



# Narragansett Surfcasters

## Newsletter

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## 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 Schmied

### Board Members

Bill Bento  
Bill Ladd  
Nelson Valles  
\*Board meetings are held on the 1st Monday 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*

## Important Information: Club Elections

Even though presidential elections are over, we still have one more important voting opportunity!

Club elections will be held at the next monthly meeting, 11/18. You must be present at the meeting to vote.

Those elected this month will begin their term in January.

During the last monthly meeting, club members

were nominated for the following positions:

**President**  
Mark Hudzin

**1st Vice President**  
Bill Ladd

**2nd Vice President**  
George Fountaine

**Treasurer**  
Alan Schmied

**Secretary**  
OPEN: Nominations Sought

**Board of Directors (Choose 3)**  
Bob Barlas  
Jim Gallagher  
Bob Nielson  
Roberto Tornatore  
David Peterson

We look forward to seeing you at the next club meeting.

Good luck to the nominees!



## A Great Passing

Words aren't enough to express the sadness of the passing of club members Andy Lemar and Dick Lema. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their friends and families. Feel free to send your thoughts and photos to [tom@tomclune.com](mailto:tom@tomclune.com) to be included in the club archives.



Dick Lema



Andy Lemar

## 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

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

*Quonny Bait & Tackle*  
Intersection of Routes 216 and 1  
Charlestown, RI  
401-315-2330

*Surfhog Lure Company*  
P.O. Box 1452  
North Kingstown, RI 02852  
www.surfhoglureco.com  
surfhoglureco@yahoo.com

*Wickford Rodworks*  
Tournament Weigh-In Station  
10% off for club member  
7 Weaver Rd  
north Kingstown, 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

## Surf Fishing Club Challenge Recap: Submitted by Mark Hudzin

The club's hard core turned out in force for the weekend and it showed. We took 2nd place in the Surf Fishing Club Challenge, besting some tough competitors by a nose and losing only to RISAA. We had a great turnout for the tournament. Top rods were yours truly, Westin Place, Rich Clarke, and Alan Schmied. Westin and I put the bass on the boards, and Rich and Alan contributed the blues. As usual blues made the difference. And while we are all after bass, a smart club targets both. This time we had a full ticket of three bass and three blues.

Alan gets the nod for weighing in a modest blue. Some might be shy about weighing in a small fish, but

without that we would have dropped from second to fourth place. Thanks Alan! Rich Clarke was a bluefishing machine down around the Fire District beach and also scored a bass that didn't make the top three. Special thanks to Tim Yvon, club member and proprietor of Quonny Bait and Tackle, for letting Rich skip out of a shift for some extra time to fish for the club. Thanks Tim!

And after last Spring's tournament I had the diabolical idea to clean out Napatree the night before to keep the Connecticut Surfcasters at bay. That Thursday I had a great night there, and I suppose I did clean it out. I went back the following night with Rich and Bill Ladd and it was really slow,

but we did manage to score two bass. And sure enough the Connecticut guys were there first. Take note, if you want to fish Napatree on a tournament weekend you better get there early, like maybe noon. At 5pm the parking lot looked like Connecticut and four guys were already lined up along the best stretch. But the boys outlasted them. After a few fishless hours the illegals dropped back and sat down for a few cigarettes. Use it or lose it. We moved in and nailed a couple.

Other odds and ends that drifted in... Bryan Oakley scored a 17lb bass that would have made the boards but it fell off the boga and got away. Ray Skurka lost a cow at Matunuck that fell for a white

## Merchandise & Club News

### Club Decals



There are still plenty of Naragansett Surfcasters decals available.

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

Decals are available for \$7 each at the merchandise stand at the next meeting. Check out the new club merchandise at the next meeting!

### Club Merchandise

T-Shirts: \$10

Hats: \$15

Sweatshirts: \$35

-high quality grey pull-over

### Important Club News

- Don't forget to pay your 2009 club dues!

- The password to the Narragansett Surfcasters Club Forum has changed. Contact Bryan Oakley at [bryan\\_oakley@hotmail.com](mailto:bryan_oakley@hotmail.com) for the new one. If you haven't joined the forum, the link is on the homepage of [www.narragansettsurfcasters.com](http://www.narragansettsurfcasters.com), all you need is the password from Bryan. This is a great place to keep in touch with other club members.

## Yearly Tournament Standings

### Bass

1st: Michael Dunphy

W: 34 Lbs. 12 oz. L:47 G: 24.5"

2nd: Bryan Oakley

W: 34 lbs 8oz L: 46" G: n/a

3rd: Rich Clarke

W: 32 Lbs. L:45 G: 25"



### Blue

1st: Tom McGuire

W: 12 lbs 12 oz L: 32" G: 20"

2nd: Craig Champlin

W: 12 lbs 6 oz L: 34" G: n/a

3rd: Curtis Bruno

W: 12 lbs 2 oz L: 35.25 G: 16"

## Surf Fishing Club Challenge Recap: Con't

Habs needle during the day. Ray says it had a mouth that could have swallowed a soccer ball but it shook off right at his feet.

Our prep meeting held the week before featured a new twist – old school and new school. Our surfmasters this time around were veteran Nelson Valles and up-and-comer Bryan Oakley. It was great to finally hear from Nelson who previously couldn't attend these meetings because of schedule conflicts. Nelson is an encyclopedia of spots and techniques and he gen-

erously shared his considerable wiles for deceiving big bass. Bryan demonstrated his prowess by sharing details about spots all the way from the River to Watch Hill, and about techniques ranging from clam bellies on a bobber to yellow bombers and eels. The boy's got range. Thank you Nelson and Bryan! This idea of having a veteran and up-and-comer combination was an interesting one and we'll try it again in the Spring. Get ready TR.



# Surf Fishing Club Challenge Tournament Results

## OUR CLUB'S RESULTS



### Bass

21.1# Mark Hudzin  
 15.3# Mark Hudzin  
 14.1# Westin Place  
 (10.6#) Rich Clarke

### Blues

8# Rich Clarke  
 8# Rich Clarke  
 6.8# Alan Schmied

## OVERALL RESULTS

1) R.I.S.A.A.	92.60 LBS
2) NARRAGANSETT SURFCASTERS	73.35 LBS.
3) CONNECTICUT SURFCASTERS	72.10 LBS.
4) STRIPED BASS.COM	68.95 LBS.
5) RHODE ISLAND MOBILE SPORTFISHERMEN	63.20 LBS.
6) WEEKAPAUG SURFCASTERS	54.85 LBS.
7) PIONEER VALLEY BOAT & SURF CLUB	47.25 LBS.
8) HARTFORD SURF FISHING CLUB	26.40 LBS
9) MASS STRIPED BASS	13.5 LBS.

MASS BEACH BUGGY AND NEWPORT COUNTY SALTWATER FISHING CLUB DID NOT SHOW.

LARGEST STRIPED BASS ----- 26 LBS. ----- KEVIN JOHNSON -- R.I.S.A.A.

LARGEST BLUEFISH ----- 12.75 LBS. --- ROBERT GAUDET -- R.I.S.A.A.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF STRIPED BASS --- 15.03 LBS -- BASED ON 20 FISH

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF BLUEFISH ----- 8.695 LBS -- BASED ON 33 FISH

DONATION TO M/S \$1000.00



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## Membership Renewal

**Please print legibly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What special talents do you have that would be a benefit to the club?

Do you prefer to receive the Newsletter via Email? \_\_\_\_\_

Check membership type:

Regular Adult: \_\_\_ \$35/yr Junior: \_\_\_ (15-18) \$17.50/yr

Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$52.50

Do not send cash. Make checks payable to Narragansett Surfcasters

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Meetings** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month, 7 pm

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