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Rhody FLY RODDERS

America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, we are doing a bit of a flip-flop for the November and December meetings, but I think everything will work fine, as we will be doing our "Fly Tying Extravaganza" in November and having Ed Lambardo giving a presentation in December.

Last month's 'Pizza party' meeting was a huge success and really a blast! We had about 40 members and guests in attendance. Thank you all! We were pleased that our friend, Tom Kutcher, the 'Narragansett Bay Keeper', could come last month and accept our check for \$400. on behalf of 'Save the Bay'. We hope to see Tom this month to tie some flies.

For some reason our 'Club' fishing hats have been selling like crazy – we're down to 2 or 3 left. I'm placing an order for more this month, so if you're interested in a new hat, we hope to have more at our December meeting.

You know, as I write this newsletter each month during our meeting schedule, I'm only the 'record keeper' here at RFR...it is not my newsletter, it's yours, and I would like to have more input from our members, as to stories, tackle reviews, photos of fish and fishing, or maybe some tips or hints on fly fishing or tying that you would like to share. This newsletter should have less of 'me' and more of 'you' as I try to fill these pages. Send me something. E-mail and address are on the back cover.

Don't forget, our sales table will be available for your use in selling your used tackle. Also, our new decals for your car, boat, fly box or stripping basket are here. They are available free, so see me at a meeting if you want one.

Come tie with.us...hope to see you at the meeting! All are welcome. Please bring a friend and introduce them to some great people here at Rhody Fly Rodders.

Tight lines...

P. Nilsen

Peter Nilsen



NOVEMBER MEETING

CALLING ALL FLY TYERS!



Please come join us for our Annual Fly Tying Extravaganza for Charity, Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30pm.

This year Rhody Fly Rodders will be having our 'Annual Fly Tying Event for Charity' in November, rather than our usual time in December – due to a scheduling problem.

We like to have as many of you attend this year's event as possible. This year's chosen charity is 'Reel Recovery', a national organization that offers a 'Reel Recovery' retreat for men recovering from all sorts of cancer.



These retreats are run by professional facilitators and expert fly fishing instructors. They provide a safe reflective environment, expert fly fishing instruction, plus provide participants information about cancer related resources, all at no cost. Truly a worthy cause for our fly tying efforts. I implore you to join us for this meeting.

We will have 4 or 5 of our experienced tyers take the lead and be giving tying instructions on some of their favorite patterns. Armand Corchaine informed me that he will be will instructing tying with 'Deer Body Hair', for all who want to learn how to tie these type flies.



We will be collecting all flies tied, as we will be selling them at the 2 fishing shows we attend, plus at our meetings. All proceeds are donated to 'Reel Recovery'.

So come one, come all and learn from the experts. As usual we will have our 'bucket raffles.– and the 'coffee pot and cookies' will be back for this meeting.

Hope to see you there – Bring a Friend!



CASTING ABOUT

October Meeting

Thanks to all who attended our October, 'Pizza Party'. The turnout was great, with over 40 members attending to munch pizza and catch-up with old friends and exchange 'fish stories'.

We presented a check for \$400. to Tom Kutcher, the Bay Keeper from "Save the Bay", for our sale of flies from last year's tying session.



We then had a great video showing of 'Once in a Blue Moon', the story of fishing 'mice' fly patterns in New Zealand, for very large trout. Seems every 10 years there's a mouse population explosion and big Browns and Rainbows gorge themselves. Beautiful photography. A highly recommended video for all. Again, thank you to all that attended — it was a very fun evening!



Letter from 'Save the Bay'

I received a very nice letter from Jonathan Stone, Executive Director of Save the Bay, thanking us for our donation of \$400. to 'Save the Bay'.

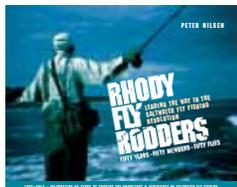
Thank you all who tied the flies at our tying event last year, and to those who help sell them at the shows...and to

those who generously bought some of these flies.

I speak for the whole club in saying we were proud that we could do this for such a great organization such as 'Save the Bay'.

Rhody Books

After selling nearly 200 copies of the book I wrote about 'Rhody Fly Rodders – 50 Years, 50 Members, 50 flies', I received a call from the printer I used, and he informed me they found another box of my books at the plant. Of course I was delighted, so if anyone is interested in purchasing a book, or another book, maybe as a gift, I do now have about 40 more books for sale. One of my B&W Striper prints is FREE with each purchase. See me at any meeting.



Here's member, Dave Loren with a nice Bluefish he caught in late summer / early fall in the 'Upper Bay'. Dave said it was 11-12 lbs. Here's proof that fishermen never lie!

