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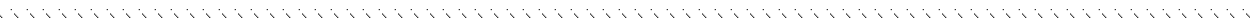
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President's Message: September 2022

It is that time of year again. The days are getting shorter, the weather will soon start getting cooler, the fish are getting ready for our Florida "winter" and everywhere you go there is pumpkin spiced something or other.

This can only mean one thing. It is time to join the club or renew your Suncoast Fly Fishers membership. Our membership drive starts in September and runs through the end of the year.

Membership is important. It binds us together with a group of individuals that all have a common interest. Each of those individuals has a unique personality and the group itself has a personality of its own. For SFF, we want to be among the friendliest clubs around. We encourage you to bring guests to our meetings and events so they can learn about the club and see if it is a good fit for them. There are many benefits for members to enjoy. Camaraderie and getting together with friends are among the most important.

We have monthly meetings and outings as well as many special events. At each meeting we feature an interesting and informative guest speaker and there is almost always something to eat. This month our special guest speaker is Jill Thompson-Grim. Jill is a graduate student at USF's College of Marine Science. She will discuss some of her research and how it may affect your fishing future. Learn more about Jill and her special relationship with the club on Page 3.

We have several special events in the next few months. January will be our annual Trash and Treasures auction featuring a variety of new and used items to bid on. In December SFF will host other local fly clubs for the Don Coleman Invitational Tournament and Chili Fest at Ft. DeSoto as well as our annual holiday party. Our November meeting will be our end of the year Open House (no meeting in December). October will find us along the banks of the Hillsborough River for our once-a-year competition with the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club for trophies and bragging rights.

I encourage our members to fish together. One of the most gratifying things for me is to find members that get together and fish outside of our regularly scheduled events. To that end I am going to try and lead by example. From time to time, I am going to offer an opportunity to go Fishing with the Prez. In October I plan to pre-fish the Hillsborough River for the Carl Hanson Memorial. If you would like to join me, just put your name in the hat at our next member meeting. A winner will be drawn at the meeting.

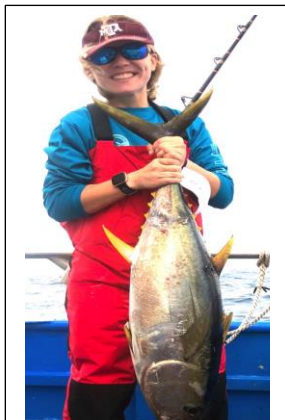
The next time you drive by a pumpkin lot or bump into someone sipping on that pumpkin spice latte while eating a pumpkin spice oatmeal, the first thing that should come to mind is, it's time to join the club or to renew my Suncoast Fly Fishers membership.

Stay safe and keep fishing!

Rick

Rick Warfel

Meetings, Outings, and More



USF's Jill Thompson-Grim is our September meeting speaker.

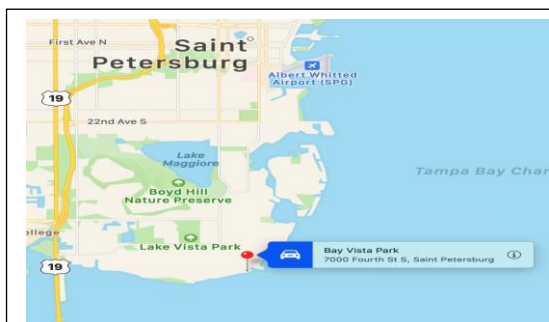
SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING

Thursday, September 15, Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg, 6:30-8:30

- Our speaker is Jill Thompson-Grim, a PhD. Candidate with USF's College of Marine Science in St. Petersburg. She is the 2021 winner of the Suncoast Fly Fishers Educational Grant of \$500 and she is in the running for another grant from Fly Fishers International.
- Thompson-Grim's research is focused on how climate changes have affected Gulf of Mexico recreational and commercial fisheries such as changes in populations, habitat locations, and behavior.
- One of the reasons she chose USF for her research is that St. Pete is also the headquarters for NOAA Fisheries Southeast and the Coastal and Marine Science Center for the U. S. Geological Survey.
- President Rick Warfel will open the meeting at 7 pm for updates on club membership and finances plus meetings and outings. But come early for coffee, cookies, to chat up fellow members, and to buy SFF logo items and bucket raffle tickets.

