



East Bay Anglers

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Club tourney starts May 1! Ready?



April Speaker!

Neal Vitullo, seen above on the cover of last April's *Salt Water Sportsman* with a 55 pound bass caught off the Block, has two lives. In one life, he leads a rock n' roll musical trio through some 200 'gigs' a year in night clubs from New England to Europe and the West Indies. (See his web site for "Young Neal and the Vipers") In his other life he fishes from his 26 foot Glacier Bay catamaran. He crams as many as 50 charters into his May to November fishing season. (See that web site: "Played For It")

Carrying off two careers at the same time takes intensity -- and that's Neal. His guitar work is intense. . .as are his skills with rod and reel. Living in Warren, he runs his boat out of Striper Marina.

Busy he may be, but Neal also has a (go to next column)

- Meeting:** April 8
- Place:** Riverside Sportsman's Club
- Time:** Meal 6:30
- Business and Raffle:** 7:00
- Program:** Neal Vitullo, charter captain from Warren, R.I. will speak on how to fish the menhaden schools expected to appear in the upper bay.
- Meal:** Skipper Mazurak will offer another of his surprises.

(Vitullo continued)

deep feeling for the feeding cycles of the fish he pursues, and well as a strong appreciation for the condition of the environment in which they live. He well recalls the polluted Warren River of his youth.

For his talk to the East Bay Angler club, Neal has put together his experiences fishing the upper bay bass blitz brought to us through the courtesy of those grand school of menhaden which have visited these past two seasons. Neal is a demonstrator, not an audio/visualist. He will bring gear to demonstrate the most productive methods which he has developed over many years of fishing.



Neal launches his boat to fish pogey schools in the upper bay.

The 2009 East Bay Angler fishing tournament starts May 1. During May there will be three fish species to try for: striped bass, tautog and scup. Whoever catches the longest on these three species during May qualifies for a \$25 prize, payable at the June meeting. That goes for either from shore or from a boat. Juniors also can compete.

So there you have it in a nutshell: the EBA monthly tournament is giving out \$150 per month. As seen on the reverse side of the newsletter, the three species changes from month to month to keep the contest interesting, and in tune with which fish are running. Of course, striped bass continue every month.

If you do the math, a contest that runs seven months at \$150 per month is putting up more than a thousand dollars in prize money.

Read the rules proposed on the back of this newsletter. Basically, you just have to be a paid-up member to qualify for the tournament. Affidavits will be given out at the April meeting.

So, there are only two or three weeks before the season kicks off. You owe it to yourself to get your boat an gear set to go. Here's a hint: while all the guys are trying to land a bass, slip off and catch a few scup. (Will Barbeau)

Guests invited to hear speakers

EBA continues inviting seminar attendees to hear speakers at its monthly meetings. A half dozen visitors attended the March meeting. April's speaker will continue to focus on the great upper bay fishing of the past two seasons. We try to start the talks by 7:30 PM. If you've received this newsletter, you are invited. See you! Questions? Call Will: 401-245-8375

East Bay Anglers Tournament Rules – 2009

(Proposed by Skipper Mazurak 03-27-09)

- 1) The Year Long Tournament will consist of a number of different opportunities for club members to participate and win cash prizes. First, there will be a major change once again in the tournament structure as we shake things up a bit and try to entice more members to participate. Based on a few very good suggestions we are changing the yearlong tournament for the largest fish in each species to seven monthly tournaments with a combination of different species each month. Monthly cash prizes will be awarded at each month's meeting following each month's tournament. The tournament will run on a monthly basis starting 05/01/09. There will be a boat and a shore division with a cash prize of \$25 for each of 3 species in both divisions. (The species in both divisions will be the same.) *Shore Division* fish must be caught from shore or a fixed structure attached to the shore; *Boat Division* fish must be caught while on an anchored, drifting or trolling boat.
- 2) A club member may enter affidavits for both divisions.
- 3) Fish entered in one division may not be reentered or moved to a different division.
- 4) Only the longest fish for each designated species in each month's tournament is eligible for the \$25 prize.
- 5) A member may enter an affidavit for each of the designated species at the following month's meeting.
- 6) Fish caught are only eligible for the monthly tournament of the month they were caught.
- 7) Each fish must be entered by a qualifying affidavit, turned in to the Fishing Committee at the meeting following each month's tournament. Members must be present at the meeting to receive the cash prize.
- 8) A properly filled out affidavit must include ONE of the following:
 - Signature of another club member as a witness. (Junior members can witness affidavits)
 - Bait shop receipt indicating length with stamp or signature of shop.
 - Photo of fish with yard stick or tape
- 9) Fish are measured tip to tail with the mouth closed. Lay fish next to or under the tape or yardstick. The tail may be folded or pinched for the measurement. Sea Bass tail filaments do not count in measurement.
- 10) Ties will be broken by the dates fish were caught. If still tied, a coin toss will determine winner.
- 11) Fish must be caught in local waters in a fair and sporting manner, using a hook and line.
- 12) Fish must be caught in accordance with current state recreational rules and regulations.
- 13) Fish caught on charters are eligible
- 14) The tournament will be for the species listed below month to month (based on current state regulations):

May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Striped Bass	Striped Bass	Striped Bass	Striped Bass	Striped Bass	Striped Bass	Striped Bass
Tautog	Fluke	Bluefish	Fluke	Bluefish	Tautog	Tautog
Scup	Scup	Fluke	Sea Bass	Scup	Bluefish	Sea Bass

Junior Division: A trophy will be awarded for any one fish (bluefish, scup, sea bass, tautog, fluke, or striped bass) of legal size caught in any month May through November, one trophy per junior.



Neal Vitullo with
another great fish