**Awards**

Hi Everyone,

 I can’t believe that the summer is gone, and we are approaching the end of 2024 already. As we approach the end of the year it’s time to assess who in our club were key to this year’s successes.

This year the club made great progress on the:

· Ongoing conservation of our property and surrounding beach,

· Our beach clean-ups,

· Various work parties,

· The 2024 Spring Outing and elections,

· Club and Local Charity Tournaments,

· Our beautiful Memorial Gardens,

· Great fun on the beach and

· Another awesome year of fishing, clamming & boating.

 None of these events could have happen without participation/leadership of committee chairpersons, the board of directors and the membership. This brings me to the point of this article.

 It’s now time to recognize them and nominate them for the 2024Club Awards:

Here is how this works - If you think that someone qualifies for one of the three awards on the next page, please nominate them on the form below and submit it to the chairman by 12/15/2024.

**2024 Nomination Form**

Member of the Year - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

 (Member Name)

Reason for my nomination - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Humanitarian of the Year - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

 (Member Name)

Reason for my nomination - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Member - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

 (Member Name)

Reason for my nomination - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**You can send your nominations to me by:**

* Regular mail (RIMS c/o **Todd Zagurski 36 Marie Street Plainfield CT 06374** or
* By email at **toddzagurski@gmail.com**
* There will also be an online version with a link available of Facebook or the website.

 All nominations will be posted in the January 2025 newsletter for the final votes.

**Member of the Year**

Nominate the person that you think did the most for the club this year. Please remember that there are leaders and there are the workers. When considering who to nominate, consider those that went out of their ways to do things for the club. Such as keeping the lots cleaned up, Collecting trash off of the beach and the rocks, etc.…

**Humanitarian of the Year**

Originally named the Humanitarian Award, this award was renamed in 1972 to the Robert L. Smith Humanitarian Award in memory of Bob Smith, an early member who was known for his dedication and sincerity, as well as an important member of the United Mobile Sportfishermen. This award is given in recognition to the member who has done the most overall for the club. The member selected for this award will be one that most shows his/her dedication to RIMS by way of many hours of work and thought for the better interest of RIMS. This is not necessarily a yearly award. Please nominate the person that you think meets these qualifications.

**Outstanding Member**

Nominate any member that has served the membership of RIMS in an extraordinary way and has done it for a long period of time. In the past 60 plus years there are members of our club that have gone without being recognized. Without their help and dedication to the mission of RIMS over the years, we would not be where we are today. This is especially evident when you hear of other clubs, like ours, dissolving year after year. This award is for them. Here are the basic rules:

· You have to be a member in Good Standing for at least 5 years,

· You can only receive this award one time as it is a Life-Time achievement award and

· The award is the coveted one of a kind “Black Jacket” (like the Green Jacket for the Masters)

I hope that the membership (especially Life members) will nominate more individuals that may have been missed over the years. Ones that have made a difference to RIMS.

Past recipients of this award are the following:

* Robert J. Kardys
* Jeffrey J. Parmelee
* James Milardo
* Richard W. Taylor
* Burton “Deano” Blessing
* Erik Rogde
* Peter Allegro
* Debbie Gosselin