Distribution of fish on the Northeast U.S. shelf influenced by both fishing and climate

Scientists studying the distribution of four commercial and recreational fish stocks in Northeast U.S. waters have found that climate change can have major impacts on the distribution of fish, but the effects of fishing can be just as important and occur on a more immediate time scale.

The four species studied—black sea bass, scup, summer flounder, and southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Bight winter flounder—have varied in abundance and have experienced heavy fishing pressure at times over the past 40 years. Scientists examined the distribution of the four species using Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) research trawl survey data collected between 1972 and 2008. Generalized additive models were used to determine if the distributions of the four species had changed over time, and if these changes reflect changes in temperature or fishing pressure.

The researchers found that black sea bass, scup, and summer flounder exhibited significant poleward shifts in distribution in at least one season. The shifts in black sea bass and scup were related to temperature, while the shift in summer flounder was related to a decrease in fishing pressure and an expansion of the population age structure. (to page 22)

Black sea bass (NOAA photo)
First off, it was unfortunate that the January meeting & seminar was canceled, but a little snow storm got in the way. I felt sorry for Barry Fuller, Paul Kennedy, Dave Monti and Roger Tellier who all worked hard preparing for their “Clamming & Quahogging” seminar. The good news is that it will be rescheduled, probably to the May 18 meeting.

As I’m writing this, the storm is predicted to hit Rhode Island in a few hours. Other than a lot of shoveling, I hope everyone makes it OK.

DEM has instituted a new “lean” policy where public hearing items would now be discussed at a “workshop” held on the same day as the actual public hearing. This would save DEM staff and the public from attending multiple meetings to learn about stock assessments and changes and then attend a public hearing on a different day. Do it all on the same day and it time and money.

This sounded like it could be a good idea.

At its January 20 meeting, the RISAA Board of Directors had set an agenda item for a discussion on the proposed items for DEM’s February 16 public hearing. It’s the responsibility of the RISAA Board to always learn about proposed changes, and examine how it will effect it’s members. That’s not always easy since we have to take into account those who fish from boat, those who fish from shore, members who own tackle shops, and members who run charter boats. Sometimes it’s easy, but most of the time, it’s very difficult to find common ground that works for the majority of recreational anglers.

This February public hearing will include proposals to change regulations for black sea bass, summer flounder and striped bass which will effect all recreational anglers.

We had received the official DEM notice of the meeting which advised of all the hearing items and the various options of possible changes.

Members of the Board quickly found out that it was impossible to make any decisions without knowing WHY cuts were required, how much RI overfished, what percentages, what scenarios would achieve savings, etc.

We could not vote to formulate any RISAA positions without this knowledge - information that was always presented during the Advisory Panel meetings that would always precede public hearings.

This means that we all have to wait until the workshop is held at 4:30 that same day to find out pertinent statistics and facts - a workshop HELD AN HOUR (or less) BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING where the public is supposed to make intelligent statements DEM.

There is no time to talk to other people. No time to think about the options. No time to figure out the impacts on boat anglers, shore anglers, tackle shops, etc.

This might work when only a single species is under consideration or when the options are already mandated by federal regulations, but not when there are important multiple species.

And definitely NOT when striped bass is on the agenda! Thousands of people have argued about striped bass over the past year, and now, when the public would be getting the results of the latest ASMFC Striped Bass Management Board decisions held only a week earlier, decisions have to be made within 90 minutes of the hearing?

And by the way, there are 16 items on the hearing agenda, both commercial and recreational. How much time will we get to discuss proposed regulation changes for striped bass, black sea bass and summer flounder before the hearing starts at 6:00?

I’m thinking this new time-saving workshop/public hearing all-in-one plan may save time for DEM staff, but sorry to say, it seems to be a disservice to the public.
Rhode Island taking input on regulations. Now is the time to mobilize

If you care about fish, and care about what fishing regulations might be in the 2015 season, now is the time to get active and express your point of view. Get active by attending the first ever DEM/Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council’s (RIMFC) new combined recreational workshop and public hearing on Monday, February 16, 2015, 4:30 p.m. (workshop) and 6:00 p.m. (public hearing). The meetings will take place at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, Corless Auditorium, South Ferry Road, Narragansett.

Proposed regulation amendments will be discussed at the workshop and public hearing for species recreational anglers target including summer flounder (fluke), black sea bass and our beloved striped bass.

The bad news is that at press time the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) is meeting and expected to approve more conservative regulations for 2015. The ASMFC regulates many species in RI and other coastal states that travel up and down the east coast. More conservative regulations are planned because Rhode Island and other states overfished quotas on many species last year and/or preventative (more conservative) measures are being taken to ensure species rebound toward maximum sustainable yield (MSY) targets.

At the 4:30 p.m. workshop DEM Marine Fisheries staff will review each species separately. The workshop is designed to inform participants, helping them understand the status of each species with an updated assessment including the size and health of the biomass, fishing activity last year, new quotas and proposed options for specie Management Plans (minimum size limits, bag limits or number of fish that can be taken, and season dates) designed to achieve desired targets. New proposed options will also be taken and considered at the meeting.

At 6:00 p.m. a public hearing will be held to hear comments/support for proposed options discussed at the workshop portion of the meeting.

New workshop/public hearing approach

The new experimental combined workshop/public hearing approach takes the place of specie Advisory Panel (AP) meetings that used to take place on multiple nights. Now, what use to take place at four different meetings, is taking place on one meeting day.

The Committee is comprised of RISAA Members and delegates from the Affiliated Clubs. The Committee meets two or three times a year, depending on the number of fishery and/or legislative issues that develop.

The DEM’s Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Division held a similar meeting for commercial fisheries management plans late in 2014. The approach was viewed as a success, allowing for greater fishermen input and is expected to save fishermen and DEM staffers hundreds of hours of time and thousands of dollars as input and decisions are made in a more effective and cost efficient manner.

At the commercial meeting held last year Jason McNamee, DEM marine biologist, said, “We had greater participation from fishermen with over 30 in attendance. In the past with multiple meetings on separate nights we often had three or four fishermen attend some specie advisory panels.”

The new approach is part of DEM’s and Director Janet Coit’s “lean initiative.” Overall, the RIMFC looked favorably on the process with the recommendation of continuing to provide information in advance of the meeting to allow user groups to formulate alternative recommendations before workshop/public hearings and then continue to allow public comment one week after the public hearing.

