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Rhody FLY RODDERS

America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club



OCTOBER MEETING

KICK-OFF PIZZA PARTY MEETING & SHOW 'N TELL!



Come join us for a Pizza Party to kick-off our Rhody Fly Rodders Fall & Winter meetings. Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30pm.

Our first regular meeting of the season will be on Tuesday October, 21st starting at 6:30pm. After a few years of having a "Cookout" to start the year, we decided to bring the cookout 'inside, out of the darkness and chilly temps, and into the warm building and be able to gather us all together in comfort, and enjoy some pizza, etc. This will be easier to catch up on our summer fishing experiences and share some stories, etc. Bring your tying gear and tie some flies!

We then will have a brief business meeting to give you a look at what we are planning for the next 7 months. I'm also sure Gene Matteson will give us his annual striper assessment and catch numbers.

After all that, we will have a **'Show 'n Tell' session**. The floor will be open to let **you** tell the members about your big summer catches. I know some of you had some trips to far away places and this would be a great time and place to pass on to the rest of the members, a little information on your trip and what it was like. No big presentation, maybe just a few facts and what it was like and what to expect.

Or maybe you have a special new fly that's been successful for you, that you would like to share, or a new rod or other piece of equipment. I know some of the members are getting into the 'switch', 'spey', or as Keld insists, "they are 'two-handed' rods!" Maybe someone can pass-on info on this, or a formula for what kind of line, leader goes with what rod, etc.

Anything goes at this 'Show & Tell'... well, almost anything!

Bring a friend and share the experience!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, another fishing season is slowly coming to a close. And, I think, if I took a survey, the success rate, and /or approval rating for fish caught, would be a D+ to a C-. But, let me say, the fall run of Albies and Bonito has been spectacular so far. But, where are the Bass? Small, cookie cutter ones yes, but for the most part the large bass have been absent, from what I have heard. Maybe late fall? I hope so!

I personally fulfilled a lifetime dream of catching my first Albie, thanks to Capt. Ray and Dave Pollack, who put me on some nice fish, a few weeks ago. It's amazing the power and speed of these fish. I'm hooked now!

The Atlantic States Marine Coastal Fisheries Commission was taking suggestions and opinions on the new addendum for the Striped Bass fishery and the Rhody board of directors voted to pen a position on this, in behalf of the club. Some individuals may have different opinions, but we thought generally we would follow most of the recreational fishermen and recreational guides on this. (see our recommendations on the inside pages).

Next, I want to say that our monthly "Summer Fishing Meetings" were a huge success! Maybe not the success we wanted as far as fish catching, but it was getting together to fish, breaking bread and having a few laughs. After all, isn't this the 'true fishing experience'..."good friends, good times"? Maybe next year we can expand to find some new places. Suggestions?



This month's 'Kickoff' of our winter meetings, will be a Pizza Night instead of the regular cookouts that we've had in the past. Instead of standing outside in the dark, cold night, tossing down a few dogs or burgers, we now can sit, talk and be comfortable. After all, we are all getting older and comfort is very important to 'old men'. We'll save the cookout for the spring meeting.

It will be good to be back together, so please try and make time to join us.

Tight lines...

P. Nilsen

Peter Nilsen



CASTING ABOUT

Last April Meeting

Thank you to Capt. Jim White for a sobering presentation on the state of the Striped Bass stocks, the future of our beloved fish and what's being done to improve the situation. Great presentation, Jim, you left us with a lot of questions and food for thought! Hopefully we (recreational & commercial) can come to some sort of conciliation and make it right for all of us and protect this fabulous fish.



We lost a friend

If any of our members and friends who haven't heard, Gary Soares, longtime member and good friend to many of us and to the fly fishing community at large, passed away on July 21st. He was the biggest cheerleader for fly tying and fly fishing and so much enjoyed, and fully involved himself, in the ambiance and social setting of our sport. Always smiling and joking and passing on happy feelings, he was one of a kind. To mention Gary's name brought smiles to everyone's face. We will all miss that wonderful spirit who was – Gary Soares. RIP, my friend!

