



Narragansett Surfcasters

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- Public Access: Little Fox
- Tournament: Don Wilcox
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Want to get involved and make your club even better? Contact a Committee Chairperson for more information

2nd Annual Awards Night & Banquet

The 2nd Annual Awards Night and Banquet was held on March 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Over 50 club members and guests came out to share great food, great conversation and an overall fun time.

The raffle table was amazing and ticket sales help us raise

money to support the mission of our club.

RISAA President Steve Medeiros gave another great presentation and donated some great items for our raffle.

Tournament awards were distributed as well special awards from the club president. A special award was presented to

club President Dave Peterson for his tireless efforts in making the club the best it can be.

Be sure to check out the Narragansett Surfcasters website for pictures from the event as well as links to our sponsors.

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the club, it was great time!



THANK YOU

Submitted by Mark Hudzin

The club extends a big thank you to the many members who contributed to our annual Awards Night and Banquet fundraising raffle. I couldn't possibly mention all of you without getting writer's cramp and overlooking some. Simply put, THANK YOU to everyone who made a contribution. But we owe a personal thank you to the businesses which support us:

Wakefield Liquors

Our club's wine expert Howard Mahady, who rules the roost over at Wakefield Liquors' wine department, very generously donated an entire case of wine for the second year in a row. Thank you Howard and thank you Wakefield Liquors. Guys you know where to go to buy your spirits and to buy good wine. Just go see Howard. By the way Howard I got a kick out of the brand name Russian Hill. Spasibo!

Salty's Fly and Lure

Scott Bullock of Salty's Fly and Lure (Saltybugger) came through in a big way. Scott sent us 10 of his terrific big wood needles, pencil poppers, big dawgs and sheriffs free! I learned from Scott he puts aside "blems" to donate to fishing clubs' annual fundraisers. No doubt Scott is The Man and an ardent supporter of Striper clubs like ours. But what blem? They were perfect. Guys, next time you reach for a plug, reach for a Saltybugger. Scott's plugs are made entirely in-house from USA components and VMC hooks, they are affordable, and they catch fish.

Wickford Rod Works

Top honors for the raffle table donation goes hands down to member Bob Barlas, proprietor of Wickford Rodworks. Bob donated a beautifully made custom 10' surf rod he built himself. That serious piece of equipment was made from a rainshadow graphite blank rated ¾ to 4oz. Bob even shrunk the club's decal onto it. I can attest to the quality and craftsmanship of Bob's rods because I have one myself. So guys, that's where you're going to get your next custom, right? Bob's shop is also a well stocked tackle shop carrying custom wood, bait and live eels. It's also a RISAA approved weigh station which Bob has set up to go 23 ½ hours when the tournament calls for it.

Point Jude Lures

Joe and Jeff Martins of Point Jude Lures are top supporters of the club. The moment we asked they shot off a package of 10 (ten!) of their top tins and wobbleheads. They sent the silver classics, the black nights, the golds, wobbleheads and wobble tubes. If you won one of these you have a lure you will be using, a first rate raffle prize, not a dust collector. Just take a look at the catches on their website. Every striperman needs tins and wobbleheads. If you wear a Narragansett Surfcasters hat look no further than Point Jude Lures. And don't overlook that killer the Wobbletube.

Fishdoc Plugs

Member Dick Mandeville, the man behind Fishdoc Plugs, donated a clutch of his custom made plugs including that honey of his the Jiggy Spook. In honor of John Trotta Dick also donated 2 copies of a favorite plug of John's, one John makes himself. It's a fat stubby needlefish. Dick wrote on the package "John's Fatty". If you won one of those you should know it's special - there's more of a connection to it than just your line.

Surf Hog Lure Co.

Surf Hog Lure Co. owner and club member Bob Neilson donated a big bag of Surf Hogs. Let's support Bob on his way to making Surf Hog Lure Co. the preferred source of all things soft plastic. When you reach for soft plastic, reach for Surf Hog Lure Co. Bob also scored a PA system for the evening and came early to set it up. It made a big difference. Thanks Bob.

Spain of Narragansett

Joe Gomes the proprietor of Spain of Narragansett graciously donated a \$50 gift certificate for the club's annual fundraising efforts in support of our community work. We are grateful for the support and thankful that local businesspersons and influential community members like Joe care about our community in the areas we do our work. Thank you Spain of Narragansett for helping make possible Take a Kid Fishing, beach cleanups, the protection of public access, and our club's charitable activities. Fellas whether it's dinner, lunch, cocktails or a function you have in mind, remember Spain of Narragansett supports The Narragansett Surfcasters.

M & D's Cape Cod Tackle

Mike Thomas of M & D's Cape Cod Tackle extends a generous discount to clubs to support their banquet fundraisers. Mike is clearly a committed supporter of Striper clubs like ours. Way to go, Mike! We were able to buy a really nice assortment of plugs at a deep discount. While I was looking around I learned Mike's shop is an important source for plug building supplies. In fact Mike's shop is one of only a few walk-in plug building suppliers in the country. Mike carries every component you need to make your own and all components are made in-house, from the belly weights to the metal lips. That right, Mike doesn't resell metal lips he makes them. He's got a press and a couple of dozen stamps some of which he designed himself. In fact he's advised commercial builders on lip fabrication. If you don't want to turn your own Mike sells unfinished blanks and complete kits. Like everything else the blanks are turned in-house. They must be very good since Mike sells over 200 of the kits every week. And the shop is a rendezvous for many of the region's accomplished builders. So if you are interested in plug building, M & D's Cape Cod Tackle is the place to go. Speaking of rendezvous, the shop is also a second home to Cape Cod Canal sharpies. If you're interested in fishing the canal you couldn't do better than to stop in and talk to Mike. If all that isn't enough, Mike's shop is well known for custom rod building and rod building supplies. Mike knows all about the preferred setups of the inner sanctum of Striperdom. And he has Lamiglas blanks in stock. M & D's Cape Cod Tackle is a trifecta - plug building, rod building, and the Cape Cod Canal. Go see Mike and support M & D's Cape Cod Tackle, because he supports us.

