

On The Fly

*Newsletter of the Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg
Promoting fly fishing, fly tying, fly casting, and marine conservation in a family fun atmosphere*

Paul Sequira, RIP



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SFF President Letter – October 2018

Tuesday October 2, 2018, 11:14 AM I got a call from Ted Rich letting me know that Paul Sequira had died on Monday. My condolences to his family.

Do you know where Theodore Roosevelt went when he was devastated by his wife and mother dying on the same day in 1884? **HE WENT OUTSIDE.** He spent much of the next two years on his ranch in the Badlands of Dakota Territory.

After meeting John Muir, ("John of the mountains", "Father of the National Parks", an influential Scottish-American naturalist, author, environmental philosopher, glaciologist and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States) Roosevelt added enormously to the national forests in the West, reserved lands for public use, and promoted irrigation projects. All because he focused his grief on the outdoors.

Fortunately for me when I received Ted's call, I was outside. I had just arrived at a condominium next door to the park on Pinellas Point Dr. S., got out of my truck and was approaching the condo when the caller ID revealed that the call was from, my good friend "Mr. Trouble Himself." I had to take time to answer it. I'm glad I did. Thank you, Ted.

It was a beautiful morning. Looking out over the water, I could see the pelicans diving for fish on the sandbar. It was a perfect time and place to reflect on a great man's life and influence on our club and each of us individually. I said thank you Paul and bid him farewell. He will be greatly missed. I wiped the tear from my eye and went back to work.

My first recollection of Paul was at a Club Trash 'n Treasures Auction we hold every January. I had just gotten into fly fishing, already ruined a fly rod Mark loaned me, and knew I had found the opportunity to do something I had wanted to do since I was a boy: learn to fish with a fly rod.

I never owned a fly rod in my life, so when this beautiful 5 Wt. custom made rod came up for auction, I knew I had to have it. I began to bid on it. As the bid rose to \$100, I turned to Mark Hays and asked if he thought the rod was worth \$100. He said yes. I offered \$100 and got that rod. I'm glad I did. What a bargain! It was then that I learned that a man named Paul Sequira had built it. In the years that followed, that rod caught hundreds of Blue Gills, Stump Knockers and even a few Bass.

Thank you, Tom Gadacz, for picking Paul up and bringing him to our September General Meeting.

I said all that to say this: Life is short. I encourage you to take John Muir's influence and President Theodore Roosevelt's example and **GO OUTSIDE.** We can all go together, enjoy nature together, share a lunch together, and maybe even recapture some of our youth together. (Or better yet, influence a young person)

Join us at our next General Meeting on October 18th. Bring a vise, if you have one. If not, we'll provide one. But most of all bring a positive outlook, shake a few hands, slap a few backs and share a few exaggerated stories.

Never lose your sense of Adventure.

George

George Haseltine, SFF President 2016-19, 727-423-8110 Cell & Text, ghh343@aol.com

Remembering Suncoast Fly Fisher Paul Sequira

Tom Gadacz

Paul Sequira was a long-time member of Suncoast Fly Fishers. He became the editor of "On the Fly", our club newsletter and added a lot of pizzazz to the newsletter. It included not only upcoming events but very interesting articles on fly fishing and fly fishing places.

The fly of the month not only included photos but detailed tying instructions. Many of these flies were tied by Paul, Don Coleman, Paul's best friend and fishing buddy, and Carl Hanson. Paul was a superb and very meticulous fly tier. He also built some incredible fly rods. The information in the newsletter was factual and became a source of information for anyone who fly fished in the Tampa Bay area. "On the Fly" gained national attention and many fly fishing notables like the former Lefty Kreh were on the mailing list.

Paul's description about fishing the Everglades is a classic article and a must for anyone who fishes this area.

Paul and Don Coleman fished together and would try out different equipment and fishing techniques. They would report their results and would share many of their fly fishing "secrets" with club members. Paul was on the Board of Directors and also was our Treasurer.

For all his accomplishments he twice received the President's Vision and Values Award. Paul left a legacy of fly fishing information and fly tying.

I treasure the time I spent with Paul from fly fishing the Everglades with him, to casting bamboo rods and sharing fly fishing experiences. Paul was a treasure of information and personally knew some very notable fly fishers in the northeast. His friend Don Coleman authored "Wading the Saltwater Flats with a Fly Rod." Don dedicated the publication "...And to my good friend and fishing partner Paul Sequira who keeps me going in the right direction...". I can say the same for Paul.

I appreciate Marie, Paul's wife, and his family for sharing Paul with us. He will always be remembered.

Tom

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Paul, right, 2X Vision and Values award winner with then Pres. Tom Gadacz



Paul fishing the Everglades Canal with Tom Gadacz

Remembering Suncoast Fly Fisher Paul Sequira

Ann Hofmeister

Thank you for sending me the news about Paul. What a prince of a man he was. Ken was always discussing Paul's battles with his disease with deep concern. He called and talked with Paul the last week he was alive. He never thought Paul would outlive him! We have lost a gracious man with our loss of Paul. Just a reminder for all of us to make the most of each day! Gratefully,

Ann



Ann and Ken Hofmeister. Ken died May 4 after a long struggle with Multiple Myeloma

Ted Rich

I was first introduced to Paul by Mark Hays around 1992-93. Paul's wife Marie and my wife Kitty became friends and they shopped when we were fishing.



Paul's Christmas tree ornament, fly included.

One day, years ago, he sheepishly asked me if we celebrated Christmas. When I said we did, he later brought us a beautiful, perfectly tied fly inside a clear Christmas ball. I assumed he must have thought we were Jewish.

After we moved to Port Charlotte, Paul and Marie would sometimes visit and spend the night. Paul was well traveled and had fished in many areas of the country but had problems with some of our southern critters. Once, when we were fishing one of Port Charlotte's many canals, he hooked and landed a gar. When he saw that thing's teeth, he wanted nothing else to do with it. The

following day we fished a friend's backyard pond. The pond was only the size of half a basketball court but it had bass, bream, and one small gator. On this pond, if you hooked a fish you had to be quick or the gator would get it. I guess I forgot to tell Paul about that gator. He hooked a bass, and when he saw the three foot gator coming out of the pond, he took off running. It was at least thirty yards before he looked back and saw that the gator had returned to the water. We called it a day.

All of our lives were greatly enriched by having known Paul.

