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EVENTS & MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

- 23 Fly Fishing Event - Fogland/Seapowet - 5pm with Brian O'Connor
- 26 RISAA Monthly Seminar: "Get Clamming"
- 27 Fly Fishing Event - Barrington Beach - 7pm with John Edwards

OCTOBER

- 9 RI Tog Classic
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- 22 Fall Tog Trip - 5am - Island Current /Snug Harbor
- 24 RISAA Monthly Seminar: "An Evening with Charley Soares"

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- 28 RISAA Monthly Seminar: Seminar Tips, Trends & Preparing Fish Dishes with Chef Scott Crain

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FROM THE HELM



STEVE MEDEIROS HIS LASTING IMPACT

September brings with it many things: The hope for a strong fall run of migratory fish, the beginning of the best time of the year for Tog and now for many of us the remembrance of Steve Medeiros and his sudden passing last September. On this, the first Anniversary of his passing, I wanted to take a moment and take a look at his lasting impact and what hopefully he sees when he looks down upon us.

Steve was always present and we could not have had a more involved or focused Director. RISAA's very ability to weather the storm generated from his loss remains a direct result of his leadership. From having the financial reserves to make it through, to the influence he had when putting together RISAA's BOD which carried on the Association's work immediately thereafter, are all a testament to his leadership. I would like to think he is proud to see how not only his Board came together to help, but also how the membership as a whole stuck with the Association and decided now wasn't the time to bail ship.

Looking down on us Steve can now see that we have been able to resume Kids Camp, resume the Fishing Show and continue to be an effective body for advocating for recreational fishing and environmental legislation that benefits recreational fishing as well as fish.

RISAA continues to move ahead with DEM while fundraising for the renaming of Rhode Island's Black Point Recreation area after Steve, although I think Steve would have suggested the renaming include the word "Kids" and not his name. I would like to think he has a smile on his face none the less when he sees this.

RISAA still faces challenges as do all associations. We are not exactly the youngest bunch demographically and I believe we are in need of more diversity membership-wise as I think we would do well to more closely reflect the recreational fishing community as whole in Southern NE. What we do have for now, however, is a very strong passion for fishing, protecting our rights to access the Bay and Ocean we so love and in being good stewards of the environment which in the end is what will assure future generations will have fish in a healthy ocean. Outreach to both younger potential members and nontraditional members remains high on my priority list, and I welcome any advice or help on both of these fronts.

Size-wise, we always benefit from more active members, different demographics or not... so please reach out to your non-member friends, take them fishing... and maybe for one trip anyway when they offer to help with gas, bait or money consider asking them join RISAA instead! It's no small ask, but we will all benefit from it if they do.

Lastly please take a minute between casts this September and remember Steve for a bit.

Catch em up!

Greg **VESPE**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



RI SALTWATER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION
Legislative Committee

Reported by:
Richard **Hittinger**, CHAIRMAN

BACK TO POLICY & REGULATIONS SO SOON?

Fishing season is not even close to over, but with the end of summer the policy and regulatory issues are coming alive again. Right now we are still catching fluke (probably not for long) and I am already back into reviewing key fishing issues including public access, Atlantic menhaden, recreational/ commercial allocation, Mayflower Wind, and a possible marina facility for recreational fishing – all discussed below.

First, public access – it is the same old story, select individuals are trying to restrict access to some of our public beaches. In a recent article in ecoRI News <https://ecori.org/on-guard-public-access-to-westerly-beaches-tightens/> some of the threats to public access in the Westerly area are described. Again, Weekapaug Fire District (nothing to do with fire protection, just a homeowners' group) is blocking access to Quonochontaug Beach by posting a security guard at an entrance on property that they own right next to a former public right of way that is now blocked with a fence. RISAA member Dan King fishes this area and he has been active trying to restore/ protect access to this beautiful stretch of beach. In Dan's words: this access, "Spring Ave is the only ROW that provides access to over 1 1/2 miles of the pristine barrier beach between Weekapaug and the Quonnie Breachway". Please help keep a lookout for any threats to public access and report them to Greg Vespe at 401-826-2121 or me at hittinger@risaa.org.

“...it is the same old story, select individuals are trying to restrict access to some of our public beaches.”

THE WATCH

Also please get ready to help us push for improved public access by contacting your State Senators and asking them to bring H.8055 to the Senate floor for a vote. It's almost certain to pass. Thank you to Dan King for your work in Westerly.

Current Commercial and Recreational Allocations

Species	Base Years	Data Type	Commercial Allocation Percentage (%)	Recreational Allocation Percentage (%)
Summer Flounder	1980-1989	Commercial and Recreational Landings	60	40
Scup	1988-1992	Commercial and Recreational Catch	78	22
Black Sea Bass	1983-1992	Commercial and Recreational Landings	49	51

On Atlantic menhaden, the ASMFC Menhaden Management Board is considering Addendum 1 to Amendment 3 of the Atlantic Menhaden Interstate Fishery Management Plan. There are certain aspects of this Addendum that we believe are good for menhaden and some which we believe could harm the population. RISAA is working with other members of the Menhaden Coalition to craft a letter which will express our opinions about why we are asking for more extensive use of ecosystem-based reference points rather than single species models and for a wider geographic distribution of commercial menhaden harvest among other things. If you are interested in the draft letter please contact me.

Proposed Commercial and Recreational Allocations

Species	Base Years	Data Type	Commercial Allocation Percentage (%)	Recreational Allocation Percentage (%)
Summer Flounder	1980-1989	Commercial and Recreational Catch	55	45
Scup	1988-1992	Commercial and Recreational Catch	65	35
Black Sea Bass	1983-1992	Commercial and Recreational Catch	45	55

Also, we are finally seeing a proposed reallocation of fluke, scup, and black sea bass from NOAA fisheries. The tables below show the current and proposed new allocation for these species.

I have been calling for these adjustments for the last 5 years since the recreational catch history was changed when NOAA recalibrated the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). I have written about this in the past and it is quite confusing, but the bottom line is that changes in how NOAA estimates that recreational catch have led to large increases in the commercial quotas. The only way to reverse this significant change is to increase recreational allocation. I am working on a comment letter to be sent from RISAA, but I expect that to say that we agree

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THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

Dawn Filiatreault Wood, CHAIR



Welcome NEW Members!

- Eric Delong - Bristol, RI
- Charles Forsaith - North Kingstown, RI
- Ethan Thibault - Coventry, RI
- Philip Capaldi - Saunderstown, RI
- John Bennett - Coventry, RI
- Jon Atwood - Wellesley Hills, MA
- Harold Stedman - Westerly, RI
- Todd Lewis - Chepachet, RI
- James McInerney - Needham, MA
- Michael Stewart - West Kinston, RI
- John Kearney - Rochester, NY
- Ernest Agbeko - Bridgeport, CT
- Lucas Freye - Wakefield, RI
- Athanasius Anagnostou - Little Compton, RI
- Daniel Sauro - North Providence, RI
- Keith Knott - Carolina, RI
- Chad Weikman - West Greenwich, RI
- Mike Piper - Marblehead, MA - **Lifetime Member**

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.

MEMBER PHOTO



Junior Member Mason Pearce with his catch on the Seven B's.

IN THE NEWS



\$9000 Fine for Exclusive Economic Zone Striped Bass Poacher

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has announced that Administrative Law Judge Christine D. Coughlin levied a \$9,000 penalty on William McLaughlin, III. The fine was for possessing striped bass in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Block Island, R.I. This case started on the night of June 30th of 2020, when a joint enforcement patrol was conducted by DEM's Division of Law Enforcement agents and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of Law Enforcement agents. That night in federal waters of the Southwest Ledge, officers observed striped bass being dumped from McLaughlin's vessel, the "Just for the Haters". McLaughlin was trying to depart from the area in an attempt to avoid contact with the law enforcement officers. He was nonetheless apprehended by the officers and once the vessel was searched found with two large striped bass onboard.

In assessing the penalty in this case, Judge Coughlin considered McLaughlin's actions in both discarding striped bass and fleeing law enforcement as aggravating factors. Judge Coughlin also explained: "While unlawful possession of one or two fish may not seem to be of consequence to [McLaughlin] when considered in a purely individual context, when it is considered amidst the backdrop of an already struggling fishery and a seemingly rampant disregard for its conservation by "prolific" unlawful fishing activity, such behavior, even individually, is especially grave."

As stated by Judge Coughlin's decision, the large striped bass, which are often big females, migrate into the EEZ seasonally. These large female fish contribute the most to the future of a fishery. Due to biological fecundity in fish, the larger a female striped bass the more eggs they are capable of producing per pound of body weight. So the killing of these large girls causes even more harm. The intent of the EEZ and established rules is to protect the remaining striped bass for generations to come.

