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Rhody FLY RODDERS

America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



First and foremost, I'd like to thank all the members who came and tyed at our December 'Fly Tying Extravaganza', or donated their tyed flies to this event. As you know, this year's recipient of the sales of these flies is our own, SAVE THE BAY. We ended up with over 100 flies tied or donated at the meeting, that we will sell during this winters' meeting and fishing shows. Hopefully we can sell these and make a great donation to 'Save The Bay' for them to use in their great work in managing this great resource we have.

It was a good feeling last month when we presented a check for \$400. to 'Project Healing Waters'. They do such a great job getting wounded and disabled vets involved in fly tying and fly fishing.

This month's meeting should be a good one with our own Capt. Ray Stachelek giving a presentation called 'Tuna Helper – a recipe for success'! This is all about the hunt for Albies, Bonito and small tuna. You don't want to miss this one.

We will have a sales table available for you to sell your extra or unwanted fishing tackle. Look for a list of old tackle on the inside pages to get you started. If you want to sell anything next month, email me a list and I will put it in next months newsletter for you.

Also at the December Meeting, we had a visit from the 'Narragansett Bay Keeper', Tom Kutcher, as he wanted to check out the flies being tyed for 'Save the Bay'. Tom is also a saltwater fly fisher and promised to come to a meeting again and tie some flies with us. Thanks, Tom.

I hope your Holidays were wonderful and you all had special times with family and friends – and I hope to see you all at this next meeting, which should be special – as is all of Capt. Ray's presentations.

Please come join us, bring a friend and share the experience.

Happy New Year to you all!

P. Nilsen

Peter Nilsen



JANUARY MEETING

'TUNA HELPER' – A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

Jan. Meeting – Tuesday, January 20th, at 6:30pm.



After November comes... December, and after December comes... Capt. Ray...and I for one look forward to it every year!

This January's meeting will again feature our own, **Capt. Ray Stachelek**, with an amazing presentation on **fly fishing for 'Tuna'!**

Capt Ray has been guiding and fishing the waters off Rhode Island for nearly 20 years and has been chasing 'Tuna' for most of those years. Ray's program is entitled, **"Tuna Helper – a Recipe for Success"**.

Have you ever had your fly reel drag cooked by a screaming albie? Ray says..."Nothing compares to this mind boggling experience of man vs. tuna on light tackle. See why so many fishermen call this, the ultimate adrenaline rush. Learn how to greatly improve your odds," he says. "The culmination and compiling of factual information, and photo sequences for this program, came from many, many fishing seasons, and the wealth of this information might be the most comprehensive on the subject." He continues..."Believe me, I'm obsessive, & compulsive about the details on fishing for these amazing fish."

Please join us, this should be a great learning experience for all, from the expert in hunting for these fish.

We will have our tied flies for sale, for SAVE THE BAY, plus some great **bucket raffles**. The **"Tackle Table"** will be available for you to sell or buy used tackle.

Hats, books, posters are also available for purchase. The coffee pot is always on, and bar refreshments are available – along with another of Gene Matterson's wonderful door prizes. **Bring a friend! Bring Two!**

CASTING ABOUT



At our December Meeting

At our December meeting we had an amazing turnout of members who came and tied flies for this year's charity, SAVE THE BAY. Well over 100 flies were tied and donated at our annual 'Fly Tying Extravaganza'. Thank you to all who participated.



Some amazing flies were tied by some talented members. Keep tying, guys!



Ron M. tries to tie a Christmas fly!



Why is this man smiling? Don't pay any attention to him, Dave.



Capt. Ray tying some of his famous Angel Hair flies!

We also had a guest stop by – Tom Kutcher, the Narragansett 'Baykeeper', from Save the Bay, came to witness our tying efforts for 'Save the Bay'. Tom gave the members



a brief update on what's happening in the bay and answered a few questions about upcoming programs. Tom is also a saltwater fly fisherman and promises to come back and tie some flies with us at a future meeting.

On a side note...the Director of 'Save the Bay', Jonathan Stone, who couldn't attend our meeting that night, is also a flyfisherman and fly tyer. So maybe we have two new members?? We have offered our (Rhody's) help in any of 'Save the Bay's' forthcoming projects. It would be great if we could work together to make Narragansett Bay a better place to boat and fish!

