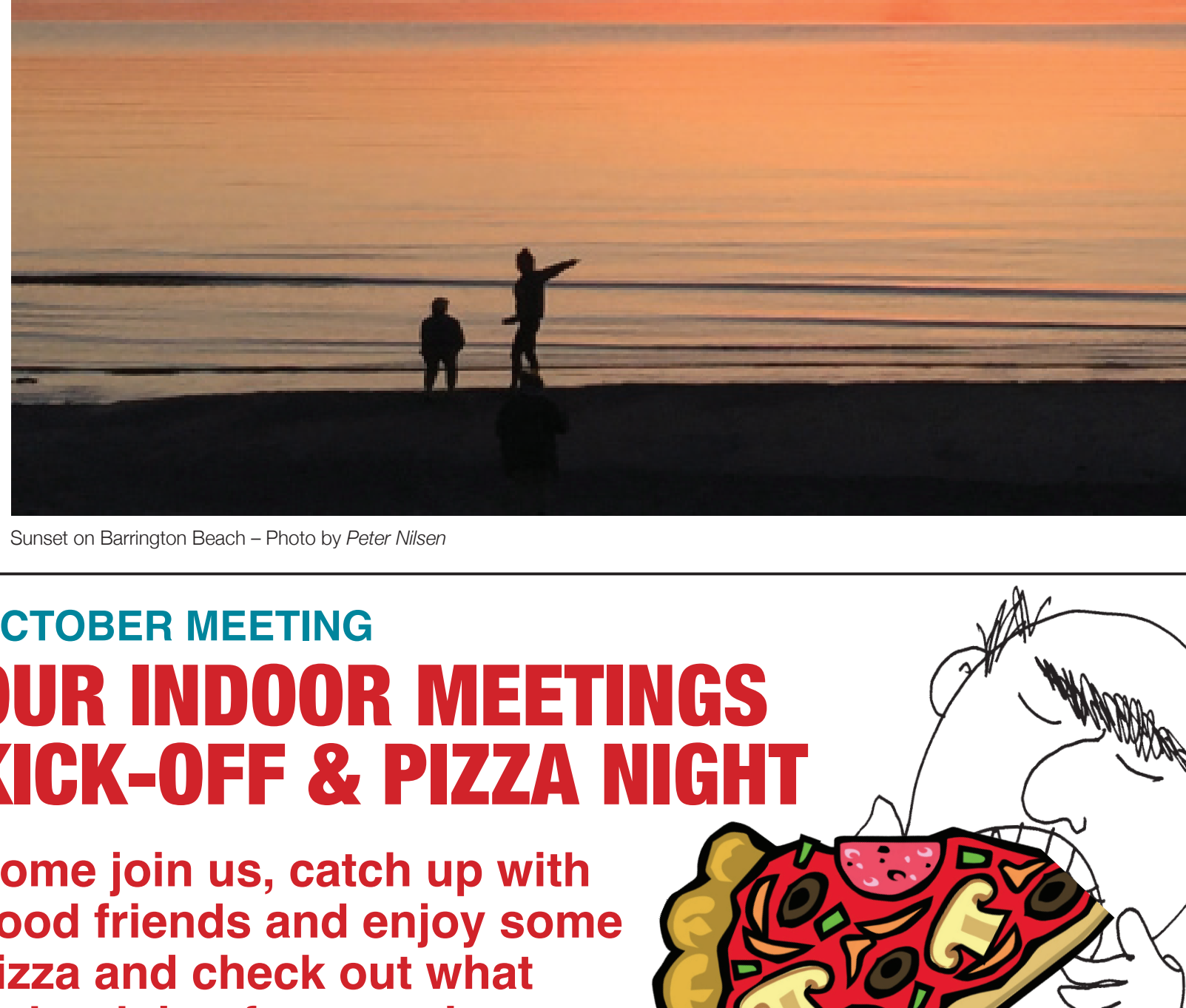


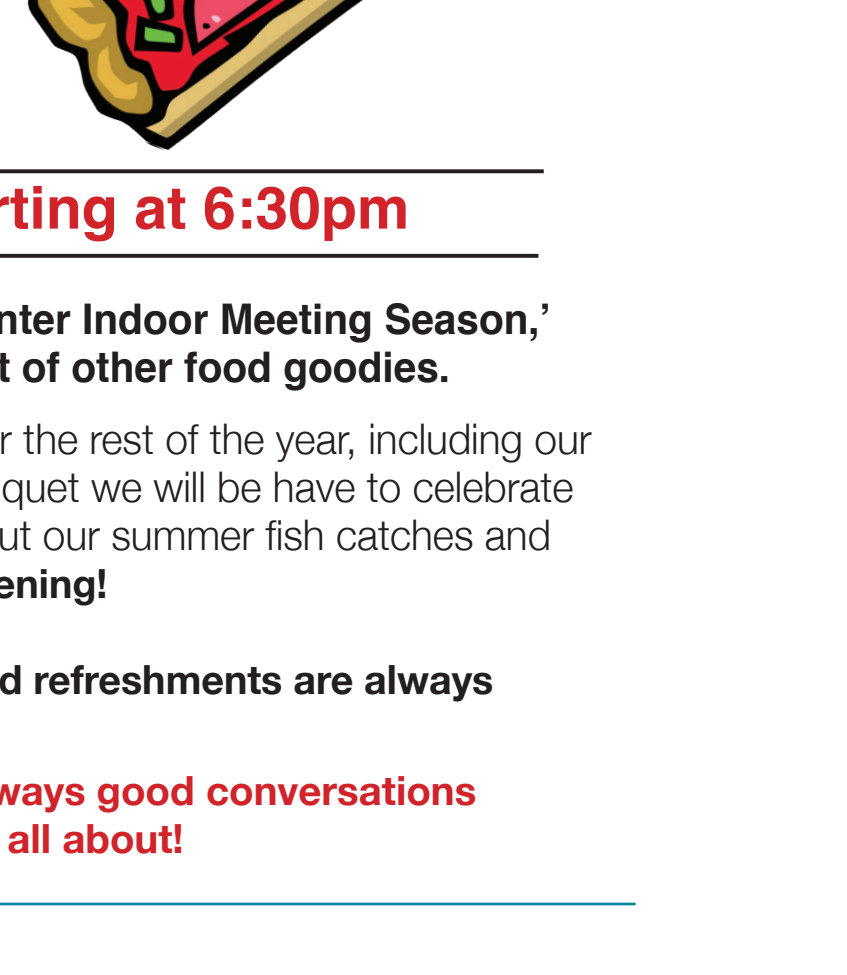
# OCTOBER '23 NEWSLETTER



Sunset on Barrington Beach - Photo by Peter Nilsen

## OCTOBER MEETING OUR INDOOR MEETINGS KICK-OFF & PIZZA NIGHT

**Come join us, catch up with good friends and enjoy some pizza and check out what we're doing for our winter meetings this coming indoor season!**



**Tuesday, October 17th – starting at 6:30pm**

**Please join us for our 'Annual Kickoff to our Winter Indoor Meeting Season,' with some Delicious Pizza! Plus, an assortment of other food goodies.**

After some great pizza we will discuss the agenda for the rest of the year, including our 'Big Celebration of our 60th Anniversary and the banquet we will be having to celebrate this occasion. Then we can kick back, and brag about our summer fish catches and compare notes! **So, don't miss this informative evening!**

**We hope to see you on October 17th!**

**We will have some great bucket raffles, plus liquid refreshments are always available from Jim, our friendly bar keeper!!**

**Join us for what should be a very fun evening, always good conversations with some great people! Come see what we are all about!**

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It just seemed like a month ago we ended our indoor season of meetings, ready to fish with rod in hand at the start of another fishing season. Now it's October, still a few nice days left to fish when you can find them. We had a lot of blow outs with wind and high surf this fall doesn't seem to want to end. Perhaps this is the New Normal with our super-heated oceans?

Fishing by and large was pretty poor this summer with high heat and humidity. It was especially difficult for the shore bound anglers dealing with high water temperatures, lack of bait, and forage and low oxygen levels.

Welcome back to another indoor season of renewing friendship, swapping fish stories, having some good old fashion fun. It's nice to have the whole gang together again for a zany time and recap the year.