If you have questions about striped bass fishing rules and regulations in RI state waters, please contact DEM Division of Marine Fisheries at 401-423-1923. For questions about striped bass prohibitions in federal waters, please contact NOAA Fisheries' Enforcement hotline at (800) 853-1964. A copy of Judge Coughlin's decision is available on the NOAA Office of General Counsel, Enforcement Section website.

www.alloutdoor.com/2022/08/29/9000-penalty-eez-striped-bass-poacher/

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	22" Min. 28" Max.: 5 Fish Aug 1 to May 1	21" Min.: 10 Fish No Closed Season	22" Min. 28" Max.: 5 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
<i>Federal Waters - RI, CT, & MA - Aug. 1 to May 1: 5 fish - 22" to 28"</i>				
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>	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) <small>Visit your State's Federal Regulations website for Charter Regulations</small>	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

By: Paula Smalec

PAN SEARED BLACK SEA BASS WITH LEMON BUTTER & CAPERS

Rinse fillets with cold water and pat them dry with paper towels.

Season one side of each fillet with salt and lemon pepper seasoning.

Heat 1 tablespoon of butter with the oil in a large frying pan over medium high heat until the butter just begins to foam.

Place the fillets, seasoned side down, into the frying pan. Fry for approximately one minute.

Turn fillets over and continue to fry until the fillets flake easily when pressed lightly.

Remove fillets to a separate plate, seasoned side up, and cover with foil to keep warm.

Melt the remaining tablespoon of butter in the frying pan. Using a small whisk, scrape up any bits of fish that have stuck to the bottom of the pan. Add a few splashes of lemon juice and capers and whisk the mixture vigorously until blended well. Scrape the bottom of the pan as you drizzle this mixture over the fish.



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 black sea bass fillets
- 2 Tablespoons butter, divided
- Lemon pepper seasoning
- Lemon juice
- 1-2 Tablespoons capers
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- Salt

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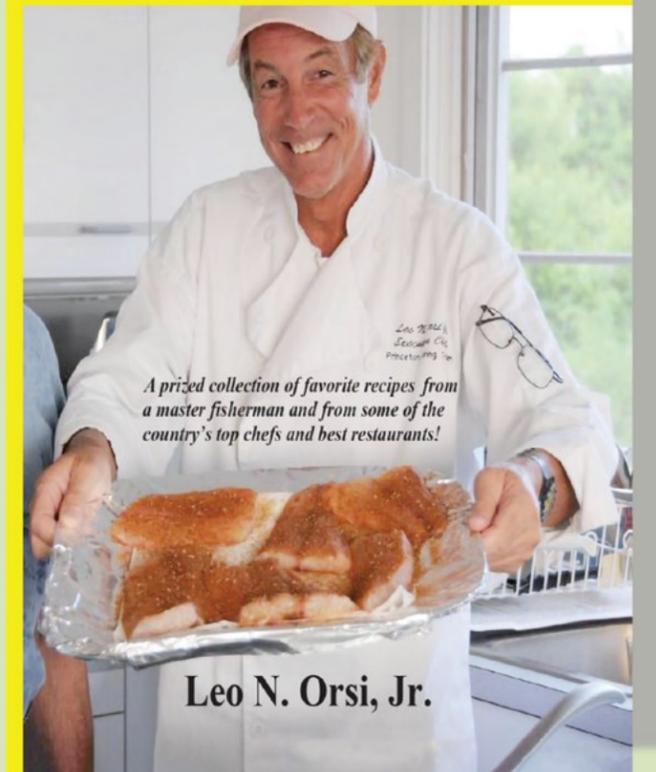
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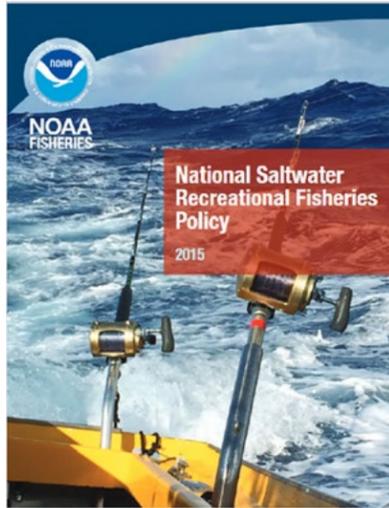
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NOAA FISHERIES ANNOUNCES DATES FOR INPUT SESSIONS

By: Captain Dave Monti

NOAA Fisheries is asking the recreational fishing community for their input at three webinars to update the 2015 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy. With perspectives shared during the 2022 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit, NOAA Fisheries requests angler input on revising the Policy.

The three meeting dates: The first was August 31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (EST); the second, September 22 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (EST); and the third session is November 16 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (EST). You just need to express your perspectives at one of the sessions. To register for a webinar or provide an online comment visit www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/public-presentations-recreational-fisheries-policy-update.



NOAA is asking anglers for input to update the 2015 National Recreational Fishing Policy.

During the webinars, NOAA Fisheries will provide a concise overview and history of the Policy, answer questions, and accept comments and suggested improvements.

The public comment period and electronic comment portal will remain open through December 31, 2022.

The purpose of the National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy is to provide guidance for Agency consideration in its deliberations pertaining to development and maintenance of enduring and sustainable high quality saltwater recreational fisheries. With climate impacts on fishing, stock movement, multi-uses of our oceans the new policy is needed to guide NOAA Fisheries.

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RISAA FAMILY TRIP A SUCCESS ABOARD THE SEVEN B'S

By: Captain Greg Vespe

On August 21, thirty-eight RISAA anglers gathered for the third RISAA sponsored fishing trip of the year, this time it was on board the Seven B's.

Billed as RISAA's family trip, this was a ½ day bottom fishing adventure and anglers of all ages were greeted by friendly mates and treated to calm seas and bluebird skies. The mates stayed busy keeping everyone's bait buckets full, while the Captain searched around for hungry fish.

Most of the morning we had a steady if a bit slow pick with both our junior members and the adults catching a pretty good mix of fluke, black sea bass, porgy and a mix of the sort of welcome chub and frigate mackerel. Meanwhile the mates took time to help educate the youth a bit, untangle a line or two as needed and generally make sure everyone was enjoying themselves as this is the intent with the half day trip.

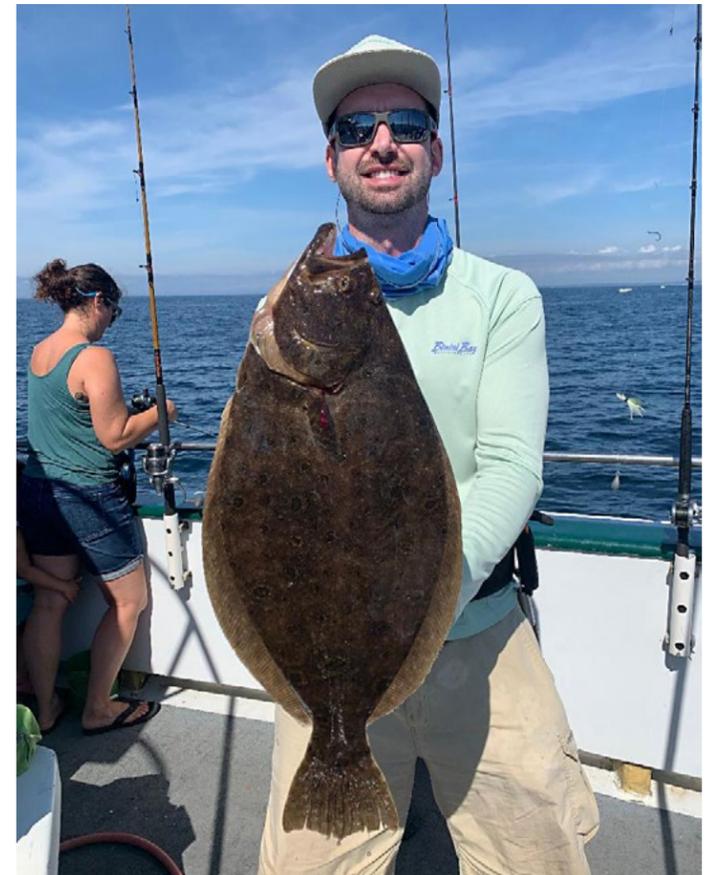
If success is judged by having fun, getting RISAA members out on the water (perhaps a bit farther than they would go on their own) and a chance to make some memories catching some tasty fish... then mission accomplished.



RISAA's Family Fishing Trip aboard the Seven B's.



Jase Paradise with a mackerel caught during the Family Trip on the Seven B's.



Michael Lynch with a monster fluke he caught on the RISAA trip.

that there needs to be a change but, although better than nothing, the changes proposed are too little too late. For example, just to make up for the MRIP changes in fluke the reallocation should go to 40% commercial, 60% recreational.

One of the proposed large-scale offshore wind energy projects, Mayflower Wind has come to the forefront again with their proposal to run their export power cable up the Sakonnet River and across Portsmouth, then back into Mt. Hope Bay. Mayflower Wind is developing an offshore lease area with the potential to generate over 2,400 megawatts (MW), or enough to power over 800,000 homes.

