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## EVENTS & MEETINGS

### June 24

Board of Directors Meeting

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RISAA Member Fluke Trip on the Frances Fleet. *Registration required.*

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Seminar: Tuna Fishing with Joe D'Agostino of JoeBaggs Tackle

## FROM THE HELM



# ADVOCACY IS IMPORTANT AT EVERY LEVEL

In May 2025 I had the opportunity to travel to Washington DC to advocate for funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). While I won't go into that trip here (there is an article on that trip elsewhere in this issue) I would like to mention the importance of advocacy at every level. It seems like we as anglers are being asked to defend our pastime more and more frequently and from all sides. Whether we are facing challenges to public access in communities like Westerly or speaking at the State House against removing the excise tax exemption for boats, it can be challenging to keep up with everything going on around us.

Within RISAA we have a Legislative Committee, made up of a small number of RISAA members who keep track of marine fisheries management and other legislation, attend meetings, and advocate for recreational anglers, shore access rights, and other environmental issues. If that sounds like a lot, it is. However, the Legislative Committee does its best to stay on top of all the issues we face as well as keep a focus on upcoming issues, meetings, and agendas so that we don't fall behind on any one topic.

Just as I write my "From the Helm" column for each issue, the Legislative Committee also submits a column, "The Watch", which provides updates on issues that we as recreational anglers should be aware of. You may have heard the phrases "many hands make light work" or "the more, the merrier" hinting that the more people who are involved in a project the easier it is to accomplish it. This also holds true when trying to keep track of everything going on around us.

Becoming an advocate is easy. It can be as simple as letting someone know when you see something. It takes very little time or effort to send an email or make a call to the Legislative Committee Chair or me to let us know about something. Very often that is exactly how we find out about things. Because people let us know. Please reach out to me any time if you see or hear about something you think we should be aware of. If you would like to become more involved than that, we welcome you. It is a very important and empowering thing to stand up for what you believe in. I invite everyone to become an advocate; in any way you can. The only way we can preserve the traditions and opportunities that we enjoy today for those in the future, is if we work together to preserve them.



Scott TRAVERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Reported by: Richard Hittinger, CHAIRMAN

# WE NEED TO STAY VIGILANT

There have been many potentially bad ideas put forward in the RI Legislature, RIDEM and the Federal government this year and RISAA has been active trying to keep them from becoming law or regulation.

It is truly amazing that these ideas pop up all the time and if we are not watching constantly they may be passed before we realize what has happened. Below I will discuss some of the issues that RISAA identified and formed an opinion followed by submittal of comments. There are other issues that I have not listed and many issues that we have identified and supported during the last several months.

I tried to give an update on the status of each issue below, but some are still uncertain at the time that I am writing this column. You will see that RISAA has been successful on a few issues and unsuccessful on others. We do our best to be heard and to keep up our advocacy efforts even though sometimes those efforts seem futile. We should look at the successes and realize that if we didn't comment at all many of these may have been approved.

Bill to eliminate all regulation of blue crab harvest H 5608 – RISAA was informed of this bill by a member of the House Environment Committee who we have supported through the RISAA PAC. This bill would have eliminated all regulation on the harvest of blue crabs in RI. We submitted written comment on that bill to say that it was far too general and that without any regulation a stock like blue crabs could be decimated quickly. The bill is now officially “postponed at request of the sponsor”. This bill appears to be dead.

Bill to tax boats H 6256 – In their effort to raise more money through taxes the RI House has submitted a bill to eliminate the tax-free status of boat sales and property tax on boats in RI. This status has greatly benefited the boat building and marina industry in RI. It also benefits many RISAA members who either own boats or go out on for-hire boats. RISAA submitted written comments opposing this change and Scott Travers testified in opposition on behalf of RISAA. At the time of writing this column the bill status is – “committee held for further study” so it is not dead.

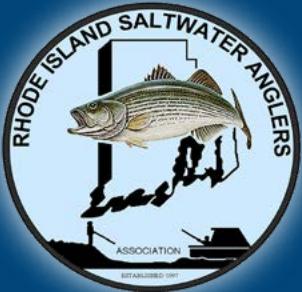


938 – Both the House and Senate have submitted a bill that would require anyone who collects green crabs or Asian crabs to buy a new license from RIDEM to do so. That means that anyone with a crab trap for tautog bait or who is flipping rocks for Asian crabs would be violating the law unless they first obtain a \$25 license to collect this bait. RISAA has submitted written comment in opposition to both of these bills. Unfortunately, these bills appear to be moving forward because S 938 is scheduled for a vote on May 28 and H 6157 is scheduled for hearing on May 27.

H 6126 / S 181 propose CRMC reform but keep the Council in place – If you have read past RISAA magazine articles you know that CRMC reform has been a significant topic during the last 2 legislative sessions. Without going into too much detail here I will state that RISAA has submitted written comment and personal testimony opposing this form of CRMC reform because it does not remove the Council from final decision-making. RISAA does support CRMC reform through either H 5706 or H 5453 which both remove the final decision-making from the Council. Many other groups are in agreement with RISAA on this, but there is resistance in the political body of the RI Legislature to removing power of the politically appointed CRMC Council. H 6126 is officially listed as “Committee held for further study” which means that the bill is certainly not dead and may come to the House floor for a vote at any time.

The proposal to allow harvest of striped bass using gill nets –

(Continued on page 8)



# THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

Dawn Filliatreault Wood, CHAIR

## Welcome **NEW** Members!

**APRIL 2025**

**Hugo Medeiros - Fall River, MA**

**William Razza - Warwick, RI**

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**Alan Grasi - Blackstone, MA**

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**James MacDonald - Gilford, NH**

**Charlie Shea - Charlestown, RI**

**Anthony Lisi - Warwick, RI**

**Scott Frick - Providence, 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.*

## MEMBER PHOTOS



**Bob Andrade with a pair of doormats caught on the Skipjack.**



**Paul Phillips with a big tog that he released because it was a female with eggs. Good work Paul.**

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# RISAA GOES TO WASHINGTON!