THE SUNSHINE STRIPPING BASKET FUND, as we send out our best wishes and thoughts to fellow members who needed a helping hand getting over major health issues. Cards and gift certificates were sent to Bob Teeden and Ed Lombardo who both recently underwent heart surgery procedures. Both are progressing well and should be at the next meeting. Stop by and give them both a hug.

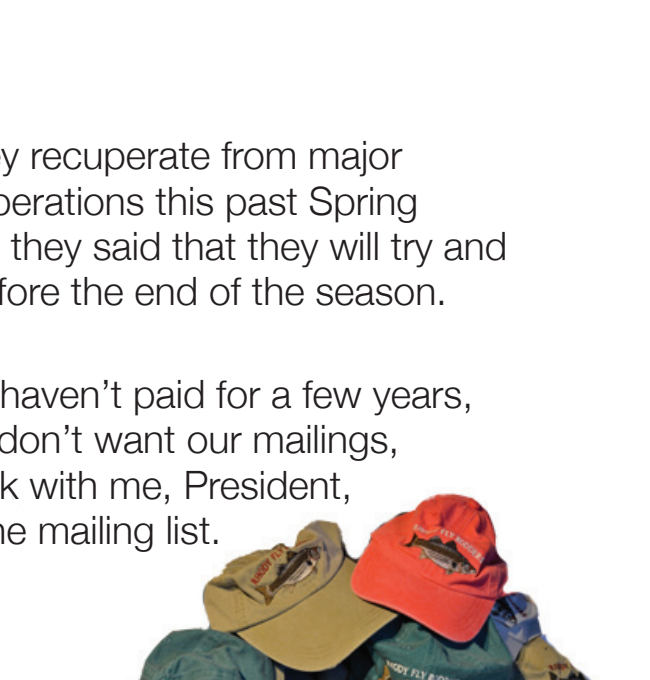
As you know, this is our 60th Birthday Anniversary of the club. The board members met in September and are now planning a dinner event for such a milestone. We chose Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Wright's Farm in Burrillville as the date and place. This gives us several months to properly plan and prepare this large scale event. You will see many notices in each newsletter with more details as this unfolds.

We had some nice participation to our summer fishing flings that were scattered across the state. Thanks to Phil Halford for reminding us of the dates and getting the word out before trips. Phil did a great job of getting the directions down pat, along with a nice message of what to expect, conditions, and helpful hints on equipment. Thank you Phil! We also picked up three or four new members from these club fishing functions, so they are very beneficial and useful for the growth of the club.

We will be able to grill again and use the outdoor barbecue in the spring. We've resolved the issue. More details at the first meeting.

Our first meeting of the new season is always Pizza Night, so bring your appetites. See you there.

**Capt. Ray Stachelek, President**



### MEMBER NEWS

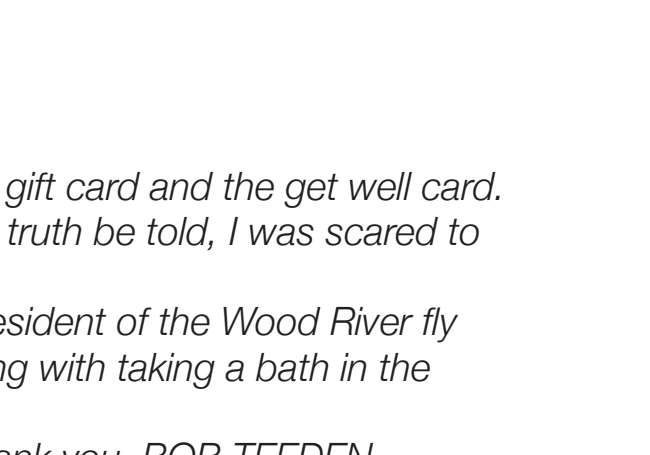
#### TWO MEMBERS ON THE MEND!

Just to catch you up on two of our long time members as they recuperate from major operations. Bob Teeden and Ed Lombardo both had major operations this past Spring and Summer and are recovering nicely. I heard from both and they said that they will try and be at this coming meeting and hope to get back to fishing before the end of the season. We wish them well and hope to see them soon!

We are still cleaning our mailing lists, and for those who have haven't paid for a few years, and may be thinking you don't want to belong anymore, and don't want our mailings, please let us know. If interested in still belonging, please check with me, President, Ray Stachelek or John Pope and make sure you are still on the mailing list.

