

Bettencourts will lead talks on next best options for this summer; anglers invited



Albert Bettencourt

Family ran bait stores

Al Bettencourt's family once was a controlling group with four local bait stores. They had two in Providence, one in Riverside and one in Swansea. Still named "Archie's", the Riverside store is now located on Crescent View Avenue overlooking Bullocks Cove.



Another day's catch. Although Al fishes only for fun, his son Kevin is now chartering. As a self-employed builder Al can go any time conditions get hot.

Internet full of bass web sites



Every club, state, captain, lure maker, book publisher, region, etc. that cares about striped bass has a web site waiting for you to explore. Some of them have 100's of pages. When weather's bad, you can visit sites.

The June program will be a roundtable discussion of options available to local "bay anglers." According to Moderator-in-Chief Albert Bettencourt "things were less than hot for anglers in the Striper Marina tournament. Consider: with 235 anglers signed up, only 26 fish were turned in due to the 34" minimum. Six of those came from our boat. One of those, of course, was the winner of the Ladies Division: Ashley Kelly."

I think that the average bass size in the bay has gone down; there are fewer bass; and that there are fewer pogies, and those will soon be gone."

What Options Remain

Al Bettencourt and his son Kevin will lead a discussion of the options that are available during the summer months.

"None of us likes to fish in a crowd," says Al, even though he's often caught in one.

"Is it time to head for The Block?" Or, how about the Islands? What's happening at Cutty?"

With their generations-deep awareness Al and Kevin should produce many new ideas at the meeting. They will discuss places, ways and means of landing big fish and many other key points. It should be an interesting discussion. Be sure to ask questions.



Albert and Kevin, who is chartering regularly on the bay with good results.