

# Members Share love of fishing with family

by member **Wesley Devonis**

My dad and I fished MT hope bridge area yesterday for porgy ! Made East to west drifts for scup and sea bass ! The sea bass fishing left something to be desired, but the scup fishing was good. It wasn't lock an load, but the two of us picked up 4-5 fish per drift! There wasn't much wind at all but the boat traffic had us feeling like we were fishing in 20 mph winds. I think even my 11 month old 125 lb puppy was getting sea sick.!

We were able to manage our limit, but it wasn't the most exciting day of fishing in my life, like going to Block chasing 50 pounders.

But it was just amazing being out there on a gorgeous day with my dad and reconnecting with him. And I loved having my puppy *Saint* on the boat with us! It was a fantastic and euphoric day!

So I just wanted to share this lesson with everyone. I know that we have, without a doubt, some of the best anglers on the East Coast, but sometimes it's not about how many fish that we catch or bring to the dock, it's about doing this amazing sport that we all love and having an amazing time doing it with the people we love!

So get out there with whoever - your son, or dad, or your uncle, best friend, a neighbor or even a buddy that you see around your marina. Go fishing!

And remember, it doesn't matter if you don't have any luck at all (well, maybe a little...LOL), all that matters is the memories that we make with our loved ones!

by member **Capt. Mitch Chagnon**

My three daughters grew up on the *Sakarak*. Tracey even mated for me and did an outstanding job.

They are grown now with kids of their own. They too live going out on the water. It is one of the best ways I know of to spend time with kids.

To be a Chagnon is to have a fishing pole attached by the time you walk. It is genetic.

by member **Alice Woods**

I just want to mention that it's not about fishing with your dads or sons - don't forget your daughters and moms.

Some of my best childhood memories are fishing and camping with my dad - and mom.

And, as a single mother of two boys, my goal was to get a boat and get them out fishing.

## RISAA recognized for contributions to artificial reef

The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island has erected a sign at Sabin Point to commemorate the first artificial reef on the Providence River which thanks the partnership with RIDEM and the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association.



## Members' Fishing Photos

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Junior Members

**KATE and JONAH TRACY**

caught these shoolies in Narragansett Bay when fishing with their dad, **Mark Tracy**, aboard their family boat, *Fred and Judy*, on May 20.