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The Watch...

2017 Fishing Review and What's I Store For 2018

The 2017 season was a mixed bag

Everything seemed delayed about three weeks in 2017 due in part to water temperatures. In the spring the water was cool and the striped bass took a while to arrive. And in the fall, the water was warm; still 63 degrees in November so the tautog, squid and cod seasons were delayed.

Here are some highs and lows of the 2017 fishing season and what we can expect in 2018.

Epic false albacore bite

The false albacore run was the best in years in 2017. False albacore are part of the tuna family and are



RISAA member **SUSAN LEMA** displays a 11+ pounds false albacore that she landed on October 9 while fishing off Point Judith

commonly called 'albies' in the northeast.

They went deep into upper Narragansett Bay all the way to Barrington Beach and around Conimicut Light. False albacore have not been seen this far up the Bay in 25 years.

The most intense contact was around Pt. Judith both toward Westerly and north to Narragansett Beach. Many believe it was the volume of peanut bunker (immature Atlantic menhaden) that caused the epic false albacore run.

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LINDA TABER

with a pair of black sea bass that she caught last summer while celebrating her 52 yr anniversary to husband Bob



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