



# RISAA Member News

by Lynn Medeiros



The purpose of this column is to pass along information and milestones within the membership. Birthdays, anniversaries, events or get-well wishes are all in order. We also let members know of the passing of other members.

## GETTING WELL

Member **Dan daSilveira** went through spine surgery in January. All went well and he arrived home mid-March after six weeks of recovery. Apparently he won't be fully recovered for six months so he had to cancel his boat slip for this year.

"I can't wait to start driving so that I can begin attending monthly meetings once again," Dan said. "I missed working the shows this year.



We all wish you a full recovery Dan, and hope to see you at a meeting soon.

## CONDOLENCES

It is with deep sadness that we report the loss of member

### Thomas W. Nerney

on March 17, 2018 of Wakefield, RI.

Tom leaves behind his wife Jean Bowen, a sister Dr. Anne Balboni, a brother, James Nerney, and four children, Julie Marron, Tom Nerney, Michael Nerney and Kevin Nerney, and stepchildren Kristen Bowen and Jason Bowen, and 12 grandchildren.



Tom has been a RISAA member for 15 years and he shared his love of fishing with his 12 grandchildren.

His wife Julie - also a RISAA member - said Tom was an admirer of the work of RISAA.

"He was happiest when fishing," said Julie. "We want to designate memorial donations to go to the RISA Foundation."

*The RISAA Board extends it's condolences to Jean and Tom's family. We thank her for thinking of the RISA Foundation during this most sad and trying time.*

## FISH LADDERS (from page 15)

Modifications to the ladder will include revising and installing a new baffle system (48 wooden baffles) to create a false 1:8 slope and installing a steep pass at the fishway entrance to hydraulically connect the water within the entrance channel to the tail water.

### THE FOUNDATION GRANT

In 2013, the R.I. Saltwater Anglers Foundation, our 501(c)(3), established the "Recreational Fishing Advancement Grant" to promote and invest in projects that will have a benefit to the recreational fishing community.

The funds may be used for on-the-ground habitat conservation and improvement projects, research, culture specific to species of recreational interests, or for projects that will in some other way benefit recreational fishermen in Southern New England.

Each individual project grant has a maximum of \$15,000.

We will keep RISAA members apprised of the project as it moves along.



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