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an unusually  
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# EVENTS & MEETINGS

## AUGUST

- 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

## OCTOBER

- 22 Fall Tog Trip

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# FROM THE HELM

## FISHING & POLITICS



Oh Boy. Those are usually two words I try to keep as far apart from each other as I can and for good reason. In fact the surest way not to get invited back on my boat is to bring up politics..... so why am I choosing to bring it up now? Because our RISAA Political Action Committee (PAC) could use some help and I want to educate our members on RISAA's lessor known third arm and its purpose. .

Generally I do my absolute best to insulate RISAA from politics as its rarely a win. Many of us feel strongly about a host of political hot button topics and generally not all on the same side... . So its simply not a win if RISAA is looking to build membership. I get that, but I have also come to understand that we must be involved to some extent at the state level unless we are prepared to lose again and again on the state stage when it comes to lawmakers deciding where fisherman can and can't go and who can use the public shoreline areas for private enterprise just as examples.

First a bit about RISAA's (PAC) Political Action Committee. Not a single dollar from RISAA or RISAA Foundation ever goes to our PAC. Again because I'm pretty sure someone is going to not read this part. We do not use your dues or any money from RISAA or the RISAA Foundation to support RISAA's PAC. In fact our PAC has its own Committee and charter and most often stays behind the scenes but it is very real and now that I have assumed the Executive Director Role I can tell you its needed from my view.

In the past year it would be hard not to have become very aware of decisions that have been made that seemingly were not in RISAA's or our membership's best interests when State Agencies like CRMC decided to permit Aquaculture farms right on top of areas RISAA members fish, and allow Marina's to expand against the recommendations of both their own agency scientists and the public something needed to be addressed. When private land owners over reach their boundaries and close off rights of ways and have beach goers arrested because they feel they own the entire beach its not DEM that is responsible its our state legislators and that's where the action to correct these things needs to take place. This is where our PAC plays a role that I am only now am seeing.

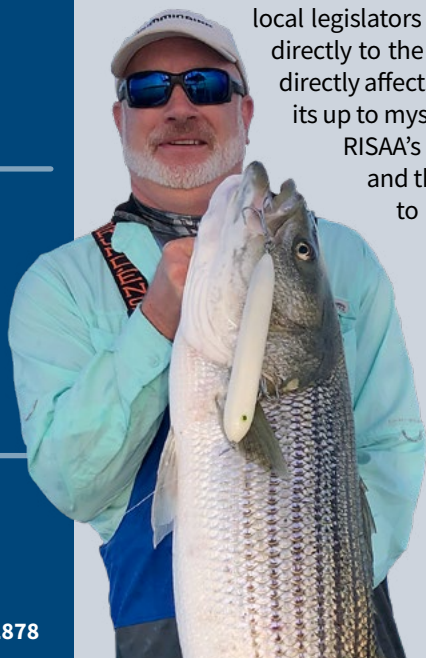
Thankfully most fishing policy, rules limits etc takes place through DEM so there is no PAC involvement there and the PAC is limited to elected officials such as our state legislators. . Giving money to a political campaign in no way gets them to vote the way we want ...that's not the deal and thankfully so as we would never win the cash in hand battle but we can use our PAC to reach out and establish relationships with local legislators where we will then have opportunities to voice our views directly to the people making the decisions and crafting legislation that directly affects us. Once we make those relationships and pitch our views its up to myself and our membership to make our case.

RISAA's PAC still not for you , that's fine.. I completely understand and then some.. But if you are interested in either contributing to our PAC or getting involved please contact myself and or Rich Hittinger as we need to maintain a base of funds and activity to remain certified as a legal PAC and we are getting close to that threshold.

For those members wishing to contribute RISAA has included a Pac Donation from in this newsletter on Page 33.

Next month back to fishing!  
Catch em up!

Greg **VESPE**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RI SALTWATER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION  
Legislative Committee

Reported by: Richard Hittinger, CHAIRMAN

## FEEDBACK FROM COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Rather than a regulatory update, this month I want to share some feedback from commercial fishermen about their gear and how they fish. I hope some of this information can help you understand commercial fishing a bit more and help avoid losing tackle to gillnets while you fish in areas where these nets are deployed. This information was willingly provided by 3 commercial fishermen who are active on the water. I know that many commercial fishermen would be willing to answer questions; all you need to do is ask. The questions below are from RISAA members who I have spoken to over the past several months. I will focus on questions and answers related to gillnets, followed by questions to draggers

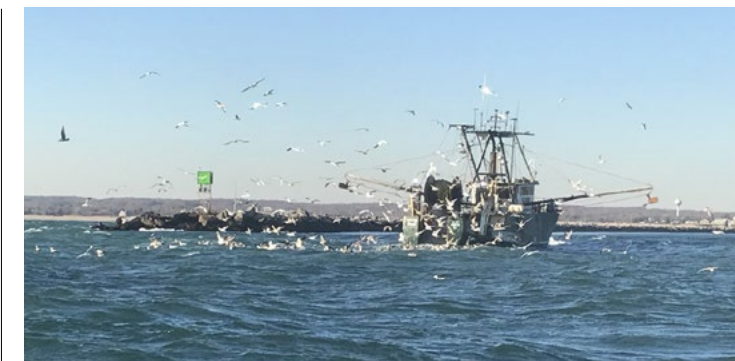
below. Commercial gillnets in our area are continuous nets set on the bottom with weights on one side and floats on the other that only extend up 2 to 10 feet off the bottom. They trap fish of a certain size by allowing the fish to partially pass through before becoming trapped.

First, questions that I asked about gillnets with answers are given below.

*There seem to be more gillnets in areas fished by rec fishers every year. What limits the number of nets that a boat can put out? Who can get a gill net endorsement? How many are there in RI?*

For state waters, gillnet is a separate endorsement and has been in a moratorium for close to 30 years, so no new ones have been issued for literally decades. However, with the decline in lobster fishing some fishermen have crossed over to gillnet fishing because they had endorsements previously but didn't use them or they bought endorsements. The endorsements are transferable, however if they aren't renewed they are relinquished in perpetuity. As such, fishermen with gillnet endorsements have been numbering fewer and fewer as time passes. A few years ago, DEM limited each state waters vessel to 80 gillnet tags. However, because they are required to put a tag at every bridle then a 2 net

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set requires 3 tags so no one can ever fish 80 nets. But there could be more nets fishing a particular location because they are being pushed off other ground and offshore boats may sometimes relocate their gear closer to land.

*Are there different regulations for gillnets inside 3 miles vs. outside? What are they in terms of markings?*

Yes, there are different rules when considering federal vs state. State waters requires 1 regular buoy per end for each 2-net set. You can fish up to 6 nets in a set in state waters but you have to use a different buoy configuration. Federal waters you can fish as many nets in a set as you want. This is becoming increasingly important due to impending whale regulations that have the goal of

reducing the number of end lines in the water. Therefore, we are going to have a minimum number of nets in a set that is on the order of 12 to 15 nets per string in federal waters to reduce buoy lines.

*Aren't gillnets supposed to have marking buoys every 300'?*

No, that is not a requirement

*How can we tell which way the GN is running? Is there any way to tell if we can't see the other end? Is there a flag on only 1 end?*

Gillnet sets are set in various directions based on the area. In general though gillnets are set N-S. This is true for Coxes as well. Lobster gear on Coxes is generally set NE-SW and has one flag on the NE end. Flags are on the north end of gillnet gear. If gear is set E-W (south of Coxes) flag

is on the W end.

*Could gill netters work with a zero discard rule?*

Gillnets are one of the most catch selective fisheries there are. We use endless combinations of net configurations and mesh sizes to target specific species. Besides that, discards are always one of the main focuses of every management plan and management discussion.

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# THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

Dawn Filiatreault Wood, CHAIR



## Welcome NEW Members!

- Mark Gionet - Glastonbury, CT
- David Satava - Bristol, RI
- Deanja Gayle - Coventry, RI
- Peter Baribault - Bristol, RI
- Greg Roody - Northboro, RI
- Ken Cetrone - Oxford, MA
- Arthur Parmentier - Providence, RI
- Jeff Sullivan - Bristol, RI
- Robert Turner - Medfield, MA
- Bill Howard - Narragansett, RI
- Bruce Demoranville - Swansea, MA
- Peter V. August - Hope Valley, RI
- Capt. Kurt Rivard - Warren, RI

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.



Captain TJ Harris with dinner.

# MEMBER PHOTOS



Jeff Perry got this real good sized striper on his 10 weight!



Aiden Warner all smiles with a nice black seabass.



