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Rhody FLY RODDERS

APRIL 2019

America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club

APRIL MEETING

IT'S OUR ANNUAL COOKOUT GET-TOGETHER!

Plus – A Presentation by Capt. Dave Monti
on our Rhode Island Recreational fishing

Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm.

Come join us for our 'Annual Cookout' to close the winter meetings and get us ready for the fishing season!

Well, it's time for some food, fun, and a little casting on our 'beautiful front lawn,' and maybe making plans with friends for summer fishing.

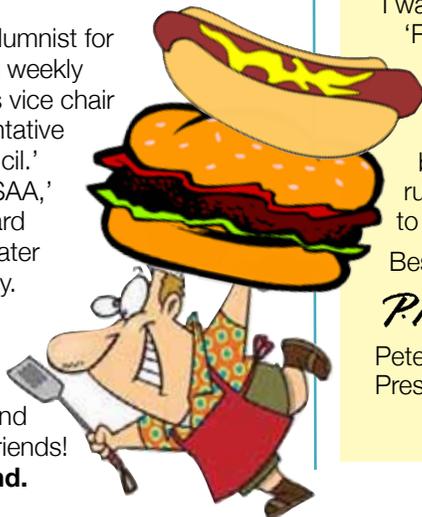
After we eat we will have a presentation and report on **the state of Rhode Island's Striped Bass, Bluefish, and the Menhaden situation, by Capt. Dave Monti, called 'How to Keep Things Fishy!'**

With fish stocks threatened by over fishing and climate change it will take all of us on a bipartisan basis to grow fish to abundance so there are more in the water for all of us to catch. Dave will also focus on stock status and 2019 regulations.

Capt. Dave Monti is a fishing columnist for the Providence Journal, and ten weekly newspapers in RI and MA. He is vice chair and recreational fishing representative to the 'RI Marine Fisheries Council,' and is 2nd vice president of 'RISAA,' and was elected a founding board member of the 'American Saltwater Guide's Association' this January.

So come eat, and get informed. We will have some great bucket raffles, flies and hats for sale. Come enjoy some good food, and great conversations with great friends!

All are welcome. bring a friend.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, here it is...the last indoor meeting of Rhody Fly Rodders until October – are you ready for some 'football?' or I mean 'Fishing?' The Herring are in at all the early spots along the coast – the Bass are sure to be here soon!

We have finally decided on our Summer fishing meeting schedule, and this year we will be changing it up a bit. Gone is the cookout portion of our recent fishing meetings – seems the 'eating' sometimes got in the way of the fishing.

So, this year we have added 8 more meetings to the schedule for a total of 13 fishing dates. We will be following the fish for these get-togethers – upper bay areas in the early months, and lower bay and oceanfront for when the 'Bay' get too warm, finishing up with a few meetings at our favorite spot, the Narrow River in September.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who made this a 'special year.' We had great attendance for all of our meetings this winter. Luckily the weather didn't interfere with any of them. Thank you all for attending.

We had a great tying session in November and made great use of the 200+ flies tied....and we sold over \$500. worth during the winter months, for 'Reel Recovery.'

I'm so proud of our effort to 'give back' to our chosen charities. Over the past seven years we have raised over \$4000.000 for 'Reel Recovery,' Project Healing Waters,' 'Save the Bay,' and 'Stripers Forever.' And, all of these organizations have to do with our favorite sport – Fishing!

I want to say, congratulations to you, the members of 'Rhody' for tying, selling and giving of your time and effort, to make this happen. Thank you!

Come early to the meeting and **bring your fly rod and do some casting on the front lawn** while the burgers are cooking. Time to shake out the rust and maybe share a few pointers to others.

Best to you all.

P. Nilsen

Peter Nilsen
President



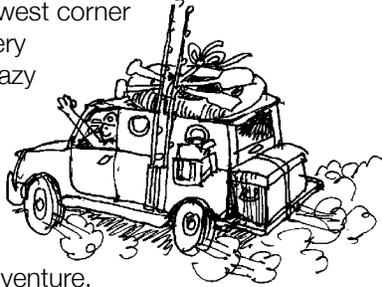
CASTING ABOUT

March Meeting

Entertaining to say the least! Dan Spedding, our guest speaker for our March meeting had us rolling in the aisles again! Dan has that talent of giving a very informative presentation, but with a crazy sense of humor that's very funny and very entertaining!