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, two intrepid RISAA members ventured to Washington DC to advocate for Funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) amidst the impending budget cuts at the federal level. One member, a seasoned advocate and lobbyist, former RISAA Board of Directors Member, former Chair of the RISAA Magazine Committee, and current member of the RISAA Legislative Committee as well as a charter captain and outdoor writer for various local publications, Captain Dave Monti, and the other, a graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, retired Harbormaster for the Town of Portsmouth, former instructor and assistant to the Aquatic Resource Education Coordinator within RI DEM, and RISAA's Executive Director, Scott Travers.



**RISAA representatives Dave Monti and Scott Travers with the Maine delegation.**

Both RISAA members were part of a larger group consisting of 11 people from both the West Coast and the East Coast coming together to share our common concerns as well as personal perspectives on why funding for NOAA is so important.

The first day of the trip, Monday, was dedicated to all things Rhode Island with the second annual "Rhode Island Day" event in DC sponsored by Representative Seth Magaziner. The event was held in the Cannon Caucus room at the Cannon House Office Building. This was the same room the McCarthy Unamerican Activity Hearings were held in as well as the more recent hearings regarding the January 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 incident at the US Capitol.

The day was packed with activities and speakers. Many historic Rhode Island documents and artifacts were on display

including Rhode Island's ratification of the Constitution which was signed on May 29, 1790. After welcoming remarks from both Representative Seth Magaziner and Congressman Gabe Amo, several ambassadors and experts in various fields participated in panel discussions and presentations focused on Rhode Island's economy, healthcare, and other issues.

Of the three ambassadors present, including the British Ambassador to the United States Lord Mandelson, the Ambassador of Denmark to the United States Jesper Moller Sorensen, and the Portuguese Ambassador to the United States Francisco Duarte Lopes, it was the Ambassador from Denmark who the RISAA members engaged with the most. Mr. Sorensen was very familiar with fishing and offshore wind energy efforts noting that approximately 70% of Denmark's energy was currently supplied by renewable energy such as solar and wind.

*“ I was very proud to represent the RI Saltwater Anglers, our members, and our affiliated organizations in raising awareness for the need for sustained funding... ”*

Following the discussions, the RISAA delegation attended an optional reception in the Montpelier Room within the Library of Congress, James Madison Building. At the reception we met with Senators Jack Reed and Sheldon Whitehouse, as well as spent a little time with Representative Magaziner and his staff.

Following the reception, I stayed with several others for a personal tour of the US Capitol led by Representative Magaziner and Congressman Amo. I was amazed at Representative Magaziner's knowledge of the US Capitol and its history.

The second day of the trip, Tuesday, the entire delegation met at the Main office of the Ocean Conservancy, the group that funded the trip for all of the members of the delegation. It is important to note that this trip was funded for both Captain Dave Monti and I by the Ocean Conservancy. No RISAA funds were used for this trip.



**Meeting with Senator Murphy's staff.**

In the morning, we met with Ocean Conservancy staff who are familiar with the various politicians, their staff, and most importantly, the location of their offices. At that meeting we were all broken into groups and given agendas that had been prepared in advance by the Ocean Conservancy Staff to maximize our time while we were there.

Our group included George Baldwin, from the Connecticut Surfcasters, and Gretchen Stiers, from the Cape Cod Salties. Both associations are affiliates of RISAA. With representatives in our group from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, we set out to meet with all the Representatives, Senators, and related staff that we could over the next day and a half.



**RI Rep Seth Magaziner greets anglers.**

We all worked well as a team highlighting the various reasons for sustaining NOAA's funding. While it is tough to list all the programs NOAA supports and things NOAA does, the ones that I personally advocated for the most included the many programs and partnerships NOAA funds, the importance of the data collection they do including stock assessments, and weather reporting and research.

While it isn't all about numbers and economic impact, if you looked at those considerations, according to "NOAA in Your State 2025" in Rhode Island in 2022 recreational anglers took 2.8 million fishing trips, the fishing industry generated \$268 million in income and fishing and the seafood industry generated over \$945 million in sales. All of these would be affected by proposed cuts to NOAA.



**Scott Travers with Dave Monti.**

At each office my group found very receptive politicians and aids who took copious notes and thanked us for making the trip out to speak with them. After advocating at the local level at various town council meetings and the state level testifying at the RI State House, I found this level of advocacy at the national level to be very rewarding. I was very proud to represent the RI Saltwater Anglers, our members, and our affiliated organizations in raising awareness for the need for sustained funding to an essential agency that provides so much for our State and those who rely on recreational fishing not just as a hobby, but as a source of food for their families. I hope to return to DC again someday to continue to advocate for NOAA and other issues that are important to RISAA and the recreational fishing community.

It's important to remember that this trip isn't the end. Advocacy for NOAA and funding for their budget continues. If you would like to know more about what you can do to help support NOAA and their programs, please reach out to me at [travers@risaa.org](mailto:travers@risaa.org).

Gill net commercial fishermen have been asking RIDEM to allow them to harvest striped bass because they argue that if stripers get caught in their nets they are usually dead by the time they get them onboard and they don't want to be forced to throw back dead fish that could be harvested. Although this is a good argument, many people, including RISAA believe that if gill net fishermen begin to target striped bass it will put additional pressure on striped bass stocks. This is not a good idea when we are in a rebuilding period and we see a significant problem with existing striped bass stocks and with recruitment. RISAA provided testimony in opposition to this change. The regulations filed by RIDEM with the RI Secretary of State on 5-6-25 still contain the prohibition of harvest of striped bass when using gill nets so this measure did not pass into regulation.