Proposed options to date

Visit DEM’s website for meeting agendas, copies of stock status presentations and proposed management plan options for striped bass, summer flounder (fluke) and black sea bass. Additional agenda items will include management plan changes and options for shellfish regulations, recreational and commercial tautog, scup and spinney dogfish regulations.

A copy of the proposed regulation(s) are available on the DEM website at www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/fishwild/pn021615.htm. However, at press time all is pending input from what is decided at the February 3-5th ASMFC winter meeting in Alexandria, Virginia. RISAA’s positions on many of these specie management plans will be developed after considering decisions made at the ASMFC meeting.

Status summary on fluke, black sea bass and striped bass

In summary, summer flounder (fluke) quotas were overfished by Rl and other coastal states last year, more conservative proposals are being considered changing last year’s minimum size of 18” to 18.5” and/or, reducing the bag limit from eight fish last year to four or five fish and reducing the length of the fishing season for fluke.
Welcome new members who joined last month!

Thomas Barbosa
Cranston, RI

Denise Lyon
West Warwick, RI

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Michael Tourville
Charlestown, RI

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to contact new members, welcome them to the Association and answer any questions they may have about RISAA and its activities.

GET WELL

ED COOK had to undergo some minor surgery last month, but it went well. We wish him a speedy recovery.

This is the first photo I’ve seen of member RAY GALLISON that he didn’t have a big smile on his face. Ray is recovering from rotator cuff surgery last month, an injury he suffered in an auto accident.

Member JOHN VIVARI, Sr. has been diagnosed with a serious illness and we all send our well wishes, thoughts and prayers.

At the start of the December meeting DAWN JOHNSON was having trouble swallowing with an obstruction in her throat. 911 was called and paramedics responded and took her to Kent Hospital. She was OK and released after several hours.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Dawn and Tom Wood on the death of Tom’s father, Henry Wood who passed away last month at Palm Bay, Florida.

There are no strangers in RISAA. ONLY FRIENDS you haven’t met yet.

Share the Wealth!
BRING A FRIEND TO THE NEXT MEETING.
Overwintering, Fish Shows and Kids
by TODD CORAYER

Ever since the winter solstice in December, the amount of daylight has slowly been increasing and we starting back to gearing up for spring fishing. Since pulling off the shrink wrap is still a couple of months away, it’s wood and not sun which heats our rooms and since by the time you get home from work there is barely enough light to do anything just short of something, it’s good to have a few cold weather options. There are still a few fish in our sea and ponds and the fishing expo season has just begun.

Until the cold sets in and north winds just make a mess of every weather pattern, party boats can be our best chance to catch fish. Small cod continue to be a draw for the Galilee head boats, along with pollock, red hake, ocean perch, and scup. Party boats certainly can cure the winter blues, getting you out to deep water, Clay Head or south of Block Island.

And can we please stop calling it Block? A place whose 17th century Niantic Indian translation is “Island of the Little God” deserves the respect of a full name, in spite of this being an instant-coffee-and-everything-else world. ‘Nuff said.

There are several boats in the Galilee and Snug Harbor, giving you options for species and areas. Not having to worry about bait and gear is also a great incentive to get on board for a few hours on the water.

With the briars and brush cleared back, we can go hunting for a clear space along a few rivers, hoping to hook into some holdover bass. Usually just a few casts will tell you if anyone is home. There are some freshwater opportunities around as brookies and rainbows have been restocked in several ponds, including South Kingstown’s Barber Pond and North Kingstown’s Silver Lake. Largemouth will take shiners year ‘round and a few farm ponds have catfish that will grab cut bait right through the winter. The new season definitely means better odds of coming home empty and as she really sets in, the need to feel a line tug can be stronger than the need to just cast.

A quick drive up 95 can put you at the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier and that’s a fine place to cast a Cocahoe Minnow or a Super Zoom fluke throughout the winter. A good day there can yield lots of shorts with the occasional small keeper, but in mid-winter, it’s more about the catching and not the keeping. When all is aligned, it’s not unusual to catch a few dozen small bass in one afternoon. There are a select number of spots in the area and even while standing near a noisy highway, graffiti covered wall or gaudy strip club, it’s still an easy trip with decent chance of catching some fish.

In addition to all this opportunity, there are the upcoming fishing and hunting shows. The New England Fishing & Outdoor Expo will be held at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough, MA on February 6-8. This show has the usual boats on display, trout pond and casting pool for the kids. The Springfield Sportsmen’s Show is February 19-22 up in West Springfield, MA. This show is in its thirty-second year, covering all outdoors pursuits, including hunting for big bucks, turkey and weird exotic animals which look like we probably shouldn’t be shooting them anymore, as well as fresh water and ocean fishing.

Closest to home is the R.I. Saltwater Anglers Association’s 12th Annual New England Saltwater Fishing Show. This show, the largest of its kind in the Northeast, is the most perfect long winter weekend and will get you right back in the groove to go fishing. Not just tackle and the usual pitches, it highlights lots of classic and new gear, clothing, electronics and boats plus more than 60 seminars. The 2015 show will feature Captain Dave Carraro and mate Sandro Maniaci of the TV show Wicked Tuna.

Joe Martins of Point Jude Lures during the 2014 N.E. Saltwater Fishing Show

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Messing around in boats?
Avoid the referee by knowing the rules

Three hundred eighty-four miles of shoreline and thirty-five islands. That’s not bad for the peppercorn size of this state. Shoot, sort of makes our motto of “ocean state” seem spot on. Now, what I’ll argue is that if you reside in this fine plat of land, you ought to brush-up regularly on your knowledge of our nautical laws. And so, with my yacht swaddled in Shrink-Wrap and the prospect of getting through the next eight weeks without snow looking bleak, let’s bury our nose in the Waters And Navigation statutes and see what we find.

Did you know every town bordering the seashore is required to appoint annually a “commissioner of wrecks and shipwrecked goods?” I think I’d wear that title nicely. Were I chosen, I wonder if there’s any sort of embroidered badge I could pin to my suit or set of fluttering flags I could affix to my car’s bumper? Considering there’s 29 separate sections dealing with “shipwrecks” in this state, who knows what you’ll find buried in the text.

