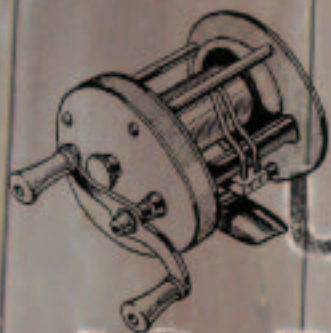




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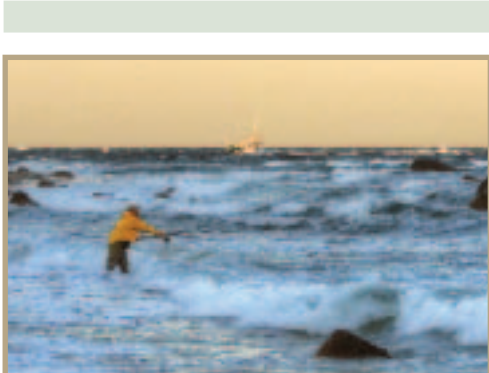


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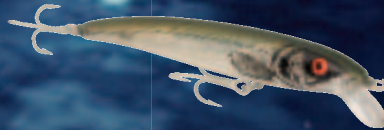
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A Note from the Derby President

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The fall on the Vineyard is the jewel of our four seasons. The summer and its fast pace is left behind and cooler, less humid, crisp days are setting the stage for the peak fishing months of the year. It is a place where people greet you with a smile, recognize you by name and acknowledge your Derby hat and the button that is pinned to it. These years, there are 3000 participants and during the tournament they come to the Weigh Station with or without a fish to weigh. They come to "hang out", grab a cup of coffee, or "kibitz" with the weigh masters and the ladies behind the desk, but don't be fooled. They also come with a keen ear in hopes of picking up a little information about



**Derby Committee President
Ed Jerome**

where the fish were and where they were not!

It's a tournament with no \$5000 entry fee for your boat team, no professional sponsored fishing teams, no ridiculous amount of money for first place prizes, just good, old fashion fishing fun among friends, family and new and old acquaintances. After you participate in a Derby, it becomes clear, why something so fundamental has successfully lasted for the past 68 years. The Derby is still run by the year round efforts of a couple of dozen Island volunteers and through the sponsorship of lots of businesses and individuals.

Our goals are simple. Give back to the community, preserve and protect our natural resources and help young people in their efforts to further their education. We are very proud of this simplistic approach and it is the foundation by which we measure all things Derby. We thank you for your commitment to our tournament, so please come to the Weigh Station, "hang out" a bit, swap stories, make friends and be a part of the 68th Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby.

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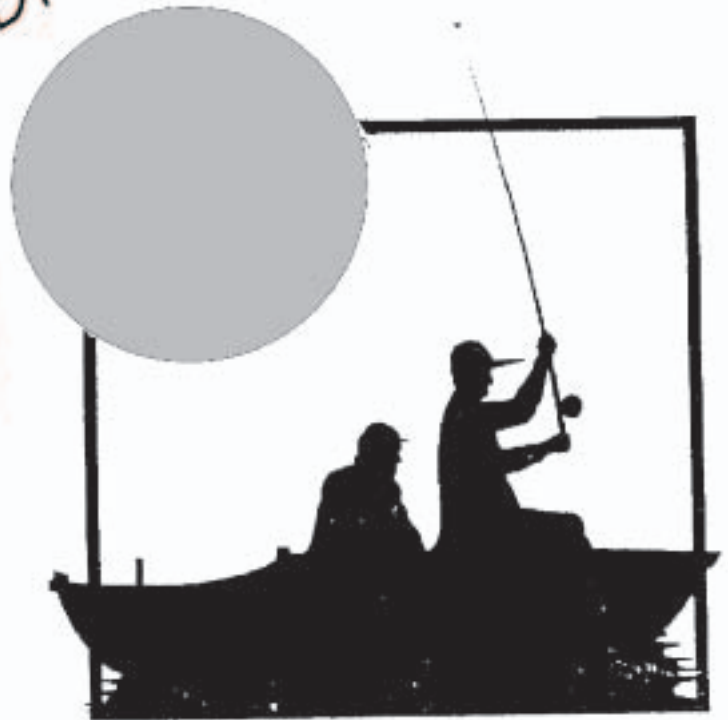
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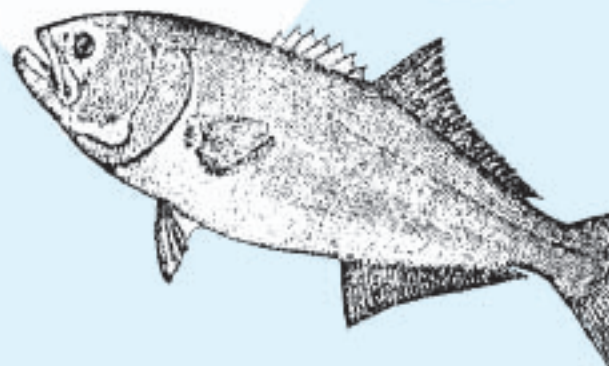
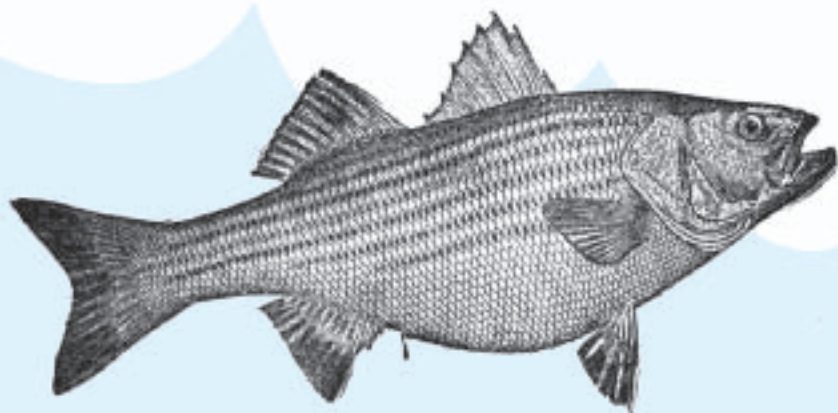
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A Message of Thanks

From the Derby Chairman

Welcome to the 68th annual Derby. Whether you are a long-time participant, or a first time registrant, I am certain that the Derby will provide you with lasting memories. This event has grown to become much more than a fishing tournament. So many look forward to the Derby as a reunion and an opportunity to join with friends in the pursuit of something beyond fish. The tradition and spirit of the Derby are alive and well. On behalf of the Derby Committee, thank you for taking part.

Sincere thanks to outgoing Chairman Chuck Hodgkinson for his tireless efforts to improve the Derby. Chuck's organization and commitment are obvious, and he left things in great standing. Also, the hardworking men and women who form the Derby Committee deserve recognition and praise for their collective energy that makes the event possible. In 2012, the Derby attracted over 3000 registrants - a healthy number that helped create a successful event. Again, the Derby was able to award \$30,000 in college scholarships this year to graduates of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. The scholarship program highlights the Derby's commitment to the island and its youth. Of course, the incredible prizes, provided by our generous sponsors, help to lure many participants. The loyal support of these companies, including the Clay Family Dealerships and Eastern Boats, is remarkable. We ask that you please consider supporting the companies that support the Derby, for they have demonstrated dedication to the Derby's mission.

New this year, we are pleased to offer Weekly Award pins to all Weekly winners. Also, the growing Team Competition has been expanded to include 1st-3rd places for both boat and shore divisions. A Kayak Challenge weekend is slated for September 27-29. We look forward to the 5th American Heroes Saltwater Challenge. The Derby is proud and hon-



Chairman John Custer and his daughter Isabelle showing off their catch.

ored to be a part of this wonderful event, and we thank the Nixon Family for its efforts. Remember to read your Rules Brochure carefully, paying close attention to minimum sizes and fishing boundaries. The Derby rules are written to ensure that the event is fair and enjoyable for all. Be respectful of our island beaches and waters. When releasing fish, please do so carefully. Most importantly, practice safety and good sportsmanship. Enjoy this magical time on this beautiful island. Whether you catch fish or not, undoubtedly you'll create fond memories with friends and family. With that in mind, consider the following, an excerpt from a letter written last October by Michael Gibson. His words say it all.

“ *The past year, I was fortunate to check off some bucket list items. I attended my first Super Bowl and traveled to Augusta for my first glimpse of the Masters. They did not come close to the day I spent with my son fishing the Derby and watching him win the Junior Shore Bluefish Grand Prize. We could not have been so fortunate without the help from so many family and friends. Their local knowledge and passion penetrated our souls to try to be in the right place at the right time. We can't wait until next year.* ”

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John Custer
Chairman, Derby Committee



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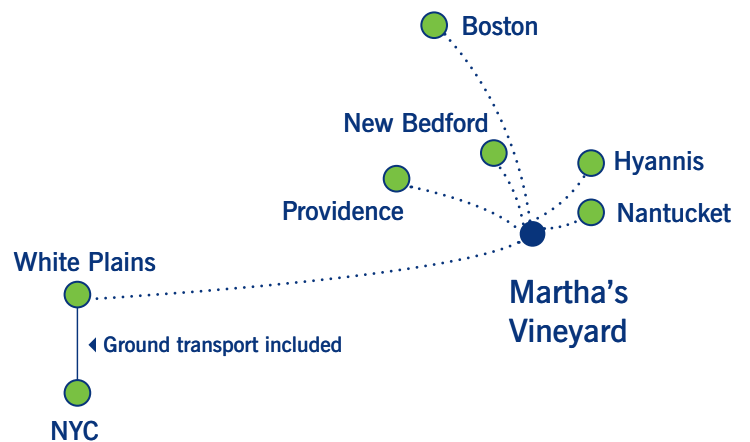
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Derby Scholarship Program

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Samantha Chaves

As a varsity member of the MVRHS field hockey team, Samantha proudly represented her school by being encouraging, cheerful, and demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship. She sings in her church choir and was also a member of the select choral group The Minnesingers. In April of 2013, the singing troupe traveled to Croatia to tour; two years ago they had the opportunity to travel to Prague and Paris. Samantha loves the stage, as she has also participated in the annual school musicals and a theater festival.

Academically, Samantha was ranked in the top 27% of her class after taking college prep courses. She has a sincere interest in marine biology and animal science, and hopes to continue her studies in either or both areas. Samantha is hard working, conscientious and diligent about getting her work done and done well. Her teachers appreciated her solid work ethic, her organizational and time management skills, and her willingness to see a project through to the end. She is well respected by both her peers and her teachers.

Samantha has spent many hours outside the classroom singing for her church and helping out at various fundraisers. Additionally, she could also be heard singing the National Anthem at many of the sporting events at the high school. She is a member of the National Honor Society, was a consistent member of the school's honor roll, received an Honorable Mention Award from the Boston Globe for a photography contest, and won a poster design contest for the local Family Planning organization.

Samantha is compassionate, eager to help out with any cause, and has positive enthusiasm in all that she does. Her optimistic energy and wonderful people skills will benefit her and those around her as she studies at Eckerd College in Florida.



Kyle Joba-Woodruff

According to his high school guidance counselor, the best description of Kyle would be a talented, achieving, caring individual who truly cares about receiving a quality education in all aspects of his life. He consistently was at the top of all the activities he was involved with. He was an AP Scholar, took first place in an Engineering challenge, was a league All Star in Cross Country, won 1st place in the Science Fair Wind Turbine Engineering Competition, won a Silver Key in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition, won an Award during his involvement in the Canadian Ski Marathon, and was elected to the National Honor Society. Kyle assumed a leadership role as the co-founder and president of the Philosophy Club. He volunteered in numerous activities, including Habitat for Humanity. During the summers on the island, he has worked with a caterer as well as at a farm stand. This allows him to take on adult responsibilities and come in contact with a very diverse population, honing his communication skills. Clearly, this is a young man who gets involved and thrives in all settings. He projects a kind, sensitive attitude that endears him to whomever he meets. Kyle is excited about the opportunities available in a competitive college situation so he can continue his involvements at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Academically, Kyle is a highly talented student who has been enrolled in a very demanding college prep program at this island high school. His course work has included 8 AP courses and numerous honor classes. He is currently ranked in the top 6% of his competitive senior class.



Shavanae Anderson

Shavanae is a special young woman. To appreciate her uniqueness, one needs to know a little of her background. Born in Jamaica, Shavanae lived with her single parent mom. When she was in late elementary school, her father decided to move Shavanae, her brother, and her older sister to America to get a better education. The first few months were tough as she adjusted to the culture and became accustomed to the cold weather. The Vineyard community came together and made sure Shavanae and her siblings were welcomed.

Shavanae became involved in The Martha's Vineyard Youth Leadership Initiative (MVYLI), a project of the Stone Soup Leadership Initiative, whose mission is to train young and emerging youth to become leaders of a more sustainable world. The more involved she became, the more her true personality became evident. She worked at various jobs including at a bike shop and as a waitress. Shavanae has been a community volunteer, a member of the Young Sisters mentoring program and a youth member of the NAACP. In her senior year, she participated on the high school track and field team.

Shavanae will major in communications. Her experiences in the field of videography are noteworthy. She worked as an intern with MVTV in its internship mentoring program, where her enthusiasm and drive were evident.

Shavanae is always kind and thoughtful in what she has to share. Most of her activities are in the form of helping or teaching others. Her film-making experiences have taught her patience and persistence. She finds everything interesting and always has a question to ask, not just one question she would like the answer to. Shavanae is a mature young woman, with a zeal for life, and possesses tremendous potential as someone who has already proven herself to be a role model. She will study at Suffolk University in Boston.



Jackson Koorse

Jackson is curious about what the world will be like in 1000 years. He is a nature enthusiast with a passion for the environment, enjoying every moment he can outside. For the last four years Jackson has volunteered at the Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, where he has assisted with bird data collection and bird breeding surveys. He feels very strongly about "preserving what we have left of our environment". Jackson's father was an environmental attorney and he would like to follow in his footsteps.

After his father's death, Jackson's mother decided to move to the Vineyard with her three young children to get a fresh start and it's where Jackson learned to be responsible for himself. The Vineyard is a nurturing community. From Jackson's perspective, the mindset of "it takes a village to raise a child" played a huge part in shaping him into the sincere, determined young man he is today.