CRMC is in the process of issuing a permit to South Coast Wind to install a high voltage power cable all the way up the middle of the Sakonnet River – This is an issue that RISAA has been following for at least 2 years now, since we first heard of the plan. RISAA has submitted letters to BOEM, the Federal agency responsible for permitting offshore wind; to the RI Public Utilities Commission, who had to issue approval of the plan; and to CRMC who must issue a permit for the cable in RI state waters. We have identified the sensitive nature and importance of the Sakonnet River ecosystem. We also identified that there is a clear alternative and that is to land the cable as close to the offshore project as possible and run the cable over land as an overhead power line running from the most southern point where it can leave the ocean. We see no reason to dig up the bottom and resuspend sediment through the entire length of this estuary when a reasonable alternative is available, but as with all offshore wind issues our voice does not seem to make any difference.

BOEM and CRMC are allowing Orsted to move over 2700 boulders during their construction of the Revolution Wind project. RISAA attended a recent meeting regarding this unprecedented amount of boulder disturbance on Cox Ledge, around the Cox Ledge vicinity and along the export cable route all the way up the West Passage of Narragansett Bay into Quonset Point. A representative from Orsted, the company doing this work admitted that this is the most amount of boulder relocation for any offshore wind project in the US. As a former member of the CRMC Fisheries Advisory Board I am particularly surprised that neither Orsted nor BOEM identified this major potential environment impact during

the Environmental Impact Assessment phase of the project. This relocation work is already approved and much of the relocation was already completed before the meeting was held in April 2025. At that meeting I asked that if boulders are relocated, they be placed in specified areas. These could then serve as a form of artificial reef and could be areas that draggers avoid to prevent damage to their gear. Commercial fishermen agreed that this would be a very good idea, but no government agency or representative of the developers agreed to this improvement. The bottom line is if you have any favorite boulder locations that you like to fish anywhere near Cox Ledge or along the cable route into the West Passage, that location is likely to have been destroyed.

BOEM is attempting to fast track oil, gas and mineral exploration, development in continental shelf waters including off New England – Through actions described in the Federal Register on April 30, 2025, BOEM appears to be making it easier to permit and construct projects on the US Continental Shelf, including off New England related to exploration and development of oil, gas, and minerals. RISAA is tracking this issue and we are prepared to make a comment attempting to protect the waters that RISAA members fish. At this point we are still gathering information about what these changes may mean to our area.

The USCG has a plan to remove about 350 buoys along coastal New England – This new plan, just announced in May, 2025, includes removing over 30 buoys in RI waters and many in nearby MA waters. Although RISAA has not formed a detailed response yet, we will likely comment that some of these buoys, especially those that mark rocks or shoals serve a very important purpose to boaters who may not be following GPS at every moment during their trips on the water and that many of the buoys slated for removal should remain. Removal of these buoys could have a negative impact on many RISAA boating members.

Tracking, evaluating, communicating and commenting on all of these issues is a big task. The Legislative Committee does this with volunteers but it takes considerable time. If you are interested in this type of work and would like to help please contact Scott Travers [travers@risaa.org](mailto:travers@risaa.org) or me [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 21 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.*

# 2025 RISAA FLUKE TOURNAMENT

By Captain Mike Roy



## Can you top this?

The RISAA Fluke tournament starts Friday June 20th at 6:am and ends Sunday June 29th at 6: pm. Participants may fish from a boat, a kayak, or the shore.

This will be a team and singles event. Teams must register online prior to the first day of the tournament. No pre-registration required for singles. The weight of the top 4 fish will be counted for teams and the top 2 for singles. In case of a tie the fish entered first wins. Prizes for the top five spots in each category. 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, 3rd-\$50, 4th \$30, 5th-\$20. Prizes are awarded to each winning participant in the form of a voucher to the member's favorite RISAA affiliated bait/tackle shop.

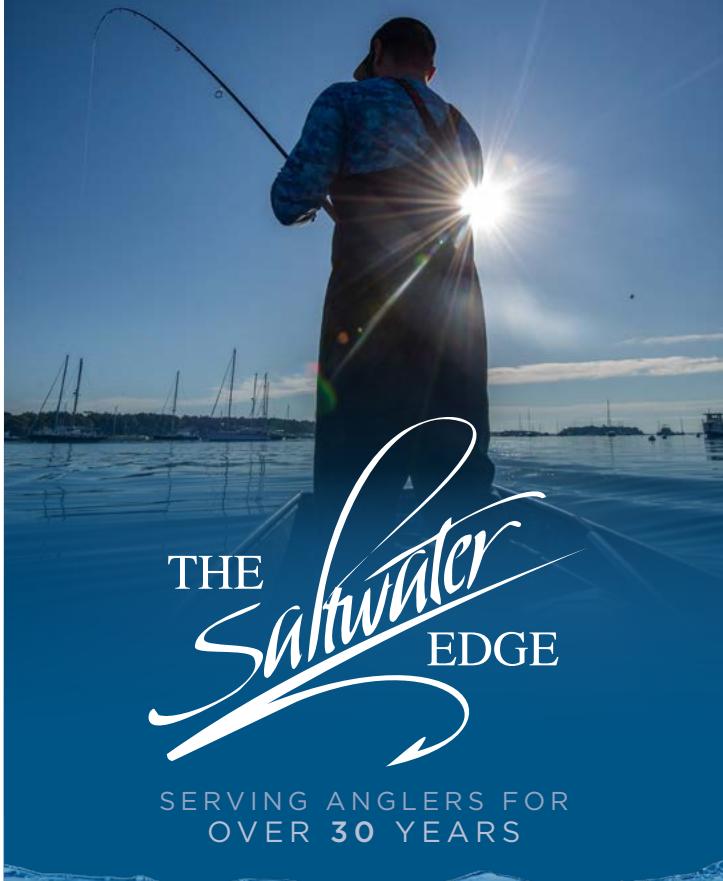
All entries must be registered on the RISAA website by midnight on June 29th. Sponsors of junior members may enter fish on the juniors behalf. Please include a picture of the angler with the fish and a picture of the weigh-in slip with each entry. (The weigh-in slip must be legible)

