

APRIL MEETING CANCELLED!

NEXT INDOOR MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to this Coronavirus pandemic, we are officially cancelling our April Meeting. I think we all knew that this would be the case as this dreaded virus continues to spread and get worse, so the experts have asked all to sequester at home!

Lately more and more sequestering is taking place, and I hope you all are following all the guidelines that will keep all you 'old guys' safe! I kid, but to have a meeting with mostly members that are 50-85 years old, doesn't make sense.

I'm sure you have heard that our 'legendary' and longest active member, Armand Courchaine has contracted COVID – 19 and is the hospital in ICU, on a ventilator. Right now as I write this newsletter, he is holding his own, and the doctors are hoping that his kidneys will start back up and start functioning. They say this is common and it's a long process with this particular virus. He does remain comfortable in a controlled coma.



We are all praying and sending thoughts of wellness to our fallen leader. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to his wife, Sheila, who has been amazing with her daily reports and updates. God bless her!

GOINGS ON

While we have been sequestered (and I hope you all are participating as best you can), I thought that maybe a fly tying contest would be a good idea to keep us busy, involved and in communication with one another, so we started our first 'Sequestering Fly Tying Contest,' a little over a week ago, and about 20 members participated. Believe me, there were some great flies tied and submitted. Let me tell you, it was very hard to choose three winners because they were all just wonderfully tied flies.

When it came down to it – Bryon Halavik was the first place winner tying a Bob Popovics pattern, called a 'Hollow Bulkhead fly,' and received a new fly line of his choice.

Coming in second was Mike Kelly with a beautifully tied 'Shrimp Fly,' with real nice coloration. He won a boxed dozen of saltwater flies.

In third place was Barry Rideout with a wonderful rendition of Bill Peabody's Dr. Sam Fly, and he will win 20 tickets to our next club raffle in October.

SECOND 'SEQUESTERED FLY TYING CONTEST'

With the fun and success we had with the first one, and with this sequestering still dragging on, I decided we should have another contest. So, this one will start on Monday, April 13th, and all entries (Photographs) will have to be sent to me by Saturday, April 18th at 9:00pm. I do hope we get a few more entries and have more people join in the fun. This will keep you busy and out of you spouses' way!

Just to let you know, the First Prize this time is a new 'Sage 2210 Fly Reel,' donated by Scott at the 'Bear's Den.' We thank Scott for his generous offer! Second Prize will be another 'Box of a Dozen Saltwater Flies.' Third Prize will again be 20 Tickets to our bucket raffles in the Fall.

I will send a special announcement notice for our second contest this week!

MARCH MEETING

As you all know, we had to cancel last month's March meeting when this Coronaviric first got serious. Our scheduled speaker was to be Jerry Audet with a wonderful presentation on boulder field, fly fishing for striped bass, from the shore. Well, with us not wanting to miss this great presentation, Jerry has agreed to come back and do this in the Fall when we convene. The actual month has not been confirmed as of yet!

OUR LOCAL GUIDES

As you know, many of our local fishing guides are also Rhody members. Now with what is going on right now, they need to fill their summer schedule with clients, as most of them depend on these charters for their livelihood! So, please try and support them, by booking a trip – share their knowledge and catch some big fish!

Speaking of guides...Here is a message from Rene Letourneau.

Hi, Fellow Members,

First I would like to send my thought's and prayers to Armand and his wife Sheila, during this critical time. Armand is a true gentleman and is always willing to say a kind word. When my wife Judy was going through some medical issues, Armand was quick to respond with kind words. So, please let's keep his family in our thoughts.

Most of you know I am an Orvis endorsed guide, and at the end of a couple of years I find myself with an abundance of fly rods and reels, as I will only purchase the latest and greatest models, for my clients pleasure.

I am now looking to buy some new models for the coming year and I am offering you, the members of 'Rhody,' a chance to buy a used rod or reel, all with the Orvis warranty.

If this is not a good time for you to buy tackle, you can reach out me any time during the year. Feel free to contact me if you see something you're interested in.

All of these rods are 4-piece, with tubes.

Freshwater Combo –

HELIOS - 8'6' / 5 weight, with a Mirage Reel and Spare Spool. Used very little.

Saltwater Rods –

HELIOS 2 – 9' / 8 weight / mid flex / 4 piece
 HELIOS 2 – 9' / 9 weight / tip flex / 4 piece
 HELIOS – 9' / 9 weight / Tip flex / 4 piece
 HELIOS – 9' / 10 weight / tip flex / 4 piece
 POWER MATRIX – 9' / 10 weight / tip flex / 4 piece
 ACCESS – 9' / 10 weight / tip flex / 4 piece

Saltwater Reels –

MIRAGE 8/9 (3 black reels)
 MIRAGE 10 weight (gold reel)
 All with backing

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SUMMER FISHING SCHEDULE

The Summer Fishing Get-together schedule is done and is listed below. I've added the directions to the places and dates, as some of these are new locations to some of you! I so hope we can get to do the early two in May, as they fish well in the early season.

