

ANNUAL RHODY FLY TYING NIGHT!

Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30pm



WE NEED YOU!
 DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FLY TYING STUFF! COME AND TIE, LEARN TO TIE, AND DONATE THEM FOR SALE FOR WOUNDED AND DISABLED VETERANS!
 ALL ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN US!



NOVEMBER MEETING

Come to the next Rhody Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at 6:30pm

Our November meeting will be our 'Annual Fly Tying Event,' where this year we will be tying flies for our charity - 'Project Healing Waters', an amazing organization dedicated to helping veterans who have been injured, disabled, or who have drug or alcohol issues, by bringing them into the peaceful world of fly fishing and fly tying.

These retreats are run by professional facilitators and expert fly fishing instructors. They provide a safe, reflective environment, expert fly fishing instruction, and consultation with expertise in treatments and counseling, all at no cost. This is truly a worthy cause. **PLEASE join us** for this fly tying meeting in support of our vets!

We will have 4 expert tyers show and teach you how to tie 4 popular and successful flies for catching fish in our local waters.

- **JEFF PERRY** will be tying the 'Semper Fly' pattern.
- **ED LOMBARDO** will be tying 'Ed's (New & Improved) Shrimp Fly'
- **DAVE LOREN** will be tying a Bill Peabody's 'Rhody Flatwing' pattern.
- **PHILIP HALFORD** will be tying the 'The Universal Soft Hackle Baitsfish.'

Please come and **bring your tying gear and a friend**, and spend a few hours tying with us. We would like you to donate your tied flies for this cause, but if you need some for YOUR fly box feel free to do that, too! - Come show off your tying skills or **learn to tie some of the flies featured at the meeting!** This is what we're all about... passing on to others, while helping a worthy charity.

FREE snacks of popcorn and pretzels. Bar refreshments will be available for purchase.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The indoor meeting season is off and running. It was pleasant to see so many old faces again last month, shooting the breeze about our summer fishing adventures. You could sense a little buzz in the air, too. It was probably from hearing so many hungry growling stomachs ready to be fed. Ha!

Our Pizza Blast always excites a crowd. At our first meeting attendance we had a good turnout. Our November Meeting is our typical 'Fly Tying Night.' **We ask each and every member to please bring their tying equipment, a few materials and a fly pattern**, as we do offer these flies as donations to charitable causes. This is one of the most important causes the club supports.

At this tying meeting, we plan on having a **few dedicated tying tables of a few selected patterns**. Anyone can sit and tie along with the mentor of your choice. **We are a fly tying club and I can't emphasize that enough.**

And yes, we will have our traditional munchies too, of popcorn, pretzels.

This November Meeting is also a Yankee Fly Swap. This is a fun event and adds another layer of excitement to a meeting. **Please bring three flies of any choice. They can be all the same or a mixed variety. All flies will be place on the table and whoever names gets picked first has first choice.** The progression continues till the last name is drawn. Only those who bring flies can participate.

Plans continue to progress with our **60 Year Old Club Anniversary Banquet**. Ticket information was distributed at the last meeting. You can tear off the bottom half and bring it to the meeting. The top half is for your reference. **Additional ticket forms will be available at this meeting.** There will be lots more information going forward at this next meeting. See form below, fill out, mail in!

There are still a few bass around, still lots of bait in certain locations, and still warm days ahead. We are probably running late this year with leaves and migration, and I have not seen one gamnet, very few sea ducks and no eiders. Water temps are still in the high fifties. In the old days after Halloween, bass fishing was almost done for the year. Again the New Norm! Tight Lines! See you at the meeting!

Capt. Ray Stachlek, President

MEMBER NEWS

DON'T FORGET, WE HAVE NEW HATS

NEW Rhody hats are now available!
 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 check to...
 John Pope, 6 Canonchet Drive, Portsmouth, RI 02871
 We will ship 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 somehow, and either find a way to help, or send best wishes.

The Chairperson for this committee in Susan Estabrook. 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@synic.com. Thanks!