Also present at our meeting were three gentlemen from 'Project healing Waters', led by Jim Clinton, who accepted our check for \$400. from last year's efforts of tying and selling the flies we tied. Jim and the two others, addressed the members and told of the things that 'Project Healing Waters' does to help wounded and disabled vets enjoy fly tying and fly fishing. Jim, our hats are off to you and 'Project Healing Waters', you do a great job.



Rhody president, Peter Nilsen (L) presents a \$400. check to Jim Clinton, of Project Healing Waters.

Saltwater Show Tickets

The Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association has offered Rhody Fly Rodders, discount tickets to their New England Saltwater Fishing Show, at the Providence Convention center, on February 27th, 28th, & March 1st. All those interested in these tickets will have to pre-register and pre-pay, so we may purchase these at the discounted

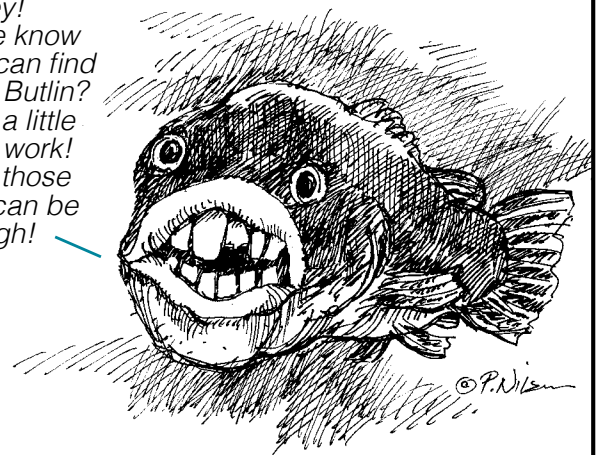
price of \$6.00. The price at the door is \$10.00. Please sign up and pay at the January meeting – a sign-up sheet will be out for your ordering. See John Pope. You will be able to pick them up at the February meeting on the 17th.

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



Continuing the 'guess who' person of the month feature - A lifetime member of Rhody, loves to fish and tie flies. He has a famous fly named after him. (answer on these pages)

Hey!
Anyone know
where I can find
Dr. Rod Butlin?
I need a little
dental work!
Damn those
crabs can be
tough!



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2015 Club Dues

I know a lot of members renewed their membership at the December meeting – Thank you! We were suppose to have our new & improved club patches to hand out with our new membership cards, but as it was, the patches were not ready in time, but, we have them now, and those who paid their dues should see John Pope for your new patch. Other members who haven't paid and maybe can't attend our meetings, and still would like to be a member of Rhody Fly Rodders, please send you check for \$25. to John Pope, 6 Canonchet Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871. John will then send you your patch and membership card. As you know, it cost money to put on these meetings, programs & newsletters, and the support from your dues keeps this going. We thank you for your membership and your involvement in Rhody Fly Rodders.

2015 Slate of Officers

The election of officers for 2015 was held at the December meeting. The same cast of characters, 'er I mean Officers, will lead this wonderful club in the year 2015. Seriously, it's a pleasure to serve such a great club and it's members.

President – Peter Nilsen
Vice President – Howie DeBeck
Treasurer – John Pope
Director – Mike Kelley
Director – Martin Custodio
Program Director – Bob Teeden

For Your Information

Joe Carr, from Carr's Rod 'N Gun Tackle Shop, has passed away. Carr's was a mainstay for a lot of our members and other fishermen in Rhode Island. He will be missed!

2015 Fishing Shows

The Fly Fishing Show

Marlbrough, MA – Royal Piazza – Jan. 16th, 17th, 18th

Somerset, NJ – Garden State Exhibit Center
Jan. 23th, 24th, 25th

The Bear's Den Show

Taunton, MA – The Bear's Den Store – Sat., Feb. 21st

New England Saltwater Fishing Show

Providence Convention Center– Feb 27th, 28th, March 1st



Santa (in red shirt) poses with the 4 lucky little boys that held the lucky raffle tickets, for the wonderful 'fly gifts' from Santa's workshop. Santa outdid himself this year with 4 wonderful prizes.

