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America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club



OCTOBER MEETING

OUR ANNUAL PIZZA PARTY KICK-OFF MEETING!



**Come join us for our...
Annual Pizza Party, to kick-off
our Fall & Winter meetings.
Tuesday, October 17th at 6:30pm.**

Continuing on with what is now the most popular meeting of our season, we will be offering some delicious pizza to 'kick-off' our winter meeting schedule.

We will start at 6:30 with pizza, then have a short business meeting to catch up on what transpired during the summer, and a bit of what we want to do for the rest of our meetings for this season.

After we eat we will have a DVD showing of a wild and crazy video called, 'Montauk Rocks!' This is about fishing the East End of Long Island during the Fall migration that takes place with the ocean migration of striped bass. It's about the Montauk anglers, who take on the worst that the Atlantic ocean can throw at them.

Every year tackle, bones and egos are smashed in the waves and on the rocks that define this experience. This is a fun look at the 'crazies' that hunt for large stripers on the East end of Montauk. Should be fun!

Jim, our resident barkeeper, will have plenty of liquid refreshments to wash down that good pizza. Coffee will also be available.

So come join us, kick back, have a slice or two, and catch up with your friends and share some summer fishing experiences.

There will be some great raffles on hand. Also bring your used tackle that you might want to sell, for the sales table.

**Hope to see you there.
All are welcome. Please bring a friend**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it's October and the fishing is still going at full throttle. Albies galore, school bass and even some larger ones around every rock pile. This has been a great year and it seems it's not close to being over yet.

I want to thank all the members who participated in our monthly summer fishing/cookout meetings. Fun was had even though only a few fish were caught. A special thanks to those who lent us the use of your gas grills, contributed food and help with the cooking! Without your generosity these ventures wouldn't have been successful. Although we had spotty attendance at a few fishing meetings, and the cancellation of one, the last two meetings at the Narrow River were a lot of fun, well attended, and we caught a lot of fish!

Right now there are some huge shad and small bass in the Narrow river which should make for some Fall fun.

We had our first 'Board' meeting this past week, and I think we will have an interesting winter meeting schedule for you.

Of course we start with our popular 'Pizza Party' in October.

The November meeting will be special as we will honor some past members who were instrumental in making this club what it is today. We will be doing a tribute Night, by honoring the 20th anniversary of the passing of Bill Peabody. Along with saluting Bill, we will remember co-founders Harold Gibbs and Al Brewster. You don't want to miss this one.

December we will continue our tradition of tying flies for our favorite charity. The decision on which one will come later.

The new year will bring some fishing informative meetings. One month our "Fishing Experts" will return to wow you with their vast knowledge. More on this later!

So, I hope to see you all at this month's 'Pizza Party.' It will be followed by an exciting video, called "Montuck Rocks, about Striped Bass fishing during the fall run on Montauk, Long Island.

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



CASTING ABOUT



Last April Meeting

IF you can remember back to our last April monthly meeting, it was our Annual Cookout meeting where we toasted the beginning of the fishing. We had a great cookout with a great many members and friends in attendance.

Following that was where we finished up showing that great video called 'Running the Coast,' where we saw some great footage of the famous blitzes off Mantauk and the coast of New York & New Jersey. Great film! Hope you all enjoyed it!

Ron Montecalvo's Private Cookout Meeting – Seems Keld, Ron & Geno had the wrong cookout date.

"This morning I get a call from Keld Olson saying hat he will be at the cook out meeting tonight and asked where at Goddard Park will we meet. I told him at the beach, and panicked because I'd not prepared for it. I checked my notice and saw the 18th, called Geno and others mentioning the cookout. Geno and I met at 5:00, and I had hamburgers, buns and of course onions. We were at Goddard Park about 5:30 and saw no one at the beach. Deciding that they were all at the boat ramp we moved there. Same circumstance, no one there. We went back to the beach and found Keld, made the rounds again and knew no one was coming.

A decision was reached. We'd fish Narrow River and Keld offered the grill at his house for my hamburgers, and he also had franks. So off we went to Keld's where his lovely wife waited for us with cheese, hummus and condiments while we had soft drinks on his deck overlooking the river. After having our goodies we went to Sprague Bridge where we met Anne Alberino. We all fished together swapped stories and flies, hugged and kissed, and said goodby."

The best non-scheduled cookout meeting ever. – Ron.

CONSERVATION REPORT

The Most Important Fish In The Sea Needs Your Help!

Menhaden one of the ocean's most valuable forage fish, are a primary food source for wild striped bass and without them there will be dire consequences for their entire ecosystem. Because of past over-harvesting, species like striped bass that normally feed on menhaden have displayed symptoms of malnourishment and disease.

Menhaden have been overfished during the past 55 years according to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the regulatory agency in charge. Menhaden are being regulated as a single species with little regard for their interdependent value within their ecosystem. NOAA is pushing for current single species management models to transition over to ecosystem-based management (EBM) protocols.

The goal of EBM is to recognize species interdependency and maintain ecosystems in a healthy, productive and resilient condition. The ASMFC is asking for your input on how best to implement this effort. Below we have outlined the considered options that we feel will be best for Menhaden, Striped Bass and their entire shared ecosystem.

Your comments will have more impact if you do not mention being a member of any specific organization. Please use your own words when expressing your option choices.

Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on October 20, 2017 and should be forwarded to Megan Ware, FMP Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St, Suite A – N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703-842-0741 (FAX)

**Send your email to: comments@asmfc.org
with the Subject line: Draft Amd. 3**

SUMMER FISHING MEETINGS

Here a few pictures of our 2017 'Rhody' summer fishing/cookout meetings. Great fun, good food & some fish, but always good times with great friends!

Below that are some photos of members' catches this year.



Must have been a really tough day of fishing. Now it's time to feed their faces!



The couple that goes to Rhody cookouts together, stays together! Armand & Wife!



These couple of 'old guys' seems to be waiting for the moment to move them!

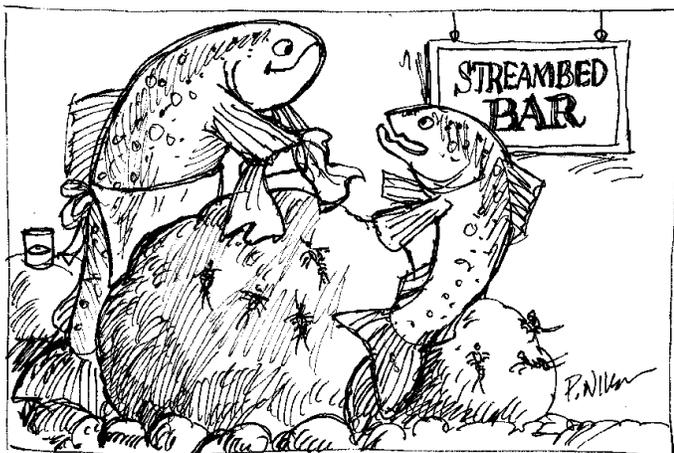
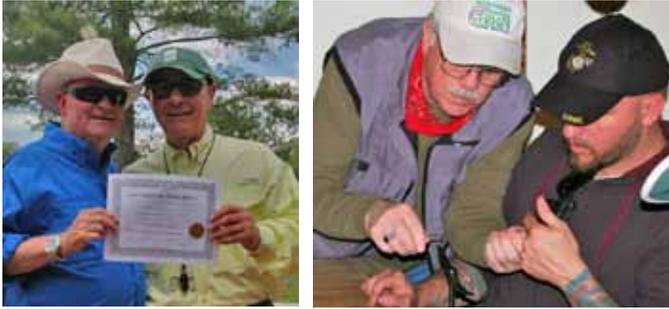


The fishing for Bass has been good most of the year, with lots of school size fish, but with a few keepers thrown in for good measure. Top left is Dave Pollack with a nice keeper. Top right is Capt. Ray with Mel Blake and his nice fish. Lower left is Dave Loren with one of many nice schoolies he and I caught. Lower right is Capt. Ray with a nice fish aboard Capt. Rene's boat.

Rhody Members giving back!

Here are a few pics of some of our members giving back to the community and to worthy causes like out Veterans. Below is Ed Lombardo with DEM's 'Dare to Care', fly fishing program, where they teach our veterans about fly fishing and fly tying. Joining him were Bob Teeden, Wes Wyatt Ron Montecalvo, and Gene Matteson. I think others were involved but the names were not available to me at this time.

Also pictured below is Dave Pollack where he volunteered for the grass planting project on the Narrow River. It's great to see Rhody members getting involved. Congrats, Guys!



"Nymphs on the rocks, and throw it a few Olives!"

TIPS FROM THE PROS

The How and Why of the Strip Strike

After casting to a fish or to a bank, you have to keep the tip low and your rod pointed DIRECTLY AT THE FLY LINE. Do not have any angle between your fly line and your rod. You should have the line and rod form a straight line pointed directly at the fly. I do two short strips followed by a longer strip. I also vary the tempo of the retrieve, and I always have my rod pointed directly at my line.

"A nymph fisherman is a nervous fisherman." What does that mean? It means, if you think you have a bite, STRIKE. Salt water fly fishermen should also be a nervous fishermen. If you feel a bump or resistance, STRIKE; it doesn't cost any extra. The worst you will do is get hung up on muscles, and the best you can do is catch a fish!!! If you don't strike, you won't catch a fish.

So, you are stripping/fishing the fly back in. You feel a bump, what do you do? You keep your rod pointed directly at the line and fish, grasp the line with your line hand at the reel, and pull as hard and as fast as you can with your line hand as far back as you can.

Why keep the rod and line in a straight line? If you strip strike with the rod at an angle to the line/fish, the tip of the rod absorbs the pressure of the strip strike. The fly line and leader stretch enough, you don't want to have anything else absorbing the power of your strike. When you strike, keep the rod pointed directly at the line. If you don't, the rod will absorb the strike, and you won't sink the hook/barb into the jaw of the fish.

FLY OF THE MONTH



JOHN POPE'S GO-TO RHODY FLAT-WING

HOOK: Wright McGill 2445S, size 4-7/0

THREAD: White 6/0

TAIL: 15-20 strands of long white bucktail, 20-30 strands of short white bucktail, surround shank to form skirt, 3-4 strands of gold Flashabou, one olive saddle hackle

BODY: Pearl Bill's Body Braid

WING: 24 strands of very long, straight, white bucktail, 10-15 strands of yellow bucktail, 6-8 strands of light blue bucktail, several strands of pearl Krystal flash on each side, 15-20 strands of long olive bucktail, 5-8 lengths of peacock sword on top

THROAT: Small amount of soft white bucktail

HEAD: Lacquer

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MEETINGS:

Riverside Sportsmen's Association
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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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