

2025 RHODE ISLAND RECREATIONAL

# Saltwater Fishing

## Ghostbusting the Bay

Ghost fishing gear removal from RI waters – Pg. 16



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Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management



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**Darian Ponte**

landed his personal best striped bass while fishing in Newport.



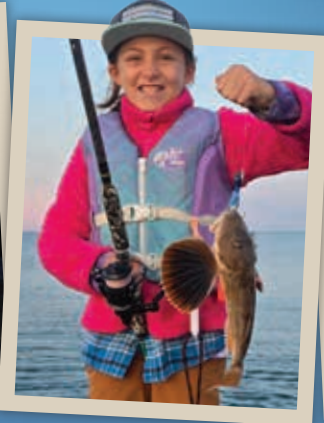
**Todd Treonze**

shows off a massive grey triggerfish landed from his kayak.



**Thomas Czernik**

shows off this incredible 60"+ tarpon caught while fishing from shore on Aquidneck Island.



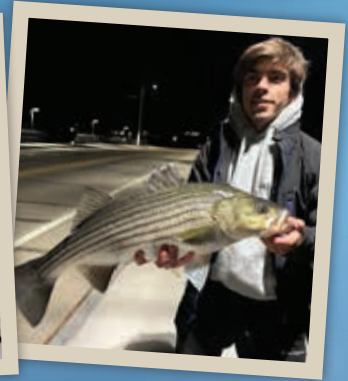
**Rosie Clifton**

caught this striped sea robin on a bucktail jig she tied herself!



**Ally Kudlacik**

with a beautiful mahi mahi caught off Block Island.



**Miguel Neves**

shows off a healthy striped bass caught while night fishing on the eastern side of the bay.



**Erin Connors**

landed her first keeper fluke from the East Wall in Point Judith.



**Chappy Nem**

found the bite while surfcasting at night in Narragansett.



**Jason Emond**

couldn't contain his excitement when he landed his first ever false albacore!



**Jesse Smith**

had a great time tautog fishing in the bay during the late fall.

Was "Deputy Chief Corinne Truesdale" meant to replace "Deputy Chief Julia Livermore" or be added (as-seen). Please clarify.



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# Saltwater Fishing



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# Welcome Letter

On behalf of Governor Dan McKee, I am excited to introduce the 13th annual **Rhode Island Saltwater Recreational Fishing Guide**. The Ocean State is home to some of the finest saltwater recreational fishing around. Whether you're casting a line in Narragansett Bay or exploring the coastal waters stretching from the south shore to Block Island and beyond, anglers here have endless opportunities to get hooked on the diversity and abundance of our local catch.

Fishing is a key part of Rhode Island's broader network of recreational activities, offering a unique way to connect people with nature, promoting well-being, attracting visitors, and uphold treasured traditions for local families. It's not only a vital aspect of our social and cultural identity but also a significant economic driver – contributing more than \$130 million annually to the state's economy. With more than 175,000 anglers aged 16 and older according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, it's clear that fishing is a popular pastime in the Ocean State!

This guide is written for both novice and seasoned anglers. Inside, you'll find valuable information on DEM's efforts to enhance recreational fishing opportunities, along with important guidance on fishing regulations. You'll also learn about DEM's collaborative initiative to introduce safe, fun, and responsible fishing practices to Rhode Island's Spanish-speaking families, discover a project focused on removing discarded "ghost" fishing gear from state waters, get updates on access-site improvements at Gull Cove in Portsmouth, and try a delicious scup ceviche recipe, courtesy of the RI Seafood Marketing Collaborative!

This publication is made possible by contributions from saltwater anglers, including funding from the federal Sportfish Restoration Program and the Rhode Island Recreational Saltwater License Program. Thanks to your support, DEM's Division of Marine Fisheries carries out a variety of programs that benefit recreational anglers while monitoring and conserving our local fish stocks. We work closely with recreational fishing organizations on initiatives like our FREE volunteer **AnglerCatch** mobile app, **launched** in 2022 in collaboration with the RI Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) and Harbor Lights Software. Additionally, we continue to engage in outreach and education programs, like this guide. Before you grab your poles and hit the water, don't forget to purchase a recreational saltwater fishing license through the Rhode Island Outdoors (RIO) online system at [RIO.ri.gov](http://RIO.ri.gov)!

Since 2016, DEM has partnered with RISAA to improve boating and fishing access across Rhode Island, ensuring anglers can easily reach their favorite spots, whether on the water or along the shore. These partnerships have led to initiatives such as the creation of dedicated shore fishing sites, the 'Vamos a Pescar' program, and the popular Youth Fishing Camp at Rocky Point State Park, which brings recreational fishing to young Rhode Islanders. There's nothing quite like the excitement of casting a line and reeling in that first fish, especially on beautiful Narragansett Bay. A big thank you to RISAA for bringing this camp to Rocky Point and inspiring a love of fishing – and of this state park – in our children. Efforts like these nurture the next generation of environmental stewards.

In addition to the fun it offers, saltwater fishing is a great way to enjoy fresh, delicious seafood. From bluefish to scup to our beloved summer flounder, Rhode Island is renowned for the abundance of seafood harvested year-round from our waters. Whether you fish for enjoyment or food, one thing remains true: you're part of a cherished tradition made possible by Rhode Island's amazing marine life.

I hope this guide enriches your recreational fishing experiences. Be safe, respect the great outdoors and each other, and enjoy the excitement of fishing in beautiful Rhode Island!

Terry Gray, PE, Director



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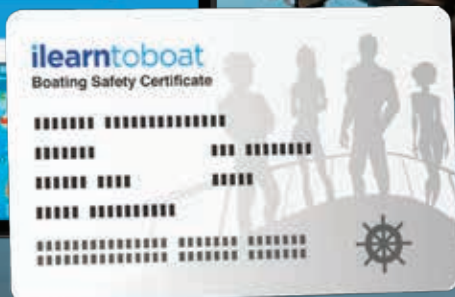
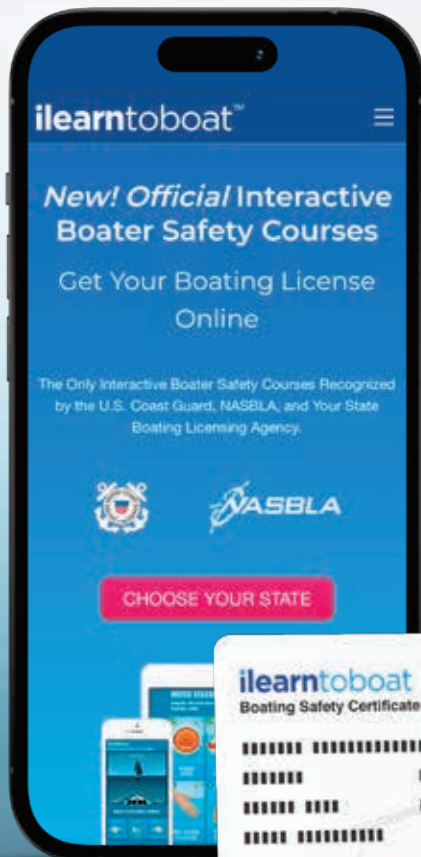
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# General Information

## Our Mission...

The Department of Environmental Management mission is to ensure that the freshwater, marine, and wildlife resources of the State of Rhode Island will be conserved and managed for equitable and sustainable use. The Department is divided into three separate divisions: Marine Fisheries, Freshwater Fisheries, and Wildlife Management.

The Division of Marine Fisheries conducts research and monitoring of marine species to support the effective management of finfish, crustaceans, and shellfish of commercial and recreational importance. Some of the programs and projects that the Division is responsible for to support the proper management of marine species are resource assessment surveys including the trawl survey and the Narragansett Bay and coastal pond seine surveys, as well as shellfish relaying and transplants, sea and port sampling, stock assessment modeling work, and aquaculture and dredging project permit reviews. The Division is also responsible for developing and maintaining a wide array of regulations on marine species including setting



Marine Fisheries Laboratory located in Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI

### Debris Decomposition Timeline

Glass bottle	1 million years
Monofilament fishing line	600 years
Plastic beverage bottle	450 years
Disposable diaper	450 years
Foamed plastic buoy	80 years
Aluminum can	80-100 years
Nylon fabric	50 years
Plastic bag	10-20 years
Cigarette filter	1-5 years
Untreated plywood	1-3 years
Cotton rope	1 year
Orange peel	2-5 weeks

seasons, size limits, harvest methods and equipment, and daily possession limits.

The Division provides information and outreach materials, including press releases, brochures, website, fact sheets, and this fishing guide to convey regulations and marine related topics to the regulated community and general public.

The Division also works closely and collaboratively with the Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council (RIMFC) to advise the DEM Director on a multitude of marine related matters.

If you have any questions about this guide or Rhode Island's marine recreational fisheries, please contact:

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## Rhode Island Environmental Police – Division of Law Enforcement

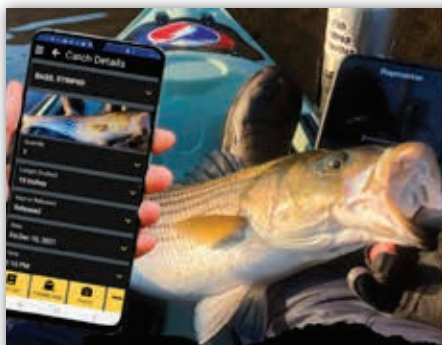
### Dean Hoxsie, Chief

The mission of the Environmental Police is to protect our natural resources and ensure compliance with all environmental conservation laws through law enforcement and education.

The history of the Environmental Police dates back to 1842 when the first game wardens were appointed to the Commission of Shellfisheries.

Today, Environmental Police Officers are sworn law enforcement officers who are responsible for patrolling and enforcing all laws, rules and regulations pertaining to the state's fish, wildlife, boating safety and marine resources as well as all criminal and motor vehicle laws within the state parks and management areas. Officers patrol over 60,000 acres of state land, 92 salt and freshwater boat launching and fishing areas, 300 miles of rivers and streams, and 417 miles of coastline. They are also cross-deputized with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. During their patrols, they educate the public on the protection of our natural resources and provide safety for the public while enjoying Rhode Island's outdoors.

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# Recreational Saltwater Fishing License

## What Rhode Island Anglers Need to Know

In order to fish recreationally in Rhode Island marine waters, and in offshore federal waters, anglers and spearfishers must have a RI Recreational Saltwater Fishing License, OR a Federal Registration, OR a license from a reciprocal state.



