

## TAUTOG FISHING (from page 13)

The sharp vibrations emitted work their way back down to the fish through the line and irritate it. The fish, in a state of confusion, may back out of the hole to free itself from the irritation. Once you sense this has happened start reeling in the fish. I've used this technique for the past couple of years and it worked.

If this does not work try letting the line just go limp for a couple of minutes. With no pressure on the fish, it may dislodge itself. To my surprise, the rig often frees itself, the fish may get unhooked, or you are free and catch another fish.

### WHERE TO FISH FOR TAUTOG

From shore, look for rocky coastline like Beavertail Point on Jamestown, locations off Newport and off jetties at South County beaches. From a boat, I have had good luck at Plum Point lighthouse next to the Jamestown Bridge, the rock wall north of Coddington Cove in Portsmouth, off Hope Island, around Brenton Reef in Newport, Whale Rock, the boulder field off Scarborough Beach, Ohio Ledge in the East Passage, General Rock in North Kingstown and any other places there is structure, debris, rock clusters, wrecks, etc.



**Lary Norin, 2013 Angler of the Year, with a fat tautog that he landed off off the South Coast shoreline.**

### CHUMMING

Chumming for tautog will enhance your catch dramatically. **Capt. Kevin Bettencourt** and his father **Albert** have been fishing for tautog in Narragansett Bay and southern coastal waters off Newport, Jamestown and Narragansett for many years.

"Chumming is a critical part of tautog fishing," said Kevin. "If you want to land numerous tautog you must establish an effective chum line. This can be accomplished with grass shrimp or crushed Asian/green crabs. Don't be afraid to feed them! If you don't, they won't stick around long!"

**Captain Robb Roach** of Kettlebottom Outfitters from Jamestown said chumming is very important. "I chum with crushed mussels or crushed periwinkles," he said.

### DRESS FOR THE WEATHER

Fishing in the early spring or fall can be cold. Dress appropriately. If you dress in layers, you can take them off as the sun warms you. Do not forget the gloves, I usually have at least four pair with me ... water proof neoprene gloves, light cotton gloves, heavy winter gloves... whatever the conditions, be ready, and of course the gloves get wet.



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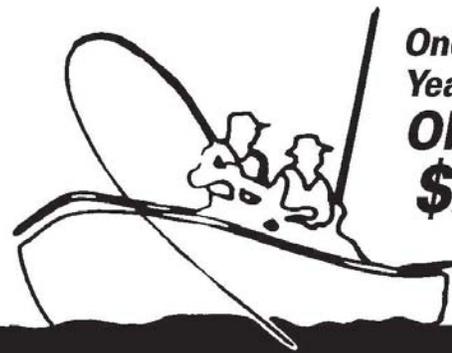
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