Speaking of 'Sunshine'... we want to send out some sunshine to fellow member, Chuck Valentine who has written to renew his membership, and says he is still fighting 'Arterovenous malformations (AVMs)' for close to two years, and still has seizures and his aphasia is pretty bad. He's still hoping to get back into our meetings and is sending his dues. Here's to you Chuck, we wish you well and hope you are back on the road soon. Hang in there, we are thinking of you! **Stay strong!**

CONSERVATION NEWS

THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES

The Commission (ASMFC) is seeking public comment on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass, which considers management measures designed to support stock rebuilding by reducing fishing mortality to the target in 2024. All those interested in the management of Atlantic striped bass are encouraged to provide input either by participating in public hearings, which may be conducted via webinar, or providing written comment. Public comment will be accepted until 11:59 PM (EST) on December 22, 2023 and should be sent to Emilie Franke, FMP Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; or at comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Striped Bass Draft Addendum II).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED— Make your voice heard on this important issue about our Striped Bass!

RFR MEMBERS – UP CLOSE



In this 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. What better way to do this than to feature a member profile each month. We want to get you to know each other, creating new and closer friendships.

INTRODUCING..... DAVE NUTTALL

CITY OR TOWN? Fall River, Massachusetts

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER? 36 years!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLY FISHING / TYING FLIES? I've been fly fishing for 55 years.

FAVORITE SPECIES? Striped Bass.

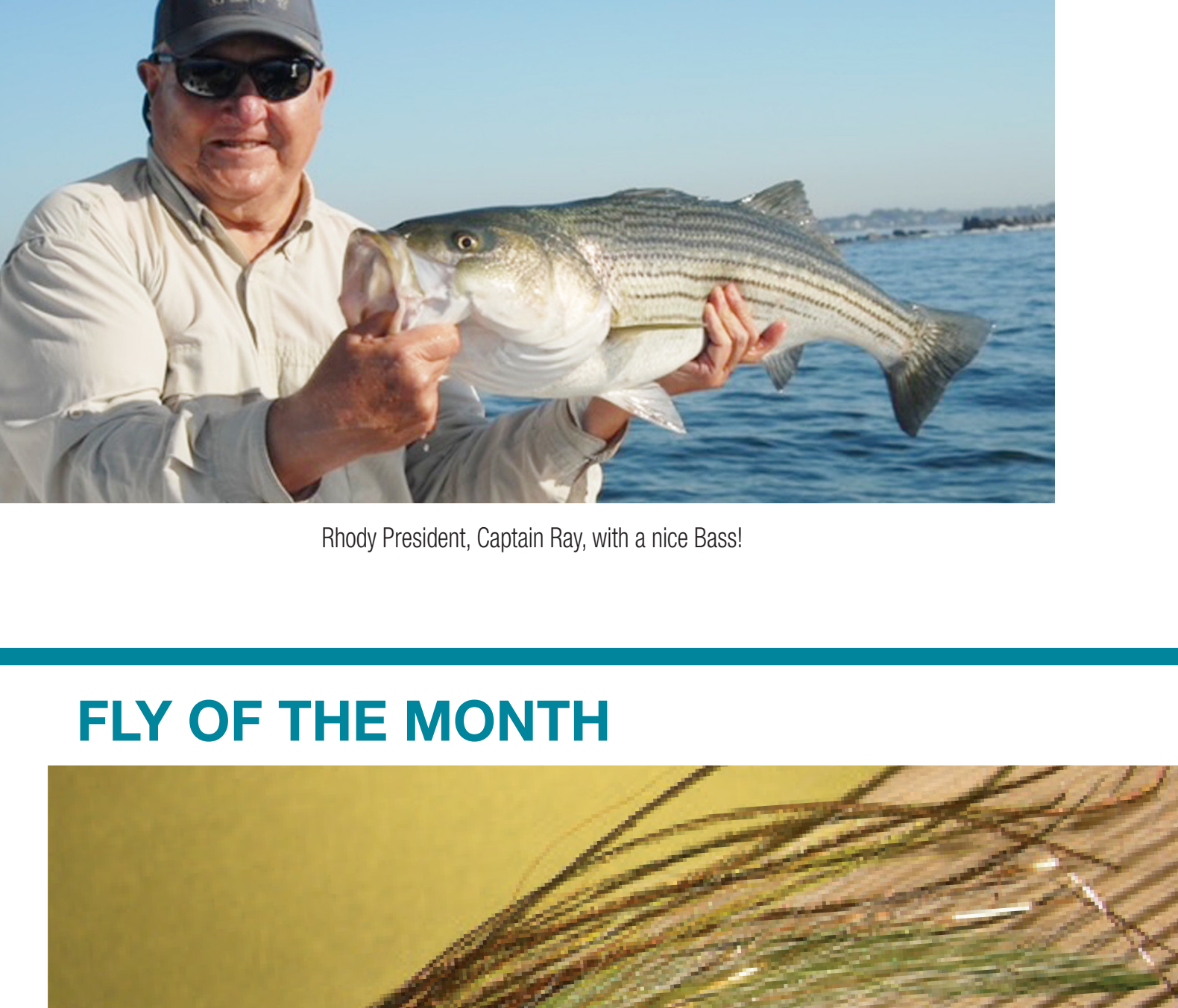
BOAT / SHORE FISHING? From Shore.

