Gone Fishin'

66th Derby begins with a somber reminder of loss By Nelson Sigelman

It was about 7:30 am on a bright sunny Sunday morning, the first day of the 66th Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby. Herb Tilton of Edgartown was in a remarkably cheerful mood for someone who had been up most of the night morning technically since he

said he began fishing at

12:01 am that day. Herb and his equally cheery friend, Jeremy Bradshaw of West Tisbury, stood on the ramp and waited for weighmaster Roy Langley to slide open the door and ring a bell signaling the start of the 66th Derby. Herb wanted to be first in the door. His entry ticket was the healthy looking striped bass that lay glistening at his feet.

Herb, 64, said he had fished the Derby since he was about 8 years old. He had caught many fish over the years but he had never been first through the door.

He said he caught his fish soon after the start of the Derby, about 12:20 am. He and Jeremy arrived at the weigh station about 7 am, anxious to beat the perennial early arrivals. "It's probably the most childish thing I ever did," Herb said, somewhat embarrassed at being asked about why it meant so much to him to be first.

Jeremy also had a striped bass. It lay behind Herb's fish. He had caught his fish after Herb so fishing protocol bragging rights and the dis-

tinction of walking in the door first. But that means something to Derby fishermen. In fact, I think it is at the core of the Derby.

The Derby gives away some great prizes, which include a new Eastern 22-foot center-console boat

Jaemon Gillies was first in the door Sunday with a false albacore. His 14.77 pound fish is the current boat division leader.



Weighmaster Roy Langley rang in the start of the 66th Derby at 8:01 am, Sunday.

1500 truck. I think the ma- and 15.76 pounds respec- 11, was not overlooked amid jority of fishermen fish for bragging rights and the small pins that signify a daiprizes and the Derby would still survive, I think.

"We're pretty shot," Herb said when I asked how he was feeling. His answer was accompanied by a big grin and booming laugh.

The men volunteered that they had fished the north shore. "It was beautiful," Jeremy said of the cool, clear night. "It was perfect. We usually don't do so well."

At exactly 8 am Roy Langdictated that he be second in ley slid the door open and the door. The only prize was rang in the 66th Derby. Herb and Jeremy walked in hold-

and a Chevrolet Silverado ing their fish (21.19 pounds particular day, September tively) and showed no evidence of fatigue.

ly winner. Take away the small wooden shack that Jerome, Derby president, overlooks Edgartown Harbor. flanked by chairman Chuck The number of fish stories Hodgkinson and members of embedded in the planks far outnumbers the number of fish that have passed over the weigh station scale and horrific act of terrorism ocis part of the charm of the curred on American soil," Ed place.

Fishermen who have not caught a fish and passerby who have never touched a rod visit the weigh station. It is an Island fall ritual.

Not forgotten The significance of this

the excitement and the fish of the Derby's opening day. The weigh station is a Just before 8 am, Ed the Derby committee asked those present to gather.

> "Ten years ago the most said to the small group. "Thousands of Americans died at the twin towers of New York City, at the Pentagon at Washington, D.C., and in a field in Pennsylvania. Brave New York City firemen, police, and emergency workers rushed to the aid of those trapped victims

only to give up their lives as well. Please take a moment that makes someone's three of silence to honor all those individuals and their families.'

Ed's remarks honored the heroes of 9/11. Next week, the Derby will honor the men and women who continue to protect us from harm.

American Heroes Saltwater challenge

Casting from an Island beach or drifting off Gay Head, it would be easy to forget that our nation is at war. But on a daily basis men and women are sent in harm's way.

On Sunday, approximately 12 members of the military currently undergoing treatment at government hospitals in Maryland and Virginia will arrive on the Vineyard at the invitation of the Nixon family of Chilmark and the Derby to participate in the third American Heroes Saltdepart on Thursday, Sept. 22.

The itinerary includes dinner at the Beach Plum Inn and fishing with some of the Island's best charter skippers out of Menemsha.

This is the third year in a row the Nixons, owners of the Beach Plum Inn, Menemsha Inn. and Home Port Restaurant, will host a group of soldiers. The idea for the kids. The committee frowns event began when Jack Nixon, now 10, saw a newspaper photo essay about the challenges facing Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, and told his dad he wished some veterans could fish the Derby

In a telephone conversation Monday, Sarah Nixon its 47-foot motor lifeboat. travel plans and arrangements. Sarah said that three years later it remains a very rewarding experience for her family, in particular the children.

She cited the spirit of generosity it elicits, people she did not know dropping by with gifts and contributions, and the opportunity to meet young men and women who have returned home from overseas, some with grievous wounds in body but not spirit.

T.T.O.R. Shorebird line. *Maximum of 50 fish per private vessel with six o more fishermen on board. May 24–Sept. 26, 2010.

