



RISAA Events & Meetings

All events and meetings can be found online at www.risaa.org/calendar.html

Sep 2 • 4:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Bristol Narrows

Sep 9 • 6:00 PM Kayak Committee fishing at Ft. Adams, Newport

Sep 19 • 6:30 Board of Directors

Sep 20 • 6:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Weekapaug Breachway

Sep 23 • 8:00 AM Kayak Committee fishing at Fogland Beach, Tiverton

Sep 25 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

Sep 28 • 5:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Narrow River

Oct 2 • 6:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Weekapaug Breachway

Oct 4 • 600 PM ASMFC Public Hearing on Menhaden Draft Amendment 3 Corless Auditorium, URI Bay Campus, Narragansett

Oct 7 • 8:00 AM Kayak Committee fishing at Camp Cronin

Oct 10 • 6:00 PM Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Narrow River

Oct 24 • 6:30 PM RISAA Board of Directors

Oct 30 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

Nov 27 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

Dec 18 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar and Annual Meeting

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Notes from the President's Desk

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Cranston's "No Fishing" amended

When last month's issue was sent to the printer, I was pretty upset about the Cranston City Council proposing an ordinance that would prohibit fishing at the public access at the end of Ocean Avenue near the RI Yacht Club.

Thanks to Cranston City Councilman Steve Stycos who first called me to alert us about the proposed ordinance we were able to quickly join with other groups to protest the proposal. For several days we were in a whirlwind effort sending letters, making calls and emails to try to stop it from happening.

And within a week, when the newsletter was mailed to members' homes, the ordinance had been amended to ALLOW FISHING. It was a win for recreational fishing and public access.

DAMAGED NEWSLETTER

When my personal copy of our August newsletter arrived in the mail, it was contained in a "WE CARE" plastic bag. I guess it got smashed as it went through the post office machinery.

It was the first time my newsletter was ever damaged like that though, but it caused me to wonder if this was happening to a lot of other members?



If this is happening to you all the time, please let me know. If it's only occasional - or only once like mine - then it's worth the small inconvenience to get a 52-page publication at a small cost.

Our newsletters are shipped at a special "Nonprofit Bulk Rate". This is great and the average issue only costs us 28 cents to mail. We have several members who pay extra to have their issues sent by 1st class mail, so I know it costs \$1.61 to put

stamps on it.

That's a big difference in mailing cost, but it also goes with some special rules we have to follow.

PLEASE KEEP ME FROM STANDING IN LINE!

One requirement is that our mailing list has to be verified EVERY MONTH. Every month I send all of the newsletter pages and current mail list to the printing company. They in turn, have to run the mail list through special software that checks addresses.

Also, if you note on the mailing side of your next issue, you'll see the line "CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED." This is mandatory for the nonprofit rate.

This is NOT my favorite thing.

The post office continually notifies us when we have a wrong address, usually because someone moved, is temporarily away or just a wrong address.

Approximately 3 times a week, when I pick up the RISAA mail at the post office, there will be pink slip in the box telling me I have to go to the front desk. **I don't like getting those slips.** It means standing in line, pink slip in hand, in which I'll receive an address-change postcard telling me one of our members changed his address and didn't tell us. And then I pay 58 or 67 cents per address-change postcard.

In the winter and spring months I'll get 10-15 of these at a time, all reporting "temporarily away"... and paying 58 cents for each.

So, **IF YOU MOVE** or **IF YOU GO SOUTH FOR THE WINTER**, please let me know.

Even if you fill out a card at the post office saying to hold your mail, or fill out a forwarding address card, because we are nonprofit, I will still get the notice - every month that you are gone! I would rather change your address in our database to your temporary address and then change it back when you return. It would save me from standing in the darn post office line all the time. Thanks.