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EVENTS & MEETINGS

JULY

- 17 RISAA Fluke Trip Lady Francis
- 20 Surfcasters Event - Camp Cronin 4pm
- 25 RISAA Monthly Seminar, Striped Bass, 7pm
- 26 Fly Fishing Event - Quonnie 5pm

AUGUST

- 5 Surfcasters Event - 7pm - Brenton Point Newport
- 10 Charlestown Breachway - 5pm - Woodrow Albin
- 21 Take A Kid Fishing 7 B's Sea Bass & Porgy - 1/2 Day
- 22 Surfcasters Event - 6pm - Beavertail Lighthouse, Jamestown: Striped Bass
- 28 RISAA Monthly Meeting - Catching Blue Crabs
- 29 Colt State Park - 7pm - Rick Hamel

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Narrow River - 9am - Greg Houde
- 9 Bristol Narrows - 5pm - John Edwards
- 10 Surfcasters Event - Sunrise Black Point Narragansett: Bonito/albacore
- 23 Fogland/Seapowet - 5pm - Brian O'Connor
- 26 RISAA Monthly Seminar
- 27 Barrington Beach - 7pm - John Edwards

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FROM THE HELM

WE HAVE THE BEST MEMBERS!

It's something I seem to say often and for good reason...

In the last month this has never been more true. Just in the last month alone, our members have shined and contributed in so many ways to make RISAA the great fishing club that it is. Kids Camp, headed up by volunteer Camp Director Richard Reich, was an outstanding success. 50 Kids and a lot of our volunteer staff now have memories that will last a lifetime. Beside Richard, we had volunteers for all phases of the camp, from organization and logistics to actual hands on camp counselors, to food service to member volunteers bringing camp kids on their boats for the final day of camp. It simply wouldn't have happened at any level were it not for RISAA member volunteers. As an aside, partnering with DEM on this venture is one of the best demonstrations of public agencies being able to work together with clubs for the good of the community.

Beyond Kids Camp, our new look monthly magazine/newsletter is another example of our talented RISAA membership. Our new designer is member Eddy Stahowiak, who has put in long hours, helping the club in many ways even prior to taking over the newsletter. Our readership has been overwhelmingly positive about our new look and we are just getting going. Transitioning from our prior format to the current one was again a member volunteer undertaking headed up by David Monti and fellow transition team members who not only kept us going since last August, but prepared for the transition to our current look.

We can't talk about members helping to make the club better very long before our new website comes into the conversation and again, I can't thank our volunteers and specify Karlis Kaugers for their help in both creating and maintaining our current website, which gets better just about daily.

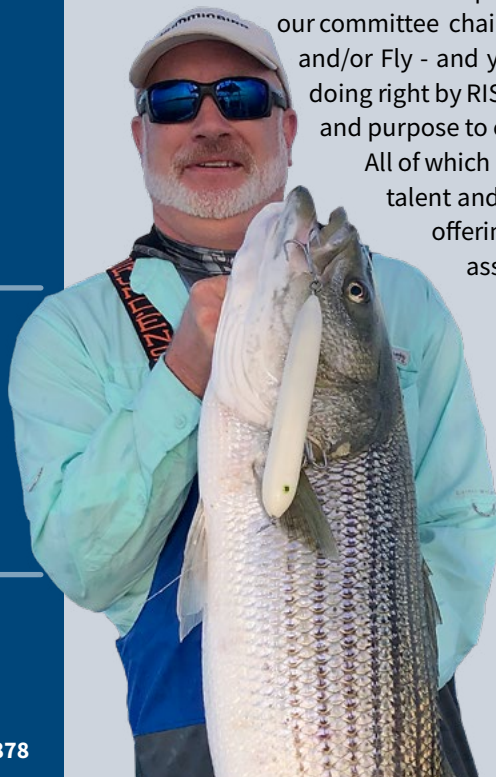
Want further examples of our gifted membership? Just look at any of our committee chairmen and members - be it Legislative, Kayak, Surf and/or Fly - and you will see dedicated members, all of whom are doing right by RISAA, and our membership to continue to add value and purpose to our club.

All of which leads me to say... we have plenty of room for more talent and volunteer member support! So please consider offering whatever talent and or ability to help and assist the club in whatever capacity you are able.

Specific skill sets are not required just a good attitude and a willingness to help. Our charter committee which helps arrange free member charters could use some extra help just as an example of an area of need.

I don't know about anyone else, but I can't wait to see where we will go from here!

Get out enjoy the summer and... Catch em up!



Greg VESPE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RI SALTWATER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION
Legislative Committee

Reported by: Richard Hittinger, CHAIRMAN

SOME PROGRESS; SOME MUST WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR

Thank goodness we are in full fishing mode now and most of the fishing regulations and laws will be pushed a bit further back on the burner until next winter. That reminds me that I want to congratulate Greg Vespe for doing some great work representing recreational fishing in the best way possible. He has been taking some fishing "administrators" out on the water to experience what you and I know is the great joy of recreational fishing. Greg has been taking some of the staff from RIDEM Division of Marine Fisheries out to experience what we see on the water. This will help them better understand what we are saying when we come to public hearings and talk about those things that are important to us. Seeing many black sea bass when fluke fishing or bait stealing scup will tell them more about the perspective of recreational fishermen than all the talking that we can do at meetings and all the letters that we can write combined. He really hit a high note when he took Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator of the Department of Commerce in charge of all NOAA Fisheries out for a short recreational fishing trip and she caught a 10 pound fluke! All I can say is that the fish gods were looking down favorably on Greg and recreational fishing that day. She said she will remember it for the rest of her life.

I guess that leads me to suggest that if you know any fisheries regulators - get them out fishing so they can see what we do and how we do it. The better they understand us, the better they can help us during the process of formulating regulations.

STATEHOUSE UPDATE

Unfortunately, we were not able to get either the public access bill or any CRMC reform bill passed into law this session. It was just too late in the session and we could not get Senate Leadership to push our bills forward. It was a big success to see the Public Access Bill (H8055A) pass the House unanimously, unfortunately even though we pushed Senate Leadership pretty hard we were not able to get a companion Bill on the Senate floor. Based on the discussions that we had with many Senators it would have had great support. Hopefully that means that we can get the Bill passed next session. The recommendations of the House Commission to Study the CRMC were formulated into 3 separate Bills, but because they were introduced late in the session they didn't make it to the House floor. Again, we look forward to having these Bills considered next session.

THE WATCH

NEW ENGLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (NEFMC) / WIND FARMS

The NEMFC established a Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC) south of Massachusetts and Rhode Island during their meeting on June 30. The area is large and will encompass all of the proposed offshore wind lease areas. The objective of establishing the HAPC is to protect complex habitats & cod spawning habitats from negative impacts associated with offshore development. We hope that this could lead to better consideration of possible impacts to critical habitat areas during future environmental impact assessment for development of offshore wind facilities. If critical habitat had been considered during the evaluation of South Fork Wind Farm I believe many of the turbine locations would not have been selected due to unacceptable impacts. I am not sure if these decisions can be reconsidered now since construction has not yet begun.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

We are working on many other issues of importance to recreational anglers including several committee members who continue to participate in the CRMC Bay SAMP Aquaculture Siting Group. Interest in this topic generated a Bill in the RI House this session that would have prevented future Aquaculture leases within 1000 feet of shore (H8244). Although this concept has potential impacts on fishing from boats, RISAA stated that we were in favor of the Bill. As many other Bills, it never came to the House floor for a vote.

We also continue to work with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to try to improve summer flounder regulations to both protect summer flounder populations and to reduce the number of fish killed because of discards. The Workgroup made recommendations to the MAFMC that should be considered for the 2023 fishing season.

ONE FINAL NOTE

I'm not sure if it is some of the recent changes in striped bass management such as implementation of slot limits that is helping, but most everyone who I speak with is saying that striped bass fishing this year is better than it has been for several years. I have experienced this myself so I believe it is true. I also believe that efforts of the recreational fishing community to preserve striped bass stocks have helped and I want to tell all readers that you have been doing a good job but we need to keep pushing for striped bass and other fish where we can see that management needs to be improved. It is good to see some success. Thanks to all who have been active with comments, etc.

JOIN RISAA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

All RISAA members are welcome to join the RISAA Legislative Committee.

If you are interested send an email to me at hittinger@risaa.org and we will send you the link (via email) to the next Legislative meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25th via Zoom.

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

Dawn Filiatreault Wood, CHAIR



Welcome NEW Members!