Violate the Water Pollution statutes by discharging sewage in a manner contrary to the law (like dumping your cedar bucket overboard) and you could be saddled with a $500 fine and up to a year in the ACI! And that’s just for the first offense, things get progressively more gruesome. And be very leery should you intend to distribute, possess, sell, offer for sale, apply or offer for use any antifouling paint with “tributyltin compounds.” The ocean state has a specific law speaking to what you can and can’t do with this stuff.

So there was houseboat under your Christmas tree? Don’t plan on living aboard it in any coastal pond because there’s a law prohibiting such craziness. Watch your throttle because there’s a law capping your craft’s top speed in any harbor, inlet, pond or other confined body of water.

Don’t come within 50 feet of a scuba diver’s warning flag and don’t use a diver’s warning flag to intentionally obstruct navigation because in either instance you could be looking at a misdemeanor charge and a fine.

Oh, and don’t fret if your houseboat didn’t come with a title. There’s a specific statute allowing an applicant to apply to the Superior Court for a hearing to determine title to a vessel and if the court rules in your favor, an order will issue directing the DEM to title vessel in your name.

Speaking of the DEM, when the wind blows cold, hop online and read the DEM’s Requirements and Standards for Vessels and Associated Equipment. These regulations expand on the various RI statutes dealing with boats and their operation. For instance, these regulations prohibit mooring or fastening your craft to any navigational aid or regulatory marker. And they prohibit the use of a vessel where the required visual distress signals are not readily accessible.

Look, it’s easy to grumble at all these rules and regulations, but most of what they say makes sense and should be part of every vessel owner’s knowledge base. I say give them a read now instead of squinting into a noonday sun while the DEM officer scribbles you a ticket.

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Managing fish is a tough thing to do.

They live in an alien world that makes them hard to count with any sort of accuracy. Countless factors, many still unknown, affect their survival, their movements and their spawning success.

Then there are the people who catch those fish, legally and illegally. Some of their catch is easy to count, particularly that portion attributable to the relatively small number of commercial fishermen, who are generally required to report their harvest in near real time. But the rest of the catch, the part that’s caught by hundreds of thousands, and often millions, of individual anglers who land only a few fish each, in countless ports scattered along hundreds of miles of coast, can only be estimated.

And once you have some idea who those people are, you have to design regulations that will keep them from killing too many fish, without knowing exactly how many of them will actually go fishing, how many times they will go or what they will fish for each time they set out.

Add a species of fish with an unusual life history and without a valid stock assessment, and what do you get?

If you manage fish in along the mid-Atlantic coast, you get the black sea bass.

In December, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission met in a joint session, to propose regulations governing recreational black sea bass fishing in 2015.

It was a difficult meeting.

In many ways, black sea bass represent a fisheries management success story. The stock has been fully recovered, and fishermen have been catching more and larger sea bass than they have caught in a very long time.

That’s good.

But it’s also bad, because it leads to what Dick Brame, a long-time fisheries advocate who works for the Coastal Conservation Association, calls the “Bubba Effect.”

That is, a guy goes out and catches a bunch of fish, and when he comes back from the trip, he tells his buddy Bubba all about it. So Bubba goes out and catches his own bunch of fish, comes home and calls his friends, and…

In the end, there are a lot more people chasing that kind of fish, just because there are a lot of them around and word of good fishing got out. Managers didn’t expect such an increase in effort, catches soar far beyond what was expected and overfishing occurs.

So the next year, the managers tighten up the regulations to prevent overfishing from occurring again, and the anglers complain that there are so many fish around that they can’t keep them off their hooks, yet the managers are telling them to throw most of them back.

That’s pretty much what’s been happening with black sea bass for the past couple of years, and it looks like it’s going to happen, perhaps on an even larger scale, once again.

Black sea bass have become so abundant that party boats that once fished only for fluke all summer long are now regularly scheduling sea bass trips in June, July and August, and private boats are doing much the same thing.

I’ve fished for black sea bass for quite a few years, and often had wrecks all to myself. Now, I’m just about guaranteed to have company every time I go out, even when I fish on wrecks that lie a long way from the inlet.

The effort shift from fluke to black sea bass is striking and real; it probably doesn’t help that a lot of anglers have learned that they can have the best of both worlds if they drift their fluke baits close to the wrecks that the sea bass call home.

The upshot is that, as a result of the black sea bass’ newfound popularity, the National Marine Fisheries Service has estimated that anglers exceeded their Annual Catch Limit by nearly 30 percent in 2014. All of the overage can be attributed to high landings in the states between Massachusetts and New Jersey.

So when the Council and ASMFC met, they’re were looking at some pretty restrictive regulations in order to get rid of that overage. Right now, it appears that regulations won’t change in federal waters or in state waters between Delaware and North Carolina.

But in the states that contributed to the overage, the 2015 rules are going to hit pretty hard. Right now, it’s not completely clear what those rules might be, but if the states fail to put in needed reductions, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee is recommending coastwide rules that include a 3-fish bag limit, 14-inch minimum size and a season that runs only from July 15 to September 15.

That’s harsh, but if it’s any solace, think how much worse things would have been if the party boats had gotten their way last August, and the Council had allowed them to fish for black sea bass in January and February. Since the catch for that special winter for-hire season was going to be deducted from what we could land during the regular black sea bass season, the rest of us might not have had any black sea bass season at all. (to page 22)
Marine rocky habitats provide Essential Fish Habitat for many fish species – places where fish can feed, breed and grow. They are places for fish to hide from predators and find food. They are among the most structurally complex habitats in the ocean.

Rocky habitats are three-dimensional, providing both height in the water column and crevices between rocks. These crevices provide fish shelter from predators and strong water currents. Rocky habitats also contain a diversity of sessile (non-mobile) animals and algae that serve as food and cover for young fish.

These habitats include gravel, cobble and boulders. You might expect that a habitat made up of rocks would be rugged enough to withstand a lot of disturbance. That is not always the case. It’s really a matter of how much disturbance occurs. Natural or man-made disturbances that cause sedimentation, turbidity, water quality degradation, or directly contacts rocky substrate can harm or change these habitats.

Natural disturbances from typical storm events are usually not destructive because sessile organisms like barnacles and sea squirts are adapted to high-energy environments. They attach to rock surfaces and can remain upright in the moving current to take advantage of the influx of food and nutrients. However, this adaptation also makes them vulnerable to other disturbances they cannot escape. For instance, beach nourishment projects, where sand is used to restore beaches after major storms, can threaten these important habitats. Some of the sand placed on the beach may run off into the surrounding water. The runoff can cover nearby rocky habitats -- filling crevices used by fish, or smothering the animals that live there. Other human activities like undersea gravel mining, construction and navigation dredging can actually scrape away the rocks and animals that live there, resulting in a loss of structural complexity.

