has also been a member of Yamaha's prestigious National Fishing Team for the past 12 years. He has been featured in numerous articles in such magazines as SaltWater Sportsman, Fly Fishing in SaltWaters, Saltwater Flyfishing, Sport Fishing, Fly Rod and Reel, and Offshore Magazine as well as a newcomer to the market, Center Console Angler. John is also a monthly columnist for On The Water Magazine writing on Offshore Fishing. To reach Capt. John T. Pirie use email : [jpirie@olfc.com](mailto:jpirie@olfc.com), or visit his web site at [www.olfc.com](http://www.olfc.com). John can also be reached by phone at 978.468.1314

### Description:

Capt Pirie will Present a slide show focussing on Striped Bass and Bluefish along the North Shore. During the past few seasons, bluefish have started to reappear in our nearshore waters. While their abundance does not compare to the fishing we enjoyed in the 80's there has, nonetheless, been quite an improvement recently. Capt. Pirie will present an informative talk and slideshow about the techniques best suited to finding and catching these formidable sportfish. He will be discussing terminal tackle, flies, lines as well as the best times, tides and locations to pursue these fish. A portion of the slide show will be dedicated to the excellent offshore bluefishing available in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine waters. Furthermore, the opportunities to land really large striped bass has never been better. With ever increasing numbers of these large bass returning to our home waters, Capt. Pirie will introduce some new ways to consider approaching these fish as well as some tried and true techniques. Aerial photographs of the local waters will serve to enhance your understanding of how to approach fishing these waters whether from boat, foot or kayak. This promises to be an excellent show loaded with great photos and lots of information to help your success with bluefish and striped bass next season.



## **TOURNAMENTS**

### **TWO NEW EVENTS! THE "DIE HARD"**

This event will run from November 1, 2007-November 30, 2007

Species will include Bass and Bluefish only.

Awards will be given for the HEAVIEST fish overall.

Slips must include species, weight, time caught as well as name, badge number and witness.

Awards will be given for 1st 2nd and 3rd place. Any angler may only hold one trophy position.

### **THE EXOTICS**

This event will run from August 1, 2007-November 1, 2007

Species will include Spanish Mackerel, Bonito and False Albacore.

Trophies will be awarded for the LONGEST fish, weight will not count. Slips must include: species, length and time caught as well as name, badge number and witness.

Trophies will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Any angler may only hold one position.

Slips must be postmarked by the day following the ending date of the contest. Slips must be turned in to Kevin McGrath either by mail or at the monthly meeting. Awards will be given at The Yankee Swap in December.

Let's make these two new events a success! Fish long, fish hard and turn in those slips!

### **2007 YEAR LONG BIG FISH TOURNAMENT MAY 1, 2007 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2007**

**SPECIES: BASS, BLUEFISH, and SBFT**

**LOCATION: ANYWHERE YOU CATCH THE FISH**

**VENUE: SURF, BOAT, BAIT, LURE FLY**

**TROPHY CATEGORIES: SPECIES, BOAT, SURF, AND FLY DIVISIONS, CATCH AND RELEASE OR KILL. ALL TROPHIES WILL BE IN ADULT AND JUNIOR CATEGORIES.**

All fish must be recorded on an official weigh in slip. PISC affidavit slips may be obtained at monthly meetings. Photocopies are acceptable, or any official weigh in slip from a weigh station.

All slips must include: species, time and date caught, weight if a kill. length if a catch and release, where caught, how caught and if it was boat or surf. Name and badge number of the angler must be listed as well as a witnesses signature. Time caught may be used as a tie breaker if the need arises. Any incomplete slips will be considered invalid.

Any angler may hold only one trophy position per category. Slips may be turned in at the monthly meetings, at SurfLand or by mail to: Kevin

McGrath 52 West St Georgetown, MA 01833. It is wise to keep a photo copy of each slip for your records.

All slips must be turned in by November 1, 2007 or postmarked no later than Nov. 1 2007. Late slips will be considered invalid. PLEASE CALL IN ANY LAST MINUTE SLIPS.

This is a big event each year and promises to keep us all fishing to rack up the scores on the tote board. Updates are listed in the monthly newsletter. Trophies will be awarded at the Awards Night Banquet.

