

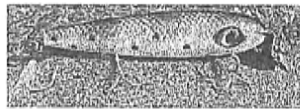
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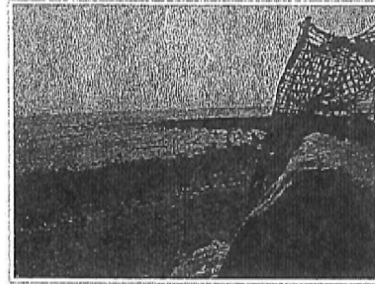


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**Best Months to Fish:** April through November**Fishing Methods:** Lures, Plugs**Best time to Fish, best tide or currents and other FAQs****Directions:** Take Route 1 on Matunuck Beach Road.**Note:** Last night was July 29, 2008. I saw someone pull a 50 pound striper from this spot.

(For best results you must visit my main site. I will give you tips and tricks needed to land the biggest fish.)

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FISHING REPORT: OCTOBER '09 - Steve McKenna



If someone asked me to fish saltwater for only one month of the season it would be the 31 days of October. Hands down! The 10th month offers some great fishing and sometimes idyllic weather. Stripers and blues migrate through our area day and night feeding without caution. Blackfish are also on the move this month chewing up everything along the rocky coast in their trek out to deeper residence. False albacore do the same, making several last minute raids into southern Massachusetts and Rhode Island waters before heading south. Bluefin tuna are also often readily available around the New England region in all their normal haunts. The weather, well, it can be super with summer like temperatures but without the oppressive humidity. October also gives us sparkling clear nights with moderate temperatures which make either day or evening forays to the ocean a real pleasure,

particularly if you fish the surf. Be careful though, particularly you boaters, the weather in October can get real nasty, which hinders boaters but makes for great daytime surf fishing conditions. If you want to catch stripers during the daylight hours, October is the absolute best time to do it, especially those dark, overcast cold days when the wind is coming from the northeast. It may be one of the only times when monster bass are easily accessible from the daylight surf. October is also the best time to bag that trophy you have tracked all season long. The four aforementioned species have been feeding all season long plus they are now binge feeding which makes them get bigger by the day.

Of all of my surf caught 40 pound striped bass, most of them have come in the fall. Now is the time to get that fish you have been dreaming about. And as stated, it's just not bass that get huge. Bluefish fatten up to the point of explosion. My personal best blues have also come in October with 3 going 17 to 18 and a half pounds. I have seen some 20 pounders landed too during the 10th month. False albacore feed similarly, gorging themselves with all available bait. Fish much bigger then those from earlier this season can be caught this month. I am not a tautog fisherman but I work in a tackle shop and we are an official weigh station. Every October we weigh in several blackfish in excess of 12 pounds. And for you off shore guys, Bluefin tuna feast on this plethora of feed. Look for great action up around Stellwagon, Cape Cod Bay and off Chatham. Bait too is moving this month streaming by our coast by the millions. Both large and small bait are ubiquitous and where you find bait you will almost always find predators. Octobers sees adult and peanut (juvenile) menhaden, juvenile herring, mullet, squid, spearing, and sandeels throughout our area. All of this bait makes for some fine fishing. So, now it is up to you to get off the couch and forget about the Red Sox and the Patriots. You will have all winter to watch football and the highlights of the Sox getting beat in the Wild card playoffs. Now is the time to fish as there is only about six good weeks left and the first four are the best in my opinion. Plan on getting out as much as possible. I like to make at least fifteen trips. That's every other day (night in my case) which usually gives me a better than average shot at a trophy. Also, don't do anything different this month except move. Fish your spots but don't linger too long. The fish are on the move and so should you. October is the beginning of the end and it really flies by. Make the best out of it and hopefully the following breakdown of what each species has to offer in October will assist you. Good Luck!



