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Henry Cugno
with a nice
fluke from
the kayak.



PLUS: ALBIE & BONITO TAGGING

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EVENTS & MEETINGS

October 21

Board of Directors Meeting

October 27

Seminar - Fishing From Personal Watercraft with John Kim

December 29

Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers, following the December Seminar. Open to all members

WANTED...

Merchandise Committee Chair

Bob Marco will continue to serve as the chair for a few more months so this would be a great opportunity for someone to learn what the position is all about and have Bob to help get up and running.

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FROM THE HELM



CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

For some reason, as I am writing this edition, I find myself in October when it feels like it should just be the end of June. This summer has gone by way too fast and if I had any way to call a time out, I would. That being said, a fair amount of "top secret", "project bottom fish", "skunk-ed works", black book projects I worked on last winter will have to wait through another winter before I can use them to my full advantage to unseat my unofficial rivals (you know who you are) in the RISAA tournament world (insert evil laugh here).

As most of you probably already know, fall is one of my favorite times of the year. While we have a good portion of the season behind us, we still have time for some epic adventures on the water. This means we have the best of both worlds right now. For those of us who have had the opportunity to spend time on the water, I am sure we have all experienced some great successes along with a few challenges, resulting in some lessons learned along the way. This is a great point at which to take some time, note what has worked so far this season, and apply those lessons to our late season fishing.

A great friend of mine keeps a record of every fishing outing. He includes a lot of data in his notebook to include the wind, weather, tide, current, and what worked along with what didn't. Some people would also include the moon phase with other information. Notes like this can be invaluable for you to refer to in determining what made you successful last year, last month, or last week.

I have suggested using a fishing log in the past, and I am restating that now. Remember, it's never too late to start a good thing. If you don't have a logbook started yet, if you start now, you can still record a lot of data from your late season fishing to help you out next fall. Many fishing apps that are available on our cell phones also capture a lot of this data. When we submit a fish, a lot of this information is already captured by the date, time, and location data with the picture that was taken. As with many things in life, I look at things as a series of challenges and opportunities. Sometimes we see a challenge and we choose to either walk away, or to take on that challenge, as an opportunity to learn and to grow. Keeping a log is a simple way to document those challenges and remind ourselves of how we overcame them and became better anglers because of it.



Scott TRAVERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

THE WATCH

Reported by: Richard Hittinger, CHAIRMAN

STRIPED BASS REGULATIONS

I think most readers will agree that striped bass are the most important single species to RISAA members. The fact that striped bass feed near shore and into estuaries make them accessible to both shore anglers and small boat operators. That is why we wear the striped bass as part of the RISAA logo on our shirts and hats and that is why we are very interested in seeing proper management of this iconic fish species.

Striped bass are managed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) in state waters (0-3 miles) and through NOAA Fisheries in federal waters (3-200 miles). Since the EEZ (waters from 3 – 200 miles) are closed to striped bass fishing, the important management is by the ASMFC Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board (Board). According to Federal law, the Board is responsible to rebuild the spawning stock biomass (SSB) to target levels by 2029. However, the Technical Committee to the Board (TC) released a report early in 2025 stating that overfishing was occurring in 2024, was likely to continue in 2025, and recruitment of juvenile striped bass remained low for the last 4 years, therefore without additional harvest restrictions there is only a 30% probability of reaching the SSB target by 2029. See the trends in Figure 1, below. As a reaction to this TC report the Board is considering implementing closed seasons to further reduce striped bass harvest. The details of these additional restrictions are in Draft Addendum III to Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. See the Public Comment document link: https://asmfc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/AtlStripedBassDraftAddIII_PublicComment_Aug2025.pdf

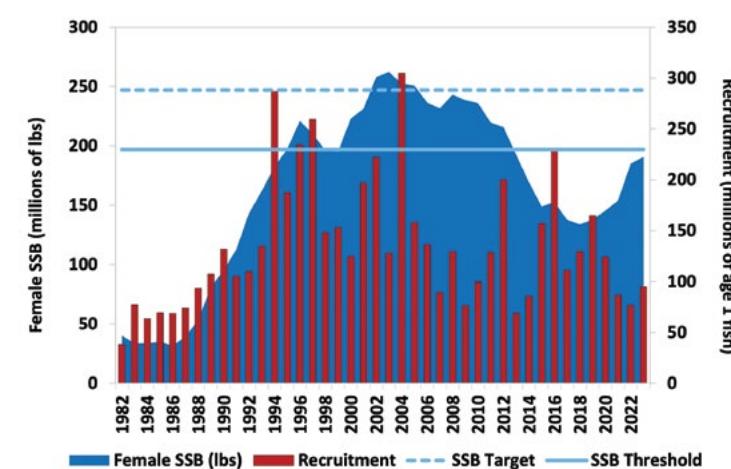


Figure 1. Atlantic striped bass female spawning stock biomass (blue) and recruitment (red), 1982-2023. Source: 2024 Stock Assessment Update.

RI SALTWATER ANGLERS ASSOCIATION
Legislative Committee



The TC further concluded that a 12% reduction in harvest starting in 2026 will be required to bring the probability of rebuilding by 2029 back to 50%.

Since RISAA is dedicated to conservation and making fish available to catch by all anglers we decided early in the process that we would support measures designed to reduce harvest to increase the probability of rebuilding striped bass to target levels by 2029. When we reviewed the Draft Addendum III document RISAA decided how we would "vote" on each issue outlined in the Public Comment document. Here is the summary of RISAA positions (numbered headings are from the document):

3.1 Method to Measure Total Length of a Striped Bass

RISAA agrees that everyone should measure striped bass using the same method. This is important to ensure that anglers and enforcement can agree on what fish are within the tight slot limits now allowed for striped bass possession. Based on this we support Option B – fish flat, mouth closed, tail pinched.

3.2 Commercial Tagging: Point of Tagging

RISAA supports Option C – Commercial tagging at first point of landing

3.3 Maryland Chesapeake Bay Recreational Season Baseline

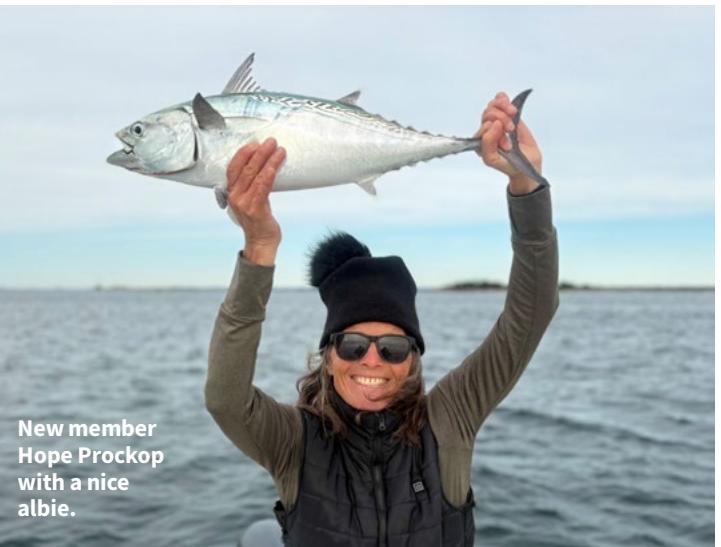
Even though RISAA members generally do not fish for striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay we understand that striped bass migrate along the coast from The Chesapeake area to areas where we do fish. We believe that anglers in the Chesapeake area need to participate in the reductions so we support Option C - New Chesapeake Bay Recreational Season Baseline Plus 10% Uncertainty Buffer