Ted



Paul at the Tying Bench

Club Meetings, Outings, and More

Wednesday, October 17, Outing—Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

- Meet up at **Taylor Park** in Largo at 8 am. Stay for lunch.
- SFF members are invited to join and help vets fly fish.
- Email Alan and tell him you'll be there. sewellalan@yahoo.com

Thursday, October 18 meeting. "Tie-A-Thon"

- Bring your fly tying stuff. Bill Scarola has organized a great Tie-a-Thon. It includes a *Know Your Knots* station
- A prize goes to the person who ties the best fly tied with weird materials that will be supplied. (Old, stinky sneakers?)
- Buy raffle tickets for a free subscription to **TAIL** magazine.
- Sign up for the October 27 Hillsborough River outing
- Bill Scarola will lead SFF's fly tiers at MarineQuest on Saturday. Can you help? See Bill at the meeting.
- Signup for the midweek outing at Cypress Point Park on Nov. 13. See Bill Scarola at the meeting.
- Fly Swap. Bring three *Popper Dropper* flies. See note below

October meeting Fly Swap details from Myron Hansen

The fly swap is for three **Popper-Droppers**. This is for three floating freshwater poppers with an attached dropper. This combination gives the fly fisherman the opportunity to attract fish on the surface as well as below. It isn't uncommon to catch two at the same time. This may be the perfect combination for the Carl Hanson Tournament. *Myron*

Saturday, October 20, **MarineQuest**, downtown St. Pete

- Help future fly fishers tie their first fly at FWC's research labs
- Location: Downtown St. Pete, 100 Eighth Avenue SE
- Fly tiers needed. See Bill Scarola at the meeting or email him at...SCAR7765@gmail.com

Thursday, October 25, Tie flies at Bruce Evensen's fly studio

Tie the Green and Yellow Trout Fly. Bring these materials;

- Yellow and/or dark green marabou
- Eyes-silverbead chain or small barbell
- Hook; size 2 or 4 streamer style
- Body: silver or pearl green Mylar wrap tubing
- Flashabou-Pearl or green
- Magic marker: dark green or chartreuse



**Suncoast Fly Fishers
of St. Petersburg**



Monthly Meetings:

Third Thursday of every month (except December) at St. Pete's Walter Fuller Park Rec Center, 7891 26th Ave. N. 6 to 8:30 pm. Guests are welcome.

Monthly Outings

The Saturday after the third Thursday of every month in different locations, saltwater and freshwater, with a picnic lunch (usually) at noon.

Membership

Suncoast Fly Fishers currently has 132 members including 19 family members and 6 honorary members. Annual dues are \$15, payable in September.

Welcome new members:

Michael Hobson, Warren Shane, Jr., and Steve Udovich

FFI Charter Club.

Suncoast Fly Fishers is a charter member club of **Fly Fishers International (FFI)**. A charter club of FFI is one in which all club members also join FFI as individual members. Annual dues are \$35. Seniors \$25. SFF is a member club of the **Florida Council** of FFI.

Club Meetings, Outings, and More

Saturday, October 27, Carl Hanson memorial outing, Hillsborough River

- SFF competes against Tampa Bay Fly Fishers to honor deceased member Carl Hanson of bend-back glass minnow fame.
- Angler who catches the most fish – stumpknockers anyone? – wins a trophy and gets to keep the Carl Hanson artwork for a year.
- Meet up for lunch at Rotary Riverfront Park west of Thonotosassa

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Carl Hanson, Lord of the Flies



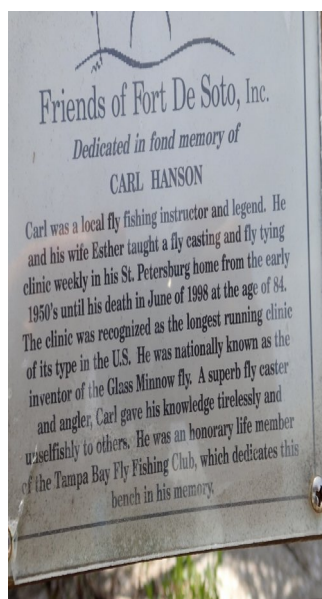
Portrait of Carl Hanson from the St. Petersburg Times



*The famous Carl Hanson glass minnow. Paul Sequira put this in the **Dec. 2006 issue.***



The Carl Hanson Outing winner keeps this drawing for a year



Club Meetings, Outings, and More

Tuesday, November 13, Midweek outing, Cypress Point Park, Tampa

- Meet at 8 am and fish until noon. lunch. Go where they go.
 - For more info email Bill Scarola at SCAR7765@gmail.com
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Thursday, November 15 meeting"

- Our speaker is Tom Logan of Tallahassee. A wildlife biologist, Tom is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fly Fishers International and First VP of the Florida council.
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Saturday, November 17, Outing, Cypress Point Park

- Target fish: seatrout
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Sunday, November 18, Big Gun Shoot-Out, Picnic Island Park

- Meet up before 9 am
 - Individual and three-person team competitions for distance and accuracy
 - Free lunch hosted by Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club
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Thursday, Nov. 29 – Join the fly tiers at Bruce Evensen’s home studio, 531 80th Avenue, St. Pete

Saturday, December 15, Fall Casting Clinic at Tampa’s Picnic Island Park, Shelter 611

- Led by Master Casting Instructors Pat Damico and Dayle Mazzarella with backup by well-known instructors Leigh West, Steve Parker and others.
 - Registration at 8 am. Free to FFI members (You can join FFI on site for \$35 (Seniors \$25, Juniors \$15)
 - Course starts promptly at 8:30 am with a review of basic casting principles. Some fly outfits are available for those who don’t have one. Course continue until 3 pm.
 - Bring your gear to be checked for balance and for your use. Leader material is available.
 - Morning drills: Pick-Up and Lay-Down, False Casting, Feeding Line, Roll Cast, Roll Cast to Pick Up and Feed. Each drill will have an advanced challenge for those pushing their limits. Introduction to the FFI Casting Instructor Program, Saltwater Quick Casting, Double-Haul, Advanced Distance Casting, Accuracy and Mending
 - 1:00 LUNCH provided by Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club
 - Afternoon drills: Fun Casting Drills - One-legged casting - (Keep the boat from rocking), Accuracy - (Under mangrove and docks, and trout fishing), Distance - (Get that Redfish!), Quick casting - (Get that bonefish!)
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No meeting in December. No fly tying at Evensen’s home studio in December

Saturday, December 8, Don Coleman Outing, Fort DeSoto Park

- The outing date is earlier in the month so it’s not so close to Christmas
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Looking Ahead into 2019

- January 17 meeting is our annual Trash ‘n’ Treasures meeting. Bring gear to donate for the auction.
- January 19 outing is at Weedon Island Preserve
- February 21 meeting features member Robert Fisher: “Motorcycling and Fly Fishing”
- February 23 outing is on Lake Walsingham
- East Lake Woodlands Country Club fly tying will be February 24
- March 30, 2019: Hog Roast and Silent Auction. See Rick Warfel.

Check for updates on the club’s online [Calendar](#)

Suncoast Fly Fisher News 'n' Notes

Florida Sportsman Expo. We have a winner

Florida Sportsman magazine gave booth space to Suncoast Fly Fishers and the Tampa Bay Fly Fishers to show off and teach fly tying and fly casting to Florida Sportsman Expo show goers at the Florida State Fairgrounds on October 6-7. On Saturday, fly tiers competed on stage for a prize awarded for the best fly with mystery materials.



David Redd won the first annual Fly Tying Throwdown at the Florida Sportsman Expo.



