

SEE HOW A DRAGGER CATCHES FISH

Members who want to learn how a commercial fishing dragger operates should sign up for one of the trips that have been arranged by RISAA through the University of Rhode Island's Sea Grant program. Participating members will also learn about the various nets and sizes that are used, how they work and what to expect.

As the *Cap'N Bert* steams out of Wickford Harbor, members will be able to visit the captain, view the vast array of electronics aboard and ask questions about the workings of the boat.

Then the net will be dropped and two "tows" will be made, capturing sea life from the bottom of Narragansett Bay.

Although the *Cap'N Bert* catches fish for scientific purposes, the same methods are used as on commercial fishing boats. Members will get to see how commercial boats drag the bottom and catch fish.

When the net is hauled in, the real purpose of the trip begins: to study the multitude of sea life on the bottom of Narragansett Bay.



The *Cap'N Bert*

RISAA sponsors these trips every-other-year and the trips filled quickly. Many of those members who participated expressed a desire to take the trip again.

Two trips have been arranged:

- Thursday evening, September 17 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday morning, September 26 at 8:30 AM.

Each trip last for 2-1/2 hours.

Each trip is limited to 15 persons.

The cost to each member will be **\$20 per person** (It's actually more, but RISAA is paying the rest). The boat will sail if it rains, but not if lightening or rough seas.

ONLY RISAA MEMBERS MAY ATTEND

Unlike other RISAA-sponsored events when spouses, guests and friends are invited, the limited number of available positions and the popularity of the trips, require that **ONLY** members be permitted.

Also, those members must be in "good standing" - meaning their dues must be paid up.

Participants must be at least 13 years old.

Sign-ups will begin at the June 29 monthly meeting, or you can register now by mail. Payment must accompany registration.



Members learn how the net works as the *Cap'N Bert* seals out of Wickford Harbor. later discussed the biology of a dogfish with Dave Beutel of Sea Grant after examining the contents of the net after a tow



Members look on during a discussion on the biology of a dogfish with Dave Beutel of Sea Grant after examining the contents of the net after a tow

YES! Sign me up for a "Cap'N Bert" Trip!

Cost is \$20 non-refundable, per member. Check must accompany this slip.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
(RISAA members only)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

The trip I am signing up for is (check)

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- Saturday, Sept 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Mail this form and check to: **R.I.S.A.A.**
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