3.4 Reduction in Fishery Removals to Support Stock Rebuilding

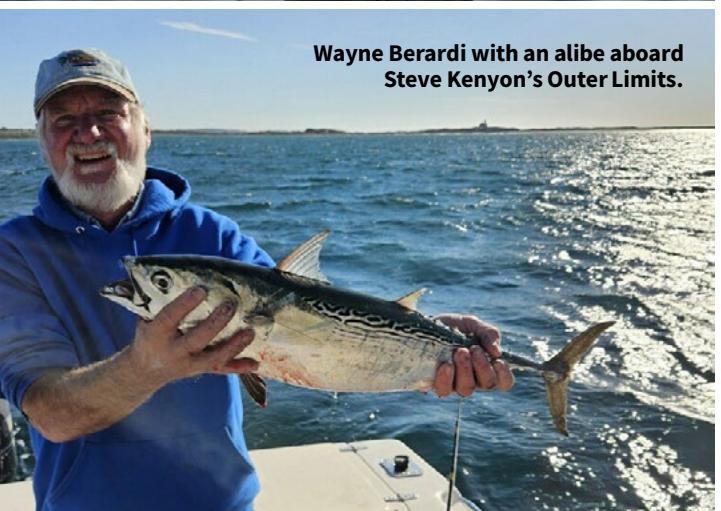
Even though we understand that current recreational harvest levels are very low RISAA supports additional efforts to improve the likelihood of stock rebuilding. We therefore support Option B: Even Sector Reductions: Commercial -12% and Recreational -12% We do not support separate regulations for the for-hire fleet, therefore we support options O1 and CB1. Since these harvest reduction measures will require seasonal closures we believe that these closures should occur at times when water temperatures are highest to reduce mortality of released fish. We believe that each state should be allowed to select closed days independently

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MEMBER PHOTOS



New member
Hope Prokop
with a nice
albie.



Wayne Berardi with an albie aboard
Steve Kenyon's Outer Limits.



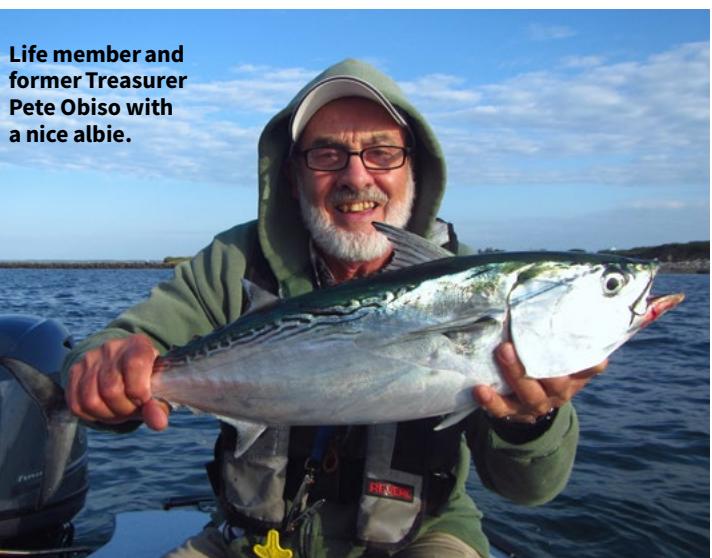
Eddy Stahowiak
all smiles in the
fall run blitz.



Lindsay Connas
with a nice
striper.



Jeff Perry with a
small mahi.



Life member and
former Treasurer
Pete Obiso with
a nice albie.

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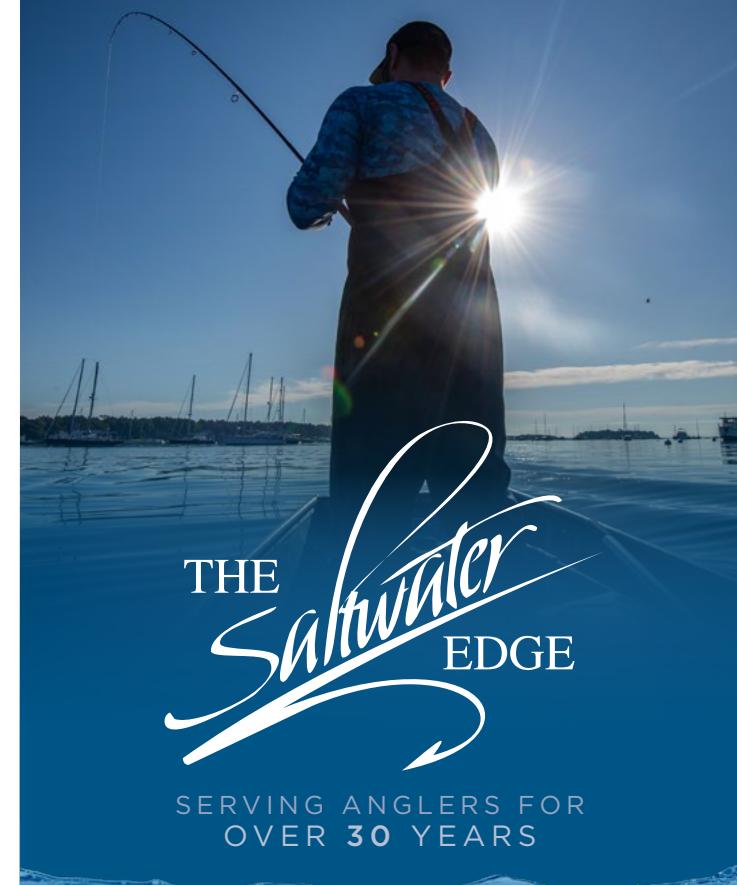
Dawn Filliatreault Wood, CHAIR

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

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RISAA BLACK SEA BASS TRIP A GREAT SUCCESS

By: Chris Salera

This past Sunday, October 5th, was one of those days that remind me why I love fishing—the peace, camaraderie, and the thrill of being out on the open water surrounded by people who share that same passion. The day started before the sun even thought about rising. My alarm went off at 3:00 a.m., and by 5:00 a.m. we were pulling into the docks for the Francis Fleet charter in Narragansett. Even at that early hour, the docks were already alive with the buzz of eager anglers preparing for the trip ahead. Despite our early arrival, we were still a little too late to claim the

prime spots on the boat we had hoped for. It didn't matter much, though—just being there, feeling the crisp morning air and the quiet anticipation before sunrise, set the tone for what would become an unforgettable day.

Joining me on this trip was Scott Travers, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA). Scott and I were among 46 RISAA members who had arrived for the charter. The group included a mix of seasoned veterans and enthusiastic newcomers, which made for a great atmosphere of shared excitement and stories. At exactly 6:00 a.m., the Francis Fleet pulled away from the dock, engines humming as we headed out to sea. Watching the first light of dawn reflect off the water while the shoreline slowly faded behind us was a scene that never gets old. There's something about that moment—when land slips away and the horizon opens up—that fills you with calm and anticipation all at once.