A RISAA sponsored charter trip has been reserved on June 29th with the Frances Fleet. The tournament committee has purchased a weight scale. This will allow members to weigh their catch for better table fare or to release the fish. Only tournament committee members will be permitted to weigh fish. A photo of the angler with the fish and the weigh-in slip must be submitted.

All Other entries must be weighed at a RISAA affiliated shop.

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# COOKING YOUR CATCH

By: Paula Smalec

## MEDITERRANEAN STRIPED BASS

This healthy Mediterranean dinner takes just 20 minutes from start to finish. It almost sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? Well, it's not. It's just a quick and easy dinner that your family will love.

*\*\* This recipe can be made with any other mild white fish such as cod, haddock, tautog or fluke.*

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound striped bass fillet
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- zest of 1 lemon plus slices
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons capers
- Kosher salt
- fresh cracked pepper
- sprinkle of lemon juice
- fresh chopped cilantro, for garnish

### Instructions:

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place fish into a large baking dish. In a small glass measuring cup, whisk together the oil and butter. Pour over fish. Season fish with coriander, paprika, a large pinch of Kosher salt and fresh cracked pepper. Top it with lemon zest, sliced lemon, sliced garlic and capers. Bake for 18-22 minutes or until the fish flakes easily with a fork. Garnish with a sprinkle of lemon juice and chopped cilantro.



Source: <https://midwestfoodieblog.com/mediterranean-fish/>

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# 2025 SURFCASTERS SPRING MEETING



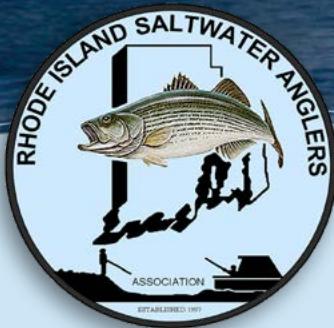
On Wednesday, April 23, 2025 the Surfcasters had their Annual Spring Meeting at Gregg's in North Kingstown, RI. Thirteen members showed up to go over the upcoming season's scheduled outings, interclub tournaments, and enjoy a little time together as a group. The surfcasting committee looks forward to hosting two interclub tournaments again for 2025 with proceeds going to charity, along with a host of over other meet ups throughout the state.

*If you are interested in learning more about the surfcasting committee or either of the interclub tournaments please email Paul Chapman at [surfcasters@risaa.org](mailto:surfcasters@risaa.org) for more information.*

An advertisement for The Fisherman magazine. It features a cover image of a person catching a fish, with text like "SPRING KICKOFF", "WIN THIS BOAT", "DREAM BOAT", "MORE CHANCES TO WIN!", "PRIME TIME IN THE FLORIDA KEYS", and "GEAR UP NOW FOR SURF & OFFSHORE". The main headline is "Get It ALL For Just .59¢ Per Week". It also shows a Cobia boat and a laptop displaying the magazine's website. Text at the bottom includes "Weekly Home Delivery", "Premium Online Access [theFisherman.com](http://theFisherman.com)", and "Win\* a Cobia in our Dreamboat Fishing Challenge".

\*See official Dreamboat rules at [theFisherman.com](http://theFisherman.com)

An advertisement for On The Rocks Charters. It features the company name in large, bold letters, "Fly Fishing • Light Tackle", "Capt. Rene Letourneau", "401-359-3625", and the website "www.ontherockscharters.com". There is also an "ORVIS ENDORSED FLY FISHING GUIDE" logo and a "Member" logo with a fish icon.



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- Watch Hill Outfitters - Westerly, RI**
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# 2025 RISAA Annual Banquet

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, RISAA members met at the O Club at Quonset for the Annual Banquet honoring the RISAA annual tournament winners from 2024. Awards were given for the top three fish taken by members and submitted to the website during 2024. As always, there were awards for both boat and kayak divisions for both adult and juvenile categories. Along with the tournament awards there was a plethora of items up for grabs with the bucket raffles, the silent auction, and the live auction.

The adult Angler of the Year, for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, was Michael Tilelli. The junior Angler of the Year was Jack Harris. There were several other awards issued at the banquet as well. The Lifetime Achievement Award, along with a Lifetime Membership to RISAA, was awarded to Peter O'Biso for his many years of dedicated service and volunteerism. The Steven J. Medeiros Award for outstanding volunteer service and dedication was awarded to Rich Hittinger, who also works tirelessly as the Chair of RISAA's Legislative Committee. Bob Marco and Scott Travers also received RISAA Challenge coins in recognition of their service to RISAA.



The bucket raffle items went fast and at least one hotly contested custom boat rod from the silent auction found its way into the hands of a lucky owner. Donors for the bucket raffles and silent auction included 401 Lures, Bo Bon's Tog Jigs, Crafty One Custom Rods, Deez Jigs Tog Jigs, Fish Bites, Guppy Lures, MacKenzie's, RI Kayak Adventures, RISAA Merchandise, Saltwater Edge, Snug Harbor, West Marine, and the Wood Family. The live auction items included an introductory scuba lesson for two sponsored by David Michel and Tank U Dive, a shark tagging adventure trip sponsored by Team Outer Limit and Steve Skenyon, and a bottom fishing trip sponsored by Team Skip Jack and Rich Hittinger / Bob Murray.