Urban outing, Saturday, September 17, Bay Vista Park, St. Petersburg

- Fish the waters of south Tampa Bay inside of the Sunshine Skyway. FYI, Bay Vista Park has a boat ramp plus a shallow shoreline for wade-in fishing and kayak launching.
- Members catching the longest seatrout will win a \$10 gift certificate and lots of pats on the back.
- Meet up at Bay Vista Park pavilion at 11:45 for a delicious picnic.



Bay Vista Park in South St. Pete. Fish South Tampa Bay inside of the Sunshine Skyway as far north as the St. Pete Pier.

Fort DeSoto Park: Now we must use the Flowbird app for parking/boat launching

New Mobile Parking App

Starting September 7, 2022, park and boat ramp patrons will be able to use their mobile phones to make convenient parking payments at most parks and boat ramps using the [Flowbird](#) mobile parking app as we fully transition to a pay-by-plate system that no longer requires you to display a receipt upon parking. This upgrade will replace hand-to-hand, cash payment transactions at the front entrance booth at Fort De Soto and alleviate traffic entering the park. To learn more, view our [news release](#).

[For more info go here.](#)

2022 OUTINGS: IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- October 22: Carl Hanson Memorial, Hillsborough River at Temple Terrace Rotary Park
- November 19: Weedon Island Preserve (\$10 gift certificate for the longest ladyfish.)
- December 17: Don Coleman Invitational, Fort De Soto Park (\$10 gift certificate for the longest fish of any species.)

Meetings, Outings, and More

MEETINGS UPDATE (And a holiday party, too)

- October 20: Our speaker is Gina Russo, fisheries biologist and outreach coordinator with FWC's Marine Fisheries Management division.
 - November 17: Our last meeting of the year topic is *Everything Albies*, (aka false albacore). And our speakers are Ken Babineau and Jay Tinsky from Sarasota's Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers.
 - December 9: Holiday party at St. Jerome's Church in Largo. Stay tuned for details.
 - January 19, 2023: Trash 'n Treasures with auctioneer Alan Sewell.
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Monday Member Fly-tying at Bruce Evensen's home studio

- 6 pm, 531 80th Avenue N. St. Pete
 - Get real-time lessons from our fly tie pros, Bruce and Bill Scarola
 - Tie the White Polar Fiber Minnow Monday, September 12.
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Free Fly-Fishing Clinic January 14

- Up your game at our club's annual free casting clinic with instructions by club members Dayle Mazzarella and Pat Damico, both FFI Master Casting Instructors, with support by other FFI certified casting instructors from SFF and the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club.
 - This one will be similar in format to the very successful event last January where we had around 30 participants including all fly casters from beginners to very advanced.
 - Your more proficient casting will be rewarded by catching more fish with less effort.
 - Please put this on your calendar.
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Davis Family Go Fund Me Update:

- Member James Davis' wife Lisa had a massive stroke. She's home now and requires all-day care.
 - Member Tim Elms and Christina Elms have set up a "Go fund me" site.
 - Members are asked to donate even if only \$5.
 - Go to gofund.me/b2561bfd
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Big Game Grand Slam trip to Guanaja Bay Islands, Honduras, October 22-29

- SFF Special Friend Guy Tillotson is hosting a trip for eight fly anglers for six days of fly fishing on Guanaja Island in the Honduras.
- It's a deal, \$3,450 plus \$200 for transportation from Roatan to Guanaja. Meals and drinks are included. Gratuities are not included.
- Transportation to Roatan island in the Honduras is on you. Direct flights are available from Atlanta, Miami, Dallas, and Houston.
- Guy believes this is the best permit fishery he has fished. Plus, you'll get shots at tarpon, snook, and bonefish.
- Text or call Guy at 904-347-3138 for more info and to reserve your spot.

We are Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg

Aims and Purposes

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.

Suncoast Fly Fishers (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. SFF supports the conservation of natural resources, boating safety and fishing regulations.

Monthly Meetings. Guests welcome.

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.

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

Monthly Outings

Club members meet up every month for a fly-fishing outing and lunch. Usually it is scheduled on the Saturday after the monthly meeting on the third Thursday of every month.