Every summer he travels to strange places in his small camper, bushwhacking the remote areas for quality trout fishing. This time he was on the 'Blackfoot Indian Reservation' in the Northwest corner of Montana. Huge fish, very interesting inhabitants, crazy conditions, amazing sights and it looks like it was great time!

Thanks again, Dan.
Always a pleasure!
Can't wait for the next adventure.



RISAA Fishing Show

Well, it was good to be back at the 'RISAA New England Saltwater Fishing Show.' I must say it was one of the best ones that we've participated in. We met loads of wonderful people that had an interest in fly fishing, and were interested in our club. We sold most of our flies and raised close to \$400. from this show alone.

We also signed up 4 or 5 new members with many others taking our applications with intent on joining.

I also had the pleasure of meeting the great grandson of our founder, Harold Gibbs. He stopped by the booth and said to me that his great grandfather was involved in fly fishing in RI, and I asked him who? He replied Harold Gibbs. I told him to look at our club 'banner' and he replied, yes, this was it! He and his son stayed a while as we talked about Harold. What a great treat!

All in all, I came away for the show learning there are a lot more people fly fishing, or wanting to learn, especially young kids! A good sign for the future.

Howie DeBeck

I guess Howie loves the hospital so much he decided to go back for a while – only kidding! Howie did have to go back for another procedure and stay for a bit of a recovery – but he's back, good as new, he says! He was at our board meeting the other night and he hopes to be at the April meeting – we'll have a burger with your name on it, Howie! Stay well!

Gene Matteson

We had long time member and a very good friend make an appearance at our last meeting. After a lengthy illness and recovery, our beloved friend, Gene Matteson returned to our meetings. It was great to see him and he says he recovering fast and now about 80% back to form. He says he's working out, trying to get ready for 'Opening Day.' That's our Gene!
Welcome back, my friend!

CONSERVATION REPORT

ON THE WATER STRIPER CUP 2019 - NOW A NO-KILL NECESSARY TOURNAMENT

Posted by sfadmin on Thurs., Feb. 14, 2019

Kudos to the folks at On The Water magazine and T.V. show for their forward-thinking decision to make their 2019 Striper Cup Tournament a 100% no kill necessary event!

"The mission statement of the Striper Cup has always been "to celebrate fishing for the beloved striped bass." That remains unchanged, and I think most striper fishermen would agree that there's no better way to celebrate catching a big striper than to watch it swim away." – OTW. This will have a marked and positive impact on the fishery as the Striper Cup is the largest striper tournament on the east coast.

We take our hats off in praise of 'On The Water' for their sincere and well thought out efforts to conserve these valuable fish for the future. Will the Martha's Vineyard derby now follow suit?

The increased acceptance of C&R is more reason for you to support the no gaff and mandatory circle hook proposals today.



Support Your Local Guides

Again here is a list of some of the Captains & Guides that are experts in guiding fly fishing trips in local salt & fresh waters.

Some are Rhody members, all are friends!

Cast-a-Fly Charters – with Capt. Ray Stachelek
401-884-3794 – www.castaflycharters.com

Fly-Fish RI – with Capt. Bob Hines
401-949-5021 – www.flyfishri.com



Little Rhody Charters – with Capt. Bill Murphy
401-368-7830 – www.littlerhodycharters.com

On-The-Rocks Charters – with Capt. Rene Letourneau
401-359-3625 – www.ontherockcharters.com

Skinny Water Charters – with Capt Jim Barr
401-465-8751 – www.skinnywaterchartersri.com

Teezer77 Guide Service – with Capt. Eric Thomas
401-524-7239 – www.teezer77.com

Ed Lombardo – Fresh and Saltwater Wading Guide
401-497-0807 – edlombardo8@gmail.com

No Fluke Charters – Capt. Dave Monti
401-480-3444 – dmontifish@verizon.net

2019 SUMMER FISHING MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Here it is! Our 2019 Summer Fishing Get-Together Schedule! There are 13 of them this year. Do hope to see you at a few of these. We placed them all over the state hoping you will try some new places, as we were aiming at fishing for the most fish, in the right places, at the right time. We'll see how it goes and 'tally up' in October Try some of these new places as they have been good in the past, so they should still be good! Good Luck!

