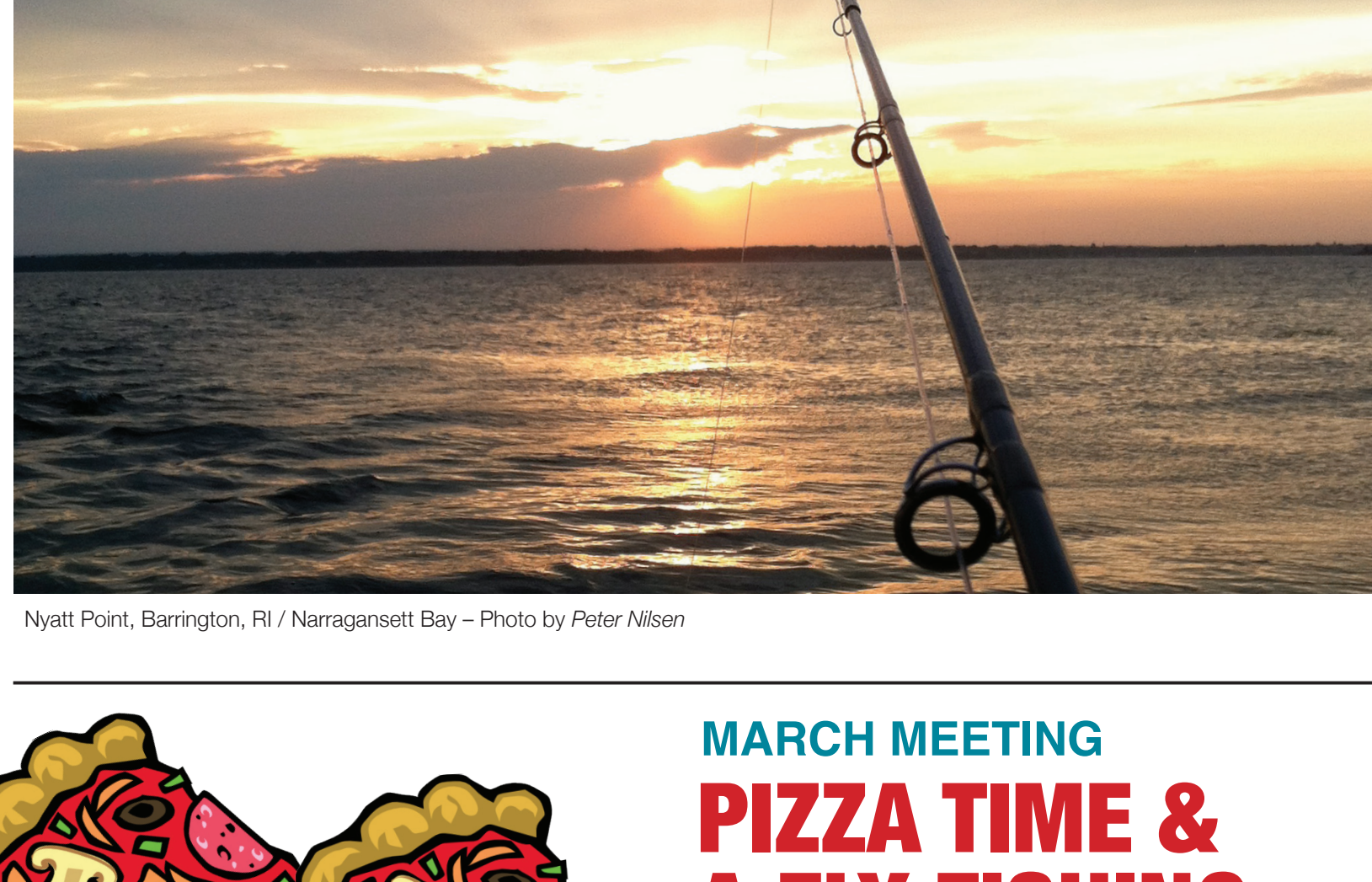
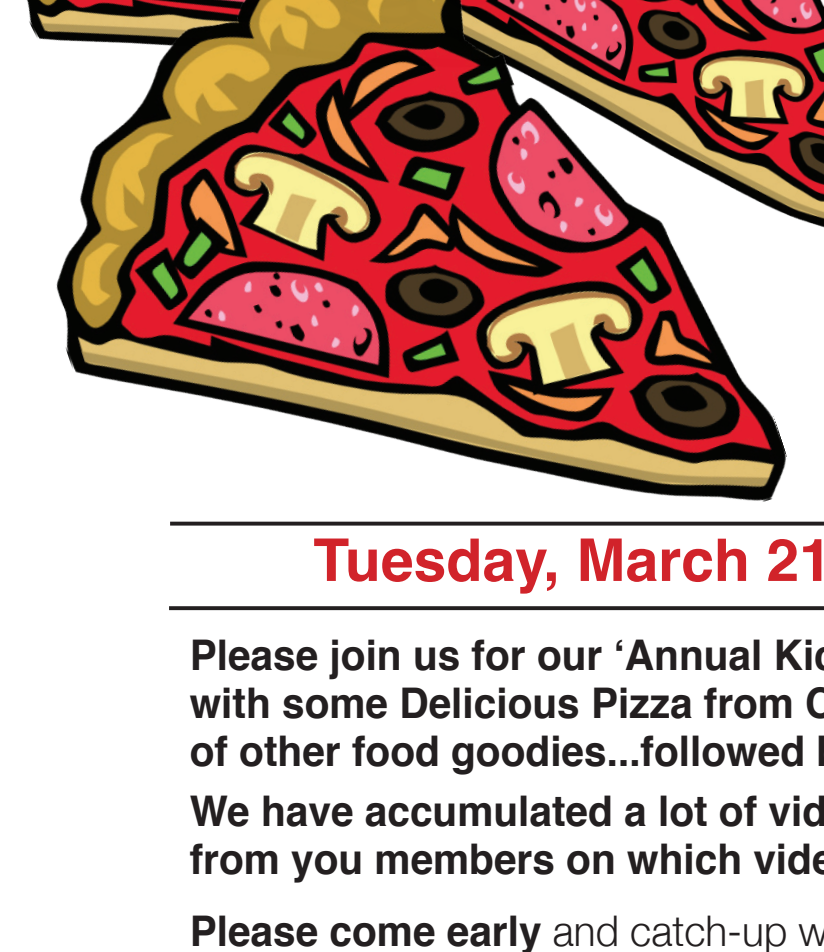