#### DON'T FORGET, WE HAVE NEW HATS

NEW Rhody hats are now available!  
All hats, long bill or short bill will be \$25.00 each.  
Out of towners can write a check to Rhody Fly Rodders for \$25.00 plus \$4.00 for shipping. Please send check to...  
John Pope, 6 Canonchet Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871  
We will ship it right out to you.



#### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please remember our **Sunshine Committee!** The object of this is to try and keep track of Rhody members who may be sick, may have a tragedy in the family, or may need assistance somehow, and either find a way to help, or send best wishes.

The Chairperson for this committee in Susan Estabrooks. So if you have information of some member, or their family member, that needs a 'cheer-up,' is sick, or needs a helping hand, please reach out to Susan at susan@synrinc.com. Thanks!

#### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members...**Thomas Lerner, Patrick Willamson and Harry Brett.** Thanks guys, look forward to meeting you and have you involved in our great club. Don't hesitate to ask questions and seek our experience about the fishing opportunities, etc.

#### LETTER FROM BOB TEEDEN

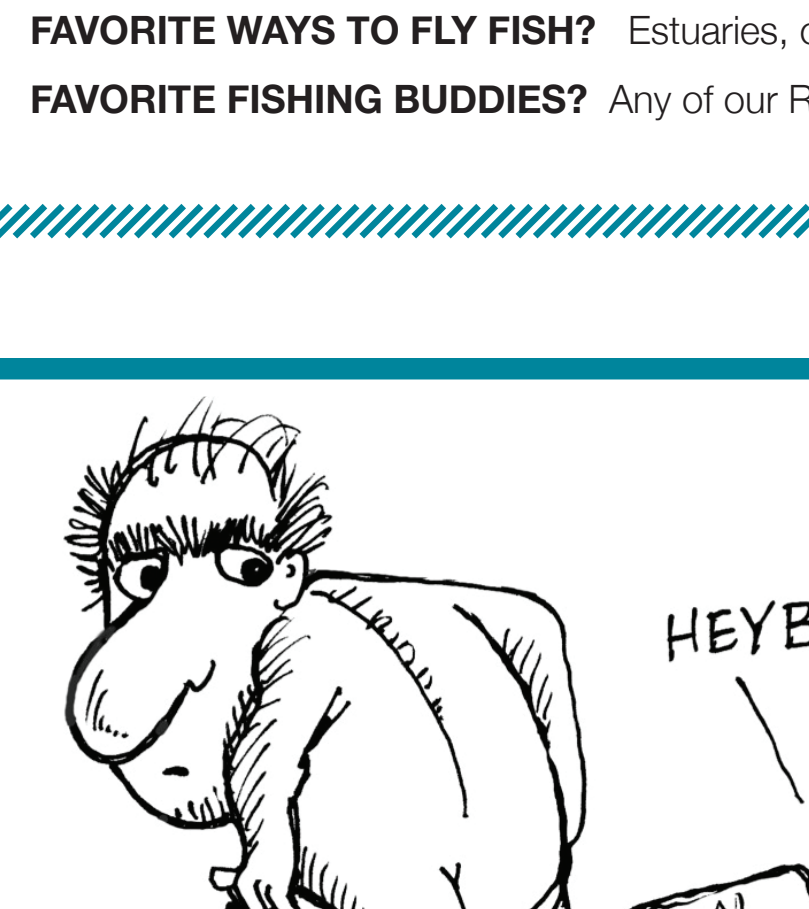
To my Rhody Fly Rodder family,

*I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the gift card and the get well card. I was hesitant about sharing my heart condition with the group, truth be told, I was scared to death and worried about my family.*

*I'm on the road to recovery and have resumed my duties as President of the Wood River fly fishing club. I have even gotten out to trout fish a few times along with taking a bath in the River on one of those occasions. I will see you all soon*

Thank you, **BOB TEEDEN**

## RFR MEMBERS – UP CLOSE



In this feature of our newsletter we want to feature a Rhody Fly Rodders member with a profile of them and post it here every month!

We would like to let our whole membership get to know one another, and what better way to do this than to feature a member profile each month. We want to get you to know each, creating new and closer friendships.