The lease area is located over 30 miles south of Martha's Vineyard and 20 miles south of Nantucket. The project will occupy the 199-square mile (or over 127,000 acre) lease area, which was awarded through a competitive auction by the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

RISAA believes that the power cable should land as close to the point of generation as possible and then run along existing roadways. There is no reason that the cable should run up the Sakonnet where it will impact recreational fishing among other uses and will likely impact glacial moraine habitat, which due to its geologic complexity supports Essential Fish Habitat for Atlantic

Cod fish according to recent findings by the New England Fisheries Management Council. RISAA has submitted a comment letter on this and we are open to discussions with the developer.

Finally, several RISAA members recently attended a site walk-over at the former Chase Marina in Tiverton. RIDEM currently owns the facility and has listed it as excess property. They sent out a request for Letters of Interest for reuse of the facility. Their reuse thoughts included commercial fishing and aquaculture but ignored any potential for recreational use including no possibility of use by "for-hire" recreational fishing - charter boats. RISAA plans to respond with a letter indicating that recreational fishing use needs to be included as a possibility. We are working on some ideas and we will express these ideas to RIDEM soon. It appears that the neighbors would welcome recreational fishing use over commercial fishing.

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 November 17 via Zoom.



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BLUEFISH IN THE FALL

By: Fred DeFinis



When I grew up fishing in Western Long Island Sound, there were no bluefish and hadn't been any for quite a number of years. There were many theories about why they had disappeared—overfishing of the Menhaden, some unknown migratory pattern, etc.—but they had. This should be a lesson to us in not taking any of our fish for granted, no matter how abundant they may seem to be now.

One evening in the early sixties, my father announced that “*The bluefish are back in the Sound*” and off we went the next morning to get them. I had never heard of a bluefish much less seen one but I got hooked that morning and have pursued them ever since and Fall is the perfect season to go for blues.

Many people look down on bluefish as some sort of dumb beasts that will eat anything, taste bad and ruin the striped bass fishing. This was evident in how the fish have been needlessly wasted over the years—left on the dock to rot or tossed over to feed the crabs. But why look down on a gamefish that is one of nature's perfect predators? A blue swims at five feet a second (double that for short bursts), turns on a dime, swallows or chops up any bait in its path and fights all the way to the boat and beyond without tiring.

WHERE TO GO

For shore anglers some good bluefish spots are Sapowet Point, Fogland and Sandy Point in the Sakonnet. Moving south and west, blues can be found off the shores of Sachuest Point, Third Beach and all along the rocky shores south of Newport. Further west, Beavertail, Narragansett and Black Point are all good spots. The sandy beaches from Point Judith to Watch Hill can all be productive when conditions are right. In the Bay, the waters in Greenwich Bay are productive and accessible—Oakland Beach,



Small bait, small lure.

Buttonwoods, Goddard Park and the surrounding areas. For the boat-based angler, the same spots will work as well as anywhere you can see the birds working or the baits schooling. Be patient—don't run your boat into or over the schools. Let the fish come to you.

GO SMALL IN THE FALL

Blues have a reputation for being somewhat unselective in their feeding and this is true for some of the season. Everyone has heard someone say “*You can toss an old shoe out there and a blue will hit it.*” Not so in the fall when the water is clearer and the fish are feeding on smaller baits such as peanut bunker or silversides. Once the late season rolls around, I never cast anything over an ounce. Small diamond jigs, Crippled Herring, Deadly Dicks, Kastmasters and similar lures all work well under these conditions. Leave the eight-inch plugs with three sets of treble hooks in the box and work the small shiny stuff. For improved safety and ease of unhooking, replace treble hooks with single hooks and crush the barb a bit. You'll get quicker hook ups and it will be easier to unhook the fish regardless of whether you are keeping or releasing it.

If the fish are being selective, try a lure with a bit of bucktail or a colored tube on the business end. Sometimes you need to make the lure contrast a bit with the natural bait. Another trick is to vary the retrieve. This may include trying faster or slower, letting the lure sink a bit before beginning the retrieve or imparting an erratic or jigging pace to the lure. See what works for the particular conditions. Years ago I took a friend fishing and we were using the same rods, reels, lines and lures but he was hooking up on every cast while I was having intermittent luck. I watched what he was doing and noticed that he was fumbling with the bail a bit which allowed the lure to sink a few seconds before starting the retrieve. Sometimes a simple variation is all that is needed.

There are rare occasions when the natural bait is so plentiful that the blues refuse your offerings. In those cases, try drifting a chunk of Menhaden on 7/0 circle hook rigged on a 40 pound fluorocarbon leader. The circle hook will increase your chances of hooking the fish in the jaw and avoiding bite offs.

LEAVE THE WIRE AT HOME

OH MY —HERESY! Everyone believes he/she needs wire leader to avoid being bitten off by a bluefish but that long length of black

wire with a swivel at one end and a giant snap at the other is very visible when the water is clear and the fish will avoid it. I can assure the readers that I have caught many hundreds of bluefish with the above-mentioned lures tied directly to 12 pound mono. Now that I use braid, I tie directly to 25 pound fluorocarbon leader with similar results. Occasionally a very big fish may swallow the entire lure and get the leader but most of the time they will be hooked on the trailing hook which is several inches from the leader. Just check the leader between casts and cut off any nicked sections and re-tie. I have done enough bluefishing to observe without question that you will hook and land many more fish this way than slinging big plugs on wire leaders.

If you are a shore-based angler, you may have only a few opportunities to hook a fish before they move out of range. Would you be willing to risk losing a \$1.99 jig in return for a much higher chance of a hook up? For the boat-based angler, it is not even a decision—you've already spent a fortune on boat, maintenance and gear, not to mention fuel. Why not maximize your chances of success?

TIPS FOR LANDING MORE FISH

There are two ways blues get off the line. The first is by their acrobatic jumps accompanied by some vigorous head shaking. While it may look spectacular, blues can shake a hook easily when they jump. The trick is keeping them in the water which is best accomplished by keeping the rod tip low and pumping the fish with a sweeping motion parallel to the water vs. up and down. Just be sure no one is in the path of your rod should there be some type of gear failure—no fish is worth an injury.

The second way fish are lost is at the boat. Like most game fish, a blue will make a strong surge when it sees the boat. Because they are so vigorous, this surge can be quite strong. The natural reaction of the angler is to pull back with equal vigor, putting a lot of stress on the gear. This is especially true today with stiff carbon



Favorite fall fishing lures for bluefish.

fiber rods and low stretch braided line. It is easy to pull the lure from the fish's mouth or break the line or leader or knot or whatever. Instead, lower the rod, point it at the fish and let the fish pull some line against the drag. Repeat as needed. This technique is known as “*bowing to the fish*” and is familiar to big game anglers but works equally well with inshore species. Let the reel do what it is designed to do. When you land the fish, be careful of flailing lures and hooks and especially the fish's teeth. One of their nicknames is “*Choppers*” for a reason.



Bluefish that has been properly bled and iced.



Bluefish that is not properly prepared.

ENJOYING YOUR CATCH

Bluefish has a reputation for tasting “*oily*” “*fishy*” or otherwise nasty. This is almost entirely due to mishandling. People try to disguise spoiled fish by various marinades, slathering with some concoction or magic sauce but you cannot put the freshness back into fish or game that has been spoiled. First, bleed the fish head down in a five-gallon bucket of water. As soon as you are sure the fish is dead, filet it and rinse the filets in some cool clean sea water. Wrap them and get them on ice immediately after processing. If your fish is stiff with rigor, you have waited too long to filet it. Your finished, cooled filets should be a pale tan/gray color and smooth, without cracks or gaps. See the photos below for bluefish that has been properly processed vs. that which is fit for garden fertilizer. If you have properly cared for your fish, cook it within two days of catching for best results.

