



RISAA

# Events & Meetings

## OCTOBER

- 2... Kayak Committee Fishing at Fogland, Tiverton. 8AM
- 5... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Blue Shutters Beach. 6AM
- 8-24... RISAA Tautog Tournament
- 12... RI Marine Fisheries Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Third Beach. 6PM
- 15-17 Fall Surf Fishing Club Challenge.
- 16... Kayak Committee fishing at Camp Cronin, Narragansett. 6AM
- 19... Board of Directors. 6:30PM
- 19-21... ASMFC Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA
- 21... Legislative Committee Quarterly Meeting. 6:30PM
- 23... Surfcasters Committee fishing at Weekapaug. Sunrise
- 25... RISAA Seminar. 7PM
- 26... Fly Fishing Committee fishing at Narrow River. 9AM

## NOVEMBER

- 1... RISAA Surfcasting Fishing Event, 4:00 p.m.
- 3... Fly Fishing Committee Outing, 5:00 p.m.
- 8... Kayak Committee Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10... Fly Fishing Committee Outing, 6:00 p.m.
- 15... Fly Fishing Committee Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 23... RISAA Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m.
- 29... RISAA Monthly Seminar, 7:00 p.m.

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# *From the President's Desk*

## *Richard Hittinger*



### **Dear Members:**

Your Board of Directors has authorized this Special Issue of our monthly news magazine to honor the memory of Stephen Medeiros, RISAA's Executive Director and President, who passed away all too soon and suddenly at 72 years of age on September 12, 2021. The Board of Directors also wants to assure you that RISAA will continue to provide and sponsor all of the functions, services and activities that we have been offering the membership for so many years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to offer our deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to Lynn Medeiros and her family. I also want to thank all of our members who have voiced their heartfelt sympathy to Lynn and the Medeiros family, and their praise for Steve's tireless work on behalf of recreational fishing. To the extent that space was available, we have filled these pages with pictures and testimonials that reflect Steve's 23-year commitment to our Association and the angling community.

For me personally, Steve's passing is a shocking and unfathomable loss. We worked side by side on so many projects and endeavors over the years that his sudden absence is just devastating and

incomprehensible.

But life goes on, and so will RISAA. Your Board of Directors is determined to continue with business as usual, as best we can. There may be some near-term delays, changes, and bumps in the road, and we trust that you will be considerate and understanding as we strive to fill in the multitude of gaps left by Steve's absence. But RISAA will sponsor the Fishing Show in March of 2022, and we will have Fishing Camp and Take a Kid Fishing Day next year, and all of the other functions and activities that make our Association such a gem.

I am buoyed by the outpouring of offers from so many members to volunteer their time and effort to help assure continuity. We have formed a couple of steering committees to consider how best to proceed and to examine whether some of RISAA's activities need to be revised and updated. Rest assured that your input is critically important and will be solicited before any significant modifications are implemented.

We will all miss Steve, and we can best honor his memory by continuing to support this organization that he founded and so dearly loved.

***Rich Hittinger, Acting President***



**Graduating class from the RISAA/DEM Youth Fishing Camp, Rocky Point State Park. Steve Medeiros far left.**