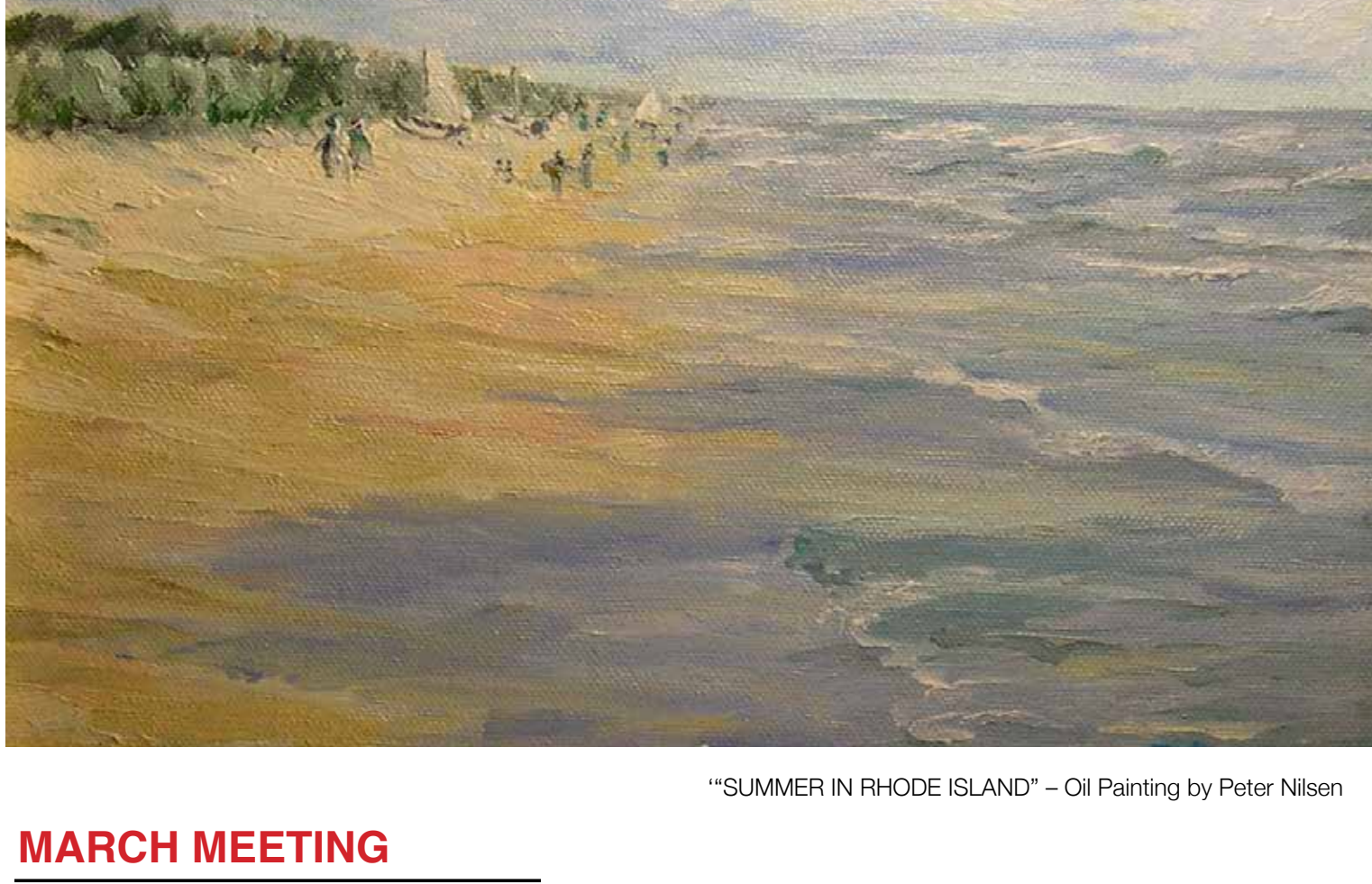


## MARCH '24 NEWSLETTER



"SUMMER IN RHODE ISLAND" – Oil Painting by Peter Nilsen

### MARCH MEETING

## IT'S HAPPENING! GET READY!

**This Tuesday, March 19th our resident 'fishing guru,' Ed Lombardo, will fill us in on 'THE TIDAL RIVERS of RHODE ISLAND!' Everything you need to know to be successful when fishing these great places!**

Ed Lombardo's presentation for Tuesday will be on the "Tidal Rivers of Rhode Island." He will cover reading the changing tidal waters and the moon phases, and how to fish the different currents. Then he will cover the natural baits that lure the fish into these waters and the changing flies that match these different baitfish. This should be an exciting presentation that will refresh our memories and maybe show us some new twists and techniques to be successful this coming season.