Tom Houde getting it done in his kayak.

# 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) (Party /Charter)	16" Min. May 22 to Aug. 31: 2 Fish Sept. 1 to Dec. 31: 3 fish	16" Min. May 19 to Dec. 31: 5 Fish	16" Min. May 21 to Sept. 4: 4 Fish	16" Min. PENDING
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
Cod	21" Min.: 10 Fish No Closed Season	21" Min.: 10 Fish No Closed Season	22" Min. 28" Max.: 5 Fish No Closed Season South & East of Cape Cod Apr. 1 to Apr. 14: 1 Fish Sept. 1 to Sept. 30: 1 Fish	21" Min.: 10 Fish No Closed Season
Federal Waters - RI, CT, & MA - Aug. 1 to May 1: 5 fish - 22" to 28"				
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) Special Shore Designation (Party /Charter)	10" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season 9" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season	10" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season	10" Min.: 30 fish No Closed Season	Not Published Yet
Striped Bass <i>In line Circle Hook only if using bait all NE States</i>	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
Summer Flounder	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>
Tautog (Recreational) <small>Visit your State's Federal Regulations website for Charter Regulations</small>	18" Min. May 3 to Dec. 31: 4 Fish	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
Weakfish (Squeteague)	16" Min. Only 1 Fish Over 21" per angler 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 Max. Rec. Vessel Limit: 10 Fish	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 Oct. 9: 3 Fish (LI Sound) Oct. 15 to Dec. 22: 4 Fish (NY Bight)
Winter Flounder	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
	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

## SMOKED BLUEFISH PÂTÉ

By: Paula Smalec

I made some slight adjustments to the recipe that appears in *The Legal Sea Foods Cookbook*. I think you'll agree that this is a delicious appetizer when served with crackers or toast wedges. Even those who don't like the taste of bluefish seem to enjoy this.

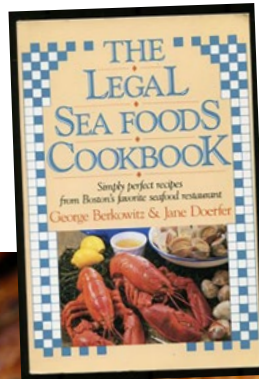
### INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz. smoked bluefish fillets
- 4 - 5 oz. softened cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons softened butter
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1½ tablespoons finely minced red onion
- salt and pepper, to taste

Using a food processor, purée the bluefish fillets, cream cheese, butter, lemon juice, and Worcestershire sauce. Transfer the puréed mixture to a mixing bowl and stir in the minced onion. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Pack the pâté into a crock or small bowl and serve with crackers or toast points.

The pâté will keep in the refrigerator for 4 - 5 days, or it may be frozen for up to 3 months.



Find the book at:  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)



Andy Nabreski

Mmmmmm, smoked bluefish!!

# AnglerCatch

## MARKETING BIG SUCCESS; NOW WE HAVE TO USE IT AND SEND IN TRIPS

By: Captain Dave Monti

AnglerCatch, the smartphone application pilot project for anglers, recently engaged a marketing campaign in fishing publications such as *On-the Water* and *Fisherman* magazines as well as on social media portals.

The effort has been a great success, and today AnglerCatch has over 800 who have downloaded the app against a goal of 150. Greg Vespe, Executive Director of RISAA, said at last month's seminar, "Just a reminder we have AnglerCatch here tonight, we are doing great with our partners DEM and Harbor Light Software, please download the app and use it and do not forget to send in your data. We all benefit from better data."

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AnglerCatch kicked off a campaign last month in recreational fishing magazines and on social media portals. It has been a big success with a total of over 800 downloads. Draft campaign hand card shown.

# FUEL SAVING TIPS FOR BOATING ANGLERS

By: Fred DeFinis



We can't do much about the price of marine fuels but there are many steps we can take to squeeze the maximum value from each fuel dollar spent. Current (mid-June) prices for marine gasoline are in the mid to high five dollars per gallon range and marine diesel is north of six dollars per gallon. We talked to some experts in the industry to get their ideas on how to make our fuel dollars go farther.

## YOUR ENGINE

First, make sure your engine is properly tuned and adjusted for maximum efficiency. Modern, fuel-injected, electronically controlled engines don't offer a lot of opportunity for do-it-yourself tinkering so this is where a trained professional can offer a lot of value. Chris LeVasseur of C.L. Marine in Warwick suggests having the engine compression checked to make sure it is up to standard for the hours on the engine. Then, a proper tune up can make sure the engine is running as efficiently as possible given its age.

If your engine is in top working order, make sure you have the correct prop for your engine and rig. Just because the prop was supplied with the boat and/or motor doesn't mean it is the right one for your situation. At wide open throttle, your prop should allow the engine to rev in the high end of the recommended wide open RPM range. According to LeVasseur, the RPM's will come down when weight and drag are added so it is best to start at the higher end. He also says to check the prop for nicks or dings which can dramatically affect efficiency. A replacement or reconditioning can cure these issues.

## BOTTOM AND RUNNING GEAR

Some of the biggest robbers of fuel efficiency are fouling on the bottom and/or running gear. Make sure your bottom, shafts, struts, rudders and such are all clear of marine growth. According to Heath Moldveen of AkzoNobel, makers of Seahawk and Interlux bottom paints there is little hard data on recreational boat perfor-

mance but it's a matter of common sense. He says "Many boaters don't understand the increase in operating costs when the boat has a fouled bottom. You wouldn't drive your car on underinflated tires, so why would you run a boat with a fouled bottom?" Moldveen says they have seen bottoms so fouled that the boat cannot plane and the engine overheats from the strain.

Few boaters are going to haul their boats mid-season to refinish the bottom or make major adjustments to the finish but we can all give a light scrubbing to remove growth on the bottoms and running gear as an interim measure. When you haul for the winter, think about what improvements you can make to your bottom for the 2023 season and beyond.

## OPERATING YOUR BOAT FOR EFFICIENCY

Don't idle your engine needlessly when starting or fishing. Also, proper trim is very important to increasing fuel efficiency. Trimming your bow up a bit can reduce wetted surface and improve fuel efficiency. However, too much upward trim can cause unsafe handling so make adjustments gradually. If you hold your throttle(s) at a constant RPM, experiment with trim to see what adjustments yield increased speed at the same RPM's. Going from 20 mph to 21 mph at the same RPM is a five percent savings or nearly thirty cents per gallon savings.

Another helpful experiment is finding your craft's most fuel-efficient speed. Don Helger of Don's Marine in Tiverton calls this "finding the sweet spot" for your boat. Many engine makers publish the fuel burn of their engines in gallons per hour at different RPM. Run your engine at these RPM figures and record the miles per hour achieved at each. It is then a simple matter to calculate the miles per gallon of your craft at different RPM. The calculations may not be 100% precise but they will be useful in a relative sense. As an example, my Mako 21 with a 175 hp Yamaha is eight percent more efficient at 28 mph than at 32 mph and twenty two percent more efficient at 28 mph than 37 mph. Twenty two percent of \$5.50 per

gallon is \$1.21 per gallon savings—this adds up over the season. If your boat is larger and/or consumes more fuel, it may pay to install a fuel flow meter such as a Floscan.

## PUT YOUR BOAT ON A DIET

Added weight causes the boat to sit lower in the water and increases wetted surface and drag. Take inventory of optional or unnecessary gear on your boat and remove what you don't need. Do you really need extra tackle, barbeque grills or whatever when going fishing? Water weighs 8.2 pounds per gallon so make sure your bilge is pumped and empty your baitwell for the trip home. A 25 gallon baitwell holds the same weight of water as a 200 pound passenger. Likewise, gasoline weighs 6.3 pounds per gallon so take what you need plus a buffer but there is no need to fill the tank every time out. Take enough fuel to get out and back, plus fifty percent more as a buffer.

## GET AND GIVE TIMELY INFORMATION

Find some fishing buddies with whom you can share information on what is biting and where. This will reduce traveling from spot to spot in search of fish. My fishing friends and I have become much more conscious of helping each other locate fish this summer, knowing that searching on your own can be an expensive proposition. We call or text each other to share our experiences in real time so that others can get in on the action without searching blindly. Our fellow RISAA members can be a great resource for sharing knowledge so let's work together.

## USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM

In previous years friends and I would often fish alone, sometimes with three anglers out in three separate boats. This year we have begun to partner more so that we fish just as much but each take our boats out fewer times. This makes for some great camaraderie as well as helping us all reduce our fuel costs. Don Helger of Don's Marine injected a bit of humor—saying you can invite your friends. They may add weight to the boat but they may help pay for the fuel!

## SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS

When you buy marine fuel, save your receipts and file for a refund for the Federal Road Use tax. This is done by filing IRS form 4136 available at IRS.gov. The 2021 rate for marine gasoline was eighteen cents per gallon. Also, some states also provide road use tax refunds so check your local regulations. You must have the receipts to back up your submission.

## PREPPING FOR 2023

When you haul your boat or lay it up for the winter, start thinking about what you can do to improve your fuel efficiency for the 2023 season. Service or have your engine(s) serviced so they will be in top running condition. Take a critical look at your bottom and running gear and do what you must to make them slippery. Get your prop reconditioned if it has nicks. No one has a crystal ball regarding fuel prices but it is safe to assume that higher prices could be with us for some time. The adjustments you make now can make a big difference over a few years' time. 🐟

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- Saltwater Edge - Middletown
- Sams' Bait & Tackle - Middletown
- Snug Harbor - Wakefield
- Tackle Box - Warwick
- Weakapauge Bait & Tackle - Westerly

Here is a link to the RIDEM gillnet rules and regulations: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/anregs/05122016gill.pdf>

Questions that I asked about draggers with answers are given below.

*Why are there acres of floaters frequently between BI and Pt Judith? Are these intentional discards? Many are sea robins or scup.*

Years ago, the day boats targeted whiting, blackback flounders, hake, butterfish and lobsters in the deeper parts of the sound. With climate impacts we target squid, scup, and fluke. These frequent the shallower water. Squid is very lucrative and success can go to the 4th boat in line as easily and often as the first.

Summertime in BI sound brings sea robins in numbers that I never saw as a kid. Unmarketable they are discarded, sometimes in the thousands of pounds. Scup too at discarded in high rates at times because of a fisherman's desire not to run afoul of the law. While squid fishing regulations allow retention of only 200 lbs when using small mesh.

*How can you defend all of the discarded fish that the birds are picking up behind draggers when hauling and sorting? Isn't there something else that can be done with that protein?*

Discards aren't pretty or desirable but they have little impact as long as discard estimates are properly accounted for and taken first from the available harvest targets the following year. Natural mortality on undersized scup is very high and what goes back and is eaten remains in the system and to some extent fills its role as food to others

*Is there any way that local draggers would accept the "zero discard" legislation that is in place in the EU?*

We used to have a zero discard policy in the sound and coastal waters. It was called trash fishing. Harvesting indiscriminate swarms of biomass had advantages, but in an ocean that is productivity challenged already, it may be best to remove as little biomass as is possible as not to upset the plan that nature holds. Another point is that conveyor systems and huge deckhouse pumps allow many fish to be returned alive which did not happen back in the day.



The bottom line is that commercial fishermen have a very different approach to the ocean than we recreational anglers do. They care about the abundance of various species, but need to make a living by harvesting fish that are marketable. Maybe we can push for development of a commercial market for trash fish like sea robins. That would be an effort that commercial fishermen would certainly support. I certainly would like to see less fish discarded dead and see more of these fish utilized in some way.

I believe there are many ways that we can work together to improve abundance, but we first need to talk with each other. We will not agree on everything for sure, but possibly we can make some progress. I am willing to pose additional questions to commercial fishermen if you think this discourse is productive. I also am interested in giving some commercial fishermen feedback from RISAA members on the information that they provided in response to our questions listed above. Please email me at [hittinger@risaa.org](mailto:hittinger@risaa.org).

### 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](mailto: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.

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# SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

The following children and grandchildren of our members were awarded \$600 **Stephen Medeiros Memorial Scholarship** in support of their college endeavors.



## Sophia Garzioli

College: Clemson  
Member: David Garzioli, Father

Our 2016 Junior Angler of the Year Sophia was named to the National Honors Society in each of her four years of high school, she is a scholar and an athlete. As Captain of the Varsity Field Hockey team she was named MVP in her senior year. She was also the Massachusetts

Interscholastic Athletic Association Leadership representative for Hopedale Lacrosse and Field Hockey. Among her many leadership roles she mentors younger players as a Field Hockey coach, she served on her student council for the past six years, and she is a Project 351 Ambassador, representing Hopedale to organize clothing drives for active duty military personnel as well as for Cradles to Crayon. Sophia logs at least an hour a week during fishing season tagging and releasing fish through our partnership with the American Littoral Society. She is off to Clemson in the fall where she will apply her outstanding math and science skills to research, maintain, and improve our coastlines.



## Riley Jackman

College: RIC  
Member: Elisa Cahill, mother

Known for her maturity, sense of purpose, and leadership, Riley has been named to the National Honors Society for the past three years and she served as an officer of the society as a senior. She is a competitive soccer player and a talented artist, winning the "Best

Painting" Award. Riley gives generously of her time as a volunteer babysitter and as a Studio Art assistant. She has grown up on the water, fishing and working in her family's business organizing fishing tackle, working the fuel dock, and managing paperwork. When she was only five years old, she won her first fluke tournament. Riley intends to become an art therapist and will take her first steps in that endeavor double majoring in psychology and the visual arts and Rhode Island College next fall.



## Lee Lamson

College: University of Central Florida  
Member: Marc Lamson, father

Lee writes eloquently about fishing with his father aboard the Tin Lizzy and the joys of the Narrow River. He is grateful for the many lessons he has learned boating with his grandfather and credits him for teaching him to think quickly and decisively. Both a leader and an

athlete, he served his high school as a member of the student council and as a championship winning varsity basketball player. Lee volunteers his time as a member of Varsity Athletes Against Substance Abuse, working to prevent substance abuse by high school athletes. Lee is excited to major in business and minor in fitness at the University of Central Florida this coming fall.



## Emily Raleigh

College: URI  
Member: Ronald Blanchard, Grandfather

Emily has enjoyed many hours fishing alongside her grandfather. A dedicated student, she has been named to the Honor Role in each of her four years, she is a member of the National Honors Society and the tri-M Music Honors Society as well. A softball and volleyball player, Emily understands what it means to be a good teammate. She volunteers her time with Save the Bay, a local food bank, and softball field cleanups. She credits her many successes to her work ethic and is looking forward to studying business at the University of Rhode Island beginning next fall.



## Eric Tarpinian-Jachym

Member: Steven Venizelos, Father

Eric is an avid fisherman who joined RISAA to learn more about fishing and to help conserve the fisheries that he loves. He attends our seminars regularly, has competed in our fishing tournaments, free dives to remove marine debris, and has supported RISAA's initiatives before the Rhode Island Fisheries Commission. Additionally, Eric works as a field interviewer for Quantech, surveying fishermen, measuring their catch, and

asking questions to help determine the health of pelagic populations for NOAA. An excellent student, he is a three-year member of the National Honors Society, the Secretary-General of his school's model United Nations organization and the cofounder of their investment club. A superb athlete, he is a Junior Olympic Archer and Level I Coach. He also serves as Throwing Captain of Granby High School's varsity track and field team. Eric looks forward to a career in business and hopes to use his background in finance to find ways to continue supporting RISAA and our fisheries.



## Kylie Shea

College: URI  
Member: James Parillo, Grandfather

Kylie cares deeply about helping others. She is already a volunteer firefighter and EMT for the town of West Greenwich. While she has participated in many rescues, Kylie is particularly proud that she was in the right place at the right time when one of her classmates had a full tonic-clonic seizure at prom. Thanks to her quick and professional response, she ensured that her friend remained safe and stable until the ambulance arrived. Kylie is highly involved in her school's co-curricular program, singing with their choir, performing in their musicals, and volunteering as a stage manager for NK Drama. She has been a four-year member of her student council and served as counsel treasurer last year. This remarkable young woman is determined to become a nurse and will be taking her first steps towards that goal at the University of Rhode Island next fall.



## Owen Tellier

College: Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Member: Roger Tellier, grandfather, Ryan Tellier, Father, Self

Owen, an avid fisher, is a third-generation member of RISAA! He is a scholar, an athlete, and is dedicated to service. A member of his school's National Honor Society, Owen was recognized for his

work in science by the prestigious Society of Women Engineers. He is proud to Captain his school's varsity soccer team and is a four-year member of their volleyball squad. Among his many community service related activities he finds time to volunteer at his local church, where he served on their Youth Council as well. A tinkerer at heart, Owen looks forward to majoring in mechanical engineering while minoring in aerospace engineering at the Wentworth Institute of Technology next fall.

