

Membership

Committee

Capt. Ed Kearney, Chairman



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

Welcome to the new members who joined last month

Brian Beltrami
West Warwick, RI

John Kramer
Old Tappan, NJ

Mel Blake
Narragansett, RI

Richard Mandeville
Greenville, RI

Joel Busche
Tiverton, RI

Adam Spellman
Cranston, RI

Katrin Busche
Tiverton, RI

Richard Sustello
Cranston, RI

Tim Carroll
Coventry, RI

Hien Truong
Providence, RI

Raymond Clark
Barrington, RI

Chuck Van Sluyter
Barrington, RI

Paul Kelly
Lincoln, RI

YOUR NAME
should be here



**There are no strangers in the Rhode Island
Saltwater Anglers Association
Only friends you haven't met yet.**

Share the Wealth!

BRING A FRIEND

**TO THE NEXT
RISAA MEETING.**



RISAA members can bring a guest to the monthly seminars, at no charge during 2010.

Bob Pond (1917 - 2009)

Robert A. Pond, noted outdoor writer, conservationist and businessman, died December 26, 2009 at Attleboro, Massachusetts. He was 92 years of age.

Bob Pond is also known within the East Coast saltwater fishing community as "Mr. Striped Bass" for his selfless efforts to save the striped bass from extinction. The striped bass was and remains today the premier recreational saltwater fishing species along the East Coast. In face of declining numbers of striped bass in the '70s Bob mobilized the members of Stripers Unlimited, an organization he had earlier founded to lobby both state and federal agencies, resulting in the Emergency Striped Bass Act of 1979, sponsored by Senator John Chaffee of Rhode Island.

In 1945 Bob developed his famous Atom plug, testing it in the Cape Cod Canal and manufacturing it in Attleboro. In his sales travels up and down the coast he noted a desire among striper fishermen to fish other states and so he developed the Tri-State Tournament in 1965 in which local clubs in Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island sponsor a weekend visit to their local hot fishing spots. The Tri-State exists today as an honor code catch-and-release tournament.



Using his income from the Atom plug, in the early 1970s Bob began a series of research trips to the striped bass spawning rivers of Maryland. He also attracted fish scientists and state hatchery personnel to join in his work. It was on these trips that Bob began to see serious deformities in spawning population and put out the call to get Federal monies to research the problem. His efforts resulted in the Act of 1979, a subsequent moratorium, and eventual resurgence of the striped bass in the 1990s. In all these efforts he was assisted by Avis Boyd, who he later married.

Bob was born and raised in New Rochelle, New York and graduated from Syracuse University Forestry College, an education he credited for his life-long conservationism. During WW II Bob worked as a munitions inspector for the British, and later, the American governments.

Sadly, his wife Avis Boyd, died three days later on Dec. 29

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