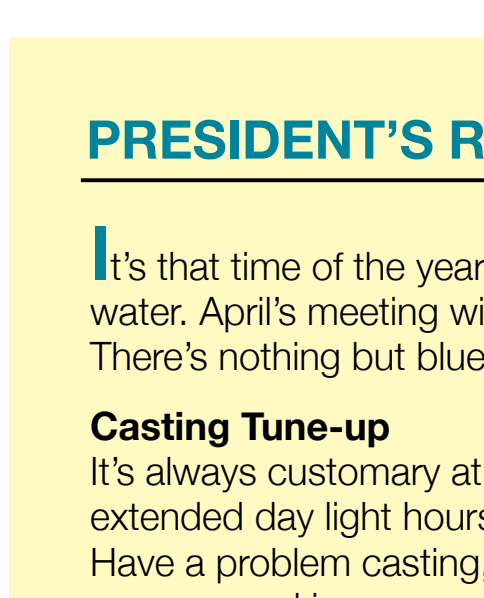


IT'S BACK! THE FAMOUS RHODY COOKOUT!

Tuesday, April 16th 6:00pm
**Come join us for our Annual Summer
 Fishing Season Kick-Off Celebration!**



Come join us on **Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 pm**, when we will continue with our last winter indoor meeting until October.

Great Raffle Prizes, and some **fishing tackle for sale**. **The bottled water and soft drinks are on us this evening**, and bar refreshments are available for purchase! **Hope to see you there! Bring a friend and introduce them to some great people here at Rhody Fly Rodders!!**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's that time of the year when we get active again spending more time on the water. April's meeting will be our last indoor meeting of the winter season. There's nothing but blue skies, warm weather, and good fishing ahead.

Casting Tune-up

It's always customary at this meeting we have a casting clinic outside with the extended day light hours. Bring a rod and reel; we'll have expert advice available. Have a problem casting, balancing a fly rod system, we can help you find the answers and increase your success.

Please note: April's meeting will begin outside at 6:00pm for the outdoor casting activities. All other monthly related business and dinner will start at normal times.

Rhody Barbecue Cook-out

It's back again after several years on the back burner, so to speak. We have all the logistics worked out for one of the most popular club events of the year. Enjoy sizzling burgers and tasty hot dogs with the entire fixing, grill to perfection. Life doesn't get any better for members. Bring your appetite. If anyone can help us with setting up the function that night, it would be greatly appreciated.

It's time to look forward to our Rhody Fishing Trips again. Each year we look to expand our fishing knowledge gained from our winter meetings. It's all about enjoyment, having fun, and a few laughs with club friends. This may be one of the most important club events we have. We can actually put our knowledge to work in a practical sense. That's why we fish?

Just look at the benefits the club gains.

1. Fishing outings makes the club more visible to the public eye. We seem to get some interest while fishing, correlates to a few new members.
2. It shows the general public that we are an active club promoting fly fishing. Let get away from the mentality that we meet in the winter for a few drinks and some conversation. We are way more than that. We make substantial important contributions to fly fishing and Veteran Organizations.
3. Strengthens the bond of friendships within the club. These friendships are bolstered during the winter months with stories and tales for all to enjoy.
4. Chance to actively share knowledge thus accelerating the learning curve.
15. It's a beautiful time of year to be outdoors again.

Ray Stechelek, President



Rhody FLY RODDERS

America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club

2024 SUMMER FISHING SCHEDULE

There are **8 of them this year**, from May to October!
No cookout, just fishing! Always fun!!!