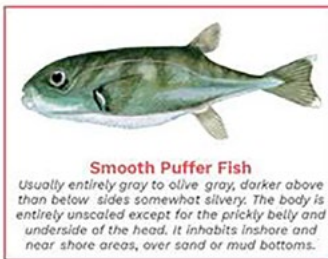
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The purpose of the Welcome Committee is to contact new members, welcome them to the Association and answer any questions they may have about RISAA and its activities.

WARNING!

KNOW YOUR PUFFERS!

TOXINS FROM CATCHING SMOOTH PUFFER FISH



Attention RISAA anglers: As discussed at our monthly meeting this is the Joint RISAA - DEM warning about puffers -- do not eat or cut for bait/chum etc the smooth puffer.



Dr. Willy Goldsmith, Executive Director of the AGA, with a keeper black sea bass.

RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

(Always look at your State's website for up-to-date regulations)

SPECIES	Rhode Island	Connecticut	Massachusetts	New York
American Eel (Party /Charter)	9" Min.: 25 Fish Max. 50 Fish Per Day	9" Min.: 25 Fish	9" Min.: 25 Fish	9" Min.: 25 Fish Max. 50 Fish Per Day
Black Sea Bass (Recreational)	16" Min. May 22 to Aug. 31: 2 Fish Sept. 1 to Dec. 31: 6 fish	16" Min. May 19 to Dec. 31: 5 Fish	16" Min. May 21 to Sept. 4: 4 Fish	16" Min. PENDING
(Party /Charter)	June 18 to Aug. 31: 2 Fish Sept. 1 to Dec. 31: 6 Fish	May 19 to Aug. 30: 5 Fish Sept. 1 to Dec. 31: 7 Fish		
Bluefish (Party /Charter)	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season
	No Size Min.: 5 Fish		No Size Min.: 5 Fish	No Size Min.: 5 Fish
Cod	21" Min.: 10 Fish No Closed Season	21" Min.: 10 Fish No Closed Season	21" Min.: 10 Fish <i>No Closed Season South & East of Cape Cod</i> Apr. 1 to Apr. 14: 1 Fish Sept. 1 to Sept. 30: 1 Fish	21" Min.: 10 Fish No Closed Season
Haddock	18" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season	18" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season	18" Min.: 15 Fish No Closed Season	18" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season
Pollock	19" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season	19" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season	19" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season	19" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season
Scup/Porgy (Recreational)	10" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season	10" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season	10" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season	Not Published Yet
Special Shore Designation	9" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season			
(Party /Charter)	10" Min. Jan. 1 to Aug. 31: 30 Fish Sept. 1 to Oct. 31: 50 Fish Nov. 1 to Dec. 31: 30 Fish	10" Min. Jan. 1 to Aug. 31: 30 Fish Sept. 1 to Oct. 31: 50 Fish Nov. 1 to Dec. 31: 30 Fish	10" Min. Jan. 1 to Apr. 30: 30 Fish May 1 to June 30: 50 Fish July 1 to Dec. 31: 30 Fish	Not Published Yet
Striped Bass <i>In line Circle Hook only if using bait all NE States</i>	SLOT: 28" to under 35": 1 Fish No closed season	SLOT: 28" to under 35": 1 Fish No closed season	SLOT: 28" to under 35": 1 Fish No closed season	SLOT: 28" to under 35": 1 Fish No closed season <i>*NY has special regulations for Hudson River North of GWB</i>
Summer Flounder	18" Min. May 3 to Dec. 31: 4 Fish <i>At special shore areas in RI 2 of the 4 fluke may be 17"</i>	18.5" Min. May 1 to Oct. 9: 4 Fish <i>At special shore areas in CT fluke may be 17"</i>	16.5" Min. May 21 to Sept. 29: 5 Fish	18.5" Min. May 1 to Oct. 9: 4 Fish
Tautog (Recreational)	16" Min. <i>Only 1 Fish Over 21" per angler</i> Apr. 1 to May 31: 3 Fish June 1 to July 31: Closed Aug. 1 to Oct. 14: 3 Fish Oct. 15 to Dec. 31: 5 Fish <i>Max. Rec. Vessel Limit: 10 Fish</i>	16" Min. Apr. 1 to Apr. 30: 2 Fish May 1 to June 30: Closed July 1 to Aug. 31: 2 Fish Sept. 1 to Oct 9: Closed Oct. 10 to Nov. 28: 3 Fish	16" Min. Jan. 1 to Mar. 31 - Closed Apr. 1 to May 31: 3 Fish June 1 to July 31: 1 Fish Aug. 1 to Oct. 14: 3 Fish Oct. 15 to Dec. 31: 5 Fish	16" Min. Jan. 1 to Mar. 30 - Closed Apr. 1 to Apr. 30: 2 Fish May 1 to Oct. 10: Closed Oct. 11 to Dec. 9: 3 Fish (<i>LI Sound</i>) Oct. 15 to Dec. 22: 4 Fish (<i>NY Bight</i>)
Weakfish (Squeteague)	16" Min.: 1 Fish No Closed Season	16" Min.: 1 Fish No Closed Season	16" Min.: 1 Fish No Closed Season	16" Min.: 1 Fish No Closed Season
Winter Flounder	12" Min. Mar. 1 to Dec. 31: 2 Fish <i>RI Narragansett Bay Potter and Point Judith ponds and Harbor of Refuge are all closed to winter Flounder fishing</i>	12" Min. Apr. 1 to Dec. 31: 2 Fish	<i>North of Cape Cod:</i> 12" Min. - 8 Fish - No Close <i>South of Cape Cod:</i> 12" Min. - 2 Fish - Mar. 1 to Dec. 31	12" Min. Apr. 1 to Dec. 31: 2 Fish

COOKING YOUR CATCH

BAKED LEMON, GARLIC, & PARMESAN FLUKE

By: Paula Smalec

This recipe is quick to prepare and is a nice alternative to pan frying fluke. I offer two bits of advice if you prepare this: (1) Resist coating the fish with beaten egg in order to make the crumb mixture adhere better. You'll get a crispier coating if you just firmly press the crumb mixture onto the surface of the fillets. (2) Brush oil onto the baking sheet before putting the fish on it. The fillets usually stick to the baking sheet if you substitute spray oil, and the coating tends to get soggy underneath if you use parchment paper or foil instead of oil.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 - 2 tablespoons oil
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ cup bread crumbs (regular or panko, or a blend of both)
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- fluke fillets (from 2 "keeper sized" fluke, approx. 2 lbs. total)
- kosher salt & fresh ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- fresh chopped parsley, for garnish (optional)



Baked flounder makes a great lunch or dinner.

Preheat the oven to 425. Brush oil onto a large baking sheet.

Blend together the Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs, garlic, and lemon zest. Spread mixture onto a plate or pie pan.

Place fillets onto paper towels and pat dry both sides, leaving only the slightest bit of moisture.

Season each fillet with salt and pepper.

Press each fillet firmly into the crumb mixture, coating each side as thoroughly as possible. Gently transfer each fillet onto the prepared baking sheet.

Drizzle melted butter evenly over all fillets.

Bake for 12 - 14 minutes. Remove baking sheet from the oven.

Move oven rack to 4" - 5" underneath broiling element. Preheat broiler until hot.

Place baking sheet with fillets underneath broiler to brown coating evenly, but for not much longer than 5 minutes so fish does not get overcooked. Rotate broiler pan for even browning.

Remove baking sheet from the oven, sprinkle each fillet with lemon juice, and garnish with parsley. Serve immediately.

Adapted from
"Garlic Parmesan Flounder" recipe - delish.com

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DOWNLOADS A SUCCESS... NOW HAVE TO SUBMIT TRIPS!

By: Captain Dave Monti
BOARD MEMBER

Greg Vespe, RISAA Executive Director said, "Our goal was 150 anglers this spring, and we now have over 300 downloads for AnglerCatch. The smartphone application for anglers is a pilot project sponsored by RISAA, RI DEM and Harbor Light Software. The real challenge now is to get anglers to use it and forward their trips. We are far behind with trips downloads so we are urging RISAA members and all to use the app and send in your trips."

Now you can get your historical fishing information (like a log book) complete with photos of the fish you caught. And, you can also find out tides, wind, and sea conditions anywhere through buoy weather with your smartphone or tablet in one simple app.

At the same time, you will be providing fish managers at the RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM), the MA Di-

vision of Marine Fisheries (DMF), or the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) with important recreational fishing data to supplement what is already collected while participating in a pilot project for science.