#### INTRODUCING..... JOHN POPE – Club Treasurer

**CITY OR TOWN?** Portsmouth, Rhode Island

**HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?** 39 years!

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLY FISHING / TYING FLIES?** I've been fly tying for forty years, and fly fishing for 60 years

**FAVORITE SPECIES?** Striped Bass

**BOAT / SHORE FISHING?** A combination of both.

**ANY NOTABLE PERSONAL CATCHES?** Bluefin Tuna

**FAVORITE FLY?** Our own, Rhody Flatwing!

**FAVORITE WAYS TO FLY FISH?** Estuaries, ocean and surf!

**FAVORITE FISHING BUDDIES?** Any of our Rhody Members!



**STILL NOT GETTING THE HANG OF ZOOM CONFERRING DURING HIS FLY TYING SESSIONS, BOB FORGETS TO TURN OFF THE CAMERA!**

## FLY OF THE MONTH



#### JOHN'S POPE'S GO-TO RHODY FLAT-WING

**HOOK:** Wright McGill 2445S, size 4-7/0



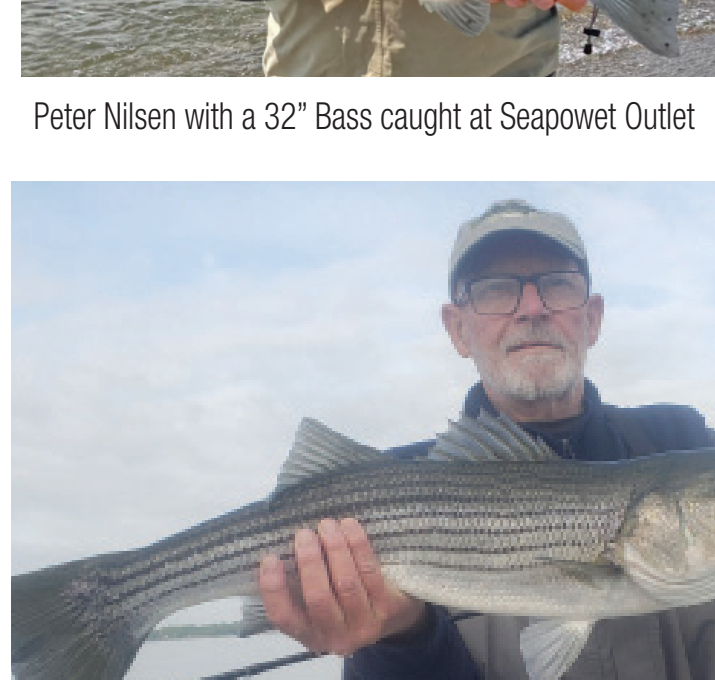
**THREAD:** White 6/0

**TAIL:** 15-20 strands of long white bucktail, 20-30 strands of short white bucktail, surround shank to form skirt, 3-4 strands of gold Flashabou, one olive saddle hackle

