



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

July Meeting in Review

Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Narragansett Surfcasters was held on Tuesday July 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Narragansett Community Center.

Approval of Minutes

Minute were read, motion to approve was accepted and seconded.

Open Issues

No open issues

New Business

Adopt-a-Spot: Club President Dave Peterson presented the Adopt-a-Spot information received from the town of Narragansett. The Narragansett Surfcasters will be adopting the public access area on Conant Avenue. Club members signed up to assist with cleaning the spot throughout the year. Contact Dave Peterson if you would like to participate.

Updates

- Membership: Motion to accept new member Chris McGrath was accepted and seconded.

- Treasurer report was provided by Alan Schmied.
- Tournament update provided by Tom Clune.
- Activities update provided by Buzz Vickers.
- Bylaws update provided by Mark Hudzin.

Rigging Eels with Steve McKenna

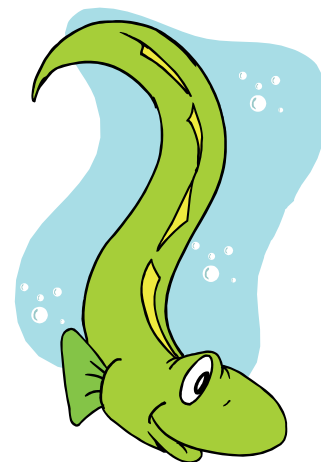
Club member, Steve McKenna gave a great presentation on rigging eels. Rigged eels allow you to cast in the wind and can be fished with a conventional or spinning reel. It can take 15-20 minutes to rig an eel, but will be well worth your time.

Steve rigs an eel in a similar way to how he rigs his Slug-Go. Check out the "How To" section of www.narragansettsurfcasters.com to watch a very cool video of Steve in action.

Supplies Needed

- 50# Dacron line
- Dental floss
- Gamakatsu Siwash (Open Eye) 7/0
- 120 # barrel swivels
- Pliers
- Scissors
- Rubber cement
- Curved sewing need (dental floss needs to go through the eye)
- Paper towels
- Kosher salt
- Rigging needle
- Fresh eels

Go to page 3 to learn how to do it!



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

Yearly Tournament Standings

More fish have been weighed in and the competition is getting close! Don't forget to send in your tournament forms to get on the board. The forms and current standings are available on the club website or at the next meeting from Don Wilcox.

Bass

1st: Rich Clarke
W: 32 Lbs. L:45 G: 25"

2nd: Jerry Tartaro
W: 30 lbs 12 oz L: 45" G: 23.5"

3rd: Tim Yvon
W: 30 lbs 11 oz L: 42.5" G: n/a



Blue

1st: Buzz Vickers
W: 9 lbs 9 oz L: 33" G: n/a

2nd: Nelson Valles
W: 8 lbs 8 oz L: 32" G: 15"

3rd: Send in your entries!



Rigging Eels Con't

1 Pour salt in zip lock bag, put eels in bag.

2. Rinse off eels and dry with paper towels

3. Break the backbone by pulling opposite ends of the eel

4. Add a barrel swivel to the hook eye and close the eye.

5. Cut off 18" of Dacron, tie the end

6 Tie the hook on the Dacron using your favorite knot

7. Take rigging needle and push through anal vent through to mouth pulling Dacron through to mouth.

8. Make sure the eel is straight

9. Add the barrel swivel to the head hook

10. Wrap the shank of the hook with Dacron to prevent the head hook from slipping

11. Add glue to the Dacron to prevent it from moving

12. Measure out the head hook and insert into the mouth. The eye and barrel swivel should be exposed.

13. Wrap the Dacron around the shank of the head hook by using half hitches (5-6). Trim off remaining Dacron. Be careful not to pull the tail hook up.

14. Close the mouth of the eel and secure it to the head hook with a series of knots using Dacron. 1st one around the lips in front of the eye, make 4-5 notes and trim off end.

15. The back hook will be loose and will need to be sewed in to keep it straight. Rig the sewing needle using the dental floss.

16. Stitch the opening going through the eye of the hook. Tie off and trim remaining dental floss.

17. Stitch around the shank of the hook to keep the hook straight.

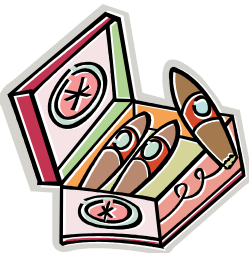
Fishing a rigged eel

Use a ball bearing swivel with a 18" leader. Tie directly on or use a snap, your preference. Cast out and let the eel sink a bit. Fish in a pumping action, similar to fishing a slug-go or pencil popper, but you are going slower, more rhythmic. Use a medium retrieve, steady cadence. You can vary the cadence to get different results. A barrel swivel on the rigged eel helps to give it more action and prevent line twist.

Storing Rigged Eels

Store your rigged eels individually in the fridge in zip lock bag. When you are out fishing, keep your eels on ice. Do not store eels in kosher salt, this will harden the eels and make them less flexible.

What's Your Vice?



As a way to expand the features covered in this newsletter, I will be doing the occasional feature on the things we like

to do while fishing. As we all know, fishing is a lifestyle, not just something we do when we have time.

If you are like me, you might enjoy a nice smoke when you are out on the water. I'm a much better cigar

smoker than fishermen, but all good things come in time!

My favorite smoke has to be anything by C.A.O. C.A.O. is a major player based out of Nashville, TN. Their cigars are consistent and always high quality. I recently had the opportunity to meet Tim Ozgener, C.A.O. President, at a recent cigar event.

Not only did he give me some cigars when I met him, he also followed up with a sampler pack in the mail, talk about getting to know your customers!

A good local place to get a good cigar at a good price is Healey's newsstand in Wakefield. Healey's has a good selection and are open late. The Cigar Box on Point Judith Road (Across from St. Mary's Church) has a much better selection and the knowledge to answer any questions. Both places carry the C.A.O. line, so stop in today and try one!

Please send me your feedback and let me know what you like to do when you are out there fishing. Do you listen to your iPod? Count shooting stars? Pick up trash?