



On the passing of Bob Pond

As a lure manufacturer I am indebted to Mr. Pond as an industry leader and forerunner of artificial baits along with the likes of Stan Gibbs and Don Musso. He was a great man and an innovator. Rest in Peace Bob.

Armand Tetreault

Way back in the early 60's, my colleague, Reverend Norm Levinson (Attleboro Falls Cong'l Church) introduced me to Bob. He took us down to what I remember was the Coles River gap where he handed me his brand new invention which he called "the Atom Reactor". I made one cast across the gap at the railroad bridge and got a strike that resulted in a 5 pound Striper. You would have loved Bob's reaction - jumping and whooping and yelling "Man, this one is gonna' be another winner!"

I'll never forget him. Thanks again.

Rev. Jan Knost

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To: Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association

Thank you for your donation of \$1,000 in support of the 18th Annual Laura Leach Fishing Tournament, which was conducted during the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 68th Annual Meeting in Newport, Rhode Island last month.

The fishing tournament was a terrific success, thanks due to RISAA's generosity. The tournament raised \$1,525 which will be used to support the Take-A-Kid Fishing program in Rhode Island. All of the tournament entry fees go to charity, so we are especially grateful for your partnership in the endeavor.

Sincerely,

Laura C. Leach

Director of Finance and Administration

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Shore Angler Of The Year - Dick Geldard

Dick has been fishing for over 64 years....amazing! He started fishing at age 8 in Matunuck since his parents owned a summer house in the area. At age 13 he would catch 7-8 bass a day and sell them for 25 cents a pound.

He dropped fishing a bit in the 1950's to raise his family, but now that they are off on their own he has again picked up the sport.

His favorite fish to catch are stripers and was taught many techniques by a local pro. The favorite baits he uses are the "black of wood," smiling bills, split tail pork rinds, feathered jigs, Adam P40's, eels and needlefish. He prefers conventional gear and enjoys fishing from boat and shore.

Dick's most memorable fishing adventure was out on Cuttyhunk with his son one late summer/early fall evening from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am as they landed one striper after another with all the fish over 30lbs.

This year Dick also achieved another milestone by weighing in a 4.4 lb winter flounder from shore which is now in the RISAA Hall of Fame.



How are the top anglers selected?

The Angler of The Year and Jr Angler of The Year are determined by the total number of points earned during the tournament season.

Points are awarded as follows:

1st place = 3 points • 2nd place = 2 points • 3rd place = 1 point

Angler of the year and Junior Angler of the Year candidates must also exhibit the following qualities:

- Good Sportsmanship
- Versatility
- Consistency
- Ability to catch quality fish

Plus

- Earn at least 1 tournament point from both boat and shore
- Earn at least 1 tournament point for four different species of fish during the tournament season

In addition, 5 additional points are awarded for an entry into the RISAA Angler Hall of Fame.

Boat and Shore added in 2009

Two new awards were started in 2009:

Boat Angler of the Year

Shore Angler of the Year.

The awards are given to the boater and shore fisherman who earn the most points in their respective class.

All winners who place this year are encouraged to attend the annual banquet to claim your prize.