**Tuesday, MARCH 19th – starting at 6:30pm**

**So, please join us on March 19th! Come early and tie some flies and chat with old friends. There will also be some great bucket raffles! Come meet and share stories and tall tales! Liquid refreshments are always available from Jim, our capable barkeeper!**



### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

It's just a question of time now before we spend more hours doing our favorite outdoor activities. Daylight Savings Time is in effect giving us an extra hour of sunlight in the afternoon. A lot of us home owners might need that extra time clearing and cleaning all the winter storm activity around our place. I know it's keeping me busy with a chain saw with one down tree in my backyard. I've also notice buds starting on the trees, daffodil pushing up through the soil and smell of skunk cabbage in the air. Trout waters are closed now too and indication to look forward to Opening Day ahead.

### Board of Directors

Our recent February Elections have changed just a few Board of Directors seats. Other general office holders remain the same. One new position of Vice President (that has been vacated) has been filled by Dave Loren. Two other new board members are Gary Menard and Bob Teeden. We welcome them aboard and await their contributions. John Edwards and Phillip Halford have stepped down from the board. We wish them well and want to thank them for their individual contributions the past year. We had a very productive fishing season last year with much better participation. We actually found more fishy areas that had fish. If you see John or Phillip let them know you appreciated their efforts. Give them a pat on the back. They made the club more enjoyable for all.

### A Small New Wrinkle

If you look closely at the top of the Newsletter Heading you'll see a little printed change this month. Tides and rivers are the life blood of any eco-system. Their currents supply needed nutrients and life so nature can flourish. The same can be said about our newsletter. We transmit our news and knowledge the same way, hence the name, "The Current." It's what we do in the newsletter, mend our written lines.

Our March presenter is Ed Lombardo. Ed is Mr. Reliable every year. We always save him a spring spot in our meeting schedule knowing that Opening Day and the striper migration is just around the corner. There is no one better to get us in the mood or get us started. More detail below.

### Summer Fishing Schedule

We are currently in the process of putting together our summer fishing schedule. We are going to ask members for some input as to locations, East or West Bay, places to fish, tides, etc. If you have a good location that has been productive, good fish reports let us know at the meeting.

### Washington Bridge

Please don't let the current traffic situation affect your attendance. Just leave a little early. The extra time is well worth the wait. Think about all the good times you'll miss and the friendships you'll miss. See you there!

**Capt. Ray Stachelek**



### RISAA Fishing Show Report

I would like to thanks all the members who helped me and the club, have a very successful time in our booth at the recent RISAA Fishing Show, at the Convention Center in Providence. We were very well recieved by many persons that stopped at our booth and chatted with us, and graciously donated for "Project Healing Waters," our charity for this year. With the last count, we have raised a bit over \$300.00 for our wounded and disabled vetrans! Great job, Folks! I'm so proud of this wonderful club we have!

*Peter Nilsen, Newsletter Editor*

#### NEW TO RHODY?

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!

*Peter Nilsen, Newsletter Editor*

#### WANT TO HELP?

Think of interesting things, places, fishing tips and tricks to pass on to fellow members, and I will post in the newsletter. This will get us talking to each other, maybe fishing together! Every little bit helps me fill these pages and helps fellow anglers!

*Peter Nilsen, Newsletter Editor*

## RFR MEMBERS • UPCLOSE

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. What better way to do this than to feature a member profile each month. We want to get you to know each other, creating new and closer friendships.



### INTRODUCING..... JOE BURNETT

**CITY OR TOWN?** Bristol, Rhode Island  
**HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?** 6 years!  
**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLY FISHING / TYING FLIES?** I've been fly fishing and tying flies for just 6 years.

