



Narragansett Surfcasters Newsletter

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Tournament Affidavits

Just a reminder that affidavits for the Narragansett Surfcasters Annual Tournament are available at the next meeting or on www.narragansettsurfcasters.com.

The tournament runs each year from April 1-November 30 and is open to all club members. Awards for Strippers and Blues will be distributed at the annual banquet.

So get out there, fish, and get yourself a trophy!



Take a Kid Fishing Day!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Take a Kid Fishing Day.

A great day was had by all and it was a great opportunity for club members to give back and see their impact immediately.

Nelson Valles was our designated bus driver and everyone met in the parking lot behind the Narragansett police station at 7:30 a.m. From there, we headed over to the Carolina trout hatchery where club member Alan Williams was waiting for us. After a review of the house rules and how to use the



rods and reels, the kids were off!

The fishing was slow at first, but picked up and most everyone was able to get a fish. There were hot dogs and hamburger grilled up by world famous chef Woody Woodard. We had prizes at the end and every kid got a fish identification poster, lures and coupons from Burger King. Thank you very much to

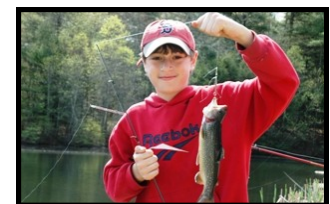
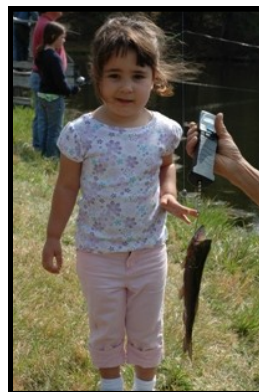
our sponsors (Walmart, Burger King, and Taste-Rite) who helped make this event a success!

Pictures from the event can be viewed and purchased online, go to the Narragansett Surfcasters

website to access: www.narragansettsurfcasters.com

In addition to pictures, mugs, note cards, mugs and other gifts are available at a reasonable cost and all proceeds will go directly to our club. All items will be professionally printed and delivered right to your door.

They make a great gift!



Got Bait? You Do With Wildwood's Bait Locker

I remember when I saw my first bait vending machine, in Albuquerque, New Mexico of all places! I initially thought it was some backwoods novelty, but soon learned that it was much more than that.

Wildwood Outfitters in Wakefield has taken the concept of a bait vending machine one step further with their bait locker. That's right a bait locker. Simply call the shop and they'll take your order and put your bait in a locker outside at an agreed upon time. This is great for the night fisherman or early riser who can't get to the store in time to get some bait. Fresh and salt water bait is available and in-

cludes eels, shiners, squid, clams, bunker, trout worms, meal worms, nightcrawlers, pogies and more.

To make this concept even better, they have a website: www.baitlocker.com. This site allows you to browse their bait selection online and order via PayPal. Once you order, you'll get a confirmation email with the locker combination for your bait.

I couldn't resist, I had to check this out. I went online and picked out some squid. Sure enough, as soon as I hit send, I received an email confirmation and a combination to my locker. When I got to

the locker around 10 p.m., my bait was there waiting for me. Still cold and ready to go. Overall, I had a great experience with the folks at Wildwood and their great service, the bait locker.

How to Order

Phone: 866.789.1244

Web: www.baitlocker.com

Tip: Don't order right before closing, they need time to fill your order.



An Evening with Hogy Lures

At our last meeting we had Mike Hogan of Hogy Lures. Mike discussed the various methods of fishing his Hogy soft baits. Mike spoke about the Hogy quick rig, a tandem rigging that takes seconds to hook up. He also informed us about his preferred methods of fishing these versatile soft baits. Some of Mike's methods included the following:

- As a traditional jerk bait: Mike advised pointing the rod tip towards the water and twitching the Hogy as you reel. He recommends a pause every so often to simulate a wounded bait fish. Change speeds and twitching frequencies until you find what the bass want.
- Dead drifting: When fishing in an area with strong cur-

rents keep the line connected to the bait with as little belly as possible, also letting the tide carry the bait. Start twitching the bait as it begins to swing inward towards you.

- Surface noise: Fish with your tip up and fish the Hogy much like you would a pencil popper; with a very fast retrieve. Often in very calm or slack water, he'll start with this retrieve and move into a traditional jerk bait mode.

Mike also spoke about alternative rigging methods, as well as the use of strong adhesives such as Pro-Soft worm glue to extend the life of the bait and how it holds on the hook. Hogy Soft Baits are available at Wildwood Outfitters or directly online at www.hogylures.net.