Contact us by mail: Suncoast Fly Fishers, P.O. Box 40821, St Petersburg, FL 33743-0821

Visit our website and Facebook pages, too

SuncoastFlyFishers.com

[Monthly Calendar](#)

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<https://suncoastflyfishers.com/eshop/>

Membership

Suncoast Fly Fishers now has 119 members including 15 family members and 6 honorary members. Dues are \$50 (for individuals, \$40 for seniors, and \$60 for families. It includes benefits and annual membership in [Fly Fishers International](#) and the [Florida Council](#) of Fly Fishers International.

Welcome:

- Greg Clark, Safety Harbor
- Rick Gray, Treasure Island
- Brian Henderson, St. Petersburg

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Committees?--Members are encouraged to serve on one or two committees. Do you? If not, speak to one of the officers at the next meeting.

Sweetwater Fly Fishing's Guru Jim Swann



[Jim Swann's Flyfishing Outfitters](#) in Dade City. Jim likes to fish a 6 weight. Says Jim, "You can get an excellent outfit for \$219. But if you really want to spend \$800 for a rod, please buy it from me."

Jim Swann probably knows more than anybody how to catch Central Florida sunfish like bass, bluegill, stumpknockers, shellcrackers, warmouth, speckled perch, and all the others. At our August meeting he shared his insights for successfully fishing freshwater or, as he sometimes calls it, "sweetwater."

Jim is proprietor of Jim Swann's Flyfishing Outfitters in Dade City. He's an avid fly fisher. He's an innovative fly tier, too. He tied 150 of his special flies for our club's raffles. Thank you, Jim!

And his insights gave us a good head start for beating the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club at the Hillsborough River competition October 22.



Myself? I love to catch a fish on the surface. You see it. You feel it.



Sometimes crappie roll and eat just below the surface.

Here's Jim:

- Be a line watcher. Sometimes it moves before you feel it.
- Don't move your fly fast but make it wiggle and pop a lot. Sometimes fish stop and watch it for a while. You have to wait 'em out.
- They don't really like coming to the surface to eat but they do because they have to. Anyway, it's more fun to catch 'em on topwater.
- Don't fish with a sinking line. It just gets hung up.
- "I want a fish on every cast. If I'm not getting bit on every cast I get mad."
- "Myself? I love to catch a fish on the surface. You see it. You feel it."
- Fish are not intimidated by big flies.

They don't want competition. They chase off intruders.

- Sometimes they can't stop trying to eat a fly. One time I had a fish hit my bug 14 times before I hooked it.
- Crappie don't like to hit on the surface but sometimes you'll see their speckled dorsal fin on a roll and that means they are eating something just below the surface.



Hook set? Quick set. That's all.



Sometimes they suck in your fly, spit it out, and you don't even feel it.

- You must have moving water to hook up with a stumpknocker.
- Shellcrackers feed cooperatively. Sometimes there are so many of them you can smell them.

Don't put your fish on the reel. Put the fly rod down and pull the fish in hand over hand.

- If your floating line starts sinking, it's dirty. Clean your line, even when you're fishing, and it'll last a lifetime. The go-to is

Cortland's silicone-based line cleaner: [link](#)



Jim's no name flies. "I created certain flies because the fish told me what to tie." He said bring this picture to his shop and he'll sell them to you.

Bob Burkard: Brisket on the Bay Outing



*Bob Burkard,
Chairman of the
Outings
Committee*

Our August outing Saturday at Fort DeSoto Park was beautiful. The fish weren't too hungry but Suncoast Fly Fishers and guests came with big appetites which they abated eating grill-smoked brisket slow cooked by me and President Rick Warfel. I credit Publix for all the sides like cole slaw, potato salad, corn bread, potato chips, watermelon, and cookies.

Another big draw was the drawing. Everybody under Pavilion 3 got a ticket and all but two or three numbers were called out. Winners chose from a table including branded goodies like Suncoast Fly Fisher fly boxes, sunblock hoodies, Tervis cups, caps, iron-on decals, Star Brite Vinyl Guard, and Carbon Marine's Line Lair

Pro for fly line management on the deck.

