



RISAA
Events & Meetings

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

Apr 8 • 6:30 PM Kayak Committee Spring Meeting, Gregg's, N. Kingstown

Apr 15 • 6:30 PM Fly Fishing Committee Spring Meeting, Gregg's N. Kingstown

Apr 16-18 N.E. Fisheries Mgt Council, Mystic, CT

Apr 23 • 6:30 PM Board of Directors

Apr 27 • 9:00 AM Fly Fishing Committee fishing at 100 Acre Cove, Barrington

Apr 29 • 7:00 PM RISAA Seminar

Apr 29-May 2 ASMFC Spring Meeting, Arlington, VA

May 4 • 10:00 AM Kayak Committee Annual Meet & Greet, Goddard Park

May 7 • 6:30 PM Fly Fishing Committee fish the worm hatch, Charlestown

May 11 • 9:00 AM Kayak Committee fishing the worm hatch, Charlestown

May 14 • 6:30 PM Fly Fishing Committee fishing the worm hatch, Charlestown

May 18 • 5:00 PM Kayak Committee fishing the worm hatch, Potter Pond

May 18 RISAA Party Boat Squid Trip

May 20 • 7:00 PM RISAA Seminar

June 22 Take-A-Kid Fishing Day

June 24 • 7:00 PM RISAA Monthly Seminar

June 25-27 Youth Fishing Camp at Rocky Point Park, Warwick

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Notes from the
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Welcome to RISAA!

As you can see on page 4, a lot of new members joined RISAA during March, many of whom signed up during the Fishing Show.

If your name is on that page, let me welcome you to the best saltwater fishing club on the East Coast! We do a lot for our members!

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

We represent recreational fishing at the state, regional and national levels.

Two of our members, **Travis Barao** and **David Monti** are recreational representatives on the RI Marine Fisheries Council.

We have RISAA members that serve on committees at the New England Fisheries Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Our Legislative Committee, chaired by **Doug MacPherson** brings together RISAA members and the delegates of all of our affiliated clubs and watches for legislation that could effect recreational fishing, boating and our marine waters.

EDUCATION

We provide great educational seminars every month. Most are on how to improve your fishing skills, but we also strive to educate members on the importance of fisheries management, or the marine environment or important issues of the day which could effect future fishing.

But attending monthly seminars isn't a requirement of membership. In fact, if every member attended a seminar, we would need to rent the Convention Center to hold meetings!

Many, MANY members live out of Rhode Island, and we have members in nearly every state in the U.S, including Alaska and Hawaii! Those are members who travel to RI during the summer or used to live here and want to keep in touch. Still others send in their dues with a note saying they support our

efforts.

Many members tell me they can't attend seminars, but want to get our monthly news magazine.

Since half of our members don't own a boat, we provide party boat fishing trips at a discounted fee. RISAA rents the boat for the trip and charge only a nominal fee to members, at much less than the real cost (to ensure they show up. These trips fill up quickly!

SUPPORT FOR YOUTH

We consider RISAA to be a "family" organization and Junior Members are always welcome at meetings. We even hold an annual Adult/Junior Party Boat Fishing Trip to let kids spend a few hours on the water fishing on a "big boat."

By the way, if you have a child or grandchild that is a sometimes fishing buddy, you can sign him/her up as a Junior Member at no charge.

For the past 20 years RISAA has sponsored Take-A-Kid Fishing Day where expose nonmember children to a few hours on Narragansett Bay exposing them to the joy of fishing.

And this is followed by our 3-day Youth Fishing Camp where a different group of 50 children learn fishing.

NOT A MEMBER YET?

If you're reading this and not a member yet, why not join and be part of this great organization!

You can sign up online via our web site, www.risaa.org or give me a call at the RISAA office and you can sign up by phone (401-826-2121).

SHOW VOLUNTEERS THANKS!

I've run out of space here, but I want to express my thanks to all of you who volunteered to help at the Fishing Show last month. Whether you worked one shift, or one day, or multiple days, your efforts contributed to the successful show!

THANK YOU!