



RISAA Events & Meetings

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

MAY

1... Kayak Committee annual Meet & Greet at Goddard Park boat ramp. All welcome. 10AM

3-6... ASMFC Spring Meeting

8... Kayak Committee fishing at Walker Farm, Barrington. 5PM

11... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Ninigret Pond. 6PM

15... Kayak Committee fishing Bristol Narrows. 5PM

18... Board of Directors. 6:30 PM

21... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Potter Pond. 6PM

22... Surfcasters Committee fishing at Conimicut Pt. 4:30 PM

24... RISAA Seminar. 7PM

29... Surfcasters Committee fishing at Bold Pt. 7PM

JUNE

2... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Ninigret Pond. 6PM

7... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Kings Park, Newport. 5PM

9... Kayak Committee fishing at Newport Harbor. 6PM

10... Surfcasters Committee fishing at Sandy Pt. 6PM

16... Kayak Committee fishing at Weavers Cove. 6PM

16... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Kings Park, Newport. 8PM

18-20... Spring Surf Fishing Club Challenge

22... Board of Directors. 6:30 PM

22... Kayak Committee fishing at Narrow River. 5PM

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Online seminar links! DEM rec license report

• **I can't sign you up or give you a link to watch the seminar!** There is a different UNIQUE link for every person to get into the seminar. **YOU must pre-register!**

I never thought I would have to write about the online seminars for the **third time.**

For all of you who already attend the online seminars, please jump to the "DEM Report" section.

To all the rest of you please read the following points on

HOW TO WATCH THE RISAA SEMINARS

• I send out, twice every month, on the 15th and the Friday just before the Monday seminar, an email that contains the link to pre-register.

The link in that message is the **ONLY WAY YOU CAN REGISTER** for the seminar!

• If you didn't see either of those two emails, then there's a problem. Please don't wait until the day of the seminar and ask how to register.

• **If you have changed your email address** since you joined 5+ years ago, please send me an email or call the RISAA office with your new address so you can receive the seminar emails.

• **Only RISAA members** can view the online seminars. If you are not a member, either join or call our office and make a \$10 donation to our scholarship fund.

• The pre-registration links that go out are for **MEMBERS ONLY!** **Do not give it to your friends.** Every month I go through the entire registration list before the seminar, and I always find names of people who are not members. A simple click of my mouse immediately blocks that person from getting into the seminar.

• Many members will contact me saying he/she **can't attend the seminar on Monday night because of a previous commitment.** No problem.

Every seminar is recorded at Zoom. Within a day or two, I will send out an email to all members and provide a special

link to watch the seminar video online, but it will have a two-week expiration after which the video will disappear. The video is also set to block anyone from copying the recording.

We do this per agreement with all of our seminar speakers to protect their "intellectual property."

DEM'S LICENSE REPORT MEETING

The DEM annual fishing license report (see pages 1 and 30) were pretty much on target of how those funds are supposed to be used, by law, to *enhance recreational fishing opportunities and improving state-based recreational fishery catch and effort statistics and stock assessments...*

One part of the DEM report not reported in this issue, but which I personally consider important, is the final page of the DEM presentation "Looking Ahead."

Here are the items on that page:

- **Resume Kids Fishing Camp** and other educational programs
- **Resume head boat sampling**
- **Wave 1 Head Boat** sampling to continue as routine to **improve recreational Atlantic Cod** estimates
- **RIDEM** taking over For-Hire and Large Pelagic telephone survey
- **New artificial reef at Rocky Point**
- New small research vessel for acoustic arrays and fixed gear survey
- Improving outreach with **informative videos and increasing social media presence**
- **Working with Div. of Law Enforcement** on legislative change to allow some citations to go through traffic tribunal.

YES! I consider this as the most important part! We need to get fisheries violations away from those court judges who let everyone off with a "donation" to the Victim's Fund with no formal "conviction." I think a new environment/fisheries court is needed.