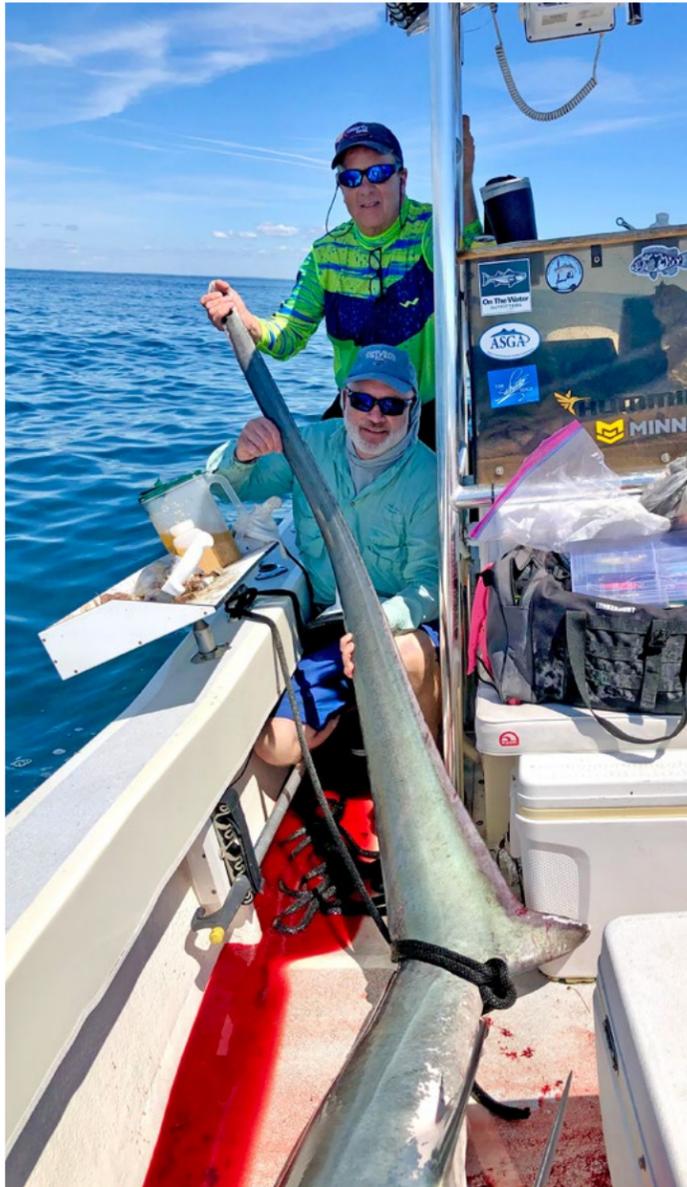
One recipe everyone likes (even those who don't like bluefish) is smoked bluefish pate. See the August 2022 issue of the RISAA magazine for a recipe. Thinner filets—around 1/2 inch thick—are very good for blackened fish recipes. You can buy pre-mixed spices or make your own. The spicy outer coating makes a nice contrast with the juicy flesh. If you prefer a milder fish recipe, you can cut out the brown flesh and poach the remaining light-colored flesh and use it in your favorite fish cake or crab cake recipe.

Even with a three fish limit, it is easy to get carried away when the fish are biting and end up with more than you can use. Respect the resource and use it wisely. They may not always be as plentiful as they are today. 🐟

A SECOND BITE AT THE APPLE

By: Captain Greg Vespe

I've been very fortunate throughout my life to have opportunities to fish for and catch many different species of both fresh and saltwater fish. There are however still a few that have continued to elude me despite my attempts to cross them off my list. Musky being one, as I have yet to land one despite having successfully served as net boy for 2 (both my Dads). I also have lost my one and only battle with a native Pacific Steelhead whose leap for freedom on the Elwha River I still have burned in my memory. None of these fish however were more significant to me than my failure to land a Thresher Shark. I had been defeated in my only encounter with one and I am putting that gently. That first encounter resulted in the one and only time in my life I quit on a fish. When said Shark decided to hang under the boat it magnified my error in choosing a rod that was probably a bit too long. This was



coupled with poor technique on my part and my back simply locked up. I couldn't move, forcing me to pass the rod to another angler. In review I simply wasn't ready for the task. I didn't have the experience in fighting larger fish yet and was probably a bit dehydrated having already battled a few large Blue sharks earlier that trip with Captain BJ Silvia.

In short, I tried to run a sprint when a marathon was needed. After handing the Rod off to another more capable angler, Captain Mike Littlefield, I drank some water and was working on loosening my back up to perhaps regain the rod. When the wire let go for some unknown reason and just like that the fish was gone approximately an hour into the fight.

At the time I didn't realize it would be nearly 10 years before I would have a crack at redemption. Fast forward to July 30th this year. By now I was at the helm of my beloved Miss Colleen all 19' of her and when a 2-day weather window opened, I gathered up RISAA members and Miss Colleen regulars David Dube and Darren DeSouto to make a run offshore for sharks. A call the night before from Captain Littlefield had identified a small temp break and after a brief discussion we decided that would be worth targeting rather than my usual spot near Coxes; The first location we considered turned out to have more gear on it than I liked so we pushed on and about 4 miles later found a smaller lump of hard bottom that had some life on it and not much gear so we opted to set up.

Although not having many opportunities to shark, that prior fish had remained stubbornly on my mind, and I remained ever hopeful for another shot at one. In the meantime, I never missed RISAA Seminars on sharking and had spent the prior winter learning and practicing how to Haywire twist (Capt. BJ Silvia). Setting up chaffing gear (Capt. Littlefield), Crimp (Capt. Thomas), and to rig up long mono Leaders of 400 lb. test for protection from Thresher tails (Capt. Robbie Taylor) all past RISAA speakers. I had also slowly picked away at adding gear to include a few Santiago 50's and eventually getting pair of Rods made at Crafty One Customs' shop in Portsmouth so I felt as if I at least had the right set ups.

With that as the background our crew deployed the newly created rigs. I set 3 rods; a deep rod no balloon at about 45ft., then a ballooned one at 25ft. and another at 15ft. My rigs were 3 ft of wire to a 16/0 in-line circle hook and 12t -14ft. of 400lb. mono. Crimped and chaffed protected. The baits were jumbo squid I had previously caught and individually vacuum sealed. Each bait was sewn to look as if swimming with waxed thread onto the hook swordfish style. I had just gotten my federal permits at 11:50pm the night before which turned out to be a good thing.

Once deployed we set the chum bucket (homemade ground the prior winter) and Dave manned the chum line while we waited. We didn't get far into our first drift when the rig at 25 ft got



slammed without warning; just smoked. Off to the races we were and then a full 8ft. in air 180-degree back flip upon the hook coming tight confirmed this was not a Blue shark. We kept it off the back quarter for most of the fight with Dave working the helm and Darrin scouting for fixed gear and possible trouble in any direction. The Thresher made 2 more jumps and a few sustained runs. Its ability to change direction and come at the boat kept us all on our toes as we tried to prevent it from getting under the boat or allowing it enough slack line where it might be able to get to the main line with its tail. As the Shark began to show signs of tiring the discussion about what a 54" fork length shark looked like commenced. In the end we were confident we were well over the 54" min. (was 66") and we decided to try to retain her. I don't carry a dart, so the flying gaff was the best option we possessed.

Learning point 1: Setting up a 20 lb. connection from the flying gaff head to the shaft isn't the right decision and a thicker rope to the gaff head is a better choice than parachute chord even if its 300lb. test. After the gaff separated on the first attempt without penetrating the shark and resulted in a much more upset shark, we re-tried with a new 40lb. line which was much more effective. A word about flying gaffs, I will say it's got to be close to the boat

for that flying gaff to work. Then two more traditional gaffs found their mark and a tail rope to a cleat and for the first time in 1hr and half we all relaxed a bit.

Overall, it was 1 hour and 28 minutes on the rod with stand-up gear, then a bit of time to bleed out as we slow trolled it as 19' of boat doesn't do well if the shark wakes up in it. Then if took us about 20 min to get her in the boat. No tuna door. We also learned a large blanket would be good to cover shark and keep wet and cool for the run back in. We did try to cover it in ice bags as best we could until we got back to home to the Sakonnet Bridge ramp.

She only went under the boat once just at the very end but we did everything we could to keep her away from boat up until the actual gaff attempts. The back quarter seemed to be the best place to keep her. Back home we found it measured out at 66' fork and 10' 11" TL. Certainly, more experienced anglers' boat larger ones, but for us we were very happy with that fish and I am thankful it wasn't any larger, especially trying to get it in the boat which was no picnic without a tuna door or block and tackle. Also, happy to report, while not quite as good as Mako, I found the steaks to be excellent in both flavor and texture.

I still don't have my Musky, but I am happy to be able to check Thresher Shark off my list. 🐡



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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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A VERY BRIEF SHORE FISHING GUIDE TO MARTHA'S VINEYARD

By: Captain Ken Cooper

If you fish in saltwater in New England and you have not fished at Martha's Vineyard, then you must do so. Get there by ferry boat from Woods Hole, MA, or other ports, or by air from several area airports. Find lodging in the busy, touristy sectors of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven, or the quieter, more laid back area of Menemsha. Bring your vehicle over on the ferry, or rent a car at the airport because fish have tails and they might be at any of the many hot spots around the island that are miles apart.