It took about two hours before we reached our first stop. The crew got everything ready quickly, and before long, lines were in the water. The first few spots didn't produce much, and we went through several resets and moves as the captain searched for better ground. That's all part of the experience. Sometimes it takes patience and a bit of faith before things come together. And eventually, they did. As the morning went on, the bite started to pick up, and before long there was action all along the rail. One after another, RISAA members started reeling in a mix of species,



filling the deck with color and excitement. Every catch brought smiles and a few good-natured jokes, the kind of easy camaraderie that always forms on a good fishing trip.

To make things even more interesting, we held a friendly fishing pool for whoever landed the largest fish of the day. It added a little extra excitement to every cast and every tug on the line. In the end, the bragging rights went to Bob Peloquin, who pulled in an impressive fluke that took first place. It was nothing short of impressive and well-earned. The moment he brought it aboard; everyone gathered around to admire the catch and share in the excitement—it was a great highlight of the day.

What really made this trip stand out, though, wasn't just the fishing—it was the people. Among those on board was RISAA member Max Namba, who is running an incredible fishing program out of Brown University which has grown to approximately 200 students! He brought along eighteen students, all new RISAA members. Seeing that many young people getting involved in fishing and connecting with RISAA was inspiring. It showed that the passion for saltwater fishing isn't just something for the older generation—it's alive and growing among younger anglers too. Max's dedication and leadership are exactly what the future of this sport needs. The energy and enthusiasm from his group added something special to the day and reminded all of us why programs like his are so important.

Throughout the day, the captain continued to make a few more resets, moving us from spot to spot to keep the action steady.



Each new location brought fresh opportunities, and we ended up catching an impressive variety of fish including sea robins, scup, triggerfish, mackerel, fluke, some impressive cod, and of course, black sea bass. The deckhands stayed busy helping everyone with lines, keeping spirits high, and filleting many fish for the participants on the way back to the dock. The weather couldn't have been better—sunny, warm, and with just enough breeze to keep things comfortable and calm seas. There was no hint of the cold or wind that sometimes challenges fall fishing trips; it was one of those perfect days where everything just seemed to align.

By the time we began the ride back toward the docks, the sun was starting to lower in the sky, casting that golden light that makes the ocean look endless and calm. Everyone on board was tired but smiling, swapping stories about their catches and the near misses that "would've been the big one." As we approached the harbor, I couldn't help but reflect on what a great trip it had been—not only because of the fish we caught, but because of the sense of community and shared passion that filled the boat from start to finish.

Fishing trips like this remind me that it's not just about the catch—it's about the people, the memories, and the feeling of being part of something bigger. Seeing younger generations step up and carry that same excitement forward gives me hope for the future of the sport and for RISAA as a whole. October 5th was more than just a day on the water—it was a reminder of why we fish, why we share it, and why we keep coming back. 

as long as those days achieve the necessary 12% reductions in harvest and if RI must be in a region then RI should be in the region with CT and NY because the main body of striped bass in RI is the same body of fish that stays around Long Island and Long Island Sound.

Finally, we do not understand how “no targeting” closures will help reduce harvest nor do we understand exactly how such regulations can be enforced because of the definition of no targeting which includes catching a striped bass. This is likely why enforcement has rated this option very poorly. We agree that some controls to reduce catch and release fishing during warm water periods would be helpful, but since it would be a violation to accidentally catch a striped bass while fishing for fluke or tautog or other fish it seems that anytime an angler puts a hook in the water they could be in violation of no targeting by accidentally catching a strip. For this reason, we do not support no targeting but would rather support no harvest closures.

Finally, RISAA pointed out that there seem to be other areas where striped bass harvest can be reduced such as addressing the dead discards in the commercial fishing sector. As an example,

we know of at least 2 instances within the past 3 months where striped bass have been discarded by commercial draggers in RI waters. One of these was very close to Point Judith in June when a dragger dumped dozens, likely over a hundred, striped bass. Some of these fish were not totally dead yet but attempts by anglers nearby to revive the fish were not successful. The second was a dragger in the East Passage on July 9 when deck hands were observed cutting the striped bass before throwing them overboard, likely to assure that they did not float. We believe that dead discards have been underreported in the commercial sector.

I am writing this before the deadline, but since this will not be published until after the October 3 deadline for public comment I will just say that I hope many of you did make public comment to the Board on this very important management issue. RISAA leadership presented verbal comments on the record and official written comments on behalf of all of our members. 🐟

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 20 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

2025 VAMOS A PESCAR CHARTER TRIP

On Wednesday August 13th, RISAA Merchandise Chair Bob Marco, RISAA Member Chris Selera, and RISAA Executive Director Scott Travers boarded the Lady Frances with members of USFWS Enforcement, RI Division of Marine Fisheries staff, and RI Division of Fish and Wildlife staff, to help teach another group of future saltwater recreational anglers how to catch fish through the “Vamos a Pescar” Program. The program is funded with the assistance of State agencies and Federal grants to provide the opportunity for Hispanic and other urban groups to learn how to fish. RISAA and other volunteer groups have assisted the state and federal agencies with this program for many years by providing hands on instruction and assistance.

Programs like this provide an opportunity for RISAA members to give back to the community and help teach new members of the saltwater recreational angling community how to catch fish and how to help provide healthy, sustainable foods from RI’s waters.

On this trip approximately 50 people



from urban areas within RI participated in the trip. The half day trip went well with most participants catching fish. In many cases, it was the first fish they had ever caught! On the stern, undersized fish were tagged through either the RIDMF Fluke Tagging Program or through a multi species tagging program through the RI Mobile Sportfishermen and the American Littoral Society while participants had the opportunity to learn about conservation and how fish are tagged.

Many species were caught including scup, fluke, black sea bass, sea robins, and a skate. The captain did a great job keeping us on fish and the mates were very attentive to the participants. While the participants kept us volunteers busy, we enjoyed every minute and were happy to help ensure everyone had a great time.

Reach out to me at travers@risaa.org if you would like more information or to learn how to become involved with the many volunteer programs RISAA is a part of. 🐟

SEA MONEY FISHING CHARTER with Captain Chris McIntee

We were all excited to meet Captain Chris at Allen’s Harbor for a 6:30am departure. We were all early and so was Captain Chris. Captain Chris trailers his well outfitted 23 foot, deep-V, Parker Center console. Trailering allows him to be more efficient to launch wherever it is easiest to reach the target species.

