

THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

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Bold and Compassionate Coast

Well, it's that time of year again, when we see another great migration - people. One of people slipping off to camp for long weekends... Lobstermen setting gear... Summer folks moving back in to their summer retreats that have often been in families for generations... and vacationers seeking down time in, well, vacationland.

Some of us working a job, some of us escaping one, some of us enjoying the end of a long career. Whoever you are, you are here. We are all here. And while we are all kicking around the same waters and beaches and busier than usual streets, lets show each other some compassion and understanding that we all love this place for probably some very similar reasons. Even if we view it or have come here in slightly different ways.

So, please drive a little slower. Buy clams, lobster, oysters, crabmeat, halibut and scallops that are almost as good as the ones that all of us that live here year round ate last winter. And above all, try to understand the people that you don't see for most of the year are just that, people.

And if you do find yourself annoyed by a loud working waterfront at 3am by commuters heading off to work, or someone walking cluelessly down Main Street like they own the place, try to meet the situation with humor and understanding. Like a story Captain Leroy Weed once told me of a time he found someone else checking his traps. And instead of fisticuffs or resorting to drastic measures, he simply tied an old bicycle in the man's pot warp (just the right distance down below the buoy) so he would realize his mistake when that old bike tried to ride itself through the block and ended up in bits all over the deck.

Have fun this summer, be safe and be kind, and for goodness sakes, don't touch a fisherman's gear when you're out steaming or sailing around, seriously...

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Prices to Harvesters

Lobsters (select): \$6.00/lb.
Lobster (hard): \$5.00/lb.
Lobster (shedder) \$4.00/lb.
Bait (herring): \$99/bu.
Fuel (diesel): \$3.20/gal.

Disclaimer: these figures were collected on 6/12 in Stonington

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W – Frenchboro
Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 7.79°C
(46.02°F)

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