

President's Message -- July 2026



SFF President David Redd

Sad news

A treasured club member has died. Robert Fischer, a founding and active member of Suncoast Fly Fishers, fell ill while fishing offshore with a friend on July 8. They motored back to the boat ramp where an ambulance took him to the hospital where he died. We'll share more information at the meeting.



Robert Fischer RIP

Hot, Hot, Hot!!! Is It Too Hot to Fish?

As I look at the forecast for the next few days on my phone, there isn't a single day with a high temperature below 90 degrees.

On average, July is the hottest month in the Tampa Bay region, with daytime highs around 92 degrees. Last year, on July 27, Tampa International Airport recorded a scorching 100 degrees, breaking the previous record of 98 degrees that had stood since 1942.

So, is it too hot to fish?

During the middle of the day, I'd say yes. But if you focus on the early morning hours or head out after the sun goes down, fishing can still be very enjoyable—and a lot more comfortable. In fact, this is one of the best times of year to target fish around dock lights at night, where the lights attract baitfish and predators alike.

I hope you don't let the summer heat keep you off the water. Just be smart about it. Stay hydrated, wear lightweight sun-protective clothing, apply sunscreen, and take advantage of the cooler parts of the day.

Stay safe, drink plenty of water, and I'll see you on the water!

David