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Nyatt Point, Barrington, RI / Narragansett Bay – Photo by Peter Nilsen



MARCH MEETING
PIZZA TIME & A FLY FISHING MOVIE!
WHAT'S MORE TO LIKE?
What a fun way to kick off the Summer Fishing Schedule!

Tuesday, March 21st – starting at 6:30pm

Please join us for our 'Annual Kickoff to the Summer Fishing Season,' with some Delicious Pizza from Casertas' on the 'Hill! Plus, an assortment of other food goodies...followed by a Fly Fishing Video.

We have accumulated a lot of videos over the years so we will have a voting from you members on which video we want to watch.

Please come early and catch-up with friends as we will start at 5:30 with some fly casting on the front lawn. We will have some of our expert casters there to help beginners and give some tips and tricks to help you in your fly casting! This is also the time to ask our veteran members to share their tips and advice on places to fish this summer. So be there!

Our 'Mission Statement' is to **"Pass on to all who ask what we learn here!"**

So, don't miss this informational, fun evening! We hope to see you on March 21st! We will have some great bucket raffles, plus liquid refreshments are always available from Jim, our friendly bar keeper!!

Join us for what should be a very fun evening, always good conversations with some great people! Come see what we are all about!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring is here in full bloom, just look around and see!

Have you wet a line yet? Got rid of the winter rust? You probably have if you've been trout fishing already. The season in RI opened up on the second Saturday, April 8th. Most rivers and streams are running high with current flow, but pond fishing seems a good choice. This year there is a new DEM law that now requires you to WEAR a POF device at all times operating or as a passenger in a canoe, kayak, or paddle board. Last year there were three drowning deaths on these small craft, none of them were wearing a life vest, even though they had them on board.

Anadromous species like the alewives and blue back herring are running up currents to their spawning grounds in local ponds in our state. Ospreys have returned in pairs to nesting areas to roost. Watching them catch the plentiful bait supplies is so amazing. If you don't know, there are live video feeds on the Internet watching them nest and breed. Nature gives us all these shows for free, but you have to get off the easy chair and see these amazing events!

This will be our last indoor meeting of the season. We transition to outdoor activities in the warmer weather months. I think all of us look forward to being outside more, enjoying the environment, and having a few tugs on the line. Nothing like that thrill of the first fish of the season caught on a morsel you tied this winter. Remember you will need saltwater licenses to fish.