ANY NOTABLE PERSONAL CATCHES? 24 lb Stripper on a fly

FAVORITE FLY? My own fly, 'Dave's Number One.'

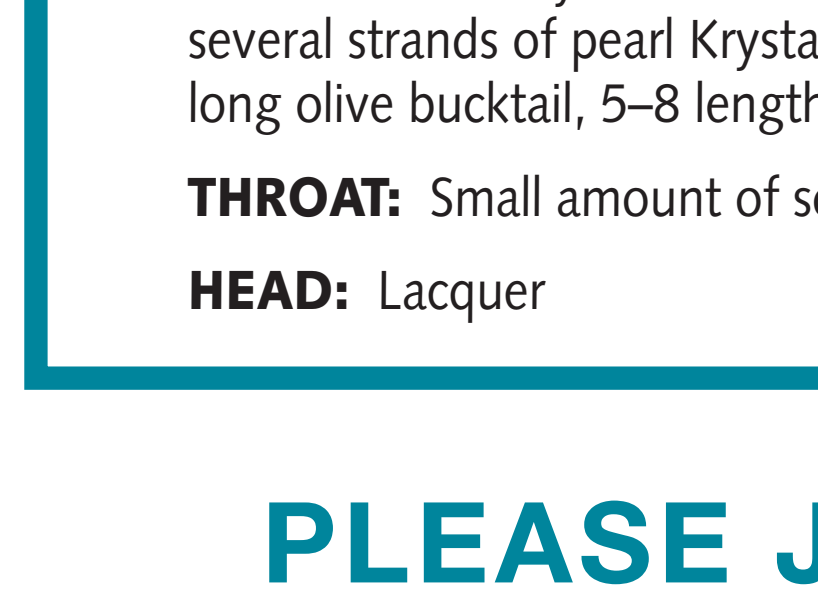
FAVORITE WAYS TO FLY FISH? Estuaries, bays, ocean and surf!

FAVORITE FISHING BUDDIES? I like fishing in solitude.

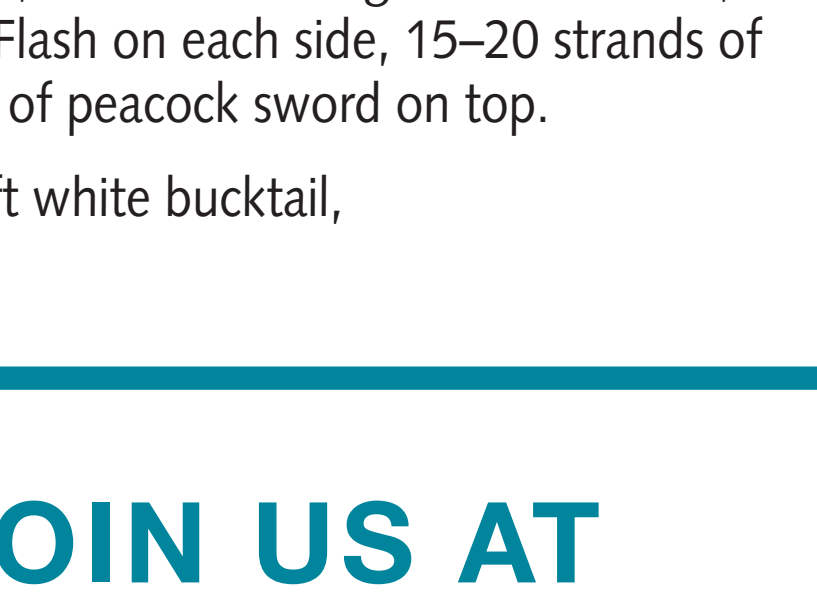


"OH! THE FLY IN YOUR SOUP, SIR?
 I BELIEVE IT'S A CAUCC & NASTASI SPARK DUN,
 AND VERY WELL TIED I MIGHT ADD."

