



# 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

### June Meeting in Review

A special thanks to Jos Huxley for taking minutes in the Secretary's absence.

#### Opening

The regular monthly meeting of the Narragansett Surfcasters was held on Tuesday June 17, at 7:00 p.m. at the Narragansett Community Center,

#### Approval of Minutes

Minute were not read, but were available in newsletter.

#### Open Issues

No open issues

#### New Business

None

#### Updates

No president's address

No update for Membership status

Treasurer report provided by Mark Hudzin for Alan Schmied; \$3898.38 in account

Merchandising update provided by George Fountaine

Tournament update provided by Mark Hudzin

Activities update provided by Buzz Vickers.

#### Dick Mandeville: Plug Building

**Starting out:** Search the web for information. [www.stripped-bass.com](http://www.stripped-bass.com) is a great place to start.

Expensive hobby (always bigger & better tools needed/available), lots of specialized components

7-8 hrs start to finish per plug (over a lot of days)

#### Materials Needed

Yellow cedar (sinking plugs), Atlantic white cypress (floating plugs), maple (sub-surface)

**Process:** lathe shape from the blank, insert weights, sealant, primer/

sealant, paint, epoxy, hardware

Weights are important, as is their placement

Generally, 3/0 or 4/0 hooks. Front hooks should stand out when resting against the shaft of the lure. Generally treble on the front hook, siwash on the rear (dressed or undressed)

Tie dressing sparsely (can affect balance and movement)

#### Tips

Use paint pen on the points to keep them sharp

Always remove the hook guards before casting. Fish the jiggy spoons slow  
Dick offered making plugs in custom colors if requested.

### Yearly Tournament Results

The season is off to a great start with a few nice fish weighed in. Tournament 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: 42 G: 25"

2nd: Tom McGuire  
W: 27 lbs 7 oz L: 41.5"  
G: 24"



#### 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"

## 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

*Wickford Rodworks*  
Tournament Weigh-In Station  
10% off for club member  
7 Weaver Rd  
north Kingstown, RI 02852  
401-667-7363  
www.wickfordrodworks.com  
**Note:** Be sure to check out the new location for Wickford Rodworks on the corner of Hamilton Allenton Road and Boston Neck Road in North Kingstown.

### 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

## Road Trip: Prince Edward Island

Taking advantage of the long holiday weekend, my wife and I took a road trip to Prince Edward Island. We had a deal. If I could go fishing...I would go to all of the Anne of Green Gables attractions.

After touring the island and stopping at *every* Avonlea spot imaginable, I had my chance.

We stopped at a seafood shack that had \$1.50 oysters that came from the pond down the road. We noticed that they had a 3 hour charter for \$40, if anything, it would be a nice boat ride!

I had the opportunity to chat with our captain Joey Gauthier, a 5th generation PEI fisherman. Joey gave me inside the scoop on farming mussels and oyster on the is-

land as well as some fishing tips.

We left the dock around 8 a.m. and the skies were perfect, the red cliffs are surely a site to see. Our mission was to catch Mackerel for bait and try our luck for some Cod about a mile off shore.

The Mackerel schools were unbelievable, everyone had two on a line each time they dipped in the water. (I'm still trying to get the scales off my camera!)

The Cod fishing was a little slow, but there were enough caught for everyone to take a meal home. This concept of sharing the fish was new to me. Every party boat



I've been on, I've seen at least one guy sitting on his fish so nobody takes it!

Overall, PEI is my new favorite place, can't wait to go back for Bluefin Tuna!

## Quonny Access Threatened

### Submitted by Mark Hudzin

I received a call from a Board member of another surfcasting club alerting me to a public hearing on proposed changes to the DEM's Park and Management Area Rules and Regulations. One of the proposed changes is a ban on parking at State property on the West side of the Quonny Breachway. The effect of the ban would be to end access to the Breachway by vehicle enjoyed for decades by fishermen who drive there to fish. I was asked to marshal the troops from our club to show our support. I attended the hearing held June 10th, and this is the gist of the issue, more or less:

There are several parcels of private property along the stretch to the West side of Quonny. It has never been lovey-dovey between the owner associations as far as access is concerned. The fact is anyone driving to the Breachway

is technically trespassing across each one of those parcels.

There's been more or less an understanding over the years that vehicle access is permitted for the associations and certain groups, but it's a tenuous one based on historical precedents and certain arrangements, not cut-and-dried rights of way. Those precedents have been challenged at times.

For example, back in the eighties one association used heavy equipment to put rocks across the road which the State made them remove. Some of the rocks are still there. In a recent incident someone put nailed plywood in the vehicle tracks which flattened the tires on a few vehicles.

It is possible that the proposal to ban parking on the State property at the Breachway was the result of a complaint filed with the DEM by the Nopes Island Association, the owners of the last parcel abutting

the State's land at the Breachway. That complaint was about trespassing on their property in order to reach that State property. If so, it's the latest move in a tug-of-war that I'm told has been going on for 47 years.

Mike Lapisky, Chief of the Division of Fish & Wildlife of the DEM, said that while they are ardent supporters of public access, they do not want to provide public access in a way that results in trespassing in order to get to it. That is their justification for putting the proposed parking ban into the regulations. They emphasized that anyone on foot or crossing the channel can still get there, and legally.

The issue was deferred for 30 days so lawyers and the like could look it over.

## Summer Recipe: Gorgonzola Butter



Try this butter to compliment your seafood or grilled meats. A piece placed top of a grilled tuna steak will make summer that much bet-

ter!

This recipe is used to make a compound butter. A compound butter is simply butter that is mixed with different ingredients. Use your imagination to see what you can come up with, this recipe will give

you a good start!

### Ingredients

1 lb Butter  
4 oz. crumbled Gorgonzola cheese  
2 cloves Garlic, minced  
6 fresh Basil leaves, sliced in strips

Parchment paper

1. Let butter stand at room temperature in large mix bowl.
2. Once soft, mix the remaining ingredients with the butter.

3. Grab a handful of the butter and form into a log.

4. Wrap the butter log in the parchment paper (just like you were wrapping a Tootsie Roll).

5. Place butter in freezer and slice frozen when needed.

This recipe can easily be multiplied and kept in the freezer to use throughout the year. Feel free to leave out the Gorgonzola if you aren't a cheese fan!

Send your recipes to:  
Tom@tomclune.com or see Tom Clune at the next meeting.