MAY

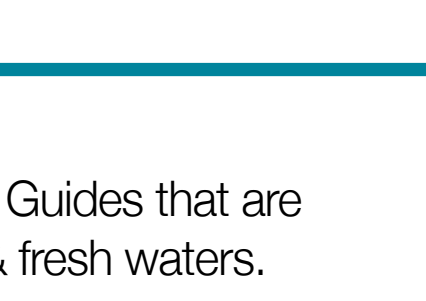
- Thurs. 2nd – (5-PM) – 100 Acre Cove, Bird Sanctuary, Barrington
- Wed. 15th (5-PM) – Ninigret Pond, Charlestown

JUNE

- Thurs. 13th (5-PM) – Colt State Park, Bristol - Mill Gut
- Tues. 18th (5-PM) – Kings Park, Newport

JULY

TO BE DETERMINED



AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

- Fri. 12th (4-PM) – Narrow River, Sprague Bridge, S. Kingstown
- Tues. 24th (4-PM) – Narrow River, Sprague Bridge, S. Kingstown

OCTOBER

- Wed. 2nd (3-PM) – Quonnie Breachway, Charlestown
- Wed. 23rd (3:30-PM) – Third Beach, Newport

Other additions to schedule will be email to the membership, if and when we find the need to add some events due to great fishing, or bad weather!

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 Stechelek (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-884-3794 – www.castaflycharters.com

Little Rhody Charters – with Capt. Bill Murphy (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-368-7830 – www.littlerhodycharters.com

On-The-Rocks Charters – with Capt. Rene Letourneau (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-359-3625 – www.ontherockcharters.com

Skinny Water Charters – with Capt Jim Barr (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-465-8751 – www.skinnywaterchartersri.com

Teezer77 Guide Service – with Capt. Eric Thomas (Saltwater/Boat)
 401-524-7239 – www.teezer77.com

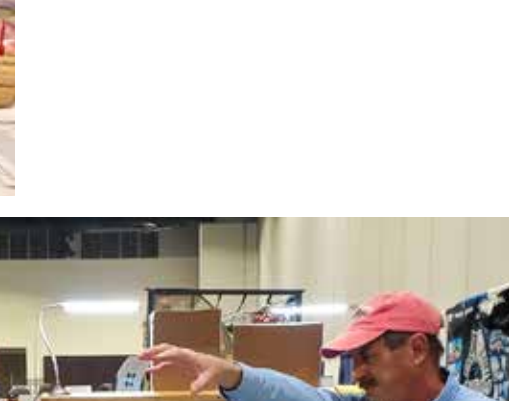
Ed Lombardo – Fresh and Saltwater Wading Guide
 401-497-0807 – edlombardo8@gmail.com

No Fluke Charters – Capt. Dave Monti (Saltwater/Boat) Ground fishing
 401-480-3444 – dmontifish@verizon.net

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 – 401-222-3070
LAW ENFORCEMENT – 401-222-2284



RFR MEMBERS • UPCLOSE

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..... BOB TEEDEN – Board Member

CITY OR TOWN? Cranston, Rhode Island

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER? 10 plus years!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN FLY FISHING / TYING FLIES?

I've been fly fishing and tying flies for 30 years.

FAVORITE SPECIES? Trout & Striped Bass.

BOAT / SHORE FISHING? I like shore fishing.

NOTABLE CATCHES? My wife! Hooked her many years ago – never released!

FAVORITE FLY? 'Ray's Fly!'

FAVORITE WAYS TO FLY FISH? Estuaries, Bays, Breachways, Jetties, surf!

FAVORITE FISHING BUDDIES? He's doesn't have a name, but he is always in my mind!

ANY INTERESTING STORIES? Fishing isn't a contest, it's just fishing!

