



## *President's Letter, August 2020*

Suncoast Fly Fishers,

This is the time of year when temperatures sizzle, afternoon thunderstorms pop up, tarpon stream through the area and SFF is once again holding meetings on video conference.

Last month we had our first ever member meeting using ZOOM. It was great to have so many of you tune in to meet face to virtual face. This month we are going to do it again. If you haven't yet tried ZOOM please don't shy away. It is much easier to use and more fun than you might expect. Here are some of the benefits.

You get to see how much I have aged since our last in person meeting. You don't have to dress up for the meeting. You don't really have to dress from the waist down at all. You just need to remember not to stand up if you choose this option. No one knows what's in that drink you are sipping. Someone will entertain the group with their goofy meme or virtual background. You get to meet everyone else's cat. Finally, you will quickly learn who understands the meaning of audio muted and video enabled.

Seriously though, meeting online does have its advantages. All of us get to participate. It doesn't matter if you are here in St. Petersburg or kicking back in your summer home in the Hamptons. If you have an internet connection, you can join the meeting from anywhere. The same is true for our featured speakers. In normal times it might be impossible to expect a guest speaker to travel half way across the country to meet with us in person but now all it takes is a computer and a connection.

Look for some exciting personalities in the next few months. This month we are going to have a panel discussion on tarpon. On our panel will be tarpon guide Captain Dave Dant, fisheries biologist and tarpon specialist Mike Larkin, and one or two other experts to be announced.

Please plan to join the member meeting on the regular date at the regular time, Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Every member will be sent an invitation to join the meeting. Look for it in an email message later this week. We will open the meeting by 6:45 to get settled in and chat amongst ourselves. The meeting will start at 7:00pm. I hope everyone can join in.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

*Rick*

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SFF President