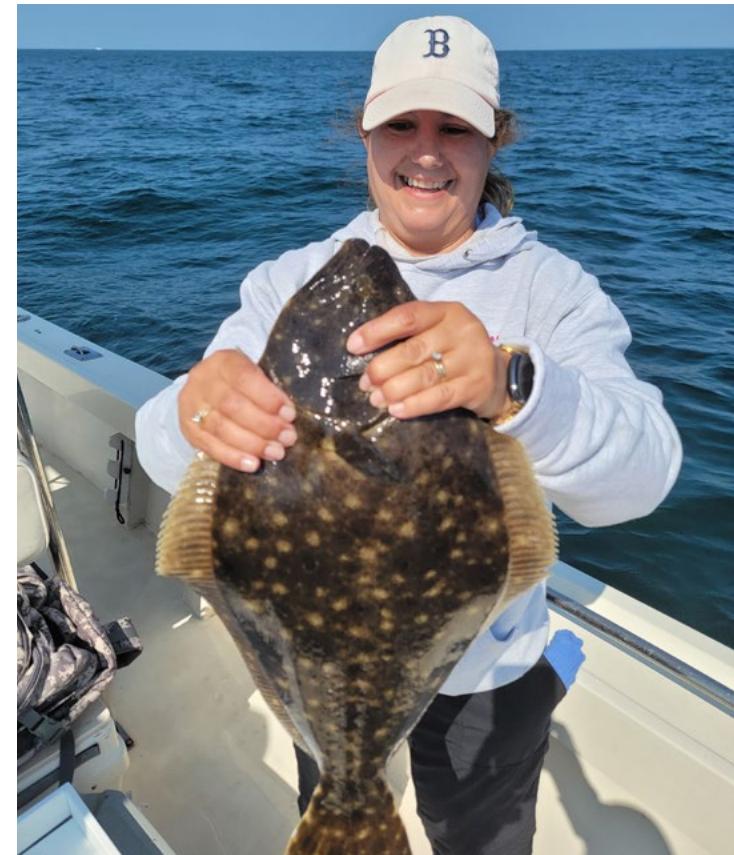
I, Curt Caserta, and fellow fisherman Joe Beck and Judy Lambert were all looking forward to a multi-species trip. The plan was to look for bass and blues on topwater and then pivot to fluke and black sea bass. We left Allen’s Harbor and checked out the East Gap and then Beavertail before heading a little further south. I could not help but think of the legacy that Steve Medeiros has left as we fished off Black Point named in his honor. It was a beautiful day to reminisce on an amazing individual and friend that I got to know as a former RISAA BOD member. It just seemed perfect to be fishing there today. Joe Beck decided to fish his 9-inch Doc spook that produced blue after blue! Judy and I worked on getting below the blues for some striped bass. We did not connect with any bass; however, Judy did catch a 12-inch fluke on a 9-inch flutter spoon!!! Fluke are voracious predators. Judy caught a 20-inch fluke off Black Point and we managed a dozen or so black sea bass with one keeper. The captain decided that the conditions were right to take the 5-mile trip and fish some marks that has produced for him near the Hooter Buoy. Captain Chris was a total pro. He cut his teeth working on the Seven Bees and actually met his wife while working as a mate! Chris recommended that we switch over to a 3-way rig with a little shorter presentation using some blue fish strips and fluke bellies. Judy was absolutely the hot fisherman today. She caught 4 of the 5-keeper fluke today and it was funny that when I offered to switch places with her to keep her sneakers dry, she still immediately hooked up!! Joe and I did a good job catching a keeper fluke and more than a handful of shorts with some sizeable keeper black sea bass.



RISAA Charter Guests: Curt Caserta, Joe Beck & Judy Lambert.



What I liked most about Captain Chris and Sea Money fishing was his humble professionalism. He knew how to pivot and make suggestions that I truly believe made the difference in catching vs. not today. The boat is comfortable and he had high quality gear. Once back at the ramp, the captain graciously fileted our catch and had ice ready to go for us to enjoy a fresh fish dinner when we got home. Joe, Judy, and I would like to thank Captain Chris for his support of RISAA by donating the charter and we all went home learning a little and becoming better fisherman ourselves. Thanks Chris for a memorable day on the water!!! 🐟



COOKING YOUR CATCH

By: Paula Smalec

LEMON DIJON GRILLED BLUEFISH

(This recipe can be prepared on either a grill or on the stove top)

It is critical that you bleed your bluefish immediately after you catch it. Keep the fish on ice (or as cold as possible) and fillet it within 30 minutes of bleeding it. Store the fillets in bags on ice in a cooler and cook the fish either the same day it is caught or the next day. All of this will insure the best, mildest tasting bluefish with little or none of the strong "oily" taste that bluefish can sometimes have.

Source: <https://feedmephoebe.com/grilled-bluefish-recipe/>

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, OR 1/4 teaspoon dried
- 2 pounds bluefish fillets
- 1/4 cup mixed chopped FRESH herbs (chives, basil, parsley)

Instructions:

Combine the olive oil, lemon juice, lemon zest, mustard, salt, garlic, and thyme in a large mixing bowl and whisk until smooth.

Place the bluefish fillets in the bowl with the marinade or transfer both to a Ziplock bag. Swish the bluefish fillets around until fully coated.

Allow the bluefish to marinate at room temperature for 15-30 minutes (no longer) while you prepare the grill.

Preheat the grill to a high heat. When it is ready, oil the rack.

If you choose to cook the fish indoors on the stovetop, place a large frying pan over medium high heat.

Place the fish flesh-side down close to the heat source. Grill (or fry) for 3-5 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of the fish. If the fillets are less than 1" thick, aim for less than 8 minutes total cooking time. You will be able to tell when the fish is done as it will begin to come apart at the seams and flake. Transfer the fish to a platter or plate and garnish with extra lemon wedges, if desired, and the fresh herbs.

Attention Members! Do you have a favorite seafood recipe to share with the membership in our magazine? If so, please submit the recipe with a photo of the finished dish to definis@risaa.org

Where possible, try for recipes that use local or commonly available ingredients and fish of the season—e.g. tog recipes in fall, clams and shellfish in summer, etc..



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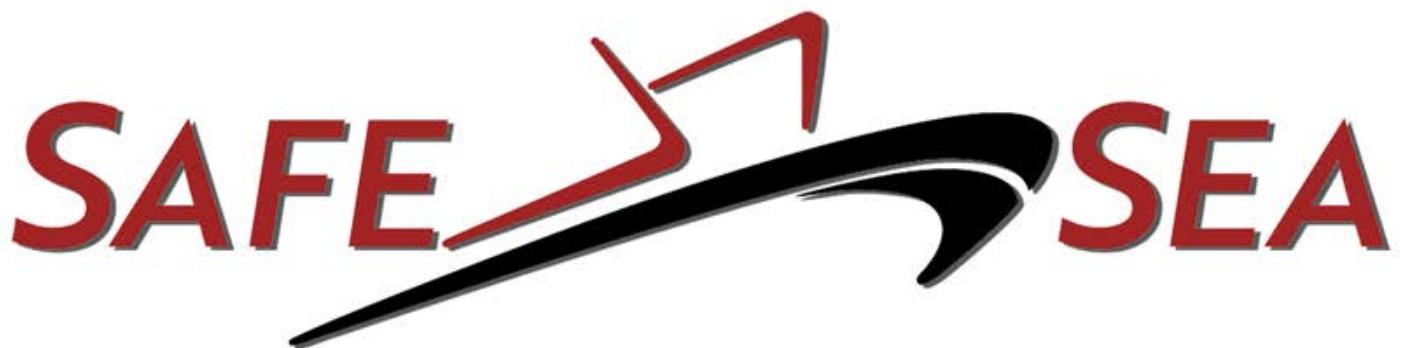
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2025 RIDEM TAKE ME CLAMMING EVENT

It's no big secret that I am a fan of quahogs. Several years ago, let's just say more than 10, I began assisting RI Department of Fish and Wildlife (RIDFW) with the "Come Clam with Me" program, which is now the "Take Me Clamming" program. The program is run by the Aquatic Resource Education Program with the assistance of local commercial quahogging expert and "bivalve extraction technician" Jodie King. This program is so much fun that I am still assisting with it today.