"THE CATCHING CONTINUES!"



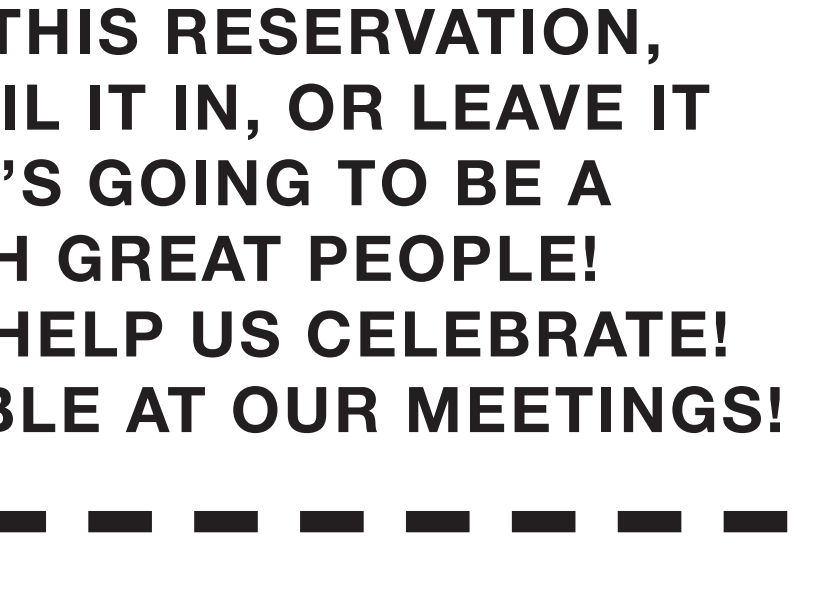
Kenry Mendez with a big Redfish from Texas.



Jeff Perry with a very large Striped Bass!



Ed Lombardo is back to form with a very beautiful Striped Bass!



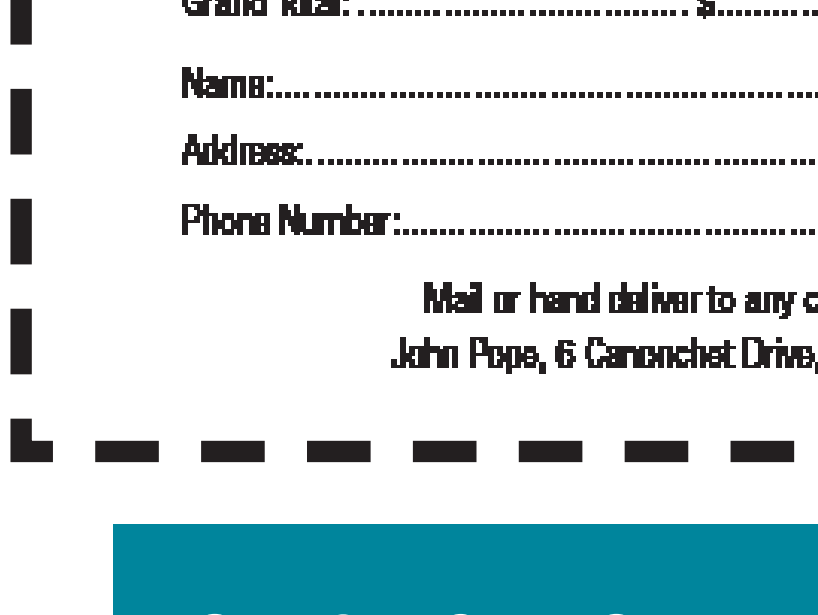
Member, Author and Guide, Alan Caolo still catching!