Download the AnglerCatch app for free at your favorite app store. The company that designed the software, Harbor Light Software, has an outstanding help line if you should run into any difficulties.

For information visit
www.anglercatchapp.com



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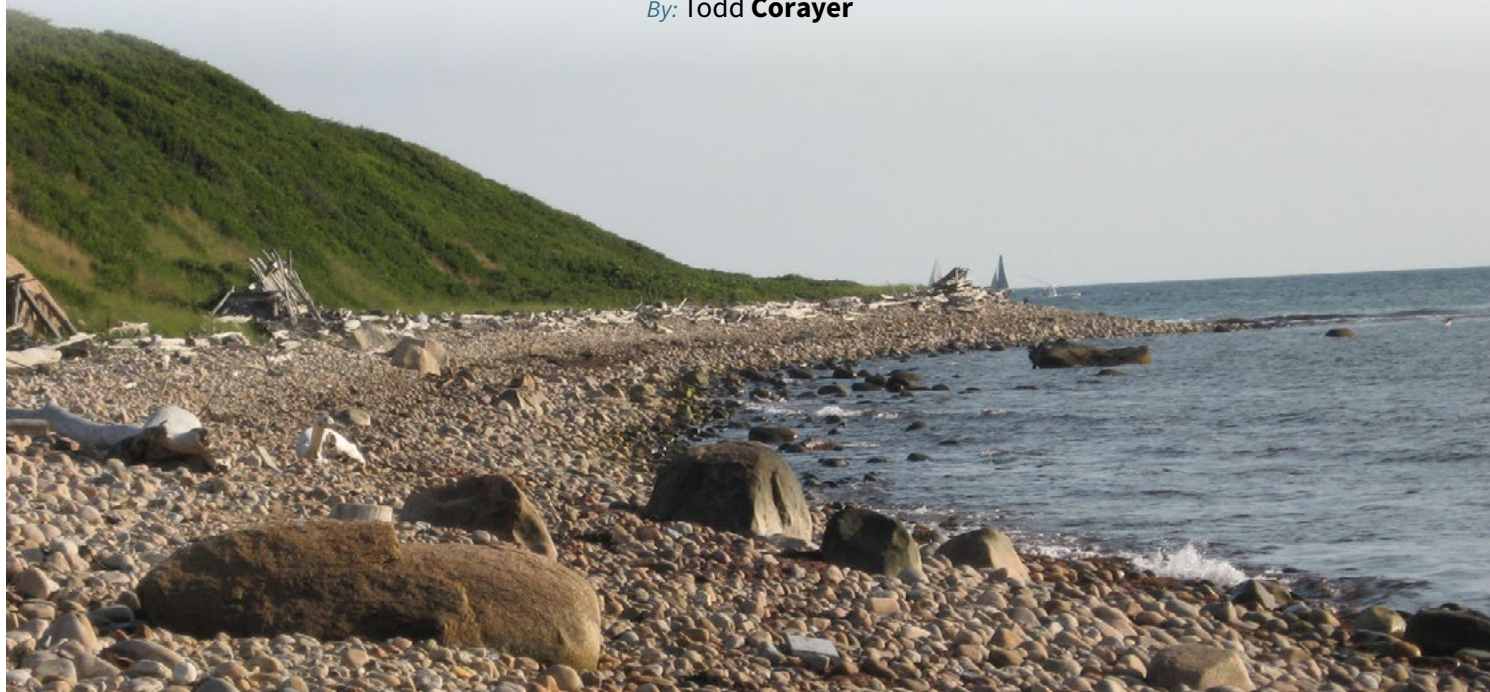
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An AnglerCatch social media and digital campaign started last month in On-The-Water, Fisherman magazine and on social media portals. See above promotional card.

FINDING ACCESS TO BLOCK ISLAND FISHING

By: Todd Corayer



Block Island, once a small fishing and farming town awash in open land and roiling coastlines, is now a fishing destination for anglers country-wide. As migration patterns have changed for SUV's and fish, getting around can be challenging with so many new houses and congested roads but one thing islanders have done well is preserve public access to the sea. Unlike most mainland "public" South County shorelines, parking and access is free at all beaches so if you're travelling for bass, blues, bonita or bonito, your best adventure begins with discovering new paths.

A boat ride will cost you around \$25 round trip on the old school Galilee ferry and a bit more to ride the high speed with air conditioning. If you plan to really work the shorelines, you will need to either pray for an open, round trip vehicle reservation or make good use of local taxis. My two favorites are McAloon's and Tip Top. Uncle Vin McAloon has more island stories than you might have time for but he knows every nook of the island. Tip O'Neil is a total character who has fished the island for decades and can adjust

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your plans to catch more fish. And tell you even more stories.

Head west to Grace's or Dory's Cove. There is parking at both and ample opportunity to find stripers in tight to a rocky shoreline or out a bit in boulder fields. Eels, eels, eels. For a softer sand approach, have Tip drop you off at the end of Cooneymous Road. Take the short path lined with beach plums, salted beach grass and dried seaweed. Head south along endless rows and mounds of storm washed logs, planks and fractured rusted hulls, over some quiet pond runoff and fish all the way. This spot is too remote to fish ill prepared. You won't need a SAT-Phone but success comes with a bag full of options, leaders and energy bars. One forgotten piece means a long ride back to a closed tackle store and an opportunity lost.

Proven lures here are needlefish, green with sun and black with night, bottle plugs, assorted poppers, soft baits and eels. Always eels. Use a medium fast retrieve on broken-back Bombers with the occasional pause. To catch fish and sunsets, walk to Southwest Point. For years, my fishing there was so often

magical that I called her "The Church". A slow bumpy drive, anticipation, anxiousness, circling birds, being enveloped in green water teeming with life and chance, sunsets, casting at sea shadows; all that was as communal, peaceful and regular as going to church. The Church is a fine place to throw a spoon or classic blue and white popper, although I could fish The Church with just two plugs: a black needlefish and a broken back Bomber.

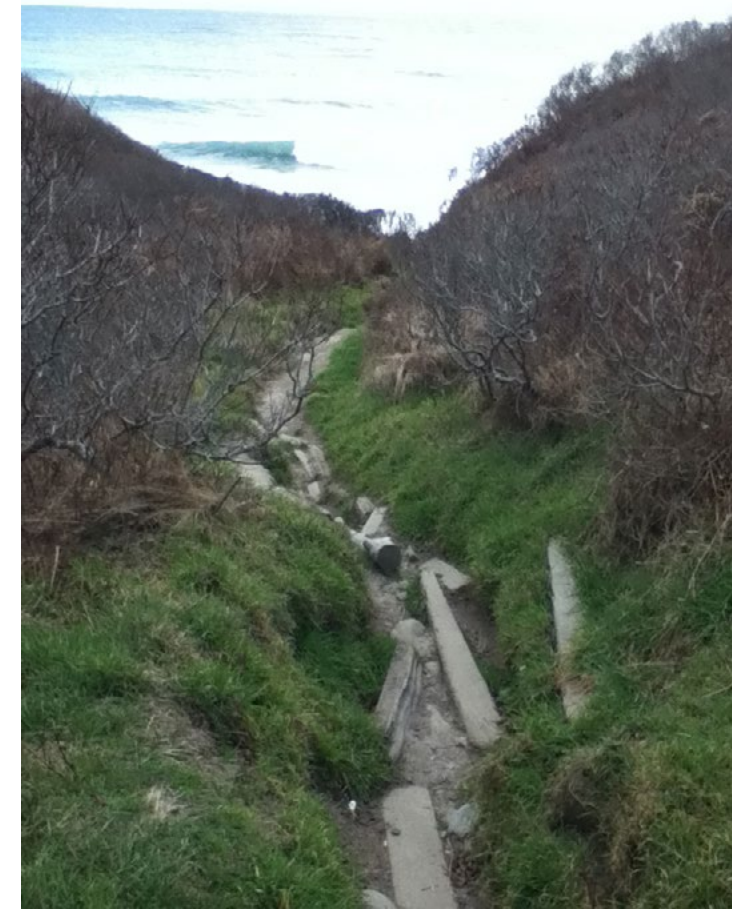
Past the painted rock on Mohegan Trail is Black Rock. You can cast your way east all the way to the stairs below the Southeast Light or hike up the cliffs to the old Vail Hotel for a rest. Below the lighthouse, bluefish will torture silversides, squid and city slickers right tight to shore while hungry stripers patiently wait in shadows for scraps and escapees. Barnacled boulders camouflage patient bass circling where a glacier retreated, provide countless predator hiding spots. Smack a few chartreuse or white Hogy or Slug-Go off some rock tops. And don't wear yourself out casting, there are 141 stairs between you and a taxi ride to Old Harbor Point. Fish the Skate Bay bowl then hike a few click south towards the rusty



Skate Bay looking north.