Tywheel, at your service

And the winner is?
Suncoast Fly Fisher David Redd took the prize, a

Tywheel, an imaginative

device for your vise with magnetized areas to keep hooks, thread, eyes, scissors, beads, and other material at your fingertips. David's winning fly? A very creative crab pattern. Quin Berry was there and reported that David did a great interview with many rewards for our club.



Florida Sportsman Expo. Suncoast Fly Fishers show-and-tell. From left, Quin Berry, Ted Rich, Layne Smith and Alan Sewell.



Bruce Evensen, David Redd, and Bill Scarola took a break for this Sunday photo.



Saturday's fly tying crew included Layne (raccoon man) Smith, David Redd, and Alan Sewell.

Update on Darryn's Project Healing Waters Project



Darryn Manley

Alan Sewell reports that Darryn Manley's GoFundMe campaign to raise money to rehab a flats boat for PHWFF fell short so he has stopped the project. The good news is that Darryn is giving all the funds he raised to the Suncoast Fly Fishers chapter of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing to buy fly tying and rod building supplies. Alan wrote that he met with SFF member Cliff Nigh at St. Pete Fishing Outfitters' fly and bought fly tying materials. Said Alan, "What a great time we had buying all the materials for the veterans. Thanks, Darryn, for your career choice (U.S.C.G.) and generosity to PHWFF."



Darryn's GoFundMe funds sent Alan to the fly shop for PHWFF supplies.

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Can you say Xcalak?

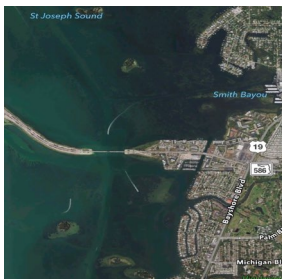
Sarasota's Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers are inviting Suncoast Fly Fishers to join them in February for an expedition to Xcalak, Mexico. Xcalak is a small fishing village of about 600 people that offers shallow water sight fishing for bonefish, permit, tarpon and snook plus many other species, all with guided fly fishing from flats boats. Big plus, fishing is just a 15 minute boat ride from the lodge.

Dates: February 9 2019 (Sat) travel to Xcalak then fishing on the 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 returning and flying out of Cancun on Friday the 15th. Lodging, meals, transfers and guided fishing for 6 nights and 5 days: \$2500 per angler, but possibly a few hundred more if they do not recruit enough fly fishers. Add flights, tips and other incidentals to that.



For more information and to reserve your space contact Jay Tinski at jaytinsky@comcast.net 310-463-0733
Helpful links: [Tierra Maya](#) [The Flats at Tierra Maya](#)

Suncoast Fly Fishers Clean-up Abandoned Monofilament



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Led by committee chairman Cliff Nigh, Jan Bailey and Hilton Bruch, and other Suncoast Fly Fishers participated in the 25th Annual Fishing Line Cleanup Oct. 6-14 organized by Tampa Bay Watch in partnership with Audubon Florida. Tampa Bay Watch assigned SFF the job of gathering up old monofilament line abandoned along the mangrove shoreline at Smith Bayou near Palm Harbor and also the spoil Islands in St. Joseph Sound near Honeymoon Island causeway.



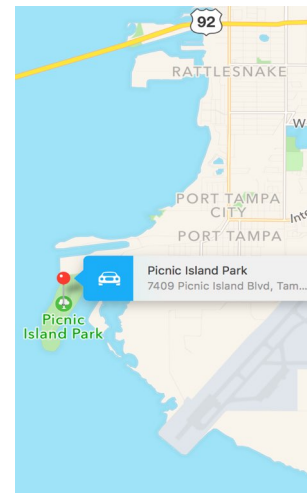
Cliff Nigh

Big Gun Shootout at Picnic Island Park

Experts and beginners alike are invited to test their fly casting skills at the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club's annual Big Gun Shoot-Out Sunday, November 18 at Tampa's Picnic Island Park. Individuals and teams of three are welcome. Plaques will be awarded for highest scoring individual, highest scoring teams, and the "Big Gun," the overall distance casting champion.

Contestants will participate in competition stations that mimic the challenges of fly fishing, such as casting under the mangroves, into a cup of water, or through a hoop suspended a few feet off the ground. Come out and give it a try – you'll be hooked!

The competition will run from 9 am - 12 pm. There is NO entry fee, and lunch will be provided to all contestants. You may use your own rod for all competition stations except the Big Gun distance contest. Volunteers also are needed to help set up the course and score contestants.



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Fly Gear for Sale or Swap

Captain Phil Chapman in Lakeland has fly rods, flies. Email Phil at tarponfeathers@msm.com

(Phil Chapman, a Suncoast Fly Fisher who lives in Lakeland, is a retired biologist and public outreach specialist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. He has donated numerous high end tarpon fly lines and another dozen tarpon leader stretchers to our club and you can bid on them at trash 'n'-treasures meetings and the Hog Roast in March. Phil has additional fly fishing gear for sale as follows:

- Albright 8-weight, 9-foot, never used. Sock and tube included. \$125
- TFO 12 weight, BVK model, 9', 4-piece. Never used. \$150
- TFO 12 weight, TiCRX model, 9', 4-piece. Slight use. \$110
- Old school Fenwick custom 8-weight on World Class blank. 9.5', 2-piece rod. \$50
- TRL J. Quill, 10 weight, 9', 4-piece. Never used. Sock and tube included. \$100
- TRL J. Quill, 12-weight, 9', 4 piece. Used once. Sock and tube included. \$95
- Also, ask about 11 and 12 weight fly line deals and #3/0 Puglisi Peanut Butter Bunker flies

Woody Miller's Native Slayer 12 kayak

2017 Slayer, like new, paddled maybe 6 times. Extras included are custom anchor trolley's, rear rolling wheel for easy transport to the water and cover for front storage. \$750. Email Woody at clwpaddler@gmail.com

Rods and reels by non-member Kathy Webber, submitted by Dick Miekka

Dick writes, "I received an e-mail from a woman wanting to sell her husband's fly-fishing equipment. I have looked up the approximate value of the various items and included the values in parentheses." Make your best offer on each item to Kathy Webber, 727-372-4757

- Fenwick Voyager SF74-4 Feralite 7ft, 3.9 oz. (probably a spin-fly 6 wt. rod, available on E-Bay for \$99.99)
- Orvis 4 pc 9 ft. 5-wt Trident TLS Midflex, with 2 Battenkill reels (rod on E-Bay \$400; reels about \$100 each)
- Two Abel reels, TR1 and TR2, never used, with spare spools. (about \$475 per reel and \$160 per spool)
- Winston 9'6" 5 pc rod, serial #57734, never used. (Not sure of weight, Original price \$595 according to owner)

Jack Cason is selling his sit-on-top kayak. It's a deal. Call him at 727-864-7444

Just a few months ago Jack bought a 10-foot Perception Pescador (red tiger camo color) kayak with all the trimmings. He used it once. It comes with the Angler's Package including a paddle leash, anchor and anchor trolley, rod holder and more. Also, a high-end inflatable life jacket. It cost more than \$850. Yours for \$650.