I will try and remind you with an email, but don't hold me to it! It's fairly simple, because we will meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month for the whole summer, somewhere. If you forget, please look on our web page, or Facebook page, or copy this email.



2020 SUMMER FISHING SCHEDULE

Here it is – Our **2020 Summer Fishing** Get-Together Schedule! There are **11 of them this year**, with all of them being held on the **first and third Tuesdays** from May to September, plus we added an **extra one on the 29th** of September at the Narrow River. We tried to add a few new places this year to increase our catch rate success and to explore new opportunities.

No cookout, just fishing! Always fun!!!

MAY
 Tues. 5th – **BRISTOL NARROWS** - in-coming - High Tide 7:07pm
 Tues. 19th – **POTTER'S POND OUTLET**, East Matunack/Succotash Rd
 Incoming & out going Tide - High 6:50pm

JUNE
 Tues. 2nd – **BARRINGTON BEACH** - in-coming - High Tide 5:50pm
 Tues. 16th – **KINGS PARK**, Newport Harbor - in-coming - High 5:30pm

JULY
 Tues. 7th – **FOGLAND BEACH**, Middletown - in-coming - High Tide 11:00pm
 Tues. 21st – **SACHUEST POINT**, Middletown - in-coming - High 9:15pm

AUGUST
 Tues. 4th – **QUONNY BREACHWAY** - in-coming - High Tide 9:30pm
 Tues. 18th – **SOUTH SHORE BEACH**, Little Compton - in-coming - High 8:00pm

SEPTEMBER
 Tues. 1st – **THIRD BEACH**, Middletown - in-coming - High Tide 8:30pm
 Tues. 15th – **NARROW RIVER** - in-coming - High Tide 7:00pm
 Tues. 29th – **NARROW RIVER** - in-coming - High Tide 7:20pm

These trips are designed to be fished from mid-afternoon until dark, on the in-coming tides, where there will be cooler, fresher water coming into the beaches and estuaries. Arrive when you can and stay as long as you want. Hope to see you there!

DIRECTIONS

BRISTOL NARROWS – Bristol, RI – From Providence take I-195 east to Rt.136 (Newport) go straight through Warren into Bristol, follow 136 to traffic light at Narrows Road, take a left at light and follow to water, parking on left.

POTTER'S POND OUTLET – East Matunuck, RI – Route 1 south or north, take exit for East Matunuck State Beach, Jerusalem, Succotash Rd. Stay on Succotash Road for 2.6 miles, passing Matunuck State Beach. Take the first turn at the small rotary. Go past Skips Dock and through the dead end sign, past DEM Fish and Wildlife Marine Fisheries. Park in area on following the 3 pullouts.

BARRINGTON BEACH – Barrington, RI – Take Rt 114 into Barrington, go to second light at Shopping center, take right onto Rumstick Road, then take right on Nayatt Rd., follow Nayatt to Bay Road, take left, follow to Beach at end.

KINGS PARK – Newport Harbor – Coming into Newport take Thames Street along waterfront, until you come to Wellington Ave. Take that right to New York Yacht Club area, and park at 'Rochambou' statue and small beach on water.

FOGLAND BEACH – Tiverton, RI – Take Rt 77 South in Tiverton towards Sakonnet Pt, taking a right on to Bridge Pond Road, follow to end, turn left on to Fogland Rd, follow almost to end, take a right on to Fogland Beach, go to end.

SACHUEST POINT – Middletown, RI – From Bellevue Ave in Newport, take Memorial Blv. past First Beach, stay straight to Second Beach, go past Second Beach, to Sachuest Point. Parking in lot at Wildlife Sanctuary.

QUONONCHONTAUS (QUONNY) – Charleston, RI – Take Rt. 1 south, exit at West Beach Road on left, and follow to very end, take to parking lot and to boat launch that are at the end.

SOUTH SHORE BEACH – Little Compton, RI – Take I-195 to Rt 24S, exit at Rt.77/South, follow straight into Little Compton. Go past Sakonnet Vineyards and just after Taylor Lane that is on the right, take first left on Swamp Road, follow & take right at South Shore Rd., follow that to beach. (#125 S. Beach Rd for GPS)

THIRD BEACH – Middletown, RI – Follow directions to Sachuest Point, but before you get to the end of second beach, take a left at the trailer park on left side, and follow that road to Third beach, then take a right to parking lot.

NARROW RIVER – Narragansett, RI – This is located on Route 1A, two miles north of Narragansett Town Beach. Parking lot is at bridge over the river on the East or Bay side of this bridge.

**Thanks for a Great Winter Meeting Season -
 Sorry it was shortened, but we'll see you at our Summer fishing meetings
 or at our first indoor meeting in October. Have a great Summer!**

Peter Nilsen, President