## The 2022 Marine Sciences and the Continuing Education Scholarship Winners

*These nationally competitive \$500 scholarships are awarded to first and second year students who are majoring in the marine sciences and related fields at either the University of Rhode Island and Roger Williams University. These are given by the RISAA Foundation, which is committed to securing the future of our fisheries through its scholarship programs.*



## Cassandra Bell Marine Fisheries and Sciences Award

Cassandra graduated at the top of her class at West Warwick High School. She is a member of the National Honors Society and the Spanish Honors society, She is also the winner of the WWHS Eagle Award and the Wellesley College Book Award. She is described

by one of her teachers as "one of the most driven, focused, and brightest minds I have ever encountered in my twenty-nine years of teaching." Cassandra contributed to her school community as a member of the Leafy Green Club, volleyball team, drama club, and served as a student mentor for three years, all while working part time and performing numerous hours of community service. This recipient aspires to earn her doctorate degree in either Marine Biology or Animal Sciences and she hopes to find herself working at Bermuda Underwater Institute of Exploration in the coming years. Cassandra will begin her studies in marine biology this fall at the University Rhode Island.



## Brady Watson Marine Fisheries and Sciences Award

Brady has a deep passion for the ocean, which was inspired by his father, a marine biology teacher himself. A member of the National Honors Society and Academic Debate Team Captain, he is an outstanding scholar. He represented East Greenwich High School as a member

of the varsity swim team, as a yearbook and newspaper photographer, and with their gardening club. This recipient dedicated all his weekends throughout his senior year as a teaching intern at Dive On It Scuba, becoming a professionally certified Dive Master the day after his eighteenth birthday. This gifted young man will be majoring in Geological Oceanography at URI this fall and plans to complete both his undergraduate and master's degree in oceanography in five years. Brady is especially interested in furthering research on the impacts and influence of deep-sea geography and marine chemistry globally, working with organizations such as NOAA, and the Woods-Hole Oceanographic Institution.

**Owen Fleischer**  
*Continuing Education Scholarship*

Owen completed his first year as an Aquaculture and Fisheries Science major at URI and was named to the Dean's List both semesters. He was proud to be chosen unanimously by the faculty to serve as a Student Ambassador, working as a leader to his peers and prospective students. Notably, he balances his heavy workload with his significant time commitments as a Division I varsity athlete and as a three year member of the New Hampshire State Beach Patrol. Owen's primary academic interest is important to many of us, as he is focused on understanding green crabs and their effect on our ecosystem. He sees green crabs as an untapped resource that if harvested sustainably could have overwhelmingly positive effects on our environment and our economy.

**The 2022 Stephen Therrien Memorial Scholarship for Fisheries and Marine Sciences Winner**



**Sarah Bacci**  
*Therrien Scholar*

The Stephen Therrien Memorial Scholarship for Fisheries and Marine Sciences was established in 2017 by his wife, Kerry Therrien, in memory of her husband. Ms. Therrien thoughtfully designed this scholarship to provide funding for future generations of marine scientists who share Stephen's dedication

to understanding and preserving our fisheries and marine environment.

This is RISAA's most prestigious merit-based award and recognizes students who show outstanding academic achievement and commitment. Therrien Scholars are intellectually curious and have demonstrated passion, experiences, or achievements beyond the usual. They are, in other words, not just top students, they are extraordinary people.

This year's Therrien Scholar is already incredibly accomplished.

Sarah was named a Presidential Scholar in 2021, and to the Dean's List in her first year at URI, where she is majoring in Aquaculture and Fisheries with a minor in Leadership Studies. While she is especially interested in the relationship between aquatic plants and fishes, she is fascinated by the important cycle of nutrients that occurs between the two. Sarah's goal is to combine the developing kelp industry with the growing aquaculture industry in order to provide seafood to meet increasing consumer demand. She has been actively engaged in a variety of research programs including the Coastal Resiliency Feasibility Study for Salem Sound, the Mass Audubon's 23rd Annual Saltmarsh Study, the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School's Small Scale Aquaponics Facility, and in Professor Humphries' Lab at URI as an Undergraduate Researcher. Dr. Humphries notes that she conducts herself with the utmost professionalism and communicates with professors, graduate students, and fishermen seamlessly. Respected by all who know her for her drive, motivation, maturity, curiosity, and passion, we congratulate our 2022 Therrien Scholar, Sarah Bacci.

**Gregory Venizelos**

Member: Steven Venizelos, Father

Our last recipient enjoys fishing with his father so much that he doesn't mind getting up at four in the morning to get a good spot on a head boat. Respected by his peers and his teachers for his diligence and dedication to his work, he is proud to have been named to the honor roll nearly every term and is a member of the National Honor Society. A talented martial artist, he has been training and competing in jujitsu for the past four years. Additionally, he is an active member of the town and school communities. He works at CVS as a sales associate and also participates in numerous volunteer and community service opportunities in Watertown, including an internship with the Watertown Business Coalition and with Teens for Trees and. He gives generously of his time to Operation American Soldier, preparing care packages for active duty military around the world. He is fascinated by the world of finance and looks forward to beginning his study of business and economics at Fairfield University next fall. Please join me in congratulating member Steven Venizelos' son Gregory Veni.

# FISHING WITH CAPT. DAVE MONTI... RISAA CHARTER TRIP WINNERS



**Paula Smalec, Rene' Blanchette and Tom Houde with the some of the black sea bass and fluke they caught around the fountain off Newport the last week of July.**

By: Rene' Blanchette

Paula Smalec, Tom Houde, and myself, Rene' Blanchette, were the lucky winners of a charter trip with Captain Dave Monti's "No Fluke Fishing Charters"

We finally agreed that July 28th would be the day. We arrived at 5:15 am. The dock was located behind Gardner's Seafood in Wickford, RI. Captain Dave Monti's boat is an "almost new" 25' Parker center console in pristine condition.

After the introductions and the safety briefing, we were on our way. Skies became overcast with calm seas. We headed for Brenton Reef area off Newport, RI. We drifted in the same area for the entire trip.

Fishing started out slow, catching lots of shorts. Finally, we hit the jackpot. We used fluke jigs, squid, along with Captain Dave's "special jigs". We limited out on Sea Bass and each of us caught a Fluke. The biggest one was 24". We were back at the dock by 10:30 am and the fish were filleted.

I would highly recommend, without hesitation, "No Fluke Charter" for your next trip. We enjoyed our trip out and will have great memories.

Happy fishing to everyone!



**Rene' Blanchette caught this 24" fluke off Newport with fishing off Newport using a four once drop jig with stinger.**

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### SPECIAL NOTICE!

*This is an in person seminar at the West Warwick Elks Lodge, 60 Clyde Street, West Warwick, RI. We plan to have food available at 5:30 p.m. as in the past and plan to tape the seminar for members who were not able to attend.*



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# Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament BIG SUCCESS

The Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament ended Sunday, July 24 with a winning striped bass measuring 51" caught by team 'Frayed Knot' led by Capt. Richard Lipsitz of North Kingstown who is a RISAA member.

Over 90 anglers participated in the two day event. "We doubled the number of anglers we had last year, and with a matching grant from Capt. Nick's Rock & Roll Bar, we were able to make a \$4,350 contribution to the Block Island Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department." said Capt. Chris Willi of Block Island Fishworks, Tournament host and also a RISAA member. "Thanks to Ørsted (owners of the Block Island Wind Farm) and their sponsorship of the Tournament we were able to donate 100 percent of Tournament fees to the Fire & Rescue Department."

Over \$10,000 in prizes, gift cards and tournament swag were awarded at the 'After Party' which took place at Capt. Nick's Rock & Roll Bar, Block Island on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

There was a three way tie for first place team between teams Frayed Knot, Green Mountain Boys and Grateful 5. Block Island Fishworks and Ørsted agreed to award each of the teams a \$500 Visa gift card.

The Tournament included shore, fly fishing, youth and boat divisions. Striped bass and bluefish for all divisions plus black sea bass and fluke for boat and youth divisions. Also a team prize with photo division prizes taken with the Block Island Wind Farm in



**Capt. Chris Willi (second from right), Tournament host and RISAA member, with Jon Mansolillo and Ross Pearsall of Ørsted (second and third from left) and volunteers from the Block Island Fire & Rescue Department. The Tournament made a \$4,350 contribution to the Department.**

background were awarded for best fish, best scenic and best team photos.

Tournament co-sponsors included The Saltwater Edge, Middletown; Ocean State Tackle, Providence; Snug Harbor Marina, South Kingstown; and Watch Hill Outfitters, Westerly.

Visit: [www.SandyPointCo.com/bi-inshore-tourney](http://www.SandyPointCo.com/bi-inshore-tourney), here are the Tournament results.