### Overview

The Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP, is a comprehensive nationwide data collection and reporting system being implemented by NOAA Fisheries. All RI license information, as well as that collected by NMFS and other states, will be incorporated into a national registry of recreational anglers, enabling the MRIP program to readily survey current fishermen and more accurately assess recreational catch and effort data. That information will lead to improved state-based assessments and more fair, accurate, and effective management programs for Rhode Island's marine recreational fisheries.

### Reciprocal States

Rhode Island residents may use their RI Recreational Saltwater Fishing License to fish in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine.

Saltwater Recreational Fishing License holders from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine need not obtain a RI Saltwater Recreational Fishing License if they possess a valid license from one of the states listed above.

Please refer to pages 22 and 25 for information on lobster, shellfish, and other recreational licenses.

## Recreational Saltwater Fishing License

License Type	Fee
RI residents (annually)	\$7.00
Non-residents (annually)	\$10.00
7-Day license	\$5.00

- Available online at: [rio.ri.gov](http://rio.ri.gov)
- Also available from certain bait & tackle shops. A list of vendors can be found at [dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/huntfish.php](http://dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/huntfish.php).
- Applies in all RI waters, all offshore federal waters, and in all neighboring state waters for finfish and squid.
- Free for RI residents over 65 and for active military stationed in RI.
- No license needed for children under 16, nor for anglers on party & charter boats. See website for additional exemptions.

## Dive Flag Awareness

SCUBA, skin-diving and snorkeling are all common activities in Rhode Island waters. When participating in any of these activities participants must display a flag warning boaters of their presence under water. Divers and boaters are required to follow the regulations below to ensure a safe and fun time above and below the water.

- Boaters must maintain a safe distance of 50 feet from a dive flag, unless the dive flag is in a place that obstructs navigation.
- A warning flag shall be placed on a buoy at a place of the diver's submergence. The flag shall be red in color and at least twelve by twelve inches (12" x 12") with a white stripe running from the diagonal corners and the stripe one quarter (1/4) as wide as the flag.
- If not placed on a buoy, a warning flag shall be conspicuously flown upon a vessel which the diver is then using in the area. This flag shall meet the description above, however, it shall be at least eighteen by eighteen inches (18" x 18").
- The flag must only be flown during diving activity and should be taken down during transit.
- No person shall use a dive flag in an area that obstructs navigation.
- Divers should ascend slowly and cautiously, ensuring that they are within the 50 foot safety zone around the flag.





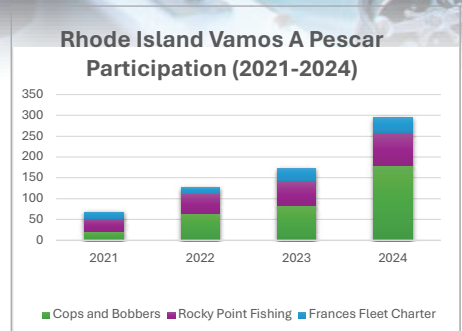
At the final event, participants had the chance to do some offshore fishing aboard the Lady Frances.

Erica Meier / RI DEM

## Vamos a Pescar!

By Kim Sullivan, Aquatic Resource Education Coordinator,  
RI DEM Division of Fish and Wildlife

It's another beautiful August day at the Galilee docks and a group of people file aboard the Frances Fleet's the F/V Lady Frances ready to depart for an afternoon of fishing.



This group of fishing enthusiasts is primarily composed of Spanish speaking families and youth bilingual leaders, accompanied by RI DEM staff (representing three divisions: Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement, and Marine Fisheries), USFWS Law Enforcement staff, USFWS Wildlife Refuge System staff, and Rhode Island Saltwater Angler Association volunteers. What is unique about this group is that they have only crossed paths over the summer by attending a series of fishing events coordinated by the Partnership for Providence Parks, the US Urban Wildlife Partnership, and RI DEM's Aquatic Resource Education and funded by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation's (RBFF) George H.W. Bush 'Vamos a Pescar' Education Fund.

So, what is *Vamos a Pescar*? Spanish for "let's go fishing", it is an initiative funded through a Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation grant focused on introducing safe and respon-

sible fishing to Rhode Island's Spanish speaking families. The main goal of Rhode Island's program is to introduce different types of fishing to newcomers using the Steppingstones of Engagement approach. This approach allows families to become familiar with fishing in their neighborhood and then gradually introduces them to fishing in other parts of the state. We do this by offering three main events: an introductory freshwater fishing event at Roger Williams Park, a saltwater fishing and clamming event at DEM's Rocky Point State Park, and a final charter fishing event. To accommodate RI's Spanish speaking families, bilingual youth leaders provide translation services, including on-site translation as well as direct translation of hand-out materials. The fishing events are not exclusive, and we have welcomed many non-Spanish speaking urban families to the events over the years.

2024 marked the Rhode Island's fourth year participating in the nationwide *Vamos a Pescar*

program and it was our most successful year yet! This year, the event at Roger Williams Park in collaboration with the USFWS "Cops and Bobbers" program. Providence police, DEM, and USFWS officers attend interacting with the participants and helping them learn to fish. Some officers are even learning themselves. Other organizations such as Audubon of RI, the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, the National Park Service, and DEM's Wildlife Outreach program, also attend this event, setting up fish and fish habitat focused tables. This year over 180 people attended the event, becoming Rhode Island's single largest fishing event ever!

The saltwater event at Rocky Point State Park also saw record numbers with over 99 people registered and 80 people attending. Participants had the opportunity to learn about saltwater fishing from shore and learn how to quahog. Save the Bay even brought a touch tank for the families to observe Rhode Island's ocean critters up close.



Rods at the ready for the first Vamos a Pescar event of the season: Cops and Bobbers.



Two young participants investigate their summer flounder catch.



Families line the shores of one of Roger Williams Park's ponds.

The third and final event was a charter trip aboard the F/V Lady Frances. Over the past four years, Frances Fleet has hosted the *Vamos a Pescar* participants. The charter experience includes providing all of the bait and tackle for the trip, deck mates to assist families with fishing, and fileting fish for families to bring home to cook. In order to participate in this event, the families had to participate in at least one of the previous fishing events. Staff from RIDEM, USFWS, and volunteers from Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) were present to also interact with the families and assist with the fishing. This year, even a juvenile great white shark made an appearance while participants were fishing!

At the conclusion of this program participants completed a survey and wrote about what they liked most about the events:

- *Learning to fish with help from the friendly staff.*
- *I like that many single parents may not have someone in their lives that takes them fishing, or even know someone who owns a boat- We saw a shark!*
- *Spending quality time with my kids and learning more about fishing and nature.*
- *Friendly, helpful staff who were very knowledgeable about all activities. Great having translators, very inclusive!*
- *Well organized! The overall opportunity to give my children that experience was amazing.*

The survey not only helped gauge the program's success, but it also identified areas where the program can improve the experience for next year. Such improvements include better communication and translations, as well as a call for more in-depth fishing instruction such as how to assemble a fishing rod. Overall, the survey allows the team to better serve the participants and demonstrates that the families want to learn more about fishing and the fish they are fishing for!

The Partnership for Providence Parks and RIDEM's Aquatic Resource Education program is already planning for the 2025 fishing season. We have again received the grant funds from RBFF and look forward to an even better season!

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# Striped Bass: What You Need to Know

## Circle Hooks

Circle hooks are required when fishing recreationally for striped bass with bait.



## Recreational Filleting of Striped Bass:

- No filleting of striped bass or possession of racks or fillets is permitted while actively fishing with lines in the water.
- Racks must be retained and kept whole (including the head, tail, and body) and no striped bass shall be mutilated in a manner that prevents accurate measurement.
- No more than 2 fillets should be taken from a legal striped bass; the equivalent of one fish per angler.
- **Private rec anglers:** racks must be retained until the vessel is secured to the dock or removed from the water and all fillets have been offloaded.
- **Party/charter:** racks must be retained until the vessel is secured to the dock or removed from the water, all paying passengers have disembarked, and all fillets have been offloaded.

## Slot Limit

Recreationally harvested striped bass must be between 28" and less than 31" when measuring with the tail fin pinched close.



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## Rhode Island Game Fish Award Program

Each year, RIDEM-Division of Fish & Wildlife recognizes anglers who have caught freshwater and saltwater game fish of notable size with our Game Fish Award program. To be eligible, an angler must catch a qualifying fish by rod and reel, tie-up or handline by legal means in Rhode Island waters. To accommodate both 'catch and release' and harvest fishing, the angler can either take a photo of the fish using a hand-scale and ruler or bring the catch to an official weigh station. The angler must then complete the Game Fish / State Record Award Application, available at [www.dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/natural-resources-divisions/fish-wildlife/freshwater-fishing/game-fish](http://www.dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/natural-resources-divisions/fish-wildlife/freshwater-fishing/game-fish). One award per year is issued for each species of game fish caught that meet the minimum size requirements listed to the right. The Game Fish Award goes to the angler with the largest catch in that species category. Game Fish Awards are mailed out in the spring of the following year the fish was caught.

## RI State Record Award

The Division of Fish and Wildlife maintains state records on each species of game fish caught in Rhode Island waters. To apply for an RI State Record, the angler must bring his or her legally-caught fish to an official weigh-in station. The fish must be identified, measured, and weighed on a Rhode Island certified, digital scale. The station operator must fill out a Game Fish/State Record Award Application and sign it. State Record Game Fish Awards are mailed out in the spring of the following year the fish was caught. For a list of official fish weigh-in locations and applications please visit [www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/records/index.php](http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/fish-wildlife/records/index.php).

## First Fish Award Program

First Fish Awards are available for children who catch their first fish in Rhode Island. To qualify, an angler must have caught a fish by rod and reel, tie-up or handline by legal means. Applications can be processed without the need for an official weigh-in. Below is the First Fish Award application. It can also be downloaded using the following link: [www.dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/natural-resources-divisions/fish-wildlife/freshwater-fishing/childrens](http://www.dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/natural-resources-divisions/fish-wildlife/freshwater-fishing/childrens). First Fish Awards are processed twice a year: once in the fall and prior to the opening day of the following year.