Get well wishes

Best wishes go out to Stu Dickens, who's been layed up, and in and out of the hospital and rehab this summer. But at last report from him, he's getting back on his feet and walking again..."slowly", he said. Hope to see him back at one of our meetings soon. Go get 'em, Stu!



THIS MONTH'S "DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?"



Continuing the 'guess who' person of the month feature -
This longtime member is the most generous person in our club. Always giving, and liked by all! A little crazy sometimes, but a nice guy! (answer on these pages)

Rhody's position on the Striped Bass Addendum

Here's what **we and most recreational fishermen** for striped bass, whether from shore or boat, are recommending for the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's proposed changes to the laws. Also recommending this are the recreational fishing **guides** from most of the Northeast states, including the **Block Island Fishing Guides Association**, as they try to preserve the wonderful fishery that they have there.

We think that the one fish @32 inches option, starting next year, is better than keeping the 2 fish limit and waiting for 3 years to see what happens to the stock. With the 3 year option, a moratorium will likely happen.

Also, I have a suggestion for a club project that would adopt a campaign of..."It's the fish catching experience, not the fish keeping experience." Could be a nice theme we could get behind. We'll explore this later.

RECOMMENDED OPTIONS:

Section 2.5.1: Stock Assessment Reference Point Option

Option B: Uses the preferred 2013 benchmark assessment.

Section 2.6: Timeline to Reach Harvest Reduction

Option A: Reduces mortality by 25% in one year.

Section 3.0: Management Scenarios:

Coastal Recreational Fishery:

Option B3: one fish per person per day at 32 inches.

Section 3.1 Commercial Quota Transfers

Option A: Prohibit quota transfers from one region to another.

Section 3.2: Commercial Size Limits

Option A: Would require the same size limits for commercial harvesters should the recreational size limit be increased.

ODDS 'N ENDS

New digital magazine

For all you steelhead/salmon fans, there's a new digital, online magazine called "Swing the Fly". (Google it online) It's about those of us who fly fish and like to swing wet flies and streamers for trout, salmon and steelhead. It's written by Phil Monahan (out of Orvis), and contains a lot of stories, experiences and expert information on this type of fishing, with some great photos of the great rivers in the Northwest. Check it out.

Book Review

For you trout fans, I bought a new book, recommended to me by Dave Loren, called 'Fly Fishing the Northeast – 50 great places', by Bob Mallard. It's a terrific book that highlights 50 of the best trout rivers and streams in all of New England, New Jersey, New York, & Pennsylvania. Our own Wood River is featured for the best of Rhode Island, which includes some 'snappy' photos of Bob Hines posing while fishing. Also mentioned with each river, are fly shops, hotel, motels, and eating places, along with maps. Highly recommended by Dave and myself!

Great Fly Fishing Videos

Also on the internet there's a new site from Orvis that has a great number of videos on all types of fly fishing. They will be changing them often, so keep going back. Seems there's ton's of fishermen out there filming their fishing adventures, and some are amazing! Some are done by professionals from great destinations with underwater filming, camera angles and techniques. Great stuff!

The site is called "The Tug". Here's the web address...
orvis.com/fishing_videos/



OK, you tell them I caught a 36" bass, I'll tell them you caught two 26" bass, then we'll drown the guy next to us so he won't tell.

TIPS FROM THE PROS

THE WATER HAUL CAST

The water haul is a type of casting often used in windy conditions to increase the velocity behind your cast to enable it to go further and with more accuracy. This is done by allowing your back cast to fall onto the water momentarily behind you before making your forward cast and the second haul. As the forward cast resumes, the tension of the fly line being pulled off the water puts more load into the fly rod.



The forward cast then shoots out with extra speed as the compressed rod straightens out at the end of the forward stroke. Don't allow a weighted fly to sit on the water for more than a brief moment, or it will sink too deep to allow you to snap the line back off the water.