Bruce Evensen made these beautiful items himself. Call him at 727-403-9010. Also, see much more of his fine art on "Poppa Bruces Flies" pages on

Etsy....<https://www.etsy.com/shop/poppabrucesflies>

- Hook or eyes holder hand made by Bruce Evensen, \$28.00
- Thread holder with one fly holder by Bruce Evensen, \$9.00
- Fly tying desk and tool holder, \$50.00
- Fly tying desk and tool holder made by Bruce 2ftx2ft., \$85.00
- Epoxy glue holder hand-made by Bruce Evensen, \$24.00



Hand-made hook and eye holder

Want to run an ad? Email Bill AuCoin at wmaucoin@verizon.net

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Treasurer: Karen Warfel

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Quin Berry -- David Redd -- Bill Scarola -- Bob
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Nigh

Committees

*Volunteers needed. Speak to any officer or
director at the meeting*

Casting Skills -- Pat Damico, MCI, Dayle

Mazzarella, MCI

FFI Liaison -- Pat Damico

Conservation -- Cliff Nigh

Fly Tying -- Myron Hansen

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New Members -- Rick Warfel

Webmaster --Open

Hog Roast -- Karen+Rick Warfel

Outings --Bob Burkard, Hilton Bruch, David
Redd

Project Healing Waters -- Alan Sewell, Ted Rich,
Dave Barson, Dave Redd, Terry Kirkpatrick

Outreach, shows -- David Redd, Bob Burkard

Raffles -- Dave Barson

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Programs -- Board of Directors

Newsletter editor, public relations-- Bill AuCoin,
Duane Mertz

Aims and Purposes

Suncoast Fly Fishers are dedicated to sharing their total fly-fishing experiences and to developing interest in fly fishing in both fresh and salt water. We promote and teach both fly fishing and related subjects of fly-tying, rod building, fly-casting and knot tying. Through collaboration, fellowship, conservation and sportsmanship we help members become more skilled, have more fun, and be more productive in the sport. SFF supports the conservation of natural resources, boating safety and fishing regulations.

Suncoast Fly Fishers (SFF) is a non-profit 501 3 organization

<http://suncoastflyfishers.com/meetings.html>

The Suncoast Fly Fishers, Inc. (SFF) is an organization of fishing enthusiasts who love fishing with the fly rod. We welcome all people of all ages with similar interests, regardless of their fly fishing skill level. We enthusiastically teach those that wish to learn or improve their fly casting, fly tying and related fly fishing skills. SFF meets monthly where we talk fly fishing, tie flies and most months feature a speaker with a program highlighting local fly fishing opportunities.

SFF is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization. SFF is a charter member of the Fly Fishers International (FFI). SFF is a member of the Florida Council of FFI.

By U.S. mail: Suncoast Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 40821, St Petersburg, FL 33743-0821

Directions to our meeting at Walter Fuller Park...From 22nd Avenue N turn North on 72nd St. N. Turn left (South) on 26th Avenue N. Then turn right into the rec center parking lot.

- What can the Suncoast Fly Fishers club do for you and for other members? Email your ideas to club president George Haseltine at ghh343@aol.com
- What can you do for the Suncoast Fly Fishers? For starters, join a committee. Can you help with the website? Newsletter? Hog Roast? Project Healing Waters? Run for a spot on the BOD. Speak to any officer at the meeting or email me, [George Haseltine, ghh343@aol.com](mailto:George.Haseltine@ghh343@aol.com)

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Review: Chassahowitzka River

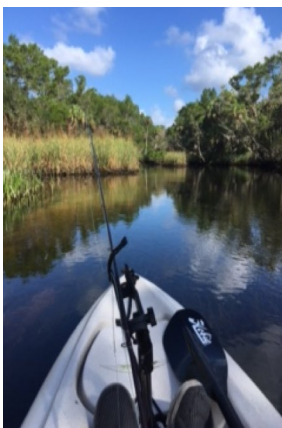


*Bob Burkard, co-chairman,
Outing Committee*

By Bob Burkard **September 2018 – Chassahowitzka River**

It was a gorgeous day on the Chassahowitzka. I enjoyed paddling my kayak down the river, fishing with friends and catching some bream. While they were not very large, it was fun catching them on my 4 wt. fly rod. I grew up catching sunfish on small lakes and rivers in the northeast, so this brought back great childhood memories of beautiful summer days where I spent hours pursuing that that big bass while catching “hundreds” of small sunfish.

Late in the morning I paddled up a side creek and did see a dozen large bass by a spring. However, either my flies or my presentations were not quite up to snuff so I headed back to join our team for a sandwich and a cold water. What a great group of people!



*Sit back and enjoy. Photo
by Eugene Proulx*

David Redd took the prize for the largest bream. I plan to get back fishing on the Chassahowitzka within the next few months, but I want to go during the week when the river is less crowded. Yes, this is a Florida paradise where weekends get crowded with people living the good life.



*David Redd took the prize
for the longest bream, one of
many caught on spiders and
grasshoppers.*



Lunch at the Chassahowitzka River Campgrounds and RV Park.

2018 CLUB OUTING TOURNAMENT LEADERS

Species	Length	Leader to date	Outing (Month)
Longest sunfish	8"	Quin Berry & Tony Piazza	Walsingham Lake (February)
Longest black bass	18"	Mark Hays	Walsingham Lake (February)
Longest snook	32"	Adam Hays	Docklight/beach sunset/sunrise
Longest redfish			
Longest ladyfish	13"	Jack Cason	Fort DeSoto Park (May)
Longest seatrout	18.5"	David Redd	Pinellas Point (January)

Preview: Carl Hanson Memorial on Hillsborough River



*Hilton Bruch, co-chair,
SFF Outing Committee*

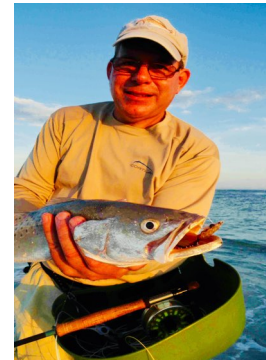


By Bob Burkard
Saturday, October 27, 2018
Rotary Riverfront Park/Fowler Avenue
Boat Ramp/Temple Terrace

It is again time for Suncoast Fly Fishers and the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club to honor Carl Hanson, a former leader and mentor for fly fishing and fly tying.

"Carl (Hanson) came to earth fly fishing," a friend said. Tying his own flies, he would preach finesse and conservation. Carl loved fishing fresh water and to honor his memory we meet with TBFFC and fish the Hillsborough River and compete to see how many sunfish can be caught by any one club member. The tournament trophy is awarded to the winning club to display for the coming year.