On Tuesday, August 12, 2025, I had the opportunity to help out with another "Take Me Clamming" event. While the program is held in many areas throughout the State of RI, this session was held at Rocky Point State Park in Warwick, RI. Pre-registration is required and as always, the event was fully booked with 50 people signed up. These programs are so popular that people who sign up to other sessions, as well as those who are on the waiting list, show up anyway just in case one or more of the people who have pre-registered don't show up.

The weather on this day was fantastic. Warm temperatures with sunny skies make for a great day for quahogging when you are in the water. After some background information on Jodie and his love for quahogs, the group receives some instructions and each family is provided with a gauge to measure the quahogs they will find as well as a bag to put the quahogs in, and at least one rake. Then we take them out into the water for a little digging.

As normally occurs, one of the most common items pulled out of the water is the native RI rock. Not good table fare, however a common item located in good quahog habitat. I usually stick to the deeper waters, about mid chest level, keeping a good eye on the participants for safety, however, as most insiders know, the further out you go, the more quahogs you are likely to get. Once I identify the participants who might be having difficulty locating the elusive shellfish in shallow water, I call them out to the slightly deeper area for success.

Once the participants have had a chance to do some digging and have collected a few keepers, we bring everyone back to the staging area where Jodie cooks his not-so-secret family recipe. Jodie and I will usually shuck a few samples of choice for people to try on the half shell. Once Jodie's recipe is finished, everyone gets to sample some great seafood that was harvested fresh from RI waters.

This is one program I would recommend for everyone. If you are an experienced quahogger, if you have maybe tried it but would like to learn how to be more successful, if you have never tried it before, or even if you just want to go have a fun day and eat some great seafood at the end, this is the program for you. You can find out more about the program by contacting Kimberly.sullivan@dem.ri.gov or by searching for the program on the RI Division of Fish and Wildlife website.

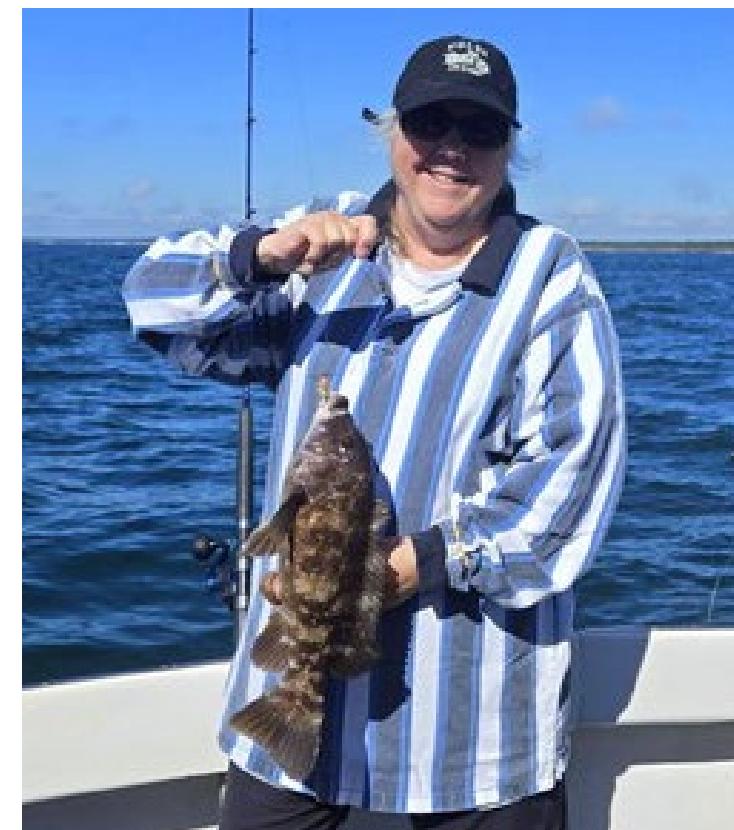
SPECIAL RISAA “LADIES ONLY” CHARTER with Captain Coral Aiello of Sara Star Charters

The morning of September 2nd dawned with some fog showing, but that didn't stop Paula Smalec, Donna Millette, Barbara Audino, Dawn Filliatreault Wood, and Susan Lema from meeting up for a much-anticipated fishing trip. It was pre-Covid the last time RISAA had held a “Ladies Only” charter, and this was not to be missed. Our captain for the day was Capt. Coral Aiello of Sara Star Charters. She and her father Capt. Joe Aiello operate the charter vessel Coral Rose out of Newport, R.I. Coral had declined her father's offer to mate for the day...no thanks Dad, this was a “ladies only” trip.

After a safety briefing, Capt. Coral headed us out to the East Passage to set up on a favorite rockpile. The Minn Kota trolling motor mounted on the bow kept us locked on the rocks, with plenty of crabs on board to tempt the togs. Music from the 70's played on the boat's speakers in the background as we picked through a bunch of smaller fish before heading to a second rockpile. Barbara Audino broke the ice with the first fish, a female that was quickly released (we released ALL the female togs we caught). A steady pick continued until the tide bottomed out. Capt. Coral suggested trolling for stripers until the tidal flow picked up.



Two umbrella rigs were trolled close past an exposed rockpile and Paula Smalec was hooked up with a double-header of upper-slot stripers. The next pass produced a double-header for Susan Lema, and a single over-slot fish for Dawn Filliatreault Wood. Barbara Audino reluctantly agreed to take the next hookup and with encouragement from the ladies boated a fat upper-slot strip. All the while, Donna Millette was taking photos and helping Susan Lema prepare to tag the fish. A total of five stripers were returned to the water sporting new American Littoral society tags.



When the tide picked up again, Capt. Coral relocated the boat on another rockpile. Fat tautog started coming over the rails at a steady pace. In all, the ladies boated nine keepers which were expertly filleted and bagged by our captain back at the dock.

We all agreed that Captain Coral is an expert in what she does; she runs a clean, safe operation with plenty of humor, passion for the fishery, and a great sense of pride. Her knowledge of the waters off Newport and her skills as a captain are second to none. Captain Coral is an asset to the recreational fishery in Rhode Island. If you're looking for a great time on the water with someone who truly loves what she does, check out Sara Star Charters in Newport, R.I. The lucky ladies of RISAA who went on this trip thank Capt. Coral for her generous donation of this “Ladies Only” charter.

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They provide fishing trips of a lifetime, that families, friends, and business partners will never forget. Established in 1995, Sara Star Charters is the leader in the industry for the best fishing along Rhode Island's spectacular coastline.



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with John Kim

John Kim is a member of the RISAA Board of Directors, Chair of the Charter Committee and webmaster for the Association.