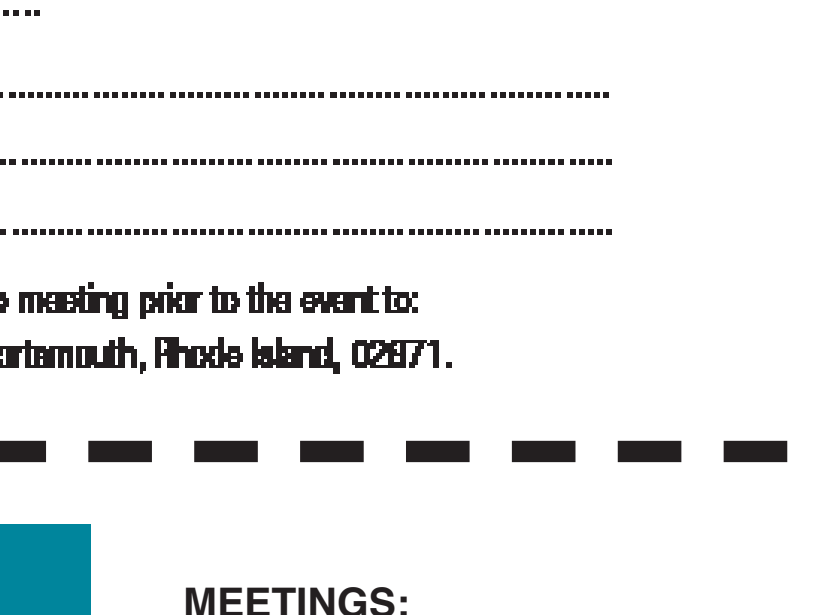
Member, John Edwards with new member, Patrick Williamson.



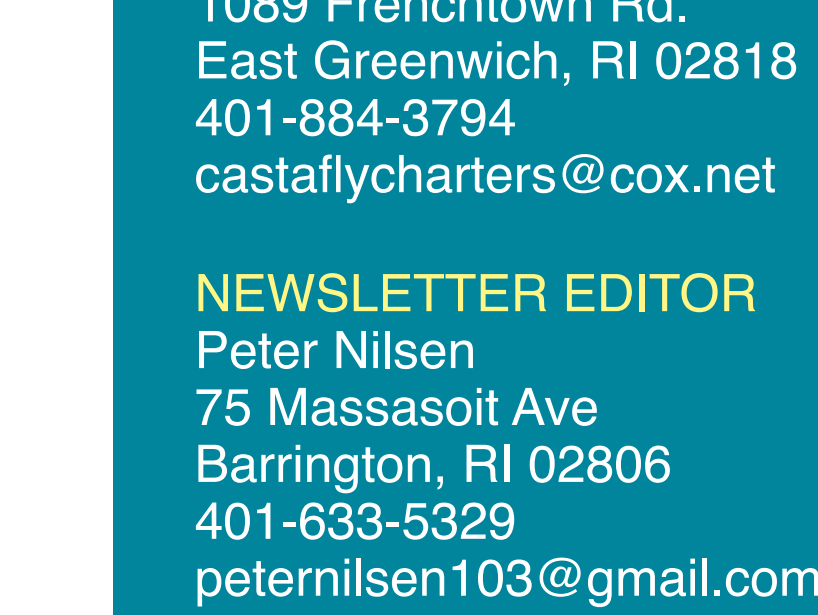
Proud Peter Lazouras with a very large Striped Bass.



Member, Jim Jaques' nice streamlined Striped Bass.



Geno Rapa & Dr. Califano having fun and catching fish!

