



## The President's Message: June 2022

June is a great month for saltwater fly fishing in Tampa Bay.

Tarpon are migrating into the area and can be found along the beaches and well up into the bay. Snook and trout are looking for love. They have moved out of their winter retreats and are working their way to the beaches. Along the way they will often stop at one of the many lighted docks for a snack that could include your favorite fly.

Our speaker this month is Matt Foster. Matt is part of the Gulf Coast Fly team of fly fishing guides, which also includes Brad and Lisa Lowman. Get ready to learn all you need to know to catch fish on the beach and around the docks lining Tampa Bay.

The June night fishing outing will give you a chance to target fish on the beach and around the docks. The outing is a fish on your own event but that doesn't mean you can't fish with friends. If you have a boat and can take on a guest, call another member and offer to take them fishing. If you don't have access to a boat, hook up with another member and hit the beaches.

Come to our meeting on the third Thursday this June, listen to our speaker, and ask questions about anything you ever wanted to know about beach fishing or dock light fishing. Matt and our collection of experienced fly fishing members will have all the answers.

Looking forward, I want you to start getting ready for our Suncoast Fly Fishers Summer BBQ. This event will take place at our August outing at Ft. DeSoto Park. Think of it as a main serving of beach party with fishing on the side. The meal will include smoked brisket with all the sides and a variety of desserts. Plan on bringing your family and friends for food, fun and games. You won't have to fish to have a good time! This event will be RSVP only so make your plans now and let us know who will join us on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

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