



# RISAA Member News



by Lynn McTeiros

The purpose of this column is to pass along information and milestones within the membership. Birthdays, anniversaries, events or get-well wishes are all in order. We also let members know of the passing of other members.



We extend our deepest sympathies to member  
**RICHARD "Dick"  
GELDARD**



on the loss of his beloved wife  
**CAROLE GELDARD**  
age 77, who passed away on June 14 at their Warwick home. Carole and Dick were married for 55 years.

## THE WATCH: (from page 3)

The state application may already be filed by the time you read this. I don't expect this permitting to be any different than that for SFW, but I still plan to review documents and submit comments on behalf of all recreational fishers, so if you have comments or concerns please let me know.

### SUMMER FLOUNDER

I am also still busy representing recreational anglers on the Summer Flounder MSE Core Stakeholder Group organized by the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council. The Group is comprised of approximately 15 stakeholders representing the range of fishery perspectives and will function as the main source of input to a technical work group and management to progress through the management strategy evaluation (MSE).

The idea is to come up with modifications to the regulations that will allow more access to fluke for recreational fishers and will reduce recreational discards of fluke.

Again, if you have thoughts on how this may be done I would love to hear from you. This process is just beginning, so there is plenty of time to influence the process and insert our ideas. More information can be found at <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2021/summer-flounder-mse-workshop-june14>

Have a great summer! I need to get some good weather and go out fishing!

### JOIN RISAA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

All RISAA members are welcome to join the RISAA Legislative Committee. If you are interested or if you have any questions, you can contact me by email at [hittinger@risaa.org](mailto:hittinger@risaa.org)

## CORAYER: (from page 11)

In the upper reaches of Narragansett Bay, menhaden hide from trawlers heeling heavy to port, hydraulics straining, hauling back acres of nets laden with forage a large ecology of marine life depends on to survive. The pogie rose and swam frantically in circles as Lunch Break Eddy stood cautiously.

**"Under thirty pounds, bass like to play with their food,"** Sprengel said with a knowing smile. He speaks in a clear language, if you're listening.

Capt. Sprengel lifts another bass that fell for a Coltsnipper Splash Walk bass, photo by Stack 9 Photography

**"Patience isn't a luxury I usually have,"** he said and that's precisely why he's always moving, adjusting, looking to understand what's changed in ten minutes and where fish are or might be. Basic boat decisions are smart and quick and if you didn't catch his drift when he made one, he'll take that rod out of your hand to do what needs to be done for that moment. Arrogance is a far distant cousin from confidence. He hooked up on his first cast.

Splash Walks entice fish to absolutely destroy it. Hooksets are solid and almost guaranteed. There are no light taps or screwing around trying to decide if it's the right bait, there are only big swirls followed by explosions of water and screaming spools. It is a bit tougher to work with the wind in your face so it's easy to get sloppy on your retrieve, unless you do what he tells you. With my eyes fixed on its hypnotic movements, he leaned in to make a correction: "lower your tip, take away the wind, get that belly out of your line." His instructions usually result in tight lines. "That was one of the best strikes I've seen in a long time," he said when a 33' bass attacked one thirty feet from the starboard side. "That was killer."

Braced by a northwest breeze returning to East Greenwich, Captain Jack Sprengel proved he is always focused on finding fish, in any conditions in any waters and clearly demonstrated that Shimano's Coltsnipper Splash Walk is a revolutionary top water, high action lure. And it's only tirinif you tire of catching lots of really big fish.

*RISAA member Todd Corayer is a lifelong fisherman who lives not far from the Saugatucket River with his wife, who supports his fishing mainly to get him out of the house and a young son who regularly catches more fish than him.*

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