MAY

Thurs. 2nd – SACHUEST POINT - in-coming - High Tide 5:00pm
Sat. 11th – COLT STATE PARK - out-going - High Tide 2:00pm
Mon. 27th – NINIGRET (Grassy Point) - out-going - High Tide 3:00pm

JUNE

Tues. 11th – GODDARD PARK (boat ramp) - out-going- High 4:00pm
Wed. 19th – KINGS PARK (Nwpt) (w/risaa) - in-coming - High 10:30pm
Tues. 25th – BRISTOL NARROWS - out-going - High Tide 3:00pm

JULY

Thurs. 11th – NARROW RIVER - In-coming - High Tide 6:00pm
Tues. 30th – CHARLESTON BREACHWAY - in-coming - High 8:00pm

AUGUST

Sat. 17th – SACHUEST POINT - in-coming - High Tide 10:00am
Sat. 30th – QUONNY (w/risaa) - in-coming - High Tide 8:00pm in pond

SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 5th – NARROW RIVER - out-going - High Tide 3:00pm
Thurs. 12th – NARROW RIVER - in-coming - High Tide 8:30pm
Sat. 27th – NARROW RIVER - in-coming - High Tide 10:00am

Turn in a Poacher

When fishing this summer, keep an eye out for Poachers and Regulation Violators. Every infraction effects the reduction of stocks, quality of our catches, and protection of the habitat.

DEM HOTLINE – 222-3070

LAW ENFORCEMENT – 222-2284



**BARRY RIDEOUT, YOU BROKE ANOTHER FLY ROD ???
HEY, DON'T WORRY, MAYBE DAVE LOREN WILL
BUILD YOU ANOTHER ONE! WELL, THEN AGAIN...**

TIPS 'N TRICKS

Watch Other Anglers.

If 20 guys are fishing in one spot ... it might lead you to suspect there are some fish holding in that area. Now, you might not want to muscle in and start fishing with the pack, but at least you know where the location is for the next time you are there. Also, take a look at the techniques they are using. Are they using floating lines, sinking lines, swinging flies, dead drift, making long casts, or short casts. If they are getting hits ... do the same, if they are getting skunked ... you now know what NOT to try. I carry a small, but very powerful, pair of waterproof - there is a key word - binoculars which help me keep 'an eye' on other anglers. Binoculars are also handy for watching bait disturbances to identify what the fish are taking.

FLY OF THE MONTH



E-Z SAND EEL Designed by Capt. Bill Murphy

HOOK: Mustad #34007-SS size 1

THREAD: White

TAIL: Olive craft fur, over 1 white saddle hackle, over white craft fur

FLASH: Optional

BODY: Small natural or pearl E-Z Body
Color top with olive permanent marker

EYES: Small prismatic - size 3/32"

CEMENT: Epoxy or Softex

TYING TIPS

1. Roll Back technique: Variations of it are useful when creating Bullet Heads, Poppers, Reverse Heads, Sliders, etc. Easily performed once the end of the tubing is neatly secured using the "Draw Down" technique. Then roll the tubing in reverse, or over itself. Think of it as turning a pair of socks inside out. Create Bullet Heads by turning the tubing completely inside out, you must however pre-measure the desired head size before doing so.

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MEETINGS:

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1 Mohawk Dr., East Providence, RI 02915
3rd Tuesday of the month, Oct. – April

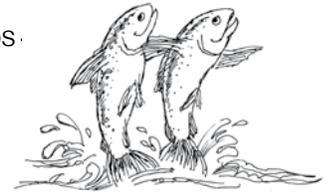
DIRECTIONS:

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”



Wow,
It's Burger
Time!



NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH - 6:00 PM

Please join us for some food and fun at our **'Annual Cookout / Get Together'**. Come early and do a little fly casting. Following our cookout we will have a presentation by **Capt. Dave Monti**, called **'Keeping Things Fishy!'** A report on what's happening with Striped Bass, Bluefish and Menhaden here in Rhode Island.

Come have a burger or hot dog and enjoy a good time with great friends. Open to the public. Hope to see you there...bring a friend!



Don't forget, our first Summer Fishing meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd
at Sachuest Point National Wildlife Refuge, Middletown, RI.
Park in lot – fish the west shore of Sachuest at corner of Second Beach
3pm-7pm – High tide @ 5pm (the fish said they would be there!)

All our Summer fishing meetings are listed
inside this newsletter. Hope to see you there.

This newsletter will return in October, along with our regular indoor meetings,
but look for special email notices throughout the summer!
Have a great summer of fishing!

Peter Nilsen, *President*