A National Honor Society member, Jackson ranked in the top 18th percentile of his competitive senior class. Jackson took Advanced Placement courses and represented MVRHS at the regional science fair at Bridgewater State University. He also attended Close Up in Washington D.C. Jackson was a member of the student government throughout high school, having served as president two years, class representative two years, and as treasurer in his senior year. Jackson also enjoys sports, with a passion for tennis. He was a member of the undefeated tennis team that won the Division 3 State Championship in 2012, and is a junior tennis pro at two clubs where he truly enjoys teaching. Jackson has also coached a junior high school basketball team. Jackson was a founding member of "MVIronment", the high school's environmental club.

Jackson has thought about his future and what he needs to do in order to accomplish his goals. His kind-hearted nature and his determined work ethic will enable Jackson to prepare himself to create positive changes in the world's environment and follow in the footsteps of his father. He is enrolled at the College of the Holy Cross.



THE DERBY *Hall of Fame*

The Derby Hall of Fame was created to recognize individuals and organizations, including government bodies, who have made a “significant and positive impact on the sportfishing community of Martha’s Vineyard and on the operation and goals” of the Derby. Inductees must have demonstrated “good sportsmanship, honesty, integrity,” and exhibited a concern for fish and the environment. We are extremely proud of these individuals and the significant contributions they have made to the success of the Martha’s Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby throughout the years.

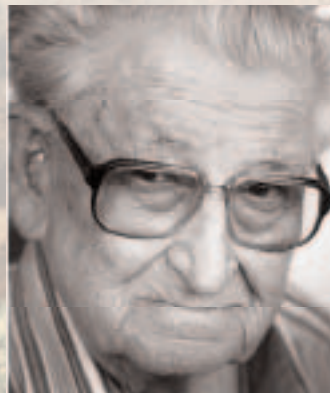


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Steve Amaral

Steve Amaral fished the first Derby with his Dad, Mother and brother which was a family tradition since he was a young boy. Except for 1956, when he was away serving his nation, he has participated in every Derby. Steve has unselfishly contributed to the success of many Derby winners who he shared much of his fishing knowledge.

Steve has been an active member of the Oak Bluffs community for many years serving on the Fire Department and as Captain before retiring. He was an appointed member of the MVC and has been instrumental in the success of the Rod and Gun Club’s Kid’s Trout Derby.



Bob Boren

Bob was a long standing Derby Committee member who worked hard to support the Derby in many ways, but perhaps he was best known for his responsibility for handling the Derby’s raffle of a 4x4 Jeep.

For years, the committee’s raffle of a Jeep was the main fundraiser supporting the tournament and Bob was always at the center of our efforts. If he wasn’t hawking tickets on Circuit Ave or at the Tisbury Street Fair he was at the NE Sportaman Shows. Bob was a tremendous ambassador for the Derby.



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Kib Bramhall

A member of the Derby committee for many years, Kib Bramhall is a conservationist, skilled fisherman and distinguished artist. Kib Bramhall has held both Derby and world fly rod records. Most important, he brings a sense of integrity and fair play to the sport of fishing and the Derby. Respected both for his demeanor and fishing accomplishments, he is honored for the example he has set for others over more than four decades of Derby fishing.



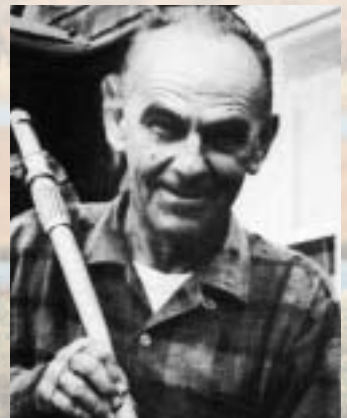
Al Brickman

No single individual on Martha’s Vineyard had more connections than did Al Brickman in the mid 1940’s. This “Father” of the Derby took these ties in the fishing community, the business and tourism community, the worlds of journalism, public relations, real estate and transportation, combined them with his deep concern for the welfare of the Vineyard, its people and natural resources, and with a singularity of purpose, yet skillfully and patiently, forged the Martha’s Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby into existence. This month long event has, dramatically improved the quality of life on Martha’s Vineyard.



John Crews

John dedicated himself to filleting fish during the derby for over 2 decades. He served as the “Official Fillet Master” long before the committee assigned a fillet master. “Big John”, as he was known, worked both weigh-ins each day with a broad smile and tireless dedication until he was 87 years old.



Serge de Somov

Distinguished by his fishing skills, respected as a gentleman, both on and off the beach, Serge de Somov’s four derby victories, three consecutively, were unmatched during the first half century of the Derby competition. Known as the “Mad Russian” and “The Count”, due to his aristocratic European background, Serge de Somov caught the heaviest shore striped bass to claim victory in 1964, 1965, 1966 and again in 1969. Surrounded by an aura of mystery, Serge de Somov earned his place among the legends of Derby history.



Ray Ellis

Ray Ellis, one of the most renowned American artists of our time, has graciously donated his artistic talent to the Derby since 1988. The paintings that he has annually created for the Derby have generated the money to make our scholarship program possible. In addition, he has donated a portion of the proceeds from his book "Fishing the Vineyard." Through Ray's efforts, nearly \$400,000 has been awarded in scholarships to worthy graduates of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.



Clayton Hoyle

Clayton Hoyle was a skilled rod maker and was instrumental in the creation of the Martha's Vineyard Rod and Gun Club. Affectionately known as "The Instigator" he always offered his opinions and ideas whether asked or not. Several members of the Rod & Gun Club along with Clayton helped foster the idea of an island fishing tournament that later became the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby.



Ed Jerome

At the helm of the Derby, Ed Jerome guided the faltering tournament out of perilous waters and helped build it into a successful and respected institution. As the longtime President of the Derby corporation, Ed Jerome has been a thoughtful and patient leader. Whether through the Derby scholarship program or charitable contributions, he has never wavered in his belief that the Derby exists to contribute to the Vineyard community. A fisherman, educator and community leader, he is honored for his extraordinary efforts in making the Derby a truly unique Island institution.



Ed Landers

You'll never hear a negative word about Eddie. He was a great fisherman and willingly shared his knowledge and techniques with the people who fished with him. Who fished with Ed? Every neighborhood kid that he could fit into his buggy. They all have hilarious stories of their adventures with Ed. They say from watching him chase skunks down the beach to carrying his catch back to the car at Squibby. He was a great teacher and respected the rules of life and sportsmanship.



Cooper Gilkes

Cooper Gilkes has been an active member of the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby Committee for many years. He was instrumental in the rejuvenation of the Derby in the early 1980's. He assisted in the successful presentation to purchase the Derby from the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce in the mid 1980's. His thoughtful opinions were very helpful in the restructuring of the Derby.

Cooper has been synonymous with the Kid's Derby. His ideas led to the creation of the event that today draws hundreds of kids annually. He religiously catches bait prior to the early morning event and, with the help of his wife Lela, has successfully managed this event since its inception.



MARK LOVWELL

Ruth Hughes

In 1947, Ruth Hughes began her daily reporting of the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby for the column she wrote as a reporter for the then New Bedford Standard Times. She chronicled the operations of the day, wrote the names of the daily winners on the derby blackboard, kept a running account of the day's largest fish and recorded for history special occurrences of the day. Ruth was a Derby fixture at the weigh station for 11 years doing just about everything that was needed until 1958 when she assumed the role of Oak Bluffs Town Treasurer until her retirement in 1976.



MARK LOVWELL

Jerry Jansen

Jerry first started fishing the Derby during the second year of its existence. Jerry has been an avid surf fisherman and is well known to many. His great sense of humor and wealth of fishing stories about the Derby are legendary. Jerry's book "Successful Surf Fishing" has helped many a beginner with helpful tips.



Roy Langley

Roy is the longest running weigh master in the history of the Derby. For the last 15 years, he has been the morning weigh master exemplifying the spirit and image of the Derby. He is recognized for his role as the ambassador at the weigh station and the organization and distribution of the Derby's filet program to senior citizens of Martha's Vineyard.

Hall of Fame
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Howard Leonard

A founder of the Derby and committee secretary for many years, Howard Leonard was an enthusiastic Derby fisherman and tireless volunteer distinguished by his good humor and kindness. Howard Leonard personified the ideals of the Derby and was unstinting with his time, particularly when it involved the young people of the Island. He is honored for his service to the Derby and the community of Martha's Vineyard



MARK LOVEWELL

Ruth Meyer

Ruth Meyer was Chairman of the Derby in the late 70's until 1981. She was the organization's first female chairman, which should have come as no surprise, as she grew up in a fishing family. Her father owned and operated Larry's Tackle Shop. Ruth ran Larry's for many years after her father and continued the tradition of it being the center of Derby information. Ruth was instrumental in securing big name fishing tackle companies as Derby sponsors. Companies such as Penn and Boston Whaler became a major part of the Derby because of her efforts.



Richard Morris

Richard Morris founded Dick's Bait and Tackle in 1969. He loved to fish, but most of all he loved to tell stories about fishing. He never won a prize in the Derby, but many a Derby yarn was spun in his tackle shop about the one that got away by those who congregated there on a regular basis. He enjoyed meeting new people every year and looked forward to each fall knowing the Derby would be starting. The Derby was a major part of his life and he would be very proud to know he was in its Hall of Fame.



Benjamin Morton

A derby founding member, and Massachusetts Steamship Lines executive, Ben Morton worked tirelessly in both a professional and volunteer capacity to create a Derby that would be enjoyed by Islanders and visitors alike. A member of the Derby committee for more than 20 years, Ben Morton guided the Derby from its creation and joint sponsorship under the boat line and the Martha's Vineyard Rod and Gun Club to its later management by the Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce. He is honored for his wisdom, foresight and efforts on behalf of the Derby and the entire Vineyard community.



Janet Messineo

Janet Messineo epitomizes the spirit, excitement, and camaraderie of the long history of the Derby.

She has been an intricate part of the success of the Derby as a committee member, a participant and as an advocate for children and women participants. For many years, she has created the coveted Derby fish mount trophies with her expertise and skill as a taxidermist.

Janet makes friends with all she comes in contact with. She fishes hard and is constantly on the leader board. Her spirit, sportsmanship and commitment to fishing are unmatched among participants.



Don Mohr

This "Beach Ambassador" can be found fishing the beaches of Chappy from April until November. Don epitomizes what the Derby is all about. This sportsman always has a smile and helping hand for his fellow anglers. He has a deep respect for the resources and environment and without hesitation will gently point out a rule, infraction or abuse of these resources. Don served on the Committee from 1984 to 1991. He was Treasurer from 1985 to 1989 and Chairman from 1989 to 1991. During his tenure as Chairman, the Derby began its transition from the Chamber of Commerce to an independently run event.



Stephen Morris

Stephen Morris has been a member of the Derby Committee for more than 15 years. During the mid 90's, Stephen was the chairman of the Derby and helped take the Derby to new highs in participation, prizes and activities. Stephen was one of the best Chairmen the Derby has had. His organizational skills, commitment and knowledge of the fishing industry have been his hallmarks. Many of the improved practices used today in the Derby and Awards Ceremonies were suggested by Stephen.

Stephen is a well respected local tackle shop owner and registers the largest number of participants in the Derby. His opinion is well respected and his contributions have been many.



Robert J. Post

Bob Post, self described as a "fisherman trapped in the body of a dentist", was also a gifted journalist, author, Public Health official, Derby member and father. Most importantly, Bob was a connector and chronicler of the living history of the Derby. He was happiest when sitting astride a boulder on a Gay Head beach, after fishing and conversing with fishermen passing by. Bob turned these conversations into the critically acclaimed book "Reading the Waters", which, more than any other source, illuminates and brings to life the wonders and mystery of surf fishing the Vineyard and the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby.



David Pothier

David has been an active member of the Derby Committee for more than 2 decades and has assumed many roles. During his tenure as Chairman, he lead the way in the improvements made to our software programs that manage the weigh station operations and the reporting of fish.

David has been an active community member of Oak Bluffs in their Fire Department, on the Harbor Committee and on the Island's Search and Recovery Squad.

Currently, David is actively involved in the revitalization of the USCG Auxiliary and is helping to improve the boating safety throughout the Island.



MARK LOVEWELL

Daniel Shea

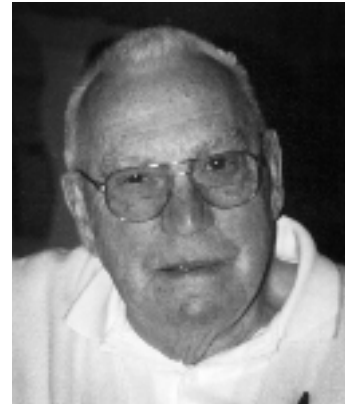
For more than 25 years, Dan Shea has been an extremely important part of the success, growth and popularity of the Derby. While working as a Manufacturers Representative for the J. D. Keith Agency, Dan was instrumental in obtaining many new sponsors including Zebco which became the Kid's Day Sponsor for many years. In 1985, Dan and his business partner became a rep for Penn Reel Company as their flagship line. Although Penn had been a sponsor prior to this time, their contributions grew exponentially with Dan's help and dedication to the Derby. Dan is an accomplished fisherman and a role model in the fishing tackle industry.



Greg Skomal

Greg has been on the Derby Committee for more than a decade and a half. As an official state marine Biologist, Greg was able to guide the Derby with valuable research and insight on various conservation issues and political impact. His research helped us established minimum fish lengths for all fish in the Derby. His research helped us to reduce the mortality rate of false albacore by establishing a size that reduced the number of False Albacore coming to our scales by more than 50%.

Greg is a nationally known speaker for his work on sharks and other species, Greg somehow found time from his very busy work schedule to be treasurer of the organization for many years which included paying the bills, preparing the income tax statements, dealing with our accountant and preparing monthly financial statements for the Board of Directors.



Arnold Spofford

Arnold Spofford was a member of the Derby Committee for nearly 15 years beginning in the the early 1980's. He was well known for his famous Ballastic Missile and Needle Fish Lures.. But "Spof" was known best to us for his vision and forward thinking for the Derby's direction. It was Spof who created and wrote the first Souvenir Booklets. His stories captured the essence of this tournament and were matched by his photography.

Spof was instrumental in the creation of the Ray Ellis prints we sell each year and the Scholarships we now offer to Island graduates. Arnold Spofford truly had an impact on the Derby as we know it today.



