



Narragansett Surfcasters

Newsletter

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May 2008

Who's Who

Officers

President: Dave Peterson
1st Vice President: Mark Hudzin
2nd Vice President: Buzz Vickers
Secretary: Tom Clune
Recording Secretary: Jos Huxley
Treasurer: Alan Schmiel

Board Members

Bill Bento
Bill Ladd
Nelson Valles
*Board meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month and are open to all club members. See an officer or board member for more information.

Newsletter Editor

Tom Clune

Committee Chairpersons

- Banquet: Mark Hudzin
- By-Laws: Mark Hudzin
- Communications: Tom Clune
- Entertainment: Buzz Vickers
- Historian: Tom Clune
- Junior Activities: Nelson Valles
- Membership: Bill Ladd
- Mentoring: Dave Peterson
- Merchandise: George Fountaine
- Public Access: Little Fox
- Tournament: Don Wilcox
- Webmaster: Tom Clune

Want to get involved and make your club even better? Contact a Committee Chairperson for more information

John Trotta

Sadly, our fellow club member John Trotta passed away on 5/3/08. During the season, John could usually be found on the rocks at Newton Avenue with his brother Nick doing what he loved. Our thoughts go out to Nick and the rest of John's friends and family.

You will be missed John!



John with his granddaughter Autumn at last year's Take A Kid Fishing event.

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!

We still need more items!

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.

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

Spring Surf Fishing Club Challenge 6/6-6/8

Come join us for the annual Spring Surf Fishing Club Challenge sponsored to be held 6/6-6/8. This fun event is free for you to enter. This is a great opportunity

to get out there with some club buddies and catch some fish!

Look for additional information and official rules in this newsletter.



Special Thanks to Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle

I am sorry to say I overlooked the contribution from Quaker Lane Bait and Tackle last month when I thanked the businesses who made a donation to our annual fundraiser.

Quaker Lane Bait and Tackle donated a 9' Tsunami Surf Rod of high value. The person responsible for that generous donation was store manager Captain Jack Sprengel. Thank you Captain Jack! When I stopped by recently to say thank you Captain Sprengel let me know they're working hard to make Quaker Lane Bait and

Tackle the best it can be. So guys, when you are reaching for those Salty-buggers, Point Jude Tins, or Surf Hogs, reach for them at Quaker Lane Bait and Tackle. And look for a note from Captain Jack in a future newsletter about what they've got in the works for this season.

Submitted by Mark Hudzin



April Meeting In Review

April Meeting Minutes

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Narragansett Surfcasters was held on Tuesday April 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Narragansett Community Center, the president being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

Approval of Minutes

Due to the banquet, no meeting minutes from March were submitted.

Open Issues

No open issues

New Business

3 applications for new members: Kenny Shanahan, Jack Dempsey, Jack Hazard. Applications were voted on and approved.

Agenda for Next Meeting

BBQ and Big Fish with Marty Wenczek.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. The next general meeting will be May 20, 2008

Minutes submitted by: Tom Clune, Secretary

Fishing For Schoolie

Club member Tom McGuire started the night off with a great presentation on fishing for schoolies.

Tom discussed the Tide Log book that shows you the currents and pushes. This book will help you understand why you have a good night one night and a bad one the next. The book is available at www.tidelog.com

Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program is designed to team up the more experienced fishermen in the club with those who are new to Surfcasting or need a little bump to get to the next level. Contact Dave Peterson if you are interested in participating in the program.



Rich Clarke with his newest prize caught May 5, 2008. What a great way to start the season!!!

32 lbs 2 oz. 45" long

Merchandise & Activities News

Club Decals



There are still plenty of Narragansett Surfcasters decals available.

These are high quality clear vinyl decals that are 6.5" wide and go on very easy.

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. 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
401-742-4361
richergraphics@gmail.com

Painting

Sun Coat Painting
Larry McPhillips
401-782-4744

Photography

Tom Clune Photography
Fine Art Prints, Gifts
10% off for club member
Tom Clune
401-450-9400
tom@tomclune.com
www.tomclune.com

Reel Service

Snug Harbor Marine Center
410 Gooseberry Road
Wakefield, RI 02879
401-783-8220
snugharborserv@aol.com

Get Listed Here

Do you have a business or provide a services?

Get listed in the directory for free!

All you need to do is provide a business card or send your information to Tom Clune at tom@tomclune.com

Tournament Now



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Rumble in the Jungle. It's time already for the first tournament of the season. The RISAA Surf Club Challenge is June 6-8. This year it's no-holds-barred, knock 'em down and drag 'em out. Time to kick some butt, thrash some a\$\$, and generally speaking annihilate the feckless competition. (sound of choppers).