Green Arrow ghost. Artist John Urbain created glorious art just there, from a modest home where leaky waders hung and circling birds called him from a narrow porch to catch his dinner at dusk.

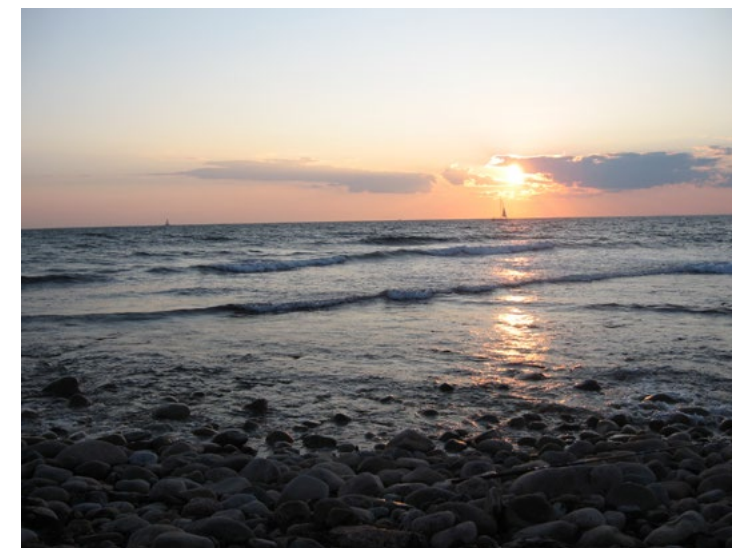
Resist Water Street's libation temptations and steam north for Settlers Rock. Where Corne Neck Road turns to sand, it's east or west now. East is Cow Cove, where immigrant families shoved loads of uncooperative bovines overboard in 1662. There is a fine spoon, needlefish and noisy surface lure adventure along a bony shoreline all the way to Scotch Beach. West is a curvaceous reach to Sandy Point where time and tide will wait for no tow truck if you decide to drive the doughy weed line. The point itself extends north for more than a mile; currents and longshore drift keep her dynamic and fickle. Relentless storms erased three lighthouses here from 1829 to 1857 so this one was fortified with granite in 1867. Stretches have steep drops cut by relentless ocean currents,



Vail Beach path on Block Island.

others are just plain soft and will hold you tight if you become too brave. And that's just today. Tomorrow will be a different story. One surfcaster of great renown was lost here back in the day so tighten your belt and save those high test belts for later.

In all directions, in all weather, in all seasons, Block Island has ample access to fish and water. The hardest part may be making enough time to walk them all. 🐾



Sunset at The Church.

FISHING WITH RODNEY

By: Rich Hittinger

Don't let his calm demeanor or his quiet exterior fool you, Rodney is a fishing powerhouse. Many days on our boat Rodney is high hook and is the one who hooks the biggest fluke or sea bass of the day. Outfitted with a heavier weight than the rest of us and never actually dragging bottom, Rodney fishes close to, but not on the bottom. He uses the natural rhythm of the waves to make the baits look real and he isn't fooled by the first bite of a small scup or other bait stealer. Rodney needs our assistance reeling in his catch, but he has done the hard work attracting and hooking the fish himself. Yes, of course he loses bait sometimes, but don't we all? He pays attention and never complains (like some people who I won't mention) even when I don't put him on fish. In fact, with baits and circle hooks fishing for striped bass we all learn from Rodney to not set the hook!

Yes, when fishing for fluke, black sea bass, striped bass and others we use a dead stick – Rodney – to add another fishing option. Some visitors call him the “idiot stick” and they are quite embarrassed when he catches more than they do. I guess that doesn't show Rodney the respect that he has deserved on our boat. Whenever conditions allow if we are drifting for bottom fish we will put on a heavier weight so that he stays down and away from our other rigs. In fact, when we are power drifting for fluke we typically use Rodney on both sides of the boat and a hand jigged line or two off the stern. Some say that I do my best fishing when I put the rod in the rod holder and “don't screw it up.” That is how I caught my biggest fluke ever off the SW corner of Block Island. One day we had Bruce Lawing out fluke fishing with us south of Block. We had a fast drift of over 1.5 knots. He and I were working the back of Skipjack. He took his dead stick and said “watch this – I'm going to impress Bob”. He put a 16 oz sinker on it and just put it back in the rod holder. Within 5 minutes the rod was bent over, tip in the water. I should have picked it up myself, but big mistake – I told him to get the rod. Don't you know it – he reeled in an 11.9 pound fluke that won the yearlong tournament that year! Rodney struck again.

Many cod have fallen for a jig that is moving up and down with the rocking of the boat off the end of the rod. Even tuna have fallen for Rodney equipped with a jig and with a little help from outriggers. Rodney has even hooked several nice tautog for me even though that is not his favorite fish to pursue. We normally use



Fishing with a dead stick can be very productive, just ask Rodney.

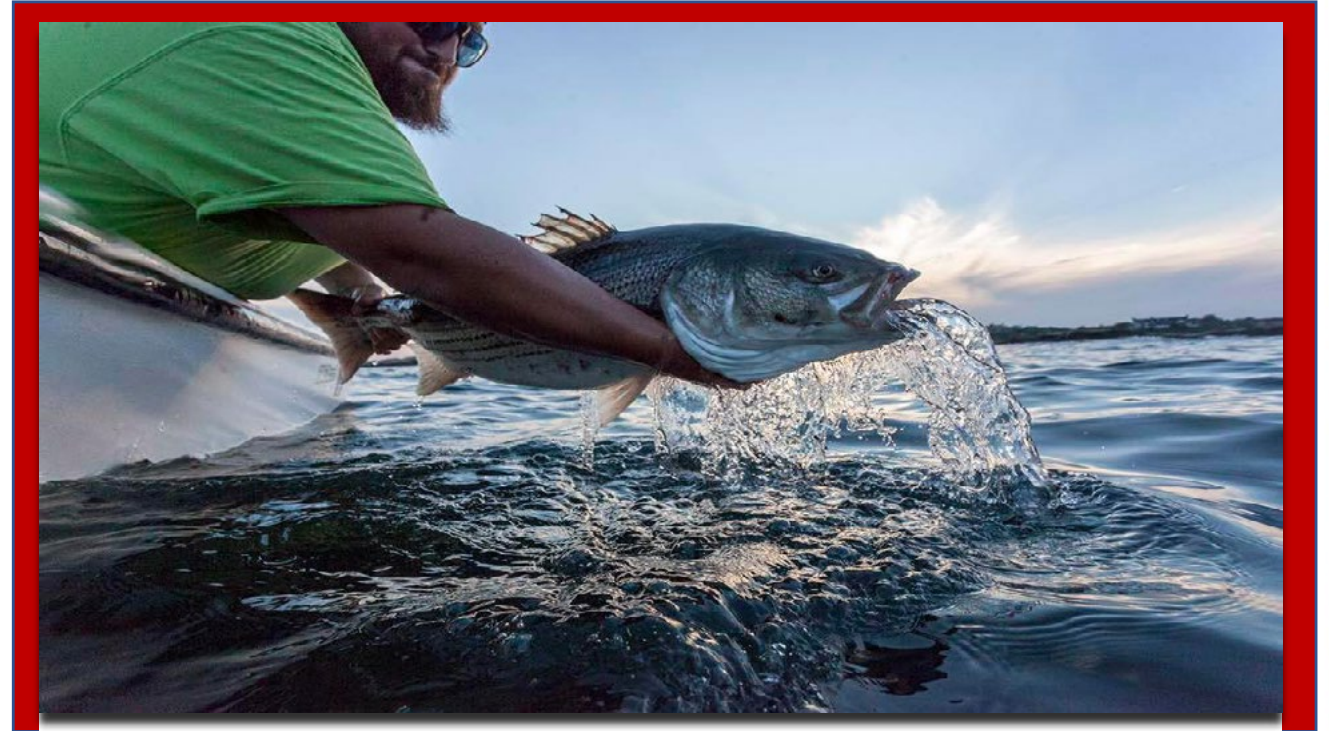
outruders so that the rod is horizontal and the best movement is when the rod is pointed directly off the side of the boat when drifting for bottom fish. We usually place Rodney on the updrift side of the boat, so the rig is under the boat, but with an extra heavy weight he is straight down we don't drop on it from the down drift side of the boat. Otherwise the rigs and baits are pretty much the same as the hand jigged lines. Sometimes Rodney only has one baited hook so that rather than a bucktail we put a heavy sinker on him.