MARK LOVEWELL

Helen Scarborough

Helen was a fixture at the weigh-in for many years. She was the weigh master and keeper of records many years before the scale became digital and computers replaced the pen and paper. She was known as "mother hen" as she kept the busy weigh-in running efficiently and exciting for young and old.



Nelson Sigelman

Nelson was a long-time Derby committee member and instrumental in the improvement of the souvenir booklet through his writing, the collection of advertisements and the book's visual presentation.

This booklet and his efforts to keep the community informed of fishing issues through his weekly news column have both become treasured Island keepsakes.

Nelson's contributions to the Derby are many and have truly had an impact on the success of the Derby and the Derby is better today because of his participation on the Committee.



Martha Smith

Martha was the glue at Derby Headquarters, morning and night, for over 15 years. As Weigh Station Manager, she understood fully the intricacies of operating the Derby, and kept it running smoothly. Her dedication to the Derby was demonstrated by her commitment to the event and all it benefited. Martha endeared herself to countless Derby participants over the many years she stood behind the desk at Derby HQ



Arthur Winters

Arthur was a member of the Derby Committee from 1981-1992. He was part of the new group of Derby Committee members who traveled about New England trying to create a new image for the Derby. At that time, participation was at a very low point

Arthur traveled to sportsman shows hawking Jeep raffle tickets and many Island activities. Arthur helped catch bait for the Kids Day event every year and was well respected for his ability to catch Bonito and Albies, often getting on the leader board. His 11 pound Bonito was an Island record for many years.

Arthur Winters brought humor to all that he did and there are countless stories of his wit.



Final Results 2012

Grand Prize Winners

EASTERN BOAT - BOB BOYHAN
CHEVROLET SILVERADO FROM CLAY FAMILY DEALERSHIPS
- ADAM CUMMINGS

All Tackle Division Awards

First Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: STEPHEN J. PIETRUSKA 44.40 LBS.
SHORE: TONY H. REZENDES, JR. 32.12 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: ANDREW M. WHEELER 10.29 LBS.
SHORE: JULIAN G. PEPPER 8.22 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: ADAM CUMMINGS 16.06 LBS.
SHORE: ROBERT J. BOYHAN 15.39 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: PATRICK T. JENKINSON 12.75 LBS.
SHORE: MORGAN T. TAYLOR 13.22 LBS.

Second Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: SEAN D. READY 39.61 LBS.
SHORE: MORGAN T. TAYLOR 31.42 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: EDWIN W. HOLDEN, III 8.95 LBS.
SHORE: ERIC R. BROWN 8.09 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: DAVID C. KADISON 15.51 LBS.
SHORE: WILL H. POWELL 14.16 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: FRAN L. CLAY 12.43 LBS.
SHORE: ROBERT W. GARRISON 12.84 LBS.

Third Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: PETE J. SPENGLER 37.34 LBS.
SHORE: WILL H. POWELL 31.05 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: PATRICK T. JENKINSON 8.65 LBS.
SHORE: ROBERT W. THOMAS 7.86 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: SANDY E. FISHER 15.32 LBS.
SHORE: ROGER A. SCHAEFER 13.68 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: HOLLY J. MERCIER 12.35 LBS.
SHORE: JULIAN G. PEPPER 12.22 LBS.

Flyrod Division Awards

First Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: DAVID W. RIMMER 20.96 LBS.
SHORE: BOB H. CLAY 15.05 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: TERRY W. HORROCKS 6.53 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: JAIME H. BOYLE 10.88 LBS.
SHORE: DAVID W. SKOK 6.61 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: BRYAN P. DONOHOE 12.45 LBS.
SHORE: JARED HULL 12.69 LBS.

Flyrod Division Awards

Second Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: EVERETT K. BRAMHALL 15.79 LBS.
SHORE: DAVID W. SKOK 14.18 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: BOB HAYMAN 5.19 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: ZACHARY C. HORROCKS 8.16 LBS.
SHORE: TIM SERAN 5.79 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: ZACHARY C. HORROCKS 9.74 LBS.
SHORE: COOPER A. GILKES 10.66 LBS.

Third Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: W. BRICE CONTESSA 14.35 LBS.
SHORE: JOE A. DART 13.61 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: ZACHARY C. HORROCKS 5.18 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: W. BRICE CONTESSA 8.08 LBS.
SHORE: JARED HULL 4.95 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: HARLEY L. STOWELL 9.36 LBS.
SHORE: SETH A. NICKERSON 10.04 LBS.

Mini Junior Division Awards

First Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: MASON WARBURTON 14.66 LBS.
SHORE: JACOB SCOTT 25.78 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: MASON WARBURTON 7.43 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: TATE A. BUCHWALD 13.55 LBS.
SHORE: JACK A. O'CONNELL 10.25 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: JULIA SAYRE 8.79 LBS.
SHORE: NOAH R. SMITH 8.07 LBS.

Second Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: CAMDEN J. NAPIOR 14.50 LBS.
SHORE: RYAN C. HARDING 14.87 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: ARAN D. DWANE 5.08 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: MASON WARBURTON 13.23 LBS.
SHORE: JACK M. MARSHARD 9.81 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: ARAN D. DWANE 8.76 LBS.
SHORE: ANTHONY HERN 6.66 LBS.

Third Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: CHELSEA BOUCHARD 14.33 LBS.
SHORE: JACK M. MARSHARD 11.10 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: SAWYER M. SCHAEFER 13.09 LBS.
SHORE: NOAH R. SMITH 4.56 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: WYATT O. NICHOLSON 8.23 LBS.

Junior Division Awards

First Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: BRENDAN R. MORRIS 23.78 LBS.
SHORE: MATTHEW T. BARBER 17.06 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: CHRISTOPHER A. MAYHEW 8.32 LBS.
SHORE: TOMMY WHITE 7.65 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: CHESCA POTTER 14.59 LBS.
SHORE: MICHAEL J. GIBSON 11.27 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: DYLAN C. KADISON 9.28 LBS.
SHORE: HUNTER B. PONTE 7.93 LBS.

Second Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: LUKE EL-DEIRY 23.60 LBS.
SHORE: CHRISTOPHER T. FERRY 16.37 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: WYATT A. JENKINSON 7.97 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: VICTORIA T. SCOTT 13.89 LBS.
SHORE: LUCAS S. DUTTON 10.30 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: JOSEPH L. SERPA 8.28 LBS.
SHORE: QUINN KEEFE 7.69 LBS.

Third Place

STRIPED BASS

BOAT: JULIAN CARTER 22.76 LBS.
SHORE: MACOL OLIVEIRA 16.12 LBS.

BONITO

BOAT: VICTORIA T. SCOTT 7.58 LBS.

BLUEFISH

BOAT: JOSEPH L. SERPA 13.73 LBS.
SHORE: ABIGAIL E. O'CONNELL 9.95 LBS.

FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT: KATHERINE G. O'BRIEN 7.88 LBS.
SHORE: CHRISTOPHER HILLEMMEIR 6.68 LBS.

Special Awards

Top Rod Award:

ALL-TACKLE BOAT – DAVID KADISON;
ALL-TACKLE SHORE – RON DOMURAT
JUNIOR BOAT – BRENDAN MORRIS;
JUNIOR SHORE – RYAN HARDING

Thomas McCauley Award:

JASON DAVEY

MV Surfcasters Sportsmanship Award:

PHIL HORTON

Beaulieu/Loud Memorial Award:

BILL, KRIS, ELIZABETH, AND KATHERINE O'BRIEN

Robert "Huff" Langley Award:

BOB THOMAS

Cutler Bike Shop Award:

BRENDAN MORRIS (BOAT); MICHAEL GIBSON (SHORE)

David Furino Memorial Award:

BOB AND PETER BOYHAN

Roberto Germani Catch & Release Award:

BRICE CONTESSA (FLY), PETER BOYHAN (SPIN)

Vintage Jewelry Award: FRAN CLAY

Sancy Pachico Memorial Youth Scholarships:

NOAH SMITH, JACOB SCOTT,

CHESCA POTTER, CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW.

Albert Angelone Memorial Award

DYLAN KADISON

Wayne Jackson Memorial Award

JACOB SCOTT

Victor Danberg Trophies

JOSEPH SERPA – CHELSEA BOUCHARD

Dr. David Finkelstein Award, in Memory of Bob Post

(SHORE TEAM COMPETITION WINNERS) –

"AQUA CULTURE" – SHAWN EMIN & LENNY BEFORD.

DaRosa Award

(BOAT TEAM COMPETITION WINNERS) –

"PILOTHOUSE OF PAIN" – DAVID KADISON & JIM FRASER.

George Pye Award

RON DOMURAT, PETER BOYHAN

James Catlow Memorial Award

RON DOMURAT

Thomas Nessa Memorial Award

JOHN CASEY

Bill Ashak Memorial Award

JACOB SCOTT

Grand Slam Winners

BOAT - ALL TACKLE

First Place - DAVID C. KADISON 67.13 LBS.

Second Place - JOHN READY 60.62 LBS.

Third Place - MARK S. MORRIS 58.08 LBS.

SHORE - ALL TACKLE

First Place - JULIAN G. PEPPER 51.16 LBS.

Second Place - JARED STOBIE 38.94 LBS.

Third Place - SHAWN A. EMIN 34.27 LBS.

BOAT - FLYROD

First Place - W. BRICE CONTESSA 35.43 LBS.

JUNIOR BOAT

First Place - BRENDAN R. MORRIS 50.79 LBS.

Second Place - DYLAN C. KADISON 47.58 LBS.

Third Place - TYLER DUFRESNE 46.54 LBS.

Senior Awards

MADISON ALWARDT MEMORIAL AWARD (*bluefish*)

ANTONE BETTENCOURT (BOAT) 14.78 LBS.

RON DOMURAT (SHORE) 13.33 LBS.

RAY METCALF MEMORIAL AWARD (*striped bass*)

PETE J. SPENGLER (BOAT) 37.34 LBS.

TONY H. REZENDES, JR. (SHORE) 32.12 LBS.

ARNOLD SPOFFORD MEMORIAL AWARD (*bonito*)

EDWIN HOLDEN, III (BOAT) 8.95 LBS.

KATHI M. POGODA (SHORE) 7.00 LBS.

HOWARD LEONARD MEMORIAL AWARD (*false albacore*)

FRAN L. CLAY (BOAT) 12.43 LBS.

COOPER GILKES (SHORE) 10.66 LBS.

Derby Grand Leaders

From 1946 to 1984, with the exception of 1980, the fisherman catching the largest striped bass was the grand prize winner.

			<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Oz.</i>
1946	Bass	GORDON PITMAN, NEW YORK, NY	47	0
1947	Bass	GEORGE MARSHALL, VINEYARD HAVEN	45	13
1948	Bass	AL DOYLE, EDGARTOWN	42	14
	Bluefish	HENRY B. HARTLEY, BOSTON, MA	4	06
1949	Bass	GEORGE MARSHALL, VINEYARD HAVEN	46	14.5
	Bluefish	RALPH ESTES, WEST TISBURY	5	06
1950	Bass	FRANK DRAKE, VINEYARD HAVEN	40	14
	Bluefish	WALLACE PINKHAM, VINEYARD HAVEN	5	15
1951	Bass	FREEMAN CASWELL, ATTLEBORO, MA	43	5
	Bluefish	PHILIP SILVA, OAK BLUFFS	6	10.5
1952	Bass	JOHN O. SYLVIA, OAK BLUFFS	48	1
1953	Bass	JAMES WALPOLE, EDGARTOWN	51	11
1954	Bass	WALLACE PINKHAM, VINEYARD HAVEN	55	9.5
	Bluefish	WALTER LYKO, DORCHESTER, MA	9	5.5
1955	Bass	LOUISE DE SOMOV, HAMPTON BAY, NY	43	14
	Bluefish	ED LIVINGSTON, NEW BEDFORD, MA	11	9.5
1956	Bass	DICK HATHAWAY, EDGARTOWN	52	9
	Bluefish	WALTER LYKO, NEW BEDFORD, MA	12	11.5
1957	Bass	RALPH GRANT, EDGARTOWN	47	8
	Bluefish	ARTHUR E. RODGERS, VINEYARD HAVEN	17	12.5
1958	Bass	OSCAR FLANDERS, CHILMARK	51	11
	Bluefish	WILLIAM E. BLAKE, MELROSE, MA	14	6
1959	Bass	ANTON VAN BREEMAN, MEDFORD, MA	50	12.5
	Bluefish	LES HEBBLEWHITE, So. BOSTON, MA	16	10
1960	Bass	PHILIP BARON, WOLLASTON, MA	45	9
	Bluefish	ALBERT KEINBERG, EDGARTOWN	17	10
1961	Bass	ADAM KURPAT, NEW YORK, NY	51	14
	Bluefish	ROGER TITUS, So. DARTMOUTH, MA	16	11
1962	Bass	HAROLD BENWAY, VINEYARD HAVEN	52	4
	Bluefish	MICHAEL PAGANO, NEW BEDFORD, MA	11	11.5
1963	Bass	SERGE DE SOMOV, HAMPTON BAY, NY	52	13
	Bluefish	FRANK VALOIS, FARGO, ND	12	10
1964	Bass	SERGE DE SOMOV, HAMPTON BAY, NY	54	14
	Bluefish	GEORGE HAMPSON, No. FALMOUTH, MA	12	13.5
1965	Bass	SERGE DE SOMOV, HAMPTON BAY, NY	49	10
	Bluefish	RICHARD HATHAWAY, EDGARTOWN	15	2.5
1966	Bass	EDWARD SOUZA, LOWELL, MA	53	15
	Bluefish	RICHARD HATHAWAY, EDGARTOWN	16	10
1967	Bass	FRED KIENER, VINEYARD HAVEN	52	6
	Bluefish	ARNOLD CARR, TEATICKET, MA	16	11.5
1968	Bass	ROBERT ROSE, OAK BLUFFS	48	6
	Bluefish	MADISON ALDWARDT, OAK BLUFFS	17	15.5
1969	Bass	SERGE DE SOMOV, HAMPTON BAY, NY	51	6
	Bluefish	DOUGLAS GINGRAS, VINEYARD HAVEN	18	11
1970	Bass	GORDON LINGBERG, FAIRHAVEN, MA	42	10
	Bluefish	GLADYS FLANDERS, CHILMARK	19	14
1971	Bass	ALBION ALLEY, WEST TISBURY	49	12
	Bluefish	FRANK SIMMONS, OAK BLUFFS	21	10
1972	Bass	WAYNE IACONO, VINEYARD HAVEN	56	9
	Bluefish	JEAN HANCOCK, CHILMARK	23	4.5*
1973	Bass	ROBERT BLACK, SOMERVILLE, MA	54	7.5
	Bluefish	FREEMAN WILLOUGHBY, EDGARTOWN	19	9
1974	Bass	RAYMOND METCALF, EDGARTOWN	51	14
	Bluefish	WAYNE COUTINHO, OAK BLUFFS	19	6
1975	Bass	ROGER SYLVA, WEST TISBURY	53	14
	Bluefish	KEVIN PETERS, OAK BLUFFS	18	9
1976	Bass	RICK CONNELL, VINEYARD HAVEN	48	0
	Bluefish	DICK CUDMORE, W. BRIDGEWATER, MA	19	6
1977	Bass	AL DOYLE, EDGARTOWN	56	6
	Bluefish	KEVIN HALL, VINEYARD HAVEN	20	3
1978	Bass	DICK HATHAWAY, EDGARTOWN	60	2*
	Bluefish	GARY LEWIS	17	9
1979	Bass	DICK HATHAWAY, EDGARTOWN	55	3
	Bluefish	BERNIE ARRUDA, EDGARTOWN	19	0
1980	Bass	FRANCIS BERNARD, OAK BLUFFS	49	5
	Bluefish	LEE WELCH, EDGARTOWN	20	0**
1981	Bass	RICHARD LANDON, NEW HAVEN, CT	56	14
	Bluefish	ERIC PACHICO, VINEYARD HAVEN	20	1
	Weakfish	DAVE PERRY SR., ATTLEBORO, MA	14	19
	Bonito	KIB BRAMHALL, WEST TISBURY	10	69
	Little Tunny	JOHN WATERS, HAMILTON, MA	13	37
			(digital) <i>Lbs.</i>	
1982	Bass	THOMAS BASSETT, EDGARTOWN	46.77	
	Bluefish	JERRY MORENCY, SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MA	18.32	
	Weakfish	LEONARD REID, WEST TISBURY	13.26	
	Bonito	DENNIS SANIDAS, FALMOUTH, MA	9.43	
	Little Tunny	STAN POPOWITZ, EDGARTOWN	14.25	