What do changes to rocky habitats mean for the fish and other marine life that use them? Scientific studies have shown that algal cover and attached marine organisms in rocky habitats are important in the survivorship of commercial and recreational species like juvenile Atlantic cod, and forage fish like blueback herring, alewife and shad.

For centuries, Atlantic cod supported important commercial and recreational fisheries along the New England coast. Today, the Gulf of Maine cod stock is in poor condition. The condition of the Georges Bank cod stock is not much better, with few young fish being born each year. Blueback herring and alewife, collectively known as river herring, and shad are key components of the marine food chain. While the numbers of alewife seem to be increasing in some rivers, both species’ overall populations are much lower than historic levels. Protecting rocky habitats is important to helping all of these species recover.

How does NOAA Fisheries protect these important habitats?
We make recommendations to other federal agencies that fund or permit beach nourishment, mining or construction projects. We want to help ensure that projects can move forward in a responsible way. The key is to both protect the rocks that make up the habitat and the attached organisms and macroalgae that are essential for fish.
The 2015 College Scholarship Program

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Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association

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The Shriners of North America is a fraternity that grew out of Freemasonry over a century ago. Freemasonry is the oldest, largest and most widely known fraternal organization in the world.

Despite its theme, the “Shrine” is not connected to Arab culture or Islam. It’s a men’s fraternity rather than a religion or religious group.

Each Shrine is a “chapter.” Shriners count among their ranks presidents, senators, local business leaders, music stars, astronauts and race car drivers and further distinguish themselves with the interest in philanthropy.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is the official philanthropy of the Shrine. The first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922. Today there is an international network of 22 Shriners Hospitals in the United States, Canada and Mexico, specializing in medical care to children with orthopedic care, burn injuries, cleft lip and palate, and spinal cord injuries. During the 80 years approximately 675,000 children have been helped.

These hospitals offer some of the best medical care in the world totally without charge, regardless of their race, religion or relationship of a Shriner. A portion of each members’ dues is used to help fund Shriners hospitals.

There are two nearby Shriners Hospitals, one each in Boston and in Springfield, MA.

The RISAA donation was made through the Rhode Island Shriners at their headquarters in Cranston, chartered in 1886.

I recently met with Potentate, Glenn Medeiros (no relationship) who heads the Rhode Island branch which is located at Rhodes Place in Cranston. This is a great organization who’s main goal is to help children with orthopedic and burn injuries.

Note: The statue is called “Silent Messenger” and depicts a Shriner wearing a ceremonial fez and bolero jacket, carrying a crutch in one hand and in the other, a little girl in leg braces. It represents the Shriners Hospitals for Children, and stands at many Shrines and hospitals around the country. The Rhode Island Shriners has the statue at it’s offices at Rhodes Place in Cranston.
Announcing
Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association

3rd Bi-Annual - Member’s Only

Photo Contest

*Photos must be taken between January 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015*

THREE CATEGORIES

“Prized Catch”
Photos of the angler and the catch. The people need not be, but preference given to RISAA members.

“Scenic New England”
Photos of New England sunrises or sunsets, ocean views, light houses, etc. The marine environment should be part of the image.

“Rhode Island Fishing”
Photos of R.I. fishing locations, with or without anglers, unposed, etc.

Submission Deadline: October 31, 2015

PHOTO CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open only to “Regular” adult members in good standing of the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association.
- The member must either be the photographer or the main subject of the photo.
- The member wins the prize.
- Submissions must be either:
  - Digital: no less than 72 dpi and submitted in either JPG, PDF, PNG or TIFF format
  - Prints: minimum size of 4” x 5”
  - Scanned from a photograph
- Must have been taken AFTER Jan. 1, 2014
- Members may submit a maximum of three (3) photos per category during this contest.
- Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit.
- Deadline: October 31, 2015
- Every image submitted must be accompanied by the following information:
  - Member/photographer’s name, address and phone
  - Names of person(s) in photo
  - Date and location where taken
  - Category of submission
  - Other information to describe the scene
- Submission of an entry constitutes agreement to allow photographs to be reproduced, published and/or exhibited by the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association with the right to publish your name, city and state in print or other media in connection with the photo contest.
- Submissions shall be sent as an e-mail attachment to: editor@risaa.org or by mail to: RISAA, P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02816

Winning photos will be published in the RISAA newsletter and web site

4 Winners In Each Category
- One Grand Prize
- 3 Honorable Mention

The Grand Prize winner will receive a fishing reel (make/model to be announced soon)

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- Plum Beach Lighthouse restoration
- Public access adoption programs
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February 23 meeting raffle

Besides the usual table-full of lures and products, the big ticket items this month will feature offshore fishing tackle.

Okuma Offshore Outfit: $375 value

SST-C-561 XH offshore casting rod with an Okuma Solterra 30 reel

A Fin Nor 9500 Offshore Reel ($179 value)

Offshore Innovations spreader bars ($139 value each!)

THANKS!

Special thanks to RICHARD MANDEVILLE of FishDoc Custom Plugs and JOE MARTINS of Point Jude Lures for their donations to this raffle.

So, if you attend one of the monthly seminars stop by the Fund-Raising Committee table. You will be able to see all of the fishing tackle products that will be raffled off that night. You can purchase raffle tickets for only $1 each. The raffle is held right after the night’s seminars.
With all the recent talk about the decline of striped bass and the change in daily catch limit for the 2015 season, the Tournaments Committee thought it would be a good idea to limit our 2015 Special Tournaments for striped bass to one (1) tournament and make it a catch and release tournament. So, the annual spring striper tournament will now be the “Spring Striped Bass Catch & Release Special Tournament” and will be held June 5 to 14, 2015.

I am sure most of you have participated in the practice of catch and release, but for those of us who need a refresher course I hope the following will provide you with information for a successful catch and release experience. Not all fish survive when caught and released; however, proper catch and release methods can result in a very high survival rate.

The following catch and release recommendations were compiled from a variety of informational sources and materials available through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, The David Suzuki Foundation, RIDEM and numerous other web sites.