On days with a significant short swell the rocking may be too intense with the rod placed off the side of the boat and then the outruder fished off the stern will give sufficient movement without jerking the line too hard. Just move Rodney to that position and he will be productive again.

As Peter Vican said, with circle hooks and live eels fishing for striped bass your best bet is to leave the rod in the rod holder until it is bent over and peeling drag. We have been following that advice and we agree that it seems to be the best way to hook up. The real skill is then fighting the fish on light tackle and getting her to the boat without getting rubbed off on a rock.

Next time you have room onboard for an extra angler rig up Rodney and you might be pleasantly surprised how he can add to your success. 🐟

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LIGHT TACKLE FISHING

with Captain Eric Thomas

By: Dave Gordon

We ended this trip pulling back into the dock just before 11:00 a.m., we all said, "at least we won't have to make anything up or exaggerate anything!"...but let's start at the beginning.

Fellow RISAA member Mike O'Connell and myself, Dave Gordon, were the lucky winners of a trip with Teezer Charters at the May club meeting. It's one of the wonderful bonuses of being a club member.

The captain scheduled our trip for June 21st, the official start of summer and the longest daylight of the year. The weather had been horribly windy the weekend before, but not today! It was flat calm, and sunglasses were required. It was the start of a beautiful day on the water.

Mike pulled into the lot at Fort Adams state park shortly after me, followed by Capt. Eric with his 18 ft Mako. At 6:00 am the ramp and lot were mostly empty, so the Capt. unloaded his boat rather quickly. After a quick introduction all around, we headed out in front of Eric's home range, Newport. The Capt. provided all the tackle and gear necessary. We fished the various reefs and rock clusters out there, where Eric knew every rock and reef like the it was his backyard, which it is. I quite often looked down and saw that we were right next to giant submerged rocks! We fished light tackle, top water mostly, which is a blast, watching the fish blowing up on the plugs. I tried to keep track but with everything going on, multiple fish on at times, we all just lost count of many fish we caught. It would be fair to say we caught 12 to 15 bass with quite a few long-distance releases. We dropped more than a few right next to the boat also.

I'd say we caught fish from 22 to just about 30", although we didn't get into any big bass, I think the Capt. just wanted to make sure we caught a bunch. I'm pretty sure Mike caught the biggest



Mike O'Connell and Dave Gordon on TEEZER Charters with Capt. Eric Thomas. The duo fished June 21 as winners of a member charter raffle.

bass and blue of the day. He caught a big blue fish close to 40 inches, and on the light tackle it gave him a great fight. It was one of those special days where we caught fish everywhere we stopped, all day long, and on several different lures. We caught mostly stripers with a few nice big blues mixed in.

And as a first for myself, and the rest of the crew, two nice tautog on a shallow swimming plug. Hooked fair and square in the jaw! It was such a pleasure to fish with Eric, he constantly maneuvers his

boat to put you in just the right positions to put your lures exactly where the fish are. His boat handling is extraordinary. You don't even realize what he's doing with the boat, but you are just always in the right spot to cast to the fish.

The captain's specialty is light tackle and fly fishing. He loves fishing for all the species of fish in his home range, sea bass, tautog, stripers, blues, fluke and has a special affinity for albies and bonito. Capt. Eric will take you fishing for whatever you wish to catch. His casting rail support is fantastic for fishing off the front of his boat. It is just the right piece of equipment for anyone with any physical or mobility issues. It is just the right width, height and support to fish all day quite comfortably.

"...he constantly maneuvers his boat to put you in just the right positions to put your lures exactly where the fish are."

If you want a fantastic day fishing and sight-seeing the shores of Newport's cottages, then don't even hesitate to hook up with Captain Eric on the Teezer, you won't regret it. You won't have to go very far out and the Captain puts you right on the fish. As a somewhat experienced fisherman who has some experience fishing from his own boat, I can't tell you how refreshing it was to just show up to the ramp, hop on the boat and just catch fish all day long. And now with gas prices being high, who wants to waste gas looking for fish or towing your boat to some distant ramp? It makes perfect sense to pay a qualified Capt. to put you right on the fish for the price of a couple of tanks of gas.

Fishing with Capt. Eric was very relaxing and laidback, he is quite friendly and it felt like fishing with a longtime friend. We didn't even have to land the fish! The captain did everything. I think if we wanted, he would even have hooked all the fish and handed us the rods! He truly went out of his way to do everything. It was also very educating as he answered all our questions, all day long. He was very accommodating and informative about his methods, styles and different fisheries. I could not be more empathic about using Teezer for your next chartered trip. We totally enjoyed our trip out on the water with him and it made for a great day of memories.

Happy fishing and good luck to you all. 🐟

(This article was written by Dave Gordon in appreciation to Capt. Eric Thomas for the fishing charter he donated for the RISAA Charter Raffle.)

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FISHING TRIP GREAT SUCCESS!

Greg Vespe, RISAA Executive Director, has been taking fish mangers and scientists from the RI Department of Environmental Management fishing each week. On June 25 he took some anglers of national note out on his vessel Miss Coleen to fluke fish in the Newport Bridge area.

Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator of NOAA Fisheries (Chief of NOAA Fisheries and former RI DEM Director); Willi Goldsmith, Executive Director of the American Saltwater Guides Association; and Jeff Barger, Associate Director, Constituent Outreach at Ocean Conservancy all fished with Greg as they were in State of the wrap-up of the Baird Symposium on climate impacts on recreational fishing and boating.

The trio did pretty good catching multiple keeper fluke with Assistant Administrator Coit catching a 29", ten pound fluke, just north of the Newport Bridge.

Congratulations Janet Coit on such a great fish, and congratulations Greg Vespe for putting your passengers onto some awesome fish.. 🐟

BIG FLUKE: Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries, caught this 29" fluke when fishing with Greg Vespe, RISAA's Executive Director. Photo courtesy of Jeff Barger.

ANGLERS NEED TO BE LIFELONG LEARNERS

By: Captain Ken Cooper

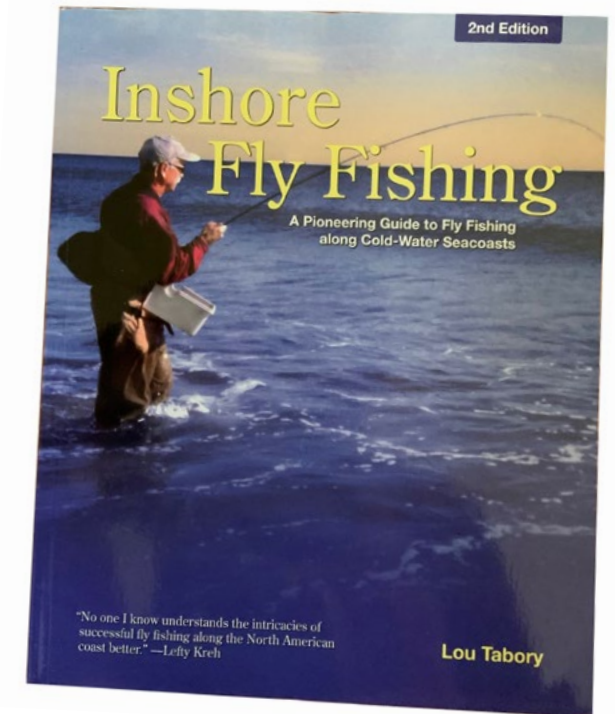
I have been fishing in salt water for more than seventy (70) years, but I'm still learning. If you're like me, you consider your fishing a lifelong learning process. Of course, in addition to learning from friends like Captain Ben DeMario (www.watchhillcharters.com), I try to learn from past experience (especially from my mistakes), but I also read articles and books and watch YouTube videos about fishing in the sea from shore and boat. I want to share with you two authors and two YouTube regulars from whom I have learned an awful lot.