## Game Fish Award Qualifying Weights/Lengths (Except First Fish Awards)

Qualifying Saltwater Weights or Lengths					
<b>Black Sea Bass</b>	20"	4 lbs.	<b>Mako Shark</b>	90"	300 lbs.
<b>Blue Shark</b>	72"	80 lbs.	<b>Pollock</b>	36"	15 lbs.
<b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	90"	450 lbs.	<b>Scup</b>	13"	2.5 lbs.
<b>Bluefish</b>	32"	14 lbs.	<b>Spanish Mackerel</b>	24"	4.5 lbs.
<b>Bonito</b>	25"	8 lbs.	<b>Squeteague (Weakfish)</b>	24"	4.5 lbs.
<b>Chub Mackerel</b>	14"	1 lb.	<b>Striped Bass*</b>	48"	50 lbs.
<b>Cobia</b>	48"	50 lbs.	<b>Summer Flounder</b>	25"	6 lbs.
<b>Cod</b>	38"	20 lbs.	<b>Swordfish</b>	70"	170 lbs.
<b>False Albacore</b>	24"	5 lbs.	<b>Tautog</b>	23"	10 lbs.
<b>Grey Triggerfish</b>	17"	3 lbs.	<b>Wahoo</b>	50"	4 lbs.
<b>Haddock</b>	30"	10 lbs.	<b>White Marlin</b>	72"	70 lbs.
<b>Hickory Shad</b>	18"	2 lbs.	<b>Winter Flounder</b>	16"	3 lbs.
<b>King Mackerel</b>	19"	3 lbs.	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	56"	125 lbs.
<b>Mackerel</b>	15"	1 lb.			
<b>Mahi Mahi (common dolphinfish)</b>	30"	8 lbs.			

\* Striped bass not eligible due to slot size limit.

## Completed Applications

Please send all completed applications to: RIDEM- Fish & Wildlife, 1B Camp E-Hun-Tee Place, Exeter, RI 02822, for verification and processing. For questions about any of these award programs, email [kimberly.sullivan@dem.ri.gov](mailto:kimberly.sullivan@dem.ri.gov) or call (401) 539-0037.



## First Fish Award



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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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WHERE YOU CAUGHT THE FISH: \_\_\_\_\_

WEIGHT OF FISH: \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH OF FISH (tip of snout to tip of tail): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (parent, grandparent, or other responsible adult): \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: RI Division of Fish and Wildlife / Aquatic Resource Education Program  
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# Fishing Knots

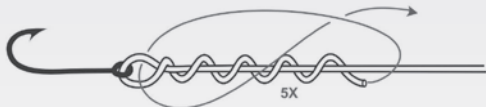
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## Improved Clinch Knot

The improved clinch knot has become one of the most popular knots for tying terminal tackle connections. It is quick and easy to tie and is strong and reliable.

The knot can be difficult to tie in lines in excess of 30 lb test. Five+ turns around the standing line is generally recommended, four can be used in heavy line. This knot is not recommended with braided lines.



1. Thread end of the line through the eye of the hook, swivel or lure. Double back and make five or more turns around the standing line. Bring the end of the line through the first loop formed behind the eye, then through the big loop.



2. Wet knot and pull slightly on the tag end to draw up coils. Pull on the standing line to form knot with coils pressed neatly together.

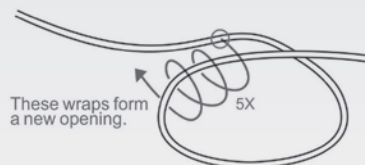


3. Slide tight against eye and clip tag end.

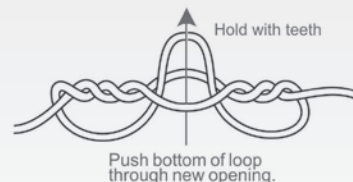
## Dropper Loop Knot

This knot forms a loop anywhere on a line. Hooks or other tackle can then be attached to the loop.

1. Form a loop in the line at the desired location. Pull line from one side of loop down and pass it through and around that side of loop. Make 5+ wraps around the loop, keeping a thumb or forefinger in the new opening which is formed.



2. Press bottom of original loop up through new opening and hold with teeth. Wet knot with saliva and pull both ends in opposite directions.



3. Pull ends of line firmly until coils tighten and loop stands out from line.



## Summer Flounder Tagging Project

The Rhode Island Division of Marine Fisheries (RI DMF) is conducting a project that seeks to describe summer flounder stock dynamics in Rhode Island state waters with the objective of supporting science-based management of the resource, particularly in relation to recent declines in the availability of summer flounder to nearshore recreational anglers.

A major component of this project consists of a mark-recapture study using conventional disc tags. The low cost and relative ease in applying these tags to marine species makes them a desirable tool when looking to achieve a high sample size with a large team of scientists. However, as a mark-recapture tagging technique, movement inference on tagged fish is reliant on people/the public recapturing the tagged fish and reporting the recaptured fish to scientists. Peterson disc tags, each with their own serial number and the phone number of the project team, will be deployed on sub-adult and adult summer flounder, with a goal of tagging up to 1000 flounder over the course of the study. Tags will be deployed by recreational anglers within the private and for-hire sectors by working with the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA) and the Rhode Island Party and Charter Boat Association (RIPCBA).

Anglers will be asked to tag fish caught below minimum legal size, and any legal sized fish they release. Information requested from anglers when tagging the fish will include the serial tag number, date, location (latitude and longitude), size (length, and weight when possible) of the fish, and the depth the fish was obtained from. Harvesters tagging fish will be asked to email a scanned copy or photo of the completed tagging form, or to have them mailed or dropped off with the project team. Disc tags will contain the phone number of RI DMF, where harvesters can call in to report information on recaptured fish.



An example of a yellow Peterson disc tag shown on a winter flounder.

As an extra incentive, anglers who catch and report a tagged fish will be rewarded with an RI DMF summer flounder hat! So, if you catch a tagged fluke this summer, be sure to let us know so you can show off your support of science-based management and keeping RI fisheries sustainable.



## For-hire Vessel Permitting and Reporting



### For-hire Vessel Permitting

If you are a for-hire captain fishing in federal waters (3-200 miles offshore) for one of the species listed below, you must have a valid Greater Atlantic region Vessel Charter/Party Permit. Vessel operators are also required to have a Federal Vessel Operator Permit.

- Summer Flounder
- Black Sea Bass
- Scup
- Atlantic Mackerel
- Squid
- Bluefish
- Chub
- Mackerel
- Lobster
- Butterfish
- Golden Tilefish (North of NC/VA border)
- Blueline Tilefish (North of NC/VA border)
- New England Groundfish including cod, haddock, pollack, hakes and flounders (i.e. "Northeast multispecies")

However, if you have a Northeast Multispecies Limited Access Permit, you do not need the Northeast Multispecies Charter/Party Permit to carry passengers for hire on groundfish trips.

### For-hire Vessel Trip Reporting

Once you have a federal permit, you must report your catch.

- If you only have a groundfish permit, you must submit vessel trip reports weekly, either electronically or by paper.
- If you have a for-hire permit for any other species listed above, you must submit vessel trip reports electronically within 48 hours of the end of your for-hire trip.

### Lobster Only Vessels

- If you only have a lobster permit and no other federal permits (commercial or for-hire), no federal reporting is required at this time.



- Sign up for email and text alerts
- Fishing regulations
- Fishing and charter/ party fleet permits
- Charter / party fleet reporting
- Marine Recreational Information Program
- Best practices and ethical angling
- Fish Identification



## Your Fishing Counts!

When you share information about your saltwater fishing trip with a state field interviewer, you're playing a key role in keeping fisheries healthy and sustainable.

Here's how you support the Marine Recreational Information Program:

You may be interviewed at a marina, boat ramp, pier, or beach.

Your information is combined with commercial catch and other data.

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Managers set rules to keep stocks sustainable.

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# 2025 Recreational Regulations

## Size, Season and Possession Limits

Species	Minimum Size	Open Season	Possession Limit
<b>American Eel</b>	9"	Open year round	25 eels/person/day or 50 eels/vsl/day for licensed party/charter vessels
<b>Black Sea Bass</b> (shore & private)	16.5"	May 22 - Aug. 26	2 fish/person/day
		Aug. 27 - Dec. 31	3 fish/person/day
<b>Black Sea Bass</b> (party and charter)	16"	June 18 - Aug. 31	2 fish/person/day
		Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	6 fish/person/day
<b>Bluefish</b> (shore and private / rental boat)	No minimum	Open year round	3 fish/person/day
<b>Bluefish</b> (party and charter)	No minimum	Open year round	5 fish/person/day
<b>River Herring</b> (alewives and blueback herring) & <b>American Shad</b>	Prohibited Species		
<b>Scup</b> (private / rental boat)	11"	May 1 - Dec. 31	30 fish/person/day
<b>Scup</b> (shore)	9.5"	May 1 - Dec. 31	30 fish/person/day
<b>Scup</b> (party and charter)	11"	May 1 - Aug. 31	30 fish/person/day
		Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	40 fish/person/day
		Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	30 fish/person/day
<b>Striped Bass</b> *	Slot Limit: Minimum Size 28" Maximum Size <31"	Open year round	1 fish/person/day within the slot limit
<b>Summer Flounder</b> (general)	19"	April 1 - Dec. 31	6 fish/person/day
<b>Summer Flounder</b> (special shore)**	17" (See Possession Limit)	April 1 - Dec. 31	2 fish @ 17" person/day
<b>Tautog</b> (Blackfish) Max of 10 fish/vses/day during all periods, except licensed party / charter boats	16" Max 1 fish >21"	Apr. 1 - May 31	3 fish/person/day
		June 1 - July 31	CLOSED
		Aug. 1 - Oct. 14	3 fish/person/day
		Oct. 15 - Dec. 31	5 fish/person/day
<b>Weakfish</b> (Squeteague)	16"	Open year round	1 fish/person/day
<b>Winter Flounder</b> *** (Blackback)	12"	Mar. 1 - Dec. 31	2 fish/person/day

\* See pg. 8 for more comprehensive striped bass information, including fillet and circle hook regulations.

\*\* Special Shore Areas: While fishing from shore in the following areas, above special shore possession limits apply: India Point Park in Providence, Conimicut Park in Warwick, Stone Bridge in Tiverton, East and West walls in Narragansett, Rocky Point in Warwick, Fort Adams in Newport, and Fort Wetherill in Jamestown.