STRIPED BASS: Bass fishing is at its best in October. I have always done well this month particularly in southern Massachusetts and Narragansett. For some reason(s) both areas light up this month. Some other places, like Newport, seem to die out. Action in both Gansett and Westport kicks into high gear right from the start of the month. Look for big fish to be caught in both areas all month long. I would concentrate my efforts in both spots either by boat (day) and in the surf (night). Spots like the mouth of the Westport River, the Elizabeth Islands, the Vineyard, Gooseberry Island, the mouth of the Narrow River, the center wall, the entrance to the Great Salt pond, and Matunuck have given up bass well in to the 40's every October to surf and boatman. I like to hit a location in Matunuck, R.I. as much as possible this month. The place I like to fish is called Deep Hole and it is October's SPOT OF THE MONTH. Deep hole is located in South Kingstown, Rhode Island and can be easily accessed. Find R.I. Route 1 and take the Matunuck Beach road exit. Follow that road to the end and there will be a convenient parking lot directly in front of you. It is operated by the R.I. Department of Environmental Management. It is open all night and please, no sleeping in your vehicles. Also, keep noise to a minimum as there are nearby homes. The fishing spot is located directly in front of said parking area. Get suited up and walk to the left or east. You will see the "hole" just a short walk away. Try to time your trips there around two hours before low water and, of course, after dark for the best results. Fish the last of the dropping tide and the start of the incoming tide for about an hour or so. You will be wading out on a shallow rocky bar and fan casting towards the east and south east. Live eels, rigged eels, and all types of plugs will work here in October. I won't even talk about wind and moon conditions here as I would highly recommend to you to just go fishing as much as you can no matter what the wind is doing or what phase the moon is in. It is the fall and anything can happen. Just fish Deep Hole or your favorite location as much as humanly possible. Another great method to use at Deep Hole or any other spot this autumn is an artificial which I have been using for the last two months with unbelievable success. It is so productive that I am making it my TIP OF THE MONTH for October. Listen, if you want to catch stripers and blues this month please try the wooden plugs made by Kevin Gledhill of The Sharp-Eyed Lure company, formerly Hand Carved Lures of New York. Just by accident I started using these fantastic striper plugs in late July '09 and haven't put them down since. Kevin produces a wooden, metal lip swimmer which is a lot like the 5, 6, and 7 inch plastic Rebel, Redfin, or Bomber. In my opinion it has a much better action than its plastic cousin because it is made out of wood. All of Kevin's plugs have a nice slow wobbling motion instead of the tight wiggle of the plastic jobs. Kevin's creations also cast better, and swim deeper and truer than any plastic

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Rhode Island

by Mike Plaia

Week of June 10 through June 17

The great striped bass fishing in Narragansett Bay continues! Most of the guys I've talked to say that they have never seen so many pogies (menhaden) and so many bass in the bay. Some are even going so far as saying that it's getting to be "stupid fishing." Well, stupid or crafty, the fisherman of the week, if not of the month or of the year, has to go to Bill Nolan! Bill not only caught a striped bass that weighed in at slightly over 50 pounds on Monday, he backed it up with a 60-pound-plus fish on Thursday! Most guys would consider a 50-pound fish the fish of a lifetime and here Bill goes and bags one, only to beat it three days later! My hat is off to Bill "The eelman" Nolan.

Meanwhile, Bill was not the only one doing a job on the big striped bass. Dan O'Neil was free diving off of the Beavertail in Jamestown this week when he speared a big striped bass. It turns out that the fish is a pending world record for a free-dive speared striper topping the scales at a little over 65 pounds!

The fluke fishing is holding up very well, especially when you consider our new 19-inch minimum size. But lots of folks don't seem to be having a problem finding these 19-inch-plus flatfish. Of course there are lots of throwbacks, but it seems to me that it isn't as bad as it was at this time last year when we had the 17.5-inch limit. Limits of fluke seem to be relatively common and every week there are reports of multiple double digit fish.

The other surprising development has been the run of weakfish that we have been having in the bay. The areas around Conimicut Point, Ohio Ledge and the eastern side of Prudence Island have all been giving up weakfish. Most of the fish have been caught by accident by the striped bass fishermen. But it appears that the fish are there and can be targeted if someone knows what they are doing when it comes to these cousins of the sea trout.

Over at Breachway Bait and Tackle they are reporting lots of 20 to 25-pound striped bass in the mouths of the breachways. There were also a couple of 40-pound class fish taken at Deep Hole in Matunuck. The fluke fishing is very good fishing in about 40 feet of water. The shop weighed in fluke of 5 and 7 pounds this week. There are some bluefish around and the scup fishing has begun.

Paul over at Captain Don's Bait and Tackle reports that Don Dinucci weighed in a 34-pound striped bass caught at Southwest Ledge. Pete Kernicki took three good-sized fish from shore over the weekend. Fluke fishing is holding up remarkably well off the beaches in 40 to 50-feet of water. There are loads of little bluefish in the mouths of the breachways just before dusk most nights.

John at J&B Tackle East tells me that Bill Gavey took a 46-pound striper from the Watch Hill Reef this past week. There is a good mix of stripers and bluefish off of the breachways. Fluke fishing is very good with lots of big fish being weighed in for a local tournament this weekend. Big scup are biting at the rock walls around the Harbor of Refuge in Galilee/Jerusalem. There is good bass fishing around Block Island, but the dogfish are a big problem unless you are trolling.

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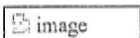
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Updates to Striped Bass section of Wikipedia

by John Redmond and the Striped-Bass.com Wiki Team

East Coast striped bass are typically found from the Carolinas to Nova Scotia. Their primary migratory range is from the Carolinas to New York's Hudson River in the winter time and from New Jersey through Maine in summertime with the greatest concentration between Long Island, New York, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. The migration north often begins in March for juvenile fish and April / May for adult fish. The migration south often begins in September from areas in Maine.