"If we can do something or four days better and helps them to escape what goes on when they get back to the hospital, then we are ready, able, and willing to do it," Sarah said.

Hosting a large group is not easy or inexpensive. There are several ways people can contribute to the Saltwater Challenge. Donations of time and or goods are welcome. An outright donation of \$4,000 will sponsor one soldier and is tax deductible. For more information contact Maria Black at 508-645-9454 or mblack@innsatmenemsha.co m.

Kids Day is Sunday

The Kids Mini-Derby is Sunday, from 6 to 9 am, at the Oak Bluffs Steamship pier. It is free. No casting skill is required and a simple fishing rod will suffice. Simwater Challenge. They will ply bait a weighted hook with a piece of squid or sand eel and drop it to the bottom where, with luck, a hungry scup or sea robin lies in wait.

> The mini-derby is strictly for kids old enough to hold and reel a fishing rod, through age 14. It is the one and only time fishing is allowed from the pier.

A reminder, this is for the on adults who, under the guise of "helping," do the fishing.

A special bonus, David Pothier, a member of the committee and the Coast Guard Auxilliary, has arranged for Coast Guard Station Menemsha to send said she was busy finalizing That should impress the kids, big and little.

Don't forget the license

An important reminder for

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MASS. RECREATIONAL FISHING LIMITS – 2011													
	Min. Size	Bag Limit											
Black Sea Bass	14"	10 fish											
Bluefish	none	10 fish											
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Scup*	10.5"	10 fish											
Striped Bass**	28"	2 fish											
Tautog	16"	3 fish											
Blue Crab	5"	25 crabs											
no egg bearers													
Shellfish Town licens	se required												
*Maximum of 50 fish per	private vesse	with six or											





William Point of West Tisbury volunteered to fillet fish Sunday morning.

For information on beach closings 508-627-8390

*Striped bass may be taken only by hook and line The discard of dead, legal size striped bass is pro Mass. Saltwater Fishing Permit required. Purchase by phone or onli 1-866-703-1925 www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf

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* Tidal flow and times in Edgartown have changed due to the Norton Point cut. Edgartown officials advise boaters to use extreme caution when entering Edgartown Harbor. Please check with local authorities for tide information.

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Send me your Derby fish photos (photos@mvtimes.com). I will post them with my column on mvtimes.com and in print depending on space.

Hook a million

largest-selling fish hook wards these accomplish-

brand according to a press release, is sponsoring a promotion that could be of interest to Derby anglers. Called "Hook a Million," the company said it expects to deliver \$1.4 million in cash to lucky anglers who set new world and state records.

Mustad General Manager Tom Kurtz said the company was looking for a fun way to involve anglers across the country. "With over 50 new state records set in the last year or so and several world records pending certification, we felt the time was Mustad®, the world's right for a program that re-



PHOTO COURTESY OF URSULA KRESKEY

Mrs. Ursula Kreskey of Edgartown holds a 10.17 pound false albacore she caught from a boat at 8:30 am on the first day of the Derby.

ments. We all know that the waters." next cast could be the new record, and this promotion motion kicks off in October makes it easy - anglers fish and runs 12 months. It tar-

The "Hook a Million" pro- tion go to the Mustad webon their schedule and their gets 10 of the country's most

Monday, September 12 All Tackle

Boat bonito: (1) Doug M. Asselin, Jr., 7.52; (2) David C. Kadison, 6.23. Boat bluefish: (1) James F. Sullivan, 12.02; (2) Robert O'Neil, 10.93; (3) Doug C. Davies, 10.78; (4) George J. Rogers, Jr., 10.70. Shore bluefish: (1) Ron Domurat, 9.05; (2) Keith A. McArt, 8.69; (3) David L. Tchorz, 8.59; (4) Edward J. Jerome, 7.91. Boat bass: (1) Johnny R. Gra-17.84; (3) Bill N. Potter, 17.22; (4) Albert A. Lattanzi, 16.88. Shore bass: (1) Stephen S. Pond, 16.41; (2) Timmy Fullin, 15.00; (3) Janet Messineo, 14.91; (4) James C.

Junior Division All Tackle

Boat bonito: (1) Matteus G. Scheffer, 5.84. Boat bluefish: (1) Brendan R. Morris, 9.74; (2) Luke El-Deiry,

popular fresh and saltwater fish, including striped bass and yellowfin tuna. It's open to US residents 18 and older. To participate anglers must use a Mustad hook and register only once at least 24 hours in advance of fishing during the contest period.

Cash awards for the promotion total \$1,400,000 and recognize both fresh and saltwater all-tackle state records and new IGFA certified all-tackle world records.

For more informa-

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8.46; (3) Dylan Kral, 3.73. Boat

bass: (1) Brendan R. Morris, 24.26.