New member Greg Clark showed us his stuff. Yeah he has done this fly fishing thing before, for sure. Then he got a 14-inch snook on a bonefish fly that he tied - [The Gotcha](#). He got the \$10 gift certificate good for gear at St. Pete Fishing Outfitters.

Annie Mitchell caught a little seatrout but hubby Robert reported that it fell off the hook when she held it up for a picture.



That's new member Greg Clark with his award winning snook, a 14-inch linesider fooled by Greg's Gotcha fly. Greg and Bill AuCoin also fished the surf and made a few casts toward a snook in knee deep water. No luck there.



Quin Berry managed the raffle. Joanne Wallace drew the tickets. There were enough goodies on the table for almost everybody to be a winner.



Bill Scarola loads up his plate

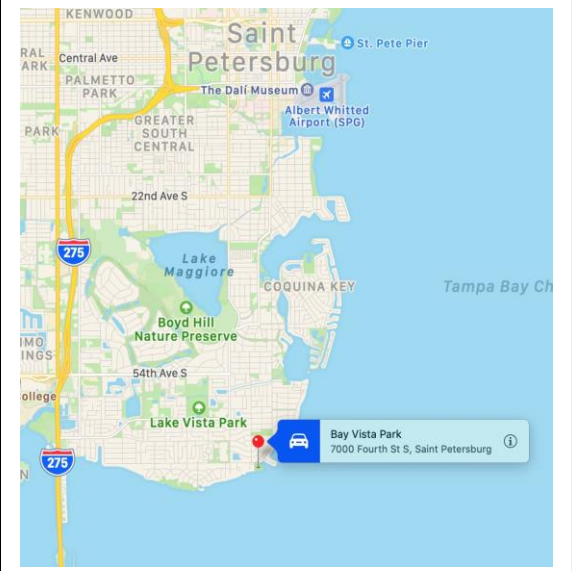
Bob Burkard: September 17 Outing at Bay Vista Park



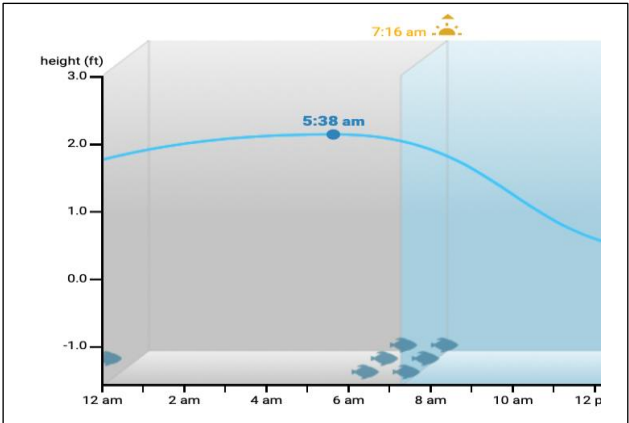
*Bob Burkard,
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The September outing at Bay Vista Park at 7000 4th Street South in St. Pete is always one of our more popular outings. It's a three-fer. You can launch a boat there, you can launch a kayak there, and you can wade-fish from there, too.

But you're not limited to fishing there. At this outing you can fly fish Tampa Bay anywhere inside of the Sunshine Skyway all the way up to the St. Pete Pier.



Fish inside of the Sunshine Skyway as far north as the St. Pete Pier. A free picnic lunch will be served at Bay Vista Park starting at 11:45 am



We'll have a decent outgoing tide and it's not too high and not too low. Good luck

Fishing should be pretty good. We'll have a nice outgoing tide and moving water. Anglers, boating or wading, will be able to cast to seagrass or to the sandy potholes here and there. A \$10 gift certificate will be awarded to the member catching the longest spotted seatrout. Take a picture. Measure it. Show the image to outings chair Bob Burkard back at the Bay Vista Park pavilion.

We'll meet up at the pavilion at 11:45 for a hearty picnic lunch. Coffee and cold drinks will be ready before that.

Leaders on the 2022 Outing Tournament Trail

Species	Winner	Length (inches)	Outing (Month)
Longest bream	Anne Mitchell	9	Walsingham Park (March)
Longest black bass	Mark Hays	12	Walsingham Park (March)
Longest snook	Tim Elms	20	Docklight/Beaches (June)
Longest redfish	Robert Mitchell	26	Docklight/Beaches (June)
Longest ladyfish	Rick Warfel	20-1/4	Weedon Island Preserve (January)
Longest seatrout	Rick Warfel	15	Cypress Point Park (May)

Bob

Tim Elms: Some Docklights Are Really Good



Docklights are shiny objects for fly anglers. And redfish, too!