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

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

TIPS FROM THE PROS

Setting the Hook in Saltwater:

One of the biggest problems with anglers in 'hooking' a large fish, is setting the hook. Most anglers graduate from freshwater fly fishing where they set the hook by gently raising the rod tip. This works fine when you are fishing a size 22 blue wing olive to ten inch trout. When you gently raise the rod tip on a 10 lb fish, you gently slide the fly out of his mouth.

When fishing to these big fish, you need to point the rod tip directly at the fly line and strip the fly back to you. The strip technique is dictated by the time of year, water temperature, tide and other factors. Your captain will tell you when, how fast and how long to strip the fly. When a fish takes he might explode on the fly and hook himself. More typically, the fish slowly sucks in the fly, and you feel a slight resistance. Whenever you feel any resistance, strike. When you strike, keep the rod pointed directly at the fly, grasp the fly line tightly with the line hand and quickly and aggressively strip the line. I like to see an angler pull the line from right at the reel to behind his back in one swift motion. Do not raise the rod tip. An effective strip strike will improve your salt water angling success by 50% or more.

Casting with wind: Wind is always a factor in salt water fly fishing. When casting with the wind, keep your back cast short and the loops tight. On your forward cast, try opening your loop and letting the wind carry the line forward. When casting into the wind, you can make a longer more open loop back cast, and tighten your loop on your forecast.

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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.

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



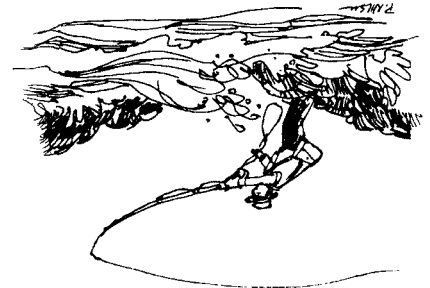
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NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH - 6:30 PM

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Hope to see you there...bring a friend...share the experience!



Peter Nilsen
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FLY FISHING TACKLE FOR SALE

A gentleman named Richard Cabral contacted me, and said he had some vintage fly tackle for sale. I agree to post it here in the newsletter to see if any of our members had any interest. He can't make this meeting but if you are interested in any of these items, you can contact him at the phone and email address below. He will try and bring these items to our February meeting. He also has boxes of fly tying material which you can look at in February.

- Fenwick FlyRod FF70-7ft 3oz and carrying tube in excellent condition.....\$225.
- Pfluger Meadalist 1494 ½ fly reel, extra spool with line in good condition.....\$100.
- South Bend Finalist 1155 reel with 2 extra spools, line, original box and carrying case.....\$45.
- South Bend Finalist 1144 reel, line and original box.....\$25.
- Unknown brand fly reel made in Japan.....\$3.
- D.H. Thompson tying vises.....\$ 35.
- Perrine Aluminum Fly Fishing Boxes #91 and # 66 with flies.....\$50.
- Common Sense Wet + Dry Fly Book Case, Style #30 leather, two of them, one with flies.....\$45.
- Orvis canvas fly storage/holders, one with flies \$......40.

ALL PRICES ARE NEGOTIABLE

Richard Cabral 401-253-9196 rmc32@live.com



MORE...

I also have a few fly fishing items for sale, that I will bring to the January meeting.

- Sage 389-3 LL Graphite III fly rod- 8' 9"-3wt.- 3 pc.
This is arguably the best fly rod Sage ever made. It is a cult item, with them selling on ebay right now for \$300. to \$600. depending on condition. This great rod was my spring creek rod for Montana, lightly used and is in excellent+ condition. Asking..... \$380.
Original cloth sack and rod tube.
- Sage 590-4 RPL 9' - 5wt.- 4pc. Graphic III fly rod....Excellent condition...\$170.
Original cloth sack and rod tube.
- Sci-Angler- System two - 8/9 fly reel. The solid black model, comes with an 8wt Cortland WF-8 Intermediate fly line and an x-spool....\$90.

See Peter Nilsen @ meeting.