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Species	Weight	Length	Date	Location	Angler
Atlantic Mackerel	1 lb. 1.6 oz.	14 in.	11/1981		T. Rovinelli - Providence, RI
Bluefin Tuna	1142 lbs. 12 oz.		09/1971	Block Island	J. Dempsey
Bluefish	26 lbs.		08/1981		D. Deziel - Woonsocket, RI
Bonito	13 lbs.		10/1995	Westerly	R. Gliottone - Exeter, RI
Chub Mackerel	1.52 lbs.	14.75 in.	07/2022	Point Judith	A. Bierly - Catawissa, PA
Cod	71 lbs.		06/1965		M. Deciantis - Warwick, RI
False Albacore	16.2 lbs.	32 in.	09/2022	The Gully	T. Craig - Bronx, NY
Gray Triggerfish	4 lbs. 8 oz.	22 in.	10/2021		G. Castonguay - Berkley, MA
Hickory Shad	2 lbs. 11 oz.	20 in.	11/1989	Narrow River	M. Pickering - Lincoln, RI
Scup	5 lbs.	20.25 in.	10/1990		J. Yurwitz - Block Island, RI
Black Sea Bass	8 lbs. 7.25 oz.	26 in.	10/1981	Block Island	K. McDuffie - Pascoag, RI
Squeteague	16 lbs. 8.72 oz.	36 in.	05/2007	Greenwich Bay	R. Moeller - N. Kingstown, RI
Striped Bass	77 lbs. 6.4 oz.	52 in.	06/2011	Block Island	P. Vican - E. Greenwich, RI
Summer Flounder	17 lbs. 8 oz.		1962	Narrow River	G. Farmer - Warwick, RI
Tautog	22 lbs. 5.28 oz.	33 in.	10/2024	Newport	G. Simms - Hamilton, NJ
Winter Flounder	6 lbs. 7 oz.	23 in.	08/1990	Galilee	A. Pearson - Cranston, RI
Yellowfin Tuna	265 lbs.	6 ft.	10/1997	The Dip	R. Hughes - Arlington, MA

If you believe you've caught a new Rhode Island State Record, bring it to an official weigh-in station to be weighed and measured using a digital scale. State record catches are determined annually once all data are received for that year. For a complete list of state records and official weigh-in stations, visit <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/fish-wildlife/reports-publications/sportfish-records>



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### How to Properly Measure a Fish

**Total length:** is the maximum length of the fish, from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. The best way to obtain this length is to push the fish's snout up against a vertical surface with the mouth closed and the fish laying along or on top of a tape measure.

Measure to the tip of the tail to determine the total length. **Do NOT use a flexible tape measure along the curve of the fish.** When measuring black sea bass, do **NOT** include the tendrils on the caudal fin.



The Correct Way to Determine Total Length Measurement

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## Your Data Makes a Difference

NOAA Fisheries works closely with the Rhode Island Division of Marine Fisheries to gather quality recreational fishing data from anglers like you.



This information—alongside separate commercial, biological, and observer data—is used by marine scientists, regional fishery management councils, and fisheries commissions to help inform stock assessments and fisheries management decisions.

Taking a few minutes to share information about your fishing trip is **one of the most important contributions you can make** for the successful conservation and management of our marine fisheries resources.



You are our **eyes and ears on the water**, and the central source of the information we use to estimate recreational fishing activity.

**Please note:** Field interviewers play no role in law enforcement. We value your privacy. Any personal information collected is kept confidential.

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## Meet Your Interviewers

Rhode Island Division of Marine Fisheries' specially trained interviewers visit marinas, boat ramps, beaches, piers, and other public fishing access sites to survey anglers as they complete their fishing trips. We are committed to increasing the quantity and quality of catch information collected from anglers, as well as improving our outreach to the recreational saltwater community. Together, we can become true partners in sustainable fishing.



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## A New Way to Get Involved in the Recreational Fishery!

### Rhode Island's Catch Card Pilot Program

Your catch tells a story—make sure it's counted! The Rhode Island Division of Marine Fisheries is launching the **Catch Card Pilot Program** (May–October 2025) to collect valuable data on fish caught and released by recreational anglers. This voluntary program will help improve fisheries management by providing a clearer picture of catch-and-release trends.

#### How It Works

Participating anglers will receive a **catch card, pencil, and tape measure** to record key details, including:

- **Trip Information** – Fishing method (shore or private boat), targeted species, fishing depth, distance from shore, trip duration.
- **Released Catch** – Species of released fish, with priority species measured to the nearest ¼ inch.

#### Submitting Your Catch Card

Anglers can submit completed cards by:

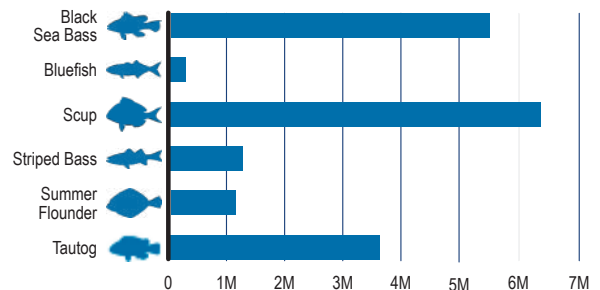
- **Mail** (pre-paid postage included)
- **In-Person** (returning to an APAIS interviewer on-site)
- **Email** (photo submission to [DEM.catchcard@dem.ri.gov](mailto:DEM.catchcard@dem.ri.gov))

#### Why It Matters

By participating, anglers contribute as **citizen scientists**, helping to refine stock assessments, improve regulations, and ensure sustainable fisheries. The data collected will provide a more complete understanding of Rhode Island's fisheries, supporting conservation strategies and fair management decisions.

Join us in shaping the future of recreational fishing! For more information, contact **Michael Bucko** at (401) 783-2304.

## What's biting in Rhode Island?



Preliminary estimates of fish caught by recreational anglers in 2024. Source: NOAA Fisheries

# Recipe: Scup Ceviche

## RECIPE:

# Scup Ceviche

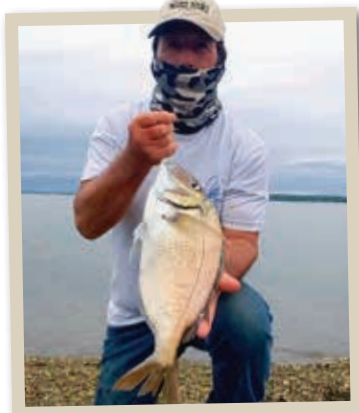


### Ingredients:

- 1 lb scup fillets
- 1 jalapeño diced
- 1 avocado sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Juice of 1 lemon, lime, and orange
- 5 cherry tomatoes diced
- 1/2 medium red onion diced
- 1/2 cup pineapple diced
- Tajin seasoning to taste

### Directions:

1. Cut jalapeño, cherry tomatoes, onion, and pineapple and add to bowl.
2. Add juice from lemon, lime, and orange to bowl and mix.
3. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Cut scup fillets into bite-size pieces and add to bowl.
5. Slice avocado and add to ceviche mix.
6. Add tajin to taste.
7. Let scup marinate in citrus for at least one hour.
8. Serve with tortilla chips.



John Migliori shows off a dinner plate-sized scup caught from shore in Newport.

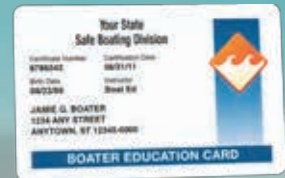


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# Removing Ghost Fishing Gear from Rhode Island Waters

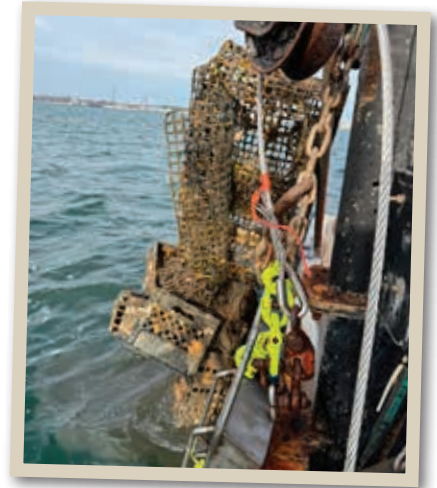
By Dr. Susan Inglis, Senior Research Associate, Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation

**Abandoned, lost, and discarded fishing gear, also known as ghost gear, can have wide-ranging impacts on our marine environment. From ecological damage to navigational safety hazards and economic losses for fishermen, ghost gear is an issue with many potential negative consequences.**

Commercial traps and pots are a primary gear type used by harvesters in Narragansett Bay to target lobster, whelk, scup, tautog, and black sea bass, among others. Fish traps and pots are referred to as 'fixed gear' as they are set in coastal waters and left to fish in place unattended. Fixed gear is susceptible to damage and loss due to boat traffic and tidal or storm events. In addition, Narragansett Bay supports many different types of recreational and commercial marine activities in a relatively small area, providing an environment particularly susceptible to fishing gear interactions and loss. It is not uncommon for recreational anglers to get a line snagged on this ghost gear,

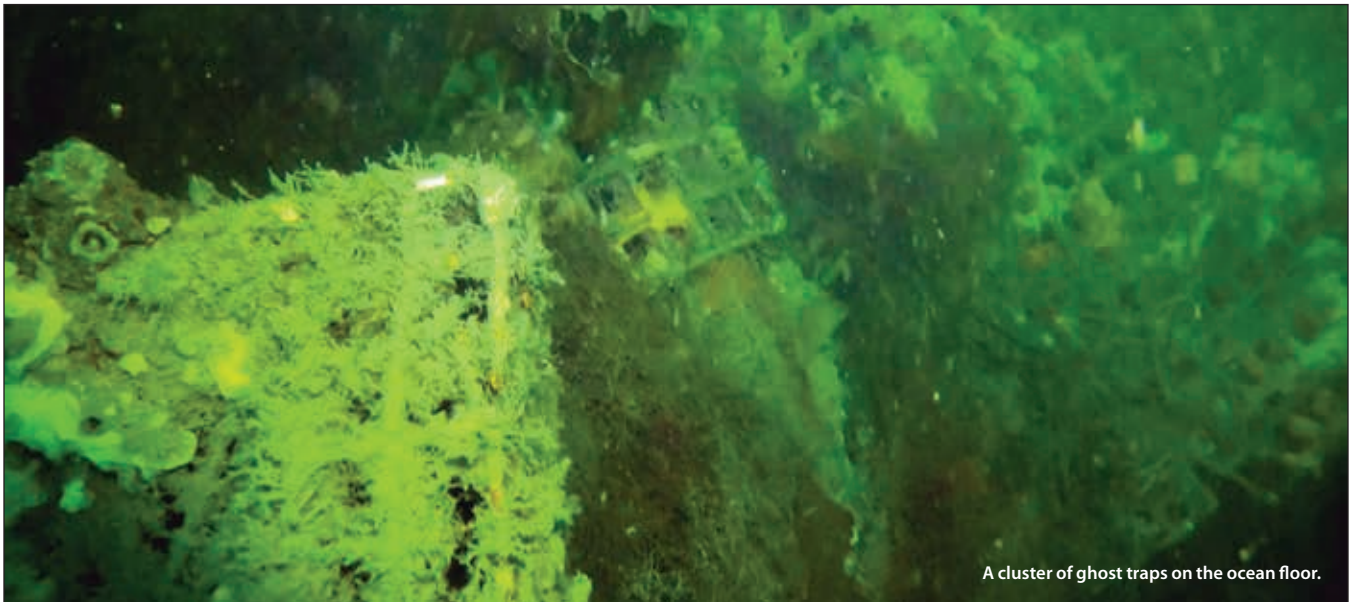
which can result in frustration and lost fish or equipment (while further exacerbating the problem when discarded fishing line is left behind). A side scan sonar survey of Narragansett Bay conducted in August 2023 found thousands of ghost fishing traps, emphasizing the magnitude of the problem.