Fishing Rhode Island: Rhode Island anglers can often expect to find the first fresh run Striped Bass in the waters off Matunuck, Newport, and Westerly in late March to early April. Some of the fish may be mixed in with a local fish population that spends winter without migrating to the primary wintering grounds off of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. These early fish are often of the smallest migrating size class, often called "schoolies" or "school bass" and typically range from 6 inches to the mid-twenty inch range. Popular places to catch these early season fish in Rhode Island include Matunuck, Charlestown, Narragansett, and Newport. May through July will present the arrival of larger fish, often referred to as "keepers" in that they can legally be kept for personal consumption if over 28 inches from tip of head to tip of tail (regulation as of 2005) with a maximum of 2 kept per day. Also as May turns thru June the best time to catch these larger bass for the shore angler will typically move from daytime to nighttime. "Schoolie" and "Keeper" sized striped bass can be typically found along the entire shoreline of Rhode Island from April through October with some places holding fish year round. In September, the striped bass prepare for their migration south to their wintering areas. The "Fall Run" as it is called along the coast can account for some of the best fishing of the year for larger fish. The largest fish, including those considered Trophy fish and exceeding forty pounds, are most often found in September and October. Popular fishing areas in the Fall Run include the beaches and rocky shoreline of Newport, Narragansett, the breachways of Charlestown, and Westerly. Popular Striped Bass fishing clubs include the Newport County Saltwater fishing Club and the Rhode Island Saltwater Angler's Association (<http://risaa.org>).

Fishing Massachusetts: Massachusetts anglers have access to numerous types of fishing from sandy beaches to rocky ledges along the shore to flats and deep water when accessed from a boat. Like Rhode Island, the first fish of the year tend to show in early April along the southcoast and Cape Cod with the season following a similar pattern with the majority of fish leaving, north to south, in October. Practically the entire coast of Massachusetts contains fine areas to fish for striped bass wherever you can legally access the shoreline. As with all coastal states, federal law requires when fishing for striped bass from a boat that you stay within three miles of land. Popular Massachusetts destinations for striped bass fishing include Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Boston Harbor, and Plum Island. Fishing Tournaments for Striped Bass are very popular in Massachusetts with one of the oldest and most popular being the Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby. In 2005, the 60 th Annual "MV Derby" brought several thousand visitors to the island together with over a thousand local participants for the month long "Derby" from mid September to mid October. In 2005, the largest Striped Bass from shore during the Derby was caught by Leo Lecuyler, weighed over 45 pounds, and won Leo a new Boston Whaler boat. The largest boat caught striped bass of the derby at 49.22 pounds, and was caught by Martha's Vineyard Islander, 12 year old Molly Fischer. Popular Striped Bass fishing clubs include the Massachusetts Striped Bass Association (<http://msba.net>) and the Cape Cod Salties.

Surfcasting: The most popular method for fishing for striped bass based on number of anglers is shore fishing as many anglers may not have access to a boat or simply preference. Shore fishing can include fishing the shores of inland waterways, saltwater ponds, rivers, and bays. Various methods of light tackle to heavy gear can be used. More challenging shore fishing along the immediate coastline is often referred to as Surfcasting and the anglers as Surfcasters. Surfcasters typically gear up a little differently than inshore shore anglers as the conditions tend to be more severe. Surfcasting conditions can often include high wave conditions, heavier winds, and a deluge of breaking waves, or "surf", on the angler and angler's equipment. In addition to rod, reel, and tackle, the surfcaster's typical equipment list will include items for safety and for comfort such as waders; secured by a tight wader belt to prevent filling with water, dry top, line clippers, pliers, hook cutters, and knife as well as a neck light or headlight for use (sparingly) at night. Additional items for safety may include an inflatable life vest to prevent drowning accidents in more severe conditions (several fatalities along the east coast occur yearly when surfcasting) and steel studded soles attached to wader boots to improve traction when standing on slippery, weed covered rocks or jetties. More extreme surfcasting may entail climbing on rocks far from shore to gain an advantaged position or in some cases; anglers may don wetsuits to swim to rocks in water unreachable by wading. Gear used in Surfcasting tends to favor spinning or conventional reels on rods in the 8 - 10 foot range using lines of 15 - 30 pound test monofilament or equivalent diameters of braid. At the end of this line one will typically find wooden, plastic, or metal lures, or perhaps some fishing a live American Eel like one would fish a lure. Plastics lures are the most popular but the traditional methods of wooden lures are still very popular.

In recent years, there has been an upsurge in the use of custom gear, including hand made "Custom Wooden Lures" and "Custom Built Surf Rods". Both of these custom tailored markets are able to satisfy very specific needs when surfcasting for striped bass.



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