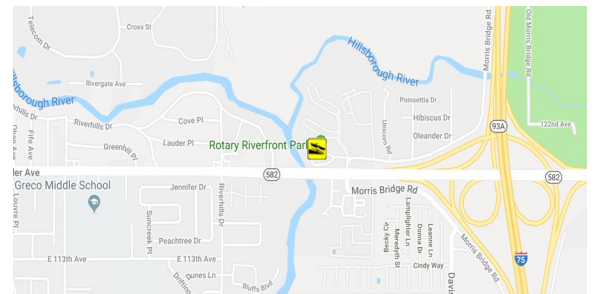
Members can fish anywhere on the river wading, kayaking, canoeing, or boating. Lunch will be served at noon at the Fowler Avenue boat ramp in Temple Terrace. Come celebrate Carl even if it is just for lunch and memories. The member who catches the largest fish is awarded a portrait of Carl to keep for the year.



*Bob Burkard, co-chair,
SFF Outing Committee*

• **Directions: Rotary Riverfront Park**

- Rte. 275 from St Petersburg towards Tampa (Approx. 23 miles)
- Keep right to take EXIT 45B to I-4 towards Orlando
- Stay Right on I-4 (Approx. 7 miles)
- Take EXIT 9 to MERGE onto I-75 North towards Ocala
- Take EXIT 265 to MERGE onto FOWLER AVE FL-582 W/E
- 1 MILE Turn RIGHT onto MORRIS BRIDGE RD
- Turn left into Park



MyFWC

Remaining 2018 Outing Locations

Month	Outing Date	Outing	Target Fish	Fresh or Salt
October	10/27/2018	Hillsborough River - Carl Hanson Memorial with TBFFC	Most bluegill	Fresh
November	11/17/2018	Cypress Point Park	Longest Seatrout	Salt
December	12/8/2018	Ft. De Soto Park - Don Coleman club Invitational. Annual Chili Contest	Longest fish, any species	Salt

Capt. Rick Grassett: Fly Fishing the Coastal Gulf

By Duane Mertz

Captain Rick Grassett of Sarasota shared tips at the September meeting from his 30-years' experience guiding fly fishers on Gulf and Bay waters.

Focusing on Fall fishing, the Sarasota resident and Orvis-endorsed guide shared his encyclopedic-knowledge fishing local waters.



Capt. Rick Grassett

Coastal Gulf Fishing Tips

Fishing from his 17' flats skiff 1-3 miles from shore, Captain Rick likes to target false albacore (aka bonito) looking for them in feeding frenzies. Averaging 8 – 10 lbs., false albacore are the best fighting inshore fish available in the fall. "While you target false albacore, you may also see mackerel and an occasional king fish down deep", said Rick. You'll also find bluefish, sharks, tarpon and cobia.

Triple tail is another preferred species. They are good eating and give a great fight. To find triple tail Captain Rick advises to troll quietly down a line of crab traps and to be sure to put the caster in a good position to cast.

"The best technique is to look for breaking fish or diving birds (mainly terns) to find fish. You need to learn to read the birds to be in position to intercept schools of fish", he said. Once fish are found, Captain Rick sets a drift parallel to the moving schools of fish - to get a perpendicular shot at them. You want your boat moving in the same direction as the fish. "Boat control is important. Use a trolling motor to avoid being blown down on the fish you are casting to", he said. A drift sock is another useful tool for controlling drift speed.

- He also recommends using a stripping mat to keep your line ready to cast.
- If fish are being picky, try various retrieves and sizes of flies.
- Birds rafted on the surface are may indicate there are bait and predators below.
- In the absence of surface activity, fish structure like artificial reefs and natural hard bottom.

Night Snook Fishing

On days when the Gulf and Bay weather is not good, Grassett likes to night light fish for snook. Snook will gather around structures such as lighted docks – they're ambush feeders, he said. And if the weather is good, don't forget to fish lighted bridges. Bridges hold bluefish and there can be redfish and juvenile tarpon in these locations as well. Older, more encrusted bridges and pilings are preferred.

"Focus on shadow lines where light meets dark", he said. Anchor slightly up tide from structure and swing your lures and flies with the current.

Fish during peak tidal periods. You want a strong moving tide between high and low tide periods. Captain Rick consults www.tides.net looking for steep tidal periods from low to high, or high to low tides. You want to avoid change of tide periods. "Think of tides as a conveyor belt bringing food to fish", he said.

If the current isn't strong, cast your flies beyond the shadow lines and strip across the seams with clear intermediate sink tip fly lines.

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Where there is insufficient tide, dead drift your flies or vary the speed of your stripping. Also consider casting your line further up tide to get your fly deeper in the water column.

"Snook are sub-tropical and temperature sensitive – I won't target snook in the winter after a strong front when the water temperature dips below 60 degrees", he said.

When the fish are being picky go with smaller flies and lighter bite tippets.

"As we go towards winter every bait fish except for glass minnows will go away. So white is the best color for flies then".

Grassett's go-to flies and tackle

Coastal Gulf Flies

- Clouser and Ultra Hair Clousers
- Grassett Snook Minnow or other glass minnow fly patterns
- Grassett Flats Minnow or shrimp fly patterns (weed guards are important for triple tail)
- Wider profile baitfish flies; EP flies and Lefty's Deceiver
- Poppers, Gurglers and Crease Flies



Grassett snook minnow

Snook Flies

- Grassett Snook Minnow and other glass minnow fly patterns
- Shrimp Patterns-Grassett Shrimp, EP Shrimp and Peterson Spawning Shrimp
- Gurgles (tied as shrimp patterns)

Orvis Fly Casting School

*Captain Rick's oversees Orvis-endorsed fly-fishing schools once a month from November through April at **C. B. Outfitters** on Siesta Key.*

Leaders

- 6'-7' fluorocarbon leader on sinking fly lines (50% butt section, 25% tippet and 25%-bit tippet)
- 10'-12' fluorocarbon leaders on floating fly lines (either knotless tapered or 50% butt sections, 20% mid-section, 20% tippet and 10% bite tippet)
- 4" to 6' of multi-strand braided wire, Orvis retwistable wire tippets or heavy fluorocarbon (60-pound) added to bite tipped for toothy fish

Tackle

- 8 to 10-weight fly rods (8 and 9-weight most used)
- Floating, Intermediate or sink-tip, or occasionally Depth Charge (300 or 350-grain) fly lines

Contact: Captain Rick Grasset, Snook Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc., FFI Certified Fly-Casting Instructor 941.923.7799, W: www.snookfindaddict.com, and www.flyfishingflorida.us Specializing in fishing with flies and lures in lower Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay and Charlotte Harbor

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Alan Sewell: Easy BBQ Ribs

Ingredients:

Two rib racks to serve about eight

North Carolina Rub

Two tablespoons of each of the following:

- Salt
- Refined sugar
- Brown sugar
- Chili powder
- Ground cumin
- Black pepper
- One tablespoon of cayenne pepper
- One-quarter cup of paprika

Email Alan with your favorite picnic recipe.

Send a picture, too.

