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Rhody FLY RODDERS

America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club

NOVEMBER MEETING

ANNUAL FLY TYING EVENT FOR CHARITY

Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm.

Our November meeting will be our **'Annual Fly Tying Event'** for one of our favorite charities, **'Project Healing Waters,'** a national organization that takes wounded and disabled vets to retreats located around the country, and teaches them fly tying and fly fishing, and also offers addition support for their recovery process.

Please join us as we tie flies to sell at the fishing shows we attend and at all of our winter meetings.

Each year we do this in support of our favorite charities and generally raise about \$500. per season which we then present to our chosen charity.

If you want to learn how to tie flies and learn how to fish them, please join us as we will have many members of Rhody Fly Rodders, some of the best tyers on the East Coast and they would be glad to get you started.

So, come tie for charity and learn some fly patterns that will catch fish! As our chief fly tyer, Armand Courchaine says, "after you tie one of our flies, all you need then is to add some water to catch a fish!"

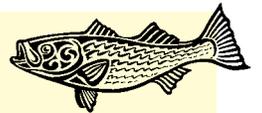
We will also have a brief update and explanation of the The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) recent decision to go with a 28" – 35" slot limit on Striped Bass, presented by our good friend, Peter Jenkins from 'Saltwater Edge.'

We'll have plenty of **free coffee, soft drinks and bottled water**, with **snacks of popcorn, & pretzels.**

Come have some fun and share some conversation with some friendly and knowledgeable people!

See you there, bring a friend, bring two!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well, I hope you all enjoyed the 'pizza' at last month's meeting. I think it's great that we can do this and catchup with old friends and exchange fishing stories from the summer. I hope the DVD that we showed wasn't too 'artsy' for you. I know the sound was a bit soft and hard to understand but you have to admit, some of Megan Boyd's flies are just beautiful. I heard we had a full house! That's good, and I thank you!

Sorry I wasn't able to be with you last month, but when the wife schedules a 'vacation trip,' it's hard to juggle my priorities, but over the years I have learned to know my place in the pecking order!

Thank you to all that joined us during our summer fishing meetings – some were good, some not so good! We'll try and make it better next year.

There still may be some good fishing left, especially at our home waters' on the Narrow River. I've been traveling the last two weeks but now hope to get the 'skinny' on the latest fishing reports. I'm sure I'll be wetting a line before the season shuts down.

This month is our tying meeting and I hope I will see you all come support us in our one charitable event of the year. *We need your help!*

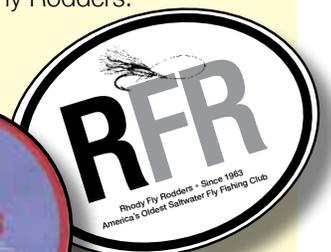
Again Rhody will return to the RISAA New England Saltwater Fishing show in March, along with the Bear's Den Show in February. I will post the dates in next month's newsletter and online.

Hope to see you on the 19th. 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

October Meeting

Well, the 2019 winter meetings are underway. We had a great turnout last month; just under 50 attended. Whereas last year we raffled off leftover pizza at the end of the meeting, this year, no one went hungry, but a couple more pizzas would not have gone to waste.

We had three new members introduced and welcomed. Howie let everyone know about the fly tying for charity this month and encouraged all to participate. We took in over \$100 in the raffle and two fine buckets consisting of some great books and more of Ronny's never-ending supply of fly tying supplies were awarded to the lucky members. Many thought the DVD was very good, beautifully filmed and well liked. Keld mentioned as we were announcing the movie title that he owns a couple of original Megan Boyd tied flies. When asked if he planned to fish them, he laughed and said "No Way." Hope you all had a good time!

Nominations for December Election of Officers

This month's meeting we will be asking for nominations from the membership as to who would be interested in becoming an officer or board member of 'Rhody.'

We will vote on these nominations at our December meeting. Every position is open...President, Vice President, Sec/Treasurer and 4 board member positions.

Please consider running for an office! It's not rocket science folks, it's just organizing, and adding your thoughts & ideas! We need to continue to infuse this club with new blood and ideas to help continue the 55 year tradition of Rhody Fly Rodders, the oldest saltwater fly fishing club in America. We don't want to get complacent.

Ed Lombardo Fly Casting Presentation

On Nov. 16th, from noon to 3:00pm, Ed Lombardo will be doing a fly casting presentation at Fin & Feather Outfitters. In case of foul weather, it will be a tying presentation indoors. Hot dogs, hamburgers chips & drinks will be supplied. Should be an informative event.



OH! THE FLY IN YOUR SOUP SIR. I BELIEVE IT'S A CDC CALLIBAETIS CRIPPLE DUN, AND VERY WELL TIED I MIGHT ADD.

TIPS and FACTS



PROTECT YOUR FLIES & TYING THREAD

These days I'm often using one of the ZAP "super glues" to increase the durability of my saltwater flies - a quick hit on the thread wraps here and there makes the flies really tough! The green label stuff is basically all-purpose, and can even be used as a "head cement" to finish the fly. Anyway, the "trick" offered here is that ZAP offers what they call their "Extender Tips" or "Flexi Tips" - a very fine plastic nozzle tip that can be put on the super glue bottles, and left like this on the bench during tying - there's no need to keep putting the cap back on, as the nozzles can be left on for days without clogging. The "Zap A Gap" selling now comes packaged with these tips.

I do keep a small rag handy to quickly clean up any spills and to keep the extender tips clean.

Courtesy of saltwaterflies.com

Check out "Windy's Tips 'n Tricks" on this great website

FLY OF THE MONTH



RAY SMITH'S WHITE WATER WITCH

HOOK: 66SS 2/0

THREAD: Red

TAIL: 5 to 6 inches of black bucktail or fish hair

BODY: Silver Mylar piping wrapped length of hook shank

WING: Black bucktail or fish hair

BEARD: Red calftail, reaching to hook point

HEAD: Built-up red thread, epoxy

A dark fly designed to fish the heavy white waters along the rocky shore of Rhode Island

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MEETINGS:

Riverside Sportsmen's Association
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
(Wampanoag 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.



Bob,
what do you
think about the
new 28"-35"
slot limit?

CE
Sucks!



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

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH - 6:30 PM

Please come join us on Nov. 19th when we will have our **Annual Fly Tying Event for Charity**. Calling all tyers – beginners or experts, come bring your fly tying equipment, and tie some flies for our charity, **'Project Healing Waters.'** Come and help our wounded and disabled veterans. We will have bucket raffles, **coffee, free water, soft drinks and snacks. Open to the public.**
Bring a friend...bring two!



Please join us this month for a fun night of Fly Tying!
We will be tying flies for our charity this year,
'Project Healing Waters.' This is an organization that brings
wounded and disabled vetrans to many retreats around the
country for theraputic fly tying and fly fishing, where they
bond, share information with medical personnel, and with
each other. A truly wonderful organization.
Come and tie, or learn to tie with our member experts, and
share in a great evening of information and conversation!

— Peter Nilsen