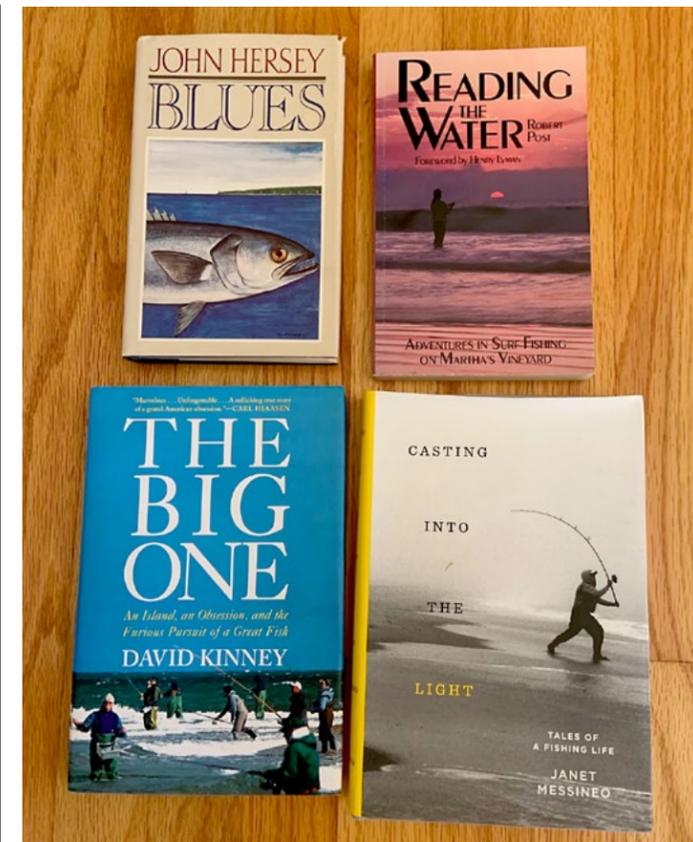
BEFORE YOU GO: I urge you to do a little research, and I strongly recommend that you read at least one of these books:

- **Blues**, by John Hersey. A true classic that every northeast saltwater fisherman should read (and re-read).
- **Reading The Water/Adventures In Surf Fishing On Martha's Vineyard**, by Robert Post. Lengthy, informative interviews with some of the Island's best and best known fishermen.
- **Casting Into The Light/Tales Of A Fishing Life**, by Janet Messineo. Life and trials of a top-notch female angler competing in a man's world of surfcasters.
- **The Big One/An Island, an Obsession, and the Furious Pursuit of a Great Fish**, by David Kinney. Everything you need to know about fishing the Derby.

THE DERBY: Virtually every year since 1946 there has been a competitive event known as the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby, or simply, the Derby. This year's contest runs from September 11 to October 15, and once again, striped bass are excluded from the competition. False albacore and Atlantic bonito are included. There are categories for the biggest fish from shore or boat, by age group, by equipment type (fly or other) and by solo angler or team. Get the details and register if you so desire at: www.mvderby.com I have never fished the Derby, but if you are interested, I strongly recommend that you read Dave Kinney's book, noted above. Be advised that while most participants are good sportsmen, the contest does have a way of bringing out the worst in a few.

WHERE TO FISH: In his 1993 book, *Striper Hot Spots/The 100 Top Surfcasting Locations From Maine To New Jersey*, author Frank Daignault recommends five locations on the Vineyard. From personal experience, I concur, but would add two more. Here's the rundown.

WASQUE POINT: I suppose it is possible that Wasque is serene for a few moments on a windless day at slack tide, but I doubt that. This sandy point juts out into Nantucket Sound where it creates a big and powerful rip, especially on a falling tide. It's popular and can be crowded in peak season. Big stripers at night and big



Consider these books when researching a Martha's Vineyard fishing trip.

bluefish during the day. This is no place for light tackle because if you can't control your fish and cross others' lines, you will learn the meaning of "combat fishing." If you have the right gear and know what you're doing, then Wasque can be a real treat yielding some very nice fish.

GAY HEAD: This area is at the opposite end of the Island from Wasque Point. You will be fishing from a sandy beach that is informally clothing optional, with your back to colorful cliffs that feature a lighthouse above. (Do not walk on the cliffs; they are sacred to the local Native Americans.) The best fishing is after dark, from Southwest Rock to Pilots Landing, working the bowl and boulder fields along the way. When sandeels are present, this is as good a place as any to cast a green or black needlefish plug.

LOBSTERVILLE BEACH: Lobsterville and the adjoining Dogfish Bar are two excellent places to fly fish for striped bass, bluefish, false albacore and Atlantic bonito. The beach slopes gently, the water is typically calm and clear, and the fish come close to shore

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in the dark. Most often, the dominant bait is sandeels, and so an 8 weight or 9 weight rod will suffice since you won't need to cast large, bulky flies. I fished a floating line, but a slow sinking intermediate line will also do the job. Lobsterville Beach is a very popular spot, but there's room to spread out, especially after dark.

MENEMSHA HARBOR: I divide this area into four spots: The jetty, the inlet, the pond and the beach running NE from the jetty. In the late summer and early fall, albies and bonito will run in and out of the inlet, and the jetty on the east side of the inlet can get quite crowded. I nailed many decent stripers drifting a fly in the outgoing flow from the end of the jetty, and also when fishing an eel imitation on a sinking flyline from the west side of the inlet in the deep of night on an incoming tide. The pond has a herring run at the far end (off limits—it's on Native American land), and some wade-able water that can be very productive when herring are present. The sandy beach adjacent to the east side of the jetty features a recurrent invasion of small bluefish on summer evenings—the so-called "Menemsha Blues."

SQUIBNOCKET POINT: On the south side of the Vineyard, just about opposite Menemsha, lies Squibnocket and about two miles of superb striper surf. To the right of the parking area you will encounter a large bowl that's often loaded with bait, and further down a mussel bed that also attracts predators. Squibnocket is where you want to heave your biggest plugs in the dark and hope

for that trophy bass. The predators are mostly bass at night and often blues by day. (A caution: The parking area is restricted to town residents during the summer season.)

THE BRIDGES: Known to locals as "Little Bridge" and "Big Bridge," these structures on the northeast side of the Island are ideal for light tackle and fly fishing because the water faces Nantucket Sound rather than the open Atlantic Ocean and is therefore generally calm. All of the usual methods of fishing this kind of structure (as well as the adjoining jetties) work here, but work best at night. Drift plugs, flies or even live eels in the current. Striped bass and bluefish are the primary targets, but in their season, false albacore and Atlantic bonito will run in from the Sound.

CAPE POGE GUT: I'm including this spot because it can be albie heaven, giving the shore-bound angler a fair chance to catch a "hard tail," a "funny fish," or whatever you like to call false albacore and Atlantic bonito. These speedsters run in from Edgartown Harbor to this narrow channel to feast on baitfish dropping out of Cape Poge Bay on a falling tide. This is an ideal location for light tackle and fly fishing. Schoolie bass and harbor blues may likely be encountered.

If this article whet your appetite, then what are you waiting for? Get on the phone or go online and book your ferry or airline reservation, pack your tackle and head to the Vineyard. You will not be disappointed. 🐟

FISHING WITH CAPT. JOE PAGANO OF STUFF IT CHARTERS

RISAA Charter Trip Winners

By: Steve Skenyon

On Monday evening August 1st the contest winning fishing team that included RISAA members Joe Kuyoth, Pete Delvecchio and I (Steve Skenyon) left the dock in Galilee Rhode Island on Captain Joe Pagano's Charter boat STUFF IT. The weather was close to perfect with a 6 - 7 knot wind and overcast skies. We were on our way at 5:15PM as Captain Joe handled the large SeaCraft Center Console out of the marina, past the Block Island Ferry Boats, through the channel adjacent to Salty Brine's beach then turned southeast past the breakwaters.

We were all fishing just after 6:00PM off Point Judith light. The target fish was striped bass and our strategy focused on drifting live eels over structure/boulders in about 40 feet of water. Our top quality fishing tackle, provided by STUFF IT charters, included medium action 7 foot spinning rods spooled with 20 pound test monofilament line and terminal tackle consisting of a 3 foot 50 pound test leaders with size 6 snelled circle hooks. The live eels were hooked through the lower jaw and no lead was used to bring them down through the water column.

Captain Joe positioned the boat for our drift over schools of fish appearing on the Garmin sounder. The first 30 minutes were slow with no bites until the tide started moving then Joe Kuyoth hooked up. It was a 45" striper that provided a good battle for Joe K. and he kept consistent pressure on the fish that raked the line

over boulders and other structure until finally moving off the bottom.

Captain Joe provided oversight on fighting the fish and effectively netted the large linesider. Our goal was to take a few quick pictures and release the fish timely. Following Captain Joe's guidance to revive the large striper, we used a Boga Grip to drag the fish along the boat side moving water over the gills to fully revive it but had minimal suc-



Steve Skenyon, Joe Kuyoth and Pete Delvecchio take a quick picture before releasing this big girl.

cess. Captain Joe had a genuine interest in ensuring the survival of this large breeder and coordinated the use of a 20 foot cord to drag the fish through the deeper colder more oxygenated water. This strategy was successful in reviving Joe K's huge catch that headed for the bottom.