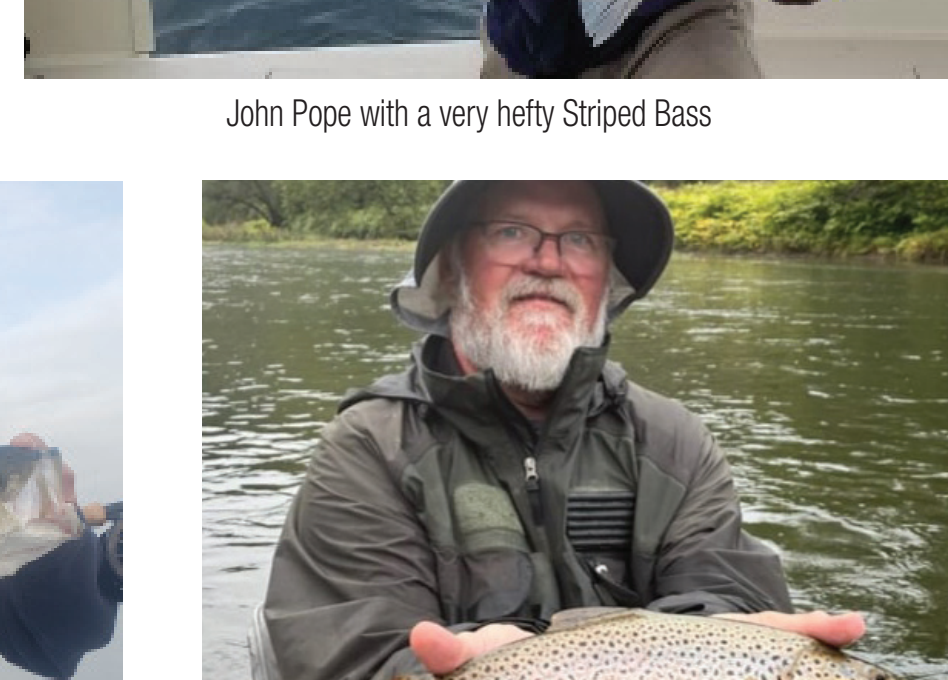
**BODY:** Pearl Bill's Body Braid

**WING:** 24 strands of very long, straight, white bucktail, 10-15 strands of yellow bucktail,

## “LOOK WHAT WE CAUGHT ON OUR SUMMER VACATION!”



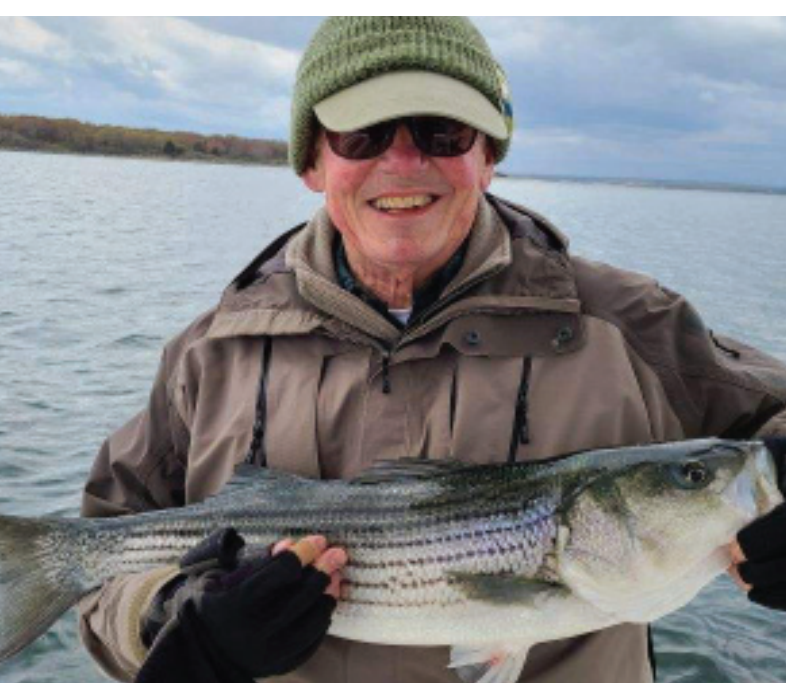
Peter Nilsen with a 32" Bass caught at Seapowet Outlet



John Pope with a very hefty Striped Bass



Dave Loren with a very beautiful Striped Bass



Barry Rideout with a nice Brown Trout from the Delaware



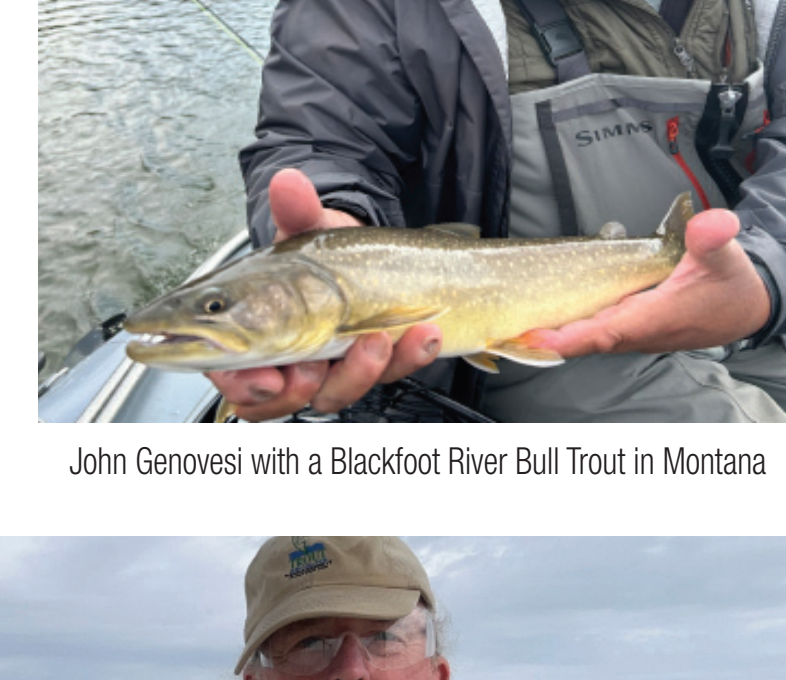
Jeff Perry with a very long Striped Bass