1983	Bass	STEVE MORRIS, OAK BLUFFS	49.96
	Bluefish	DAVID WALTON, NEW BEDFORD, MA	20.76
	Weakfish	EARL STYPULKOWSKI, EDGARTOWN	14.16
	Bonito	ROBIN HYDE, CHILMARK	9.14
	Little Tunny	CHARLES WITHAM JR., GAY HEAD	15.36
1984	Bass	JACK COUTINHO, VINEYARD HAVEN	48.75
	Bluefish	STANLEY TOMKIEWICZ, ACHUSNET, MA	20.5
	Weakfish	BILL SMITH, PEMBROKE, MA	13.55
	Bonito	SEAN O'CONNOR, GAY HEAD	9.80
	Little Tunny	ARTHUR WINTERS, EDGARTOWN	13.40
1985	Bluefish	(BOAT) DAVID WALTON, NEW BEDFORD, MA	19.20**
	Bonito	(BOAT) STAN BROWN & DOUG KUDRAVETZ (TIE)	9.00
	Albacore	(SHORE) HARVEY KAUSEL, SLINGERLANDS, NY	19.15
	Weakfish	(BOAT) SONNY BEAULIEU, OAK BLUFFS	16.50
1986	Bluefish	(BOAT) BILL UNIATOWSKI, OAK BLUFFS	19.40**
	Bonito	(BOAT) GEORGE KUDRAVETZ, ALEXANDRIA, VA	10.95
	Albacore	(SHORE) KEVIN HALL, WEST TISBURY	15.60
	Weakfish	(BOAT) LEE WELCH, EDGARTOWN	16.90*
1987	Bonito	(BOAT) COOPER GILKES III, EDGARTOWN	10.19**
	Bluefish	(BOAT) AMY MUSIA, EVANSVILLE, IN	17.16
	Albacore	(BOAT) KEITH LEWIS, VINEYARD HAVEN (NO WEAKFISH WERE CAUGHT)	13.45
1988	Albacore	(SHORE) ROGER BEACH, EDGARTOWN (BOAT) PAT DROUIN, EDGARTOWN	15.40**
	Bluefish	(SHORE) CHRIS MACDONALD, NEEDHAM, MA (BOAT) SCOTT TERRY, WEST TISBURY	15.92
	Bonito	(SHORE) PETER BAROBNE, WEYMOUTH, MA (BOAT) PAUL BERGERON, OAK BLUFFS	15.53
1989	Albacore	(SHORE) ROBERT GRAVES, OAK BLUFFS (BOAT) JOEL GRAVES, OAK BLUFFS	17.41
	Bluefish	(SHORE) SERGIO RADOSSI, RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ (BOAT) MICHELE ROGERS, EDGARTOWN	10.84
	Bonito	(SHORE) CURTIS HOPPS, VINEYARD HAVEN (BOAT) KIB BRAMHALL, WEST TISBURY	8.97
1990	Albacore	(SHORE) BOB PERRY, BRIDGEWATER, MA (BOAT) DON MACGILLIVRAY, VINEYARD HAVEN	14.09
	Bluefish	(SHORE) DAVID HEARN, BURLINGTON, MA (BOAT) MICHELE ROGERS, EDGARTOWN	15.90
	Bonito	(SHORE) BENJAMIN BARBEE, WEYMOUTH, MA (BOAT) BRYAN ABRAHAMSON, OAK BLUFFS	16.07
1991	Albacore	(SHORE) MARTIN S. FOX, MILLBURN, NJ (BOAT) JOHN NOVAK, MARSHFIELD, MA	15.92
	Bluefish	(SHORE) MATT PERRY, VINEYARD HAVEN (BOAT) SCOTT H. TERRY, WEST TISBURY	9.89**
	Bonito	(SHORE) STEVE DOWLER, OAK BLUFFS (BOAT) SCOTT H. TERRY, WEST TISBURY	10.58
1992	Albacore	(SHORE) ROBERT D. WILCOXON (BOAT) DOMINGO CANHA	14.48**
	Bluefish	(SHORE) LARRY A. MERCIER (BOAT) ERNEST L. DAMAN	19.39*
	Bonito	(SHORE) MARK F. BUDRESKY (BOAT) CARLOS T. BARTHOLOMEU	18.28
1993	Albacore	(SHORE) ROBERT MILNE (BOAT) MARILYN SCHEERBAUM	18.81
	Bass	(SHORE) BUCK MARTIN (BOAT) AARON CORSETTI	9.58
	Bluefish	(SHORE) MICHAEL TINUS (BOAT) EARL PETERS	11.22
	Bonito	(SHORE) DAVID DESMARAIS (BOAT) DON MACGILLIVRAY	16.89
1994	Albacore	(SHORE) DAVID VERGARA (BOAT) THOMAS GOODALE	17.67
	Bass	(SHORE) RICHARD MORRIS (BOAT) DONNA NAGLE	15.85
	Bluefish	(SHORE) DANIEL BRYANT (BOAT) MATT LAKSO	18.50**
	Bonito	(SHORE) DAVE DESMARAIS (BOAT) GARY LOOK	9.62
1995	Albacore	(SHORE) ERIC BROWN (BOAT) MARK E. DRINKWATER	9.27
	Bass	(SHORE) MIKE ALWARDT (BOAT) FRANK T. DOUGHERTY	13.00
	Bluefish	(SHORE) LORI VANDERLASKE (FLY ROD) (BOAT) EDWIN GENTLE III	14.23
	Bonito	(SHORE) BILL ASHAK (BOAT) STEVEN WOOD	17.35

(digital) *Lbs.*

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1996	Albacore	(SHORE) PHILIP B. WILLOUGHBY	11.68**	2006	Albacore	(SHORE) RICHARD N. HALL	14.63
		(BOAT) ARTHUR N. VOSE	11.97			(BOAT) GEOFF K. CODDING	13.25**
	Bass	(SHORE) MARK PLANTE	47.37		Bass	(SHORE) LEO B. LECUYER	40.19
		(BOAT) FRANK NUOVO	49.11			(BOAT) DAVID C. HEARN	43.86
1997	Bluefish	(SHORE) DENNIS WILLIAMS	18.47	Bluefish	(SHORE) WILLIAM A. PATE	13.87**	
		(BOAT) DONALD BALLOU	18.80		(BOAT) FRANCIS FISHER	17.36	
	Bonito	(SHORE) JOHN LIVINGSTON	9.42	Bonito	(SHORE) DON S. SEXTON	9.84	
		(BOAT) PERRY C. AMBULOS	10.14		(BOAT) JOSEPH P. CANHA	11.42	
1998	Albacore	(SHORE) KEN ABBOTT	15.38	2007	Albacore	(SHORE) CLARK M. GOFF, JR.	15.86
		(BOAT) PHILIP LOFGREN	13.26			(BOAT) SANDY E. FISHER	15.33
	Bass	(SHORE) DICK HATHAWAY	50.75		Bass	(SHORE) ZACHARY K. TILTON	40.61
		(BOAT) DICK T. LEESON	40.62			(BOAT) ZEB TILTON	56.51
1999	Bluefish	(SHORE) ANDRE LEVESQUE	18.97	Bluefish	(SHORE) CHRIS A. MORRIS	11.70**	
		(BOAT) VLADIMIR SMIRNOV	18.40		(BOAT) BRUCE L. MCINTOSH	14.62	
	Bonito	(SHORE) STANLEY POPOWITZ	9.49**	Bonito	(SHORE) DENNIS R. GOUGH	7.77	
		(BOAT) JOSEPH CANHA	9.97		(BOAT) GEOFF K. CODDING	9.14**	
2000	Albacore	(SHORE) ADAM ROSE	12.09	2008	Albacore	(SHORE) JAMES C. CORNWELL	11.55
		(BOAT) WALTER S. WLODYKA	14.99			(BOAT) WILLIAM A. PATE	11.44**
	Bass	(SHORE) SCOTT JADOVICH	43.71**		Bass	(SHORE) SCOTT D. TOMKINS	40.12
		(BOAT) DONALD WIDDISS	52.41			(BOAT) LEV C. WLODYKA	46.82
2001	Bluefish	(SHORE) ABRAM WILLIAMS	20.58	Bluefish	(SHORE) CURTIS J. FARRELL	15.55	
		(BOAT) FRED COLLINS	16.54		(BOAT) ALPHONSUS D. SIMMONS	16.12	
	Bonito	(SHORE) BERNIE ARRUDA	7.88	Bonito	(SHORE) JARED STOBIE	7.22	
		(BOAT) CHRISTOPHER PETERS	8.77		(BOAT) PAUL C. HARRIS	10.75**	
2002	Albacore	(SHORE) DAVE DESMARAIS	14.30	2009	Albacore	(SHORE) KEITH MCART	16.55
		(BOAT) LEV WLODYKA	12.05			(BOAT) WILLIAM A. PATE	12.66**
	Bass	(SHORE) WILLIAM DEBETTENCOURT	42.27		Bass	(SHORE) RYAN KURTH	34.10
		(BOAT) JEN CLARKE	44.08			(BOAT) STEPHEN PIETRUSKA	44.68
2003	Bluefish	(SHORE) PAUL B. SCHULTZ	14.92	Bluefish	(SHORE) PETER SHEPARDSON	13.81	
		(BOAT) JOHN COWART	17.31		(BOAT) HENRY FAUTEUX	14.04	
	Bonito	(SHORE) DAVID DESMARAIS	10.33**	Bonito	(SHORE) MICHAEL SEEGER	7.99**	
		(BOAT) ROBERT MOCARSKI	10.77		(BOAT) WYATT JENKINSON	9.71	
2004	Albacore	(SHORE) DAVID SKOK	12.96	2010	Albacore	(SHORE) HAYDEN L. BOULLIE	14.33
		(BOAT) JOHN SCHILLINGER	12.67			(BOAT) TERRY HORROCKS	14.22
	Bass	(SHORE) STEPHEN MORRIS	41.78		Bass	(SHORE) PAUL P. STAMOS	31.87
		(BOAT) LEV WLODYKA	52.32			(BOAT) MICHAEL A. PAONE	37.60**
2005	Bluefish	(SHORE) KEVIN HEARN	14.57	Bluefish	(SHORE) ROGER A. SCHAEFFER	13.27**	
		(BOAT) JOE UVA	19.18		(BOAT) ESTEY L. TELLER	16.29	
	Bonito	(SHORE) ERIC R. WOLFE	7.11	Bonito	(SHORE) DAVE DESMARAIS	8.35	
		(BOAT) MARK PLANTE	10.37**		(BOAT) WILZ A. MOREIS	10.39	
2006	Albacore	(SHORE) DAVID W. SKOK	12.97**	2011	Albacore	(SHORE) ALEXANDER BETTENCOURT	15.38
		(BOAT) MICHAEL D. HENRY	9.81			(BOAT) JAEMON GILLIES	14.77
	Bass	(SHORE) DAN T. PRIBANIC	44.96		Bass	(SHORE) STEVE PIERSON	34.92
		(BOAT) LEV WLODYKA	44.14			(BOAT) RICHARD PENNEY	46.15**
2007	Bluefish	(SHORE) JACK M. LIVINGSTON	15.26	Bluefish	(SHORE) STEPHEN MORRIS	14.86**	
		(BOAT) KAREN A. KUKOLICH	16.78		(BOAT) CHARLES OGLETREE	15.50	
	Bonito	(SHORE) ROB MORRISON	7.36	Bonito	(SHORE) PEDRO GUZMAN	7.39	
		(BOAT) ROBERT H. CLAY	8.89		(BOAT) DOMINGO CANHA	9.79	
2008	Albacore	(SHORE) BOB W. IWASKIEWICZ	12.93**				
		(BOAT) WALTER S. WLODYKA	11.63				
	Bass	(SHORE) LEV C. WLODYKA	39.96				
		(BOAT) CAPT. BUDDY VANDERHOOP	53.60				
2009	Bluefish	(SHORE) DANIEL J. GEARY	15.69				
		(BOAT) ROSS MORANCIE	14.96				
	Bonito	(SHORE) JAMES C. CORNWELL	9.27				
		(BOAT) LEV C. WLODYKA	10.89**				
2010	Albacore	(SHORE) MARSHALL H. BRERETON	14.42				
		(BOAT) TERRY W. HORROCKS	13.28				
	Bass	(SHORE) MICHAEL ALWARDT	42.12				
		(BOAT) CHRIS M. HARDING	46.26				
2011	Bluefish	(SHORE) THOMAS J. KIERAS	15.27**				
		(BOAT) NICK W. PETERS	14.58				
	Bonito	(SHORE) ANDREW J. SCHERIFF	8.12				
		(BOAT) STANLEY W. BROWN	10.25**				
2012	Albacore	(SHORE) ROBERT W. THOMAS	12.48**				
		(BOAT) DAVID C. KADISON	12.37				
	Bass	(SHORE) KEITH A. MCART	42.46				
		(BOAT) WILLIAM F. LEHMAN	47.62				
2013	Bluefish	(SHORE) DANIEL J. BENEDETTO	15.40				
		(BOAT) WILLIAM W. FARNHAM	15.17				
	Bonito	(SHORE) BETSY J. MIRAGLIA	8.75				
		(BOAT) TOM LANGMAN	10.13**				
2014	Albacore	(SHORE) DENNIS R. GOUGH	16.71				
		(BOAT) KEITH M. OGREN	14.19**				
	Bass	(SHORE) LEO B. LECUYER	45.18**				
		(BOAT) MOLLY FISCHER	49.22				
2015	Bluefish	(SHORE) RONALD G. SULLIVAN	13.70				
		(BOAT) JOHN D. SMITH	15.95				
	Bonito	(SHORE) BERNIE B. ARRUDA	9.53				
		(BOAT) JARED D. MACKENZIE	10.38				