Tuesday, September 13

Boat bluefish: (1) Tony P. Canha,

13.44; (2) Kevin E. Peters, 12.60;

(3) Mark W. Jones. 11.47: (4) Steve

E. Gentle, 11.10. Shore bluefish: (1)

Roger A. Schaefer, 12.01; (2) Don-

ton, 10.26; (4) Bruce J. Dew 3rd,

9.73. Boat bass: (1) Joe El-Deiry,

(3) David C. Kadison, 23.01; (4)

J. Fournier, 18.34; (3) Tony H.

Boat bluefish: (1) Elizabeth S.

O'Brien, 3.62; (2) Katherine G.

Gentle III, 17.46.

Rezendes, Jr., 26.37; (4) Edwin B.

Junior Division – All Tackle

28.39; (2) Eric D. Johnson, 23.81;

Chris Scott, 19.81. Shore bass: (1) Donald R. Sicard, 26.73; (2) Adam

ald R. Sicard, 11.35; (3) Phil A. Hor-

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66th Derby results

(Through Tuesday, September 13)

Grand Leaders

Boat bluefish: Tony P. Canha, 13.44. Shore bluefish: Roger A. Schaefer, 12.01 Boat bass: Luke El-Deiry, 32.14. Shore bass: Donald R. Sicard,

26.73 Boat bonito: Doug M. Asselin, Jr., 7.62

Boat Albacore: Jaemon Gillies, 14.77

Shore Albacore: Josh J. Kresel, 12.64.

Overall Leaders All-Tackle Division

Boat bass: (1) Joe El-Deiry, 28.39; (2) Eric O. Johnson, 23.81; (3) David C. Kadison, 23.01. Shore bass: (1) Donald R. Sicard, 26.73; (2) Tony H. Rezendes, Jr., 26.37; (3) Ron Domurat, 26.62. Boat bonito: (1) Doug M. Asselin, Jr., 7.52; (2) Mark W. Jones, 6.63; (3) George M. Rose, 6.53. Boat bluefish: (1) Tony P. Canha, 13.44; (2) Kevin E. Peters, 12.60; (3) James F. Sullivan, 12.02. Shore bluefish: (1) Roger A. Schaefer, 12.01; (2) Donald R. Sicard, 11.35; (3) Phil A. Horton, 10.26. Boat albacore. (1) Jaemon Gillies, 14.77; (2) Kevin J. Lord, 10.89; (3) Cody A. Pachico, 10.57. Shore albacore: (1) Josh J. Kresel, 12.84; (2) Ron Domurat, 10.89; (3) Steven J. Wood, 9.34

Fly Rod Division

Boat bluefish: (1) James W. LePore, 8.69; (2) Richard P. Schifter, 8.3; (3) John C. Rapone, 8.11. Boat albacore: (1) Richard P. Schifter, 7.57. Shore albacore: (1) Jeffery G. ladonisi, 7.00.

Junior Division

Boat bass: (1) Luke El-Deiry, 32.14; (2) Brendan R. Morris, 24.26. Shore bass: (1) Gus N. Hoy, 14.78; (2)

10.07. Shore albacore: (1) Curtis J. Fournier, 6.55. Mini Junior Division

Boat bluefish: (1) Radio M. Goulart, 8.08; (2) Dylan Kral, 3.73; (3) Sophia Kokoszka, 3.20. Boat albacore: (1) Brayden Scheffer, 8.16.

Daily Winners Sunday, September 11 All Tackle

Boat bonito: (1) Mark W. Jones, 6.63; (2) George M. Rose, 6.53; (3) Kenneth P. Baracchini, 6..48; (4) William B. Stewart, 6.28. Boat bluefish: (1) Sandy S. Lockwood, 11.73; (2) Josiah I. Sylva, 11.52; (3) Beverly A. Bergeron, 11.37; (4) Gene W. Bergeron, 11.18. Shore bluefish: (1) John W. Piekos, 9.31; (2) Daniel J. Benedetto, 7.84; (3) Mark P. Mc-

Carthy, 4.40. Boat bass: (1) Emily H. Phillips, 16.41; (2) Johnny R. Graham, 13.50. Shore bass: (1) Ron Domurat, 25.52; (2) Tony H. Rezendes, Jr., 23.11; (3) Herbert C. Tilton, III, 21.19; (4) Jeremy D. Bradshaw, 15.76.

Flyrod Division

Boat bluefish: (1) James. W. LePore, 8.69; (2) Richard P. Schifter, 8.37; (3) John C. Rapone, 8.11. Junior Division

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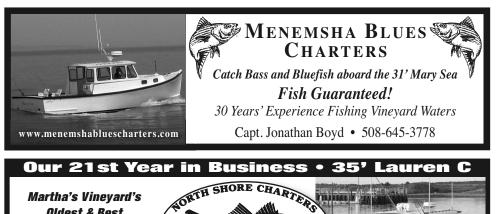
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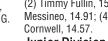
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