The extra weight of the water on the line may also help propel and turn the line over in the wind. (Ordinarily most of the water would be snapped off the line as the aerial back cast turns over.) You can use this technique when you cast into the wind or across it. Some fly fishermen use it when they cast backward to fight wind from the casting-arm side. It is an inherently low cast and a little risky to use in a wind from your casting-arm side, unless you do it backward.

FLY OF THE MONTH



DAVE POLLACK'S BAY ANCHOVY

HOOK: Mustad 253 or 254, Size 1-2/0

THREAD: White

TAIL: Gray bucktail, 1 1/2 length of hook shank, two strips of silver Flashabou, one white, one pink saddle hackle, tied flat wing style

COLLAR: Long, sparse, white bucktail as a 3/4 collar (bottom & both sides)

BODY: Bill's Body Braid on smaller flies, Pink Sparkle or Diamond braid on larger

THROAT: Sea blue craft fur, tied bottom & both sides of hook shank, extend to bend

WING: Light orange or bronze bucktail, 2 strands of gold Flashabou, one furnace brown saddle hackle

HEAD: Stick-on style, white or pearl/black pupil, epoxy

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MEETINGS:

Riverside Sportsmen's Association
19 Mohawk Dr., East Providence, RI 02915
3rd Tuesday of the month, Oct. – April

DIRECTIONS:

From Providence take Rt.195 to Exit 7.
Bear right on the ramp & follow Rt. 114 South
(Wamanoag Trail) for 2 miles. Look for WPRO Studios
on left, then take first U-turn back to Rt.114 North.
Continue North and look for the Riverside
Sportsmen's Club sign on right side.



(Quiz answer -
Gene Matteson)

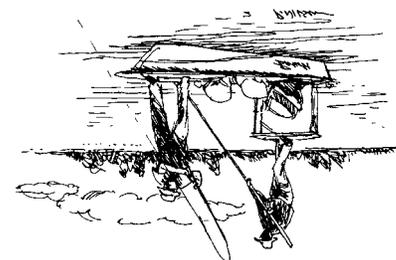


“Pass on to all, who ask what you learn here”.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST - 6:30 PM

Please come join us for our ‘Kick-off meeting’ for the winter season. We will start at 6:30 with a **‘Pizza Party’** and **fly tying**, then a **“Show ‘n Tell session**, where members will share their summer fishing stories, traveling experiences and equipment reviews & suggestions, plus other fishing related information. There always something to learn from this experienced group of fly fishermen! Bucket Raffles will be back, and as always, the coffee pot is always on. Bar refreshments are available. **Open to the public.**

Hope to see you there...bring a friend...bring two!



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Looking back on the 2014 Rhody Summer Fishing Get-Togethers

Here is a pictorial look back at our 2014 Rhody Fly Rodders summer fishing get-togethers. I don't know about you, but this year's 'cookouts' and fishing get-togethers were a huge success, and...a lot of fun. Each meeting started with a bit of fishing in the late afternoon, some success was had as far as catching was concerned, but for the most part it was fishing side by side with friends, plus a lot of conversation and laughs. Then when the smell of Armand's grill started to permeate the air, we all found ourselves crowded around the grill cooking our 'dogs', 'brats', 'burgers', or whatever. It was good food, lots of laughs and great conversation. The fishing may not have been spectacular, but the good times were! Can't get much better than that!



Big crowd at Quonny!



Don't bother me while I'm eating my brat!



Chief cook & bottle washer!



Look out fish...here comes the fearsome foursome! (I heard it was 3 skipjacks between them.)



Strip, strip, strip,...pause!



Wes is signaling to 'come & get it', or looking for rain!



Ron, are they done yet?



After a 'dog' or two...a cigar!



Here fishy, fishy!



Mmmm! Long line for the dogs & brats.



Let's see, it's bun, dog, mustard...or is it bun, mustard, dog?

And now for some fish shots!
Peter with his first ever Albie! Dave Pollack & Capt. Ray with one of many Albies they caught this Fall....And, Mike Kelley with a nice Bass. I'm sure there were more nice fish caught, but nobody sent me any photos!

