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The Mulvaney Pipeline



A BIG FISH STORY

Fishing the waters in and around Long Island Sound has long been a favorite for many Connecticut Sportsmen. Whether you are a novice first timer or an "old salt", fishing the waters of Long Island sound is relaxing while exhilarating and just plain fun. Very few fishermen, if any, are as persistent and dedicated as Pete Nomack of Milford. During his work-a-day life, you may recognize Pete as a master plumber with the Mulvaney Mechanical team. During his off hours, Pete regularly tests his luck and expertise at salt water fishing.

The dedication and commitment to excellence that Pete puts into every plumbing project he works on is carried over to his love of fishing. It is not unusual to see a surf casing rod stored among the pipes and various materials secured to the pipe rack of Pete's service vehicle. Recently he has taken to rising at 3:30 AM on some mornings to allow for some quality fishing time, shore casing at the mouth of the Housatonic River. His secret spot is just where the salt water mixes with the fresh water from the river. Many aren't aware of this, but these areas of brackish water attract some of the largest fish in the sound, for early morning feeding forays.

On one such cold and dark October morning, Pete was in the right place and the right time to haul in what can easily be considered a trophy sized Striped Bass. In recent years there has been a resurgence of all manner of fish species trolling the waters of Long Island Sound, however no one expected to see a Striper so far up river. Pete's catch measured over 42 inch long and weighed far in excess of the norm for Connecticut Stripers. Since Striped Bass naturally live up to 30 years and more, Pete's catch very likely could have been swimming New England waters since 1975. The record for a Striped Bass in the Long Island Sound is 50 inches, caught off New Haven Harbor in 2002.



"A Holiday Buying Guide for MEN"

Buying gifts for men is not nearly as complicated as it is for women. If the ladies follow these simple rules they should have no problems.

- Rule #1:** When in doubt - buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.
- Rule #2:** If you cannot afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word ratchet or socket in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "OK. Bye-the-way, are you through with my 3/8-inch socket yet?" Again, no one knows why.
- Rule #3:** If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car. A 99-cent ice scraper, a small bottle of de-icer or something to hang from his rear view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.
- Rule #4:** Do not buy men socks. Do not buy men ties. And never buy men bathrobes. "If God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, he wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts".
- Rule #5:** You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money buy your man a big-screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips, and flips, and flips.
- Rule #6:** Do not buy a man any of those fancy liqueurs. If you do, it will sit in a cupboard forever. Real men drink whiskey or beer.
- Rule #7:** Do not buy any man industrial-sized canisters of after shave or deodorant. Men don't stink..... they are earthy.
- Rule #8:** Buy men label makers. This is almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks. Shorts. Cups. Saucers. Door. Lock. Sink." You get the idea. No one knows why.
- Rule #9:** Never buy a man anything that says "some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his holiday and he will always have parts left over.

THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT THEY CANNOT HAVE A NATIVITY SCENE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THIS WASNT FOR ANY RELIGIOUS REASONS. THEY COULDN'T FIND THREE WISE MEN AND A VIRGIN. J. LENO

What's Goin' On?

- Jan 26-29, 2007 - BOMA Winter Conference
Las Vegas, Nevada
- Jan 29-31, 2007 - AHR - ASHRAE Show & Expo
Dallas, Texas
- Feb 25- Mar 1, 2007- Mechanical Contractor's Assoc. Annual Conf.
Orlando, Florida
- Mar 20-22, 2007 - NFM&T Conference and Expo
Baltimore, Maryland,
- May 3-5, 2007 - AIA Convention & Design Expo.
San Antonio, Texas
- May 15-17, 2007 . Commercial Construction Conf & Show
Rosemont, Illinois



ENGINE POWERED GENERATION

Got an Emergency Generator?

WHY NOT PUT IT TO WORK EARNING ITS KEEP?

Connecticut Utilities, in partnership with ISO New England (Northeast power grid operators) have been hard at work to make the Northeast power grid more reliable and capable of withstanding the peak summer power demands of New Englanders. The newest effort to bring more generation capacity to the grid when it's needed most has resulted in creating an opportunity for organizations that have existing generators. Those companies that are willing to use them if the need arises and have signed up for the new load shedding program currently being offered, are getting the most out of their generator investment.

Following the Y2K scare of the new millennium, many organizations invested heavily in standby generators to ensure normal operations in the face of possible electric utility failure. Add to this the growing number of companies that spec out emergency generators for routine emergency lighting and core critical business needs. Up till now, these were costly capitol expenses that had little value during 99.9% of the normal operating year. As power consumption reaches new highs each year, more increasingly we face possible brownouts or worst yet, rolling blackouts. The new Load Shedding program is effectively parlaying excess generating capacity throughout Connecticut to be used during critical times when usage outstrips normal capacity.

Organizations that can commit to cutting 100kw or more from their peak usage during times of power grid overload can transform this commitment into a nice source of income. Whether you use your generator alone, or a combination of generator use and load shedding, the financial rewards can be extraordinary. Anyone interested in participating in this Load Shedding program should contact their electric utility for details.

AN AMAZING BUT TRUE STORY...

A South Carolina farm wife called the local phone company to report that her telephone failed to ring when her friends called and that on the few occasions when it did ring, her dog always moaned right before the phone rang. The telephone repairman proceeded to the scene, curious to see this psychic dog or senile lady. He climbed a telephone pole, hooked in his test set, and dialed the subscriber's house. The phone didn't ring right away, but then the dog moaned and the telephone began to ring. Climbing down from the pole, the telephone repairman found:

1. The dog was tied to the telephone system's ground wire via a steel chain and collar.
2. The wire connection to the ground rod was loose.
3. The dog was receiving 90 volts of signaling current when the number was called.
4. After a couple of jolts, the dog would start moaning and then urinate.
5. The wet ground would complete the circuit, thus causing the phone to ring...

Which demonstrates that - contrary to popular opinion - some problems actually CAN be fixed by pissing and moaning.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a joyous New Year.



You could WIN a special issue Antiqued Leather Aviator Jacket

Unscramble the following letters to spell the correct name, phrase or word and you could WIN a signature Leather Aviator Jacket

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E-mail or FAX your answer to our office. If more than one correct answer is received, a winner will be selected at random. If you e-mail your entry, you must write "NEWSLETTER CONTEST" in the subject line to avoid our SPAM filter. Please mail to janette@mulvaneyinc.com
The answer to the Jumble from last time was "Mulvaney Mechanical"

The following 7 people submitted the correct answer.

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| June Dettenrieder | West Wind Associates |
| John Hardiman | Boehringer-Ingelheim |
| Daniel C. Hardy | Consulting Engineering Ss Inc. |
| Bert Veilleux | Ridgefield Building Dept. |
| Albert S. Wasko | Hospital of Saint Raphael |
| Mark Wcislo | ASML |
| Kevin Wolfe | Flagship Converters |
| Holley Slauson | ASML |
| Joe Spagnoletti | Kostin Ruffkess |



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