I had an excellent night this last week with a buddy of mine. We fish docks whenever our lives allow it, and this summer was very busy between both of us.

The night started with a great sunset and then right back to the dock because of a storm coming. We waited it out and kept close to home base.

We saw and casted to many tarpon, some of the most we have ever seen. One was jumped but it didn't last long.

We then moved up to some snook lights and had many stubborn ones follow but none of them fell for our imitations.

The last docklight. Oh yeah!

Things were pretty slow fishing wise until we made it to our last light. We couldn't believe it. It was full and I mean full of redfish eating and chasing everything. We've never seen anything like it.

Four casts. Four big reds to the boat. It was magic. Thanks Captain.

Strip Strip Strip!!!!—

Tim

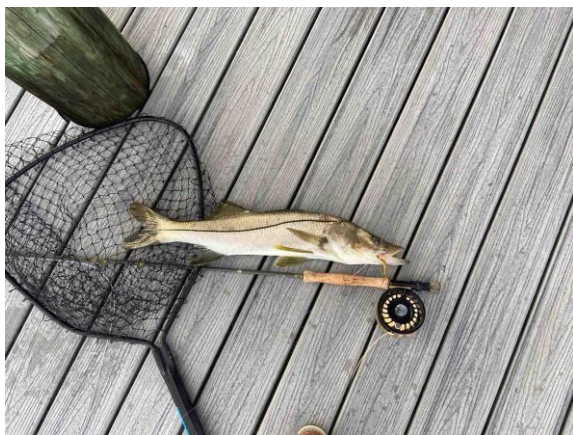


When you find something it's always the last place you look.

Rick Warfel: Jack on the beach in Lido Beach

Karen and I spent a couple of days visiting with her sister and brother-in-law, both SFF Members, Bobbie and Bill Skukowski who were vacationing on Lido Beach in Sarasota.

I caught this hard pulling Jack (right) fishing on the beach.



Rick's 26-inch snook went for the mangroves, not his oysterclad dock. The snook made a bad decision.



Club president Rick Warfel caught this hard-tugging jack crevalle fly fishing the surf at Sarasota's Lido Beach.

Back home in Apollo Beach I caught this 26" snook while casting from our dock. It was the best snook that I have caught since last year's red tide event. Lucky for me it only wanted to swim towards the mangroves lining the shore and not the dock that I was standing on.

Rick

Dayle and Barbara Mazzarella: Hams Fork River

Dayle and Barbara Mazzarella spend most of the year in Wyoming and Dayle gets to guide fly fishers on one of the best rainbow and brown trout rivers in America. Yeah. The Ham's Fork. Exclamation point.

Here are some pictures Dayle and Barbara took this summer. It's the next best thing to being there in person.



Game on



Quick pose then let her go



It's the magic hour



Get rested up. We'll do this again.



All's well that ends well.

*Dayle &
Barbara*

Tie the White Polar Fiber Minnow with Bill Scarola and Bruce Evensen



Tie the Polar Fiber Minnow Monday, Sept. 12



Instructors Bruce Evensen and Bill Scarola on the job

In case you missed it we're back to tying flies in person on Mondays at Bruce's studio at 531 80 Ave, North in St. Pete. Bruce and I will lead members through the steps for the White Polar Fiber Minnow starting at 6 pm on Monday, September 12.

Bill

Materials for White Polar Fiber minnow

Hook: Short shank or circle hook, size 1 or 2

Thread: White, flat waxed

Body: White polar fiber or select craft fur, or similar

Beard: Pearl Crystal Flash, or microfiber, or other.

