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July 20 – Club Meeting Features.....

Light Tackle Catch and Release: Stripers, Blues, Flukes and More! *with* **DAVE PICKERING**



Dave's seminar will deal mostly with light tackle saltwater fishing shore, focusing on striped bass and bluefish with light spinning tackle. Fishing for other popular inshore species such as fluke, false albacore, hickory shad and white perch will also be covered, plus cover the use of various types of artificials, such as jigs, plastics, poppers, swimmers, metal and teasers. Tips on making your own plugs, teasers and rigs will add a novel touch to the show. Some information will be added about fishing with bait.

Woven into the discussion of how to fish will be where-to information.

A special part of the show will deal with fishing from a kayak, a very popular means to fish in calm and protected bays.

David Pickering is a member of the New England Outdoor Writers' Association, and he has written extensively about surf fishing for striped bass and bluefish in many magazines such as *The Fisherman*, *Saltwater Sportsman*, *Doc Muller's Surf Annuals*, *Fishbelly.com* and *On the Water*. He currently writes a monthly RI Insider column for *On the Water* magazine. His award winning photos have appeared in books, catalog covers and magazines. He has been conducting saltwater fishing seminars for the last fifteen years throughout southern New England.

Kevin M. Moore Plum Island Surfcasters Junior's Program Report

June proved to be a very busy and productive month. On the **12th of June**, the Juniors Program, club members along with their sons, daughters, and grandchildren, went out from Plum Island Point on the Captains Lady on what I hope will become an annual mackerel fishing trip. After enduring a few showers on the way out we enjoyed a very productive and entertaining trip with macks coming over the side from every corner of the boat. We had a very good turnout and everyone had a great time.

On the weekend of the **June 25th, 26th, and 27th**, we had our camp and fish weekend at the Salisbury State Reservation. Unfortunately the weather played a role in its not being a better turnout with just 3 members and their kids participating. A good time was still had by all with fishing, hot dogs, hamburgers, playing on the beach, camp fires, and smores making helping to take everyone's mind away from the school year and the office.

Thanks to Andy, Joe and Dean, for helping make these two events a great success.

July 30th is our next scheduled event with an evening of surf fishing from the oceanfront of P.I. Everyone meet at the center parking lot at 6 pm.

On the **8th of AUGUST** we will be participating once more in the **Yankee Homecoming Day parade** with a cookout to follow at my home on the corner of Warren and Munroe St. for members and participants. Call me for details.

Before I go let me say one thing, it is a great time to be a member of the P.I.Surfcasters. We have many club-sponsored events including casting clinics, fishing trips, parades, invitational and tri-state tournies. Get out there and participate, I promise you'll have a great time! With many thanks, KEVIN

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS
Jim Leccese, Bill Crandell, and Joseph Vega

Here are the standings so far for the club **Year Long Fishing Tournament**. Normally only one person per category can win, but since there have been so few fish entered in the contest, I have listed everyone who has handed in a slip for a fish caught. Keep those **Tournament Affidavits coming in**. Please send to **Bonnie Radke, 22 Windward Drive, Newburyport, MA 01950** or email to me at seawitch2@comcast.net

KEPT

STRIPED BASS – SURF

STRIPED BASS - BOAT

Kevin Moore	20 lbs 8 oz.	Joe Sciuto	23 lbs. 5 oz. (43")
Kevin McGrath	19 lbs. 12 oz.	Joe Sciuto	16 lbs. 0 oz. (35")
Kevin McGrath	15 lbs. 15 oz.		
Ed Fewtrell	14 lbs. 15oz.		
Joe Wyka	10 lbs. 8 oz.		