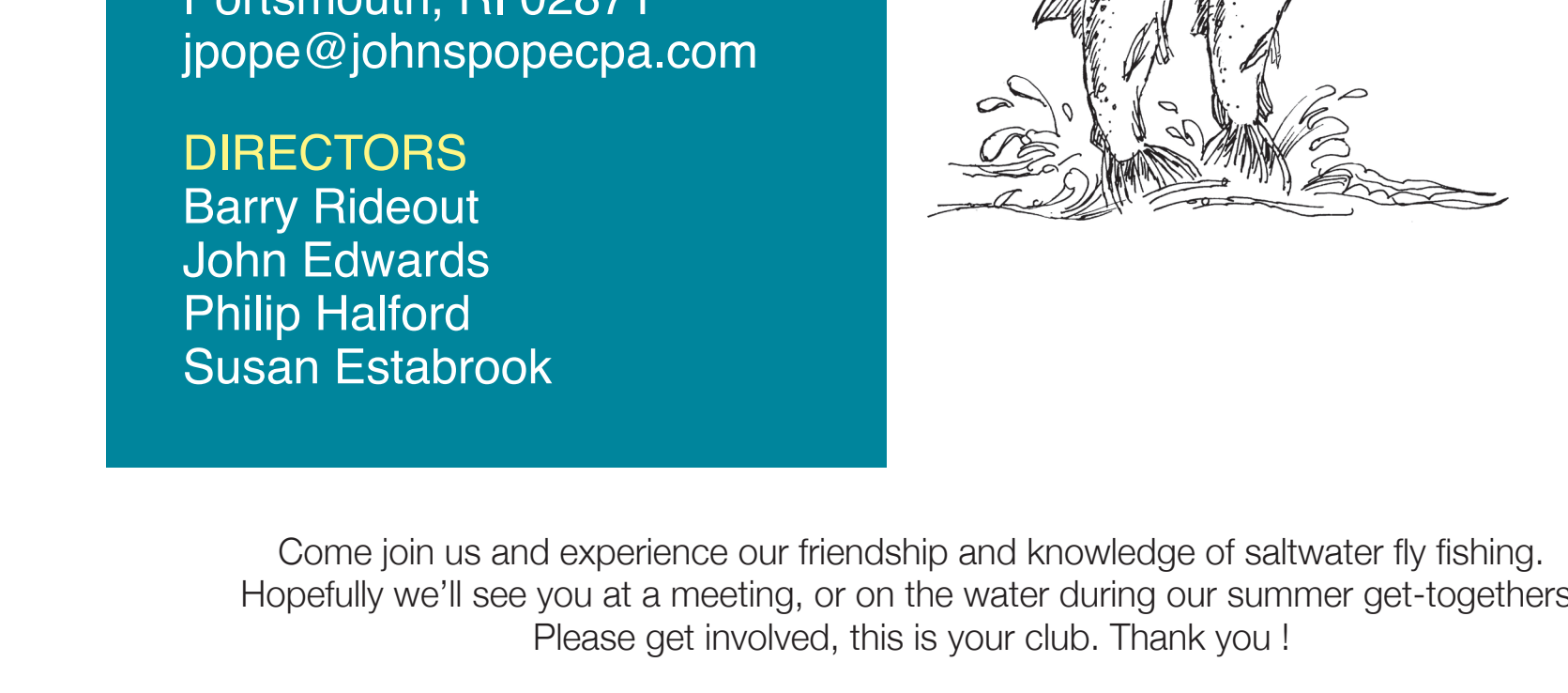


Member, Dave Pollack with a beauty Albie from North Carolina



Member, Toby Miller with an amazing 37" Striped Bass

Keep the fish pictures coming! Also think of book or tackle reviews, or new fly suggestions to publish in this newsletter.
 Also looking for donations for our bucket raffles for meetings and for our banquet!



Rhody President, Captain Ray, with a nice Bass!

FLY OF THE MONTH

JOHN'S POPE'S GO-TO RHODY FLAT-WING

HOOK: Wright McGill 244SS, 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 white 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

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

PRINT A COPY OF THIS RESERVATION, FILL IT OUT AND MAIL IT IN, OR LEAVE IT AT A MEETING. IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT TIME WITH GREAT PEOPLE! COME JOIN US AND HELP US CELEBRATE! MORE FORMS AVAILABLE AT OUR MEETINGS!

60th Anniversary Celebration Banquet
 The Nation's oldest saltwater fly fishing club has reached a noteworthy milestone. Come and help celebrate our 60th birthday with a gala dinner event serving all you can eat family style chicken.
Wright's Farm, 84 Inman Road, Burrellville, RI 02830, Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 1:00pm.

Come one come all, everyone is welcome to attend our festive event. What a great way to share our history and renew old friendships with the sport we so passionately and actively participate. We've tried to balance the cost of dinner at a reasonable price to fit most family budgets. Please complete the form and make checks payable to Rhody Fly Rodders.

Active paid member cost.....\$23.00 include tip, state taxes.
 Wine, Family, Friends, or Guest.....\$28.00ea, include tip, state taxes. (Number).....
 Children (under 10).....\$17.00ea, include tip, state taxes. (Number).....
 Grand total:.....\$.....
 Name:.....
 Address:.....
 Phone Number:.....

Mail or hand deliver to any club meeting prior to the event to:
 John Pope, 6 Canonchet Drive, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, 02871.

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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!