



RISAA Events & Meetings

All events and meetings can be found online at www.risaa.org/calendar.html

- Jan 19 • 6:30 PM • Board of Directors
- Jan 21 • 6:30 PM • Legislative Committee Quarterly Meeting
- Jan 25 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- Jan 26-28 • N.E. Fisheries Mgmt Council Meeting
- Feb 2-4 • ASMFC Winter Meeting
- Feb 16 • 6:30 PM • Board of Directors
- Feb 22 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- Mar 23 • 6:30 PM • Board of Directors
- Mar 29 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- Apr 20 • 6:30 PM • Board of Directors
- Apr 22 • 6:30 PM • Legislative Committee Quarterly Meeting
- Apr 26 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- May 3-6 • ASMFC Spring Meeting
- May 24 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- Jun 22-24 • 6th Annual 3-Day Youth Fishing Camp, Rocky Point Park
- Jun 28 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- Jul 26 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- Aug 30 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar
- Sep 27 • 7:00 PM • RISAA Seminar

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From the President's Desk Stephen Medeiros



I can't sign you up!

Apparently members are really enjoying the online monthly “webinars” that we have held since May due to COVID restrictions prohibiting in-person meetings.

At first we didn't know if our members would appreciate an online meeting, but just the opposite has happened. I've received many messages from members saying how much they appreciate that RISAA provides those “virtual” seminars.

It's no secret that we have hundreds of members who do not live in Rhode Island, and most of them haven't been able to attend seminars because of the travel distance. But now many of them are attending the online seminars and continue to express their appreciation.

Every month I send an email to all members with information about the next seminar. That message explains the process and will always have the link to pre-register.

Every member must go **on their own** to Zoom and pre-register for the seminar. Immediately after registering, you are sent an email from Zoom confirming your registration and giving you a link for admission to the seminar on the day it occurs.

That link is unique to the member who signed up.

It's not that hard.

Our January seminar, *2020 Fishing Year in Review*, had 191 members who pre-registered!

I try to make it as easy as possible, and a simple click on the **big red “register” button** in the email takes the reader direct to Zoom to sign up.

And.... I always send it out two weeks before the seminar AND again two days before the seminar as a reminder.

But not everyone will take the time to read the message!

Every month, starting 24 hours before the monthly seminar, I begin receiving emails from members asking me to sign them up for the seminar.

I will always respond, telling those members, “I'm sorry, but I can't sign you up!”

I explain they have to go and do it on their own. I tell them how to click on the sign-up button, and then I will forward the email to them that went to everyone else.

Then, the morning after each seminar, I'll log on to read my email, and I will find a dozen messages from various members asking me to sign them up for the seminar. The messages are mostly after 5pm on seminar day.

They ask things like, “How do I get in?” or “I went to your web site, but there's no link to watch the seminar.”

A few have written, “Somebody write back so I can see the seminar.”

Of course, I didn't see any of those messages because at the time people are sending them to me I'm already online at Zoom preparing for the meeting. The panelists and moderator (Tom Wood) usually log into the webinar in advance to make sure we have everything ready.

But I want to help ALL members be able to watch the seminar. I would like it of 500 members were in the audience!

Are you a member who has trouble getting to watch the monthly online seminars?

If you are then I want to help you!

Please don't wait until the day of the seminar to ask for help!

Contact me NOW so we can get you ready. Then, when the seminar night arrives you will know how to log in and enjoy the seminar.

Contact me either
email: steve@risaa.org
phone: 401-826-2121 (6AM-4PM)

Are you receiving the RISAA emails? If not contact me to make sure we have your correct email address.