**TACKLE**

Gear type is perhaps the most important factor affecting whether a fish will survive being caught and released. Use of artificial lures or flies is recommended, but if you use baited hooks make sure you use barbless hooks – baited hooks often result in a deeply ingested hookup and using barbed hooks can be deadly to the fish upon removal.

Use rod, reel, and line of sufficient strength to quickly land the fish. Long struggles may significantly increase mortality rate. Use properly sized single, circle or barbless hooks. Single hooks are typically more easily removed than treble hooks and usually result in less handling time and reduced injury to both anglers and fish.

**Note from Committee Chairman:** Some might think it’s hard to land a large active fish using barbless hooks, but it’s my experience from 12 trips fishing in the waters off the Alaskan coast for king salmon and halibut, where I was required to use barbless hooks, you can bring a large fish in the boat by keeping your line tight and bringing the fish to the boat quickly. I never lost a fish using barbless hooks and most of them were in the 40 to 60 pound range. I even caught a 104 lb. halibut on a salmon rig with a barbless hook.

**LANDING THE FISH**

- **Avoid playing fish to exhaustion.** Lactic acid buildup in muscle tissues will reduce fish survival. More lactic acid accumulates the longer a fish is played.
- **Use a landing net.** This reduces handling time, avoids injury potential and reduces stress to the fish. Landing nets with small, soft or knotless mesh are best.
- **Avoid injury.** Keep your fish in the water until it is netted or released. Fish pulled out of the watch or landed in shallow water can injure themselves by thrashing around. This causes loss of mucus or skin damage, which can affect survival.
- **Handling your Catch.** Avoid long, out of water handling. Removing fish from the water for long periods can result in suffocation and/or internal injury depending on fish size, and handling technique.
- **Avoid allowing a fish to thrash around on shore or in the boat.**
- **Use wet hands or wet gloves.** Wet hands or gloves will help reduce loss of a fish’s protective mucus. Mucus helps the fish fight fungal growth and other skin diseases.
- **Keep fish properly supported.** Avoid removing large fish from the support of the surrounding water any more than necessary. When lifting, cradle the fish gently with one hand under the belly and the other hand near its tail.
- **Avoid Squeezing.** Squeezing can easily cause damage to internal organs and muscle tissue.
- **Avoid touching the gills.** Gills are a particularly sensitive and fragile organ that can be easily damaged. Any fish bleeding from the gills has a poor chance of survival and should probably be retained.
- **Hook removal.** Keep fish wet and calm. Remove the hook quickly while allowing the fish to remain as calm as possible in the water. Keeping your fish contained in the net during hook removal can reduce the need for squeezing and additional injury.
- **Use the right tool.** Needle-nosed pliers or hemostats are an essential tool for quick and efficient hook removal. Various hook removers are also commercially available. If necessary, leave the hook! If the fish is hooked deeply or the hook cannot be easily removed just leave it embedded. Cut your line as close to the hook as possible. Forged steel hooks deteriorate within months and often will not interfere with feeding.

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• Photo record of your fish. Photographing your catch should be preplanned and accomplished quickly to prevent the injury or death of the fish. Keep your fish wet and calm until you are ready for the photograph. Crouch down near the water surface to avoid lifting the fish far from the water. Have the photographer pre-position and focus the camera before lifting your fish. When all is ready, hold your fish firmly by the tail while placing the other hand under its belly (avoid touching the gill area). Wait for the fish to become accustomed to your touch. When the fish has calmed, lift it out (or better yet partly out) of the water and quickly capture the image.

If multiple images are planned, calm the fish in the water before lifting it again.

• Reviving your Catch. Revive your fish by holding it upright underwater. Support the fish gently from underneath. Ensure it is ventilating and has regained its equilibrium before release. Hold the fish until it swims forcefully away on its own. Orient into the current but avoid too fast or turbulent area. Facing the fish into the current allows water to pass over the gills allowing the fish to “catch its breath.” Consider the need to move the fish to calmer water where it can swim easily away on its own without being swept away or injured by fast moving or turbulent water. In lakes or other still water bodies, move fish gently back and forth to force water over the gills if the fish does not appear to be ventilating.

Remember if your catch does not revive and swim away on its own, is bleeding, drifts to the bottom or floats to the top after being released, you should keep that fish for your daily limit if it is legal to do so. Use your good judgment.

If you have never participated in a catch and release tournament there are a lot of good videos on the internet for more catch and release information.

We will be posting the Catch and Release Special Tournament rules in a future RISAA newsletter before the June tournament.

Hope to see you next month (March 7th) at the awards banquet.

In 2015 we wish you all big fish, new friendships and most of all, lots of fun on the water!
Of course, there is the awesome tradition of the great indoor yard sale that is the Snug Harbor Marina booth, camped out in booths 1133-1135. Unless you are one of those people who can’t afford to buy cheap, their display alone is worth the price of admission, which is just ten dollars. Fishermen in the know will draw a line right to those booths, realizing that pretty much everything is a bargain and just seeing all that stuff piled up can help you forget about winter.

You can get all types of soft baits in all types of colors with a walk through the Worm Bar at booth 813. When the bluefish come in thick next year with their big toothy mouths supporting ridiculous appetites, you’ll be glad you filled that paper bag.

And what’s more fun for the kids than a trip through a worm bar? It just sounds fun.

Kids always are treated well here, with free admission for those under twelve, fun activities like a casting area, a scavenger hunt and lots of smiling RISAA members, who know all about taking kids fishing. For cost-conscious parents, there are plenty of good deals on kid-friendly rods reels and lures happily donated by members as fundraisers. Nothing helps heal the pain of yet another lost fluke rig, a Zebco handed back hopelessly forever tangled or a perfectly fine boat rod, veteran of so many East Ground trips, closed in a mini-van door, like knowing it was bought at the nice price.

The show starts at noon on Friday and runs until 5pm on Sunday. There may be limited opportunities right now for live fish, but hanging around the Convention Center with an ice cold ‘Gansett pointing at cool stuff and making a plastic bag heavy with all the things that makes us happy is as good as it gets in the doldrums of winter.