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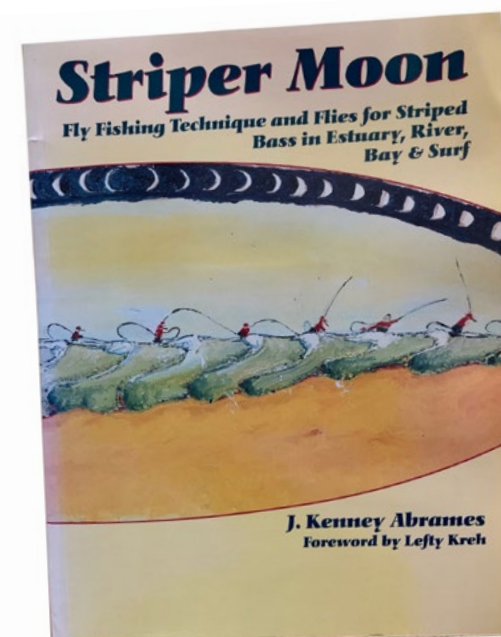
First, here are two authors who are "professors" of fly fishing. Every spring, before the fishing season starts, I pull my copy of Striper Moon off the bookshelf and re-read it cover to cover. This is a marvelous little soft-back book written by J. Kenney Abrames, a Rhode Island angler who is a master of using traditional salmon

fly fishing techniques to catch striped bass in moving water. The book was published in 1994. Ken Abrames is well known to many area fly fishermen, and I was fortunate to hire him many years ago for two successive long nights of fishing and study around Narragansett Bay. Ken has written other books and articles describing his fishing technique and exhibiting his outstanding fly tying talents. Ken's writings and personal guidance helped me move up several rungs on the ladder to becoming a better fly fisherman.


The other fly fishing book that I re-read every spring is Inshore Fly Fishing by Lou Tabory, another well-known Rhode Island angler. I have the original hardback book that was published in 1992, and also a copy of the soft-back Second Edition that came out almost twenty years later. This book is a storehouse of information on virtually every aspect of fishing for striped bass and other desirable species in our local Rhody waters. As many times as I have re-read Lou's book, I still find some nuggets of information that help me improve my game.



Inshore Fly Fishing by Lou Tabory is read every year by author Ken Cooper.



Striper Moon by J. Kenney Abrames highlights fly fishing techniques and flies for striped bass.



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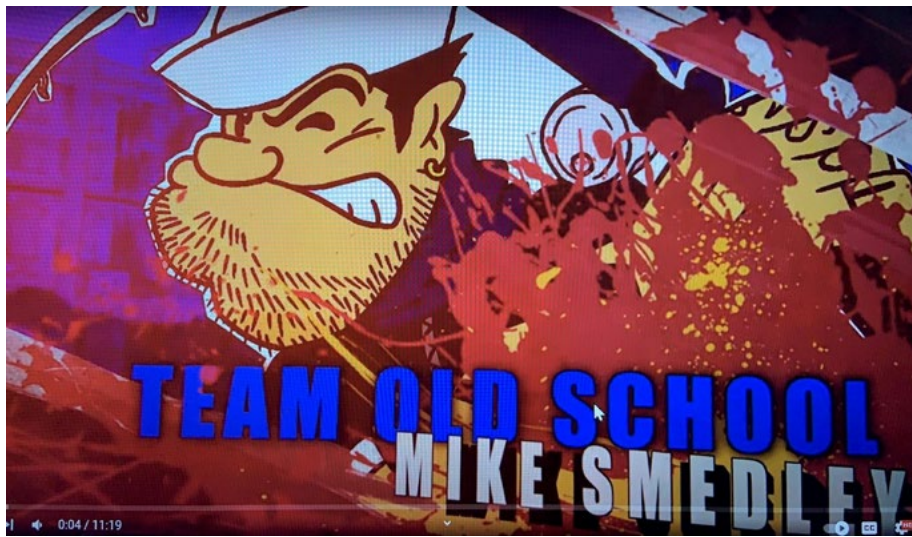
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Mike Smedley of Old school Fishing shows you how to catch big striped bass on his videos.

water fishing. John does it all: surfcasting, fishing from a skiff, kayak and bigger boats, fishing the ocean, rivers and estuaries. There are videos of his lectures, but mostly you will gravitate toward the videos of his actual fishing trips.

Last, but far, far from least, I urge you to check out YouTube videos by Mike Smedley, who runs Old School Fishing. Mike is definitely not old school. He will help you up your game in the pursuit of striped bass. Certainly his videos show seemingly endless catches of big strippers, but Mike will take you through what he uses and how he uses the

gear, from electronics to lures and everything in between. Many of Mike Smedley's tactics that he employs in the Chesapeake Bay and Raritan Bay are beginning to catch on here in our home waters. Just one example: If you really want to know how to rig and use a flutter spoon to catch big bass keyed in on big baits, check out Mike's videos. 🐟

Next, here are two YouTube presenters who really know how to fish.

John Skinner fishes eastern Long Island and, during the winter months, the Pine Island Sound area of Florida's west coast. John has published excellent books focusing on fishing for striped bass, and his YouTube videos supplement the books and provide superb instruction and demonstration from a true master of salt

Climate Change Scenario Planning Workshop

By: Captain Dave Monti

Climate change impacts on East Coast fisheries are hard to figure. What will happen as temperatures rise, with ocean acidification, sea level rise, habitat degradation and the other climate factors that could impact access, fish, fishermen and fishing communities? Last month I was honored to help plan climate change scenarios at the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Creation Workshop in Arlington, VA.

Seventy-five participants from commercial and recreational fishing, climate, social and fisheries scientists, representatives of non-governmental organizations, community leaders and fishery managers met for three days collaborating to imagine what the future might hold in the next twenty years.

“*The aim of the session was not to generate and agree on solutions but to consider what challenges and opportunities we may face over the next twenty years.*”

Scenario planning is an approach that helps people and organizations prepare for uncertain futures. We cannot be sure of the precise nature of the changes to come. The planning workshop aims to produce possible scenarios or stories, then it will be a matter of selecting which ones may happen and plan for them.



Katie Almeida of Town Dock, South Kingstown, RI and Kate Masury of Eating with the Ecosystem, Wakefield, RI take a break at last month's climate scenario planning workshop in Virginia.

The initiative is being conducted by NOAA Fisheries and its east coast partners the New England, Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils as well as the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

The aim of the session was not to generate and agree on solutions but to consider what challenges and opportunities we may face over the next twenty years. What will change? What will stay the same? What we expect to happen? And, what could surprise us?

The initiative is designed to prepare fishing communities and managers for an era of climate change. The next phase will be to use select scenarios to explore consequences for fishery governance and management and to consider changes that may be beneficial under a range of different future conditions. 🐟

For details on the initiative visit:
www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning.

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UPCOMING SEMINAR

OLD SALTS & YOUNG GUNS

RISAA's July Seminar is just what you have been waiting for! If you are a striped bass fanatic, then put this on the calendar and circle it twice! RISAA has assembled a panel of both "Old Salts" including the Current State Record holder, Peter Vican, his partner and big bass expert himself-Don Smith, as well as a pair of "Young Gun" Charter Captains-Kurt Rivard and Capt. Brandon Hogopian, who are fast carving out reputations as the next generation of big bass hawks. All are among the best RI has in targeting, finding and catching large stripers...even when others can't.

Want to know how they did it old school style? Don and Peter will share their perspectives on what it was like years ago, how they settled on the techniques that worked for them, what others were doing at that time, and how they continue to approach striper fishing today. Want to hear from the young guns on what techniques they gravitated towards, what new twists they have to add and how they have been able to distance themselves from many of their peers? Then this is the seminar for you!

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Don Smith Kurt Rivard Peter Vican Capt. Brandon Hogopian

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FISHING FROM SHORE: QUONNIE POND

By: Captain Ken Cooper



Quonochontaug Pond, better known as Quonnie Pond, lies on the coast between Westerly and Charlestown, RI. Quonnie drains into the sea (technically, Block Island Sound), through a breachway that is very popular with serious surfcasters. Much of the pond's waterfront is privately owned and inaccessible to the general public.

To reach the area of Quonnie that is accessible to the public, take West Beach Road south from Route 1, follow it to the very end, winding past the tennis court on your right, where it continues as a dirt road ending in an unpaved parking area. A new boat launch was installed there by the RI DEM a few years ago, but there is plenty of room to launch a kayak from the shore just to the east of the ramp.

Quonnie is ideal for fishing with a fly rod or light spinning gear. As with other South County salt ponds, Quonnie fishes best in the spring, before the water warms to 70 degrees, and then again in the late fall, as the water temperature drops and bait flushes out of the pond.