CONSERVATION NEWS

News from Stripers Forever

Massachusetts Legislature To Hold Hearings On Two Stripers Forever Sponsored Bills on Thursday November 5, 2015

On Thursday, November 5, the Massachusetts legislature will hold hearings to include two bills that Stripers Forever are sponsoring, including:

SB476 (SD225) - An Act relative to the conservation of striped bass, which would restrict participation in the commercial striped bass fishery to those individuals with an historically significant (1,000 lbs average for previous five years) catch.

HB667 (HD3042) - An Act relative to the conservation of striped bass, which would establish a special commission to study the economic impact of both the recreational and commercial striped bass fishery.

We urge all of our members from Massachusetts who are able to attend to come to the hearing and stand in support of our efforts. Your attendance is particularly important if you are:

A guide or charter captain who has lost clients or trips as a result of the fishery's decline

A recreational angler who has made fewer trips to the coast because of the fishery's decline

A angling-related retailer who has lost revenue because of a decline in interest in the fishery

Our efforts to protect striped bass and the future of our fishery depend on concerned anglers getting involved. We know that our opponents will be present, and the members of the committee take note of which constituency is most active on these issues, so please consider coming. Here are the details:

Thursday, November 5, 2015 - 1:00pm

Massachusetts State House

189th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

24 Beacon Street Boston, MA 01233

Room B-1



Some statistics and talking points on why changes are needed in striped bass management are available on the Stripers Forever website.

Make sure to arrive early enough to go through security, and please contact **Dean Clark at seaflycapecod@gmail.com** if you have any questions.

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

Continuing the 'guess who' person of the month feature -

This person was a fishing buddy of Armand's & very good friends with many members, and a former Secretary of Rhody back in the early 80's, with a talent of making some great "popping bugs". (answer on these pages)





Here's a sign I spotted at the 'Cape'. Thought it says a lot!

The 'Illusion' vs 'The Creature of the Black Lagoon'

Ron Montecalvo's son is a very talented model maker, so Ron had this crazy idea, or prank, of taking Geno Ripa's 'Illusion' fly and combining it in a bizarre setting that would get some laughs and poke fun at Geno's famous creation. As you know, Geno makes some very strange flies, but they do catch fish, so you can't scoff at them too much.

Not only did Ron's son do an amazing job with this creation, he won 1st place at 'BayCon', a contest put on by the Bay Colony Historic Modelers Assoc., a scale model organization. This diorama is Geno's 'Illusion' vs.



'The Creature from the Black Lagoon' in a framed scene. I know the photo doesn't show all the detail but it's so funny and brilliant at the same time. Congrats to him and hooray for the 'Illusion'!



Here is a photo of Rhody Fly Rodders original charter to the "Salt Water Fly Rodders of America" in 1963. We were chapter #3 and we outlasted all the other chapters to become the oldest saltwater fly fishing club in America. Hooray for us!

TIPS FROM THE PROS

Presenting the fly to the fish

A common problem fly anglers have is presenting the fly to the fish. Many fly casters make a good false cast and when they get ready to present the fly, they "push" their arm forward, drop the rod tip and kill their cast. By pushing your arm forward and dropping your rod tip before the loop is formed to try to present the fly, you open your loop, kill your distance and limit your accuracy. Anglers do this because they are trying to give the final cast a little extra "oomph" and push the fly to the target. This is the exact opposite of what you should do.

I see this problem when anglers are double hauling or simply casting. It is a hard habit to break.

The proper way to present the fly is to stop the fly rod high, let the loop unroll, then drop the rod tip to present the fly to the fish. Joan Wulf calls this the "follow through". To practice this technique, try to trick yourself. Make a back cast, then a fore cast just like you are doing a false cast, but instead of making another back cast, just stop the rod. Let the loop unroll, and see how much farther the cast goes. Do this a couple of times to get used to watching the loop unroll. Then let the loop unroll almost all the way, then drop the rod tip. This is the proper way to present the fly to the fish.

FLY OF THE MONTH



RAY BONDREWE'S - 'RAY'S FLY'

HOOK: Eagle Claw #254, Size 2-4/0, 1X short

THREAD: Light green or pale yellow monocord

BODY: Silver Bill's Body Braid or tinsel yarn

WING: A small bunch of white bucktail over 2 strands of pearl Flashabou, a smaller bunch of light yellow bucktail, 2 strands of pearl Flashabou, topped by a still smaller bunch of olive bucktail

TOPPING: 4 or 5 strands of peacock herl

FLY LENGTH: 2-6 inches

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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 -
Don Carter)



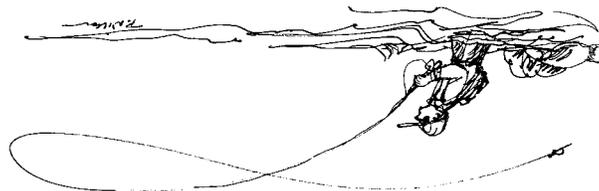
“Pass on to all, who ask what you learn here”.

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