CATCH & RELEASE

STRIPED BASS – SURF

STRIPED BASS – BOAT

JP Gregoire	40 inches.	Robert Busch	46 inches
JP Gregoire	39 ½ inches	Joe Karolides	43 ½ inches
JP Gregoire	26 inches	Joe Karolides	41 inches

BLUE FISH - SURF

Mark Fulton	25 inches
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LEARN TO SALTWATER FLY-FISH IN FREE CLASS

CONCORD, N.H. -- Get in on the latest hottest craze in the fishing world -- fly-fishing for striped bass -- at a free intermediate saltwater fly-fishing class the weekend of July 24 -25. The two-day class is presented by the **New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's "Let's Go Fishing" program and the N.H. Division of Forest and Lands' Urban Forestry Center**. The class will be held at the Urban Forestry Center at 45 Elwyn Road in Portsmouth. Class size is limited, so those interested should sign up soon. Registration forms may be printed from the Fish and Game website at http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/lets_go_fishing.htm or order by calling (603) 271-3212. All registration forms must be mailed or hand-delivered; e-mailed applications will not be accepted.

This clinic is not recommended for the first-time fly angler. It is designed for novice and experienced fly anglers only.

Clinic participants will learn advanced casting skills; how to read tidal water; selection of baitfish and their imitation; and hot tips for the fly angler on where to fish along New Hampshire's coast. Saturday will be a full day, including classroom program and casting. Sunday will include an overview, time for final questions and a field trip to provide an opportunity to try out your new saltwater fly-fishing skills.

"Yes, these hard-pulling fish can be tamed with a fly rod," said Mark Beauchesne, the Let's Go Fishing Coordinator for N.H. Fish and Game. "Come learn the secrets."

A limited supply of equipment is available for workshop participants to borrow. The saltwater fly-fishing program will be held rain or shine, so participants should be prepared for any type of weather. Those attending should bring their own lunch.

The Let's Go Fishing program introduces thousands of people each year to an outdoor activity that fosters good stewardship of New Hampshire's aquatic resources. The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as providing opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us>.

Fish New Hampshire and Relax... We have what you're looking for.

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July 8, 2004

Upcoming Events

Marblehead Surfcasters have Challenged the Plum Island Surfcasters to a two night fishing fun tournament: Tuesday, July 13th and Tuesday, August 10th, 7:00pm on Deveraux Beach. Tim Brooks is organizing this one so please give him a call if you can participate 781-944-6641.

Sunday August 8th our Junior's Program members will once again be taking part in the Newburyport Yankee Homecoming Day Parade. Lets get out there and give them some support. It is a day that is always lots of fun for the whole family.

September 18th - This is our **Annual Beach Blast** on the Wildlife Refuge at parking lot #1. We will once again be having **Ron Arra** continuing with our program to teach fisherfolk the proper way to cast, handle fish and better enjoy our favorite pastime. The Mass Beachbuggy Association will once again participate by serving us lunch and the Friends of the Parker River Wildlife Refuge will have donuts and coffee in the morning.

October 2nd thru October 11th, 2004 is the Topsfield Fair this year and once again we will need all of you to volunteer to work the booth for at least a four hour shift. This will get you free entry and parking for the fair (you can bring your family for free that day), so please put this on your schedule.



SATURDAY November 20 –Annual Awards Banquet. Upon Popular Demand, this year there will be **NO MEETING ON TUESDAY NIGHT NOV.16TH** . The Executive Board will be cooking a ham and a turkey so we will need everyone to sign up for the side dishes and deserts. **We Need People to Call Bonnie with a list of what kind of food each of you are bringing.**

Once again a call must go out for more volunteers to help steer this club. We need to start early this year to think about the elections for new board members in the fall. Usually we wait till the last minute and no one volunteers because they do not know what it is all about. There will be a large number of vacancies on the board this fall and we need to get people participating now. If you have a few hours to give back to your club, if you enjoy the way it has been run, or want to change things. Please contact one of the board members and let them know of your interest. Most the board members have been volunteering for the past five years and we are having a “burn out”. Please help keep this club a strong and vibrant part of this community.

LOCAL FISHING REPORTS

Please Note that we have weekly local fishing reports posted on the <http://plumisland.surfcaster.com> website. These are brought to us by two club members, John Altson and Charlie Crue send me reports each week, so please check the website and see where the fish are.

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