Several years ago, commercial fishermen approached the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (CFRF) with concerns over the amount of ghost fishing gear they were encountering in Narragansett Bay and offshore Rhode Island waters. The CFRF is a non-profit, private foundation established by commercial fishermen to conduct collaborative fisheries research



A bundle of ghost traps.

and education projects that promote sustainable fisheries. To help address these concerns, the CFRF established and operates a comprehensive ghost fishing gear removal program that works with local commercial fishermen, the Rhode Island Department of Environ-



A cluster of ghost traps on the ocean floor.

mental Management, the University of Rhode Island, and other marine debris organizations to identify, remove, and recycle ghost fishing gear from Rhode Island waters.

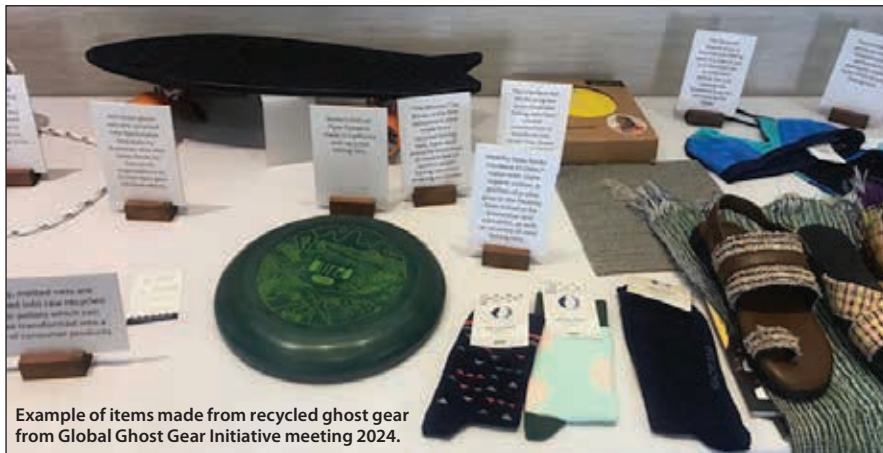
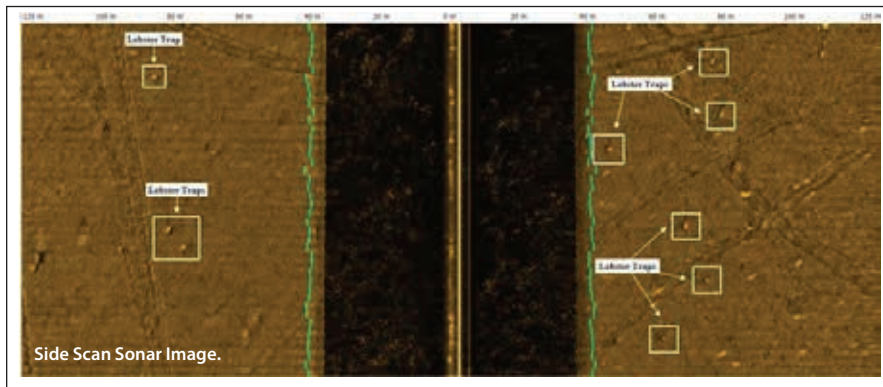
The first step in the CFRF's ghost gear removal program is to survey fishermen on where they encounter ghost gear and create a map of the locations of potential targets for removal. Guided by this map, the CFRF then conducts a side scan sonar survey in the targeted areas to visually verify the quantity and type of ghost gear. The sonar images provide the CFRF with details to determine the best method to safely retrieve the gear.

Since 2023, the CFRF works annually with local commercial fishing vessels to finalize a plan of action to remove targets based on fishermen's knowledge of the area and the side scan sonar results. Depending on the type of gear being targeted, the CFRF use either a single grapple or multiple grapple system for removal. The grapple is slowly towed along the sea floor until it encounters the target debris for removal. The debris is then transferred to an electric hauler and brought on board the vessel. Everything that comes aboard is carefully processed by onboard CFRF scientists. We take photos and collect data on the category of marine debris, fishing gear type, the condition and age of the gear, any species observed in the gear, and other metrics that are included in the data collection and sharing plan. Over the course of this program, numerous ghost traps over 20 years old have been retrieved.

Once on shore, all retrieved marine debris is sorted; gear with property tags or workable gear is set aside so it can be reunited with its owner, while the rest of the gear is sorted by material (metal, plastics, rope, nets, etc.) for recycling or disposal. The CFRF has established partnerships with Net Your Problem, Mid-City Steel, and the University of Rhode Island to recycle as much of the ghost fishing gear as possible and explore new ways to reuse these materials. It is amazing what can be made using materials from recycled fishing gear, including artwork, clothing, and skateboards!

Outreach is an important part of all CFRF projects, and we host an annual "Ghost Gear" meeting in the fall to discuss with local communities the results of our removal activities as well as some preventative measures to reduce interactions with fishing gear. For example, depending on the target species, fixed commercial fishing gear is generally comprised of either a bottom trawl line with multiple traps or a gillnet. Since the gear is not visible from the surface, the location of the fishing gear is identified on either side of the line with surface buoys. Avoiding anchoring between these buoys can help reduce lost fishing gear.

While we continue removing ghost gear present in Narragansett Bay, we are also expanding our efforts and will begin working to reduce ghost gear offshore this summer. Keep in touch with our ghost gear removal program and upcoming events and ways to support our efforts at [www.cfrfoundation.org](http://www.cfrfoundation.org).



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# Commonly Caught Species

Fish illustrations by Robert Jon Golder.

## Common Fish



### Winter flounder (Blackback)

**Scientific Name:** *Pseudopleuronectes americanus*

**Identification:** Nearly straight lateral line and blunt snout. Eyes on right side.



### Summer flounder (Fluke)

**Scientific Name:** *Paralichthys dentatus*

**Identification:** Eyes on left side. Large mouth with teeth.



### Tautog (Blackfish)

**Scientific Name:** *Tautoga onitis*

**Identification:** Highly arched head, blunt snout and thick lips.



### Black Sea Bass

**Scientific Name:** *Centropristis striata*

**Identification:** Gray, brown or blue-black. Rounded caudal fin.



### Striped Bass

**Scientific Name:** *Morone saxatilis*

**Identification:** Grayish-green above, silvery on sides with distinct horizontal stripes.



### Bluefish

**Scientific Name:** *Pomatomus saltatrix*

**Identification:** Series of stout conical teeth, and first dorsal fin is much lower than the second with 7-9 dorsal spines.



### Weakfish (Squeteague)

**Scientific Name:** *Cynoscion regalis*

**Identification:** Long second dorsal fin, slender body and absent chin barbel.



### Scup (Porgy)

**Scientific Name:** *Stenotomus chrysops*

**Identification:** Silvery, iridescent. Concave dorsal profile, small teeth and lunate pointed tail.



### Atlantic cod

**Scientific Name:** *Gadus morhua*

**Identification:** Pale lateral line, chin barbel, large eyes, square tipped tail and spotted color pattern.



### Striped Seabream

**Scientific Name:** *Prionotus evolans*

**Identification:** Large wing-like pectoral fins and distinct dark stripe along either side of body.



### American eel

**Scientific Name:** *Anguilla rostrata*

**Identification:** Dorsal fin begins far behind the pectoral fin, and the lower jaw projects beyond upper jaw.



### Alewife and Blueback Herring (River Herring)

**Scientific Name:** *Alosa pseudoharengus* and *Alosa aestivalis*

**Identification:** Deep body and spot located just behind the gill cover.



### Monkfish (Goosefish)

**Scientific Name:** *Lophius americanus*

**Identification:** Depressed body and huge mouth.



### Smooth dogfish

**Scientific Name:** *Mustelus canis*

**Identification:** Small, slender shark with spineless dorsal fins.



### Atlantic menhaden

**Scientific Name:** *Brevoortia tyrannus*

**Identification:** Large scaleless head nearly one third total body length.

## Common Invertebrates



### American Lobster

**Scientific Name:** *Homarus americanus*  
**Identification:** Greenish brown with blue patches near joints of appendages.



### Atlantic Rock Crab

**Scientific Name:** *Cancer irroratus*  
**Identification:** Beige or yellowish shell with numerous closely spaced purple-brown spots. Very common.



### Green Crab

**Scientific Name:** *Carcinus maenas*  
**Identification:** Usually dark green. Found under rocks and in intertidal zones. Very common.



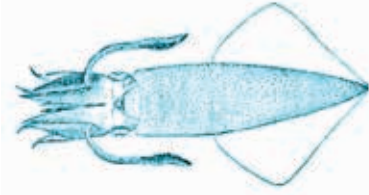
### Blue Crab

**Scientific Name:** *Callinectes sapidus*  
**Identification:** Blueish gray shell. Fingers of claws are bright blue in males and red in females.



### Horseshoe Crab

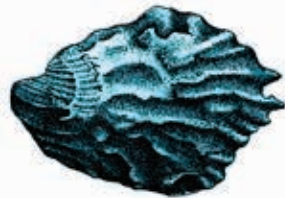
**Scientific Name:** *Limulus polyphemus*  
**Identification:** Olive green or brownish shell. Long spike-like tail.



### Atlantic Longfin Squid

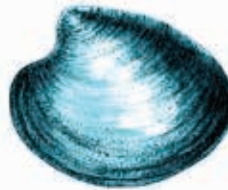
**Scientific Name:** *Loligo pealeii*  
**Identification:** White or translucent gray with tiny red or purple spots with expand and contract.

## Common Shellfish



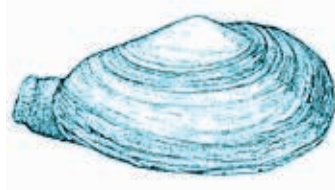
### Eastern Oyster

**Scientific Name:** *Crassostrea virginica*  
**Identification:** Grayish white, variable shape, found at or below low tide level.