Derby Record Winning Fish

Bluefish	JEAN HANCOCK	23 LBS., 4.5 OZ. (BOAT, ALL TACKLE, 1972)
	CHARLIE BLAIR	18.85 LBS. (BOAT, FLY ROD, 1984)
Striped Bass	DICK HATHAWAY	60 LBS., 2 OZ. (SHORE, ALL TACKLE, 1978)
	KIB BRAMHALL	42.14 LBS. (SHORE, FLY ROD, 1981)
Bonito	GARY LOOK	12.44 LBS. (BOAT, ALL TACKLE, 1994)
	NELSON SIGELMAN	10.81 LBS. (BOAT, FLY ROD, 1994)
False Albacore	DONALD MACGILLIVRAY	19.39 LBS. (BOAT, ALL TACKLE, 1990)
	JAIME BOYLE	16.38 LBS. (BOAT, FLY ROD, 1990)
Weakfish	LEE WELCH	16.90 LBS. (BOAT, ALL TACKLE, 1986)

Grand Slam Records

(HEAVIEST COMBINED WEIGHT OF ALL FOUR SPECIES SINCE 1994)

All Tackle	SHORE: MARK PLANTE	77.50
	BOAT: LEV WLODYKA	86.90
Fly Rod	SHORE: CHIP BERGERON	48.04
	BOAT: MARK JONES	56.73

* Derby Record, ** Grand Prize Winner



Junior Division Winners

FALSE ALBACORE

1991	(BOAT) NICK WARBURTON	9.59
	(SHORE) TONY B. JACKSON	13.09*
1992	(BOAT) LEV WLODYKA	10.96
	(SHORE) MILES WHYTE	11.44
1993	(BOAT) NICK WARBURTON	9.59
	(SHORE) KEVIN LUDWIG	11.02
1994	(BOAT) LIAM BASSETT	8.68
	(SHORE) MILES WHYTE	9.66
1995	(BOAT) JARED FISHER	9.45
	(SHORE) ZACHARY C. HORROCKS	8.67
1996	(BOAT) WILLY CODDING	9.63
	(SHORE) ZACHARY C. HORROCKS	8.21
1997	(BOAT) JARED E. FISHER	9.44
	(SHORE) AMY V. BAYNES	9.79
1998	(BOAT) JOSHUA ALWARDT	6.78
	(SHORE) TREVOR WRIGHT	9.87
1999	(BOAT) CODY PACHICO	7.85
	(SHORE) BRIAN HACKETT	11.69
2000	(SHORE) ZACH SHEA	7.47
2001	(BOAT) LAUREN A. WILLISTON	8.18
2002	(BOAT) SARAH L. KADISON	9.10
	(SHORE) ANTONE T. SILVIA	9.10
2003	(BOAT) D. J. POTHIER	9.89
	(SHORE) CODY A. PACHICO	9.14
2004	(BOAT) WILLIAM C. KADISON	11.25
	(SHORE) SCOTT CANAVAN	8.964
2005	(BOAT) SARAH L. KADISON	11.27
	(SHORE) ALEX M. POOLE	9.75
2006	(BOAT) WILLIAM C. KADISON	9.48
	(SHORE) QUINT R. LONG	6.56
2007	(BOAT) JACOB S. WATERS-MACIEL	10.83
	(SHORE) CONOR J. SMITH	10.56
2008	(BOAT) NICK L. WATTS	9.99
	(SHORE) CURTIS J. FARRELL	7.81
2009	(BOAT) BRYAN CARTER	12.39*
	(SHORE) CURTIS J. FARRELL	10.96
2010	(BOAT) CAELAN K. WATTS	10.54
	(SHORE) TONY P. CANHA	12.37
2011	(BOAT) KATHERINE G. O'BRIEN	11.48
	(SHORE) JEREMY P. MERCIER	9.80

STRIPED BASS

1994	(BOAT) DERECK PETERSON	38.72
	(SHORE) WOLFIE BLAIR	36.59*
1995	(BOAT) JENNIFER JORDAN	35.95
	(SHORE) JOSHUA ALWARDT	27.63
1996	(BOAT) MICHAEL PACHICO	34.42
	(SHORE) RYAN PIERCE	27.98
1997	(BOAT) MICHAEL PACHICO	34.42
	(SHORE) CHRIS POLLEYS	35.22
1998	(BOAT) JOE HEGARTY	35.23
	(SHORE) TIM SAUER	29.98

1999	(BOAT) CODY T. CHANDLER	33.60
	(SHORE) JOSHUA ALWARDT	35.90
2000	(BOAT) CASEY ELLISTON	31.94
	(SHORE) ELI BONNELL	28.65
2001	(BOAT) BECCA L. WEBB	33.14
	(SHORE) TIM J. SAUER	27.04
2002	(BOAT) MAX CROCKETT	29.75
	(SHORE) EMILYANNE WILLISTON	35.34
2003	(BOAT) ANNIE C. FINNERTY	40.52
	(SHORE) LEAH H. PACHICO	36.08
2004	(BOAT) ASHLEIGH L. PLANTE	39.08
	(SHORE) WILLIAM B. STEWART	26.29
2005	(BOAT) MOLLY A. FISCHER	49.22*
	(SHORE) ANDREW JACKSON	25.81
2006	(BOAT) JUSTIN D. SMITH	32.69
	(SHORE) EMILYANNE A WILLISTON	23.82
2007	(BOAT) DALE E. MCINTOSH, II	35.92
	(SHORE) WILLIAM B. STEWART	23.71
2008	(BOAT) WILLIAM C. KADISON	40.98
	(SHORE) WILLIAM B. STEWART	23.11
2009	(BOAT) TYLER K. DUFRESNE	28.04
	(SHORE) BRANDON A. STEIGELMAN	17.88
2010	(BOAT) GIOVANNI M. PAONE	27.22
	(SHORE) MAGGIE A. MAYHEW	17.63
2011	(BOAT) LUKE EL-DEIRY	32.14
	(SHORE) CURTIS J. FOURNIER	20.29

BONITO

1991	(BOAT) RYAN WELCH	7.45
	(SHORE) LEV WLODYKA	8.55*
1992	(BOAT) MORGAN CHILD	8.96
	(SHORE) GEOFFERY CODDING	8.24
1993	(BOAT) NICK WARBURTON	10.48*
	(SHORE) LEV WLODYKA	8.05
1994	(BOAT) MICHAEL BROCCOLLI	10.28
	(SHORE) BENJAMIN BARBEE	8.04
1995	(BOAT) TYRONE BARLOSKY	7.48
	(SHORE) TOM RAPONE	5.71
1996	(BOAT) TED BLACKANTON	6.72
1997	(BOAT) BRIAN POULIOT	8.55
1998	(BOAT) WOLFE BLAIR	6.14
	(SHORE) CODY BREWER	5.86
1999	(BOAT) SAM BELL	6.83
	(SHORE) TIM SAUER	8.66
2000	(BOAT) CASEY ELLISTON	10.07
	(SHORE) TIM SAUER	4.58
2001	(BOAT) SPENCER A. SASS	6.83
2002	(BOAT) SARAH L. KADISON	5.86
2003	(BOAT) D. J. POTHIER	9.04
2004	(BOAT) KASSIDY R. BETTENCOURT	6.42
2005	(BOAT) ERIC K. RIEDEL	8.11
2006	(BOAT) WILLIAM C. KADISON	6.96

2007	(BOAT) WILLIAM C. KADISON	7.35
2008	(BOAT) SARAH J. WILLISTON	8.24
2009	(BOAT) WYATT A. JENKINSON	9.71
	(SHORE) EVANDRO MEDICI, JR.	4.45
2010	(BOAT) GUS N. HOY	7.33
2011	(BOAT) WYATT A. JENKINSON	7.78

BLUEFISH

1991	(BOAT) RYAN PIERCE	16.24
	(SHORE) FRANCIS FISHER	13.67
1992	(BOAT) JOSEPH PETERS	16.17
	(SHORE) GARRETT WOJTUKIEWICZ	13.34
1993	(BOAT) LEV WLODYKA	16.17
	(SHORE) MILES WHYTE	11.44
1994	(BOAT) RYAN PIERCE	16.66
	(SHORE) SHARON OH	10.07
1995	(BOAT) RYAN PIERCE	17.54
	(SHORE) STEVEN COSTAS	15.13
1996	(BOAT) ROSS McDOWELL	14.19
	(SHORE) ELI J. BONNELL	13.66
1997	(BOAT) CHRIS STEFANOS	14.41
	(SHORE) TIM J. LUCE	12.37
1998	(BOAT) MARC LEVESQUE	15.57
	(SHORE) SHANA MONTESION	8.29
1999	(BOAT) NIKOLAS PAPPASTRATIS	13.46
	(SHORE) OLLIE BECKER	10.28
2000	(BOAT) TAYLOR PIERCE	19.05*
	(SHORE) CODY BREWER	11.82
2001	(BOAT) D. J. POTHIER	15.14
	(SHORE) JACK C. STEPHENSON	5.51
2002	(BOAT) CODY J. BREWER	14.38
	(SHORE) ASA P. BERNARD	10.56
2003	(BOAT) LAUREN A. WILLISTON	13.60
	(SHORE) MICHAEL E. ROBINSON	10.23
2004	(BOAT) KASSIDY R. BETTENCOURT	12.72
	(SHORE) LUCY BENEDETTO	9.77
2005	(BOAT) JESSE L. THOMAS	11.82
	(SHORE) MIA G. BENEDETTO	11.61
2006	(BOAT) EMILYANNE A WILLISTON	13.12
	(SHORE) CHRIS A. MORRIS	9.66
2007	(BOAT) WILLIAM C. KADISON	14.31
	(SHORE) CHRIS MORRIS	11.70
2008	(BOAT) WILLIAM C. KADISON	14.25
	(SHORE) CURTIS J. FARRELL	15.55*
2009	(BOAT) ALEC B. COBBAN	12.66
	(SHORE) JEFFREY S. CIMENO, JR.	10.55
2010	(BOAT) VICTORIA T. SCOTT	14.77
	(SHORE) JACK G. MURRAY	11.20
2011	(BOAT) MICHAEL B. HABEKOST	13.57
	(SHORE) BRENDAN R. MORRIS	11.33

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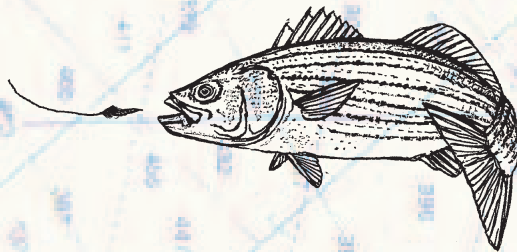


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The Derby on the Home Front - Her View

By Brenda Watson

In our house, the fever begins to build months before the official start of the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby. Around March and April, the chatter starts about the upcoming Vineyard fishing season and the Derby. My husband, Sol, and his fishing buddy Ed, start having conversations about what the strategies will be for making sure they have the right stuff to fish with.

What lures and flies worked last year? What new gear do we need this year (they always manage to need something new. I smile.)? When should we book a captain? And on and on.

Calls to other fishing friends take place as we get near summer. As I move throughout our apartment from one room to the next, I can hear Sol talking to his fishing buddies. "When will you be on the Vineyard? We need to lock in some fishing dates." When the phone calls are not occurring, still I can hear the constant, feverish clicking of the computer keys facilitating the hunt for fishing websites. The best sites convey the latest catch of various fish on Cape Cod and elsewhere. The online fishing reports are almost always supported by the reporting fisherman's take on how big his/her fish was, tips on the lures or flies of the day, and let's not forget those video playbacks with the sounds of roaring seas, whistling reels, and excited fishermen's voices, as they bring in their catch. All of that allows the viewer to relive the fishing experience and pass it on to other fishing buddies.

Uh-oh, here we are, it's July and then August, Boat captains, Fishing buddies, and fishing strategies must have been locked in long before this.

By the end of August, the children and grandchildren have finished their vacations on the Vineyard, and have left the Island for home. It's time to focus on Derby activity. There are flies to tie, lures to buy, captains to confirm, Derby badges and hats to buy - and make sure you pick a lucky number for your Derby button.

Spouses and significant others get ready, the Derby is about to start. There'll be fishing from the boat; fishing from the shore, high tides and low tides, squeaky doors at 6 am and 10 pm, leading into and out of our house. There are sandwiches to make, alarm clocks to set, non-Derby activities to be scheduled around fishing dates and times, early morning fishing buddy calls to answer, stops to make (usu-

ally on the way to some place that I want to go) at Coop's, Larry's, and Dick's Bait & Tackle, to buy more stuff and get the latest scoop on hot fishing spots. There are fishing clothes to wash, weigh-ins to attend - we hope - Grand slams; leader boards to appear on, and prizes to be won - if we're lucky. But the best part of all, is hearing the stories at the end of each daily fishing trip. And of course, the "one that got away" is always bigger.