**Boat Division Winners:** Striped Bass - Frayed Knot - 51"; Bluefish - Frayed Knot - 37"; Fluke - Green Mountain Boys - 24.5"; and BSB - Green Mountain Boys - 23".

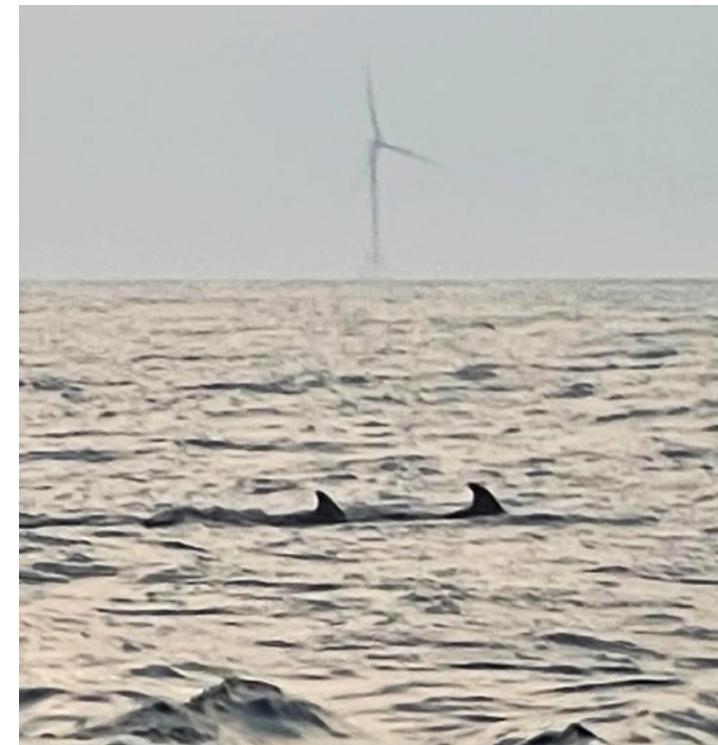
**Winners of the Youth the Division:** Bluefish - Ashley Kalus - 23"; Fluke - Grateful 5 - Hayes Jansen - 18"; and Black Sea Bass Violet Snow - 20".

**Shore Division Winners:** Striped Bass - Max Eicoff - 26"; Bluefish - Sean Hughes - 32".

**There Was One Fly Fishing Division winner:** Striped Bass - Arek Zenel Walasek - 26.5".

**The Team Category** had a three-way tie between Grateful 5, Green Mountain Boys and Frayed Knot. Each team won two categories.

**The Photo Contest Winners** (all taken with the Block Island Wind Farm in the background): best scenic photo, Dariusz Kolodziejczak; best team photo, Grateful 5; and best fish photo, Wendy Northup.



**Winning photo of dolphins in the Block Island Wind Farm taken by Dariusz Kolodziejczak RISAA member from team 'Fluke It' in the Block Island Inshore Fishing Tournament.**

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# CHASING FALSE ALBACORE WITH CAPTAIN ERIC THOMAS

By: Fred DeFinis

Many RISAA members are familiar with Captain Eric Thomas of Teezer Charters from his presentations on false albacore at our seminars and the Saltwater Fishing Show. For those who have been unable to see him speak in person, we talked to him about how to experience this exciting fishery.



Captain Eric with a nice albie.

## Tackle and Lures

Because presentation is so important in catching these fish (more on this later) Eric prefers light flexible spinning rods capable of tossing small, light lures quickly and accurately. He spools with twenty-pound braid tipped with a twenty-pound fluorocarbon leader. If the fish are particularly finicky, he will reduce the leader to fifteen-pound or even twelve-pound test but no lower. For fly anglers, he recommends a seven or eight weight fly outfit.

The most common casting lures are epoxy jigs such as those offered by Hogy or Point Jude Lures. Other offerings that work well are Albie Snax, Deadly Dick, and small Sluggo baits. In certain conditions, a surface plug such as the Yo-Zuri Hydro Pencil (white) can attract strikes. According to Eric, the angler can sometimes see the fish homing in on the plug like a torpedo.

For trolling, try deep diving lures such as the Yo-Zuri Crystal Minnow with the large lip that pulls the lure down where the fish are. Other makers such as Bomber make similar lures.



Soft plastic to match the bait.

## When and Where to Go

Although Eric has seen false albacore as early as late July, the main season for these speedsters is from late August to mid-October. While it is possible to catch an "albie" from shore, it is a somewhat rare and difficult feat. For shore fisherman, some likely spots are the West Wall in Point Judith, the breakwater at Sakonnet Harbor, Sachuest Point, Beavertail Point or Black Point. These are all places where the tides run strong and fish may be found within casting distance.

For the angler with a boat, finding albies may involve covering a LOT of ocean. Eric may launch his boat at Newport's Fort Adams and travel east as far as Westport Point, then west to Sakonnet Point, then Brenton Reef, further west to Beavertail and down to the West Wall in Point Judith and back—a total distance of sixty or more miles! Be prepared to travel some distance in search of these elusive fish. While albies have been spotted as far north as the Mount Hope Bridge, they generally frequent coastal areas mentioned above.

## Tactics and Techniques

False albacore are fast moving and elusive fish—they won't stick around crashing the surface very long the way blues or stripers will. Because of their speed, you won't mark them on your fish finder either. If you have seen schools popping up in an area and are confident the fish are there, trolling is a good way to cover a lot of ocean. Troll the lures mentioned above at a brisk speed—seven

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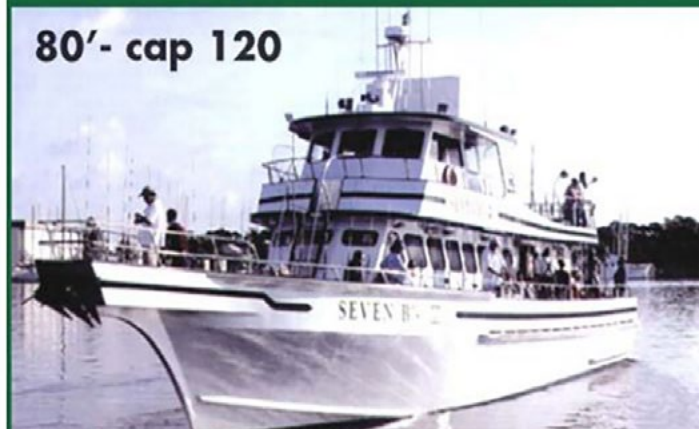
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# GET CLAMMING!

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One of our most popular seminars returns!! RISAA Member and local quahogging enthusiast, **Roger Tellier**, returns with guests to cover the local clamming and quahogging, Roger will cover a wide range of topics from clothing and gear, to seasons and rules as well as time proven techniques and approaches to varying bottom types as well as different species availability and when/how he targets them. The seminar will also review access points and known general areas for those starting out.

**Roger Tellier** has been a RISAA member for more than 20 years and has been clamming for more than 60 years. He does most of his digging in the upper bay, and have dug both from shore and boat. In past years Roger has also dug in Point Judith Pond. He is a member of the Shellfish Advisory Panel of The R.I. Marine Fishery Council. Over the years he has found equipment that works and some that doesn't. Roger has seen all the rule changes that have taken place over the years. Dig 'M Up.

**Barry Fuller** is a RISAA member and is a retired Member of the R.I. Air National Guard and a member of Veteran of Foreign Wars. Roger and Barry have been friends for more than 40 years. Barry has been clamming for many years. He started when he was a boy when he spent his summers on the Kickemuit River with his family. These guys both enjoy clamming and exploring new spots to try. Barry is the guy that gets down on his hands and knees and finds the clams that every one else passes by.



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**RISAA member Sue Estabrook with an albie.**

knots or above. The higher speed will attract strikes from albies while also discouraging hits from bluefish.

For "run and gun" fishing, it is a matter of locating the schools and trying to be in the right place when they pop up. This can be frustrating but also rewarding when everything aligns. If there are multiple boats working the school, careful anglers can work together to channel the fish in one direction. Needless to say, no RISAA member would run her/his boat over or into a school of feeding fish and ruin the fishing for everyone.

In run and gun fishing, be prepared to try different offerings and quickly. Eric's advice; "Be ready to change at a moment's notice."



**Point Jude jig matches the bait.**

To facilitate this approach, he keeps four rods rigged and ready to go, each with a different lure. If the first lure doesn't spark a hit, he hands another rod to the party until all four lures have been offered to the fish. The key to success is being ready for quick and accurate casts. If your accuracy is not the best, practice before going after albies. When you hook up, keep steady pressure on the fish and also be aware that they may swim towards the boat, producing slack in the line. If this happens, reel as fast as you can—the fish is often still on the line.

