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# **TITE-LINES**

**NEWSLETTER OF THE MILFORD STRIPED BASS CLUB**



**APRIL 2017**

## General Meeting

This month's general meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, April 26th, 2017 at the American Legion Hall, Merwin Ave., Woodmont, CT.

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and Jim Pritchard

It's Your Newsletter!

Remember to give Harry Novak a call if you have something to put in the "Tite-Lines".

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I am trying to get the news letter out via e-mail and would like to get your current e-mail addresses.

## Upcoming Events

1. General Meeting, April 26th, 2017, 7:30 PM, at the American Legion Hall, Merwin Av. Woodmont, CT

2. Annuale Childrens Trout Derby, May 6, 2017, 6:00 AM to 9:30 AM.



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## President's Letter

Although I thought it would never happen quick enough it appears that spring has finally sprung. For the first time in a long time I'm writing this letter with all the windows and doors open in the house. All the signs of spring are here, no jacket, warm air and tons of boats in the river chasing stripers. It seems as though the river has some special calling for people to the fish. It goes from all of the winter guys on shore to loads of boats overnight.

Another sign of spring approaching is our annual tackle auction. It was a success this year with a better turn out than last year. It was a bit cold but things came together quite well. As usual Paul was an excellent auctioneer with his knowledge of everything that passed through his hands. Rob and Maria always have the accounting down to perfection. Fred was an excellent banker. Lynn and Jen kept buyer tallies and everyone working the floor was awesome. Thanks to Jack, Shawn, Terminator, and Miguel. Thanks to Brian for running the sold items area and Mike Lapuglia for selling the raffle tickets. Also to Carmen for stepping in and making it feel like a Barret Jackson live auction. Thanks to all of the above and everyone that pitched in and helped. Events like this only work when everyone comes together as a team. And as always everything we do involves teamwork and that's what makes us successful.

The next upcoming event is the Children's Trout Derby. As we all know it is May 6th. Shawn and Jen have everything down to a science. They really do a great job! We always could use help with the operation with lower pond weigh in, selling raffle tickets, the casting contest and overall staffing at the ponds. If you are free your help would be surely appreciated.

The first club tournament of the year is a striper shootout on May 21. All details are available on the website and you can contact the fishing committee members. Let's make our fishing events a great success this year. It's always a good time and after all we are a fishing club.

So, as we move forward we have many things to look forward to and lots of fun to be had. I always say that the success of this club is due to the members. I truly believe that. We are fortunate to have the caliber of people that we have. I feel that this year will be one of the best and look forward to having good times and spending time with everyone. Thank you ALL for your membership and participation!

**FISH ON!** Jim



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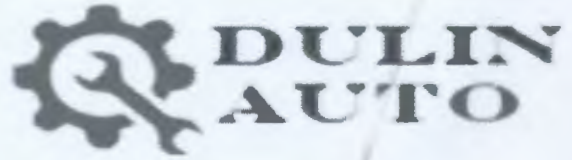
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# North Shore Striped Bass from the Beach

October 26 Monday

I was walking Otto at sunset which is earlier each day now. The light was low and the wind calm. There were 3 casters on the west side of Hobart in front of the bath house. It was cool and the tide was low. We sat and watched from a distance as the middle man hooked up. I could hear him say small fish. He beached it in the sand and gave it a toe flip back into the surf after unhooking. I'd say it was a bass of about 25 inches. Not too small. We watched and in 10 minutes he had another on, a surface popper doing the job for him. I text the neighbor fishermen to give them a heads up

October 27 Tuesday

Walter and I made plans to fish Asharoken this morning. He has a permit to park there and has been doing pretty well. The tide was coming in and a north east wind was blowing harder than the weatherman predicted. Casting directly into it limited our range.

I moved north along the beach getting used to the big rod and heavy reel (I was using a 2 oz. bamboo on Sunday). My shoulder reminded me to let the rod do the work. I adjusted. Walter was working his big plugs and tins. I started with a red and yellow popper when a swirl in the surf, not 10 feet from shore, caused the bait fish to scatter and fly. I switched to a small Hopkins and tried to cast in such a way that the lure moved parallel to the beach, in the trough. More bait jumped as the lure passed by. I was missing my fly rod.

I had a tiny Deadly Dick, really small. About the size of the bait. I could not cast it far given the tackle and the wind but worked the near water as best I could. Another swirl but no hook up. Walter signaled me and we had a conference. He also had swirls.

I moved a 100 yards north and then back, working the various lures close and far. Three fellows showed up and I was on alert as this is private beach and I am the guest of a guest. It turned out to be Dennis, another neighbor, who was here yesterday and caught a False Albacore. His first. He brought two friends to try their luck. I gave them the north section and went below Walter.

Same drill but no swirls. The tide was coming in so fast I had to move my tackle bag twice. We left to check out the other side, took a few casts and called it a morning.