As usual we are planning a special meeting to gear up. We hope to have a few of the club's heavyweights there from whom you can learn a thing or two. If you are fishing for us come by on Saturday May 31st at 10am at the Community Center where we have our regular meetings.

FYI no registration is required and there's no cost to enter. Just go to any weigh station that weekend and tell them it's for the Surf Club Challenge and you are with the Narragansett Surfcasters. Remember BLUES COUNT. And don't forget the Awards Breakfast. Details are spelled out elsewhere in this newsletter.

SPRING SURF FISHING CLUB CHALLENGE

STRIPED BASS - BLUEFISH – SHORE/SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

START –FRI. JUNE 6, 2008 – 6:00 PM

ENDS – SUN. JUNE 8, 2008 –7:00 AM

**ALL RHODE ISLAND WATERS INCLUDING BLOCK ISLAND
SHORE/SURF ONLY**

CLUB CONTACT

Bill Ladd
c- 401 374-2312

Call reports in to Bill. He will pass the information along. And let him know what you have weighed in.

WEIGH STATIONS

Erickson's Bait and Tackle
1257 Greenwich Ave.
Warwick, RI
401-739-7437
Hours: 5:30 am-6 pm

Snug Harbor Marina
410 Gooseberry Rd.
Wakefield, RI
866-543-1897
Hours: 6 am-5 pm

Breachway Bait & Tackle
166 Charlestown Beach Rd.
Charlestown, RI
401-364-6407
Hours: 6 am-7 pm

Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle
4019 Quaker Ln., (Rt. 2)
North Kingstown, RI
401-294-9642
Hours: 6 am-7 pm

Edwards Fishing Tackle
297 Connell Hwy
Newport, RI
401-846-4521
Hours: 6am-7pm

*Hours are
approximate

AWARDS

- 1. Team Trophy Award**
Weight of 3 Largest Striped Bass + 3 Largest Bluefish
- 2. Cameron and Watts Award**
Largest Striped Bass
- 3. Largest Bluefish**

SUNDAY MORNING AWARDS BREAKFAST (8 o'clock)

The Awards Breakfast will be held at the Homestead Restaurant, Rt. 2, Exeter, RI at 8:00 A.M. following the final weigh-in on June 8. There will be a raffle.

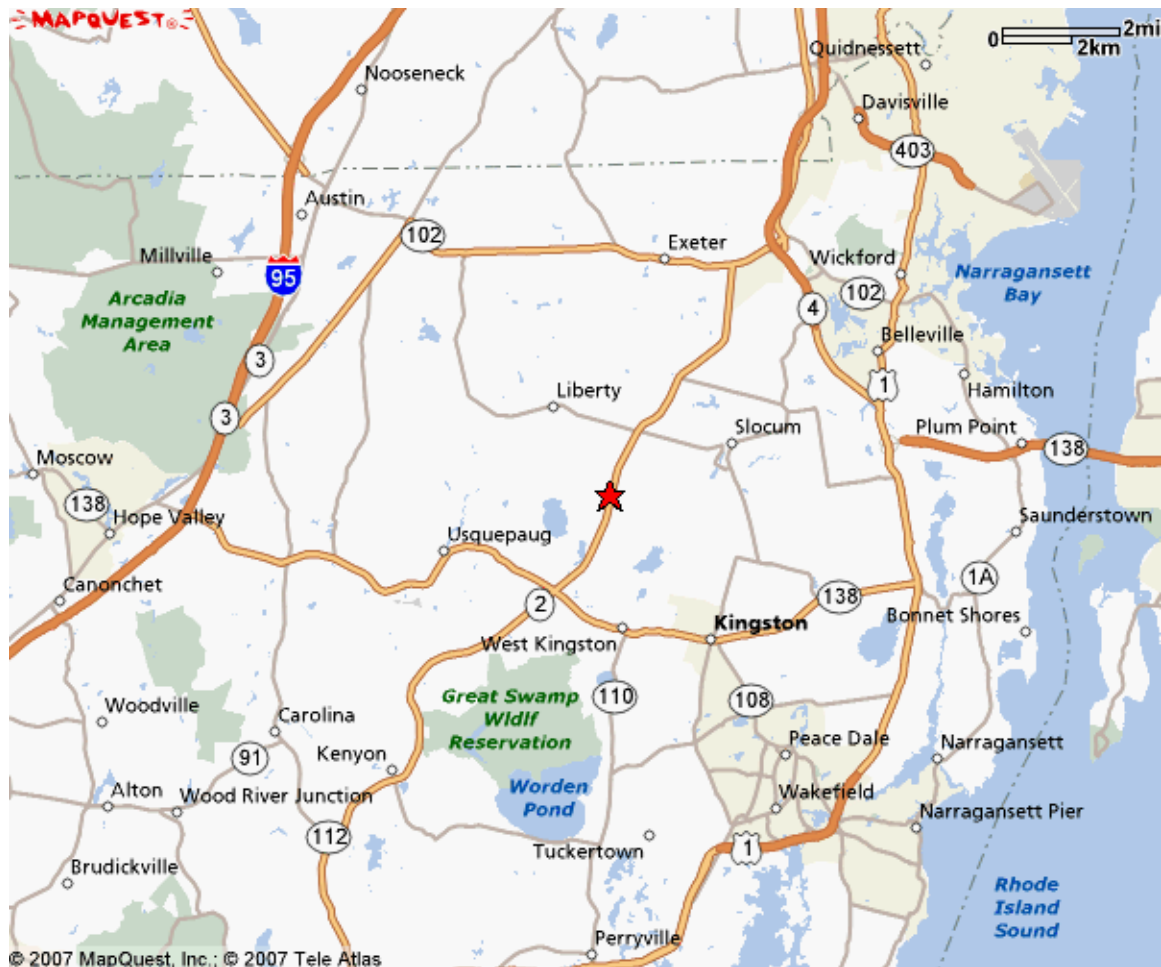
Breakfast will be buffet style all-you-can-eat and cost about \$9 or \$10 per person.

Homestead Restaurant
750 South County Trail (Route 2)
Exeter, RI
(401) 294-7810

Directions:

From the south, take Rt. 1 and exit on to Rt. 2/112 north. Follow Rt. 2 north to Homestead.

From the north, follow Rt. 4 south to Rt. 102 west. Follow Rt.102 west. Turn on Rt. 2 south to Homestead.



OFFICIAL RULES

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DATE AND TIME:

START –FRI. JUNE 6, 2008 – 6:00 PM

ENDS – SUN. JUNE 8, 2008 –7:00 AM

FISHING AREA:

ALL RHODE ISLAND WATERS INCLUDING BLOCK ISLAND.

RULES:

Clubs can fish with as many members as they wish, but only members in good standing prior to the start of the Tournament.

There will be three Awards:

- 1) **Cameron & Watts Award - Largest Individual Striped Bass. (Prize and Plaque)**
- 2) **Largest Individual Bluefish (Prize)**
- 3) **Team Trophy Award (Rotating Club Trophy)**

1.) Individual Striped Bass: Determined by weight of the largest Striped Bass entered by a participating club member.

2.) Individual Bluefish : Determined by weight of the largest Bluefish entered by a participating club member.

3.) Team Trophy Award: Determined by the total, combined weight of the three largest Striped Bass and the three largest Bluefish entered by a participating club. (Largest Individual Striped Bass and Bluefish can be used for the Team Trophy Award also.)

4.) **All fish must be caught from the SHORE/SURF and weighed in at Erickson's Bait & Tackle in Warwick, Quaker Lane Bait & Tackle in North Kingstown, Snug Harbor Marina in Matunuck, Breachway Bait & Tackle in Charlestown, or Edward's Bait & Tackle in Newport, for this tournament.**

5.) In the event of a tie: The measured length of each winning fish will be added to the total weight to determine the winner.

6.) Fish will be measured from the nose to the tip of the tail, rounded to the nearest half inch.

7.) All fish entered in the tournament will be entered into the tournament book by someone other than the person/club that caught the fish.

8.) After a fish is weighed, measured, and entered in the book a punch mark or knife cut will be made near the tail. (Unless the angler intends to have the fish mounted.)

9.) Rhode Island Fishing/Beach Regulations will be adhered to at all times.

10.) It is the responsibility of the prize winner to make arrangements for prize pick up, if the prize is not claimed at the Awards Breakfast. Prizes not claimed within 30 calendar days after the Awards Breakfast will be forfeited.

AFFIDAVIT
NARRAGANSETT SURFCASTERS
ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
APRIL 1 – THROUGH – NOVEMBER 30

Anglers Name: _____ Date: _____

Species: (check one) Bass _____ Blue _____

Weight: _____ lbs. _____ Oz. Length _____ Girth: _____

Was a certified scale used? Yes ___ No ___ Is the scale available for inspection? ___

Signature of angler: _____

Witness to Weigh In: Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If the fish was not weighed at a weigh station or was caught & released please complete the following:

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Please Note: All entries into the annual tournament must be mailed directly to the Narragansett Surfcasters mailbox or hand delivered to the Tournament Committee at the monthly meetings. Only entries submitted in this fashion will count to the annual award. Please note that all entries must be received or postmarked 30 days from the date of the catch.

**Please Mail To: Narragansett Surfcasters
Attn: Awards Committee
PO Box 3135
Narragansett, RI 02882**

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