On one Wednesday during the Derby, Sol came in around 10:30 pm after fishing for hours. Though I had settled into bed, I sat right up to hear the night's fishing adventure. Sol filled me in. "I threw out a fresh eel and got a bite. The fish took the bait. It was a good fight before I got it to shore. The hook was right in the corner of his mouth. I'm glad I got the fish in before the hook pulled out of his mouth. The striper weighed in at 17 pounds. I'm glad Ed invited me along tonight."

Sol could not have been happier than I that he caught such a wonderful fish. As any spouse, or anyone close to a derby fisherman knows, you don't want too much time to pass before there's a Derby-worthy fish - right kind, size, method of catching - caught. Sol continued, "I'll be fishing on Friday, Oh, and we're going out Thursday too. What's on the schedule? Do you need me to help with anything?"

As he was talking, I was thinking to myself: in spite of all the fishing excitement, he's pretty good about checking in to see if I need anything, and I'm pretty good about knowing when to take him away from the Derby and when not to.

On one Thursday, Sol returned from fishing and filled me in again. "It was slow today. We went a lot of places and drifted out some eels. The fish were too small, we had to throw them back. The captain was good. What's for lunch? I'm whipped, I'm not going out tonight. Strike that, I just got a call from Ed, we're going out tonight. I have to make sure I have the right flies. I'm going down in the basement to tie one more fly."

It's almost the end of September and I'm hoping to make it through another Derby.

Looking at the Derby from the other side - my side - it is never boring, lots of fun, and I'm always happy when Sol returns home safely. When the Derby is over, I look forward to the next year when the fever starts to build and the stories start to flow. 🍷



Sol & Ed check their watches to see where the tide is right for their next trip out.

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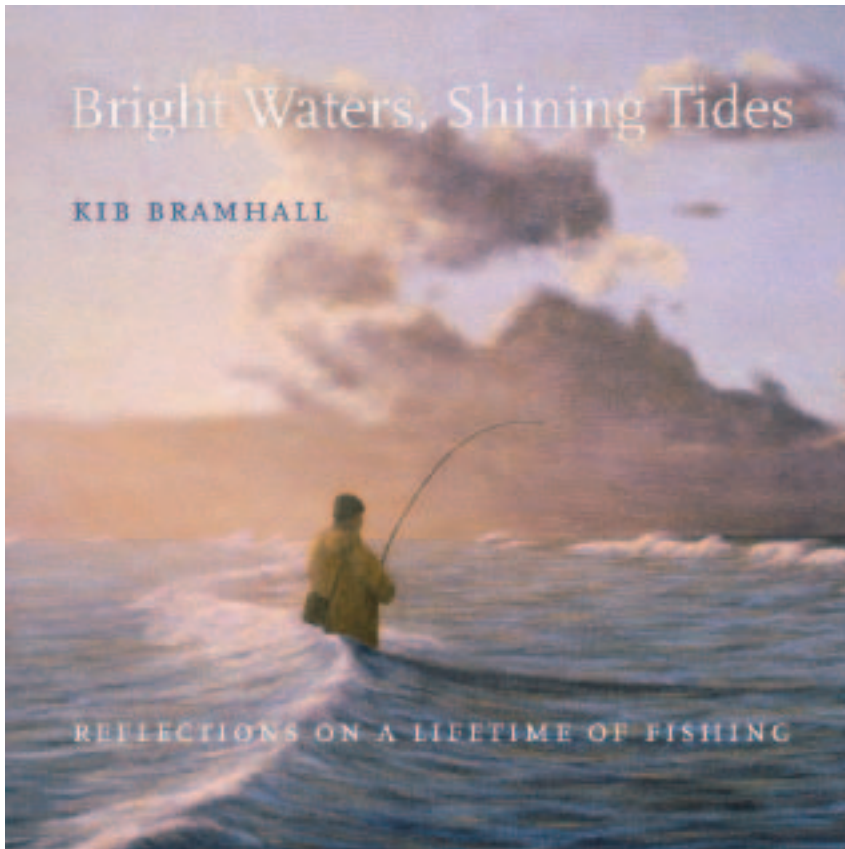
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You Feeling Lucky?

Story by John Custer

On October 13, 2012 –

the final day of the 67th Derby – Julian Pepper weighed in a bonito that took 1st place in the All Tackle Shore Division, making him one of the eight Grand Leaders at the Awards Ceremony the following day. It had happened before – an angler becoming a Grand Leader on the Derby's final day. It has also happened that a Grand Leader weighed his fish on the Derby's opening day – most recently in 2011, with Jaemon Gillies' boat false albacore. So while both scenarios have played out enough times that neither should be surprising, some believe that there are certain dates during the Derby that are lucky. Few would argue that a bit of good fortune is helpful in earning one of the eight Grand Leader spots. But are there really some days during the Derby that present a better chance of catching a winning fish? Odds-makers may not have noticed, but superstitious Derby fishermen might consider the following information.

In the past decade, with eight Grand Leaders annually, 80 Derby-winning fish were represented. Like Julian's bonito in 2012, Dan Benedetto's shore blue in 2004, John Smith's boat blue in 2005, and Joe Canha's boat bonito in 2006, some were caught late. Other Grand Leaders may not have created that last-day drama, but instead endured five full weeks of anxiety, praying their opening day catches would hold up. Such was the case for Jaemon in 2011, as



A double rainbow off Wasque, 2012 Derby

Photo by John Piekos

well as Bob Thomas' 2004 and Rick Hall's 2006 shore albies. So while Day 1 and final day Grand Leaders do occur, they are the exception. Over the last ten years, certain dates do stand out – those that have seen a greater share of Derby winners. Does this mean these dates are lucky? That depends on what you believe, and whom you ask.

It's unlikely that all Grand Leaders since 2003 can remember the dates on which they caught their winning fish. But some undoubtedly not only know the date, but also re-

gard it as an anniversary. So if you subscribe to the notion that there are lucky Derby dates, a look at the records and making the tallies does reveal something. Looking to win the Derby? History shows that September 21 and October 4 could be considered the luckiest, as each date has produced six Grand Leaders in the past decade. Five Derby winners were caught on both October 2 and October 14, suggesting those are possible dates of destiny. September 30 and October 12 also must hold some Derby fortune, as four Grand Leaders were made on each of these dates.

Also consider that September 27, October 8, and October 11 are the only dates that have not given up a Derby Grand Leader in the past ten years. If you're looking for the win, these might be good days to mow the lawn or wash your truck. And for those who try and predict when the heaviest fish are caught – early on, as opposed to later – note the following: 39 Grand Leaders caught their

fish in the first half of the Derby, and 41 were caught after halftime. No real difference there.

What to make of all this? Probably not much. It's doubtful that the big fish have certain dates circled on their calendars. Most Derby winners would suggest that the day they happened to catch their big fish became their lucky day. But it is reasonable to believe that come September 21 and October 4, plenty of superstitious fishermen will be out there, hoping the odds are favorable. Good luck with that. 🐟



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The 2012 Derby: More of the Same

By Greg Skomal

More fishermen does not always mean more fish. There was a whopping 14% increase in Derby participation in 2012 (3,091 vs. 2,713 anglers in 2011) – the largest number of participants since 2004 (3,126), but a 2% decrease in the number of fish weighed (2,147 vs. 2,203 in 2011). Although shore fishermen caught a few more bass and a few less bluefish, not much changed in 2012 when compared to the previous year. The following synopsis and accompanying figure show how Derby participants fared in 2012 compared to the previous 25 years.

Bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*): From 1990 to 1996, bluefish landings declined from a 26-year high of 1,700 fish to a low of 665 fish. Since then, landings have rebounded to levels comparable to those in the late 1980's. Since 2010, bluefish landings have declined about 10% from 1,265 fish to 1,144 fish in 2012 and this can be attributed to fewer fish landed by shore fishermen. On average, shore fishermen have accounted for about 26% of the annual bluefish landings over the last 26 years. In 2011 and 2012, shore fisherman weighed only 22% and 19% of the bluefish catch, respectively. The average weight of bluefish from 1987-1997 was about 10 lbs and just shy of 8 lbs from 1998-2008. However, the average weight has increased since 2008 to almost 8.6 lbs, which is close to the 26-year average (8.9 lbs). Daily landings indicate that bluefish were available throughout the event.

When looking at long-term trends in bluefish landings, a number of factors related to effort must be considered. First, Derby participation has risen steadily from a low of 1,809 anglers in 1994 to current highs, an increase of over 70%. Moreover, Derby fishermen could not land striped bass from 1987 to 1992, so more participants were likely targeting bluefish, resulting in more bluefish landed during this period. Both factors, which are difficult to quantify, can render the long-term interpretation of bluefish abundance less meaningful. Nonetheless, bluefish landings appear to reflect similar trends in population biomass estimates generated by the current stock assessment (conducted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission), which shows a general increase in abundance since the mid-1990's. However, recent projections suggest that bluefish biomass will decline due to poor incoming year classes

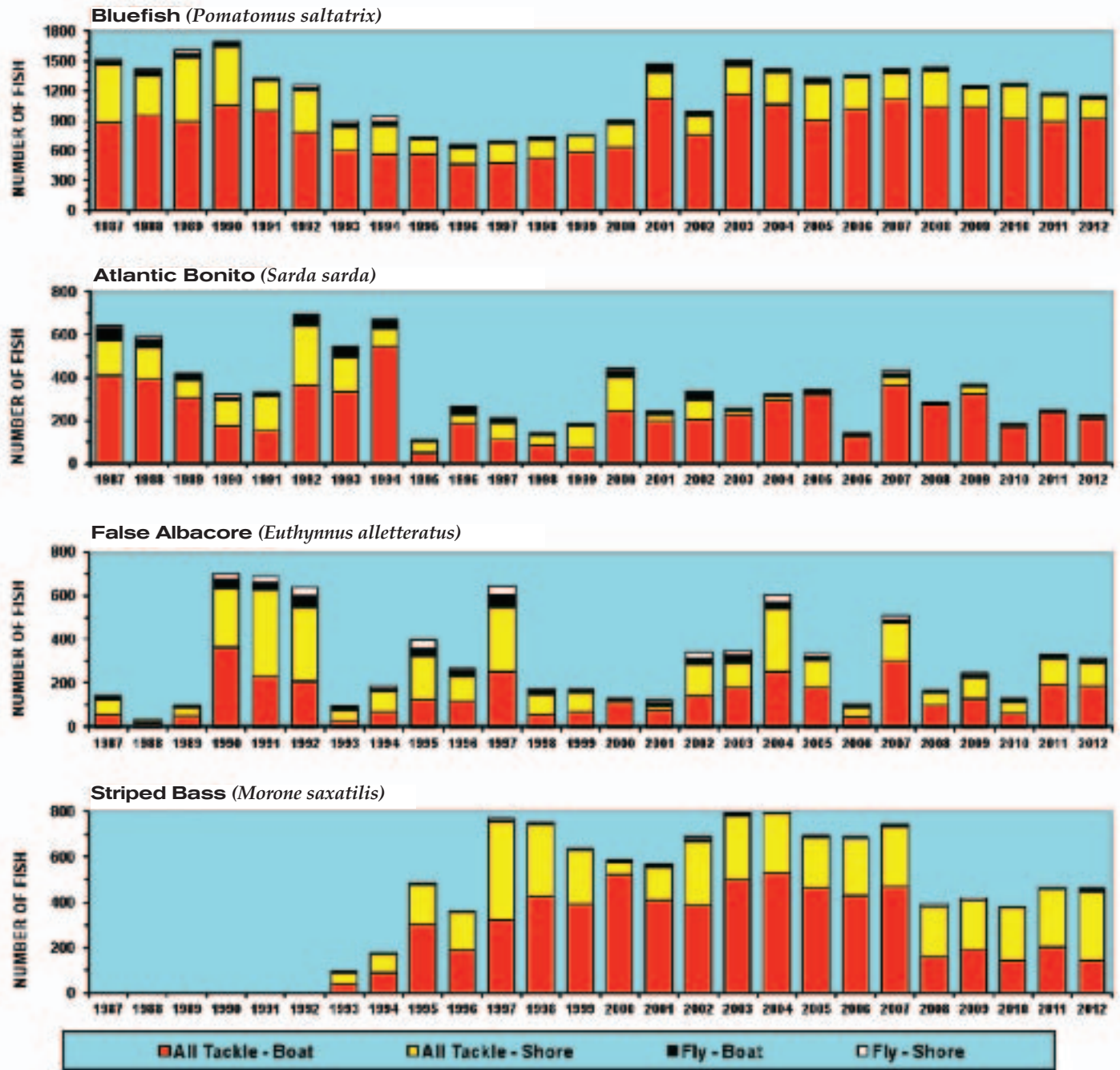
Atlantic Bonito (*Sarda sarda*): Over the last 26 years, bonito landings have fluctuated between 110-696 fish annually. Prior to 1995, bonito landings were higher (ranging from 323-696 fish) and this can be partially attributed to more effort being directed at bonito because striped bass was excluded from the Derby. Since 1995, bonito landings have been low, largely due to the conspicuous absence of shore fish. After the lowest landings in 2010 (184 fish) since 2006, the number of bonito bounced back 35% in 2011 (248), but declined 9% in 2012 (226 fish). On average, shore fishermen account for 22% of the bonito landings

over the 26-year period, but they landed only 2-12% from 2003-2012; shore fishermen caught only 14 bonito (6%) in 2012. Taking into account the increase in Derby participation in recent years, there is a clear 19-year trend of low bonito catches. Without a stock assessment for this species, it is difficult to interpret the cause of this decline. This trend, which is largely driven by the lack of shore-caught fish, indicates that large numbers of bonito have clearly not moved into nearshore waters in recent years.

The average weight of bonito has also been relatively low since 1994, ranging between 5.1-6.9 lbs for this period. However, for the third consecutive year, the average weight of bonito falls on the high end of this general range (6.4 lbs). The availability of bonito to participants over the course of the five week event has fluctuated dramatically from year to year. In 2001, 2002, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2012, the bulk was landed during the month of September. In 2003, 2005, 2006, and 2011, bonito catches were sporadic with pulses of fish taken throughout the Derby. In 2008, 50% of the bonito were taken during the last 10 days of the event.