Summer Fishing Schedule – The Board of Directors has been diligently working on this year's M.C.M. Rhody Fly Rodders Summer Fishing Schedule. I bet your wondering what MCM stand for? Well, this year we are defining this upcoming fishing season to three dedicated members, who were proponents of our club fishing outings, they actively participated and were frequently present at most events. If you hadn't figured out who these three are, does Matterson, Courchaine, and Montecalvo ring a bell? All three are fishing in a better place, and united again.

Good Read!
 Our creative Newsletter Editor, Peter Nilsen just release his new book and should have copies at the next meeting. Peter is always coming up with clever ideas to publish new markets and distances himself from the rest of the pack. He has corralled a bunch of no-name tiers from around the world, with lots of creative talent and has put them in the spotlight. This book features personal profiles, fish species, and fly recipes. And, all of Peter's work behind the lens is incredible. That alone is worth the price.

Speaking about history and tradition, this is Rhody Fly Fodders Sixty Year Anniversary. We plan on celebrating this major milestone in the Fall indoor season. Plans are to have food, drink, a reunion of Old and Past Members, perhaps learn some interesting facts and history of our club. I'm sure there is plenty to tell with many humorous fish stories that have gotten embellished over the years. See you Tuesday night!

Capt. Ray Stachelek, President



MEMBER NEWS

REPEATING.....DUES, DUES, DUES

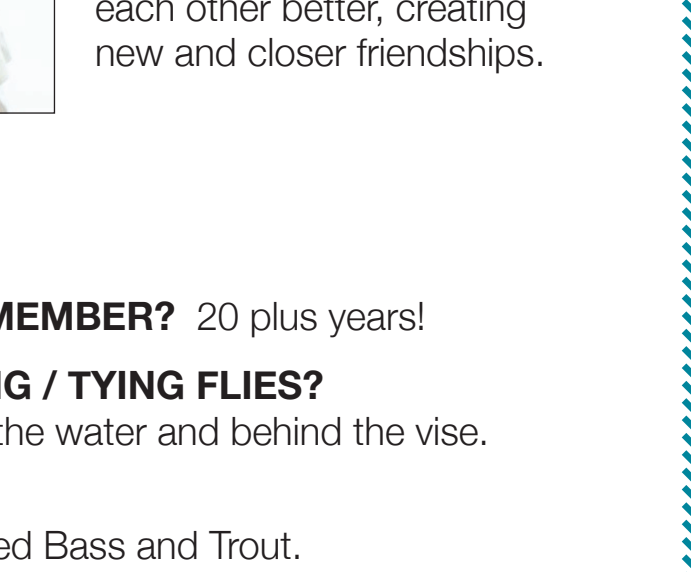
If you want to keep getting our newsletter, then we need you to join, or paid your dues! There are still have some dues to be paid. If you still owe dues for 2023, or for that matter last years dues, please try and pay them at this month's meeting. The amount is \$30.00.

We are cleaning our mailing lists, and for those who have haven't paid for a few years, and may be thinking you don't want to belong anymore, and don't want our mailings, please let us know. If interested in belonging, Please send a check for \$30.00, made out to Rhody Fly Rodders, and send to: **John Pope, 6 Canonchet Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871** These monies help pay our monthly rent, food expenses, and for guest speakers fees. Thank you!

LAST CHANCE FOR HATS

NEW Rhody hats are available at this coming meeting! Try and **get them this meeting**, as they may not be available at all fishing get-togethers!

All hats, long bill or short bill will be \$25.00 each. Out of towners can write a check to Rhody Fly Rodders for \$25.00 plus \$4.00 for shipping. Please send to me, Peter Nilsen, at the address at the end of this newsletter. I'll mail it right out to you!



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Please remember our **Sunshine Committee!** The object of this is to try and keep track of Rhody members who may be sick, may have a tragedy in the family, or may need assistance some way, and either find a way to help, or send best wishes.

The Chairperson for this committee in Susan Estabrooks. So if you have information of some member, or their family member, that needs a 'cheer-up,' is sick, or needs a helping hand, please reach out to Susan at susan@rsync.com. Thanks!

RFR MEMBERS – UP CLOSE



In this new feature of our newsletter we want to feature a Rhody Fly Rodders member with a profile of them and post it here every month!

We would like to let our whole membership get to know one another, and what better way to do this than to feature a member profile each month. We want to get you to know each other better, creating new and closer friendships.