Cooking instructions

1. Mix and apply rub to two rib rack sections and refrigerate overnight.
2. Smoke ribs however you choose for about one hour. I use an electric smoker but you can also use the cool side of the grill to give the ribs a smoke flavor. Another alternative is to add two tablespoons of liquid smoke to the crock pot.
3. Place ribs inside of crock pot with meaty side facing up. Do not add sauce. Cook for 3-4

News you can use...

Pork ribs are good for you

Adding ribs to your diet helps you obtain enough selenium and zinc. Both minerals activate enzymes required for good health. Selenium supports the function of antioxidant enzymes that protect your cells from free radicals, which are by-products of metabolism that damage cells and put you at risk for heart disease and cancer. Zinc-dependent enzymes support your metabolism, promote wound healing and aid in cell growth. A serving of ribs provides 47 percent of the daily zinc requirement for women and 34 percent of that for men, along with 75 percent of your daily recommended selenium intake, according to the Office of Dietary supplements.

Vitamins B-5 and Choline

Ribs support nervous system function because they contain vitamin B-5 and choline. Both of these nutrients help your body produce brain signaling molecules, called neurotransmitters, that relay messages between nerve cells. They also help you make acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter responsible for memory. Vitamin B-5 further aids in the production of melatonin, a hormone that controls your sleep cycle. Consuming 3 ounces of ribs boosts your vitamin B-5 intake by 1.2 milligrams -- 24 percent of your recommended daily intake -- and also provides 18 percent of the recommended daily choline intake for men and 23 percent of that for women, according to the Linus Pauling Institute.

From "Healthy Living, AZ Central"

Tying Bench – Layne Smith's Timberwolf

Fly of the month for the Carl Hanson Outing. Go catch a bunch of bream with this bumblebee



Materials:

Hook: Mustad 3366A size 8

Thread: Danville Flatwaxed Nylon, red or black

Abdomen: Medium chenille with color of choice (original was peacock herl)

Body: Danville Flatwaxed Nylon (of chosen color)

Collar: Neck or Saddle Hackle with complementary color.) I prefer to use a saddle hackle because when preened it has a full feather of barbs that are the same height and allows me to tie a lot of flies with a single feather.

Cement: SHHAN

Tying Sequence:

1. Place hook in vise and lay down a base wrap to bend of hook.
2. Attach chenille. Create a ball at the hook bend with 3 wraps of material: first wrap at tie in point, second wrap right next to the first, and third wrap on top and between the first two. Tie off and remove excess chenille.
3. Use thread to create a nice tapered body ending $\frac{1}{8}$ " behind hook eye.
4. Take hackle feather, hold by tip and preen back barbs so they are perpendicular to the stem and snip off about half that tip, leaving you enough to attach to hook.
5. After attaching, make 3 or 4 hackle wraps trying not to advance the hackle forward. Tie off using a half-hitch tool to place 2 thread wraps tightly against the now erect hackle. Repeat 2-turn half-hitch, locking everything in place. Cut thread and cement.

Notes:

1. For a hardier fly coat thread wraps with SHHAN before you attach hackle.
2. Use different abdomen/body color combinations for this fly; i.e. yellow/black (think bumble bee), chartreuse/red, white/red, purple/black, or the original - peacock herl abdomen, red body with grizzly hackle. If you use peacock, make sure to tie about 4 or 5 herls in by the tips then dub them by twirling them around the thread creating a herl rope. This makes the herl stronger. Tie in creating the ball for the abdomen.

Smitty

Tying Bench – Layne Smith’s Orange Jawbreaker



Fish this at the Carl Hanson outing: bass better beware

The Orange Jawbreaker is tied on a 90-degree hook with a cone head so it will ride with the hook pointed up. The plastic curly tail swims and twists during a strip retrieve while the rubber legs, marabou tail, and Woolly Bugger style hackle impart volume and lots of movement. Fish the Jawbreaker on your favorite bass waters or in saltwater for big Redfish. With the hook point riding up, the Jawbreaker is a great choice when you want to slowly walk the fly along rocky bottoms and minimize snags.

Materials:

Hook: Mustad, Gamakatsu or Eagle Claw TroKar 90 Degree Jig Hook size #1 - #6

Thread: Danville Flatwaxed Nylon Brown

Weight: Copper conehead to match hook size

Tail: Orange silicone curly tail to match hook size

Butt: Hot Orange marabou blood feather

Flash: Orange or copper Krystal Flash

Body: Medium Trilobal chenille in rust or brown

Hackle: Wide Reddish Brown or Furnace Hackle (like a Whiting American Cape)

Legs: Orange barred Sili Legs

Collar: Reddish Brown marabou or crosscut rabbit strip

Cement: SHHAN and Solarez UV Resin

Tying Sequence:

Step 1: Slide conehead onto hook and place in vise.

Step 2: Attach curly tail to side of hook just above the barb leaving a tag end that can be folded back and over-wrapped to secure tail. Make sure as you tie in the tail that the “curve” of the tail faces the same direction as the bend of the hook.

Step 3: Measure the marabou “butt” so it is about a hook-shank length (the marabou should extend back to the halfway point of the curly-tail). Tie in at hook point and back-wrap thread to barb making sure you encompass hook shank with the marabou (you may have to use 2 feathers; one on each side to create a fuller profile).

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Continued... Layne Smith's Orange Jawbreaker

Step 4: Take about 4 strands of flash, fold in half and cut. Fold these 8 strands around your standing thread in a vee formation and attach back down the sides of the marabou.

Step 5: Tie in chenille tightly against marabou "butt" and let hang for a moment.

Step 6: Preen wide hackle feather and tie in by the tip with concave side facing back. Let hang.

Step 7: Retrieve chenille and palmer forward to ¼" behind conehead making sure your first wrap goes behind the hackle feather (this will insure an easy transition for making that first feather wrap on top of the chenille). Tie off and remove excess chenille.

Step 8: Palmer hackle forward "doubling" it as you go by stroking barbs backward on each wrap. Tie off and remove excess feather.

Step 9: Take 3 strands of Sili Legs and fold around your standing thread in the same vee manner as you did your flash in Step 4 making sure they go back the sides of the fly. Tie firmly in place and trim to desired length.

Step 10: Tie in collar feather or rabbit strip and wrap to create a nice full collar. Tie off and trim excess. Whip finish and cut thread. Cement thread wraps with SHHAN.

Step 11: Push conehead back to close any gap left between collar and conehead. Re-attach thread in front of conehead and make a thread dam forcing conehead back firmly in place over collar. Coat thread wraps with UV Resin and cure.

NOTES: You can vary this pattern by changing colors or materials (i.e. Estaz in place of the chenille for a flashier fly; a "Bunnybou" zonker in place of the curly-tail, etc. etc.

Smitty



Andy Constantinou and Bill Scarola watch Smitty work his magic at the September meeting.



Capt. Ray Markham caught this lunker in Lake Okeechobee casting one of Smitty's foam spiders.

