

Island Ad-Vantages

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

January 30, 2020 – I bumped into Clare Grindal this morning. I stopped into the Eggemoggin Country Store this week to pick up a breakfast sandwich and ran into Clare Grindal. Long time *Island Ad-Vantages* readers will recall that Clare wrote this column for nearly 10 years. It was called “Fisheries Log”, and in addition to prices and catch information, she provided commentary on what’s happening around the island and on the water. I’m a flatlander, so Clare will forget more than I’ll ever know about this amazing place, but I’m really interested in learning more. Born and raised here, Clare (Fifield) was the high school English teacher for 35 years. I met her about 20 years ago when we were serving on the Maine Fishermen’s Forum Board together. When the Downeast Lobstermen’s Association needed help, Clare became the first executive director and served for five years before stepping down. I think Clare knows everybody and everything about this place. She loves to share her memories of when times were simpler and the neighborhoods around Deer Isle were independent and self-reliant, and the residents were dependable and helped each other out. Those of you who know Clare will be pleased to know that she’s “doing great” and remains involved with the Island Nursing Home Board, the ARC Animal Shelter and the Order of the Eastern Star. I’m having lunch with Clare at the Harbor Café this week to hear more of her memories of this place and I will share what I learn from her and others in future columns.

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FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington

Lobsters (shedder select): \$5.95/lb.

Scallops: \$9.25/lb.

Bait (frozen Pogies): \$28/box

Fuel (diesel): \$2.75/gal.

Oceanographic Buoy I-01*

44°6’10”N 68°6’44”W - Frenchboro

Sea surface temperature: 44°F

SST - Long term average: 43°F

Bottom temperature: 43°F

BT - Long term average: 43° F