Rhody FLY RODDERS

America's Oldest Saltwater Fly Fishing Club

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"The lifeline of the estuary and knowledge"

Summer Fishing Series

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

Capt. Ray Stachelek

President
Rhody Fly Rodders

Rhody Fly Rodders Summer Family Classic, Evening of Music on the Bay

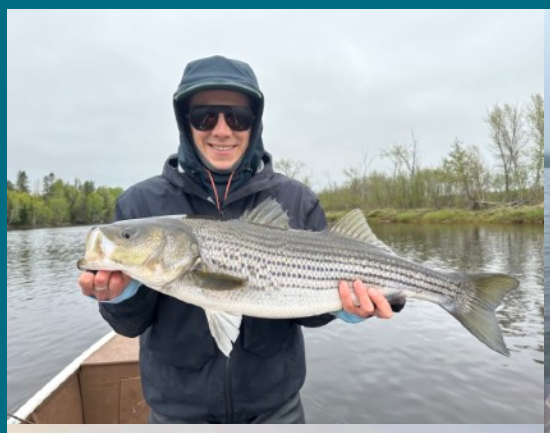
It is an evening of fun and music by the sea in a beautiful amphitheater. Mark your calendars and keep **Tuesday, July 29** free and clear. The Town of North Kingstown has scheduled a Summer Concert Series every Tuesday evening. Come listen to some of your favorite old tunes. We will have an area off to the side of the bandstand to gather and listen to this concert together.

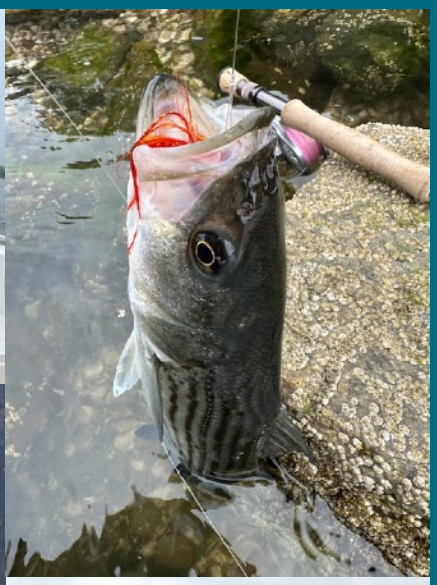
Neal & the Viper's Band will perform that night. The Viper's Show Band is a main stay in Rhode Island for over 45 years. Their "American Roots Music" encompassing blues, rock & roll, rockabilly, and surf, will keep you jump jiving all night long. Once you get bit by the Vipers you catch the fever, there's no turning back now. You will see why they are New England's premier American Roots Band.

Neal & the Viper's is our band, the only musical group Rhody Fly Rodders has officially endorsed. Neil Vitullo is an active member of our organization and when he's not playing, he's often out fishing in Narragansett Bay. He's a hard core fly fisherman. Bring your family, friends, neighbors and join our group at this interesting and different venue. It's a nice chance to get our group together during the slow months of fishing. More details to come as the date gets closer.

There is no official club fishing schedule during the months of July and August. If fishing conditions suddenly get better we can send an email blast out to everyone. Our aim is to stay in touch, keep friendships going. It's the summer. It is a great time to explore the outdoors. Any good fishing conditions or results please let us know. Sharing is part of the club's fabric. Contact any board member and we will forward the information to benefit everyone.

May and June





Fishing Report

In the past month fishing has improved for the shore-based fly fisher. Sand eels have moved into the region, and our harbors and ocean fronts are now inundated with bait. This has caused sporadic blitzes to pop up, and fishing has become more predictable if you know where to be at the right tide and time. In general, the night bite has been much better than the daytime action, and a higher tide tends to help push the bait into the shoreline. Although, there are locations where certain structure can only be reached at low tide, and situations where a low tide will consolidate the fish and bait. Regardless, you will have good luck if you spend time on the water and cover enough ground.

For those with boats, fishing has remained spotty, but good. Vessel captains are having to cover miles of water to find fish, but due to the number of over slot fish available this year, the increased search time has not ruined many trips. Once the fish and bait are found, the action has been quite dramatic. This is because outside of the shore fisherman's casting range there have been a decent number of 6–8-inch menhaden. These baitfish have been attracting large stripers and are the right size for an angler to imitate with a fly.

Besides striped bass, bonito have made their normal springtime appearance, but they will only remain inshore for a few weeks before disappearing. They will return in early fall. A few bonito have been caught from shore, but targeting the spring wave of bonito is typically not worth the effort for shore fishermen. Bluefish have also been taken, albeit mostly by boaters trawling spoons on wire. Overall, the next few weeks should produce some memorable days for those willing to put in the work and/or fish in the dark.

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We Need Your Help!

Did you read a good fishing book or go on a trip somewhere? Do you want to share your knowledge of a **well known** spot with members new to the area or new to fly fishing? How about just some pictures of the fish you catch? ***U dun't hav 2 worry about gramma or speling***, we can fix it! Let us know and we will include it in the next issue.

Contact the newsletter team:
Rhodyflyrodder.newsletter@gmail.com

Do you have unused fishing equipment you don't want?

Our club is a great place to get rid of that unused fishing equipment. Feel free to donate equipment to the club raffle, or bring it to the meeting to sell.

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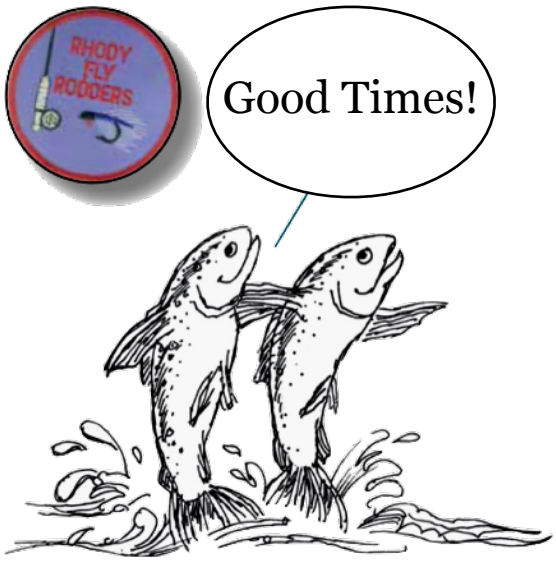

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