### Northern Quahaug (Hard Shell Clam)

**Scientific Name:** *Mercenaria mercenaria*  
**Identification:** Shell ranges from light gray to black. Found in shallow water.



### Soft Shell Clam (steamer)

**Scientific Name:** *Mya arenaria*  
**Identification:** Chalky white shell. Lives deeply burrowed in sediment. Common in intertidal zone and shallow water.



### Blue Mussel

**Scientific Name:** *Mytilus edulis*  
**Identification:** Blue or blue-black. Common in beds near low tide and attaches to rocks and shells with fibers.



### Channeled & Knobbed Whelk

**Scientific Name:** *Busycotypus canaliculatus* & *Busycyon carica*.  
**Identification:** Grooved or knobbed beige or yellowish gray shell. Often covered with a hairy outer shell layer. Distinctive egg case.



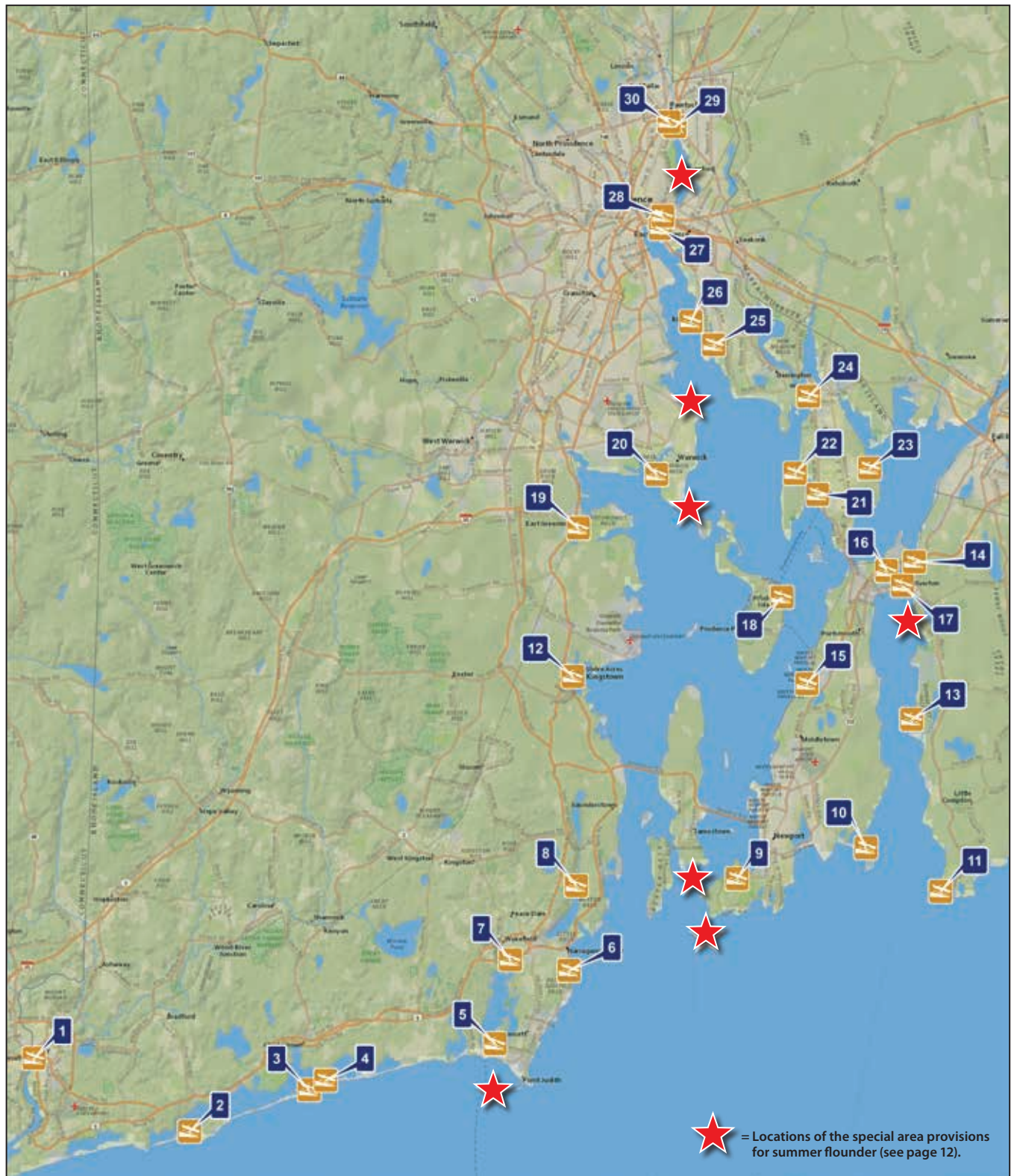
### Common Periwinkle

**Scientific Name:** *Littorina littorea*  
**Identification:** Usually brown, black or gray shell, sometimes will white spiral lines. Most common periwinkle in the rocky intertidal zone.

# Access Sites

Please see below for a map of saltwater boating access sites throughout Rhode Island. The sites are State-owned and currently in usable condition. A list of these locations with brief descriptions is found on page 21. More boating access sites, such as town-owned ramps, and additional information can be found on the Marine Fisheries website at <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/fish-wildlife/freshwater-fishing/public-boat-launching-sites#salt>.

When utilizing these boating access sites, please be respectful of other users and properly dispose of all trash and waste.



Town	Site #	Name	Description	Depth at MLW
<b>Westerly</b>	1	Main Street	Main St., concrete slab ramp	4 ft.
<b>Charlestown</b>	2	Quonochontaug Breachway	Off West Beach Rd., concrete plank ramp	3 ft.
	3	Charlestown Breachway	West end of Charlestown Beach Rd., linked concrete slabs	3 ft.
	4	Charlestown	Off of Charlestown Beach Rd. Natural Shoreline, gravel base	N/A
<b>Narragansett</b>	5	Galilee	Corner of Galilee Rd., and Great Island Rd., southeast side of Great Island Bridge. Linked concrete planks - double ramp	4 ft.
	6	Monahan's Dock	East Side of Ocean Rd., at South Pier Rd., concrete - steep drop	3 - 4 ft.
<b>South Kingstown</b>	7	Marina Park	Route 1., concrete slabs	N/A
	8	Narrow River	Off Middlebridge Rd. on Pollock Ave., concrete planks	3 ft.
<b>Newport</b>	9	Fort Adams	Off Harrison Ave.	3 ft.
<b>Middletown</b>	10	Third Beach	Concrete ramp. Parking fee when beach is open	N/A
<b>Little Compton</b>	11	Sakonnet Point	Sakonnet Point Rd. (Rt. 77). North side of Town Landing Rd., linked concrete planks	2 ft.
<b>North Kingstown</b>	12	Wilson Park	East end of Intrepid Dr., off Post Rd., Rt. 1, near fire station. Linked concrete plank - moderately steep	3 ft.
<b>Tiverton</b>	13	Fogland	End of Fogland Rd., at High Hill Rd. Linked concrete planks	N/A
	14	Sakonnet River Bridge	Underneath new Sakonnet bridge., off Riverside Dr. concrete planks, strong currents	N/A
<b>Portsmouth</b>	15	Weaver Cove	On Burma Rd. South of Melville complex. Concrete slabs	4 ft.
	16	Gull Cove	Accessed via turnoff from RI 138 E/24 E. Linked concrete planks	2 ft.
	17	Stone Bridge	Off Rte. 138 at junction of Park Ave and Point Rd., at Teddy's Beach	3 ft.
<b>Prudence Island</b>	18	Homestead	On Prudence Island, off Narragansett Ave., north of Prudence Variety	N/A
<b>East Greenwich</b>	19	Greenwich Cove	Pole #6, Crompton Ave. Concrete slab	N/A
<b>Warwick</b>	19	Goddard	Goddard State Park	N/A
	20	Oakland Beach	Warwick Cove. Oakland Beach Ave. Take last left. East side of Oakland Beach. Concrete ramp	<4 ft.
<b>Bristol</b>	21	Independence Park	At the foot of Church St., off of Rt. 114. Linked concrete slab	N/A
	22	Colt State Park	Off of Hope St. (Rt. 114), concrete ramp	4 ft.
	23	Annawamscutt	Annawamscutt Dr., off Metacom Ave. (Rt. 136), past Veteran's Home. Linked concrete planks	>2 ft.
<b>Warren</b>	24	Warren	West side of Water St., at Wheaton St., cement slab	N/A
<b>Barrington</b>	25	Haines Park	On Bullock's Cove, off Metropolitan Park Dr. concrete slab	4 ft.
<b>East Providence</b>	26	Sabin Point	Off Bulluck's Point Ave. Hard packed Sand	N/A
	27	Bold Point	Off Veteran's Memorial Pkwy., via Mauran Ave. at the end of Pier Rd. Concrete slab	4 ft.
<b>Providence</b>	28	Gano Park	End of of East Transit St. Concrete slab	N/A
<b>Pawtucket</b>	29	Festival Pier	End of Tim Healey Way, off of School St. (Rt. 114). Concrete slab	N/A
	30	Pawtucket	East side of Taft St., just south of Rt. 95 bridge. Linked concrete planks	N/A

\* Please note that some boating access sites may require a permit or fee for parking and/or use.

N/A= Information not available

# Lobster/Crab Regulations

## Recreational Lobster License

- Available to Rhode Island residents only
- Allows for personal use only (not for sale)



Types of licenses available:

Lobster	
Non-Commercial Pot License	\$40.00 yr
Non-Commercial Diver License	\$40.00 yr

Licenses can be obtained through the Office of Boat Registration and Licensing located at 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.

- All lobsters must be measured IMMEDIATELY.
- Those measuring less than 3-3/8" carapace length must be returned immediately to the water from which taken.
- The POSSESSION of egg-bearing or v-notched lobsters is prohibited.
- Mandatory v-notching of all egg-bearing females in LCMA 2 (includes all RI state waters).
- No person shall raise or unduly disturb any lobster pot or trap within the territorial waters of this State between the hours of one (1) hour after sundown and one (1) hour before sunrise.
- Recreational possession limit for licensed residents:
  - » Pots – 5 pots/recreational license
  - » Divers – 8 lobsters/day

## Blue Crabs

- State Residents Only – no license needed



- All Blue Crabs measuring less than 5" spike to spike shall be returned to the water immediately.
- No person shall possess, take, or attempt to take more than 25 blue crabs from any of the waters in this state.
- The POSSESSION of egg-bearing crabs is prohibited.