MANNING THE RISAA SHOW BOOTH



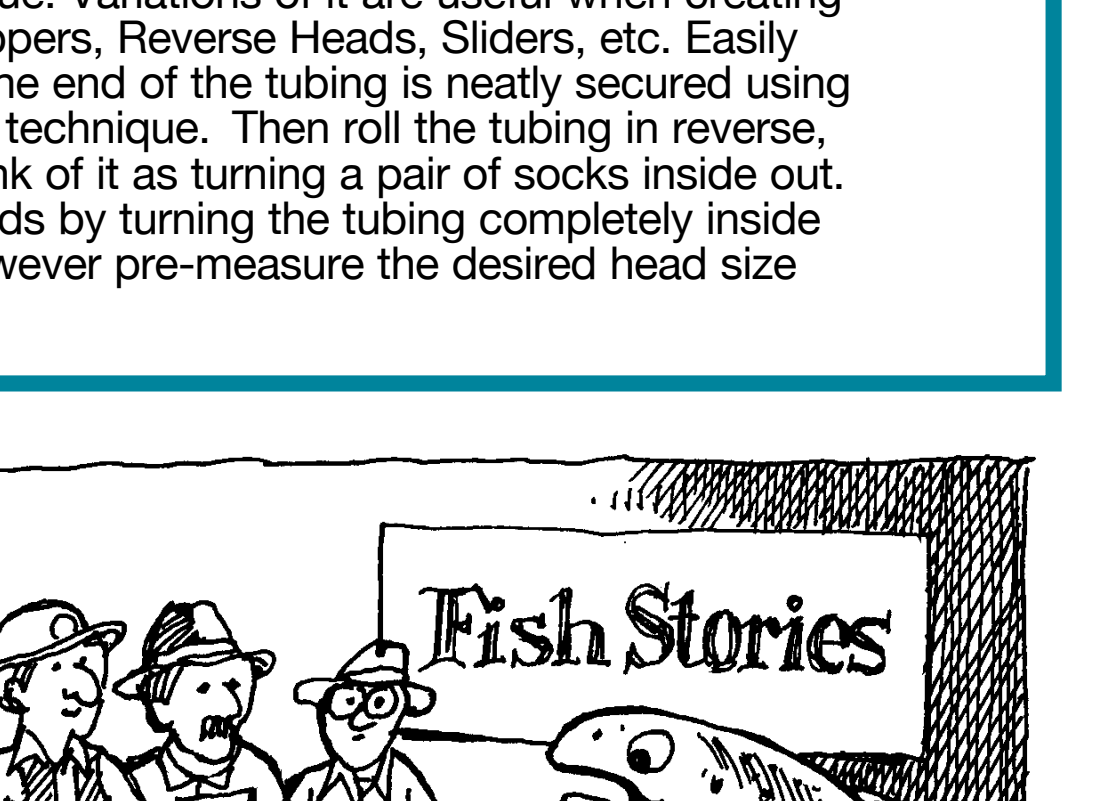
Here are some pics of some of the members holding down the "fort" and passing on information on our great "club" and telling about the charities we represent.

The kids were especial entertaining as they were so curious about the 'Deer tails and other materials we used to tie flies.

We all met some really wonderful folks and hopefully future Rhody members!

Here Dennis is scaring some youngsters with giant fish stories.

And Barry has these kids mesmerized for quite a while, especially the little girl. A future fly tyer, for sure!

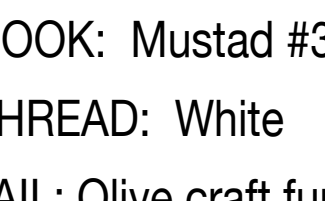


NEW TO RHODY?

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, as this is this is your club, you can learn from us, and we can learn from you.

Thank you!

Peter Nilsen,
 Newsletter Editor



WANTED!

Rhody Fly Rodders is looking for someone to take over this Newsletter duties for next year! I am stepping down after 13 years of writing and preparing this newsletter. I loved doing it, but as I get older I'm finding I really don't have the patience it takes to improve this and take it into the future.

We need a fresh look, maybe a new format and investigate a new way of presenting information to our members. Sorry, but this old dog doesn't want to learn any new tricks!

But, I will always be available to help and give advice.