In this seminar, John will help members learn more about the ins and outs of fishing from personal watercraft, often referred to as "Jet Skis" or "Wave Runners" or a host of other industry brand names. John will explain how these craft work, how to equip and rig them for fishing and how to safely and effectively operate them on the inshore and near-shore fishing grounds. If you have never tried this sport and are curious to learn more, John will show the way. See you on October 27th!

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

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FUN & FREE CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT ON ALBIES & BONITO

Many anglers look forward to the fall when albies and bonito blitz our oceanfront. A visit to your local tackle shop offers a dizzying array of lures from traditional metals to epoxy jigs in all colors, sizes and shapes from makers such as Hogy, Joe Baggs and others. Sharp anglers know to visit the shops early before the blitz is on and the popular lures are sold out.

This year, there is a new program that allows hard tail anglers the opportunity to contribute data on their catch to fisheries managers/researchers in a way that is easy and fun. The RISAA Foundation was instrumental in providing funds to get this project running and it's free for participating anglers. Below is a summary from the RIDMF website. At the time of this writing, hundreds of data points have been submitted. RISAA Secretary Sue Lema is one of the leading participants with over fifty fish reported to date.

BACKGROUND

In 2025 the Rhode Island Division of Marine Fisheries began a pilot project to collect data on little tunny (also known as false albacore or albies) and Atlantic bonito. As part of this project, we began testing a cheap and effective way to measure these fish accurately in images. By providing anglers with an item of known size to include in images of their catch, we can compare the size and position of the provided item to the fish to determine length. Following successful testing, our project partner Rhode



Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) [<https://risaa.org/>] purchased 520 plastic volunteer cards to give to fishermen in order for us to begin measuring little tunny and Atlantic bonito caught by recreational anglers. The goal is to use these measurements to supplement the current data streams for these species.

SURVEY DESIGN AND SAMPLING METHODS

This project is one of the largest citizen science projects ever instituted by RIDEM. We have built a coalition of anglers, for hire charter captains, and angling groups to provide us with images. Volunteers will be provided a plastic card and instructions on how to use this card in our study. Anglers will take a picture of their catch with the card against the fish. The images will then be sent to RI Division of Marine Fisheries either by using this online form <https://forms.gle/RKMrUBHmva61BXBG8> or by emailing them to DEM.AlbiesBonito@dem.ri.gov. We ask that volunteers provide one image per fish and additional information such as the general area where the fish was caught, date of catch, mode of catch, and if the fish was released or harvested. Scientists at RI Division of Marine Fisheries will then use ImageJ software to measure the fish based on the size of the card.

To become a volunteer please email us at DEM.AlbiesBonito@dem.ri.gov or call 401-423-1932.

SAMPLING FREQUENCY

Little tunny and Atlantic bonito are most prevalent in our region from late May to late September. Majority of image collection will take place during that period.

For more information, please contact Reuben Macfarlan at reuben.macfarlan@dem.ri.gov.

DEM/ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE ARREST & CITIATION LOG

JULY 2025

SNOW, Trevor D., 19, of Barrington, RI, for Failure to Tag Shellfish and Possession of undersized Shellfish (Administrative Process)

RYDER, John A., 65, of Bristol, RI for Possession of Untagged Shellfish, Take, Sale of, or Possess Non-Complying Shellfish, Resisting Legal or Illegal Arrest, and Obstructing Officer in Execution of Duty

ALVES, Abilio F., 43, of Baltimore, MD, for Possession of Undersized Tautog and Exceeding Daily Limit of Tautog

PIMENTA DOS SANTOS, Welliton, 34, of Dedham, MA, for Possession of Undersized Tautog and Exceeding Daily Limit of Tautog

VENTURA, Weverton, 32, of Watertown, MA, for Possession of Undersized Tautog and Exceeding Daily Limit of Tautog

SANTOS, Pamela J., 52, of Pawtucket, RI, for Possession of Undersized Shellfish (3 Counts)

JUAREZ DIAZ, Esvin T., 40, of Woonsocket, RI, for Possession of Undersized Black Sea Bass

JORDAN, Thomas A., 67, of Montauk, NY, for Commercial Fishing Without a License, Possession of Undersized Black Sea Bass, and Exceeding Daily Limit of Black Sea Bass

PEREZ SERVANO, Carlos E., 34, of Bellingham, MA, for Possession of Undersized Scup

MAYER, Eric J., 58, of Warwick, RI, for Untagged Shellfish, Possession of Undersized Shellfish, and Obstructing Officer in Execution of Duty

DASILVA, Paris P., 28, of Pawtucket, RI, for Operation of Personal Watercraft Without Boating Safety Certificate

AYALA NUNEZ, Rodrigo Alezi, 47, of Waltham, MA, for Possession of Undersized Black Sea Bass and Exceeding Daily Limit of Black Sea Bass

NUNEZ ALVARADO, Jose A., 38, of Waltham, MA, for Possession of Undersized Black Sea Bass, Exceeding the Daily Limit of Black Sea Bass, and Possession of Undersized Tautog

SEPTEMBER 2025

SCHULTZ Jr., Mark F., 23, of Charlestown, RI, for Possession of Undersized Black Sea Bass and Possession of Undersized Tautog

YAU, Huk Suen, 75, of Cranston, RI, for Possession of Undersized Blue Crab and Exceeding Daily Limit of Blue Crab.

HONG, Pov, 61, of Providence, RI, for Possession of Undersized Blue Crab

TRANZE, Donald N., 49, of Braintree, MA, for Reckless Operation of PWC

GOMES, Joao, 46, of Pawtucket, RI, for Possession of Undersized Tautog

CHEN, Laiyuan S., 45, of Charlestown, MA, for Possession of Undersized Tautog and Exceeding the Daily Limit of Tautog.

LI, Yangping, 33, of Charlestown, MA, for Possession of Undersized Tautog and Exceeding the Daily Limit of Tautog.

LOU, Tianyi, 58, of Brooklyn, NY, for Possession of Undersized Tautog



The following is a breakdown of the citations issued for the period of: July & September 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: 2,676

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: 211**

VIOLATION CITIATIONS ISSUED

State Property Violations	34
(Parking, Alcohol, Disorderly Conduct, Dumping/Littering, etc.)	
Motor Vehicle	116
Boating Violations	36
ATV Violations	6
Freshwater Fishing Violations	1
Saltwater Fishing Violations	41
CRMC Beach Violations	1
Hunting Violations	3
Total	238

**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.*

ON THE ROCKS CHARTERS RISAA CHARTER TRIP

The morning of July 11th was an overcast one with light winds. We were anticipating a great day. Our trip had been rescheduled previously due to high winds. We met Captain Rene LeTourneau at the Fort Adams boat ramp in Newport at 5:00 AM.

The captain expertly launched his boat for our adventure. The boat was a 21' Mako center console. It was rigged for fly and light tackle fishing. Everything on the boat was top of the line, right down to the custom poles that we would use. These poles were some of the best that I had ever tried. They were made by Crafty One Custom Rods. Be sure to give them a try! The advanced electronics guided us to find the fish. The boat had excellent castability for the both of us. We were easily able to cast into schools of breaking fish without getting in each other's way. The ability to maneuver this craft right up against structure was insane.