### Pro Tip

A key to success lies in understanding the fish itself. While albies are very fast, their bodies are relatively stiff, made for moving in a somewhat straight path. Unlike a striper or bluefish that can bend and quickly change direction to chase a bait, albies feed on what is in front of them and moving in the same direction they are swimming. If you cast at fish moving away or even swimming at a ninety-degree angle to your lure, they won't hit it. Presentation is

key—you need to present the lure in front of the fish, with the lure moving away so they can chase it in a relatively straight line.

Most anglers don't keep false albacore because the flesh is dark—almost liver-colored—and doesn't have the appeal of other scombrid fish. To release the fish, send it head-first into the water so that it can recover quickly.

### Get Ready to Go

The season is here! Be prepared to cover a lot of ocean, react quickly, try different approaches and sometimes get frustrated. But when you hook up with an albie on light tackle, you will be in for a thrill. Thanks to Captain Eric Thomas for his time and expert contributions to this article.

**Eric's son Cameron with an albie south of Mount Hope Bridge.**



# MY LOVE OF UNDER APPRECIATED FISH

By: Captain Greg Vespe

I have always rooted for the underdog, the one that has to fight for respect so maybe that explains my love of RI's lesser sought after bottom fish. They may not have 7 stripes on their sides or be able to change colors like a fluke or possess inset fins and sleek bodies but these fish hold a special place in my angling heart.

**Captain Vespe with a large Cunner.**



## CHOGGIES/CUNNER /BERGAL

Take our August cover photo for example. I thought I had caught the Choggie of the century when I caught my personal best 2.4 lb choggie last summer besting a 2.30 fish... Until RISSA member Chris Clark absolutely hammered it with a three lb specimen. I think Chris at first thought it was a Tog and seemed almost stunned to realize it was a monster Choggie, it had certainly fought hard enough to be a tog. Just where is this Choggie Hotspot? I won't tell but RISAA member Gary Zera was the host that trip and has the marks on his GPS! Even without having a GPS Hot Spot most all of us get more than a few choggies each year even if not targeting them.. often times on a crab when trying for tog but if you fish for them intentionally you will find that the large ones are absolute suckers for long thin vertical jigs. I can't explain their love for long thin metals, as often the jig is comparable in size to them but they will attack it with vigor. They may lack smarts but they make up for it in moxie and will often hit it repeatedly until

they hook themselves. I have had similar experience in the bay as well so it's not simply out front on the tog or cod grounds. My technique is to drop a narrow silver metal such as a point Jude Joe Pojee or even a diamond jig (hint swap out the single hooks for a treble). Usually a 3/0 or 2/0 works well. The technique is to be less aggressive than most jigging you would do. Use more of a wiggle/light jiggle along the bottom with a rod that's fairly soft especial at the tip and let them bang away as you cover some broken bottom. I usually fish for large choggies pretty deep. At least 40 ft and often 60ft plus. A good time to do this is during the end of a tide and change over. Once the tide is cranking a bit I usually fish for something else. Certainly wrecks are good choices both in the bay and out front as well as most of the usual Tog habitat but I tend to fish deeper for the choggies than tog many times. Bait certainly works but you will get many more smaller ones and those aren't the ones you are after. The 1 lb plus are the targets so hit em with the jig!

**Eddy Stahowiak getting some close ups of a Northern Puffer.**



## NORTHERN PUFFERS

How can you not smile when you catch a northern puffer? Seriously rub its belly watch it puff up in your hand and just try not to smile... if there are any kids nearby - or adults that have been told they act like kids... its game over! Smiles everywhere. Remember fishing is supposed to be fun.

I really enjoy the puffer experience for what it is, just fun; but yes you can certainly eat them.. (the northern Puffers - not the smooth puffers) as the tail section butterflies like a large shrimp when fried .. if you keep the tail attached when cleaning .. but I admit.. I pretty much always let them go... remember they have small mouths so to catch them scup size hooks #4 and #2. They love sandworm (who doesn't) and shrimp/gulp. But generally aren't too picky, I've caught them on squid, sea clam and even lures. Slow retrieve is the one must. Puffers aren't exactly speed demons. Shore fishing near Rocky point State park, the pier and also Colt State Park pier can be good Puffer zones. Most of the shallow bays in Aug hold some as do the shallow rock piles. Etc.

**Chris Clark shows off a Red Hake.**

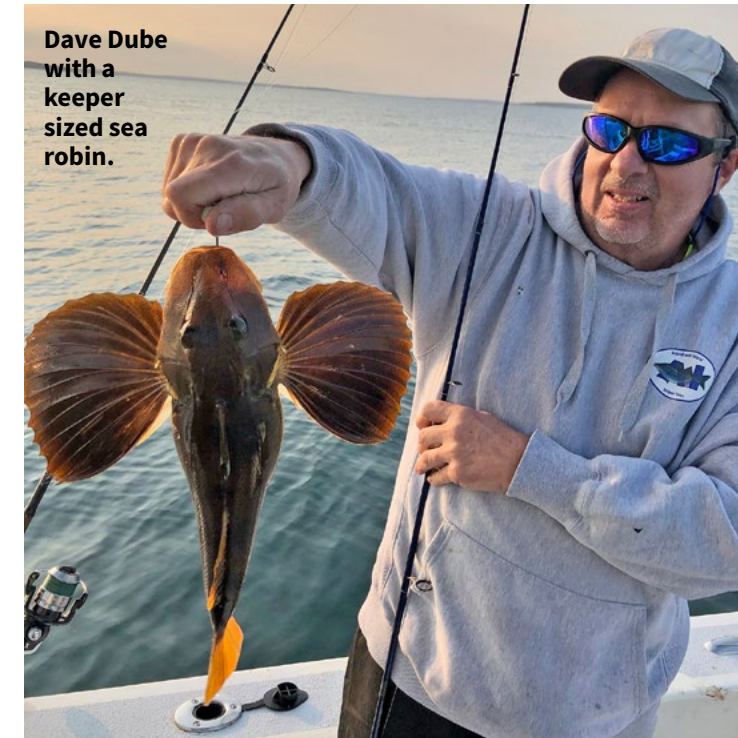


## RED HAKE

Other wise known as Ling, red hake are another under appreciated fish. Redish brown on top, yellow white on bottom with a pair of long thin barbells under their chin.. they often get a response of "what the heck did I just catch" by RI fisherman. But surprisingly the rubbery and a bit slimy fish is actually pretty tasty and a welcome addition to the cooler that rarely gets the recognition that they deserve. Smaller than cod and haddock and even a bit less aggressive, they are none the less present in decent numbers and can make for a tasty catch when other species don't cooperate. Red Hake are not typically bay fish -although I have gotten Spotted Hake in the Bay. Red hake tend to like lesser fished areas such as offshore mud flats, and broken mixed bottoms, humps or holes.

Off shore the area known as "the mud hole" can be loaded with them at times, but one certainly doesn't have to travel that far to get them and most any depression or muddy area offshore will hold some as will the wrecks and at times broken bottom areas as well. Anglers can target Hake much like our haddock seminar this past year advised. Small baits, clam and squid, you can jig and teaser them as well but don't expect much action on the jig although you can get some larger ones that way. Ling are pretty active at night as well so if for some reason you are already are spending the night near offshore wreck you can catch quite a few once night falls. Ling meat is white and sweet. Less flaky than Haddock it is very good when fresh and holds up decent but not great once frozen. The taste stays fine but the texture can deteriorate a bit when frozen. Ling have rubber skin so no scaling needed and most are filleted. Soft rods are helpful esp. if you wish to have fun as a cod rod will over power these guys pretty fast. Typical Ling rig is 6 to 10 oz of lead a high low baited with either clam or squid and a few beads or mini squid skirts is all you need to find some action. You can drift if the current is soft, otherwise anchor. Don't be surprised if you get the red hakes cousin, the spotted hake as well - a smaller version with yes spots.. I've even pulled a few of those out of the bay in deeper water.

