



# 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  
Al Corrente  
Bill Ladd  
Nelson Valles

### Newsletter Editor

Tom Clune

## Next Meeting: Not Just the Power Plant

Our January meeting will feature local surf master and all-around prolific striped bass fisherman Dave Pickering. Dave has an all new Striper Strategies 2008 prepared and will customize his presentation for the Narragansett Surfcasters. This presentation will not be what he is presenting elsewhere this month.

topics but especially the exceptional striper fishing that has emerged in Narragansett Bay over the past few years. He'll also talk about winter fishing which according to Dave is no longer just at the Providence Power Plant - the fish are found in plenty of other spots now too. Dave also promised to focus on surf fishing and to click quickly through any boat shots. We'll have to hold him to that.

And we're already thinking about the Spring Surf Club Challenge on June 6-8 this year. Plenty of nice fish have come from Narragansett Bay during those contests. Since Bay fishing is what Dave will be talking about we've asked him to tell us what he would do in the Bay at that time of year if he were out to win that tournament.

Dave will cover several

## Club Merchandise

Show your pride and pick up some club merchandise today! Merchandise will be available for sale at the next club meeting.

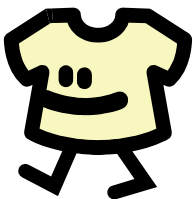
Here is what we have:

Patch \$5

Hats \$12

Old Shirts \$8

Gray or Blue Club T-Shirts \$10



## Club Dues Reminder: No Late Fee!

There is still time to renew your Narragansett Surfcasters membership without paying the \$10 late fee. Simply send in your renewal

form or see a board member at the next club meeting and the \$10 late fee will be waived.

The current dues are \$35/year which breaks down to about .10 a day, not a bad deal!

## George Escobar

Sadly, our fellow club member George Escobar passed away on 12/22/07.

I had the pleasure of fishing Middlebridge with George a few early mornings last Spring. He was always there to give me an update and to share some tips. Our thoughts go out to George's friends and family during this difficult time.

You will be missed George!

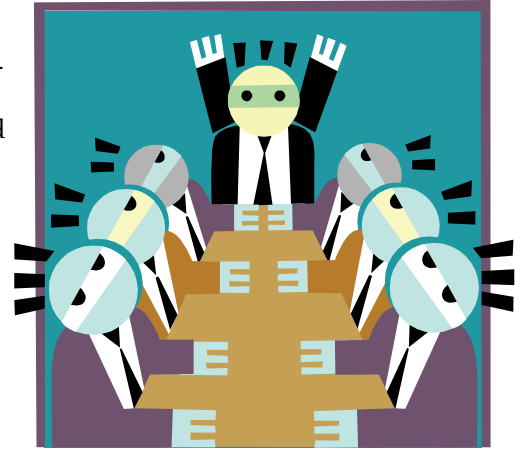


## Board Meeting Overview

Do you ever wonder what goes on behind the scenes of a board meeting? No secret handshakes or rituals, just a group of guys who meet for a few hours each month to discuss club business.

As the new Club Secretary, I am responsible for taking the notes during the meetings and making sure that all notes and club documents are archived. In addition, I'm responsible for the newsletter and chair the communication committee that will work to get our message out there to club members and beyond.

Going forward, the board meeting minutes as well as the Treasurer's Report and general club meeting minutes will be included in the monthly newsletter. This will allow you to see everything that is going on in the club and save some time during the meetings as we won't have to read this information aloud.



## Maintaining Reels With Joe Mollica

David Peterson kicked off the presentation by introducing club member Joe Mollica. Joe has run Snug Harbor Marine Center for the past 10 years and is RI's authorized warranty center for Penn reels.

Joe provided an overview of the different types of reels that are out and mentioned how reels are becoming more sophisticated.

### Salt

Salt is the biggest enemy and Joe recommended using a product called Salt Terminator which will dissolve salt deposits on your equipment. Spray on your reel. Don't soak your line, but it won't usually ruin your line.

### Lube

Joe reviewed a number of different product to help you protect your equipment. Included were brands such as CRC 5-56, Penn 224, etc. Do not use lithium based lube on your gears. Most of today's reels have some sort of alloy and lithium can eat away at the alloy.

Stay with a silicone based grease. You can use a little brush to work it into the gear.

### Do It Yourself

If you plan to do it yourself, you will need a degreasing agent that remove oil and grease. All parts must be thoroughly rinsed and dried before applying fresh lube. Having the reel schematic is highly recommended..

### Tips

Always rinse your reels with fresh water, but don't use a hose to spray off your equipment. Run them under a faucet or use a gentle spray. Don't spray into the reel as it can lodge particle in your gears.

### Conclusion

Joe concluded his presentation with a number of questions from club members.

A very special thanks to Joe Mollica for sharing his expertise. Nothing beats professional maintenance on your reels, so be sure to visit Joe this winter!

### Snug Harbor Marine Center

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



## December Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to order: 7:25 p.m.  
Meeting Adjourned: 9:06 p.m.

25 Club members in attendance.

### Treasurer Report

Alan Schmied provided an overview of the budget and noted that the club has \$3837 in the bank.

