

Fishing gear and tackle trends

from the New England Saltwater fishing Show



by Captain Dave Monti

For the surf, **Tom Dzis** of **The Saltwater Edge**, Middletown, RI said, “Super Strike lures were hot at the show. The Zig Zag Darter in the new Midnight Harvest color was a good seller. Their Needlefish lure in ‘Eely’ color was a great seller too. Other top lures included Ocean Born Lures.”

Ocean Born Lures by A Band of Anglers is a fairly new company from the world’s top lure developer, **Patrick Sebile**. He is known in the fishing world for developing such productive lures as the Magic Swimmer and the Stick Shad.



“Flying Pencil” by Ocean Born Lures comes in many colors

The Saltwater Edge has a great online store that’s very easy to use and is loaded with product at www.saltwateredge.com or you can visit their retail store at 1037 Aquidneck Avenue, Middletown, RI.

Flippin Out Fishing Charters and lures was at the show marketing their summer flounder (fluke) lures, charter business and demonstrating how to tautog fish using saltwater electric trolling motors (the Minn Kota Riptide line with spot lock). The new motor designs allow fresh or saltwater anglers to hover over their favorite fishing spots to hook up with hard to fish species like tautog.

Anchorless fishing. Minn Kota electric motors with Spot-Lock are now being used even on larger mid-sized boats to help keep you over the fish. Their saltwater Riptide Ultra model with i-Pilot features Spot-Lock, a GPS anchor. Just hit a button and lock onto any spot you chose automatically. For saltwater or freshwater anglers this means over structure, on a bank, next to a dock or jetty that is holding fish (saltwater bottom fish such as tautog, scup or black sea bass).



different sinker weights easy. These rigs have been some of my favorite fluke rigs for years and can be purchased at a number of bait & tackle shops in Rhode Island. Visit Flippin Out Charters and lures at www.flippinoutchartes.com.



Elisa Cahill and Matt Conti from Snug Harbor Marina

Snug Harbor Marina in South Kingstown, RI is a full serve bait & tackle shop. They had a large show presence this year as usual with a variety of rods, reels and tackle.

Elisa Cahill of Snug Harbor said, “Jigging rods and reels have been very popular at the show. Anglers are interested in learning and fishing this way to mix things up.

All the popular rods have been selling well... Shimano, Lamiglass and a host of others. Anglers are jigging for striped bass, tuna and other species.

By far... fluke rigs have been the best selling rigs at the show.”

Snug Harbor Marina offers customers gas or diesel fuel and a complete selection of inshore and offshore bait and tackle along with marina supplies, seafood, groceries and a snack bar. Visit them on line at <http://www.snugharbormarina.com/> or visit them on Point Judith Pond at 410 Gooseberry Road, South Kingstown, RI.



Shimano jigging rods



BJ Silvia’s fluke lures

Fluke lures. Many of the fluke fishing lures sold by **Capt. BJ Silvia**, owner of Flippin Out Charters and lures, feature a large plastic squid and large wide gap hook on a three way swivel. The rig has a sinker clip that makes changing out

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