Congratulations to all our many winners from the 2024 annual tournament, our award recipients, those who took home some great new gear from the raffles, and those who won trips and are looking forward to some great new fishing adventures for this upcoming season!

For those who were unable to attend the banquet and claim their awards for the 2024 Annual Tournament, we will be bringing them to the next RISAA Seminar for the winners to claim. 



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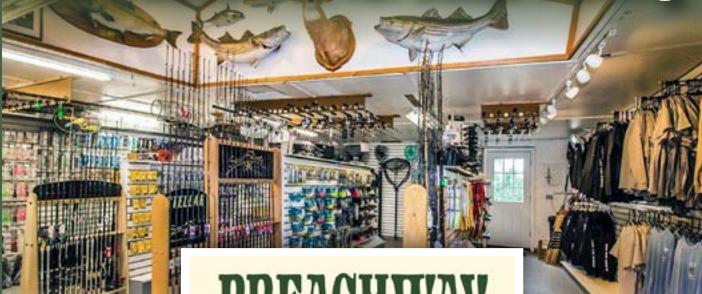
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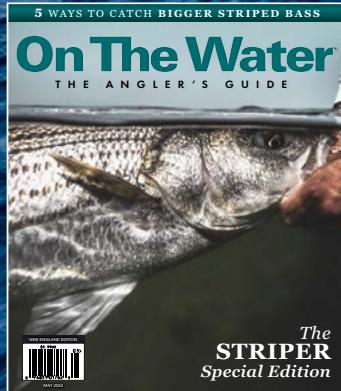


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# 2025 RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

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)	16.5" Min. May 22 to Aug. 26: 2 Fish Aug. 27 to Dec. 31: 3 fish (16" Min.) June 18 to Aug. 31: 2 Fish Sept. 1 to Dec. 31: 6 Fish	16" Min.* May 18 to June 23: 5 Fish July 8 to Nov 28: 5 Fish May 18 to Aug. 31: 5 Fish Sept. 1 to Dec. 31: 7 Fish	16.5" Min. May 17 to Sept. 1: 4 Fish	16.5" Min. June 23 to Aug 31: 3 Fish Sept 1 to Dec 31: 6 Fish
Bluefish (Party /Charter)	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season No Size Min.: 5 Fish	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season No Size Min.: 5 Fish	No Size Min.: 3 Fish No Closed Season No Size Min.: 5 Fish
Cod	CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE			
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	No Limit No Closed Season	19" Min.: No Limit No Closed Season
Scup/Porgy (Recreational)	11" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31	11" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31	11" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31	11" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31
Special Shore Designation (Party /Charter)	9.5" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31 11" Min. May 1 to Aug. 31: 30 Fish Sept. 1 to Oct. 31: 40 Fish Nov. 1 to Dec. 31: 30 Fish	9.5" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31 10.5" Min. May 1 to Aug. 31: 30 Fish Sept. 1 to Oct. 31: 40 Fish Nov. 1 to Dec. 31: 30 Fish	9.5" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31 11" Min. May 1 to June 30: 40 Fish July 1 to Dec. 31: 30 Fish	9.5" Min.: 30 fish May 1 to Dec. 31 11" Min. May 1 to Aug. 31: 30 fish Sept 1 to Oct. 31: 40 fish Nov. 1 to Dec. 31: 30 fish
Striped Bass <i>In line Circle Hook only if using bait all NE States</i>	SLOT: 28" to under 31": 1 Fish No closed season	SLOT: 28" to under 31": 1 Fish No closed season	SLOT: 28" to under 31": 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	19" Min. April 1 to Dec. 31: 6 Fish <i>At special shore areas in RI 2 of the 4 fluke may be 17"</i>	19" Min. May 4 to Aug 1: 3 Fish 19.5" Min. Aug 2 to Oct 15: 3 Fish	16.5" Min. May 24 to Sept. 23: 5 Fish	19" Min. May 4 to Aug 1: 3 Fish 19.5" Min. Aug 2 to Oct. 15: 3 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. Apr. 1 to Apr. 30: 2 Fish  Apr 1 to Apr 30: 2 Fish (LI Sound) Oct 11 to Dec 9: 3 Fish (LI Sound) Apr 1 to Apr 30: 2 Fish (NY Bight) Oct. 15 to Dec. 22: 4 Fish (NY Bight)
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 May 30: 2 Fish

(ALWAYS look at your State's website for UP-TO-DATE regulations)

\*Not Yet Released 2025

# UPCOMING SEMINAR

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**JUNE 30 @ 7 PM**

## TUNA FISHING with Joe D'Agostino

For those unfamiliar with Joe D'Agostino, he is the "Joe" in Joebaggs Tackle, one of the hottest lure makers in the New England area. Joe will be talking about the thrilling sport of tuna fishing, including how to prep, how to find them, what lures to use, weather considerations, tackle, etc.. This promises to be an exciting evening so don't miss it. 