Fishing picked up after Joe K. broke the ice and Pete hooked up with a nice slot striper. Pete skillfully moved along the port side of the STUFF IT and positioned the fish for netting.

I finally hooked up and we boated a total of four stripers all caught within two hours.

Captain Joe pointed out a large seal that popped his block shaped head up off of our stern. The large seal has a reputation of stealing hooked fish off the lines while they are reeled in but this one didn't bother us that night. We kept two of the stripers for the dinner table and were back at the dock around 8:30. An interesting fact about Captain Joe Pagano is that he has the record for the 2nd largest fish ever caught on a rod and reel. Specifically, on July 27, 1991 he and his crew landed a 2909lb great white off the Rhode Island coast. Captain Joe Pagano of STUFF IT charters made our perfect evening of fishing. He was very personable, responded to the numerous questions we asked about other types of fishing, sliced up and bagged our stripers for the cooler and got us back to the dock safely. As Joe K, Pete and I walked back to our trucks for the ride home, we all agreed that we had an A+ trip. 🐟



Pete with his first ever striped bass



Steve with a slot striper



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FISHING WITH CAPT. JASON HOWELL OF PAMELA MAY CHARTER

RISAA Charter Trip Winners

By: Ralph Orleck

At the May RISAA meeting, RISAA members Jeff Richard, Ted Davidson and Ralph Orleck were the lucky winners of the Pamela May Charter with Captain Jason Howell. Originally scheduled for June 27, a small craft advisory warning with gusts up to 30 mph along with thunderstorms forecast prompted Captain Howell to ask us to reschedule. We all agreed to do the trip on Thursday, July 7 and Captain Howell was able to accommodate all of us for which we were all grateful

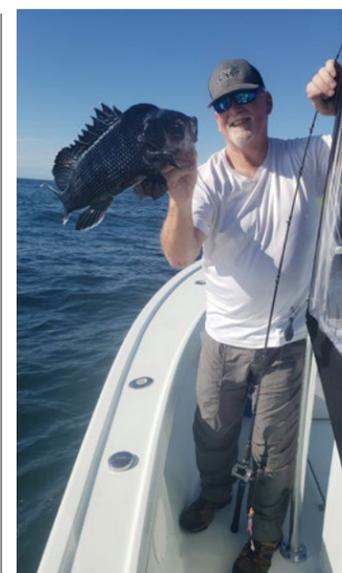
We were lucky on July 7 with sunshine, wind out of the east and temperatures climbing to the 70’s. The Pamela May is a 23 ft. Sea Ox with a 175 Suzuki outboard motor. It is a center console boat which made it an outstanding fishing machine.

We assembled at the dock at 4:50 AM and were off and running within a few minutes. The target was to be sea bass and fluke with the destination being the Hooter. All rods were set up and ready to go.

While on the way, Captain Howell marked fish near the Pt. Judith lighthouse. He stopped the boat and we took turns plugging. Captain Howell hooked a blue and handed the rod to Ralph. With 15 lb. test monofilament on a light rod, Ralph fought the fish for what seemed like an eternity to him and it was finally brought in and released. It was big!

So on to the next spot, which was just bit south east of the Hooter can. We started bottom fishing and Ralph caught the first keeper sea bass. It was not long before Jeff and Ted caught keepers. Ted caught the only keeper fluke of the day.

Captain Howell repeated the drift and fish were coming over



Jeff Richard with the largest sea bass from the trip.



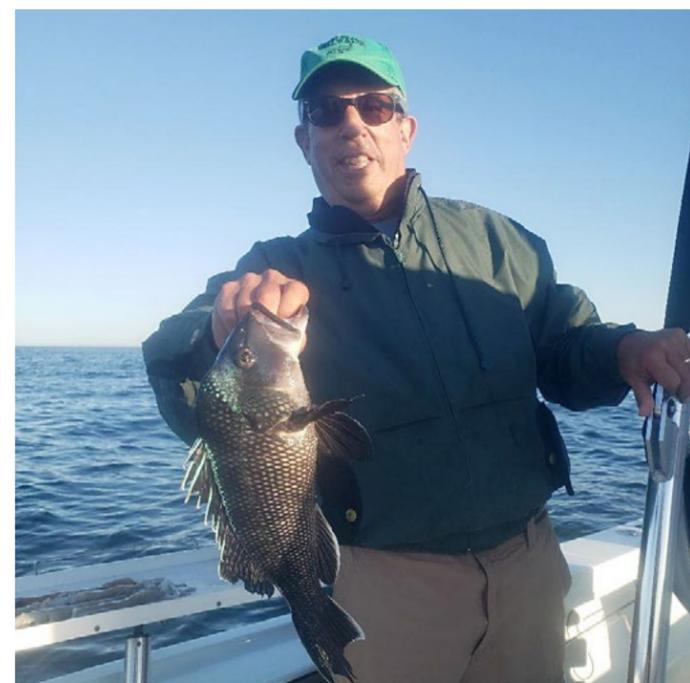
Ted Davidson with a keeper fluke on Pamela May Charters.

the rail non-stop. Jeff caught the biggest sea bass of the day. With light rods, it was a good time! Captain Howell helped everybody, from cutting bait, measuring fish, and setting up rods. The rods for bottom fishing were light with 30 lb. braid and 30lb fluorocarbon leaders.

Around 8:00 AM we started heading in. Shortly after arrival, Captain Howell cleaned all of the fish – 7 keeper sea bass and one fluke. Everyone went home with fish for the table.

The Pamela May is a great fishing boat and Captain Jason Howell put us on the fish all day long. He was immensely helpful to all of us.

For a great fishing experience, I heartily recommend the Pamela May with Captain Jason Howell. You will not be disappointed.



Ralph Orleck with first BSB keeper.

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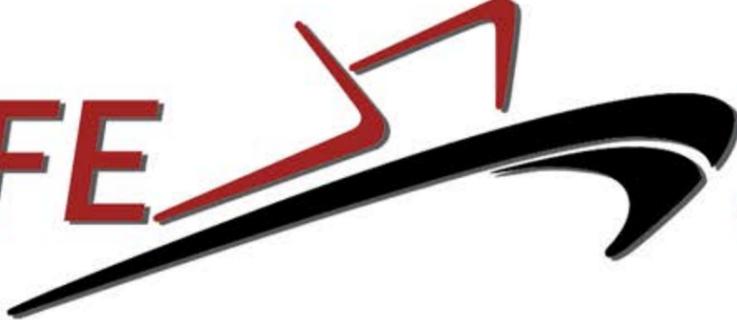
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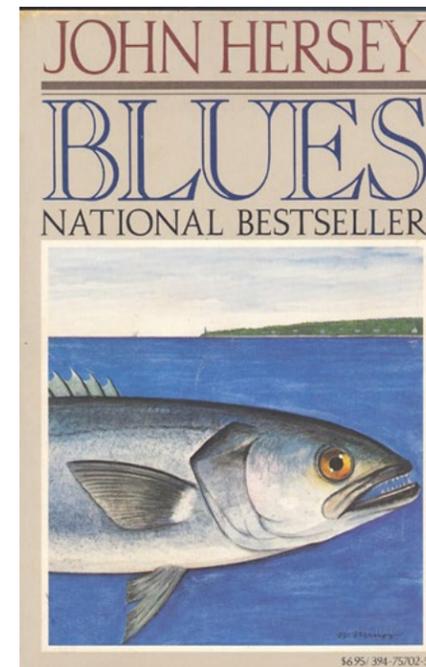
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Blues BOOK REVIEW

By: Celeste **Ferendo-Canfield**

As September approaches and the blues and stripers are heading in to feast on the abundance of bait the curious among you might want to know more about this magnificent animal. I recommend the national bestseller, *Blues*, by John Hersey.

Hersey was a Pulitzer Prize winning author, a journalist, a Yale professor, and the author of over 20 books. He summered in Vineyard Haven, Mass., where he captained his own 26 foot, old school, wooden boat *Spray*. Hersey was among the earliest writers to use traditional storytelling techniques in his journalism career. He uses this technique in this book which makes for easy, comfortable reading.

The author imparts an enormous amount of information to the reader through a dialogue between himself and a Stranger who has never fished before. Hersey takes the Stranger out on his boat repeatedly, and on each voyage, educates him about fishing responsibly, about the sensitivity of the environment, about the complicated relationships of sea life, and of course an ocean of facts and stories about the fish that fascinated him... the remarkable bluefish.

He tells of the Marine Laboratory in Sandy Hook New Jersey where serious studies of the bluefish and other species were done. The scientists learned a tremendous amount about the mysterious blues. Even the anatomy of a blue is interesting. He talks of the significance of color changes in the skin and the function of the lateral line. In one experiment the scientists tossed a fish to the far end of the tank high over the water and watched fish race to the other end of the tank vying to be the first to arrive when it hits the water. So if you ever tossed a lure and had a bluefish snatch it before it even hits the surface you can be sure he was indeed

following it through the air with those fierce eyes.