Eyes: Stick-on in 5 or 6 your choice

Glue: UV epoxy, and eye attaching glue of your choice

Tying Sequence

(Note: This fly is tied *High Tie Style* with all material placed above the hook shank)

- 1- Wrap hook shank with thread
2. Attach a small bit of red fiber just in front of the hook bend. After you anchor the material in place, hold the material straight up and apply a few wraps under and around it. This can help keep the material above the shank.
3. Add a clump of white fibers. Tie them just in front of the red beard. Be sure to keep the fibers tapered. You may have to clean out some stray and or fibers that are too long.
4. Add several strands of pearl Crystal Flash to each side of the minnow.
5. Add a second bit of white fibers just in front of the first bunch allowing the fibers to create a tapered look.
6. Be sure to add enough material so it's up to the hook eye.
(Note: If necessary, you may add a third bit of fibers to create the full minnow body. You can add a top color instead of white such as olive, gray, etc. White material should always go in first or second, then add a color to the top of the white if you choose.)
- 7- Whip finish the material.
- 8- Attach the eyes, add a drop of glue to each side of the fly and be sure to keep the eyes above the shank.
- 9- Apply a bit of UV epoxy to the eyes and thread wraps.

Smitty's Fly Box: Silverside/glass minnow



Layne (Smitty) Smith

Silverside minnows are also known as glass minnows which are also known as anchovies. They are one of Tampa Bay's most prolific baitfishes along with sardines and threadfin herring. This is an imitation anchovie so please don't put it on your Caesar salad.



Silverside Glass Minnow

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu SC15 #1/0 or Daiichi 2546 #4

Thread: Fine monofilament thread

Flash: Pearl Krystal Flash

Body wrap: Pearl braid

Body: Pearl flash dubbing

Gills: Red braid

Overwing: Holographic silver flash dubbing

Eyes: 3/32" Silver eyes

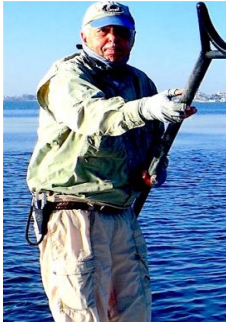
Epoxy: Solarez thick formula

Overcoat: Solarez "Bone Dry"

Tying Sequence:

1. Attach thread ¼" behind hook eye and wrap back to mid hook shank. Fold Krystal Flash around the standing thread then tie down to hook bend. With staggered snips, cut flash to size you want minnow to be.
2. Tie in pearl braid and advance thread to halfway point of shank. Wrap pearl braid forward to standing thread and tie off and trim.
3. Tie in red braid then advance thread to original tie in position. Wrap red braid forward to standing thread and tie off and trim.
4. Measure pearl dubbing for length, tie off and fold excess to back and tie down. Repeat the same process with holographic dubbing.
5. Apply eyes to either side of fly at original tie in point making sure they are even. Add a drop of resin on top between eyes and cure.
6. Apply resin to the body of the fly back to hook bend and allow to totally saturate the body material (make sure to stretch body material backwards as you do the curing process).
7. Overcoat resin with "Bone Dry" making sure to apply over eyes as well.
8. Trim body material to desired minnow shape. Go fishing!!!

Smitty



Capt. Pat Damico: Captain's Corner

We get better as we age

Fly-fishing is one of the few sports where you can get better as you age. But this depends on how you do it. In saltwater, we use heavier equipment, must cast farther with accuracy, and are constantly confronted with adverse wind conditions, a combination of issues that if not approached properly will cause physical deterioration of muscles, ligaments, and joints. Even younger tennis players and golfers suffer because of these issues. Tennis elbow and golf wrist are frequent results. The reason is usually poor execution of fundamentals. Someone who has never fly-fished can have an advantage over a veteran who has many issues with poor muscle memory. I often hear people say, "Fly-fishing is too much work!" Find a fly-fishing club in your area. It will have fly-fishers who share the same interests at many levels. Also, you can find capable instructors who will get you on the correct path to make this a safe, enjoyable pastime.

Captain Pat

Fly fisherman Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay. captpatdamico.com and 727-504-8649

*Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after.
Henry David Thoreau*

*Everyone should believe in something; I believe I'll go fishing." -
Henry David Thoreau*

*If I fished only to capture fish, my fishing trips would have ended long ago.
Zane Grey*

The older I get the better I used to be. Lee Trevino (Never mind. He's a golfer.)