## 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.*

## RISAA KAYAK COMMITTEE 2025 OUTING SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Time	Location	Address	Target	Leader
June 6	Fri	7:00 AM	Monks Park Bourne	Valley Bars Cir Pocasset, MA 02559	Black Sea Bass/Bass	Jeff Richard
June 11	Wed	5:00 PM	Newport Harbor, Newport	80 Fort Adams Drive, Newport 02840	Bass on Sand Eels	Kraig Ruth
Jun 18	Wed	6:00 PM	Weaver Cove, Portsmouth	Burma Road, Portsmouth 02871	Bass/Blues	Kraig Ruth
July 5	Sat	5:00 AM	King's Beach, Newport	Ocean Avenue, Newport 02840	Bass	Harry Livingston
July 19	Sat	6:00 AM	URI Bay Campus, Narragansett	South Ferry Road, Narragansett 02882	Bottom fishing	Dave Leandro
Aug 30	Sat	6:00 AM	Camp Cronin, Narragansett	Ocean Road, Narragansett 02882	Albies/Bass/Tautog	Don Goodroe
Sept 9	Tues	6:30 AM	Bass River Yarmouth, Falmouth, Hyannis	TBD based on fishing reports	Albies/Bonito	Jeffrey Richard
Sept 27	Sat	8:00 AM	Fogland Beach, Tiverton	12 Point View Drive, Tiverton 02878	Bass/Tautog	Kraig Ruth
Oct 11	Sat	8:00 AM	Narrow River, South Kingstown	Sprague Bridge, South Kingstown 02879	Bass	Kirk Kamien
Oct 19	Sun	6:00 AM	Goddard Park State Park Boat Ramp	1095 Ives Road, East Greenwich 02818	Bass	Don Goodroe
Oct 24	Fri	8:00 PM	Battery Park (Newport Bridge), Newport	Washington Street, Newport 02840	Squid	Dave Leandro
Nov 17	Mon	6:30 PM	Annual Meeting at Aidan's Pub	5 John Street, Bristol RI 02809	n/a	Kraig Ruth

# RISAA AT COMMUNITY WATERFRONT DAY AT SAIL NEWPORT



On Saturday, May 31 Sail Newport held its annual Community Waterfront Day and RISAA was there. This event is designed to allow local residents to experience a variety of water and shore-related activities at the waterfront in Fort Adams State Park in Newport.

Attendees had the opportunity to board and explore several boats including an antique America's Cup defender, a modern research vessel and a small skiff that harvests oysters. In addition, Sail Newport offered rides on their fleet of J-22 sloops, captained by experienced skippers. For most residents, this was their first time aboard a sailboat and the stiff winds made for exciting rides.

Dawn Wood, Tommy Wood, Scott Travers and Fred DeFinis set up a table on the wharf where they offered kids of all ages the chance to try their hand at fishing. We had rods and rigs from our store of Kids Camp tackle and Dawn and Tommy provided local squid that they had harvested themselves for bait.

The kids had a great time fishing off the Alofsin Pier at Fort Adams and the rods were always busy as each child waited for a turn at dropping a hook. Unfortunately, the high winds and cold water temperatures of the past week or so made for some slow action but the kids didn't seem to mind. For most, it was their first time holding a rod so that was an experience in and of itself.



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# JUNE 2025 CHARTER RAFFLE

## Sea Money Fishing with Captain Chris McIntee



Each year, through the generosity of local charter captains, the RISAA Charter Committee arranges for free charter trips to be raffled at the monthly seminars. There is no cost to enter and you have a great chance to enjoy a memorable day on the water and learn from some of the best and most experienced charter captains around.

Trips are usually for two to four anglers, depending on the captain's boat and style of fishing. Most outings are Bay, inshore or near-shore but we have had offshore trips as well.

In return for their generosity, captains receive advertising in the RISAA monthly magazine and a story recounting the trip, written by the participants. However, the captains don't offer these trips for their own benefit, they do it to promote the sport they love and give back to the angling community. Captain Eric Thomas says; ***"Being a teacher, I love to teach and having willing students from RISAA is a highlight of my year."***

The winners never know what kind of excitement they will experience. Member Bob Antos caught the largest fish he had ever landed on one of our charters. Member and Cooking Your Catch Editor Paula Smalec called her trip with Captain Rene Letourneau ***"The best fishing trip of my life"*** as she and another angler landed and released over fifty stripers, most of them slot length or above.

Whether you are relatively inexperienced or have been fishing for years, the RISAA Charter Raffle is a great way to expand your fishing horizons, make new friends and perhaps a memory to last a lifetime. Come to the monthly seminars, enter the no cost raffle and cross your fingers to have your name called.

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to raffle a trip with **Captain Chris McIntee of Sea Money Fishing**. This will be a morning trip on July 21<sup>st</sup> for three anglers. This will be a five hour trip for fluke and stripers, launching at 6:00 am out of Allen Harbor. Captain Chris is well known both for his skill and his popular YouTube fishing videos—Sea Money Fishing. The winners are bound to have an exciting day!



## DEM/ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE ARREST & CITATION LOG

**\*Arrest = Individual charged criminally with violations under the jurisdiction of the Rhode Island District or Superior Court or charged through Administrative Adjudication civil procedures by DEM**

**\*Any indication of an arrest does NOT mean the individual identified has been convicted of a crime.**

**\*All persons arrested are innocent until proven guilty  
in a court of law.**

GONSALVES, Mario C., 56, of East Hartford, CT, for Landing Summer Flounder Without a License and Landing Black Sea Bass Without a License (Administrative Process)

CHEN, Yuee, 66, of Woonsocket, RI, for Possession of Undersized Shellfish ( 3 Counts) and Exceeding the Recreational Daily Limit of Shellfish in Management Area

HOANG, Tien M., 60, of Worcester, MA, for Taking Shellfish from Pollution – 1st Offense and Non-Resident Taking Shellfish Without License – 1st Offense

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### The following is a breakdown of the citations issued for the period of: April 2025

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

#### **TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE THROUGH OUR DISPATCH CENTER: 1,625**

**WARNINGS ISSUED:** Verbal or Written Warnings issued to first-time offenders for a de minimis violation. Corrective action was taken at the scene and/or the occurrence was utilized as an educational opportunity in lieu of a summons. **TOTAL: 91**

