

## RICK BELLAVANCE

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

***Dedicated, highly motivated candidate with expert knowledge of the RI fisheries and fishing operations gained through extensive experience as the owner of a recreational charter boating operation and commercial fishing.***

Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Extensive experience liaising with recreational and commercial fisherman. Noted ability to collaborate with large, diverse teams – achieving consensus and driving complex projects to completion. Able to listen attentively to issues and respond appropriately.

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| • Report Writing                 | • Planning & Scheduling   | • Project Management        |
| • Excellent Communication Skills | • RI Fisheries Experience | • Computer/Technical Skills |
| • Team Leadership & Training     | • Management/Leadership   | • Recreational Fishing      |

- For 17 years - **actively engaged in fisheries management at the State, Regional, and Federal levels. Extensive experience communicating with fisheries managers, elected officials and fishing industry participants from all fisheries.**
- As a business owner, developed management skills to build and maintain a business in a highly regulated industry in a challenging natural environment.
- For the past 14 years - elected by peers to serve as the **President of the RI Party and Charter Boat Association** and subsequently manage 58 charter boat captains and the activities of the association.
- **USCG Licensed Master of Steam or Motor Vessels** not more than 100 gross tons. Authorized for Commercial Towing.
- **PADI Licensed Open Water Dive Instructor** with certifications in advance diving, public safety diving and ice diving.
- Proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Outlook and Adobe Acrobat.
- Principal Investigator for a collaborative electronic data reporting project that developed UI and API software (Safis eTrips Mobile) for 3 major operating systems (iOS, Android, Windows). 2011 -2014
- Coordinated and executed a temporal and spatial electronic data collection project in collaboration with the Northeast Regional Oceans Council which better characterized the recreational for hire industry.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Fisherman** - F/V DONE

1984 – present

- Engaged in commercial finfish (rod and reel), shellfish, and conch trap fisheries.
- Past member of “**This Fish**,” specializing in commercially harvested seafood that is high quality, traceable, locally caught and delivered fresh to local restaurants.

**PRIORITY CHARTERS, LLC**, Pt. Judith, RI

1996 – present

**Owner/Operator**

- Recreational-Charter Fishing trips in the area of Block Island and Narragansett
- Past member of “**Fish for the Future**,” a collaborative that explored innovative management schemes for responsibly monitoring of catches and discards of charter clients.
- Received past “**National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant**” to explore ways to reduce discards of summer flounder, while providing enhanced fishing experiences for charter clients and develop modern reporting tools for electronic reporting of catch.

**New England Fishery Management Council** (NEFMC)

2016 – Present

- Chair
- Executive Committee Chair, Groundfish Committee Chair
- Risk Policy Working Group Member
- Past Herring Committee Chair, Past Whiting Committee Chair
- NEFMC Liaison to MAFMC
- Past NEFMC Representative to ICCAT and NOAA Fisheries HMS AP
- NEFMC Representative to MAFMC Spiny Dogfish and SF, Scup, BSB Committee
- Past NEFMC Representative to SAFMC Dolphin/Wahoo Committee

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## EDUCATION/TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

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Certificate, Gulf Of Maine Research Institute, 2009 - Management Module 100 and 200  
Science Module

Community College of RI – coursework completed

RI Department of Health Licensed EMT-Cardiac with certifications in Endotracheal Intubation and  
AED's

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## APPOINTMENTS/AFFILIATIONS

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- Past National Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee Member
- Past National Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee - Recreational Fishing Working Group Member
- Past Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission - Legislative Proxy
- Past Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program- Chair of Advisor
- Past Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council Member
- Past Commercial Fisheries Research Center Board Member
- Current RI Party and Charter Boat Association - President
- Current Commercial Fisheries Center of Rhode Island Board Member