Ken's text came through as I finished my tuna sandwich. Stripers in Prices Bend. I put the rod in the car and went down to take a look. I thought I saw some bait moving in the moorings, just off the dinghy rack, but wanted to check the other spots. I drove over to Hobart and looked for action. Birds were gathering off Winkle Point but I would have to fire up the boat. I was just getting this surf casting down.

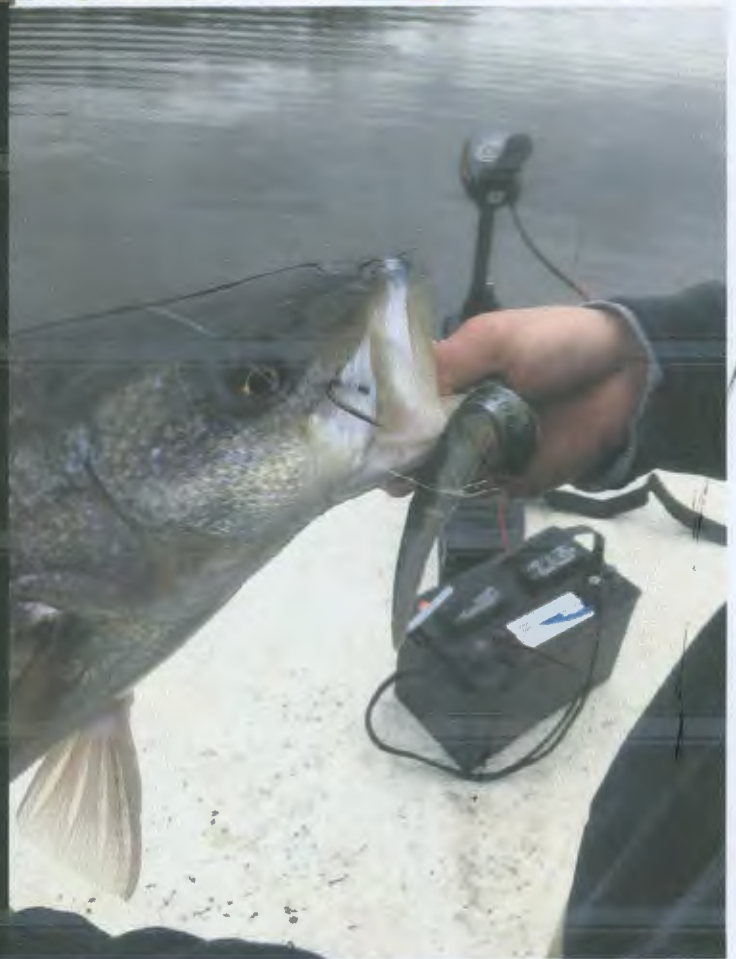
Back at the moorings, I put the popper out there but didn't have confidence in it with nothing showing. I switched to a Hopkins and began casting as far as I could, which was not far. Unlike the Asharoken waters, there are targets to judge the distance by boats, moorings. My distance and accuracy were both poor. I made corrections with each cast until I was reasonably sure of missing the boats and hitting the approximate area I wanted to fish.

Those birds off Winkle Point were now feasting on whatever was underneath them and many others joined them. A blitz. I thought of the boat but figured it would be over by the time I got out there. Besides, they seemed to be working in my direction. They had to have been in this part of the Bend when Ken was here. They will come back I hope. I kept an eye on them while working the bait ripples that were within my range, which was improving the more I relaxed into the cast.

A hit. Fish on. Not sure what it is but it's not big. He offered respectable resistance and was on the beach shortly. A Striper (Thanks Ken).

A few more casts and lure changes while the birds seemed to be circling back out towards Winkle. I packed it in.

What a great way to spend a day.



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Tournament Ends: 4:00 p.m. May 21

Weigh-in between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m.

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Complete this portion of the form and submit the fee at the tackle shop where you got this, or call Graham Lapham at (203)376-8415 or Brian (203) 640-0658 to register.

### **MSBC Fishing Policies**

In the rare case that a tournament is cancelled, registered participants will be notified of an alternate date. Your fee will be applied to that date.

All tournament participants are required to be in compliance with Connecticut law.

All tournament participants are responsible for their own safety and well-being.

All fish must be on ice when presented for weigh in.

Start and end times are exact. NO Exceptions. Must be in the line by the end time.

MSBC Fishing Chairman or his designee is the final arbiter. No appeals.

If you register, you agree to pay the fee.

**Boundaries** The club boundaries are all waters known as Long Island Sound. The western end is bounded by the Throgs Neck Bridge. The eastern end is bounded by waters north of Plum extending northeast to the tip of Fishers Island (to include The Race, Valiant Rock, Little Gull, Race Rock) then extending north to Avery Point. This excludes Block Island Sound and the waters of Plum Gut as stated in the by-laws.

### **Weights and Measures**

All fish must meet Connecticut DEEP regulations