

Tying Bench — Andy's Seaducer Variant by Paul Sequira

The Seaducer (originally the Homer Rhodes Tarpon Fly but popularized by Chico Fernandez as the Seaducer) was designed to be a soft landing, very slow sinker, hence the heavily palmered shank. The Seaducer is also a very productive fly for both spotted seatrout and redfish. Andy Constantinou liked the looks of the fly but wanted it to sink faster and deeper. So what did he do? He substituted marabou for the hackle collar and weighted the fly with lead dumbbell eyes; that did the job. We can attest to the fly's success given the results Andy has had on several occasions fishing for redfish at Simmons Park in Ruskin. See photos on page 15.



Andy's Seaducer Variant tied by Andy Constantinou
Sequira photo

Materials:

- Thread: Black Flat Waxed Nylon
- Hook: Mustad 3407 or equivalent, size - your choice
- Tails: Dyed green grizzly saddle hackle 2 or 3 each side, splayed out
- Collar: Dyed green or dark olive marabou
- Flash: Rainbow colored Krystal Flash
- Weight: Painted black dumbbell eyes size appropriate for hook

Tying Instructions:

1. Secure the hook in the vise in the standard way. Tie in the thread with a jam knot about 1/3rd of the way behind the hook eye and make a small bump.
2. Place the dumbbell eyes in front of the thread bump and take figure eight thread wraps to secure the eyes to the hook. Take several wraps of thread under the eyes and across the top to the hook shank to level the eyes on the hook. Wrap the thread down to the start of the hook bend. Put a few drops of head cement on the thread wraps to cement it to the hook.
3. Select two pairs of 2 or 3 hackles each and even up the tips to create the tail. Remove the fluff from the base of the hackles. Place the two pairs back to back so that the hackle splay out. Place the hackle butts on top of the hook shank at the bend and secure the butts with several tight wraps of thread. At this point you should adjust the hackles so that they lay evenly on top of the hook shank.
4. Select a well hackle marabou feather and tie it in just in front of the hackle butts and palmer the marabou up to the eyes.
5. Select about 5 strands of rainbow colored Krystal Flash and tie them in on the bottom of the hook shank directly in front of the eyes. Use the center fold method so that you wind up with about 10 strips of Krystal Flash. Snip the ends of each strand at a slightly different length to provide plenty of flash.
6. Move the thread in front of the eyes and build a neat bullet shaped head. Whip finish and coat the head with head cement.