As we left the harbor, it was not long before we were met with schools of breaking fish. The captain positioned the boat so we could both easily cast into the schools. Both of our lines were tight with stripers on our first cast. All the stripers we caught were cautiously released to fight another day.

When the blitzing fish started to disappear, the captain took us to various structure both in and out of the bay. He carefully maneuvered the boat right next to the structure. It was exhilarating as we were just feet from the water breaking over rocks. As we casted into the foam, many large stripers would come up to try to



inhale our lures. It was obvious that the captain had decades of experience doing this. There is no way I would attempt this in my own boat! The day ended with numerous stripers of various sizes, and even a large blue.

I would highly recommend Captain Rene to everyone. Whether you are a newbie looking for your first fish, or a seasoned veteran looking to gain some expert knowledge, your trip will not disappoint. His over 40 years of experience on Narragansett Bay is evident. His sense of humor made for a very fun and relaxing day. It was like fishing with a buddy you had known for many years. I have been on many charters in my life, and this one is definitely at the top of my list! Be sure to check him out at <http://www.ontherockscharters.com>.



2025 TAKE ME FISHING DAY

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, RISAA members teamed up with US Fish and Wildlife Service and RI Division of Fish and Wildlife Staff to host this year's Take Me Fishing Day at the Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge in Middletown, RI. The weather was seasonably warm and ideal for teaching a new group of surfcasters how to catch fish.

This year saw the largest turnout ever including 103 adults and 89 youths who showed up in several groups throughout the day to learn the basics from volunteer anglers from RISAA as well as the Narragansett Surfcasters, and the RI Mobile Sportsmen. Also present were volunteers from the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, RI Resource Recovery, and staff from the North Attleboro, MA Fish Hatchery.



While the weather was perfect, the seaweed along the shore turned out to be a challenge for some of the younger anglers. As the day progressed participants started picking up the basics of casting and began getting their lines out further. While no fish were caught, everyone had a great time learning how to cast and share the shoreline with others.

This program was federally funded with assistance from the State of RI. Programs like this help to ensure future generations stay connected with the outdoors and the natural world and teach the next up and coming group of saltwater anglers how to be successful surfcasters! 

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TEEZER CHARTERS

By Pete DelVecchio

Teezer charters doesn't tease when it comes to the promise of catching fish.

Teezer charters is mastered by Captain Eric Thomas. Captain Eric has over thirty years' experience fishing in and around Narragansett bay. The measure of a successful charter trip is not only measured in how many fish you catch, but also what you learn.

We meet at the Fort Adam's boat ramp at 0600 to an already lined ramp of eager fishermen. Capt Eric, also a math teacher, backs down his nineteen foot Mako following his own formula for rapid deployment. We hopped aboard and slithered between the mornings out of Newport harbor. Time for us to get to know each other to become brothers in arms in search of stripers. My fishing partner for the day is Brent Jones, a former Coast guardsman originally from Dover Foxcroft Maine.

As we head out we soon discover this is no ordinary Mako center console. She is fitted with a trolling motor and a unique rail in the bow. See picture below. This allows one angler to steadily fish from the bow. "I've had 90 year olds up there and able to stable themselves to fish and have a blast." Boasts, Captain Eric. Brent and I both agreed that it was a coveted spot. Makes a nineteen foot vessel feel like a twenty six footer. While making way in between fishing spots, I looked back from the cage at Captain Eric and I felt like Quint on the hunt. The rail does not disappoint.

Captain Eric pulls up his gaitor as we get on plane he announces the plan. "We are going to fish around rocks in Newport. We are going to get really close. Do not do this with your own boat. You really need a guide so you don't end up sinking your boat. The wind is coming in from the west so the fishing will be the best." There is a reason why in over eighty charter trips this season, he hasn't been skunked once. Not once.

The Captain expertly maneuvers his vessel to dance along the



rocks where only kayakers dare to go. A group of jealous power boaters look on. A testament to his confidence as to where the fish are and his boat handling skills. No joystick, bow thruster, or second screw needed. We were so close we could smell the cormorants sunning on the rocks. I've never been this close to a flock of birds to smell them. As I cast and retrieve, suddenly the captain bellows

"The waves come in sets of three after the third wave, the bait fish get confused in the whitewash, the stripers attack, get your popper in there." I'm skeptical. I never had any real luck catching fish with top lures. The only thing they ever caught was my wallet. I cast in. Using the technique Capt Eric taught me, Brent and I cast in the angry wash. Bang! A hungry stripper whacks Brent's lure. Brent grits his teeth as he fights the stripper toward the boat. I get distracted watching Brent having a blast fighting the fish with Captain Eric's combination of a smooth running braided lined Shimano reel coupled to a sturdy custom Crafty One rod. Bam! I got a hit. I'm not as good as the former Coast Guardsman, as he reels his in, I blow the opportunity. Captain Eric provides me with another lesson. "Don't let it sit there too long after you get a strike. Keep it moving"

Captain Eric fishes like it's a military operation. He sneaks his vessel into his spot, attacks, gets his targets and then quickly leaves to the next hole. This "stick and move" technique yielded us eight beautiful stripers in a four hour charter! Brent and I each captured four. I am now a firm believer in top water fishing. Capt Eric was also a great teacher. Anyone that books with Teezer Charters is very lucky. My only disappointment was that he was not my math teacher in high school. I would have enjoyed math as much as I now enjoy top water fishing. The mark of a great teacher.

I can't tell you all the spots, it's worth the price of a charter to learn them and the lessons if you did not know how to top fish, like me. However, I'll give you one hint. We were so close to Jay Leno's house, Jay offered to come in for coffee and scones. But the fishing with Teezer Charters was too good to leave. Sorry Jay, we'll pass. 



If you would like to enjoy a charter with Teezer Charters, reach out to Captain Eric at 401-524-7239, teezer77@gmail.com

NOAA CUTS NOT GOOD FOR FISH OR FISHERS

How do you take back NOAA funds, as much as \$239 million, for climate and ocean science already allocated in the 2025 budget by Congress? Simple, you fire or lay off staff, drag your feet on grant approvals and then scoop up the money not obligated at the end of the fiscal year.

This is what our Office of Management and Budget (OMB) plans to do with NOAA and even worse, it sets the table for reduced NOAA funding in 2026.

"Overall, this seems to reflect a scooping up of funding at the end of the year (fiscal year concludes at the end of September) likely not obligated yet due to all the staffing reductions and freezes and slow rolling of NOAA acquisition and grant approvals," John Potts, a former chief financial officer at the National Weather Service and NOAA budget director, said in an interview that appeared online in a Bloomberg Government story.

The Bloomberg story said, "NOAA's National Ocean Service and its Oceanic and Atmospheric Research office, which does climate research, would see the biggest decreases under the fiscal 2025 plan. The Trump administration has proposed eliminating the research office, while the National Marine Fisheries Service and NOAA's National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service also would take budget hits under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) plan."