Bill Scarola's Jokes of the Month

- What's a shark's favorite hobby? *Anything it can sink its teeth into.*
- My friend was trying to explain electricity to me. *I said, Watt?*
- Some puns make me numb, but math puns make makes me *number.*
- A man was injured in a bizarre peek-a-boo accident. *He's in ICU.*
- Someone threw a jar of mayo at me. I was like, *What the Hellman?*



Bill AuCoin: Flyfisher Flyover



Tampa Bay water quality is good with one major exception. Water quality has improved steadily in recent decades due to pollution reduction projects and restoration of bay habitats. Tampa Bay has generally met water quality standards in each bay segment, excluding Old Tampa Bay, since 2006. ([Tampa Bay Estuary Program](#))

When will Piney Point be gone? In 2024. Maybe. They're working on it and expect that the leftovers from the abandoned polluted phosphate reservoir near Port Manatee will be gone by December 2024. But, you know, there are issues. The supply chain is one. Plus, Mother Nature keeps doing what Mother Nature does, you know, like rain. All that aside, it's very interesting how they're using a variety of tactics to get 'er done including removing alligators. ([Fox13News](#))

Red tide: Through September 2, the red tide organism was not observed anywhere in Florida. Keep checking, though. And, remember, if you smell something, say something. ([MYFWC](#))

Take advantage of your membership. Yes, if you're a Suncoast Fly Fisher then you are also a member of Fly Fishers International. So take advantage of all the benefits FFI gives you. While you're browsing the FFI website, be sure to visit the sections on the Virtual Expo, casting lessons, fly tying instruction, and much, much more. ([Fly Fishers International](#))

Think freshwater. Our October 22 freshwater outing on the Hillsborough River is coming at us fast. Let's get our heads around it. Let's get our little fly rods, reels, and flies ready to go. Member Chris O'Byrne has a website with lots of how-to tips. ([Featherwater](#))

Say goodbye to the Redneck Riviera. Heading East toward Tampa on the Gandy you'd always see cars nosed up to the water between mangroves. No more. The state DOT has installed pilings in the sand to block cars. It'll protect the mangroves and eliminate overnight parking, too. Oh well. Changes in latitude, changes in attitude. You know the thing. ([Tampabay](#))

When you're fighting a tarpon on the fly you need to know this. You need to synch your body with your fly rod. Andy Mill, who needs no introduction, has been there, done that. The tip of a fly rod is used for short casts, the middle is for medium to longer casts, and the butt is used for fighting fish. Your body is similar to the rod, with some parts capable of extreme power and other parts more suitable for feel and lighter resistance. If you misuse the rod or your body—and usually it's both at the same time—the catch you're hoping for is highly unattainable. ([Tail Fly Fishing](#))

How to tell a false albacore from a bonito. There are many ways but the most graphic, and probably the best, is to look at the teeth. Still don't know? Then do this. *Stick your finger in its mouth--if it comes back bloody, it's a bonito!* Btw, catching false albies on the fly is the subject of our October meeting. ([Stripersonline](#))

Bill

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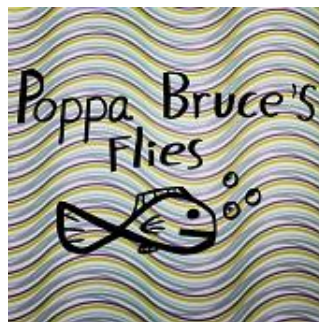
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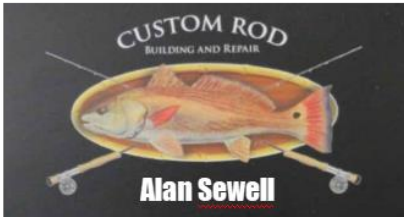


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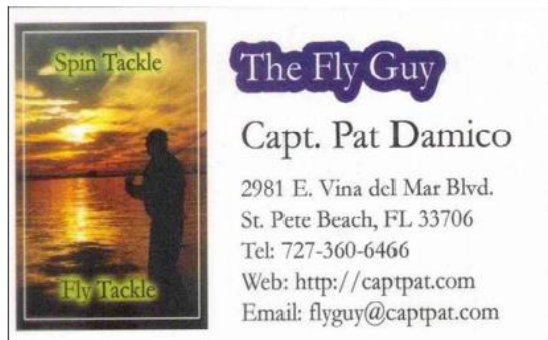
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