



SURFCASTERS Committee



Rich Heffernan, Chairman

Sufcasters Committee eagerly awaits 2018 fishing season!

RISAA's Surfcasting Committee is thirty members strong and more active than ever. Anticipation is high for the upcoming season based on the vibe of the fishermen in attendance at this year's activities planning meeting that was held on January 28. That may sound a bit early in the year to talk fishing, but what else is there to do after the football's Conference Playoffs and the Super Bowl?

Right, get together with fellow members at the Oak Hill Tavern in North Kingstown, share a meal, and plan out our year. And this year we've added new dates and venues to the list of outings to broaden our scope and boost attendance.

Access to fishing spots is always a key issue to shore fishermen and with that in mind we will kick off the striper season with our first outing on the beach in front of the Ocean Mist in Matunuck, where the surf is right downstairs. Another new location on the calendar is Salty Brine State Beach in Galilee where the tautog will get our full attention.

To further round out our calendar - and to hopefully take advantage of the all the false albacore that were so plentiful last fall - the rocky coastline of Narragansett is now on the agenda as well. Fishing these new locations is almost as easy as parking your car and stepping into the water so don't forget your waders and cleats!

Our full outings calendar follows. In it, you'll see that we're not just about striped bass and surf casting from the beach as we'll be going after blackfish (and with them comes scup), bluefish, and albies.

2018 Surfcasters Committee Fishing Outings

- **Saturday, May 12, Sunrise - Spring Opener** at Ocean Mist, Matunuck Beach Rd, South Kingstown followed by lunch at the Ocean Mist
- **Saturday, May 19, 8 AM - Tautog Outing** - new easy access location at Salty Brine Lot, Galilee is a possibly, but venue will be confirmed
- **Saturday, May 26, 8 AM - Second Tautog Outing** - location to be determined
- **Friday, June 8th to June 10th - Spring Surf Challenge**
- **Sunday, July 8, 9 AM to 2 PM - Group picnic and fishing** at



RISAA members who attended the Awards Breakfast after the Fall Surf Club Tournament were (l-r) Rich Heffernan, Richie Reich, Ed Sousa, Dick Geldard and Jeff Gendron.

Camp Cronin, Narragansett

- **Saturday, September 15 Sunrise** - False Albacore fishing, Narragansett location to be determined
- **October - 25th Annual Surf Challenge** with Weekapaug Surfcasters Club

In addition to our planned activities, we are also looking forward to a few impromptu meet-ups when conditions are favorable or the fishing is hot. (to page 32)



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