The primary target species is striped bass, mostly schoolies, but there are often bluefish roaming the pond. Occasionally, some very decent size stripers will be drawn into Quonnie in pursuit of large squid. That's the rare occasion when you will want to have tackle capable of casting large surface plugs or big squid fly patterns.

More often, you will find schoolie stripers averaging 20 inches. Most fly fishers will be casting an intermediate line with small closures on size 1/0 hooks. Chartreuse over white is probably the most popular color scheme, but black is a good choice for night time. For spin fishermen, a 1/2 ounce bucktail jig tipped with a soft plastic curly tail or one of the pork rind substitutes such as a Fat Cow Jigstrip, will do the job.

There is a worm "hatch" in Quonnie in May or early June, but it does not compare with the more intense and popular events in Ninigret, Potters and Point Judith Ponds just to the east.

When casting from shore, my most productive fishing has been in the dark of night on an outgoing tide in May, wading out to the channel edge directly in front of the new launch ramp. I like a 7 or 8 weight fly rod and an intermediate line. If you hit it right, there will be bass stacked up with their noses into the current, ready to dine on silversides, shrimp and other munchies carried toward the

breachway by the outflow.

Two cautions: One, if you are wading, be careful not to slip into the deeper water of the channel; and two, bring and use insect repellent.

Quonnie Pond can provide good fishing with easy access and ample free parking, and these features make it very popular, especially on weekends.

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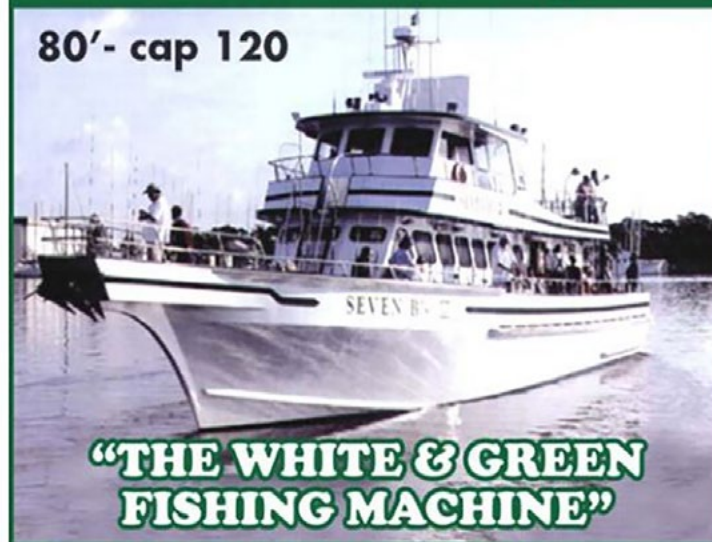
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CLIMATE IMPACTS ON FISHING

Highlighted By Baird Symposium

The 2022 Baird Symposium wrapped up June 24, 2022 with a reception and premiere screening of a video on Climate Impacts on Recreational Fishing and Boating. The video featured four RISAA members, Todd Corayer, Greg Vespe, Rich Lipsitz and Dave Monti. The event took place at the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography, Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Anglers, climate/fisheries scientists and non-governmental organizations that participated in the Symposium expressed a number of key findings that deserve further exploration.

Anglers and charter captain panelists confirmed an abundance of warm water fish in the region such as scup and black sea bass and the departure of cold water fish like winter flounder and American lobster.

There are new and abundant bait profiles in our waters including a variety of maceral species, herring and Atlantic menhaden with silversides, sand ells, peanut bunker and squid having a strong presence too.

The abundance bait is attracting pelagic fish in greater numbers such as mahi, bluefin tuna, cobia, even Wahoo offshore.

Additionally, anglers felt that the migrating and spawning behavior of some species are being impacted. For example, fishing author and kayak fishing expert Todd Corayer said, "In December we caught striped bass to 36" with lice on them in our coves and estuaries. These fish decided not to migrate, they were out in front in our ocean (as the lice would indicate) and when it got cold they came into our sanctuaries. I caught over a dozen nice keeper sized fish in two days. The fishing continued through January and February."

Scientists, offshore wind industry and non-governmental organizations presenting at the Symposium highlighted a number of initiatives being done to address climate impacts. Meredith Moore, Director, Fish Conservation Program at the Ocean Conservancy, said, "We need to adapt fisheries management so it can react to climate impacts faster throughout the management process."

Greg Vespe, Executive Director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, said, "Fishing crosses every social, ethnic and financial demographic there is ... to have climate impacts on recreational fishing recognized by the URI Graduate School of Oceanography by our U.S. Senators and Janet Coit, chief of NOAA Fisheries, gives me great hope that we can be proactive on how we address rapidly changing fisheries.."

Greg DeCelles, Ph.D., Ørsted North American, said, "As part of our research and monitoring plans we are conducting acoustic telemetry tagging studies on pelagic fish such as sharks, bluefin



On set being filmed for the Baird Symposium video 'Climate Impacts on Recreational Fishing & Boating' are RISAA members Todd Corayer, Greg Vespe and Richard Lipsitz.

tuna, cod and false albacore... we expect wind farms to be fishing destinations for anglers."

Senator Jack Reed, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries attended the Baird Symposium Reception. Senator Whitehouse, said, "I would like to recognized, Jennifer McCann (Director of U.S. Coastal Resource Center and Director of Extension Programs for Rhode Island Sea Grant) for her work bringing forward science based discussions on key climate and renewable energy issues over the years."

Rhode Island Sea Grant and the Coastal Resource Center at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography hosted the event. Lead supporting sponsors were Ørsted, owners of the Block Island Wind Farm and Ocean Conservancy. Participating organizations included the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Science Center, the American Saltwater Guides Association, Safe Harbor Marinas, RI Marine Trades Association, Save the Bay, and The Natures Conservancy.

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FOCA, Andrew J., 62, of Valley Cottage, NY, for Taking Oysters out of Season and Possession of Undersized Oysters

KEOBAPHA, Bay, 63, of Rockville, CT, for Bench Warrant for Failure to Appear on DEM Fin fish Violation.

LAVINE, Christopher R., 58, of Warwick, RI, for Exceed Commercial Daily Limit of Shellfish in Management Area (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS)

MATOS, Manuel, 54, of Naugatuck, CT, for Taking Oysters out of Season and Possession of Undersized Oysters

PEARSON, Anthony, 51, of Johnston, RI, for Possession of Undersized Striped Bass, Exceeding Daily Limit of Striped Bass, Possession of Undersized Tautog, and Possession of Tautog Out of Season

PEARSON, Anthony, 51, of Johnston, RI, for Possession of Undersized Tautog, and Possession of Tautog Out of Season (2nd Arrest)

PINHEIRO, Joseph, 36, of Jamestown, RI for Possession of Oversized Striped Bass, Stip

POLANCO, Inocencio M., 66, of Providence, RI for Possession of Undersized Scup and Possession of Undersized Striped Bass

POLANCO, Juana F., 56, of Providence, RI, for Possession of Undersized Scup and Possession of Undersized Striped Bass

RAMIEREZ, Walter, 35, of Westborough, MA, for Possession of Undersized Tautog, and Possession of Tautog Out of Season

STEVENS, John A. III, 31, of Exeter, RI, for Exceed Commercial Daily Limit of Shellfish in Management Area (ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS)

TRAN, Hang V., 24, of Falmouth, MA for Exceeding Daily Limit of Striped Bass

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VIOLATION CITATIONS ISSUED

State Property Violations	24
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Motor Vehicle	44
Boating Violations	15
ATV Violations	0
Freshwater Fishing Violations	2
Saltwater Fishing Violations	19
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Hunting Violations.....	0
Total	134

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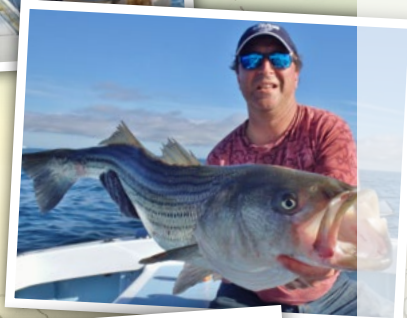
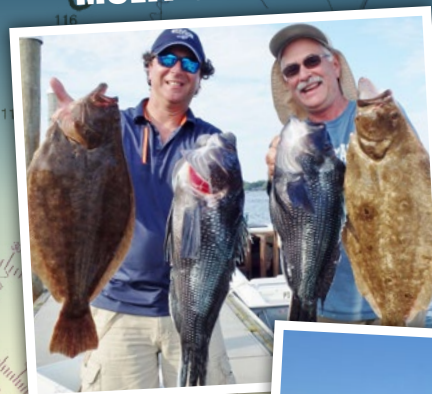
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By: Mike Warner



Captain Rene Letourneau, On The Rocks Charters.