**\*\*This is only a brief summary of the RI Division of Marine Fisheries regulations. For more information or to view the actual regulations please visit RIDFW's website at: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/marine-fisheries-regulations>\*\***

## Life Jackets; Wear Them!

- Always remember to wear a life jacket.
- Make sure your life jacket is U.S.C.G. approved.
- Take the time to ensure a proper fit.
- Life jackets meant for adults do not work for children.
- Children under 13 years old must wear a life jacket.
- All operators and passengers of canoes, kayaks, sailboards, kiteboards, paddleboards, and any other paddle craft must always wear a United States Coast Guard (USCG)-approved PFD while underway regardless of age.



# Equipment Regulations



## Escape Vents (Lobster, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Pots)

Minimum size	Lobster	Scup	Black Sea Bass
Rectangular	2" x 5-3/4"	2-1/4" x 5-3/4"	1-3/8" x 5-3/4"
Square	None	2-1/4" x 2-1/4"	2" X 2"
Two Circular	2-5/8" diameter	3.1" diameter	2.5" diameter

## Diving Baskets

Bar Spacing	1" x 2-1/2" minimum
Bag	2" minimum

## Spacing Requirements for Tongs and Bullrakes

Tooth Spacing	1" minimum
Head Construction	1" x 2-1/2" minimum

## Bay Scallop Regulations:

Bay Scallops may only be harvested using dip nets from the second Saturday of November until sunrise the first day of December. Other appropriate methods, such as snorkeling, diving, or dredges, may be used from December 1st until December 31st. For additional information and restrictions, please visit <https://rules.sos.ri.gov/regulations/part/250-90-00-4>.

## Scuba

Shellfishing using SCUBA gear is prohibited in Ninigret Pond, Green Hill Pond, Quonochontaug Pond, and Potter Pond.

## Gill Nets, Otter Trawling, Seines, Etc.

Please contact RIDFW to request area specific regulations.

## Beach Seines, Recreational Bait Nets

Marine species may lawfully be taken for personal use provided that all existing minimum size and possession limit restrictions for the species possessed are adhered to. Also, a limit of 2 quarts per person is allowed for all unregulated marine species. Nets being used cannot exceed four (4) feet in depth and 20 feet in length.

## Marking of Traps

The owner of every trap, pot, or other stationary contrivance used for the taking of marine fish, shellfish, crustaceans, or other invertebrates being fished in the waters of this state, and the owner of any trap or pot for catching, or cars or other contrivance for keeping lobsters shall mark each such trap, pot, or contrivance, together with the buoy which is attached thereto, with the name or names of the owners thereof or the person or persons using the same, and the license number or numbers of such person or persons. Each such lobster or crab pot buoy shall display that person's stated color scheme, and this color scheme shall also be displayed on the boat used by that person in tending that gear. The use of floating line within eight feet of the surface is prohibited.

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## TECHNIQUES

# How to handle shellfish with love

Shellfish are one of Nature's most perfect foods – healthful, nutritious and delicious. However, if shellfish are not kept cold they can cause illness (like many other raw foods). These tips ensure that the shellfish you serve are as perfect and healthful as Nature intended.



### Harvesting Shellfish

Before you set out to “dig your own” there are basic guidelines to follow. The first is to dig in approved waters. The RI Dept. of Environmental Management regulates and manages shellfish growing areas. They monitor water quality for conditions such as bacterial/viral loads and “red tide.” To ensure you are harvesting from approved waters you can check the maps and descriptions at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/maps/mapfile/shellfish.pdf> and get updates on closures on the DEM hotline at 401-222-2900. The wild harvest of oysters is prohibited from May 16 – Sept. 14 annually.



### Transporting Shellfish

Make sure your shellfish stay cold on the trip home. The optimal temperature to preserve flavor and safety is 35° to 45° F. Here are a few options:

- Keep shellfish on ice, not in water, and in the shade for the trip home.
- Using a cooler with ice or cold packs is the best choice.



### Storing Shellfish

Fresh shellfish can last for several days if properly stored in your refrigerator below 45° F. Freezing shellfish will kill them, and they should not be held in melted ice water. Make sure they are not contaminated by other foods that might drip on them. Allowing shellfish to warm up can allow bacteria to grow, increasing the risk of illness.



### Cooking Shellfish

Make sure there are no dead or gaping shellfish, live shellfish will close tightly when tapped. Shellfish should smell fresh - like an ocean breeze. Avoid raw or undercooked shellfish if you are immune compromised\*, but fully cooking will eliminate bacteria.

\* The elderly, as well as those individuals who suffer from liver disease, diabetes, HIV, or are taking medications that suppress their immune system, can be at risk for serious illness from bacteria that may be associated with raw or undercooked poultry, eggs, hamburger and shellfish (especially in summer). Ask your doctor if you are not sure.



**For more information**  
about shellfish safety issues visit the following websites:  
[www.ECSGA.org](http://www.ECSGA.org) or [www.safeoysters.org](http://www.safeoysters.org)



# Shellfish Regulations

## Shellfishing is prohibited statewide between sunset and sunrise.

**Oysters – The season is open from September 15 to May 15 (inclusive).**

**Scallops – The season opens sunrise the first Saturday in November and closes at sunset on December 31.**

Consult “Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Regulations: Shellfish” of the Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations for specific shellfishing regulations. <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/marine-fisheries-regulations>

### Resident Recreational Shellfishing – No License Required

Any resident of this State may, without a license, take quahogs, soft-shelled clams, mussels, surf clams, oysters (in season), and bay scallops (in season). Harvested shellfish may not be sold or offered for sale. (See below for possession limits in Shellfish Management Areas and Non-Management Areas).

### Non-Resident Recreational Shellfishing – Licensed Individuals Only

Holders of a non-resident shellfishing license may take quahogs, soft-shelled clams, mussels, surf clams, oysters (in season). (See below for possession limits in Shellfish Management Areas and Non-Management Areas). There is no taking of lobsters, blue crabs, whelk, or bay scallops by non-residents.

### Non-Resident Property Owners

A nonresident landowner who owns residential real estate in Rhode Island assessed for taxation at a value of not less than thirty thousand dollars may, with proof of property ownership, obtain an annual, non-commercial, non-resident shellfish license for a fee of twenty-five dollars. This license holds the same restrictions and allowable daily catch limits as a licensed non-resident.

### Shellfish Management Areas:

Potter, Point Judith, Ninigret (Charlestown), Quonochontaug, and Winnapaug (Brightman) Ponds, Greenwich Bay, Bristol Harbor, Potowomut (Areas A, B and C), and Bissel Cove, Kickemuit River, High Banks, Mill Gut, Jenny’s Creek (closed until further notice). Additionally, certain Shellfish Management Areas, have limited fishing days and seasonal requirements for commercial harvest.

Area specific regulations may apply. Consult “Part IV Shellfish” of the Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations at <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/marine-fisheries-regulations>

### Shellfishing Areas with Harvest Restrictions Due to Water Quality:

Certain areas are subject to permanent, seasonal, and rainfall-induced shellfishing closures. Consult <http://www.dem.ri.gov/maps/mapfile/shellfish.pdf> for current maps and regulations or contact the Division of Water Resources at (401) 222-3961. For current rainfall-induced closure restrictions call (401) 222-2900. Please be responsible; be aware of all harvesting restrictions.

### Spawner Sanctuaries and Shellfishing Moratoria:

Certain waters of the state are permanently closed to shellfishing, allowing maintenance, restoration, and enhancement wild broodstock. Areas include portions of Winnapaug Pond, Quonochontaug Pond, Ninigret Pond, Potter Pond, Potowomut, and Jenny’s Creek in its entirety. Consult “Part IV Shellfish” of the Marine Fisheries Statutes and Regulations: <https://dem.ri.gov/natural-resources-bureau/marine-fisheries/marine-fisheries-regulations>

### Minimum Sizes for Shellfish:

- Quahog = 1 inch hinge width
- Soft-Shelled Clam\* = 2 inches
- Oyster\* = 3 inches
- Bay Scallop = No seed possession
- Surf Clam\* = 5 inches
- Channeled or Knobbed Whelks = 2 1/4" shell height (farthest distance from opercular side to top of shell when operculum is laid on flat surface)

\* Measured in a straight line parallel to the long axis of the animal.

### Daily Possession Limits for Quahogs, Soft-Shell Clams, Surf Clams, Mussels, and Oysters (Bay Scallops Excluded) in:

#### Shellfish Management Areas

Resident (no sale) = 1 peck each per person  
Licensed Non-Resident (no sale) = 1/2 peck each per person

#### Non-Management Areas

Resident (no sale) = 1/2 bushel each per person  
Licensed Non-Resident (no sale) = 1 peck each per person

### Dry Measure Equivalents

- 1 peck = 2 gallons
- 1/2 peck = 1 gallon
- 1 bushel = 8 gallons
- 1/2 bushel = 4 gallons

### Whelks

1/2 bushel per person  
1 bushel per vessel max  
Residents only

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# DEM's Gull Cove Fishing Area in Portsmouth Has an Interesting History

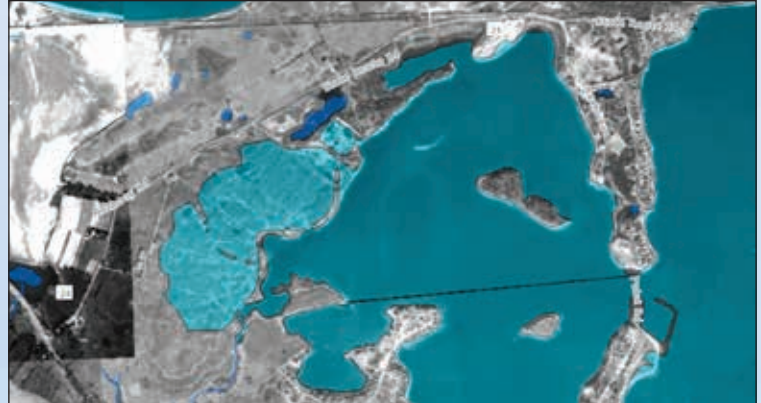
By Lauren Miller-Donnelly, RI DEM Public Access Coordinator

On the north end of Aquidneck Island nestled between the highway and the Island Park neighborhood of Portsmouth is a tidal estuary system that empties into the Sakonnet River known as "The Cove".

Accessible via the north-bound side of Route 24, RIDEM's Gull Cove Fishing Area is a popular destination for recreational fishing, shell fishing, and small craft boating. The area is suitable for small boat launching and provides access to an estuarine system that includes hidden coves and tidal creeks. Some of cove's waters are shallow, measuring less than 4 feet in depth during the lowest tides, ideal for shellfishing and for paddling.