**Dave Dube with a keeper sized sea robin.**



## SEA ROBINS

You cant talk unappreciated fish and not talk Sea Robins. Few fish in the Northeast look as strange as they do.. with bird like feet appendages on their underside to grip rocks, large expandable "wings" to glide with and a audible croaking sound when you rub their belly .. (who doesn't do that) they are a kids delight and better on the table than most folks realize. Extremely popular in Italy and France as the fish in bouillabaisse soup, our NE area is just beginning to appreciate them. RI actually has two kinds, the more common and larger Striped Sea Robin - they are have a brown

orange coloration with a bright white belly and the smaller less colorful Northern Sea robin. Sea Robins can range from under a lb to over 3 lbs. The fight is briefly spirited and then tends to fall off but with the large wings opened up.. in a bit of current they can make you work a bit to get them in the boat. Unhooking a Sea Robin can be a bit of a challenge as they are awkward to hold and while no threat to bite you... they possess very sharp gill plates and you can get a pretty good cut in the blink of an eye if you try to hold them behind their head. So a wet cloth or a gripper of some sort makes for a good choice with them. When retaining for food, some folks head them and then split the back half or you can filet them but a tip is to start at the rear/tail of the fish and work forward on each side. The slightly grey meat will turn pure white when cooked and is fairly firm thus the preference in the soups and chowders. Most Sea Robins are caught fluking but they absolutely love the small squid like jigs such as the Lucanus Style, orange is a good color but they aren't often picky. I have even caught some on top water and standard plugs retrieved slow enough. Will work, they are most definitely not shy about hitting a lure. Lure speed is most often the deciding factor they are another slow mover.. If you have any kids on board a bucket half filled with Sea water makes a good sea robin aquarium for a bit to keep them occupied but again keep in mind the gill plates can be pretty nasty so limit who reaches into the bucket. Locations are most often fluke areas but the East side of Rose and the east end of the New Port Bridge can give up some bombers, from shore

Both Tiverton Stone Bridge and Rocky Point Park can be hot spots for large Sea Robins.



Mike 'Wicked' Wec with a dinner plate Trigger.

### TRIGGER FISH

My other late summer favorite is the Trigger fish which seems to be around more each year. These guys fight like heck and if you skin them are pretty good on the plate as well. You can get them randomly in the later summer when sea bass or porgy fishing but most often they are caught when targeting tog in the fall. Most any rock pile has a chance to hold a few but chumming with clam/crushed muscles etc really seems to bring them in... so pick a rock pile off Newport or Sakonnett among other places in the 20 to 45 ft range and send down a chum log in Sept or early Oct and get to catching. Smaller hooks than typical for Tog fishing work best due to Triggers having rtealatively small mouths. Hooking them can be a bit of challenge as they have hard bony mouths. And parrot like beak so old style Virginia blued tog hooks work well as does a 2/0 or 3/0 more traditional style hook. Anything larger starts to drop your hookup chances significantly. Once hooked they dig like a porgy on steroids.

Good luck with these new species and next time you are out and the bottom fishing isn't quite as good as you had hoped consider expanding our horizons and catch em up! 🐟

# AN EVOLVING FISHERMAN (A PERSONAL REFLECTION)

By: Captain Ken Cooper

If you have read any of the prior articles I have been privileged to have had published in this Magazine, then you know that I am 79, have been fishing and spearfishing in saltwater for about 70 years, and that I spend the season from mid-May to Thanksgiving in Westerly, R I., where my 22 foot center console boat Fly 'n Spear is berthed. My past articles have focused on the how to and where to of fishing, and also on tapping into various print and video resources to help you become a better fisherman. Now, I want to share with you how my attitude toward fish and fishing has evolved over these past seven decades.

**Any Fish.** When I first started fishing, I was thrilled to catch anything on my own. My tackle was minimal, crude and cheap, and so if I actually captured one fish all by myself, that was a big deal.

**The Most Fish.** After a few years of fishing, numbers mattered. A lot. If there was a limit, I wanted to reach that limit, whether catching white perch on night crawlers at my local reservoir in Yonkers, NY, or catching Tautog on mole crabs off the end of one of the jetties in Long Beach, NY. I guess that in my mind, my worth as a fisherman was determined by how many fish I caught, and perhaps even more so by how many I brought home for dinner.

**The Biggest Fish.** Size matters. I think I learned that lesson when I was ten years old and my dad took me on a party boat flounder fishing trip out of City Island, NY. There was a pool for the biggest fish, and that must have taught me that the object of fishing was to land the biggest fish, not the most fish. That led to keen competition with my fishing and spearfishing pals during my teenage years—and beyond. Even today, I still have the urge to land the biggest fish, but that urge is now tempered with a strong desire to release that fish to fight another day.



... then three evenings later Rayna got one at at 36.5 inches!

**The Most Species of Fish.** I traveled extensively by air during my near forty years as a lawyer with the Air Line Pilots Association. Infrequently, I actually had time to wet a line or go diving in some of those destinations—including chasing redfish on fly along the Texas coast, drifting tailwaters in northern Arkansas for big brown and rainbow trout, and spearing ling cod in the Hood Canal in Washington State. I amassed enough frequent flyer points for multiple trips to Baja and Panama to catch marlin, sailfish, roosterfish and other “exotic” (to me, at least) species. My worth as a fisherman seemed dependant on how many different locations I had fished and how many different species I had landed.

**The Hardest Way to Fish.** I think that I got into saltwater fly fishing because it is hard to do. I had just turned 50, and I wanted to challenge myself to become a more skilled fisherman. I used to think that being proficient at casting with conventional (revolving spool) reels was kind of the apex of fishing skills, but then I tried fly casting: Saltwater fly casting—meaning heavier rods and lines and big, air resistant flies. That's taken years and years to master, and even then I'm only an adequate caster, certainly not a wonder with the so-called long wand.

**Sharing the Joy of Fishing.** Finally, I've come to the point in my fishing life when it's not about me. Instead, it's all about sharing my joy of fishing with family and friends, hoping to light a spark for the sport in them, and teaching them not only to be skilled anglers, but also to be as kind to the fish and as conservation minded as I hope I have become over these many years. As for my spearfishing, I do far more “spear-looking” than killing. I'm now perfectly happy to draw a bead on a striper and not pull the trigger, wishing the fish a “nice day,” and just watching it swim off on its merry way. 🐟



The author's fourteen year old granddaughter Rayna Kaye with her personal best striper caught and released on July 28, 2022...

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**TORRES, Jorge L.**, 55, of Worcester, MA, Exceed Daily Limit of Black Sea Bass (BSB) (Spring/Summer Season)-Recreational, Possession of Undersized BSB-Recreational, Possession of Undersized Scup-Recreational, Possession of Tautog (Closed Season)

**VAN, CHHoub**, 57, of Providence, RI, Taking/Possession of Undersized Blue Crabs, Take/Sale of/or Possess Non-Complying Shellfish-1st Offense

**HOGAN, Eric M.**, 30, of Manville, RI, Operation of PWC W/In 200 Feet-Swimmers, Shore, Operation an Unregistered PWC

**ZAPATA, Stiven**, 27, of North Smithfield, RI, Operation of PWC W/In 200 Feet Swimmers/Shore, Operating PWC W/O Life Jacket, Operate PWC W/O Cutoff Switch Lanyard Attached, Operating an Unregistered PWC, Boating Safety Certificate Required-1st Offense-pwc

**SYSAKETH, Chalakone**, 41, of Providence, RI, Exceed Recreational Daily Limit of Shellfish in Management Area

**LORD, Nicholas**, 34, of South Kingstown, RI, Violation of Fish Trap/Failure to Mark, Violation of Fish Trap Regulations/Failure to Remove, Violation of Fish Trap Regulations/Dilapidated and Damaged Trap

**SEK, Moan**, 68, of Fall River, MA, Non-Resident Taking of Shellfish W/O a License, Taking or Selling of Shellfish from a Polluted Area-1st Offense

**MAN, Chhoeum**, 69, of Providence, RI, Take, Sale-of, Possess Non-Complying Shellfish-1st Offense

**LI, Li C.**, 40, of Milton, MA, Possession of Tautog Out of Season, Possession of BSB-Recreational, Possession of Undersized Tautog-Recreational

**The following is a breakdown of the citations issued for the period of: July 2022**

\*Individuals receiving citations have been civilly charged with violations under the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal.