By Contributing Editor Howard Mahady



Mike Hogan demonstrates how to rig one of his soft baits



The 10" Original Hogy (1oz)

A True Spirit In The Sky: An Interview With Norman Greenbaum

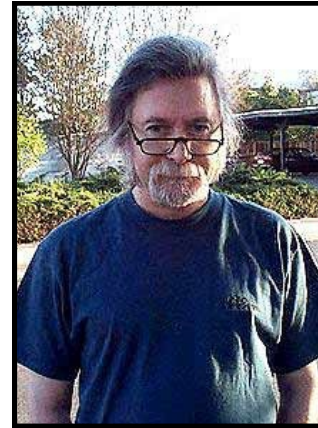
For some of the folks in the club, you probably remember when the song "Spirit In The Sky" by Norman Greenbaum was on the top of the charts in 1969 (#3 in US, #1 in UK). For us younger folks, we know it from commercials, movie soundtracks and dance songs. I recently had an opportunity to interview New England's own Norman Greenbaum for the Narragansett Surfcasters newsletter.

Norman admits that he isn't really a big fisherman, "I haven't fished much in my life. Just a little as a kid and I honestly don't

remember much about it since it was a rare occasion and so long. Maybe I should go one of these times." Norman gets back this way every so often, so maybe you'll see him out there.

For those of you wondering what the song is all about, Norman told me "I think we all would like to think there is a place where we go after passing, however, I wrote the song after being inspired by country and western singer, Porter Wagoner."

I'll be praying to that "spirit in the sky" to get me a keeper this weekend!



60's rocker Norman Greenbaum

This is the first part of a series of celebrity interviews that may or may not have anything to do with fishing!

Remember Dads

I remember my first fishing trip with my grandfather in his green Sear's John boat. I caught my fair share of Bluegills that day and never got tired of it. That first day fishing was all I needed to get "hooked"!

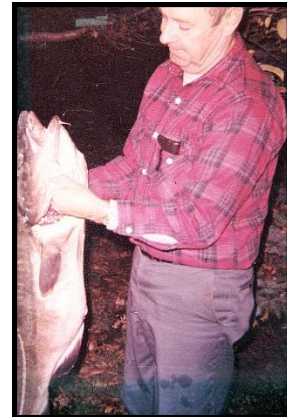
A few years after my grandfather passed away, I came across a picture of him and a giant cod. My grandmother told me that he caught it off of Beavertail and they had a great

meal that night.

Now I'm out there fishing in South County and there is nothing better than fishing where my grandfather did 50 years ago.

Remember the impact you make when you take the little ones out fishing.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!



Narragansett Surfcasters Business Directory

Do you operate your own business? As a club member, you can be listed in the Narragansett Surfcasters Business Directory for free. This directory will be included in the monthly newsletter and will include businesses that are owned and operated by our club members. Each month we will showcase a new business listing. This is a great way to get referrals so think about giving a discount to your fellow club member.

What you need to do

Send your information to Tom Clune via email at tom@tomclune.com or see him at the next club meeting.

Include your type of business, how to get in touch with you, a web address if you have one, etc.

Next Month's Spotlight
Wickford Rodworks



Next Meeting: Tuesday June 19, 2007 7:00 p.m.

So hopefully you are getting some keepers and you are ready to try a new recipe. This is a great way to impress that special someone by showing them that you are really out there catching fish for them! I've been cooking much longer than I have been fishing, so I'm more than willing to share a few cooking secrets with you.

Here is a simple recipe to keep your time in the kitchen short. Don't be intimidated by the French name, it is just there to look cool. En Papillote simply means that you cook/steam the fish in parchment paper.

If you don't have an ingredient below, feel free to substitute it for something else, be creative!

Striped Bass in Paper (Basse Rayée en Papillote)

What you need

(2) 12" x 12" sheet of parchment paper (foil works fine too)
1 TBS Olive Oil
2 TBS White Wine (Optional)
(2) 6 oz. Striped Bass filets
Salt
Pepper
1 Garlic Clove
1 red pepper, sliced in strips

1. Preheat the oven at 425 degrees.
 2. Layout the paper on a cookie sheet and spread ½ of the olive oil on the paper.
 3. Lay the fish out flat on the paper.
 4. Drizzle the remaining olive oil and white wine over the fish.
 5. Sprinkle the fish with salt, pepper and the chopped garlic.
 6. Top the fish with the red pepper strips
 7. Fold the paper in half and tuck it under the fish. You are trying to create a seal so the fish will steam in the paper. Repeat with the other filet.
 8. Place the fish in the oven for 15 minutes and let sit for 5 minutes.
- Tip: Just like microwave popcorn, the fish will be hot when you slice open the paper
9. Serve the fish in the paper on your favorite plate and enjoy!

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