### Presidents Report

Dave Peterson reviewed the goals and missions of the club as well as 2007 accomplishments and 2008 goals.

With the current membership level and additional expenses (accounting, etc), the club is projected to be in the red \$1620.

- Club members volunteered to call past members to see why they didn't renew their dues. Bryan Oakley brought up the point that we need to figure out why our membership is down.

- Bob Barlas mentioned that we should communicate more about joining the club. He can put information in his shop to draw in new members. Bob stated that we should continue to look for ways to bring in new members.
- Club members want to know why we went non-profit. What does this mean to us? With the additional cost of somebody doing our books, what is the benefit of going non-profit?
- Dave Peterson reviewed the different committees and the process to identify the committee chairman. Chairman will be responsible for requesting help for his team. The following committees are in place and need assistance from club members to assist

### 25 Week Club

Buzz Vickers provided an additional overview of the 25 week club. He spoke with an official from the gaming unit at the RI State Police and they said that the Narragansett Surfcasters qualify as a charitable organization. The official stated that this would not be in writing.

20 members were for the 25 Week Club, 4opposed.

### Other Business

Mark Hudzin showed the club how he uses empty tennis ball containers to store his plugs. He has contacts at local tennis clubs who supply him with the containers. Contact Mark if you are interested in any containers for your collection.

## Business Directory

### 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



### Custom Rods Bait & Tackle

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

### Graphic Design

*Richer Graphics*  
401-742-4361  
richergraphics@gmail.com

### Painting

Sun Coat Painting  
Larry McPhillips  
401-782-4744

### Photography

Tom Clune Photography  
10% off for club member  
Tom Clune  
401-450-9400  
tom@tomclune.com  
www.tomclune.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

## 2nd Annual Awards Night & Banquet

Come join us for the 2nd Annual Awards Night and Banquet on Tuesday March 18th at 7:00 p.m. For those of you who joined us last year, you know how much of a great time this is!

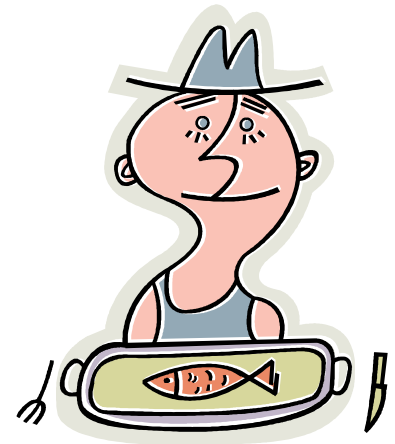
Details are still underway, but we are looking to have a similar setup as last year which will include a hot buffet of assorted dinner items and door prizes!

Tickets are available now via mail or at the next club meeting. Sim-

ply complete the enclosed order form to reserve your tickets today.

### Banquet Night Raffle Donations

Members are encouraged to donate items for the club's annual awards night and banquet raffle. A plug or two or something similar will help make for a great raffle table. Please bring whatever you would like to chip in to one of the next meetings.



## January Board Meeting Minutes 1/2/08

Meeting Opened: 7:08 p.m

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 p.m.

Location: Middlebridge Country Store

### 25 Week Club

Motion to table the discussion of the 25 week club for the time being. Second to the motion, no further discussion, all in favor.

### Committee Chairs Update

The board reviewed the committees and verified that the chairs and backups were listed correctly.

### Finance

It was decided that the President and Treasurer will have check writing responsibilities. Currently, Alan is the only one who has authorization and a backup needs to be in place who has check writing ability.

### Mentoring

Nelson will be the chair of this committee. This committee will be used to pass on the local fishing knowledge.

### Tournaments

Nelson will be responsible for getting trophies and having them engraved. Total budget for all trophies is \$300.

### Communication

Tom Clune will chair the communication committee which will include the newsletter, website and public relations.

### Banquet

Mark provided an overview of the banquet budget and what worked and didn't work for the 2007 banquet.

Raffle items: Members can donate items and solicit local businesses

for items.

Bill Ladd & Tom Clune will be on the Banquet Committee

Banquet Committee can gather door prizes, solicit local businesses for donations.

### Calendar

Buzz Vickers and Dave Peterson are finalizing the 2008 calendar. This calendar will list all of the activities that will take place throughout the year. The calendar will be available in the newsletter as well as the website.

### Meeting Schedule

It was agreed that the monthly board meetings will take place on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Narragansett Surfcasters

**Awards Night**  
and  
**Banquet**

Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
at the  
Narragansett Community Center  
53 Mumford Road, Narragansett RI

**\$20 per person**  
Junior members ½ price

*Purchase tickets at the January or February meetings or by mail*

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**Narragansett Surfcasters 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Night and  
Banquet**

Questions? Call (401) 475-0987 (Mark Hudzin)  
Rather use email? Send questions to [mhudzin@hotmail.com](mailto:mhudzin@hotmail.com)

*Please print carefully*

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$20 each

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Narragansett Surfcasters)

**Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope**

**Mail response to:**

**Mark Hudzin  
P.O. Box 96  
Albion, RI 02802**

**Narragansett Surfcasters**

**P.O. Box 3135**

**Narragansett, RI 02882**

*Next Meeting: Tuesday 1/15/08 7:00 p.m.*