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Fighting for Fisherman's Access to Beaches, Ponds, Rivers and Harbors

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		Director: Tom Pilitz
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Our March Speaker

The was not a March speaker for our meeting. Tom Pilitz filled in as host for the meeting as club President Keith Roberts was traveling. Tom let members know about the April Patriot Party fishing trip which may be cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. A determination will be made in early April for those wanting to attend.

The floor was open to nominations to open board member seats, there were no verbal nominations at the meeting. Tournament winners for 2019 were announced. The trophy will be engraved for winners to take home for a short time.

The group canal fishing date was settled, it will be held Tuesday, June 23 at the Cape Cod Canal. Details will be confirmed at a future meeting.



The spring-time arrival of the striped bass at the Cape Cod Canal is one of the most highly anticipated fishing events of the entire season.



Members and guests then stayed to watch a video about Stripers Volume 1. The video covered some topics as the food source that stripers like to eat such as peanut bunker. And where they are attracted to such as stones and eel grass. Also keep your eyes on the birds, as the birds like to eat the same type of fish as the stripers and you can locate the stripers by watching where the birds are feeding.

The video fisherman was using a weight and circle hooks to catch fish. Members enjoyed watching the video. Thank you, Tom, for filling in as host for the evening.

FFA Upcoming Events

Events will be discussed at a later date.

Other Cape Fishing Information:

My Fishing Cape Code with Ryan Collins

Winter Largemouth Bass Fishing on Cape Cod

Cape Cod is well known for its beautiful landscape, beaches, and its amazing saltwater fishing. The fishing opportunities here aren't just held to striped bass and bluefin tuna, but it's also home to some great freshwater fishing as well.

In fact, there are hundreds of kettle ponds scattered across the Cape. Many of which, are stocked with trout in the spring and fall.

Not only are there trout in most of these ponds, but there's also the mighty largemouth bass. The largemouth bass inhabits almost every pond on Cape Cod. They can be a fun fish to target for anyone of any age and level, plus it's a great way to escape the normal day-to-day stresses we face.

Barnstable County League

Mashpee Conservation area Land Swap – There is a proposal to swap some land to allow development of two new houses. The land abuts Mass Wildlife land and Trustees of Reservations land along the Mashpee River.

Mass wildlife is opposed to the swap. The latest is that a bill to allow the change under Article 97 of the Mass General Laws is in the works.

MassWildlife

Spring trout stocking

MassWildlife staff are stocking nearly 500,000 brook, rainbow, brown, and tiger trout into waters across Massachusetts this spring. Wondering which waters are stocked near you?

Get daily stocking updates at mass.gov/trout

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries

1) DMF has become aware of rumors and a fabricated Facebook post, appearing to come from DMF, that state commercial and recreational fishing have been closed due to the Covid-19 public emergency. This is not true! Commercial and recreational fishing remain open in Massachusetts.

All official updates are posted via this email service, our website, and our verified Facebook page.

2) The March 25, 2020 Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (MFAC) meeting that was postponed earlier this week has been rescheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 9:00 AM. They will be held virtually via Zoom. This virtual meeting will be held in accordance with Governor Baker's recent order regarding the Open Meeting Law.

The meeting agenda, meeting materials, and meeting login information have been posted to the MFAC website. Please contact Jared Silva via e-mail (jared.silva@mass.gov) if you have any additional questions.

On the lighter side

Saturday morning, I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe my husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started...

Steve Ferreira
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Membership Application

Date: _____

Applicant: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Fishing interests: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Falmouth Fishermen's Association, Inc. and agree to abide by all Club by-laws and guidelines.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Proposing Member: _____

Membership Date: _____

Annual Dues: \$50.

FFA By-Laws - Article VI - MEMBERSHIP

The number of voting members may be set by vote of the membership.

- To be eligible for membership a candidate shall have been a fisherman for several years, a good reputation for sportsmanship, and be proposed by at least one voting member of the Club.
- The initiation fee for such members and the annual dues shall be as prescribed by the Board of Governors.

Members in good standing may introduce and sponsor new candidates for membership.

The annual dues, for all classes of membership, are due by April 1st of each year, and each member who has not paid the same by the first of July following shall cease to be a member.

- They are to be notified thereof by the Treasurer of their change in membership status.
- They will be placed in the category of *Friends of the Club* and have no rights in the Club. They shall be reinstated upon making payment before the following first day of September.

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