#### **VIOLATION CITATIONS ISSUED**

State Property Violations .....	4
(Parking, Alcohol, Disorderly Conduct, Dumping/Littering, etc.)	
Motor Vehicle .....	1
Boating Violations .....	5
ATV Violations .....	1
Freshwater Fishing Violations .....	5
Saltwater Fishing Violations .....	1
CRMC Beach Violations .....	0
Hunting Violations.....	2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>19</b>

# 2025 QUAHOG TRANSPLANT PROGRAM

It was a beautiful, 60 degree morning with light winds and partly cloudy skies on Tuesday, May 1, 2025, for the first of two scheduled quahog transplant events scheduled by the RI Division of Marine Fisheries (RIDMF) and the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) for the spring. These events provide an opportunity for licensed shellfishers to assist in transplanting shellfish where they can grow in more protective areas for winter harvest.

This event was held at RI Clam Company in East Greenwich and focused on the Greenwich Cove Shellfish Management Area. A check in table was set up, staffed by representatives of the NBC along with a DEM Enforcement officer, for licensed shellfishers to register for the event. Once checked in, the shellfishers were provided with 30 bags per participant to fill with shellfish from the immediate area adjacent to the RI Clam Company. With bags in hand, the shellfishers headed out on their boats at 8:00 AM.

By 11:00 AM the boats began returning to the dock for a final bag count before they headed back out to dump the quahogs into the receiving bed off Goddard Memorial State Park which was designated on a map provided for the shellfishers both in advance and during the event. RIDEM Enforcement officers were also on hand with patrol boats to help identify the receiving area and guide the shellfishers. This area will be closed for harvest until December 2025.

Once the shellfishers emptied their bags and transplanted the quahogs they returned back to the dock for a final inspection by RIDEM officers. For their assistance, the licensed shellfishers who participated were paid \$15 per bag transplanted by the NBC. Funding for this project comes primarily from violations from water treatment plants.

Projects like this are vital to the health of the environment by helping to establish new shellfish beds. It also provides economic opportunities for licensed shellfishers to continue working and



harvesting shellfish during the winter months in safer, more protective areas.

A second transplant event, which does not offer any payment for participants, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in a different location. If you are interested in more information about the quahog transplant program please contact Anna Gerber-Williams at the RI Division of Marine Fisheries via email at [anna.gerberwilliams@dem.ri.gov](mailto:anna.gerberwilliams@dem.ri.gov).



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# 2025 STANDINGS YEARLONG TOURNAMENT

The Yearlong Tournament is a continuing tournament that runs from January 1 to December 15 each year. All RISAA members are eligible to participate, and there are no fees. Official Weight Slips are available at each monthly meeting and at all sanctioned bait shops. Only authorized weigh-in stations with certified digital scales may be used. Meeting or exceeding State minimal sizes required is eligible.



## BLACK SEA BASS

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

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

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

### 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

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### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

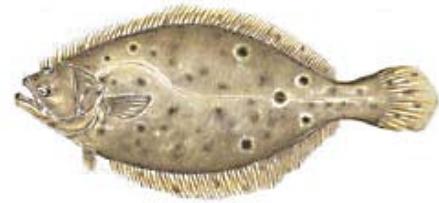
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### SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 10.80 lbs.
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3. No Entry

### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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3. No Entry



## Fluke

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

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### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

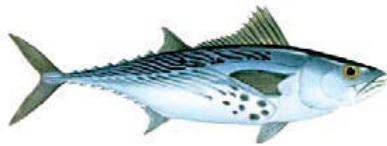
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## FALSE ALBACORE

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. No Entry
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### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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### SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

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### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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## BONITO

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### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

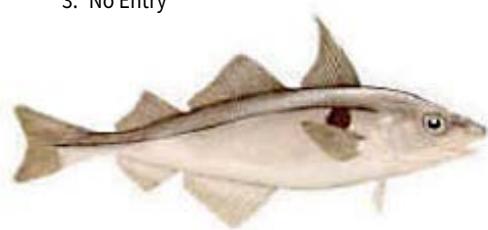
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### SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

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### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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3. No Entry



## HADDOCK

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

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2. No Entry
3. No Entry

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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



## 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. Richard Reich..... 7.24 lbs.
2. Gilberto Aguilar..... 6.15 lbs.
3. No Entry

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

### SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

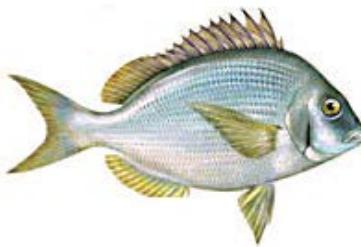
1. John Migliori..... 7.64 lbs.
2. Richard Reich..... 4.56 lbs.
3. No Entry

### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

### KAYAK DIVISION - ADULT

1. Roger Cichy ..... 5.66 lbs.
2. No Entry
3. No Entry



## SCUP

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Roger Cichy ..... 2.20 lbs.
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

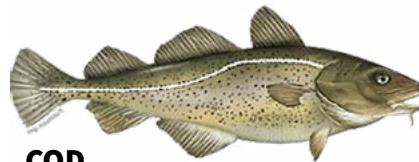
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### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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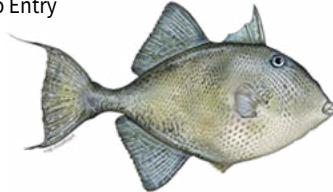
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### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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## GRAY TRIGGERFISH

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

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

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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



## SEA ROBIN

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Richard Reich..... 1.42 lbs.
2. No Entry
3. No Entry

### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

### SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

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2. No Entry
3. No Entry

### SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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3. No Entry