INTRODUCING..... John Mello

CITY OR TOWN? Warren, Rhode Island

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER? 20 plus years!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLY FISHING / TYING FLIES? I've been fly fishing for seventy-five years, on the water and behind the vise. (And he is a world-class bird carver)

FAVORITE SPECIES? Love fishing for Striped Bass and Trout.

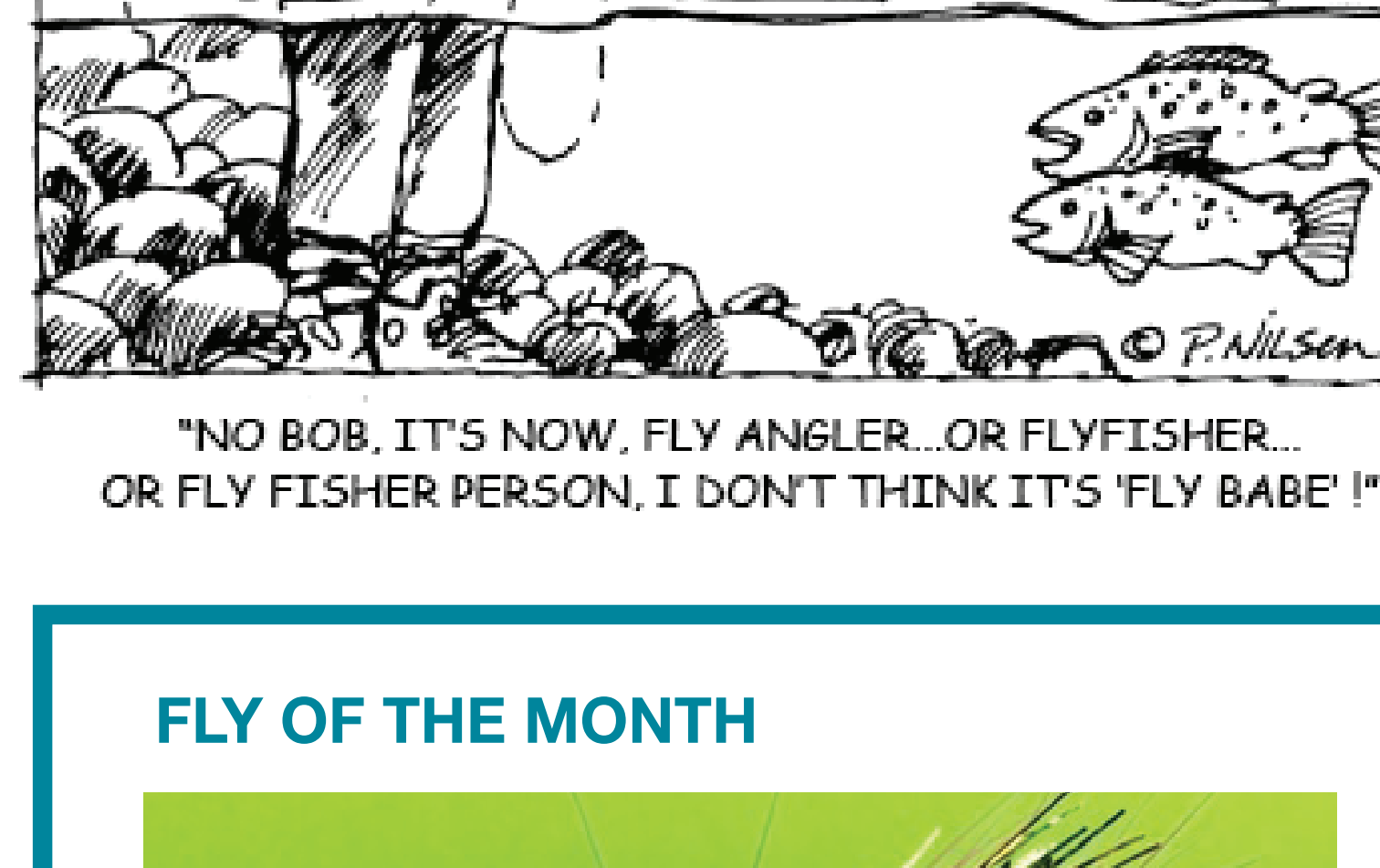
BOAT / SHORE FISHING? I do a combination of both.

ANY NOTABLE PERSONAL CATCHES? I've caught two very large Striped Bass – 50.3 lbs and 48.7 lbs

FAVORITE FLY? One that catches fish!