Hersey also speaks to the devastation of the deep by man and the critical interdependence of all living creatures. Did you know that it takes 50 pounds of silversides to produce a 5 pound blue and 500 pounds of plankton to produce those silver sides? Even the smallest of creature is important in the great balance of nature.

Because of nuclear waste going into ocean waters the Sandy Hook scientists were pulled away from studying the blue fish behavior and were asked by the Atomic Energy Commission to study how much stress the Blues could withstand from high water temperatures. The result was that the Blues became frantic, swimming faster and faster. They wanted to escape as they do in the wild when the water warms. They even schooled at night which they never do unless threatened. The warming of the ocean waters is a problem we are all familiar with these days, but this study was done well before the term climate change was everyday jargon. *Blues* was first published in 1987, and the lab had been burned down by an arsonist well before that.

There is much to learn from this book, even for the seasoned fisherman. It is a course in fishing techniques, ichthyology, angling off of Cape Cod, conservation and environmental awareness. Oh, and there is a yummy bluefish recipe at the end of each chapter. It's great off-season fare in an easy to read package. Since it's been around a while, pre-owned copies are readily available online. 🐟



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TAKING YOUTH FISHING – PART II

By: Captain Greg Vespe

Last time I covered how to introduce our youngest future anglers. For this column I want to include the 8 to 12 year olds. If there is a theme to focus on with this age it's making them feel valuable and part of the process. While teenagers tend to cringe at the words "I need help with, etc." that's exactly what most of the 8 – 12 year olds want to hear. The best way to get them involved and enjoying a fishing trip is to have them feel they are a part of the process and the success of the trip.

As before, I always start with two critical elements to a youth trip. The lucky snack convenience store stop can never be undervalued (among kids of all ages). It sets the tone for them having a say in things, and who doesn't need a bit of luck on a fishing trip? Once completed, next up is the bait shop as described in the last column. This time not only bring them inside, but I also get them involved. Have them place the order for the box of squid or the gallon of crabs. Ask them to help you with this part and you will see them take ownership. If you don't plan on bait, have them buy a pack of porgy hooks something, anything-ice is always an option. It's about their being part of the trip and beginning to get gain confidence placing orders and speaking with members in the fishing community outside of yourself and your shipmates. Ordering a box of sandworms and then having them ensure the box makes it onto the boat gives them part ownership in the trip.

The less you can tell them, the better. "Sit still while I take care of things." is not getting them engaged. One exception is launching the boat. It's the one thing I do not have youth help me with due to my perceived high risk/low reward situation.

Once everyone is on the boat and the trip begins, consider assigning responsibly such as "managing the bait" which remains a time tested classic youth assignment. I don't tell them they are in charge, but I frequently ask, "How are the eels - still swimming?" "How are the crabs?" "Are the clams still looking fresh?" Once a few fish are caught questions by the Capt. that go along the lines of "How are the fish?" Especially if a live well is present. If you act as if "bait checker" is a valuable part of the trip and acknowledge their reports. then it is in fact an important part of the trip. Perhaps suggesting that spraying down the crabs a touch with hose based upon a report once in while adds to the importance of the role. My father had me do a minnow check at least every half hour when I was a kid. I think that has stuck with me as I still tend to over check the minnows even to this day. For boats with live wells, once a fish or two is added, the live well fish check serves a similar purpose.

For boats lacking live wells, never overlook the value of a 5 gallon bucket for a small dogfish, or a sea robin or two to swim around in for a bit before being returned. Kids this age are still very much kids; let them enjoy as much of it as you can.

When it comes to actually fishing, at this age you can start getting them involved in some basic decisions. Going to troll tube



Greg Vespe fishing with his grandson.

and worm, let your young angler chose one of the colors of the tubes. It can be from between two choices you offer up or the full selection, but either way it's giving them some say. Same for trolling plugs. I usually pick one myself and then allow one to be chosen from a few options that will run at the same depth and speed as my choice. Yes, there has to be some catching involved, but it doesn't have to be the only consideration. Gear-wise let them begin to master either spinning or conventional gear; just keep in mind smaller gear allows them to manipulate and control things much better so choosing a rod and reel that fits them is the captain's responsibility. Lastly remember as much fun can be derived by a junior angler who can control and fight a schoolie than from having a large fish cranked in on wire where they can't get the rod out of the rod holder and crank it in from the gunnel. Either works, but again bigger isn't better yet at this age "more fun is more better", as they say.

Lastly, keep any eye on the weather and always make sure some oversized warm hoodies are available to cover up with if things turn cool as kids don't thermo regulate real well once they get damp, and Also don't stay out if the waves start building. Passenger comfort is key, you want them to enjoy the fishing experience. 🐟

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- 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. Michael Tilelli..... 2.29 lbs
 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



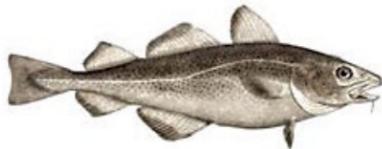
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- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. David Garzoli..... 9.30 lbs

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. No Entry

- SHORE DIVISION - ADULT**
1. No Entry

- SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. No Entry



COD

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Paul Boutiette 7.78 lbs
 2. No Entry
 3. No Entry

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. Flynn Jansen..... 3.30 lbs
 2. No Entry
 3. No Entry



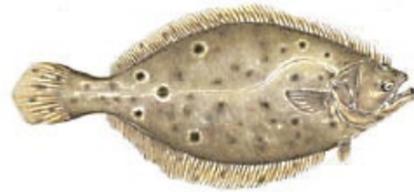
FALSE ALBACORE

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Ronald Lynch 7.56 lbs

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. No Entry

- SHORE DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Michael Tilelli 11.16 lbs
 2. Capt. TJ Harris 6.65 lbs

- SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR**
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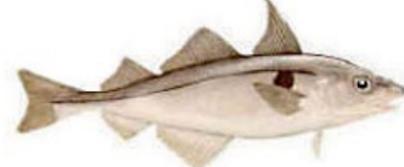
FLUKE

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. John Meserve 12.00 lbs
 2. Jack Guarnaccia 9.75 lbs
 3. Walter Marti 9.50 lbs

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. Tucker Jansen..... 8.70 lbs
 2. Hayes Jansen..... 5.24 lbs
 3. Nick Duda..... 3.46 lbs

- SHORE DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Michael Tilelli 2.20 lbs

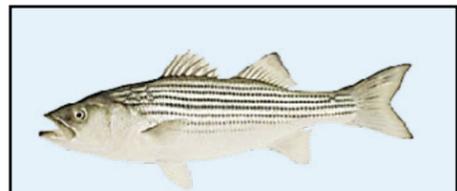
- SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. No Entry



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. Hayes Jansen 1.34 lbs
2. Flynn Jansen..... 1.06 lbs



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



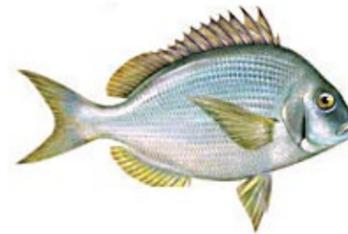
TAUTOG

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Karlis Kaugars 10.00 lbs

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. Tucker Jansen 3.44 lbs
 2. Hayes Jansen 3.44 lbs
 3. Flynn Jansen 2.66 lbs

- SHORE DIVISION - ADULT**
1. John Migliori..... 6.96 lbs
 2. Richard Reich 5.88 lbs
 3. Normand Morrisette 4.76 lbs

- SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. No Entry



SCUP

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**

1. Robert Sangster..... 3.72 lbs
2. Joseph Saltamachia..... 2.62 lbs
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- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**

1. Domenic Bianco 1.44 lbs
2. Flynn Jansen..... 1.32 lbs
3. Hayes Jansen 1.10 lbs

- 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



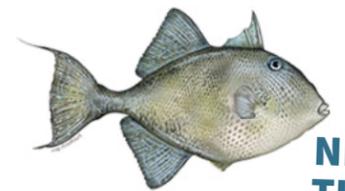
SEA ROBIN

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Peter Chang 2.69 lbs
 2. Barbara Audino..... 1.62 lbs

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. Tucker Jansen 1.78 lbs
 2. Luke Jansen 1.72 lbs
 3. Flynn Jansen 1.22 lbs

- SHORE DIVISION - ADULT**
1. John Migliori..... 2.76 lbs
 2. Michael Tilelli 1.70 lbs

- SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR**
1. Luke Lamson 1.28 lbs



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GRAY TRIGGERFISH

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**
1. Bill Hubert..... 2.76 lbs
 2. Capt. Stephen Skenyon 2.30 lbs

- 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 - ALBACORE

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**

1. No Entry

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**

1. No Entry



TUNA - YELLOWFIN

- BOAT DIVISION - ADULT**

1. No Entry

- BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR**

1. Luke Lamson 13.22 lbs

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“TAKE YOUR TOYS HOME, PLEASE”

Reprinted from *The Narragansett Times*

By: Todd Corayer

Fisheries laws, like most rules governing our movements and actions, are often reactions to excess or poor judgement. When we take fifteen bluefish, knowing one or two are enough to feed the kids and smell up a kitchen, bag limits are imposed. When we drive too quickly, speed limits are posted. When we park in front of hydrants, we get an expensive orange reminder of our bad decision. When we throw plastic nips out car windows, nips get banned. Hopefully. Shoreline access for walking a beach, casting a rod or trying to prevent a private business from leasing acreage away from historical users are issues finally being explored at a state level and focus is clearly on ways access is impeded because of excess or poor judgement. There is one easy fix to one instance of both.

