



RISAA
Events & Meetings

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

JULY

- 8...Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Narrow River. 6AM
- 9...Surfcasting Committee fishing at Cliff Walk Newport. 8PM
- 10... Kayak Committee fishing at King's Beach, Newport, 6AM
- 15...Fly Fishing Committee's annual boat fishing event
- 17...RISAA Members Party Boat Fluke Fishing Trip (sold out)
- 17... Kayak Committee fishing at Ft. Wetherill, Jamestown. 6:30 AM
- 20...Board of Directors Meeting
- 21...Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Quonny Breachway. 6PM
- 21...Surfcasters Committee fishing at Pt. Judith. 4PM
- 22...Legislative Committee Quarterly Meeting. 6:30 PM
- 24...Surfcasters Committee fishing at West Wall,Jerusalem. Sunrise
- 26 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar. 7:00 PM
- 31...Kayak Committee fishing at URI Campus, Narragansett. 6AM

AUGUST

- 3-5... ASMFC Summer Meeting
- 3...Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Quonny. 3PM
- 7...Kayak Committee fishing at King's Beach Newport. 7AM
- 18...Fly Fishing Committee annual boat fishing event.
- 21...RISAA Member Adult/Jr Party Boat fishing trip. (sold out)
- 21...Kayak Committee fishing at Compass Rose Beach, NK. 8AM

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By-Laws, Surf Fishing, Public Access

Most of you are aware that we have just completed a RISAA-wide vote to change a portion of our By-Laws.

Article 9 which describes the types of meetings we conduct had mandated quarterly business meetings and an annual meeting.

Over the years, it was obvious that 99% of our members did not care to participate in quarterly meetings which had always been held following the night's seminar.

So, the RISAA Board voted to begin a process of changing the quarterly requirement and asked our By-Laws Committee to come up with new language for that section. They did and it was put out to a vote to all members via our e-mail notification system which described the changes and linked members to the online voting.

It seemed that members agreed with 205 voting to approve and only 3 voting to not approve.

As a result, the Board of Directors will continue to conduct the business of RISAA and meet monthly as it has for the past 22 years.

Board meeting summaries will be posted here in this newsletter so members know what's going on.

The only thing that will not be publicized are cases involving an individual member and RISAA financial reports, since many, many nonmembers also read this newsletter.

Any member who wants to see a financial report can write to me via email (steve@risaa.org) at any time, and I will send the most current report to you.

The complete, most up-to-date version of the RISAA By-Laws is always available on our web site at

https://www.risaa.org/members_only/bylaws_index.html

SURF TOURNAMENT CONGRATS!

Congratulations to the RISAA Surfcasters Committee, and especially to

Ron Barnes, chair, for their successful 18th Annual 2021 Spring Surf Fishing Club Challenge.

They brought together 7 surf fishing clubs from CT/MA/RI to keep this long-standing tradition going.

Not only did they get many anglers together to fish and enjoy a Sunday morning breakfast together, they also raised a bunch of money for Amos House.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO SHORE

Everyone loses

The rights of citizens to access the shore in Rhode Island has again been in the news recently. It seems that every few years, the battle becomes resurrected, and everyone becomes angry to learn that shoreline access is being blocked all over this state.

I have been saddened by this for a long time, and when we first started RISAA, we were very active in trying to get shoreline access open in as many places as possible. But over time, after hitting the same stone walls (built by people with lots of \$\$\$ to buy up the RI shorefront), I had become discouraged and tired of it.

It used to be that designated Rights-of-Way (ROW) were respected and violations enforced. Homeowners who tried to block the public at a ROW were quickly confronted by anglers and CRMC. But along the way, CRMC gave up on it's will to fight. Trying to stop a landowner from blocking a ROW meant taking them to court, but that doesn't happen anymore.

As it happens everywhere, those with the most dollars can tie up a case in court for many years. Meanwhile the public loses.

There are a few groups that have recently formed to fight for access. They can count on RISAA's help when possible.