**FAVORITE SPECIES?** Trout.  
**BOAT / SHORE FISHING?** I like shore fishing.  
**ANY NOTABLE CATCHES?** Yes, see the picture above!  
**FAVORITE FLY?** 'Saltwater Whiz' and the 'Dr. Sam flies!'  
**FAVORITE WAYS TO FLY FISH?** Estuaries, bays, and the surf!  
**FAVORITE FISHING BUDDIES?** Fishing with my son, Wes Wyatt and Ed Lombardo.

**ANY INTERESTING STORIES?** First time I really tried fly fishing I was 19 years old just before I enlisted in the US Navy. I met Peter Nilsen back in 2018 at a trade show and joined this club. Since then I have gone to meetings, and a couple of club fishing nights and have been hooked ever since.

### BUYING NEW FISHING TACKLE?

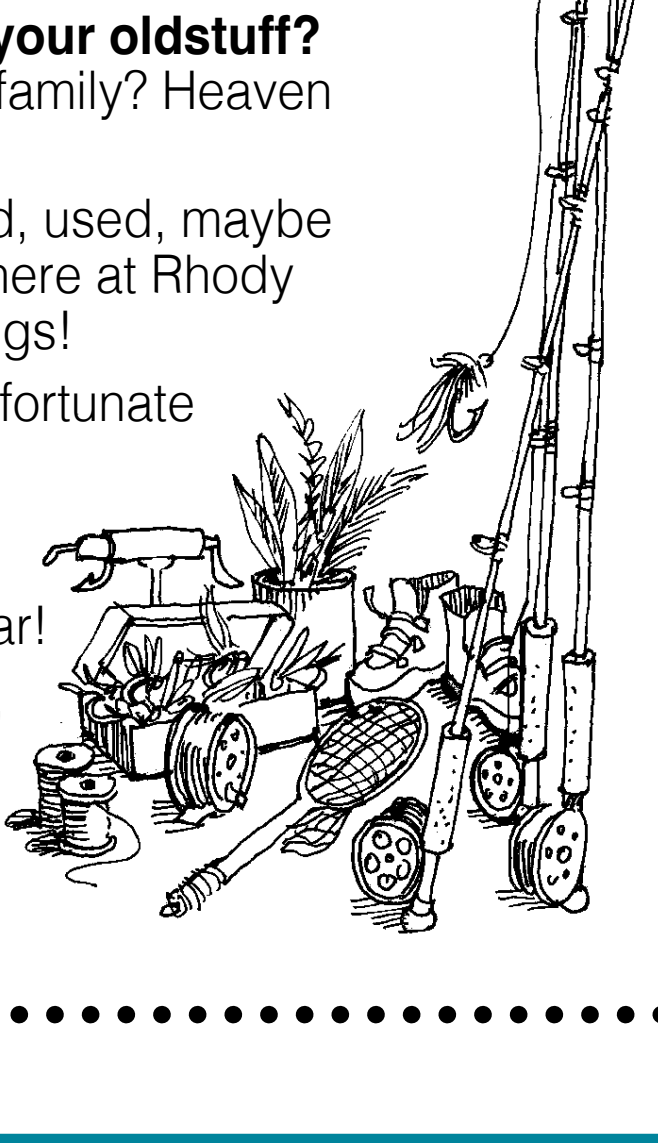
**What are you going to do with your oldstuff?**  
 Are you selling it? Giving to your family? Heaven forbid you're throwing it out!

Well, why don't you bring your old, used, maybe unwanted tackle, and sell it right here at Rhody Fly Rodders, at one of our meetings!

Many of our members are not so fortunate to be able to often buy new gear, so here's the chance to pass it on to someone who is looking for an upgrade on their gear!

They get excited on the upgrade, you feel good and get a bit of cash in your pocket!

**We've got a table for you!**



### FLY OF THE MONTH



#### ED'S CRAB FLY – By Ed Lombardo

**HOOK:** Mustad Heritage S71sap Size 4  
**THREAD:** Danville's Flat Waxed Nylon  
**EYES:** Pseudo Eyes - Hareline LLC  
**BODY:** Aura yarn - Dark Olive or Dark Olive Estaz

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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 (Wampanoag 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.