Access is impeded not just the wealthy stringing clotheslines across “their” sand or some slightly clever folks parking vehicles or rusty rider mowers across pond paths, it’s also people leaving their boats at points of access. Bob Mallard of the Native Fish Coalition recently wrote a fine piece in a Maine sporting magazine entitled “Stashed Boat Etiquette” which parallels our own access issues caused by boats.

It’s been tolerated for years. Locals drag their skiffs/kayaks/prams/inflatables/Beer Can Regatta rejects to the water’s edge then expect the rest of town to step over them for months. In some cases, they stay in the right of way long after the owner had their Mercedes shipped back to the Sunshine State. Most access points are regulated by the Coastal Resources Management Council, which has its collective hands full now just trying to collect enough hands to raise at a meeting. No town official or neighbor really wants to wade into a confrontation or create a sea of new regulations for seasonal people who expect a lot for their taxes but then, as humans are apt to do, we get greedy as common sense gets squeezed like common land. More people bring more boats and consume more space. Scientists call this a positive feedback loop. Then one day, a recreational angler tries to back down and unload a kayak and ends up with a plastic paddleboard jammed up his wheel well. You can imagine how that’s not terribly charming at 4:15 am when there’s barely room to get out that truck because of all the boats. This was after many weeks of tossing pointy plastic heaps back into a knotweed forest which the town can no longer maintain because of such de facto boat storage. You can see the circular conundrum here, but like a water ban people read about in the paper with a hose in their hands, few will heed calls to take their boats home.

Many points of coastal access do not allow for storage of boats or anything else. That’s codified in town and state ordinance. According to RI law § 11-44-24, Blocking or obstructing public rights-of-way to water, “Every person who shall obstruct or block or



cause any obstruction of any public rights-of-way to water areas of the state shall be imprisoned not exceeding one year or be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500).” CRMC’S Right of Way Designation Process states, “The CRMC prohibits any activities that would obstruct the public’s use of the site and pursues legal actions against individuals that block or impede public access at designated ROWs.” Clear enough.

One access point in South County is 50’ wide yet has been reduced to barely seven feet because of boat storage. There is so little room left that boats are now tied to shrubbery and left floating so if you actually are able to get your craft to the water, you have to navigate around sun-bleached wrecks wedged like pie pieces. There is hesitancy to use the word “fair” when asking for consideration as it tends to sound whiny but it’s not fair to block a right of way because you don’t feel like taking your boat home.

So where will this go? Well, I suspect most will start a charcoal grill with this page and ignore the call.

Someone I easily forgot once said, “If nothing changes then nothing changes.” Facts. A few will agree and say, “What a shame,” using our access points respectfully. A very few will ask their neighbor to take their vessel home so others can use the site, like the folks who use these waters year round. And one, maybe just one person, will write a letter saying enough is enough. And that’s how laws get promulgated. So the ask is to take your toys home when you’re done, leave access sites open for the public who wishes to use public trust waters and most importantly, if this page doesn’t go up in flames, share it with a neighbor who won the regatta. 🐟

Todd Corayer is a lifelong fisherman and occasional hunter surrounded by outdoorsmen and women whose stories and passions help his words fit together like puzzle pieces. Read more New England fishing reports, stories, regulatory updates and introductions at www.fishwrapwriter.com

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By: Captain Dave Monti

AnglerCatch, the smartphone application pilot project for anglers, is trying to get more trips sent in. RISAA members and anglers outside of RISAA have done a good job downloading the app. However, anglers now need to use the app and report trips before the season ends.

Greg Vespe, Executive Director of RISAA, said, “We have over 500 downloads but now anglers need to use it, record their catch and send in their trips before the season ends.” **Many anglers do not realize they can enter the fish they caught after their trip in the comfort of their home.**

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Let Qualified Experts Respond to Entangled Whales!

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When well-intentioned members of the public take matters into their own hands to try and save a whale, they put themselves and the animals in grave danger.



Line and buoys wrapped tightly around a humpback whale's tail. While entanglements may appear straightforward when viewed from the surface, they are often complex and involve many wraps that are not easily removed without specialized equipment. Credit: Pieter Folkens (NOAA Permit # 18786-04).

The Whale Entanglement Problem

When whales become entangled in fishing gear or marine debris, they are at risk of injuries or death. Some entanglements can persist from weeks to months to even years, and the whales can experience great pain and suffering inflicted by the entangling material. NOAA Fisheries works with the nation's top large whale experts, including biologists, veterinarians, marine patrol officers, fishermen, and whale watch captains to respond to entangled whales. They have all received specialized training to respond to these dangerous and complex cases. To protect yourself—and the whale—let these experts respond to entangled whales.

While many people empathize with the animals and want to help, untrained members of the public should not attempt to free entangled whales. The best way that you can help is by reporting sightings of entangled whales to the local entanglement response network. Then, stand by until response team members arrive, and provide any photos or videos to NOAA Fisheries. Our goal is to conduct rescue operations with the best possible outcome for the animals while also minimizing risk to the professional responders. There is usually time for qualified experts to assess, respond, and cut the animal free, as whales can carry entanglements for some time.

Protecting Human Safety

Responding to entangled large whales is inherently dangerous. These animals can weigh up to 200 tons, which is as large as 14

school buses. But despite their size, whales are also quick and flexible. They do not understand that responders are trying to help, and can react violently and unpredictably. Prior experience with healthy whales does not help fully evaluate risk and safety around an entangled animal.

People, including trained responders, have died while attempting to rescue an entangled whale. Boats have been damaged and overturned, and people have been pulled overboard during disentanglement attempts. Responders in the United States use specialized response equipment such as custom-built grapples and knives. This equipment enables experts to work from a greater distance and limit the time they are in very close proximity to the whale.

“ They do not understand that responders are trying to help, and can react violently and unpredictably. ”

Public Interventions Can Lead to Poor Outcomes for Whales

Well-intentioned members of the public can accidentally worsen the whale's entanglement or reduce the ability of trained experts to disentangle the animal. Removing trailing lines and buoys behind the whale may seem easy without special tools, but it is not usually the best immediate choice to help the animal. In fact, it may actually be counterproductive. If too much trailing line is removed, it may make it harder for trained rescue teams to reach and remove the more lethal wraps around the body. It might preclude options for teams to attach additional buoys and markers that help trained responders resight the whale, including satellite tracking tags. Misplaced cuts may also diminish the whale's ability to shed the gear on its own.

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Caption: Responders use specialized knives to practice removing entanglements from a nearly life-size whale tail fabricated for large whale entanglement response training. These knives increase the safety for the responders and the animals alike, and responders frequently practice using their specialized tools. Credit: NOAA (NOAA Permit # 18786).

Responding to entangled large whales requires years of training. The trained response team thoroughly documents the entanglement prior to making any cuts. Experts carefully decide the best choice for each cut. For each case, they consider human and animal safety as well as the most productive way to disentangle the whale. This documentation gives us the best chance of identifying the gear and assessing how the whale became entangled. These data are used by fisheries managers to help prevent future entanglements.

Legal Concerns

All large whales are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and many species or populations are also listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Both acts prohibit harassment of protected marine mammals. There are additional approach regulations for some species, such as North Atlantic right whales on the East Coast and humpback whales in Hawaii and Alaska. Federal regulations prohibit approaching by any means (e.g., drones, vessels, personal watercraft, etc.) closer than 500 yards to North Atlantic right whales and 100 yards to humpback whales in Hawaii or Alaska waters.

All authorized large whale entanglement response operations in the United States are conducted under the authority of a Scientific Research and Enhancement Permit issued to the NOAA Fisheries' Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program.

The "Good Samaritan" Provision: The Exception and Not the Norm

The Marine Mammal Protection Act provides a "Good Samaritan Exemption" that allows people to assist entangled marine mammals. However, the provision is intended primarily for commercial fishermen so they can free smaller marine mammals caught as bycatch such as dolphins, seals, and sea lions.

The Endangered Species Act does not have a comparable provision. Attempting to disentangle a species listed under the Act can result in fines or jail time. North Atlantic right whales, Rice's whales, sperm whales, blue whales, fin whales, and some populations of humpback whales are listed as endangered or threatened.



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