Tying Bench – Bruce Evensen EP Minnow

Special thanks to Bill Scarola for the write up

Materials:

- EP fibers, white, chartreuse or olive green, tan, multi colored, grey, or whatever your lil heart's desire!!!!
- Hook- short shank bait hooks size 1-2- or 3
- Thread- waxed, white, or color to match top of fly colors. Mono thread works well here too.
- Holographic eyes. size 5-6
- Fletching glue to glue on eyes.
- Magic markers
- UV epoxy



Tying Sequence:

1. Wrap hook from eye to bend. note you will add at least 2 clumps of upper and lower body ep fibers to form body. Remember least is best when adding material. If it's too thick when you finish adding material. You'll need to use thinning shears to thin body.
2. Rotate hook. Tie match stick thickness of belly color (white) on underside of hook shank, start in front of bend.
3. Rotate hook right side up and tie in clump of top color just over the first white tied on bottom.
4. Rotate hook over again and add another clump of belly color in front of 1st bite.
5. Add another clump of top color. All material should work towards hook eye. Be sure to leave a 1/8" space behind the hook eye.
6. Whip finish all material to hook eye. Add head cement glue.
7. Add eyes. Be sure to place eyes on top color and not on belly color. use fletching glue first then put eyes on.
8. Add a small dab of UV epoxy to firm up eyes and thread.
9. Add Magic Marker stripes or a single black spot on upper body!

Tying Bench – Bruce Evensen Rattler Glass Minnow

Thanks to Bill Scarola for providing the list of materials and tying sequence



Materials

Hook: sizes 4-6 stinger or sb 15s = 1-2

Rattles: small to medium

Thread: white or mono

Tail: Mylar tubing, small, pearl or other colors

Body: Mylar tubing, small, color same as tail

Eyes: Bead chain or mono

Glue: UV epoxy

Tying Sequence

1. Wrap thread from hook eye to bend.
2. Add eyes just behind hook eye on top of hook shank.
3. Cut Mylar tube 1 1/2 " times hook length.
4. Put rattle in tube from above. Tie off tubing just behind eyes then tie off tubing behind rattle at hook's bend.
5. Shred remaining tubing to form a tail
6. Glue rattle and tubing to hook shank with UV epoxy
7. Apply body tubing. Rotate hook over. Add another tubing piece by tying it only at hook eye matching the length of the first piece. Put hook point thru this tubing. then shred tube behind hook point as done with first tail piece.
8. Glue eyes and second piece of tubing just behind hook eye then whip finish.

Dennis and Son Ben Marquis: Miles apart. Both busy at the vise



Ben's Pensacola Bay crabs



Ben, the Navy pilot is getting good at this (when they give him time off.)

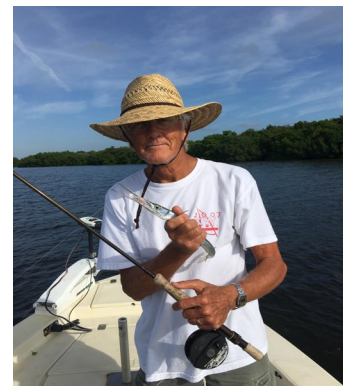


Dad Dennis, in the RV, does the Zonker spoon.

Tom Jones, Soda Straw Shrimp Fly

They are buying soda straw shrimp at Weedon Island.

Tom



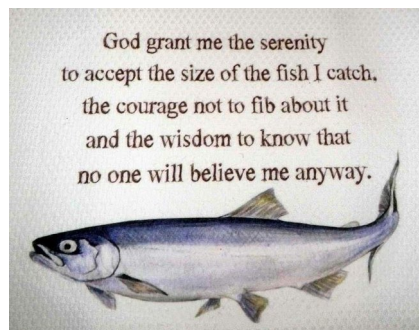
Do you ever feel sorry for needlefish? Hmmm. No

Bill Scarola: A "fat" snook. Catch and Release



Here's my "fat" snook. My first.

16-inches. I caught it on a baitfish pattern.



Bill

Dennis Marquis: Fly fishing from a RecVee



South Jersey Shore

As I mentioned in my first article back in March, I learned to fly fish from Capt. Ray Szulczewski fishing for New Jersey stripers. Ray always uses a stainless hook snap between the leader and the fly. It's easy to switch flies, especially when he has multiple clients on the boat and they run into a school of blues, which can destroy a Clouser quickly, so I always tie on a hook snap whenever in Jersey! The fish don't seem to mind it a bit.

The weather was not the best for the month; even so, I managed two early evening trips with Ray fishing the backwaters between Cape May and Wildwood in water depths from two to eight feet. In the deeper water we used intermediate sinking lines with extra-long chartreuse/white Clousers. Once we got into the skinny water we switched to full floating lines with thick foam chartreuse gurglers with white bucktail tails all wrapped with red thread. I was using 8-wt rods, one of which a friend bought for me at a flea market for \$15! I landed stripers on each trip and several small blues.

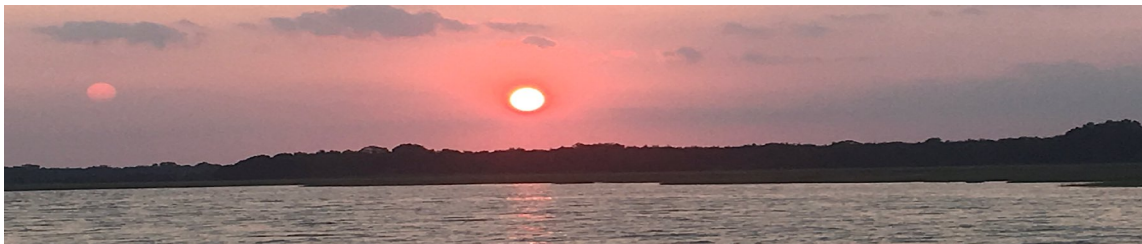
I never get tired of seeing "boils" behind floating flies, especially in two feet of water as the striper catches up with and then whacks the fly. I haven't fished the Jersey shore for stripers in over three years and forgot how vicious a striper strikes. For me it is one of the best. You feel two distinct hits, one as the fish swallows the fly in an explosion of water and then another as it turns sharply away from the strike, usually setting the hook itself.

I also had two trips in the backwater behind Brigantine, NJ just north of Atlantic City with a grade school friend we call JDP. I got to fish off of his new carbon edition 24-foot Yellowfin with a 300 HP Mercury Verado. We were ripping along at 60 mph and the throttle wasn't even fully down. Brigantine is about 50 miles north of Cape May, but the backwaters look and fish the same. I used the same Clouser or gurgler with an intermediate or floating line depending on water depth.

I hope to make striper fishing in New Jersey an annual event; I never get tired of it. Next I will be in Happy Valley, Pennsylvania visiting my younger son at Penn State. I hope to try Penn trout fishing before returning to Florida.



