



SURFCASTERS Committee



Rich Heffernan, Chairman

First Fishing Outing of the Season

We had a great turnout of surfcasters for our first official outing of the year which took place on the beachfront outside the Ocean Mist in Matunuck on Saturday, May 12 at sunup. The rain was threatening all morning, but thankfully held off with just a few sprinkles here and there to keep us wondering.

Though the striped bass were few in number, several were indeed landed by the many anglers plying the surf between the Ocean Mist and Carpenter's Bar in Matunuck. Hickory shad breaking the surface in front of us added interest to the fishing as well.

Out fishing at daybreak were: **Carey Prange, Dick Geldard, Dino Messina, Jeff Gendron, Jim Okon, Joe Cappola, Jos Huxley, Mike Roy, Paul Phillips, and me (Rich Heffernan)**. This was by far, our best "opening day" turnout. Thanks guys for your commitment to the group and for your enthusiasm.



Breakfast after fishing (l-r) Paul Phillips, Rich Heffernan, Joe Cappola, Carey Prange, Jim Okon and Mike Roy.

That energy carried over to the few of us who stayed long enough to enjoy a nice breakfast at The Pub.

Next up on the schedule was our tautog outing at the end of May at Salty Brine parking lot.



The RISAA Newsletter is looking for articles and stories

- no experience necessary
- perfect grammar not necessary
- OK to spell words wrong (we'll fix it for you)
- stories can be short or long

Topics Include:

- How I catch _____ (any species)
- Best bait I found for catching (any species)
- My funniest day on the water
- My best day fishing
- How to make your own _____.
- Bait catching tip(s)
- Who taught me fishing when I was a kid.
- ANY story you think members might enjoy
- ANY how-to article you want to share
- How to teach kids to fish
- How to read the water
- Your favorite lure

To submit articles & photos OR if you just have a question send an email to editor@risaa.org or call the RISAA office at 401-826-2121