Todd Corayer is a life-long fisherman and RISAA member who lives Wakefield with his wife, who supports his fishing to get him out of the house, and a young son who regularly catches more fish than him. He writes a weekly fishing column during the fishing season for the Narragansett Times, and his work has appeared in National Fisherman, On The Water Magazine, Island Crier and the Providence Journal. You can
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RISAA Members

to help at the
New England Saltwater Fishing Show
February 27 - March 1
at the R.I. Convention Center

Each year, 100 members will volunteer to help at the show, staffing various booths or positions during the weekend. There are no hard jobs and you won’t be alone. We always have a minimum of two members stationed together. This is a chance for you to see the show and help YOUR club!

We have made it easy to sign up. Just use your computer and go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/SWShow

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UPCOMING SEMINAR
Monday, February 23 at 7:00 PM

RIVER HERRING

Featuring

Restoring Migratory Fish to Rhode Island's Rivers and Streams

Phil Edwards
Fisheries Biologist, RIDEM Division of Fish & Wildlife

Phil is RIDEM's Diadromous Fish Project Leader and Fish Passage Coordinator. He will present a summary of Rhode Island's river herring stock status and discuss fish habitat restoration projects, with an overview of RIDEM/Fish and Wildlife’s anadromous fish stocking efforts and monitoring programs.

AND

The Buckeye Brook Coalition
A state-designated watershed council and RISAA Affiliate

Philip D'Ercole

A video presentation on the role of the Coalition in the restoration and protection of river herring that annually spawn in the river

What's Going On With Gulf of Maine Cod

Featuring

Paul Perra
Recreational Fisheries Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries - Greater Atlantic Region

Paul will be joined by Mark Grant, NOAA Fisheries Policy Analyst who works on cod and other groundfish regulations. Major changes are going into effect on the nearshore cod fishery north of Cape Cod that will severely stress the recreational groundfishery in that area.

Mark and Paul will present information about the collapse of the Gulf of Maine cod stock, the recent prohibition on any recreational fishing for cod in the Gulf of Maine, what strict Federal regulations are being put into place on the recreational haddock fishery because of the cod’s decline, and what fishing practices anglers can use to reduce release mortality on cod when fishing for groundfish.

Every member who attends is eligible to win the night's free door prize:
A $200 gift certificate to any member tackle shop (see page 22)

Food will be served* between 5:30 - 6:30

Tonight's menu

• Tossed salad with roll: $3.00
• Chicken tenders, gravy, mashed potatoes, veg: $7.25
• Italian sausage & peppers sub: $6.00

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According to fish managers, **black sea bass** were overfished too. Options being considered to meet new quotas include an increase in minimum size from 13” to 14”, smaller bag limits with a split season and/or a reduced season length.

In regard to **striped bass** the ASMFC has approved a one fish at 28” coastwide regulation for 2015, however, states have been able to develop their own “conservation equivalency” proposals for private anglers and the for-hire industry. Some states have requested two fish options, particularly for the for-hire industry, that meet enhanced biomass goals for egg bearing fish, but meet reduction goals by increasing minimum sizes and/or by developing slot limit options.

As noted, with all this uncertainty, RISAA is waiting until after the ASMFC’s February meeting to formulate its official positions on specie management plan options, but will be ready with its point of view prior to the RI’s workshop and public hearing.

**Fishermen get schooled**

Last month, 25 commercial and for-hire recreational fishermen along with industry participants went to school to learn about fish populations, how they grow, what impacts them and how we aim to keep them at maximum sustainable yield (MSY) levels. The Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) workshop, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, was sponsored by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, a non-profit research center dedicated to being a catalyst to find solutions to ocean and fisheries challenges.

“At this workshop, you are going to find out where all the numbers come from.” said **John Williamson**, MREP implementation program member. The “numbers” Williamson was referring to are fishing quotas or allowable catch limits (ACLs) for various fish species. Participants were also schooled on ecological drivers of fish abundance, conservation, sampling survey techniques, stock assessments and the effects of climate change on fish populations along the east coast.

The session focused on science issues as they relate to fisheries. A second workshop scheduled for March will address management issues. The MREP was founded in 2001 to provide fishermen the tools and information needed to foster conservation while creating an understanding of the science and management tools used to regulate fisheries.

Seven scientists from NOAA labs, university based fisheries programs and from NOAA’s Northeast Fisheries Science Center instructed participants on topics such as ecological drivers of fish abundance, conservation, sampling, statistics and fish surveys, stock assessments and the effects of climate change on fish populations along.

Highlights of the session included an explanation of “Maximum Sustainable Yield” and how it aims to take the maximum number of fish out of the water that will allow for continued, good healthy growth of fish species in terms of fish size and numbers of fish. If too many fish are taken out of the water the biomass could decline to dangerously low levels and have difficulty recruiting new fish to desired levels. If too few fish are taken a species may experience slow fish growth or not enough population growth due to crowding, less food supply, decease and the species could experience major decline.

**Gary Shepherd** for the Northeast Fisheries Science Center at Woods Hole, MA led a presentation on fish population biology. Shepherd demonstrated how to tell a fish’s age by examining lines or growth rings on their scales with a microscope and/or by counting growth rings on their otolith which is a small calcareous concentration at top of a fish’s spine (and/or in the inner ear of vertebrates). He then dissected several fish including tautog and scup to relate what biologist normally do in the field checking and recording fish ages and stomach content to gain insight on fish population growth.

Another highlight was **Dr. Rob Latour** of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, who has accumulated data on the prey of fifty common east coast fish species as well as what they eat. If you are interested in what a fish eats you can register for Dr. Latour’s data base at: http://www.vims.edu/research/departments/fisheries/programs/multispecies_fisheries_research/interaction/fish_food_habits/index.php.

**Dr. Jonathan Hare**, director of NOAA’s Narragansett, RI laboratory related the impact of climate change on a variety of fish species commonly caught on the east coast such as yellowtail flounder, summer flounder, black sea bass and a host of others.

Dr. Hare related since 1920 waters on the east coast continental shelf have increase by 1 to 2 degrees centigrade as the abundance of fish populations such as flounder and black sea bass have shifted north. Cold water fish like cod have also left near coastal waters as they have warmed.

Fishermen at the workshop testified to seeing a difference in fish abundance in a number of species as well as seeing warmer water species that they do not normally see come into our waters. You can now track 80 northeast species (650 in total) on a new Rutgers University website called OceanAdapt at http://oceanadapt.rutgers.edu.