False Albacore (*Euthynnus alletteratus*): Trends in false albacore landings are difficult to interpret and should be viewed with caution due to rule changes designed to reduce landings of this species, which is not considered palatable. Since 1995, daily prizes have not been awarded for false albacore, thereby reducing the incentive to land fish. In 1998, a minimum length of 25 inches was established and this reduced false albacore landings in subsequent years. In 2005, the Derby Committee made efforts to further reduce landings by imposing a bag limit of three fish (for the duration of the event) coupled with the minimum size. Despite these restrictions, some information can be derived from the landings data. In 2000 and 2001, this species was not available to shore fishermen, but this changed dramatically in subsequent years as both shore and boat fishermen were equally successful. In 2006, minimum size false albacore were not consistently available and this is reflected in the landing of only 107 fish, which is the lowest catch since 1993. Landings have fluctuated dramatically since 2006, ranging from a high of 509 false albacore in 2007 to a low of 131 in 2010. In recent years, landings have stabilized at 331 and 311 fish in 2011 and 2012, respectively. In sharp contrast to bonito,

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a large proportion of the catch (37%) was taken by shore fishermen in 2012 (26 year average = 45%). Since 2003, the average weight of false albacore has fluctuated between 8.3-9.5 lbs. However, the average weight was only 7.3 lbs. in 2012, the lowest since 1997. In 2012, 86% of the false albacore were weighed by the end of September, but this is likely influenced by the bag limit.

Striped Bass (*Morone saxatilis*): From 1985 until 1992, the striped bass was eliminated from the Derby prize structure for conservation purposes. In 1993, the species was slowly re-introduced into the Derby with limited prizes until 1995, when it became a fully eligible species with a minimum size of 38 inches. With the decrease of the legal minimum size in 1997, the Derby committee dropped the minimum size to 32 inches. Hence, the effective time series for striped bass landings data spans only 16 of the 26 years. After a 26% decline from 1997 (771 fish) to 2001 (570

fish), landings rebounded 30% to time-series highs in 2003 (813 fish) and 2004 (800 fish). From 2005-2007, striped bass landings fluctuated between 689 and 745 fish. However, since 2007, landings have been low, fluctuating between 384 and the 466 fish landed in 2012. Striped bass landings appear to reflect similar trends in east coast population estimates from the 2011 stock assessment, which shows a general decline in abundance since 2004.

Since 1993, shore fishermen have landed, on average, about 43% of the striped bass, but this has increased dramatically in recent years, ranging from 53% in 2009 to 68% in 2012 - boat fishermen are simply weighing less fish. The average weight of striped bass has ranged from 16.7-23.2 lbs since full re-introduction and the average weight of fish landed in the last three years (16.7-18.0 lbs) were the lowest in the time series. Striped bass were available for the duration of the 2012 event as landings were consistent. 🍀



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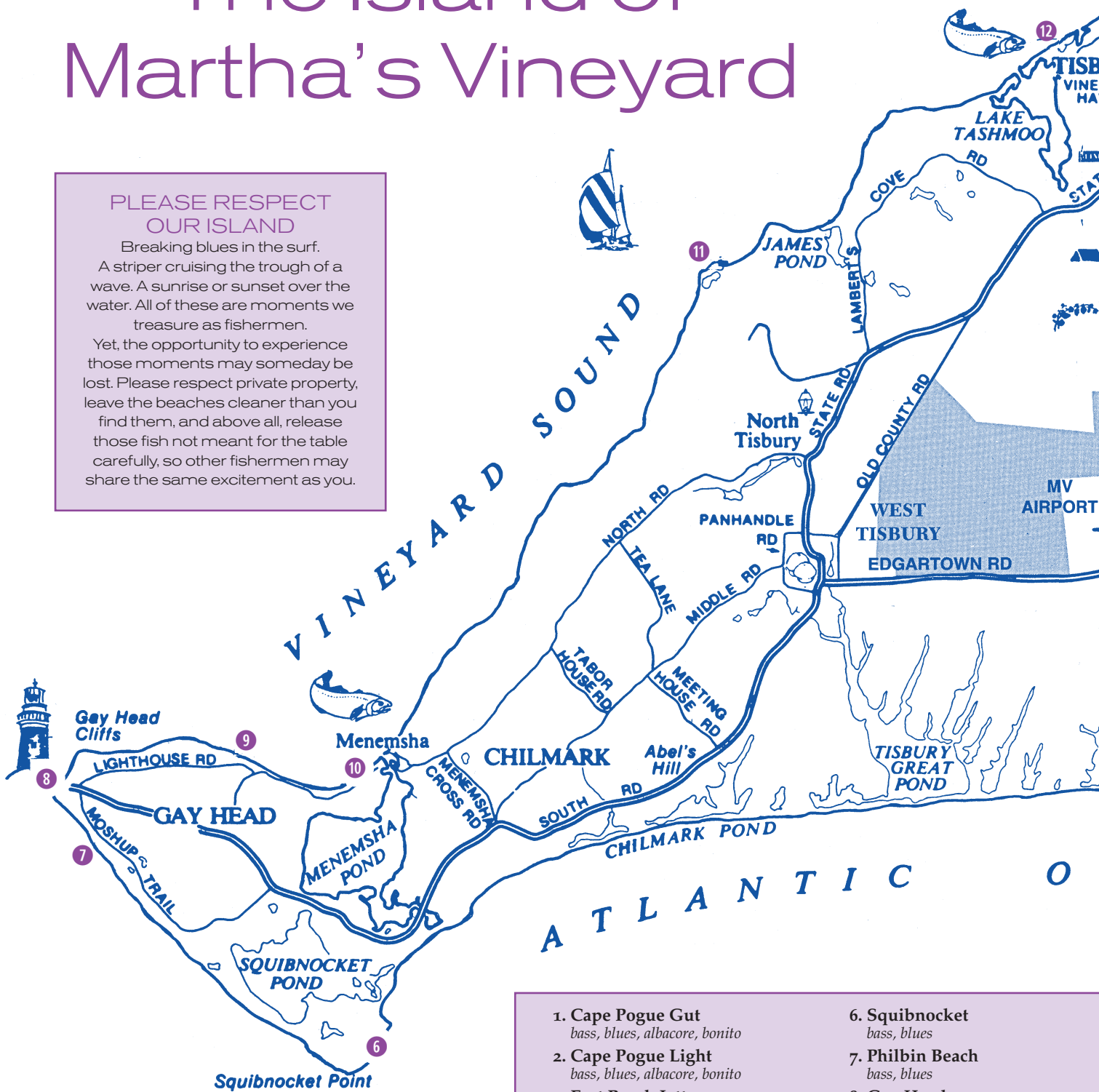
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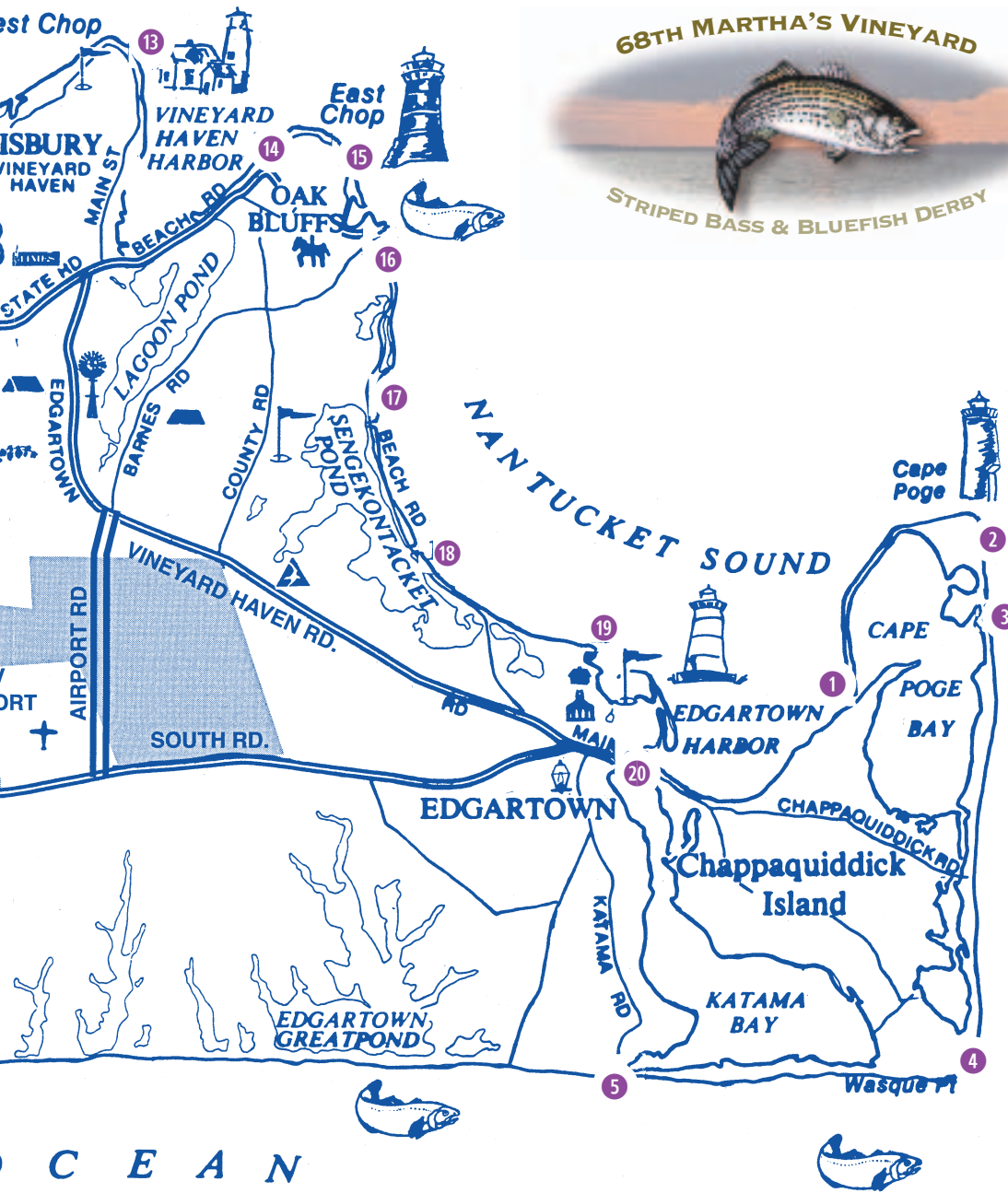
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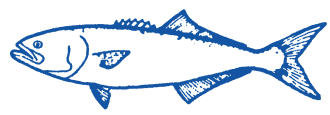
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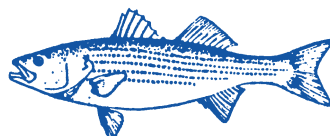
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~Author Unknown

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~Irish Blessing

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~Washington Irving

Somebody just back of you while you are fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl.

~Ernest Hemingway

The fishing was good; it was the catching that was bad.

~A.K. Best

The Gods do not deduct from man's allotted span the hours spent in fishing.

~Babylonian Proverb

It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming.

~John Steinbeck

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

~Author Unknown

Give a man a fish and he has food for a day; teach him how to fish and you can get rid of him for the entire weekend.

~Zenna Schaffer

If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing poles.

~Doug Larson

We ask a simple question And that is all we wish: Are fishermen all liars? Or do only liars fish?

~William Sherwood Fox, *Silken Lines and Silver Hooks*, 1954

There's a fine line between fishing and just standing on the shore like an idiot.

~Steven Wright

Fishing is a ... discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish.

~Herbert Hoover

Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.

~Chuck Clark

People who fish for food, and sport be damned, are called pot-fishermen. The more expert ones are called crack pot-fishermen. All other fishermen are called crackpot fishermen. his is confusing.

~Ed Zern

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Good things come to those who bait.

~Author Unknown

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~Author Unknown

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~Author Unknown

My biggest worry is that my wife (when I'm dead) will sell my fishing gear for what I said I paid for it.

~Koos Brandt

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~Patrick F. McManus

There will be days when the fishing is better than one's most optimistic forecast, others when it is far worse. Either is a gain over just staying home.

~Roderick Haig-Brown, *Fisherman's Spring*

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~ Garrison Keillor

Look at where Jesus went to pick people. He didn't go to the colleges; he got guys off the fishing docks.

~ Jeff Foxworthy

EVERYONE SHOULD BELIEVE IN SOMETHING; I BELIEVE I'LL GO FISHING.

~ Henry David Thoreau

Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.

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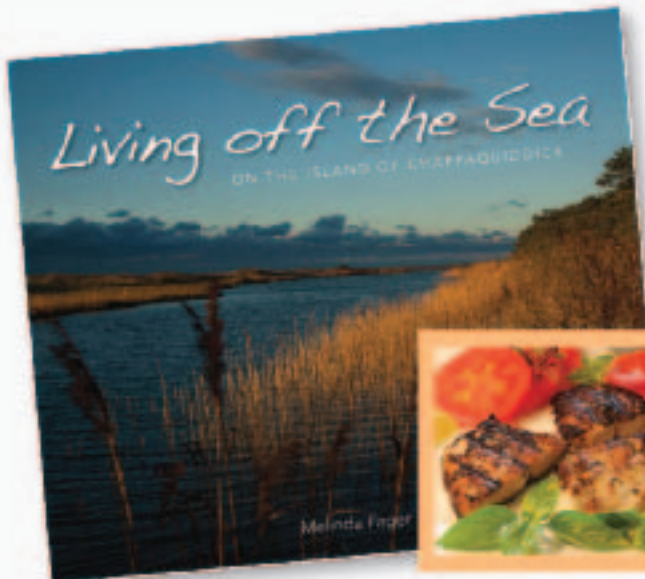
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Bud Oliver and a fellow fisherman mugging for a camera shot.



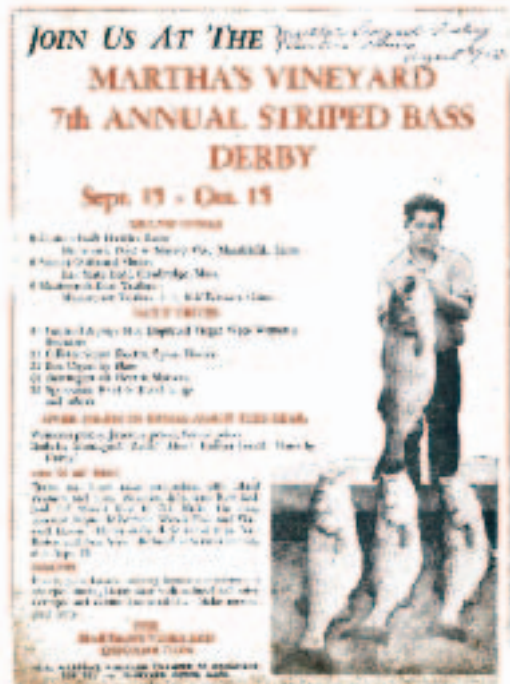
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Some early Derby pranks – weighing in a mount.