Peter Nilsen,

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

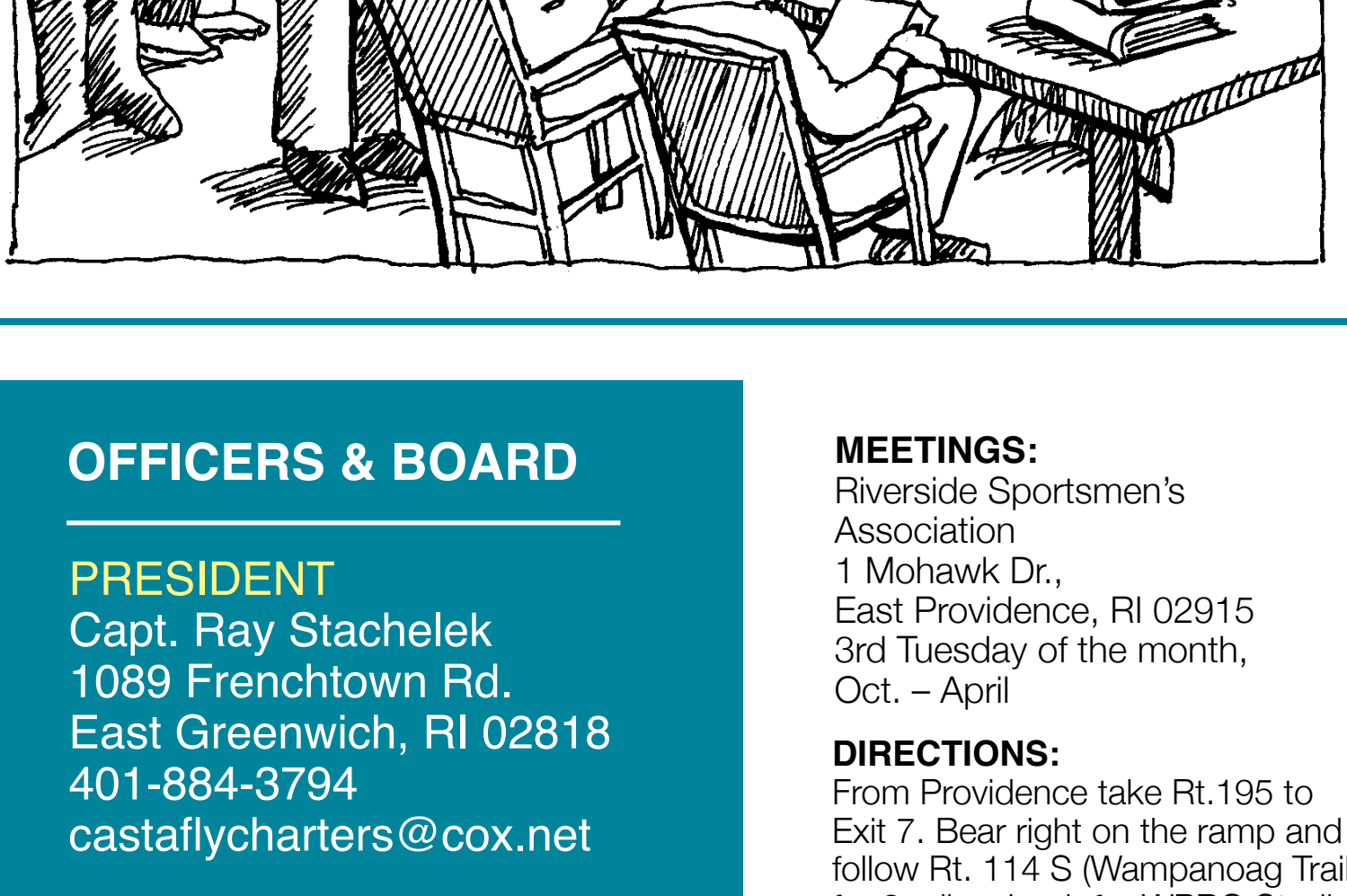
FLASH: Optional

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

EYES: Small prismatic - size 3/32"

CEMENT: Epoxy or Softex

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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 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 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.



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

On behalf of President, Ray Stechelek, and other Officers and Board members of Rhody Fly Rodders, I want thank you for your support during this past indoor meeting season! As this will be our last indoor meeting till October, I hope you will join us this month for our 'Famous Cookout Kick-off!' We also hope you will join us during the Summer fishing season as we will be getting together many times, at many places throughout the area, as we chase our elusive 'Striped Bass!' Check out the fishing schedule for times and places! Have a great Summer!

Peter Nilsen, Newsletter Editor