Maridee Canvas Bait and Tackle

Maridee Canvas Bait and Tackle once again donated a generous armful of welcome items for the raffle table this year. Proprietor Mary D'Angelo has been a supporter of our club since its inception. Guys, make Maridee Bait and Tackle your first stop this season for gear and bait. The *first*. Thank you, Mary!

Tire Pro of North Kingstown

Thank you Tire Pro of North Kingstown for supporting our club with your generous donation to our annual raffle fundraiser. We are grateful for your support which helps make possible Take a Kid Fishing, beach cleanups, the protection of public access, and our club's charitable activities. Guys please stop by Tire Pro of North Kingstown when you are looking for your new set of tires or service for your car.

Wolf Rock's Country Restaurant

And I'd be remiss if I didn't say thank you to Chef Marty, the proprietor of Wolf Rock's Country Kitchen. Thank you Chef Marty for doing a great job in every respect catering our annual Awards Night and Banquet. The menu was exceptional, the food was delicious, and the service great. We'll see you again next year. Fellas, you know who to see to cater your event - Wolf Rock's Country Kitchen in Exeter.

Visit the Narragansett Surfcasters website to access the websites of our sponsors!

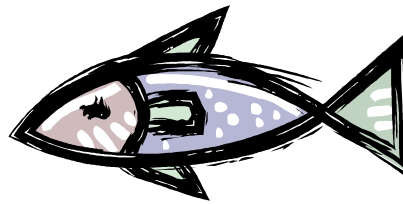
Take a Kid Fishing Day: 5/17

The Annual Take a Kid Fishing Day will take place on Saturday May 17th at the Richmond Trout Hatchery. A trolley bus has been reserved and will pick everyone up at the parking lot near the Narragansett Library on the morning of May 17 at 7:30 AM. The day will include fishing at the hatchery, lunch and prizes!

Kids will receive a safety lesson and will have a chance to catch some trout. There will be plenty of bait and chances to catch the big one!

This was a great time last year and is a fun way to spend quality time with our kids.

Contact Nelson Valles 789-0747 if you would like to volunteer for the event or are interested in attending with a child.



Dunes Club Passes: You Must Attend The April Meeting

Once again, the Narragansett Surfcasters will have a limited amount of Dunes Club passes for the 2008 season.

These passes allow you to park your vehicle at the Dunes Club and walk down to the mouth of Narrow River to do a little fishing at night.

You must be at the April meeting and complete the paperwork that night to receive your pass. This is a great privilege that is offered by the club, but please only ask for a pass if you are truly going to use it.

Special thanks to Nelson Valles and Little Fox for their efforts in obtaining these passes.

Just a reminder to park in the designated area and follow these common courtesies:

- Do not leave any trash and try to remove any you see.
- Report suspicious activity to the security guard
- No alcohol or loud music

2nd Annual Club Yard Sale: Saturday 5/31

Come join us for the 2nd Annual Narragansett Surfcasters club yard sale. This is a great way for you to help out the club and organize your life...all at the same time!

How it works

Donate any yard sale worthy items to the club and we'll sell them for you at the yard sale. All proceeds from the yard sale will go directly to the club.

Items don't need to be fishing related. Sporting Equipment, Household Items, Records, vacuums, etc

are great sellers. We have a great location at Buzz's house (right off of South Pier Road

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help setup and take down the tables. Last year was a great time

Contact Information

If you have an item to donate or would like to volunteer, contact Buzz Vicker.

Buzz can be reached at 401-207-9371 or buzz.vickers@gmail.com.



Merchandise & Activities News

Club Decals



The much admired Narragansett Surfcasters decals have arrived!

These are high quality clear vinyl decals that are 6.5" wide and depict our logo as soon on the front page of the newsletter.

Buzz Vickers will have decals available for \$7 each at the next meeting. Show your pride and put one of these decals on your car or truck!

Family Outing

The 1st Annual Narragansett Surfcasters Family Outing will be held at Allen Harbor (Quonset) on **Sunday June 22nd** 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to take a break from life and spend an afternoon with your family and fellow club members.

There will be hot dogs and hamburgers as well as lots of things to do like horseshoes, swimming, a casting contest, fishing, games for the kids and more!

We have rented the pavilion and will have grills running, so feel free to bring your favorite steak or other grill items.

Tickets are \$10 each, children under 14 are free!

See Buzz Vickers at the next club meeting to get your tickets or contact him at Buzz can be reached at 401-207-9371 or buzz.vickers@gmail.com.



Business Directory: Support Your Club Members

Bait & Tackle

Maridee Bait & Tackle
10% off for club member
304 Point Judith Road
Narragansett, RI
401-789-5190

Wildwood Outfitters
271 Main St
Wakefield, RI
401-789-1244

Middlebridge Country Store
10% off for club member
95 Middlebridge Road
Narragansett, RI
401-465-4345

Custom Rods Bait & Tackle

Wickford Rodworks
Tournament Weigh-In Station
10% off for club member
7 Main Street
Wickford, RI 02852
401-667-7363
www.wickfordrodworks.com

Graphic Design

Richer Graphics
Custom signs, Vehicle & Boat Lettering, Magnetic Signs, Logo & Graphic Design
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Painting

Sun Coat Painting
Larry McPhillips
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Tom Clune Photography
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10% off for club member
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401-450-9400
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