At the very first in person RISAA meeting post Covid depression era I was thoroughly excited to win a charter with Capt. Rene Letourneau of On The Rocks Charters. My companion for the June trip unfortunately had to drop out due to travel the day of the trip, which was lucky for Gary Van who was an alternate.

On June 16th we met Capt. Rene an Orvis Guide, at the Ft Adams boat ramp at 5:30 AM. After launching his clean well maintained Mako C/C, we were off to the Newport reef system. The Mako gave a nice fast smooth ride, and was very comfortable for two with the front leaning post fabricated by the Captain himself.

Arriving at our first spot we were thrilled to see birds working and fish swirling on small bait, in the up-welling waters of the incoming tide. My first cast with a Cocahoe minnow on ¼ ounce jig head was immediately taken by a schoolie bass which spit the hook as I didn't set it strongly enough. Gary was on right after, throwing a white Colt Sniper plug. He apparently set the hook better than I and landed the first fish, a beautiful 26" Striper with a little bit of Sea Lice. I proceeded to land a similar size bass on the White minnow as the action continued sporadically around the reefs, as the sun was rising. We started to chase some moving schools as the Captain deftly worked around the many rocks in the area, catching and releasing some more very nice bass while the bite slowed with the rising sun.

The Captain showed his years of experience and great knowledge of the area by working us along the rocky shoreline off Newport, where we caught some well worked for bass to just under keeper size. The fight in the in-rushing tide showed what great fighters these fish can be. While continuing to work along the jagged coves and outcrops the Captain spotted something floating close in?

After trying to cast and hook the spotted item, we move closer and I snagged it with my lure. Bringing it into the boat we found a very nice mackerel pattern plug tangled in a stick with a bunch of dacron line. After cutting it free we got a special surprise when, going to clean the deck of the creatures which fell out of the entanglement I picked up a beautiful small Seahorse. After a quick photo I got the little guy back in the water where he swam happily away.

After releasing our pleasant surprise, we continued back toward the harbor as the tide slowed toward slack. In one of the previously fished areas I hooked up with another nice fish. Right after I released my fish Gary was hit by something of a different class. His rod bent way down as a clearly fine fish started to make his drag sing. Alas! After a short run the hook was pulled and the big one (as we all have experienced), got away. As Gary brought in his minnow the telltale sign of a very large fish showed itself as a straightened hook, the clear cause of an unwanted early release. These were very strong 3/0 hooks so it took some kind of force to straighten it, Oh Well!

As the tide went slack we were headed to the end of a great morning on the water. Capt. Rene kept working across to Jamestown, for a couple of slack water schoolies in the wash. Then it was back across by Ft. Adams as we worked in discussing our nice day with good company enjoying our bountiful resource. We got smoothly back to the ramp, and said our farewells.

Captain Rene Letourneau is highly recommended, he had all first class gear, and runs an excellent charter. I encourage anyone into Fly or Light tackle fishing to look him up @ www.ontherockscharters.com or go to the orvis.com website and input Rene. Thank you to the Capt. and the RISAA Charter trips committee for making this fantastic trip possible. 🐟

(This article was written by Mike Warner in appreciation to Capt. Rene Letourneau for the fishing charter he donated to the RISAA Charter Raffle.)

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The Yearlong Tournament is a continuing tournament that runs from January 1 to December 15 each year. All RISAA members are eligible to participate, and there are no fees. Official Weight Slips are available at each monthly meeting and at all sanctioned bait shops. Only authorized weigh-in stations with certified digital scales may be used. A complete list of rules is printed on the back of every weight slip.



BLACK SEA BASS

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Capt. Richard Hittinger..... 6.10 lbs
 2. David Dube 3.00 lbs
 3. No Entry

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. Domenic Bianco 2.87 lbs
 2. Luke Lamson..... 2.80 lbs
 3. Flynn Jansen..... 2.56 lbs

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry



BLUEFISH

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Thomas Houde 13.05 lbs
 2. Stephen Skenyon 12.50 lbs
 3. Eric Tarpinian-Jachym 10.86 lbs

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. Domenic Bianco 12.33 lbs
 2. Nolan O'Connell 2.63 lbs
 3. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 13.32 lbs
2. Dan Gingras 12.02 lbs
3. Gil Bell..... 11.88 lbs

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry



BONITO

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



COD

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Flynn Jansen..... 3.30 lbs
2. No Entry
3. No Entry



FALSE ALBACORE

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



FLUKE

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Bob Hurrie..... 9.40 lbs
2. David Ricks..... 2.92 ;bs
3. Richard Viens 2.12 lbs

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Tucker Jansen..... 8.70 lbs
2. Hayes Jansen..... 2.84 lbs
3. Flynn Jansen..... 2.22 lbs

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



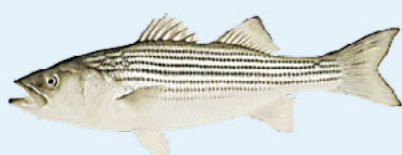
HADDOCK

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



STRIPED BASS

Because it has been determined by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council that Striped Bass are currently in "Overfished" status, the RISAA Tournaments Committee has removed striped bass as an eligible species for the 2022 Tournament Season.



MAHI MAHI

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry



POLLOCK

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry



TAUTOG

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Karlis Kaugars 10.00 lbs

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 6.96 lbs

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



SCUP

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Capt Richard Hittinger..... 2.04 lbs
2. Capt. Greg Vespe 2.00 lbs
3. Michael Lynch 1.38 lbs

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Hayes Jansen 1.10 lbs
2. Tucker Jansen 0.94 lbs
3. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 2.64 lbs
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry
2. No Entry
3. No Entry



SEA ROBIN

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Michael Lynch 1.38 lbs
2. Barbara Audino..... 0.84 lbs

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

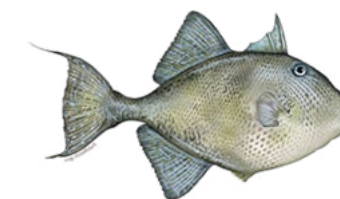
1. Flynn Jansen..... 1.10 lbs

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 2.76 lbs

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



GRAY TRIGGERFISH

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry

NEW THIS YEAR!



TUNA - BLUEFIN

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



TUNA - ALBACORE

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry

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South Fork Wind, a joint venture offshore wind project developed by Ørsted and Eversource, announced today it has signed an agreement with leading environmental organizations to further enhance measures designed to protect the North Atlantic right whale during construction and operation of the offshore wind farm.

The agreement with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council), and Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) expands on the commitment from Ørsted and Eversource to responsibly build clean energy projects while minimizing and mitigating impacts to marine wildlife and critical habitat.

North Atlantic right whales are one of the most endangered whales on the planet and scientists estimate that fewer than 340 remain. South Fork Wind has committed to measures that will help protect these whales in the project area, where their habitat is increasingly threatened by climate change. For example, South Fork Wind will adopt monitoring measures to help ensure right whales are not in close proximity to the construction site during construction activities, implement mitigation to reduce noise during piling, and evaluate other new monitoring technologies as part of the agreement. To guard against vessel strikes, the agreement also includes a 10-knot speed limit for all project-related vessels unless an effective adaptive speed management plan is in place.

In addition to these mitigation measures, South Fork Wind will test advanced technologies that detect and have the potential to track whales, including thermal cameras, acoustic sensors, and data integration software. With added scientific understanding of

“North Atlantic right whales are one of the most endangered whales on the planet and scientists estimate that fewer than 340 remain.”

North Atlantic right whale movements in response to factors like climate change, South Fork Wind will be well-equipped to adapt mitigation measures in response to evolving science.

The NWF, NRDC, and CLF are working to advance offshore wind energy as a key resource to combat climate change, aiming to establish the industry in a way that includes protections for vulnerable marine life and habitat. The groups are working across sectors to address impacts to critically endangered North Atlantic right whales, which face serious threats from entanglement in fishing gear and vessel collisions, and shifting prey and habitat availability due to climate change.

“Responsibly developed offshore wind power is a vital component of our transition to a clean energy economy. To help build an energy future that prioritizes the health and well-being of wildlife and communities alike, America’s pursuit of this critical climate solution must be guided by robust stakeholder input and scientific integrity,” said Amber Hewett, offshore wind program director at the National Wildlife Federation.



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