



April 15, 2010

Is There Anybody Out There? Fishing, Shipping, and Recreating in Rhode Island's Offshore Waters

Tiffany Smythe, Coastal Manager, URI Coastal Resources Center/Rhode Island Sea Grant

Who is using Rhode Island's offshore waters? What are they doing, and where and when are they doing it? This lecture will offer insight into the fishing, shipping, and recreational activities that take place in Rhode Island's offshore waters. This presentation will include discussion of how URI researchers and coastal managers have studied and mapped these activities and how this information is informing the R.I. Ocean SAMP planning process. A wide variety of maps will be presented for discussion and review. Tiffany Smythe is a coastal manager and a Ph.D. candidate in Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island.

6 p.m. Free.

Middletown Public Library, 700 West Main Road, Middletown.

For more information about any of these lectures, please contact Rhode Island Sea Grant at (401) 874-6800 or visit seagrant.gso.uri.edu.



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Our Ocean in Motion II



2010 Winter-Spring Lecture Series

This lecture series is sponsored by the R.I. Ocean Special Area Management Plan (SAMP) project. The SAMP is an adaptive planning tool that takes an ecosystem-based management approach to the development and protection of Rhode Island's ocean resources. The SAMP is being developed with cutting-edge research and the input of a wide array of stakeholders. Learn more at seagrant.gso.uri.edu/oceansamp.



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March 4, 2010

Assessing Bird Use of Rhode Island's Offshore Waters

Peter Paton, URI Professor and Department Chair, Natural Resources Science

How will the proposed offshore wind farm affect bird species in Rhode Island? The Rhode Island Ocean SAMP is undertaking marine spatial planning for R.I. offshore waters through a process that integrates the best available science with open public input and involvement. This lecture will investigate avian use of the study area by determining the distribution and abundance of birds, their movement ecology, and their temporal variation in offshore waters. There is no fee for this lecture, but registration by March 2, 2010, is required.

7 p.m. Free.

Audubon Environmental Education Center, 1401 Hope Street, Bristol. For more information or to register, contact the Environmental Education Center at (401) 245-7500.



March 29, 2010

Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association Monthly Seminar and Quarterly Meeting

Capt. Jim White: *Light Tackle Fishing in Narragansett Bay*

David Beutel, CRMC: *The Ocean SAMP*

The R.I. Ocean SAMP is being developed with input from a variety of stakeholders, including recreational fishermen, and offshore development may affect these stakeholders and the fisheries resource. David Beutel, aquaculture coordinator for the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council, will discuss the progress of the SAMP, with special attention to aspects related to recreational fishing.

7 p.m. Non-members: \$10 requested donation.

West Valley Inn, 4 Blossom Street, West Warwick. Non-members are welcome, and asked to donate \$10 to RISAA's Marine Fisheries Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Steve Medeiros at (401) 826-2121.



April 8, 2010

Underwater Archaeology Uncovers Block Island's Sunken History

Rod Mather, URI History Professor

Marine archaeologist Rod Mather will describe underwater archaeological sites close to Block Island and the work that his team has been doing as part of the R.I. Ocean SAMP. That work includes historic research, ocean survey, archaeological site assessment using SCUBA, and the development of GIS databases. The potential archaeological sites in the waters off Block Island are quite extensive and include shipwrecks from the last century.

7 p.m. Free.

North Kingstown Free Library, 100 Boone Street, Wickford.