## TUNA - BLUEFIN

### BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

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### BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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3. No Entry



## TUNA - YELLOWFIN

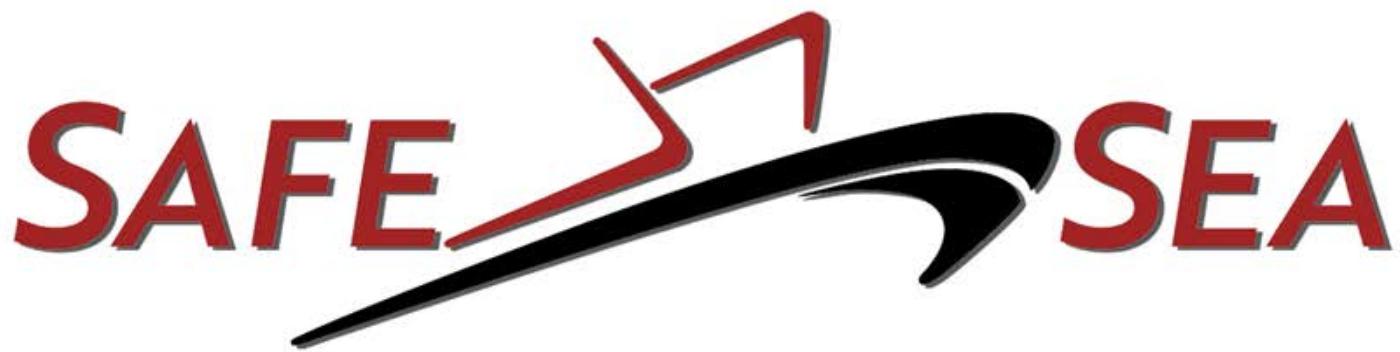
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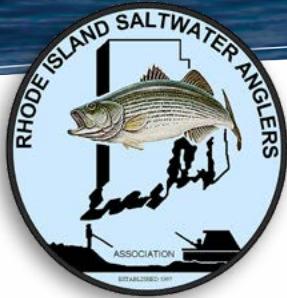
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The Rhode Island's Saltwater Anglers Association's

# Political Action Committee

One of the missions of RISAA is to represent the concerns of the recreational community on regulatory and legislative issues. That means that we have to deal with elected officials.

Fortunately, there are a number of legislatures who have worked hard on our behalf and others who support RISAA's principles. We need to be sure those officials remain in office.

It is also important that legislatures understand who we are. If we don't advance our own causes, no one will do it for us.

By law, our Association can not contribute funds to any candidate, therefore we have established a **legal, incorporated and registered Political Action Committee** which CAN make contributions on our behalf. It has an independent treasurer and its own bank account.

Only donations specifically made to the RISAA PAC can be used. Under no circumstances can any membership dues money - or any other contributions made to the Association - be used for the PAC. It would be a violation of state election laws for any money from RISAA to be used for PAC purposes.

Also, all money received by the PAC must come from *individual donors*. *No contribution can be accepted from any organization or business interest.*

***With your help, we can continue to work within the political system to safeguard the rights and traditions of recreational fishing.***

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*To be effective, we must participate in the system.*

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# AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS

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. Therefor, 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.



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Date Of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Put me on RISAA E-mail list:  YES  NO Thank You

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employed At \_\_\_\_\_

Children (up to 17 yrs): \_\_\_\_\_

Register them as Junior Members (FREE).  YES (**Complete Below**)  NO Thank You

## INFORMATION

Prefer to Fish From (check all that apply):

Rocks & Piers  Charter Boats  Party Boats  Fly Fishing  Surfcasting  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Saw Advertisement at:  Internet  Magazine  Newspaper  TV  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

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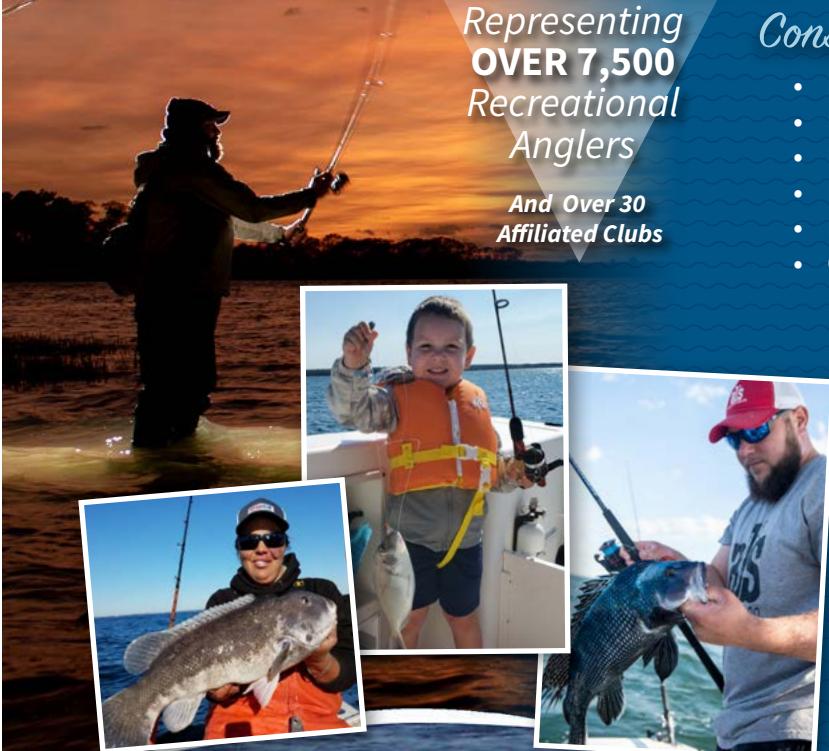


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