Next month—Happy Valley, PA



Dennis

Tampa Bay Times : Captain's Corner

Capt. Pat Damico: Massive baitfish schools provide plenty of opportunity



The shipping channel and most area passes are filled with massive schools of baitfish. Little tunny (bonito or false albacore) follow these smaller fish and present great opportunities for fly fisher's. A moving tide, either incoming or outgoing, gets these speedy predators active near the water's surface. Noisy diving terns and gulls tell you exactly where the fish are. A large school of these sleek speedsters sounds like thunder as they crash bait tearing up the water. A bow-mounted electric motor is preferred to position your boat ahead of the fish, letting them come to you. If you only have an outboard, idle well ahead of the action and shut off your motor. When within casting range, cast a 9-weight fly rod with a sinking tip or intermediate full-sinking line ahead of the fish. Larger fish usually are deeper so give weighted flies a little time before starting a fast

retrieve. Use flies the size and shape of escaping baitfish. Instead of one-hand stripping, place the fly rod under your arm and use both hands, moving the fly fast and putting the line in a stripping basket located in front of you. When you feel a strike, set the hook by stripping hard. Select flies with white over chartreuse synthetic hair rather than buck tail because it lasts longer. A reel with a good drag and 150 yards of backing is needed. A glove or finger-stripping guard is a good investment.

Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com or (727) 504-8649. Fly fisherman Pat Damico runs charters in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and (727) 504-8649.

Capt. Rick Grassett: How to fish the red tide

From the **October issue** of the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club newsletter.

Capt. Rick Grassett reports: Most of you are probably aware that our area has been heavily impacted by a severe and extended red tide. However, red tide doesn't usually blanket an entire area, it is often patchy and can change from day to day depending on wind direction and tidal flow. There are some areas that are unaffected and fish may concentrate in those areas, so the key to good fishing now is finding clean water that is unaffected by red tide. Red tide doesn't do well in fresh water, so areas where salinity is diluted by fresh water such as creek and river mouths, may be a good option. As this is being written, the Florida FWC has enacted a temporary modification of regulations for reds and snook, in the areas affected by the recent red tide. The area extends from a line in Manatee County from Emerson Pt west to Bean Pt and continuing west to the Hillsborough County line, south to the south bank of Gordon Pass in Collier County. Reds and snook will be catch and release only until at least Oct 12, 2018 to allow a stock assessment to be completed before determining if the action will be rescinded or extended. I applaud them for taking this action to protect our fishery. Full details including exact boundaries can be found at <http://myfwc.com/media/4483041/eo18-38.pdf>



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That being said, areas of Tampa Bay, Charlotte Harbor and the coastal Gulf of Mexico should turn on this month. Schools of reds will begin to break up and scatter on shallow flats. There should also be good action with snook and big trout in shallow water. Snook will gorge themselves at night around lighted docks in the ICW. There should also be good action in the coastal gulf with Spanish mackerel, false albacore (little tunny), tripletail and cobia. You might also still find tarpon anywhere from upper Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay to along the beaches.

Paul Sequira: Member Profile

Editor's note: Paul died Oct. 1, 2018 after a long fight against cancer. We'll remember him for all of the things he did for our club. Paul sent this to On The Fly in November 2013



Hometown(s): New Bedford, Massachusetts. Huntington, L.I., New York

When did you join the Suncoast Fly Fishers: 1992

What is your favorite gamefish to catch on a fly and why? Hard to say. In fresh water it would definitely be brook trout. Simply because they are one of the most beautiful creatures in nature and you fish for them in beautiful places. Also because

they are native to New England, my birthplace. In salt water it would probably be striped bass. I have chased stripers for a good deal of my adult life (until I moved to Florida) first as a surf fisherman with conventional gear and later with a fly rod. This is an exciting game fish to fish for; it is most productive at night until the autumn when you can find them in the daytime. However, I suspect you are more interested in Florida species. It would be hard to pick just one. Locally I am happy with fishing for spotted seatrout, redfish and snook; or really, whatever comes along. In South Florida I really enjoy fishing for bonefish. They are all exciting. In fresh water, I love fishing for bream and the exotics in the Everglades canals.

How and when did you get introduced to fly-fishing? I got my first fly rod in 1952 as a birthday gift from my brother upon his return from a tour in Korea. It was a three-piece eight-foot Heddon bamboo rod, which sadly I no longer own. At the time, I used it mostly for bream fishing in local farm ponds; sometimes with bait rather than flies. At that time, I knew very little about fly fishing and I didn't know anyone that could teach me. In those days I was more into surf fishing. I got interested in trout fishing in the late sixties and became thoroughly taken with the fly rod. A few years later I discovered that a fly fishing mail order shop (Fireside Angler, sadly, long since gone) was located close to my home on Long Island. I became friendly with the shop personnel who taught me how to tie flies for both fresh water and salt water and a lot about fly fishing.

Why do you like fly fishing compared with conventional tackle? The challenges associated with fly fishing --casting, learning to read a trout stream, tying flies etc. thoroughly intrigued me. Having been an avid reader all my life, I was further intrigued with the volumes of books written about trout and salmon fishing and to a lesser degree, salt water fly fishing. Living in the North East, I got to meet and associate with quite a few of the people who contributed to and were a part of the history of fly fishing. I had grown up using conventional revolving spool casting tackle and I would still enjoy that kind of fishing if I had the opportunity to do it. Years ago, as I became more proficient with fly fishing, it soon became the most satisfying way to fish to me.

Do you tie flies? What kind of flies do you like to tie? Yes, fly tying is a big part of the pleasure and satisfaction I get from fly fishing. I tie flies primarily because it gives me so much pleasure. When I was learning to tie, I was associated with many really talented fly tyers. I was inspired by their tying skills and it became a major goal of mine to equal their skills. I tied for several hours nearly every night after work to achieve a level that I thought was at the very least equivalent to the tyers I admired most. I even tied commercially for a while just to get more tying experience. Personally I enjoy tying both fresh water and salt water flies. I prefer to tie traditional and contemporary patterns using natural materials. Tying classic brook trout and landlocked salmon wet flies, streamers and bucktails is a particular pleasant pastime for me.

Thank you, Paul, for sharing your fly fishing insights and friendship

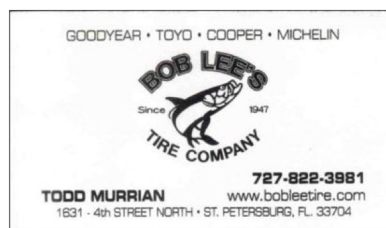
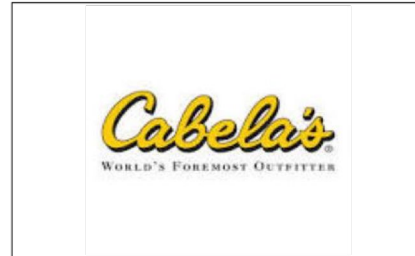
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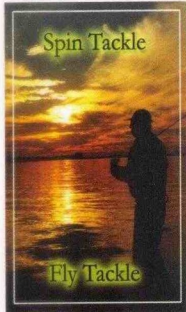
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