All senior participating slips will be entered in a drawing for a special prize.

All junior participating slips will be entered in a drawing for a special prize.

#### **PLUM ISLAND INVITATIONAL RULES 2007**

- Each club may enter as many six (6) man teams as they wish and one partial team. Any angler may fish with whomever he/she wishes. Their score will still be tallied on their own team card.
- Team Captains from the various participating clubs and organizations will be responsible for their team members signing in, meeting with their group members for discussion of the rules and for being at the designated meeting places at the start and end of the tournament.
- Group Leaders will be responsible for having the scorecards for all anglers in their group filled in correctly and turned in at the designated time. (9:00 AM on Sunday at the Plum Island Airport parking lot) Each angler in a group is responsible for signing his/her scorecard and must insure that it is legible. All scorecards will be signed and verified by the Group Leader, the Group Leader's scorecard must be signed and verified by another member of the same team.
- Any individual may elect to fish for another club or organization.
- NO BOATS, NO VEHICLES ON THE BEACH. Only one (1) rod with one (1) lure and one (1) dropper is allowed. Bait is optional. Bait must be fished with no more than two (2) hooks. Fly rod division covered by IGFA rules.
- Fishing Boundaries-Parker River to the South, Salisbury to the North. No further West than the RTE 1 Bridge. This means NO CASHMAN PARK.
- Eligible species will be Striped Bass and Bluefish only. Scoring is as follows: All fish under state legal size caught and released are one (1) point. All legal (at or over 28 inch keeper length fish) caught and released alive are counted as two (2) points, All fish at or over 36 inches caught and released alive are counted as ten (10) points. Any legal sized fish killed and kept will count as one (1) point. \* First tie breaker: Largest fish (measured fish and the time caught recorded and verified) \*Second tie breaker: (measured fish with time caught recorded and verified.) Any fish counting ten (10) points must be measured and verified by another team member.
- ALL measured fish: Must be measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail while lying on a flat surface. (Recommend you measure any legal sized fish, record the time and have it witnessed.) All fish caught and released must be witnessed and verified by another team member. No fishing alone, you must stay within observable sight of a group or team member.
- Anyone with a fish on when time runs out may bring that fish in for scoring.
- The tournament Grievance Committee will consist of one (1) member from each club.
- If a club enters a person under the age of 18 years, this person must have written parental permission thereby relieving the PISC of any responsibility. An adult must accompany this underage person at all times during the tournament hours.
- Awards will be as follows: First, Second and Third place team members will receive striper pins and striper pins will be awarded to the individual anglers for the largest fish caught on bait, a lure, a fly and to the individual angler accumulating the most points during the tournament.
- Entry fee is \$5.00 per individual. PISC members- no charge. Entry Slips Must be turned in no later than May 20, 2007
- Severe weather date- 24 hours later.

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# **PLUM ISLAND 15TH ANNUAL INVITATIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**Date:** May 26,2007 and May 27,2007

**Duration:** Tournament hours- Sunday, Midnight 00:01 to 09:00 AM

**Place:** Plum Island Turnpike at the Plum Island Airport Parking Lot.

**Be in parking lot at 11:00 PM, Saturday night May 26 to register teams and review rules.**

**Registration: Pre-registration- Call Kevin McGrath 978-352-2403 no later than 8:00 PM for pre-registration and info. All participants must sign and submit liability waiver prior to being placed on a team.**

**Minors: Participating minors (under 18) must submit a signed parental permission note and be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the tournament.**

**Each participant in any tournament or fishing events sponsored or associated by the PISC hereby agrees to abide by the above rules and regulations set forth for those events. Further, each member participating in the above mentioned events expressly agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the PISC members of the Executive Board, its Advisory Board, members of the judging committee and Organizers of the tournament against any loss, claim, liability, personal injury or expense occurred either by them or against them arising in connection with their participation in the tournament or event, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.**

**By registering for the PISC tournament, I agree to abide by all tournament rules and regulations and acknowledge that I am fishing at my own risk. Any minors participating in the tournament must be accompanied by an adult at all times. The adult signature below assumes all responsibility for the actions, safety and well being of the minor registered.**

**Name:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Address:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Club Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**(participant or guardian if accompanying a minor)**