The appropriations process for the 2026 NOAA budget is even gloomier. Compared to the 2024 budget, the House budget for 2026 reduces funding for key NOAA initiatives i.e. the National Marine Fisheries Service by 38 percent; Protected Resources Science and Management down 55 percent; Fisheries Data Collection, Surveys and Assessments down 44 percent with cuts pretty much across the board.



Tom Houde with a healthy striped from the kayak.



The cuts would hit NOAA Fisheries hard in the areas of habitat, science, and management. Specifically, habitat preservation and restoration, climate research and coastal resiliency impact funding would be eliminated or drastically reduced.

In our area these budget cuts are occurring to a recreational fishing industry that has a \$417-million-dollar annual sales impact in Rhode Island, \$685 million in Connecticut and over \$931 million in Massachusetts according to the 2018 Fisheries Economics of the US. Today it has an even greater impact with over 28 million recreational fishing trips annually. The seafood industry, including both commercial and recreational fishing communities, supports nearly 10,000 jobs and a billion dollars in sales.

Proposed cuts would impact recreational fishing in many ways

The last University of Rhode Island Sea Grant Baird Symposium was titled "Climate impacts on recreational fishing and boating." The Symposium gave anglers a voice to share what changing ocean conditions they were experiencing on the water while explanations as to why these changes were occurring came from a panel of the best climate scientists in the nation. Programs like this would possibly not occur with these budget cuts. Additionally, there is a proposed House rider that if enacted would prohibit funding for climate change and fisheries research.

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Sea Grant Program and Cape Cooperative Extension, Connecticut's Sea Grant program at the University of Connecticut that advocates for Long Island Sound, and the Rhode Island Sea Grant programs would be hampered with some of their initiatives reduced or eliminated with these budget cuts.

Growing fish to sustainable levels so there are more of them in the water for all to catch, eat and/or release would no longer be the single objective of fisheries management. Per executive order, the focus would now add enhancing our seafood trade balance through fisheries deregulation so more fish can be taken.

Stock assessments and climate research to identify shifting stocks and negative climate impacts would be severely limited.



Tom Richardson with a bluefin near the wind farm.

This could lead to overfishing of species now in our area just as we have overfished striped bass and cod which has been overfished to near extinction in New England.

Anyone on the water knows things are changing due to warming water, sea level rise, and a host of other impacts. Cold water fish like winter flounder and lobster have left our area in search for colder waters. Warm water fish like black sea bass and scup have arrived in great abundance. Exotic warm water fish such as mahi, cobia, more tuna, wahoo, bonito, false albacore, even tarpon are being caught in our waters more than ever before.

In addition to harming fish and fishers proposed NOAA budget cuts will broadly threaten public health and safety by stopping research foundational to producing weather and extreme event forecasts; hurt local economies by ending funding that supports coastal communities, state fisheries, and seafood growers; increase risk for coastal communities and wildlife by eliminating programs that protect and restore coastal habitats that support fish and protect people from storms and floods; blind us to ocean and atmospheric conditions, by ending data and research programs that advance our understanding of weather, climate, and the ocean to continually maintain and improve the services that NOAA provides; further dismantle NOAA, the nation's premier agency tasked with producing for ocean, climate, and weather science and services and managing coastal and marine resources.

Support NOAA by letting your US Senators and Congressperson know how important NOAA funding is to you. And if you have friends in other states, urge them to connect with their Senators and Congresspersons too, by email or telephone.

You can find sample email scripts and telephone call talking points at 5 MINUTES FOR FISH (www.tomorrowsfish.org). Feel free to take these core messages and modify them, making them your own.

Find your congressperson's contact information at Find Your Representative | house.gov and for US Senators visit U.S. Senate: Contacting U.S. Senators.

Both Republicans and Democrats need to get behind the fish and fishers on the issue of NOAA funding. 



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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. Bill Hubert..... 4.20 lbs.
2. Michael Lynch..... 3.16 lbs.
3. David Ricks..... 2.93 lbs.

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Lucas Blagburn..... 3.00 lbs.
2. Domenic Bianco 2.00 lbs.
3. Reid Decker..... 1.64 lbs.

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. Michael Roy..... 2.85 lbs.
2. Thomas Houde 2.33 lbs.
3. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

KAYAK DIVISION



Bluefish

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Stephen Skenyon 13.65 lbs.
2. Gilberto Aguilar..... 12.12 lbs.
3. Paul Phillips..... 11.11 lbs.

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 10.80 lbs.
2. Michael Tilelli..... 4.25 lbs.
3. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

KAYAK DIVISION



Fluke

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Charles Murphy..... 11.84 lbs.
2. Robert Murray..... 10.90 lbs.
3. Matthew Haczynski 6.65 lbs.

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Arabella Kim 4.40 lbs.
2. Domenic Bianco 3.10 lbs.
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



MAHI MAHI

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Robert Murray..... 4.28 lbs.
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

KAYAK DIVISION



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

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

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

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

KAYAK DIVISION



GRAY TRIGGERFISH

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Richard Reich..... 3.22 lbs.
2. Thomas Houde 2.50 lbs.
3. John Pidlipchak..... 1.71 lbs.

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



COD

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. Bill Hubert..... 2.95 lbs.
2. Richard Reich..... 1.42 lbs.
3. Thomas Houde 1.34 lbs.

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

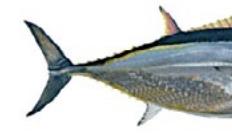
1. Grayson Decker..... 0.92 lbs.
2. Domenic Bianco 0.90 lbs.
3. Reid Decker..... 0.28 lbs.

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 2.42 lbs.
2. Michael Lynch 1.28 lbs.
3. No Entry

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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



SCUP

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

1. Todd Treonze 2.60 lbs.
2. Roger Cichy..... 2.20 lbs.
3. Richard Reich..... 1.78 lbs.

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

1. Domenic Bianco 1.40 lbs.
2. Reid Decker..... 1.06 lbs.
3. Lucas Blagburn 1.05 lbs.

SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

1. John Migliori..... 1.64 lbs.
2. Michael Tilelli..... 1.48 lbs.
3. Michael Lynch..... 1.05 lbs.

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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

KAYAK DIVISION



TUNA - BLUEFIN

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

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

BOAT DIVISION - JUNIOR

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



TUNA - YELLOWFIN

BOAT DIVISION - ADULT

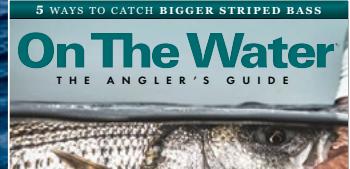
SHORE DIVISION - ADULT

SHORE DIVISION - JUNIOR

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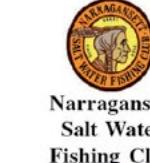
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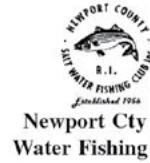
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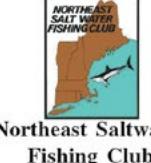
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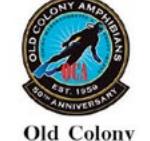
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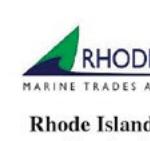
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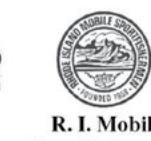
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