A happy John Edwards with a very nice Stripper



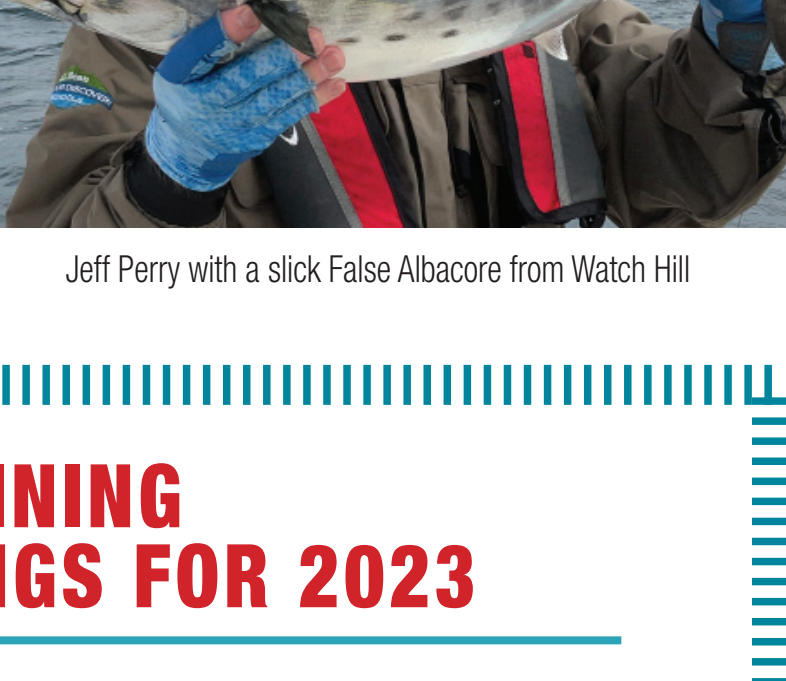
Smiling Dave Loren, again, this time with another hefty Stripper



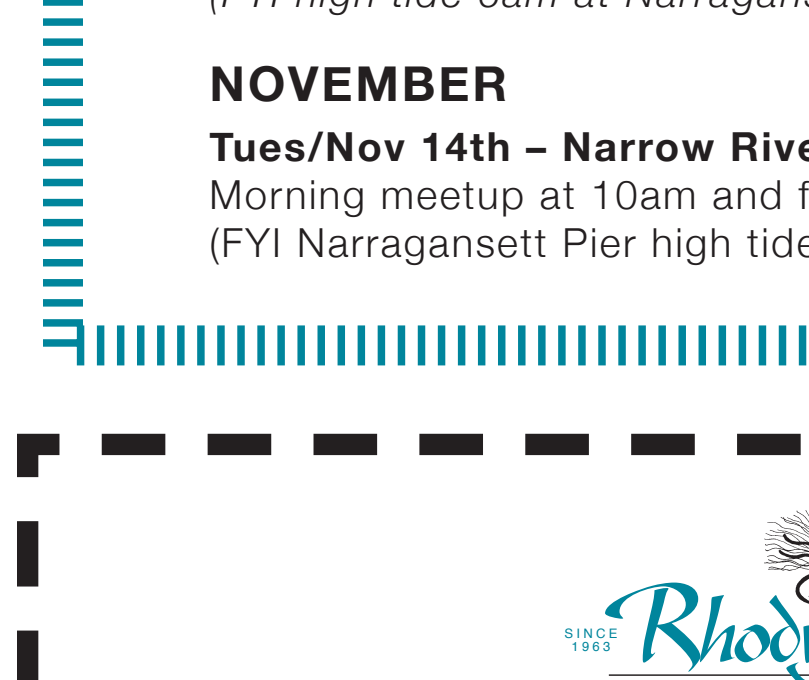
Barry Rideout with a beautiful Snook while fishing in the 'Keys.'



