



Narragansett Surfcasters
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January Newsletter:

As we welcome in the New Year we can look forward to another good time at the Annual Banquet. The Banquet Committee has finalized plans for the party and it will be at Arturo Joe's Restaurant on Tuesday, March 15th. The tickets are \$25 and will be available at the January meeting. Arturo Joe's is located in the Mariner Square Plaza on Pt. Judith Rd. in Narragansett. There will be plenty of plugs, lures, and tackle for the raffles.

January Guest Speaker:

Steve McKenna will be the speaker at the January meeting with his topic being "Metal Lip Swimmers". With the influx of many new style plugs and soft plastics in the past few years, many surfcasters have faded away from using metal lips swimmers like Danny's, Conrad's and Pikies. Steve gives a great presentation reminding us that fishing these classic plugs still produces big bass.

Surfeaster's Journal - January 2011

This will be the 1st entry in our year long journal of tips, techniques, stories, and ideas on surfcasting. Also... each month we'll select a "Plug of the Month" and give it a thumbs up or thumbs down. The journal is open to any member who would like to share a story, a favorite plug, reel, whatever..., but no politics!! See me or drop me an email with your story.

OK.. First one up



Plug of the Month: "Ba-Donk-a-Donk" by Bomber Lures

The Ba-Donk-a-Donk is a "spook" style topwater floating plug. It comes in 3 sizes: 3 1/2" - 1/2 oz, 4" - 3/4 oz, and 4 3/4" - 1oz. It also is available in two "pitch" vibrations; a low-pitch is for calm days with clear water and a high-pitch for windy days with stained water. Several color combinations are available. It has the typical hard plastic body like the other Bomber swimmers and has rattles inside..

I purchased the 4"-1oz high pitch in the "bone" color with orange chin. I first tried it this past summer when fishing was slow. I was fishing the "Lighthouse" one morning, but no fish were to be found. I was about to get off my favorite perch and head home when I noticed the plug in my surf bag. I decided to give it a cast to see what kind of action this thing had. On the first cast I started to work the plug and "bang" ...Fish On! In comes a 10 lb. blue fish. Well I had to give it another few casts. Ended up with 3-bass and 1-blue in 20 minutes, and this is when no one else around me was catching

anything. Walking back to the parking lot I met club member Wayne Cutting. He said fishing was slow and asked how I did. I told him how I had the same results until I clipped on this new lure I picked up. I showed him the new plug and explained how it was a "winner". He purchased one the next day and had the same results!

The plug acts like a "Rebel Jump 'n Minnow" on steroids. This thing hops, skips, zigs and zags. It casts very well and is easy to fish. It's a fun plug for anyone who likes top water action like poppers. And the best part is it won't break the bankIt's a \$6.50 plug. Oh yea...When you see Wayne Cutting at the next meeting, ask him what the actual definition is of "badonk-a-donk". You'll crack up!!!

Tip of the month

I was searching for large 7"-9" soft plastic Storm or Tsunami swim shads in the color "black", but they don't make them, so I made my own. I used **Kiwi Black Leather Shoe Dye**. It instantly turns any soft plastic black in a few seconds. Use the applicator to coat the lure and let it dry overnight. The color is permanent with no wash-out at all. It also works great on Red-Gill teasers. Try it on any soft plastic.

Cliff