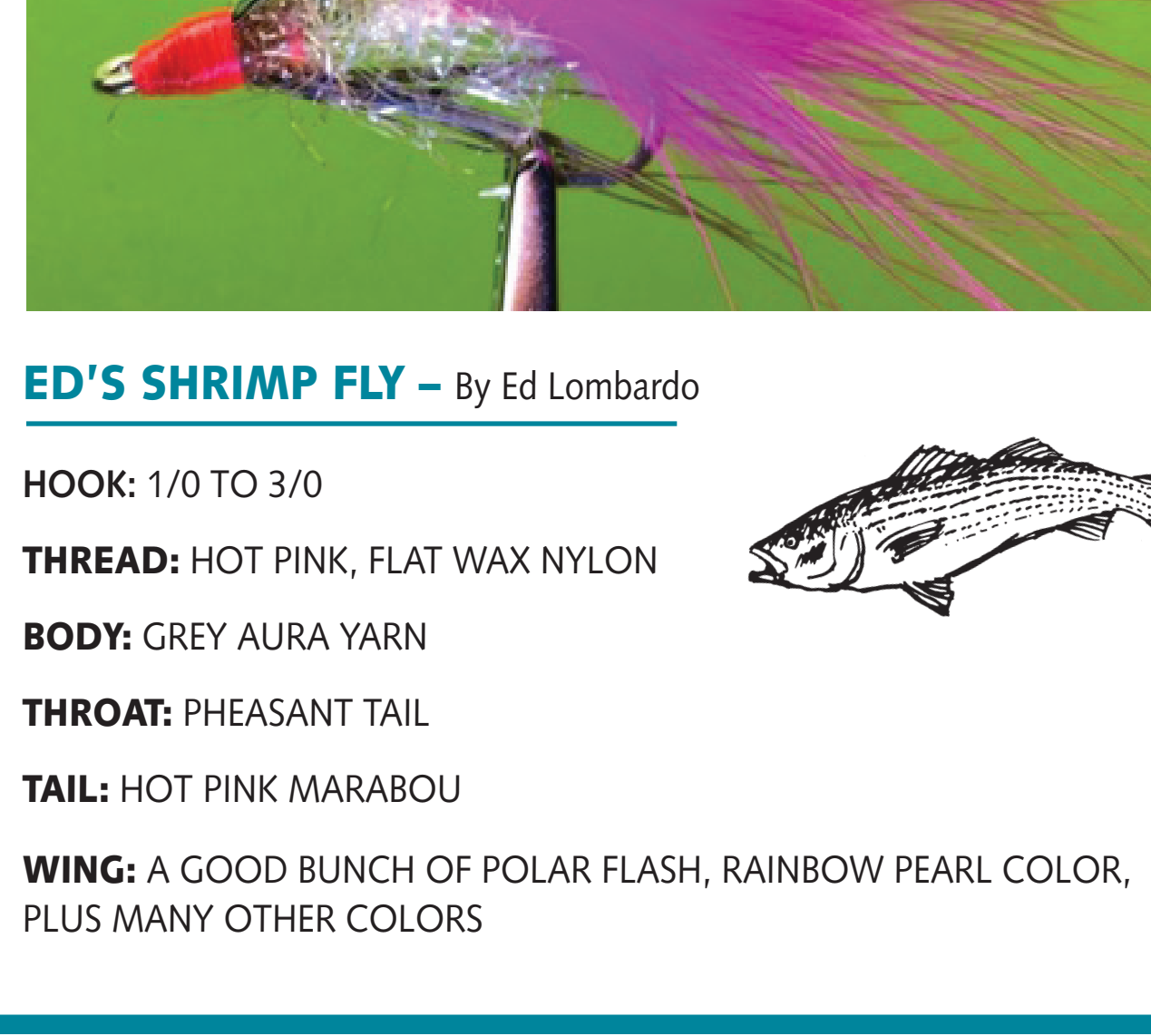
FAVORITE WAYS TO FLY FISH? I generally like calm salt bays and estuaries.

FAVORITE FISHING BUDDIES? Anyone who will put up with me that day!



