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**NEWSLETTER OF THE MILFORD STRIPED BASS CLUB**



**JANUARY 2017**

## General Meeting

This month's general meeting will be held at 7:30 PM, January 25th, 2017 at the American Legion Hall, Merwin Ave., Woodmont, CT.

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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, January 25th, 2017, 7:30 PM, at the American Legion Hall, Merwin Av. Woodmont, CT
- 2.Interclub Bluefish Tournament Banquet, January 27th, 2017, 7:00 PM
3. MSBC Awards Night Banquet, Feb.11, 2017, 7:00 PM

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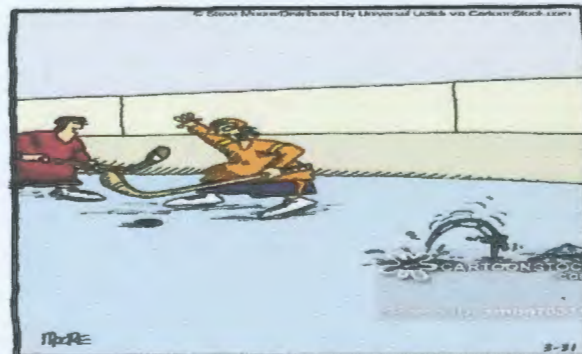
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"Time out! Fish on!"

## President's Letter

As we move slowly through the winter grind there are some things that we look forward to. Even though the weather hasn't been terrible it's still tough not fishing as much as we would like. But we do have some upcoming events that will carry us through. First up is the Interclub Bluefish banquet which is January 27th. Followed by our Annual Awards banquet on February 11th. Our event is being held at Vazzys in Bridgeport. The admission is \$30.00 per person. Please plan to attend this month's meeting to sign up. We need a final head count ASAP. All details of the Dinner will be available at the meeting. It's always a great time with good food and a great raffle. We are also in the final stages of planning our annual tackle auction. The date will be April first. Please start to gather up all the items that you wish to put in the auction. We will be advertising it heavy this year and hope for a great turnout.

This year we are looking forward to our new fishing tournament schedule. As you know our tournaments are going to be open events with cash prizes. We also will be interacting with some other clubs in different events. All these things are in the planning stages but it looks like it will be an exciting fishing year. If anyone has any suggestions for a guest speaker for our meetings, please let me know. There are many things in the works this year and we really need everyone's input. That's why it's important that you attend the monthly meetings.

I again want to thank you all for your membership .This club is a success because of all of you !

**FISH ON! Jim**

# JOKE

The mother-in-law

One fisherman went on fishing trip with his wife and mother-in-law. In the evening, the Mrs. awoke to find her mother gone. Rushing to her husband, she insisted on them both trying to find her mother. The man took a swig of whiskey and started to look for her. Not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight: the mother-in-law was backed up against a lake and a large crocodile stood facing her. The wife cried, "What are we going to do?" "Nothing," said the husband. "The crocodile got himself into this mess, let him get himself out of it."



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## How Water Temperature and Oxygen Affect Fishing

There's no simple answer to the question, Why do fish bite? Many variables are involved. Two of the most important conditions dictating fish feeding activity are:

1. Water Temperature
2. Oxygen Content

### Water Temperature & Oxygen Content

Water consists of two parts hydrogen for every one-part oxygen. However, this oxygen is not used by the fish. They breathe the excess oxygen in the water. High barometric pressure forces more oxygen into the water than low barometric pressure. Also, wave action or current exposed more surface area, thus raising the oxygen content.

Growing plants give off abundant oxygen. Cold water has the ability to hold more oxygen than warm water. Hot summer temperatures can heat water so it won't hold enough oxygen to maintain fish life.

Oxygen content and water temperature go hand in hand; just like a reel goes with your fishing rod. Fish are cold blooded and take on the temperature of their surroundings.

### Why Fish Become Inactive

In cold water, enzymes that digest the food a fish eats are very slow acting. Therefore, it takes quite a while for a fish's meal to be completely utilized and the fish are inactive. As the water warms, these enzymes become more active and fish eat more often.

The oxygen and temperature factors will finally reach a point where a fish's digestive system functions quickly. However, warm water does not contain much excess oxygen, which fish need. When it gets too warm

WATER TEMPERATURE

 Muskie	55° to 73°	 Yellow Perch	65° to 72°
 Northern Pike	55° to 75°	 Rainbow Trout	50° to 65°
 Walleye	53° to 72°	 Lake Trout	42° to 55°
 Crappie	66° to 75°	 Coho (Silver) Salmon	44° to 60°
 Bluegill	65° to 75°	 Brown Trout	52° to 73°
 Largemouth Bass	60° to 77°	 Brook Trout	48° to 65°
 Smallmouth Bass	58° to 71°	 Chinook (King) Salmon	44° to 60°

### Thermocline & Structure

During warm months many lakes develop a thermocline. The top layer of water differs significantly from the colder water below. The top layer of water may be 15 feet deep. Water below that depth may drop 10 or 15 degrees.

High oxygen content exists just above where the cold and warm water meet. This can be the key to success. The thermocline will be the same depth over the entire lake. It varies from lake to lake. If you can find areas where the thermocline meets weeds, rocks, bars, structure or cover, you will almost be sure to find fish present.



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