The future looks bright as we explore new and better ways of doing things, like eco-system based management models that take into account environmental factors, food supply, climate change, fishing effort/catch and other factors. Programs such as the Marine Resource Education Program provide an important link with education, enhanced communication, and foster a better understand between fishermen, fishing communities, scientist and fish managers.
FISHERIES MANAGERS’ DILEMMA (from page 9)

We can already imagine what the complaints will be as the organizations that shill for the recreational fishing industry attack the science, the scientists and federal fisheries laws, claim that catch data is “fatally flawed” and, most particularly, ask why regulations need to be so restrictive when, out on the water, black sea bass seem to be everywhere.

**The truth is, there really are a lot of black sea bass out there.**

More particularly, there are a lot of black sea bass from the dominant 2011 year class out there, and those fish are going to be fully recruited into the fishery in 2015.

Not too long ago, I spoke with a biologist who was a member of the Monitoring Committee. We were talking about black sea bass, and he told me that, in any year, the biggest factor that determines whether a big year class will be produced isn’t the initial spawning success, but rather whether water conditions out on the edge of the continental shelf, where the young-of-the-year fish spend their first winter, are conducive to the young fish’s survival.

In the warm winter of 2011-2012, conditions must have been pretty good, because 2011 produced a dominant year class.

However, the Monitoring Committee report includes the following language

“The Committee notes that the 2011 year class of black sea bass is much larger than any other recent year class, and is contributing significantly to high availability in the northern states. **There has been no indication of high recruitment after 2011**, and the Committee expects the 2011 year class to be fully recruited to the fishery by the spring of 2015. The Committee noted that **this year class is currently being fished down quickly, with no similarly large year classes coming in behind it.** [emphasis added]”

That leaves fishery managers impaled on the horns of a very large dilemma once the complaints start coming in.

Managers could yield to the folks who seek to increase short-term landings. They can approach the Council’s Science and Statistics Committee (SSC), which sets the upper limit on harvest, and ask the SSC to consider replacing its current “constant harvest” management approach with something that will permit more of the 2011 year class to be killed.

If the SSC agrees, 2015 regulations need not be as severe. However, since the stock hasn’t produced a large year class since 2011, killing more fish now will merely be putting off the pain for a few years; if the 2011 year class is fished down, and no new year class comes in from behind to replace it, harsh regulations are going to be imposed anyway.

And, by that time, the 2011 year class may be reduced so far that, even with strict regulation, the stock may struggle a while before it can recover.

On the other hand, managers can opt to protect the future of the fishery, and impose tough regulations today in the hope that there will still be enough fish remaining to produce a strong new year class a few years from now.

However, if managers take that route, there’s no doubt that they will be subject to considerable vitriol by those people and organizations that consider large current harvests more important than the long-term health of fish populations.

It’s a no-win situation for fishery managers.

Someone will criticize them no matter what they decide.

But I suspect that criticism will be a lot easier to take if they know in their hearts that they did the right thing, and guaranteed the black sea bass’ future.

FISH DISTRIBUTION (from page 1)

The southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Bight stock of winter flounder showed no change in distribution.

“The study combined a range of resources at the Center, long-term oceanographic data and trawl survey data,” said Richard Bell, a National Research Council research associate working at the NEFSC’s Narragansett Laboratory in Rhode Island and lead author of the study.

“Using these data, we demonstrated how a combination of fishing and climate can influence the distribution of marine fish. It is not one or the other.”

Increasing ocean temperatures have significantly affected marine life, inducing shifts in distribution and changes in abundance. Climate change alters the distribution of suitable habitats, forcing organisms to move to a more favorable area of their range or attempt to survive under less than ideal conditions. Fishing reduces the abundance of marine populations and truncates their size and age structure, which can lead to range contractions or shifts.

**Fishing typically removes the larger fish from a population.** Larger, older summer flounder are typically found further north, and as exploitation reduced the numbers of summer flounder in the 1980s and 1990s, larger fish were preferentially harvested by the fishery. The remaining summer flounder population, dominated by smaller fish, subsequently became centered further south. The northward shift of the stock in recent decades was linked to an increase in the number of larger, older fish as the population has rebuilt.

“The fish were not shifting northward with warmer conditions, but simply re-colonizing their former habitat areas,” said Bell.

Northerly shifts in scup and black sea bass are linked to increases in temperature and are more tied to climate than fishing.

The study suggests multiple factors specific to individual species need to be considered when developing management regulations for living marine resources. The management of each of the four species analyzed in this study is based on spatial allocations, and shifts in stock distributions can cause a mismatch between the distribution of fish and the catch allocations for different regions and states.

Findings from the study were published online in the ICES Journal of Marine Science.
Directions to West Valley Inn, Blossom Street, West Warwick, RI

FROM WESTERLY AND POINTS SOUTH:
I-95 North to exit 11 onto I-295 North. Take Exit 1 to Rt 113 West towards West Warwick
(follow directions below)

FROM PROVIDENCE AND POINTS NORTH:
I-95 South to exit 12B to Rt 113 West
(follow directions below)

FROM NARRAGANSETT AND SOUTH COUNTY:
Route 1 North, becomes Route 4 North to end and merges onto I-95 North, then take exit 11 onto I-295 North. Take Exit 1 to Rt 113 West.
(follow directions below)

FROM RT 113 WEST off I-95
Follow 113 west through 3 lights, and cross Route 2 onto East Avenue. East Ave becomes River St (one way). Go to light and turn left onto Rt 33/Providence St. Go 8/10 mile to West Valley Inn (entrance on right).

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Anxious Grandpa eager to sign up his new grandson

Member Brian Beltrami contacted RISAA President Steve Medeiros and asked a question we haven’t heard before.
“I have two grandsons ages 4 and 6 that I have signed up as junior members,” said Brian. “I just found out Monday that my third grandson will be born in May 2015. He has a name, but no birthdate yet. Can I sign him up now?”

Brian sent this photo of his new grandson saying it looks like he’s holding a fishing rod!
LARY NORIN
with a fluke he had just landed from shore at Jerusalem, RI on July 15. It weighed 4.40 lbs, measured 22 inches, and took 1st Place, Shore Division, in the Yearlong Tournament.

GIL BELL
with the 28.15 lb striped bass that he landed from shore off South County last September 25. The fish measured 42 inches and took 3rd Place in the 2014 Yearlong Tournament, Shore Division.

DAVID GORDON
with a fat tautog that he landed in October while out fishing with fellow member Dave Morton off the Narragansett coast.

