



A guided fishing trip reveals secrets of Narragansett Bay

I love to fish. I'm not very good at it because I don't go fishing that often. I've caught a few big fish over the years in fresh and saltwater, mostly by accident.

So, when Capt. Robb Roach of Kettlebottom Outfitters offered to take me fishing I jumped at the opportunity.

We met at the boat at 5 a.m. on a recent gray Saturday morning. Robb, who hosts a popular television outdoor show on NESN, brought along young islander Tommy Munro to serve as first mate. Islander Lance Downing also joined us for the excursion.

We motored north to Wickford in hopes of catching some baitfish. As luck would have it, the bait was not cooperating so we turned south towards Whale Rock. Along the way we spotted several schools of bluefish on the surface. Lance landed a nice blue. I struck out.

At Whale Rock we trolled for stripers with an umbrella rig that was created by Robb. The rig was

impressive. Fully extended, it measures about 2 feet by 2 feet and is sweetened on the hook with a strip of squid. I landed a keeper striper. I was surprised at how long it took to reel in the fish.

After that, trolling was unsuccessful and we moved to Brenton Reef. We trolled for striper for a while but the fish were elusive. That's when we switched to fluke. Then everyone on the boat got lucky. We finished off the morning taking turns reeling in fluke and the occasional skate.

Robb is a veteran fisherman, having spent most of his life around the bay. He pays close attention to the ocean's bottom contours and structure. He knows where the fish like to hang out. It certainly makes a difference.

We had an eventful day. Bluefish, striper and fluke. Needless to say, dinner that evening at my home featured a main course of fresh local seafood.

— Jeff McDonough

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of State Legislatures in New Orleans. They were joined by four students from West Warwick's Deering Middle School. These students were selected on the basis of their exceptional participation throughout the entire project process. The Jamestown students were Sarah Smith, Ellen Bednarczyk, Emily Levy and Sydney Keen.

From July 22 to 25, these students presented to state legislators from around the country including House Speaker Murphy of the Rhode Island General Assembly. Sarah Smith later represented the group by participating in a panel discussion at an educational session for state legislators.

My thanks to the students, parents, Szepatowski, the Town Council, School Committee, Center for Civic Education, National Council for State Legislatures and state coordinator Mike Trophi for affording the students of Jamestown a powerfully engaging experience.

Maureen McGuirl
Jamestown Lawn
Avenue School

Fond memories of Chief Greene

Reading the article of putting

police back on foot patrol brought back some fond memories.

I wonder how many remember when the only officer we had in town was a chief of police whose name was Chester Greene.

I never recall any drug paraphernalia, homicides, domestic abuse, etc. I only recall the respect bordering on fear that we had for him and God forbid if our parents ever were told by him that we were disrespectful. We considered Mr. Greene an icon to be admired.

Bob Fleming
Jamestown

Successful tourney benefits food bank

On July 22, the Tuesday Jamestown Women's Golf League had a very successful and fun golf tournament to raise money for the Rhode Island Food Bank. In addition to food that was collected, we were able to present a check for \$1,411 for this worthy cause.

Donations for various items and gift cards were received from the following: Dunkin Donuts (Wickford & Boston Neck Road), Schartner Farm, Wickford Package Store, Green River Silver, The Hour Glass, Wilson's of Wickford, Beauty and Bath, Blue Hydrangea, Village Reflections, Seaport Tavern, Different Drummer, Crystal Spring Water, Baker's Pharmacy, Jamestown True Value Hardware, Cathryn Jamieson Salon, Secret Garden, and Conanicut Marine. These items were raffled off to purchasers of "Mulligans".

Even people who were not able to participate sent in cash donations. Two members of the staff of Jamestown Golf Course donated. A special thank you to Anna Auld who helped immensely with soliciting on Jamestown, filling in gift bags and making beautiful floral arrangements for our luncheon tables. Kudos to all!

Jane Rawlings and Connie Rainone, Chairpersons

Many to thank for a successful book sale

Booksale 2008 at the Jamestown Library ended in the usual flurry. That is "A Buck a Bag." Even after two weeks of regular bargains, there were still plenty

of great books and videos left to be carted off for a dollar a bag. In addition to generating funds for library "extras," the book sale helps our community make room for even more books to fill their shelves.

Many thanks to the generous people of Jamestown, who, throughout the year, donated all these treasures.

Now it's time to thank our many volunteers for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the library. Thanks to Dee Hellewell and Diana Luth who work all year long organizing the thousands of books, videos, audios and a few DVD's generously donated by all of you. Special thanks to McQuade's Market for the donation of plastic grocery bags.

Thanks to Lew Kitts and the Jamestown school for lending the ten extra tables to keep the books off the floor and a special thanks to our hardworking Boy Scouts, Nick Fay, Zachary J. Neronha, Truman Christie, Finn Dwyer, John Waddington, Mike Pratt, Kyle Wright, Hayden Maclean and James Perry. These nine young men did a great job of hauling all that stuff up seventeen steep steps from the basement to the meeting hall.

Set-up, organizing, cashier duty, and clean-up was generously donated by the following people: Deb Foppert, Anna Templeton-Cottill, Isabel Coyle, Ginny Saunders, Susan Lutes, Sara Bobola, Holly Bobola, Calvert Bobola, Trevor Bobola, Ralph Klingbeil, Delancy Converse, Rebecca Small, Dee Hellewell, Ann Marie Deffley, Bev Rudman, Judy Smith, Julia Montminy, Jackie Woodside, Paula Florentino, Joyce Leach, Dara Chadwick, Faith Chadwick, Grace Danna, Isabel Crabtree, Bill Knapp and Lynda Sutton. A special thanks also to the staff, who helped clean up after the sale was over.

Forgive me if I have left anyone out. Because we are so fortunate to have so many volunteers, it is sometimes difficult to keep track of all of them and their contributions.

We hope everyone who came to the sale found something of value.

Judy Bell, Director,
Jamestown Library

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