Prior to the construction of the Sakonnet River Bridge in 1956 a portion of the Cove was transformed from an orchard to open water. The excavation work for the new bridge and the route 24 highway created three tidally influenced and interconnected water bodies. As the water empties the area, water rushes through a narrow channel. Because of this, erosion rates are high at the public access area.

Severe and more frequent storms events and increasing monthly tidal flooding events are already affecting the Ocean State and the Gull Cove is in the crosshairs. The rate of erosion observed at the access area the last decade is alarming. Because of this, RIDEM identified funds to design improvements that will increase the longevity of the Area and will provide safer access. The project, which is in the design-phase, will include nature-based shore stabilization and habitat restoration techniques as well as improved parking. Stabilizing the property against erosion threats will help restore sensitive coastal habitats and reduce further environmental impacts to important resources in the Gull Cove estuary including the recreational fish, shellfish resources, eelgrass beds, and salt-marsh habitats. The goal for the improvements is that the site will continue to provide recreational uses into the future.



Above: An aerial photo of Gull Cove from 1952 prior to excavation. The light blue highlighted section was once agricultural land before the waters of the cove were expanded.

Below: Recent satellite imagery of Gull Cove (2020).



## CALL TO ACTION

# CHARTERBOAT CAPTAINS AND CUSTOMERS

## Your Catch Counts!



Photo courtesy of Captain Kelly Smith

### APAIS

Whether you are a charter boat captain or a customer, your fishing experiences are more than just great days on the water—they're also a crucial part of shaping the future of recreational fishing. The **Access-Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS)** is a survey that collects catch and harvest data from recreational anglers. **This is the only source of data which produces harvest and catch estimates for the recreational for-hire sector.** This information includes species caught, numbers kept or released, fishing effort, and more. By participating, you help fisheries managers obtain more robust data, leading to more accurate assessments and informed management decisions.

### You are our Eyes and Ears

For charter captains and customers, taking part in APAIS is one of the easiest and most effective ways to contribute to the future of fishing. By simply answering a few questions at the dock, you ensure that the for-hire sector is accurately represented in the catch and harvest estimates so that regulations are based on actual fishing activity.

### Supporting the Charter Industry

For captains, APAIS is a tool for securing the future of the fisheries. Charter fishing has a different impact than private or shore-based anglers, and solid data can support mode-specific regulations. Without reliable participation, the accuracy of the data from the charter sector could lead to increased uncertainty in estimates. Anglers are more likely to participate if encouraged by captains, so by working together, charter captains and customers can help secure a strong, sustainable future for Rhode Island's for-hire sector.

### Goals

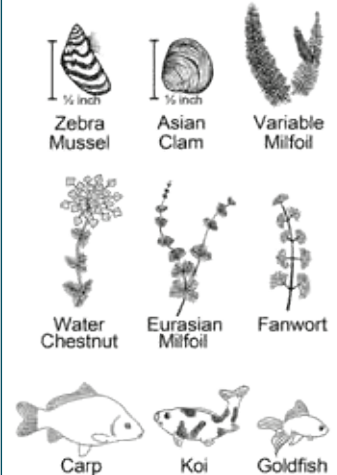
Charter boat captains, customers, and RIDEM share a common goal: to keep fishing enjoyable, accessible, and sustainable. The best way to ensure fisheries managers are making data-driven decisions reflecting what's truly happening on the water, is to participate in APAIS. So, the next time a fisheries surveyor approaches you at the dock, take a moment to answer their questions. Your input makes a difference, your input matters, and most importantly—**your catch counts!**

**Better Data = Better Fishing**



## The Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species!

### Examples of Invasive Species:



## Attention Boaters: Inspect vessel carefully before & after use!

- Remove **ALL** weeds and plant fragments from water craft & trailer before & after use
- Drain boat & motor far from water; allow to dry before next use
- Clean off all waders, boots and gear after use in any waterbody
- Do not release bait of aquarium fish, shellfish or plants

### For more information contact:

**RI Department of Environmental  
Management**

Division of Fish and Wildlife  
(407) 789-0281 or (401) 789-7481

[www.dem.ri.gov](http://www.dem.ri.gov)



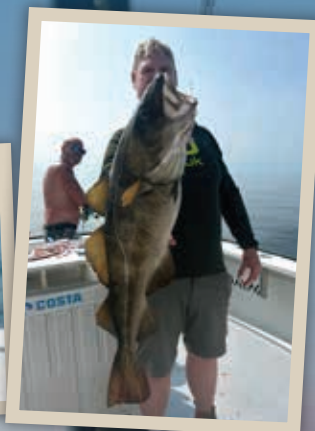
# Party & Charter Boat Notable Catches

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## Hooked on a Feeling

Leo Arsenault landed this healthy striped bass off the east side of Block Island.



## Booked Off

Angler Chris Wardley landed this cod off Cox Ledge.



## Great Run

A successful late-summer tuna trip off Block Island.



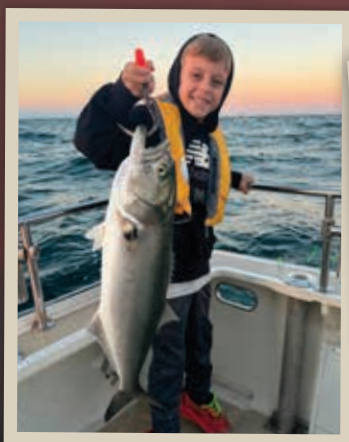
## Twenty/Aught Sportfishing

An abundance of bluefin tuna in recent years have offered some excellent offshore fishing opportunities.



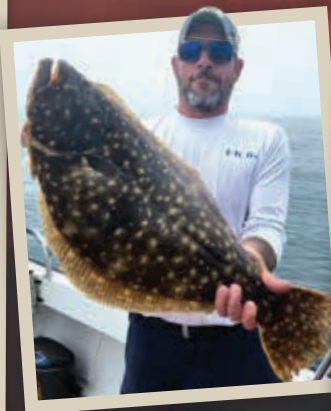
## Stuff It Sportfishing

An early spring striped bass caught in upper Narragansett Bay.



## C-Devil II Sportfishing

This young highliner shows off a big bluefish.



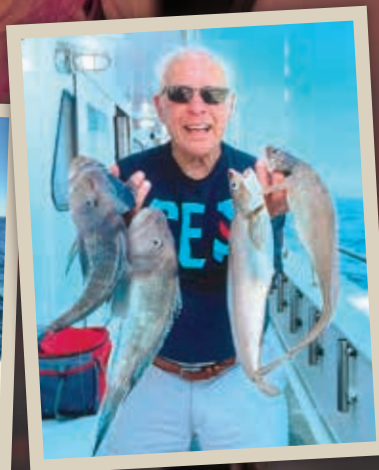
## Wise Kraken

Kevin Rahilly shows off this doormat of a summer flounder.



## Priority Too

This hefty tautog was caught off Newport on a chilly November day.



## Frances Fleet

Angler Orlando Savastano shows off a mixed catch of black sea bass and hake during a trip aboard the Gail Frances.

# 2025 Tide Table – Newport, RI

High tide predictions between 6:00 AM and 7:00 PM (adjusted for daylight savings time)

● = New Moon ○ = Full Moon

	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. (2026)	Feb. (2026)	Mar. (2026)	Apr. (2026)
1	11:30 AM	1:06 PM	1:27 PM	2:14 PM	3:05 PM	3:25 PM	4:48 PM	4:17 PM	8:24 AM	9:37 AM	8:30 AM	10:51 AM
2	12:29 PM	2:01 PM	2:15 PM	3:00 PM	4:08 PM	4:28 PM	4:46 PM	5:16 PM	9:09 AM	10:27 AM	9:18 AM	11:46 AM
3	1:28 PM	2:54 PM	3:02 PM	3:53 PM	5:11 PM	5:26 PM	5:39 PM	6:11 PM	9:57 AM	11:21 AM	10:08 AM	12:45 PM
4	2:27 PM	3:48 PM	3:52 PM	4:55 PM	6:04 PM	6:18 PM	6:05 AM	6:37 AM ○	10:47 AM	12:17 PM	11:03 AM	01:45 PM
5	3:27 PM	4:42 PM	4:46 PM	5:52 PM	6:27 AM	6:43 AM	6:54 AM ○	7:30 AM	11:41 AM	1:16 PM	12:00 PM	02:48 PM
6	4:27 PM	5:34 PM	5:39 PM	6:12 AM	7:13 AM	7:30 AM	7:44 AM	8:23 AM	12:36 PM	2:19 PM	1:00 PM	03:53 PM
7	5:24 PM	6:19 PM	6:00 AM	6:59 AM	7:57 AM ○	8:16 AM ○	8:36 AM	9:16 AM	1:34 PM	3:28 PM	2:04 PM	04:58 PM
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11	7:50 AM	8:35 AM ○	8:51 AM	9:53 AM	11:06 AM	11:43 AM	12:30 PM	12:57 PM	5:47 PM	6:55 AM	6:52 AM	07:45 AM
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15	10:17 AM	11:27 AM	11:54 AM	1:17 PM	3:08 PM	3:59 PM	4:24 PM	4:38 PM	8:39 AM	9:30 AM	9:24 AM	10:03 AM
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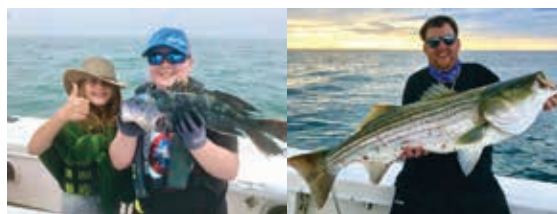
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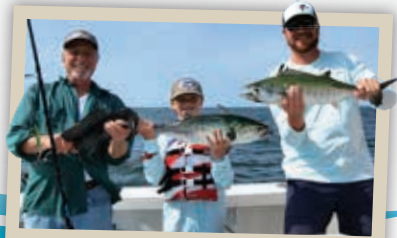
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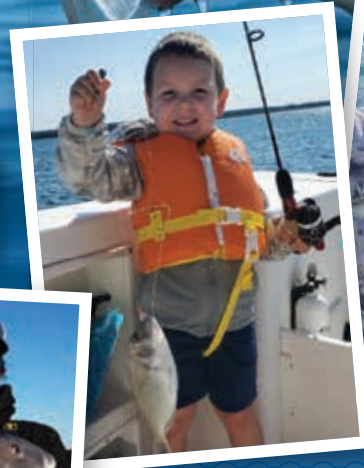


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