11th Derby weighmaster Jim Catlow weighs Bud Oliver's catch.



An early Derby publicity poster.



Al Flanders, Al Brickman, and Bud Oliver with an early beach buggy.

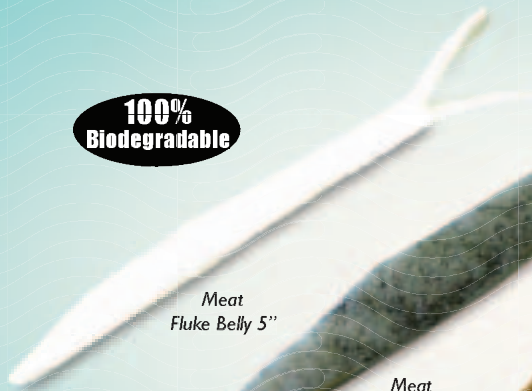


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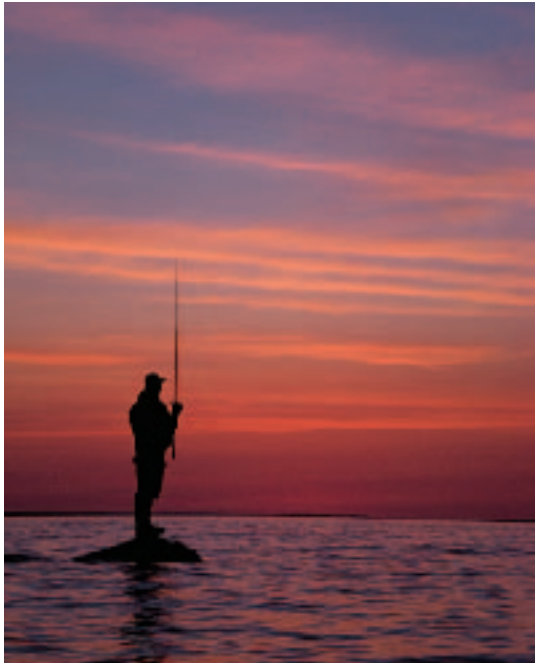
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Is One Pin Enough?

Keep All Your Options Open

By Dave Nash

As most Derby fishermen know or at least believe, there are certain informal "rules" and superstitions that go along with our pursuit of a great catch. Every year we hear the stories of newcomers with a winning fish on their first cast or someone who walks up to you with a bonito asking if his "albie" is big enough. Then, there is the very simple premise that when you least expect it, something unusual will happen. I think one of the biggest shockers is the fish caught by someone who didn't buy a registration button. Almost without fail, every year features at least one tale of a really good weighable fish caught without a pin. Here is one such story.

I was at my selected beach of the day waiting for albies or better to arrive with fly and spin rods at my side. A guy sets up beside me similarly equipped. Nice guy; I think his name was Gary and obviously an experienced fisherman. We exchange comments about the weather and wonder what might happen with the fish today. We both start fly fishing and after about 45 minutes he switches over to spin.

Things are pretty quiet and then we all notice a swirl on the other side of this guy and a fish breaks the surface but misses a lure (Morgan Taylor's). Seconds later "Gary" gets a hard hit and he's on. The fish bolts out a few feet then hits the brakes and turns abruptly left; then towards shore; then back out; then right — you get the picture — so when the fish is beached I'm pretty sure I know what it will be and the sight of those stripes makes me curious enough to walk over.

Sure enough; a bonito, every bit of seven pounds and I congratulate the guy. He isn't even looking at the fish and just says, 'I should have bought that all-tackle pin.' Yes, he only bought the fly rod pin. Those new to the Derby should know that a fisherman can enter the fly rod category or the all-tackle category, or both categories, but a person without the proper button cannot weigh in a fish. There is certainly nothing wrong with using a variety of



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tackle; it's fun to use different methods.

He calls out to a friend and asks if he wants the fish and the guy takes it, bleeds it and buries it in the sand.

The story isn't done yet. So the guy is sitting quietly on the beach thinking about his fate and occasionally mumbling to himself. He eventually picks up his fly rod (remember, he had purchased the fly rod pin) and starts casting. Now, with my derby talents pretty much limited to either finishing in fourth place or standing next to the guy who catches the good fish, I

didn't know what to say when the guy put down the fly rod and picked up the spin rod again.

I just looked at him and said, 'Are you sure?' and those around us were similarly in a state of shock at the sight of this guy casting again with the spin rod. He said 'the damage was already done', but as soon as he made that cast, the shout-outs from others on the beach were strongly suggesting that he put the spin rod down rather than challenge the "higher powers" who control such events. There was almost a painful reaction in the eyes of the fishermen lining the shore that morning. Ray and Ninfa Jussaume (owner of Line Stretcher Tackle, a Derby sponsor) were on my other side. I thought I saw a tear in Ray's eye.

For an instant, I was worried someone would forcibly remove the spin rod from his hands. Last I saw, he was still using the fly rod. It gets worse, guess what he did last year? The exact same thing; bought a fly pin and caught a large bone on a spin rod. Maybe next year he'll get it right.

An hour or so later and despite being bled and sitting on the beach the bonito weighed in at just over seven pounds. At the time, the shore bonito grand leader was 7.65 pounds.

Clearly, the moral to this story is keep your options open and register in the categories you plan to fish. In addition to it being some nice insurance, a second pin is a nice donation to a wonderful event. 🐟

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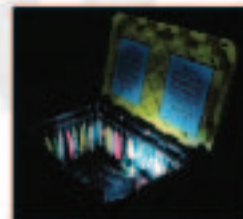
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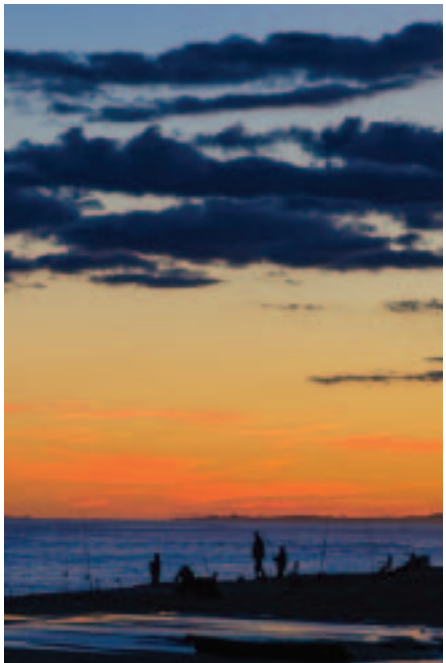
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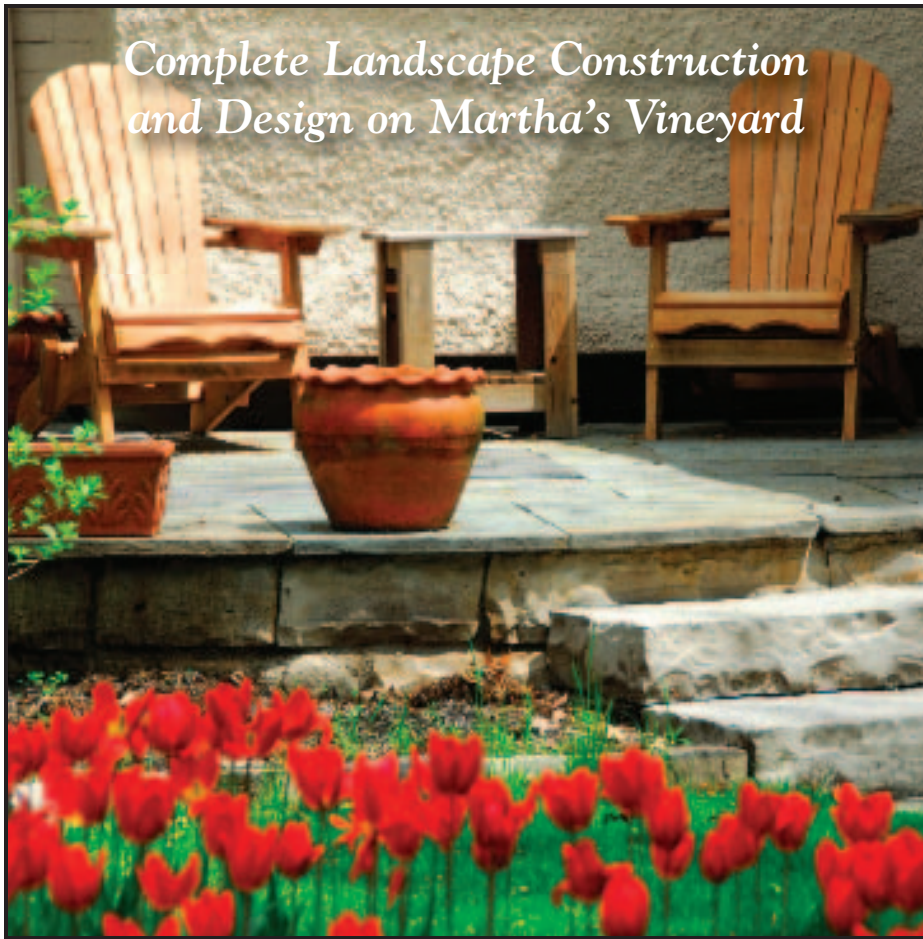
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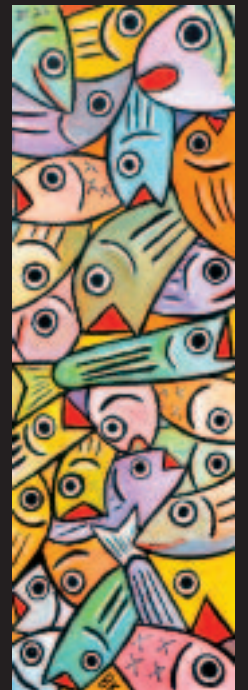
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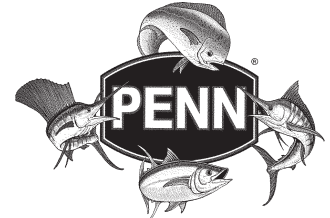
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The Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby Corporation was created to hold an annual fishing tournament for the benefit of the island of Martha's Vineyard, and for the funding of college scholarships and charitable causes. In 2011, the nonprofit Derby Corporation enjoyed a successful year, and was thus able to provide assistance to other groups

and individuals. Many of these play a part in maintaining the quality of life on the Vineyard that we all enjoy, but some-time take for granted.

Thanks to the support of all sponsors and participants, the Derby Corporation was able to contribute \$35,750 in 2012. We hope you share our pride in being able to help.

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Aside from managing a successful tournament, at the core of the Derby's mission is to give back to the Vineyard community and to support and protect recreational fishing efforts. In 2012, the Derby awarded \$30,000 in scholarships to graduates of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School,

as well as \$3000 in scholarships for island youngsters to attend summer camps. Additionally, over 5000 pounds of fish fillets were donated to the senior citizens of the island community through the Derby's fillet program. Finally, the Derby continued to support local conservation causes, various youth organizations, and safe boating awareness through its charitable contributions.

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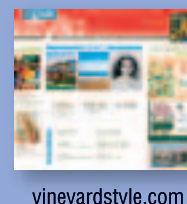
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A Derby Salute to the *Weighmasters*



OLGA CHURCH

Weigh-in volunteers (l to r) Mellissa Schellhammer, Justen Walker, Patri Guimarra, Charlie Smith and Amy Coffey.



MARTHA SMITH

Weigh masters Charlie Smith and Roy Langley.

Appropriately referred to as Derby ambassadors, the Weighmasters help create and maintain a positive atmosphere at Derby Headquarters. For 35 consecutive days and nights, the weigh station becomes a destination, a gathering spot. Fishermen, families, tourists, and locals come together in this hallowed place. The responsibility of keeping it so is that of the Weighmaster.

This is a position not to be taken casually. People ask questions, make observations, and offer opinions. The Weighmaster must handle all interactions with tact and sincerity. (Having a sense of humor helps as well.) Every fish weighed, and the necessary information that accompanies it, must be received with respect for the angler and the catch.

Over the years, the Derby has been fortunate to have wonderful, dedicated individuals handle this responsibility skillfully. It is something the Committee does not take for granted. With Roy Langley and Charlie Smith, the Derby has had men treat this position with incredible attention and dedication. Both engage with anglers, particularly children, making the experience of weighing a Derby fish a lasting, positive memory. They make the occasion special and important, where all fish – from 4-pound blues to 40-pound stripers – are treated with equal ceremony, all for the benefit of the angler. These men understand the significance of the Derby, and its importance to the island. They recognize the Derby values of tradition, sportsmanship, and camaraderie, and support this through their words and actions.

Charlie officially retired after the 2012 Derby.

He'd been a Weighmaster for 19 years. Understated and gentle, he ensured that the nighttime weigh station was safe for all to enjoy. He especially welcomed children, and looked forward to visits from the wounded veterans participating in the American Heroes Saltwater Challenge. Charlie did not seek attention - in fact he shied away from it. But his secure, affable presence was surely noticeable, and he helped improve the Derby. We thank him for his years of service and loyalty, and for his steadfast reinforcement of the Derby's values.

Roy has threatened to retire several times, but the Committee simply has not accepted these attempts. He's been a morning fixture at the weigh station for over 20 years, and – with the exception of Sundays, when he's at church – he'll be there again this year. Roy is a gentleman, who smiles easily and enjoys seeing familiar faces at Derby Headquarters. He is protective of the volunteer staffers, as he knows the importance of their role in making the Derby run smoothly. Quietly but efficiently, he oversees the successful and valuable fillet program that is responsible for providing thousands of pounds of fresh fillets annually to island senior citizens. We thank Roy for his unparalleled commitment to the Derby and its responsibility to give back to the island community.

On behalf of the Derby Committee, volunteer staffers, and all those who visit the weigh station, we salute Weighmasters Charlie Smith and Roy Langley for the job they've done, and how they've done it.

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