Bill Hendrich's nice Brown Trout from the Androscooggin in NH



John Genovesi with a Blackfoot River Bull Trout in Montana



Dave Loren, AGAIN...with a pretty Brown Trout from the Delaware



Jeff Perry with a slick False Albacore from Watch Hill

## REMAINING FISHING OUTINGS FOR 2023

### OCTOBER

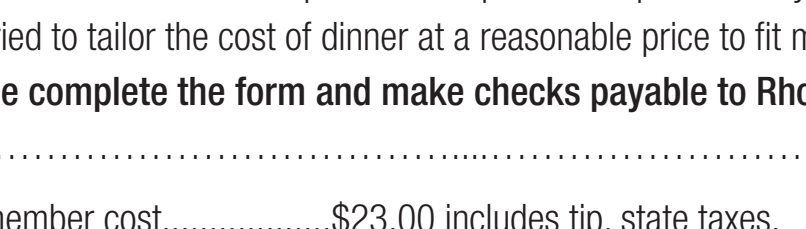
**Thurs/Oct 26th – Narrow River**

Morning meetup at 9am. Plan to fish the morning outgoing tide. (FYI high tide 6am at Narragansett Pier)

### NOVEMBER

**Tues/Nov 14th – Narrow River / End of Season Bash**

Morning meetup at 10am and fish the outgoing tide. (FYI Narragansett Pier high tide – 7:40am)



## 60th Anniversary Celebration Banquet

The Nation's oldest chartered saltwater fly fishing club has reached a noteworthy milestone. Come and help celebrate our 60th Birthday with a gala dinner event serving all you can eat family style chicken.

**Wright's Farm, 84 Inman Road, Burrillville, RI 02830, Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1:00pm.**

Come one come all, everyone is welcome to attend our festive event. What a great way to share our history and renew old friendships with the sport we so passionately and actively participate.

We've tried to tailor the cost of dinner at a reasonable price to fit most family budgets. **Please complete the form and make checks payable to Rhody Fly Rodders.**

Active paid member cost.....\$23.00 includes tip, state taxes.  
Wives, Family, Friends, or Guest.....\$28.00ea, includes tip, state taxes. (Number).....  
Children (under 10).....\$17.00ea, includes tip, state taxes (Number).....  
Grand Total:.....\$.....

Name:.....  
Address:.....  
Phone Number:.....

Mail or hand deliver to any club meeting prior to the event to:  
John Pope, 6 Canonchet Drive, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, 02871.

**THIS FORM WILL BE IN ALL NEWSLETTERS AND AVAILABLE AT ALL MEETINGS UNTIL THE EVENT**

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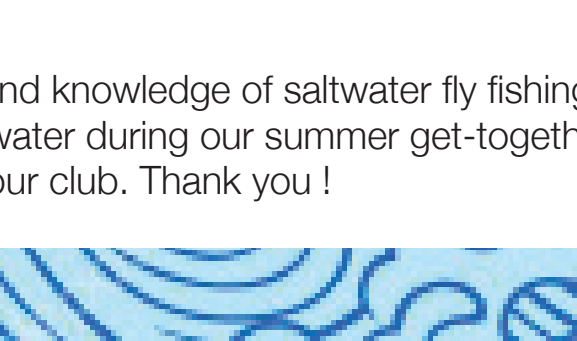
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**MEETINGS:**  
Riverside Sportsmen's Association  
1 Mohawk Dr.,  
East Providence, RI 02915  
3rd Tuesday of the month,  
Oct. – April

**DIRECTIONS:**  
From Providence take Rt. 195 to Exit 2B. Bear right on the ramp and follow Rt. 114 S (Mampanog Trail) for 2 miles. Look for WPRO Studios on left, then take first U-turn back to Rt. 114 North. Continue North and look for the Riverside Sportsmen's Club (blue) sign on right side.



Come join us and experience our friendship and knowledge of saltwater fly fishing. Hopefully we'll see you at a meeting, or on the water during our summer get-togethers. Please get involved, this is your club. Thank you!