**"NO BOB, IT'S NOW, FLY ANGLER...OR FLYFISHER...
 OR FLY FISHER PERSON, I DONT THINK IT'S 'FLY BABE' !"**

FLY OF THE MONTH



ED'S SHRIMP FLY – By Ed Lombardo

HOOK: 1/0 TO 3/0

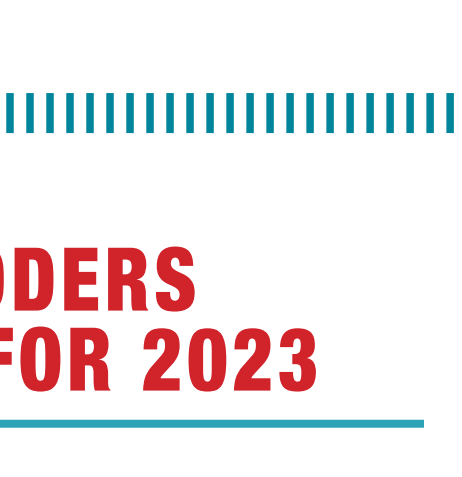
THREAD: HOT PINK, FLAT WAX NYLON

BODY: GREY AURA YARN

THROAT: PHEASANT TAIL

TAIL: HOT PINK MARABOU

WING: A GOOD BUNCH OF POLAR FLASH, RAINBOW PEARL COLOR, PLUS MANY OTHER COLORS



RHODY FLY RODDERS FISHING OUTINGS FOR 2023

MCM Matterson/Courchaine/Montecalvo Summer Fishing Fling

- MAY**
Tues/May 2nd – Spring kick off at Narrow River with RISAA
 Morning meetup at 7am (coffee provided for get together, please bring your own cups). In collaboration with RiSSA Fly Fishing Committee. Fishing the morning outgoing tide.
- Tues/May 16th – Cinder Worm Hatch Fishing at Niniget Park**
 Evening meetup at 5:30pm and fish into dark. Please bring your headlamps to enjoy the best fishing and for safety.
- JUNE**
Thurs/May 1st – Cinder Worm Hatch Fishing at Niniget Park
 Evening meetup at 5:30pm and fish into dark. Please bring your headlamps to enjoy the best fishing and for safety.
- Thurs/June 15th – Sand Eel fishing at Kings Park Newport**
 Evening meetup at 5pm (Newport high tide 6:51pm)
 Please try to arrive early to avoid the NPT traffic.
- JULY**
Tues/July 18th – Night Striper Squid Fly Fishing at Fort Adams.
 Meetup at 7pm, fishing rising tide, Newport High tide 9:24pm. Best to fish well into dark with big squid flies. Lots of dock lights but good idea to bring your headlamp and large landing. We will be fishing on shore off the docks, waders optional.
- AUGUST**
Summer Break – No fishing meet ups!
 Get ready for fantastic fall fishing with lots of opportunities!
- SEPTEMBER**
Thurs/Sept 7th – Inlet Fishing at Quonnie
 Morning meetup at 10am and fish the rising tide (FYI low tide at Weekapaug Point 9:14am) Planning to fish inside Quonochontaug (aka Quonny) Pond.
- Tues/Sept 19th – Beach Fishing South Coast at East Beach**
 Morning meetup at 7am and fish high tide (FYI high tide at Weekapaug Point 11:22am) Alternative location Charlestown Beach.
- Thurs/Sept 28th – Shad Attack at Narrow River**
 Morning meetup at 10am and fish outgoing tide.
 Great opportunity to fish two-handers for shad and stripers. (FYI high tide at Narragansett Pier 7:10am)
- OCTOBER**
Wed/Oct 4th – Beach Fishing at 3rd Beach Middletown
 Evening meetup at 4pm and fish incoming high tide (FYI high tide 6:04pm in Newport)
- Thurs/Oct 26th – Narrow River**
 Morning meetup at 9am. Plan to fish the morning outgoing tide. (FYI high tide 6am at Narragansett Pier)
- NOVEMBER**
Tues/Nov 14th – Narrow River / End of Season Bash
 Morning meetup at 10am and fish the outgoing tide. (FYI Narragansett Pier high tide – 7:40am)
- IMPORTANT NOTES**
 All dates subject to change depending upon weather and fishing conditions. If members report good action in other locations we will look to reschedule or add to our calendar.

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MEETINGS:
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 1 Mohawk Dr.,
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 3rd Tuesday of the month,
 Oct. – April

DIRECTIONS:
 From Providence take Rt.195 to Exit 2B. Bear right on the ramp and follow Rt. 114 S (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 (blue) sign on right side.



Come join us and experience our friendship and knowledge of saltwater fly fishing. Hopefully we'll see you at a meeting, or on the water during our summer get-togethers. Please get involved, this is your club. Thank you !

Peter Nilsen, Newsletter Editor