DENNIS HALEY
displays a nice-sized scup that he caught while fishing aboard Jig 'N' Reel with fellow members Rich Caldon (Grandpa) and Norman Jalbert last August 4th.

MASON HALEY
with a keeper black sea bass that he caught while fishing aboard the Frances Fleet with his grandfather, Rich Caldon, last July.
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Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association
Saturday, March 7, 2015
West Valley Inn

6:00 PM  Cocktail Hour (on your own)
7:00 PM  Welcome & Video Presentation
7:20 PM  Family Style Dinner
          soup, salad, chicken, sliced beef, pasta,
          mashed potatoes, bread, raspberry truffle ice
          cream pie, coffee, tea, decaf
8:00 PM  Award Presentations

$25
per person

INcludes

Purchase tickets at the January and February meetings, by mail or
call the RISAA office at 401-826-2121 and pay by credit card

NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR
ticket deadline: Monday, March 2, 2015

Spend an evening with friends or family.
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RISAA’s 17th Annual Banquet • March 7, 2015. MAIL or ORDER BY PHONE 401-826-2121
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Assigned ☐ Will sit with anyone
Seating ☐ Prefer to sit with: ____________________________________________

Order Deadline: March 2, 2015  • Mail to RISAA, P.O. Box1465, Coventry, RI 02816
One of the missions of RISAA is to represent the concerns of the recreational community on regulatory and legislative issues. That means that we have to deal with elected officials. Fortunately, there are a number of legislators who have worked hard on our behalf and others who support RISAA principles. We need to be sure those officials remain in office.

It is also important that legislators understand who we are. If we don’t advance our own causes, no one will do it for us.

By law, our Association can not contribute funds to any candidate, therefore we have established a legal, incorporated and registered Political Action Committee which CAN make contributions on our behalf.

Only donations specifically made to the RISAA PAC can be used. Under no circumstances can any membership dues money - or any other contribution made to the Association - be used for the PAC. It would be a violation of state election laws for any money from RISAA to be used for PAC purposes.

Also, all money received by the PAC must come from individual donors. No contribution can be accepted from any organization or business interest.

The PAC has an independent treasurer and its own bank account.

The RISAA PAC Committee first receives requests for contributions. If the PAC Committee approves a request, it is then forwarded to the full RISAA Legislative Committee, which is made up of RISAA members and delegates from all of the 29 affiliated clubs. The Legislative Committee then reviews the recommendations, and if the full Committee votes to approve a political contribution, that recommendation is forwarded to the RISAA Board of Directors which has the final vote on all PAC donations. Every PAC expenditure must pass this 3-step process.

Democracy is not a spectator sport.
To be effective, we must participate in the system.

With your help we can continue to work within the political system to safeguard the rights and traditions of recreational fishing

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It's time for recreational anglers to stand up and be counted!

Enclosed is my contribution to the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE.

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Mail to: RISAA PAC, P.O. Box 1465, Coventry, RI 02816

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The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) believes in the sensible management of fisheries and the conservation and restoration of all marine resources. RISAA has accepted a leadership role in order to provide a unified voice to preserve and protect the rights, traditions and future of recreational angling. In order to achieve these goals, it is important for organizations who have the same goals to join together, uniting their voices and votes for the good of present and future generations of anglers. Therefore, the RISAA is proud to be AFFILIATED with these respected organizations.

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- Bowling Green Fishing Club
- Bristol County Striper Club
- Buckeye Brook Coalition
- Buzzards Bay Anglers
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- Connecticut Surfcasters Assoc.
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The ring-billed gull is one of the most common gulls found in the winter along Rhode Island beaches. Adult birds resemble the common herring gull, but can be distinguished easily by their smaller size and rounded, dove-like heads. During winter, adults have light brownish streaks on their heads and the back of their necks.

It takes three years for ring-billed gulls to acquire their adult plumage. Before then, they are slightly more difficult to recognize in their sub-adult plumage. Young ring-billed gulls are paler than young herring gulls, and their heads and bodies have light gray spots. Juveniles also have dark bills and dark eyes that change as they mature.

Like herring gulls, ring-billed gulls will eat just about anything from fish, bird eggs, insects, mollusks and worms to berries, small rodents, scraps from fishing boats and garbage. They are pirates as well as scavengers and will steal food from other birds.

To reach the inner part of clams, gulls fly over rocks and drop the mollusks on hard surfaces, such as roads or jetties to break them open. Sometimes this behavior is repeated several times before they are successful.

**RELATIONSHIP TO PEOPLE**

The breeding range of the ring-billed gull increases and expands each year. Overwintering populations in Rhode Island benefit because they have adapted to scavenging at area landfills and shellfishing areas. Abundant, easy food sources such as these have helped ring-billed gulls survive through winter, leading to an increased population in their breeding areas.

**HOW TO GET YOUR OWN COPY**

RISAA members can purchase their own copy of *The Uncommon Guide To Common Life on Narragansett Bay* for $15 from the RISAA Merchandise Committee. Stop by the committee table at any monthly RISAA meeting.
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**EVERY MEMBER WHO RUNS A BUSINESS OR PERFORMS A SERVICE** is encouraged to sign up. It is totally FREE!

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The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association is a nonprofit Association established to provide a forum for saltwater anglers; to provide education to members concerning fishing techniques and overall enjoyment of fishing; to foster sportsmanship; to support marine conservation and the sound management of fisheries resources; and provide a unified voice to preserve and protect the rights, traditions and the future of recreational fishing.

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First  Middle Initial  Last

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☐ Own Boat: Length:___ ft  Maker/Type:_____________  Boat Name:_______________  Docked at:__________

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☑ CHECK TYPE

☒ Regular Adult: $50/year  ☐ Multiple Years: $45 X ____ years = $______ Total Enclosed (save $5 per year)

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Parent/Guardian Signature:__________________________  Date: ____________

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Payment must accompany application.

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☐ Charge to my credit card:  Card type (check): ☐ Discover  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ Visa  ☐ AmEx  Amount Authorized: $____________

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Name on card (print): ____________________________  Card Number: ____________________________

Meetings are held on the last Monday of each month at the West Valley Inn in West Warwick, RI at 7:00 pm. (attendance not required). Membership benefits include monthly seminars • fishing tournaments • monthly newsletter • discounts at tackle shops and marine dealers • social events • college scholarships • video library • adds your voice to fisheries management and conservation issues.

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