



RISAA  
**Events & Meetings**

All events and meetings can be found online at [www.risaa.org/calendar.html](http://www.risaa.org/calendar.html)

Jan 17 • 6:00 PM ASMFC Public Hearing on black sea bass recreational options.

Jan 20 • RISAA 20th Anniversary Banquet

Jan 23 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Jan 29 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

Jan 30-31 • New England Fisheries Council, Portsmouth, NH

Feb 6-8 • ASMFC Winter Meeting, Arlington, VA

Feb 20 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Feb 26 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

Mar 9-11 • 15th Annual New England Saltwater Fishing Show

Mar 20 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Mar 26 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar and Quarterly Meeting

Apr 9 • 7:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee Spring Meeting

Apr 16 • 7:00 PM Kayak Committee Spring Meeting

Apr 30 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

May 21 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

June 23 • Take-A-Kid Fishing Day

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**2018: Fishing & Volunteering**

Happy New Year!

As we begin another year, I want to urge every members to get as much as you can out of your RISAA membership.

Many of you live out of state and can't really be an in-person active member. That's OK. We appreciate your support.

For everyone else who lives within driving distance I invite you to get more involved.

Come to a monthly seminar. As a member, the monthly "meetings" provide you - at no charge - a great opportunity to improve your fishing, perhaps make a new friend or two, and most important, spend a couple of hours talking about fishing!

I always felt that, no matter what the seminar topic was, if I could go home with just one new idea or if I picked up one little tip, it was worth my time.

Go on a fishing trip. While the RISAA Board is being very budget-conscious lately, I suspect they will agree to again sponsor (and agree to pay most of the cost) for a few party boat fishing trips again this year.

Sign up for the fluke, squid, or tautog trip. The trips are fun. Even if you didn't catch fish, it's a great way to spend a few relaxing hours on the water, with fellow RISAA members.

Are you shy or grumpy and don't like people? (ha-ha) If so, you can still go on a trip and sit by yourself. But I bet you'll make a couple of friends by the time you get off the boat.

One of the best ways to GET something out of RISAA is to volunteer and give a little of your time.

This year there are several opportunities to volunteer, and I guarantee you will enjoy yourself!

First up is a chance to work in the RISAA booth at the Providence Boat Show, Feb. 2-4. The shifts are only 3 hours, and you can do morning, afternoon or evening.

Coming up next is our big one: the New England Saltwater Fishing Show, March 9-11. During the three-day show we will need 100 members to take shifts doing all

kinds of staffing needs. Each shift, three per day, will have approximately 25 members manning the entrance, exits, info booth, RISAA booths, etc.

But you don't know what to do? No problem. No job is hard, and every job has at least two members. Ask any member if they enjoyed working at the Fishing Show!

Then comes our Take-A-Kid Fishing Day. To me, this has always been our most important event of the year... giving children the chance to go on a boat and fishing. Each year we have 150-200 volunteers, whether on a boat or on shore, it's fun and personally fulfilling for everyone who takes part.

Then at the end of June will be our 3rd Annual Youth Fishing Camp when we take 50 children for three days of fishing on shore, on a party boat, on private boats and teach them all kinds of things that will help them in the future.

For all members, there is so much you can do to get your "money's worth" out of RISAA membership. I hope to see many new faces, along with the 100 regulars, this year.

**SIGN-UP TIME**

So, many of you have been asking since October if they could sign up for the Fishing Show yet. I kept telling them to wait; we'll start in January.

Now it's time to sign up!

Please use the online registration setup we have. It asks important questions that we need to know to make the schedules.

Thanks. Hope to see you there!

**ONLINE REGISTER TO HELP**

**PROVIDENCE BOAT SHOW**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Boatshow>

**N.E. SALTWATER FISHING SHOW SIGN UP**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWShow>