Narragansett Surfcasters Newsletter

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Who's Who

Officers

President: Mark Hudzin
1st Vice President: Bill Ladd
2nd Vice President: George Fountaine
Secretary: Bob Neilson
Treasurer: Alan Schmied

Board Members

Bob Barlas
Jim Gallagher
David Peterson
*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

- Activities: Open
- Banquet: Bob Barlas
- By-Laws: Mark Hudzin
- Communications: Tom Clune
- Entertainment: Open
- Fundraising: Open
- Historian: Tom Clune
- Junior Activities: Nelson Valles
- Membership: Bill Ladd
- Merchandise: George Fountaine
- Public Access: Little Fox
- Sunshine: Open
- Tournament: Bob Neilson
- Webmaster: Tom Clune
- RISSA Delegate: Dave Giuliano
- RI Marine Recreational Fishing License/Registry Study Group: Dave Giuliano

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

Surf Fishing Club Tournament 10/16-10/18

Submitted by Mark Hudzin

Friendship… Camaraderie…The Bonding of Brothers in Victory and Defeat

Announcing

The Venerable Fall Classic

The Surf Fishing Club Tournament

October 16th – 18th

To our opponents:

Crying won't help you, praying won't do you no good.

The Narragansett Surfcasters are pulling out all the stops to win this one. After two consecutive 2nd place finishes it's time to take first. Give it everything fellas – "Sell the house, sell the wife, sell the kids… fish at all costs!".

There's no charge to enter but you must be signed up for this one. That's the organizer's rule. So get on the list at the September meeting or by email, phone, courier… whatever.

And remember, we are fishing for 2nd or 3rd place as much as we are fishing for first. Don't throw anything back because it's small or you heard another club has already put up some numbers.

Also plan to join your fellow club members on Sunday morning for the awards breakfast. It's always a good time. Even if you don't fish the tournament, come on by.

All the details are somewhere else in this newsletter.

Conant Ave: Thank you! *Submitted by Mark Hudzin*

Thank you Bob Vallee, Jim Sebastian and Bruce Kindseth for looking after the Conant Avenue access area.

This year the club formally adopted the access area at Conant Avenue. Our inaugural cleanup was a great time and we left it looking like a whole new place. But the really important part is following through and keeping it that way.

For that we all have to thank Bob, Jim and Bruce for all the extra work they've done. Bob stops by each and every week and along with Jim and Bruce they keep working to make it better.

They've even planted grass seed. Now they've got a letter ready to go to the town asking it to place crushed stone in the area to abate runoff that's causing erosion. And if the town doesn't come through they're hatching plans to do it themselves with the help of Craig Champlin.

Thanks to Bob and Jim and Bruce for donating their time and effort. The area at Conant Avenue is work the club is proud of. Please remember their efforts if you ever speak with an official about access rights for fishermen.

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

Fishdoc Wooden Plugs
"Custom Plugs built for the fish"
Builder: Dick Mandeville
www.fish.doc.1@tripod.com
401-829-2967

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

Dunphy Painting

Michael Dunphy
401-284-0888
20 Years Experience
Interior - Exterior
Commercial - Residential
Power Washing, Gutter Cleaning

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?

Now is the time more than ever to network. 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

Next Meeting: Steve Cook 9/15

Submitted by Jim Gallagher

Come join us for the September meeting with Steve Cook!

Steve is an accomplished angler, as well as fly casting and tying instructor. When not manning the sales floor at The Saltwater Edge, he runs a very popular series of off-season fly tying classes, repairs reels, and gives fly casting lessons. Steve's a true jack-of-all-trades and he once even dated Dolly Parton. When he's not driving the counter at the Saltwater Edge...he's probably behind the wheel of his boat with his fly rod at the ready..scanning for birds working...or looking for a "slick" on the water..

Steve brings a great wealth of information to the table from all aspects of the sport, fly-fishing, surf-casting, gear, and all kinds of tackle.

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
Sweat-shirts: $35

New Blog!

Zeno Hromin has started a new blog that includes a lot of great information to get your Fall fishing off and running!

Go to www.surfcastersjournal.com and click on the Blog link at the bottom of the screen.

In Review: August Meeting

Submitted by Alan Schmied and Jim Gallagher

The August meeting brought to a close the summer cookout season for the Narragansett Surfcasters. Yes we had plenty of food, so much so that the last 40 hamburgers and chips will be served prior to the September meeting. Starting at 6 P.M. we will be serving till 7 P.M., when the meeting will start.

The June cookout was a great evening and our thanks to the Mark Hudzin, Bob Barlas, Bob Neilson , Jim Gallagher, George Fountaine and Alan Schmied for the shopping and manning the grills.

Special thanks to the other members who helped clean up afterward. Many of the small Woodland animals in the area would also like to say thanks for the healthy portion of beans we left them in the woods following the cookout. They were considered a gastrointestinal delight..although the place really hasn't smelled the same since that cookout for some reason??

If you didn't attend the August meeting, you missed a great gathering. Along with fish tales (no lies, really), great Camaraderie and we couldn't have asked for more perfect weather.

Big thanks to Robert "Woody" Woodard for volunteering to handle the shopping and manning a grill all evening.

Also thanks go to Cliff Richer for tending the other grill. Besides cooking Cliff made even more friends by bringing along the left-over beer from his daughters graduation party.

Let us also not forget our host Al Conti, owner of Snug Harbor Marine for allowing us the use of his patio for our event. If you are unfamiliar with Snug Harbor Marine it is located at 410 Gooseberry Rd, South Kingstown, Al carries a full line of bait and tackle for all your fishing needs as well as a fuel dock. Stop by and check it out.

A special thanks to:

Snug Harbor Marina

THE SURF FISHING CLUB CHALLENGE

STRIPED BASS - BLUEFISH - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

START –FRI. OCTOBER 16, 2009 – 6:00 PM
ENDS – SUN. OCTOBER 18, 2009 –8:00 AM

NAPATREE POINT TO NARROW RIVER NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND
(NO BLOCK ISLAND)
SHORE/SURF ONLY

CLUB CONTACT

Bill Ladd
c- 401 374-2312

Call reports in to Bill. Let him know what's working or not. Bill will pass the information along. Also let him know what you have weighed in.

WEIGH STATIONS

TOURNAMENT
HEADQUARTERS
Weekapaug Bait and Tackle
660 Atlantic Ave
Weekapaug, RI 02891
401-322-8058

Tournament Hours:
Fri. closes at 10:00 PM
Sat. 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM
Sun. open at 7:00 AM

Snug Harbor Marina
410 Gooseberry Rd.
Wakefield, RI
401-783-7766

Tournament Hours:
Fri. Closes at 6:00 PM
Sat. 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Sun. open at 6:00 AM

AWARDS

1. **Surf Club Champion**
   Weight of Club's 3 Largest Striped Bass + 3 Largest Bluefish
   A continuing trophy with the surf club's name and year will be awarded. The winning club maintains the trophy for (1) year.
2. **Largest Striped Bass**
   $50 gift certificate or pick of the raffle table
3. **Largest Bluefish**
   $50 gift certificate or pick of the raffle table

SUNDAY MORNING AWARDS BREAKFAST (8:30 AM)

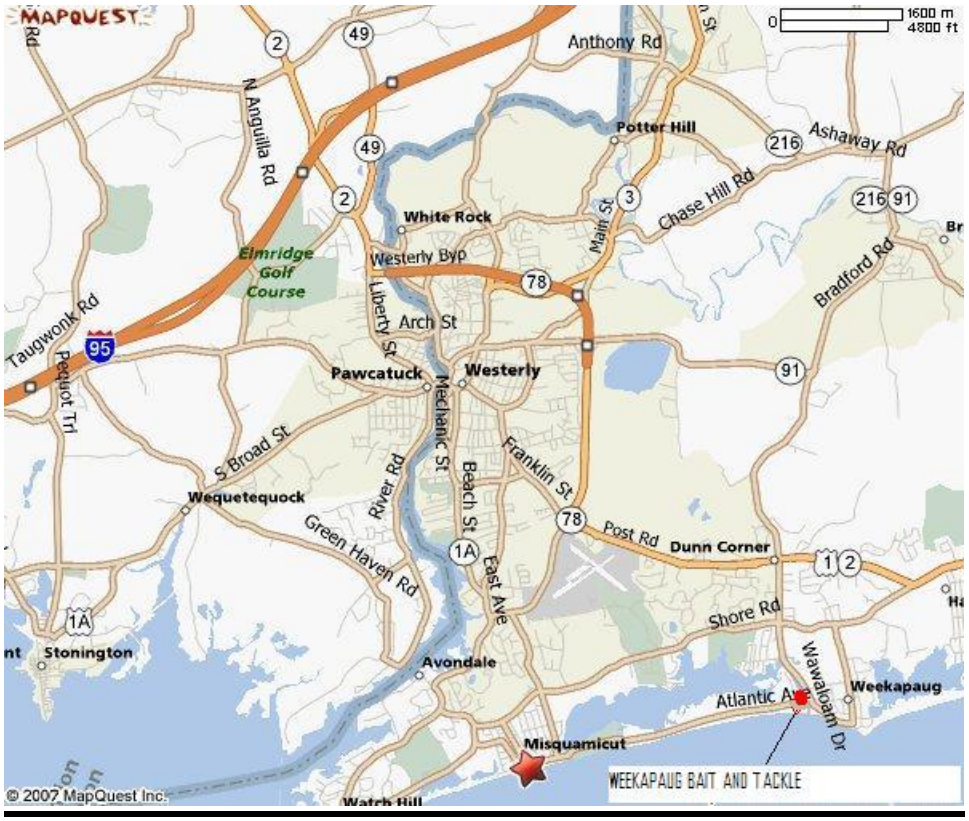
The Fisherman's Breakfast and Award Ceremony will be held at the Andrea Resort Hotel at approximately 8:30 A.M. on Sunday morning. Breakfast will be buffet style all-you-can-eat and cost about $9 per person.

The Surf Club Champion Award and additional prizes for the Largest Striped Bass and the Largest Bluefish will be presented. There will be a raffle.

If any winning angler cannot attend the breakfast his or her prize will be saved for them and given to the club they represent.

Andrea Hotel
89 Atlantic Avenue
Misquamicut, RI 02891
401-348-8788

Directions:
From Rt 1S bear left onto Rt 1A, Shore Rd. Take a left onto Winnapaug Road. Continue straight to ocean. Take a right onto Atlantic Avenue. The Andrea Hotel is approximately 5 blocks ahead on the left side of the street.



OFFICIAL RULES

STRIPED BASS - BLUEFISH - SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

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FISHING AREA:

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SHORE/SURF ONLY

RULES:

1.) All organizations participating in the tournament must be a club, fresh or salt water (officers, by-laws etc).
2.) **FISHING AREA: Napatree Point to Narrow River Narragansett, Rhode Island (NO BLOCK ISLAND).**
3.) All fish must be caught from the **Shore/Surf** and weighed at **Weekapaug Bait & Tackle in Weekapaug, R.I. or Snug Harbor Marina in Wakefield, R.I.**
4.) In the event a tie occurs: The measured length of each winning fish will be added to the total weight.
5.) All fish will be measured from the nose to the end of the tail.
6.) All fish weighed and entered in the contest, will be entered in the book by someone other than the person who caught the fish.
7.) After a fish is weighed and entered in the contest a punch mark or knife cut will be made near the tail. Note: If the angler is going to mount the fish the mark or cut is not necessary.
8.) Rhode Island Fishing/ Beach Regulations will be adhered to at all times.