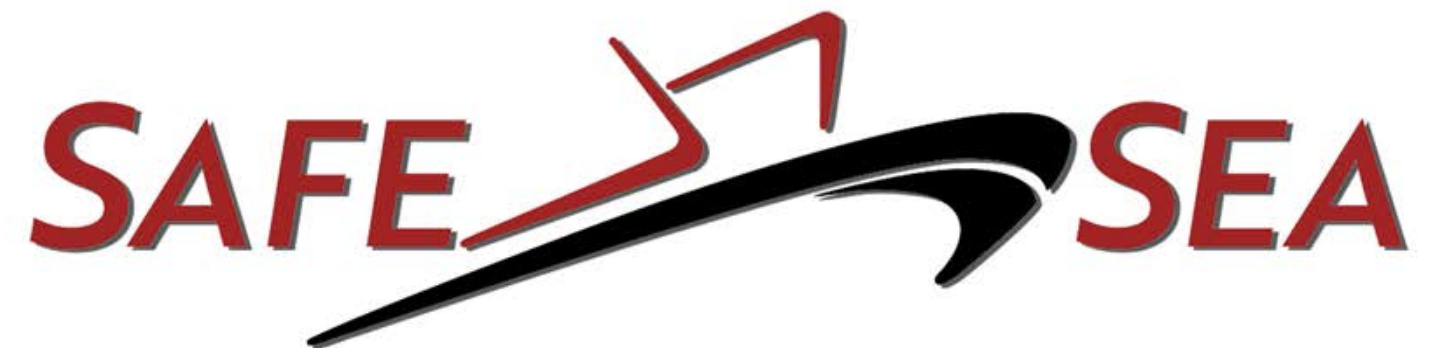
**VIOLATION CITATIONS ISSUED**

State Property Violations .....	11
(Parking, Alcohol, Disorderly Conduct, Dumping/Littering, etc.)	
Motor Vehicle .....	158
Boating Violations .....	14
ATV Violations .....	0
Freshwater Fishing Violations .....	0
Saltwater Fishing Violations .....	8
CRMC Beach Violations .....	0
Hunting Violations.....	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>191</b>

**TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE THROUGH OUR DISPATCH CENTER: 2,806**

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## BLACK SEA BASS

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Capt. Richard Hittinger..... 6.10 lbs
  2. Capt. TJ Harris ..... 6.01 lbs
  3. Paul Boutiette ..... 4.54 lbs

- 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. Michael Epstein ..... 11.20 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. Gil Bell ..... 13.06 lbs
3. Dan Gingras ..... 12.02 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. Jack Guarnaccia ..... 9.75 lbs
2. Bob Hurrie..... 9.40 lbs
3. Michael Sheridan ..... 7.50 lbs

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Tucker Jansen..... 8.70 lbs
2. Nick Duda ..... 3.46 lbs
3. Hayes Jansen..... 2.84 lbs

### SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



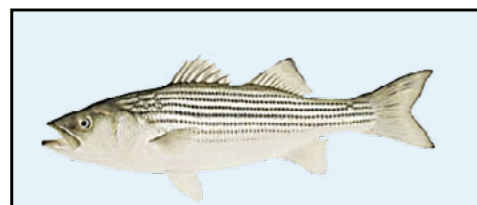
## HADDOCK

### 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. Robert Sangster..... 3.72 lbs
2. Capt. Richard Hittinger..... 2.04 lbs
3. Capt. Greg Vespe ..... 2.00 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. Barbara Audino..... 0.84 lbs

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

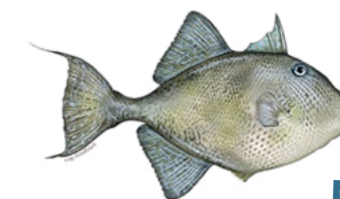
1. Flynn Jansen..... 1.10 lbs

### 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. Luke Lamson ..... 3.40 lbs.

### SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. No Entry



## TUNA - BLUEFIN

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Luke Lamson ..... 48.52 lbs



## TUNA - YELLOWFIN

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Luke Lamson ..... 13.22 lbs

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Kevin Fetzter  
with a black seabass.

# NOAA SUMMIT SETS TABLE FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

By: Captain Dave Monti  
BOARD MEMBER

NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (which regulates fisheries coastwide in State waters within the three mile limit), released the final report from the 2022 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit. The Summit garners stakeholder input that is used to direct NOAA's strategic planning for recreational fishing the next five years.

The two day meeting brought together over 175 recreational anglers, managers, scientists and industry representatives to discuss important recreational issues including climate change, balancing ocean uses (fishing, offshore wind and marine aquaculture), data and management.

The Summit report did a good job documenting key discussions. However, the report fell short in taking the input, particularly the cross-cutting themes common in all four topic sessions, and converting them to major initiatives to reinvigorate and update NOAA procedure, process and policy agendas for recreational fishing to make it climate ready.

The four cross-cutting themes noted are the Human Dimension; Shifting Data Needs; Tradeoffs in Management, Conservation, and Opportunity Management (flexibility); and Community Engagement and Trust.

For example under the umbrella theme of moving forward with a new appreciation for the 'human dimension' one would think

we (as a recreational fishing community) need to differentiate ourselves from commercial fishing in that the driving force is not to catch and kill fish necessarily, the intrinsic value of fishing, the opportunity of caching a fish all leading to the desire to grow fisheries to abundance so there are more of them in the water for all of us to catch, eat and/or release. So no major plan to communicate and foster an understanding of this human dimension was laid out in preliminary action items.

No plan to identify data poor stocks, particularly in light of climate impacts, no plan to develop acceptable standards for community science projects that can supplement existing data. The report also referenced 'Recreational Fishing Reform' and 'Opportunity Management' (flexibility) as important issues as well the cross-cutting theme of Community Engagement and Trust.

The biggest need not addressed is coming up with a plan for our nation's recreational fisheries to become climate ready. NOAA does relate it will undertake an extensive review of the 2015 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy with the aim of issuing an updated policy in 2023. 🐟

*NOAA released a report on their 2022 Recreational Fishing Summit in the later part of July. RISAA members Rich Hittinger and Dave Monti attended.*



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# YOUR DONATIONS ARE HELPING REBUILD HABITAT

At the July 2022 Board meeting for the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Foundation (RISAF) the Board voted to fund \$9600 to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to improve fish passage on the Saugatucket River. This grant will provide the final amount necessary to fund construction of a \$60,000 repair to the Palisades Fish Ladder in Wakefield, RI. Some of you may remember that this is a fish ladder where herring can not negotiate the current steep slope during many flow conditions. In recent years RIDEM has coordinated a program in the Spring to lift herring around the dam that is in place. The improvements that TNC has designed and has permitted in cooperation with RIDEM will reduce the slope of the ladder and provide resting pools for fish swimming upstream.



Indian Lake fish ladder completed.

the diadromous spawning populations in the Saugatucket River will substantially enrich forage fish populations in the main river as well as in Point Judith Pond.

RISAF is pleased to provide this funding and join the Project Team that already includes TNC as the lead as well as RIDEM and RICRMC through their Habitat Trust Fund. We thank you for your contributions and want you to know that by joining together we are making large, important projects happen even though we would not be able to do these things alone.

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Indian Lake fish ladder before improvements.

This particular fish ladder is important because it is a gateway to a 11,000 acre watershed where runs of diadromous fish including alewife, blueback herring and American eel were once plentiful. Restoration of these fish runs is important to both the health of the freshwater ponds and lakes and to the marine species that rely on some of these diadromous fish as part of their diet. Increasing

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The Rhode Island Saltwater Angler's Association (RISAA) believes in the sensible management of fisheries and the conservation and restoration of all marine resources. RISAA has accepted a leadership role in order to provide a unified voice to preserve and protect the rights, traditions and future of recreational angling. In order to achieve these goals, it is important for organizations who have the same goals to join together, uniting their voices and votes for the good of present and future generations of anglers. Therefore, RISAA is proud to be **AFFILIATED** with these respected organizations:



# COALITION PARTNERS

In order to promote fisheries management and conservation on a regional, national and international scale, the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association has associated with these organizations:



# APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association is a nonprofit Association established to provide a forum for saltwater anglers; to provide education to members concerning fishing techniques and overall enjoyment of fishing; to foster sportsmanship; to support marine conservation and the sound management of fisheries resources; and provide a unified voice to preserve and protect the rights, traditions and the future of recreational fishing.

Complete the form below and mail to: RISAA, P.O. Box 299, Tiverton, RI 02875  
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Register them as Junior Members (FREE).  **YES (Complete Below)**  NO Thank You

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Prefer to Fish From (check all that apply):

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Own Boat: Length: \_\_\_\_\_ ft Maker/Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Docked at: \_\_\_\_\_

### How did you hear about RISAA?

Friend  Tackle Shop  Facebook  News Article  RISAA Newsletter  Fishing Show  Web Site

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### TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

**Regular Adult:** \$50/year  
 Multiple Years (save \$5/year):  \$90 (2 yrs)  \$135 (3 yrs)  \$180 (4 yrs)

**Senior (Age 65+):** \$25/year. Requires date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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