

On The Fly

Newsletter of the Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg

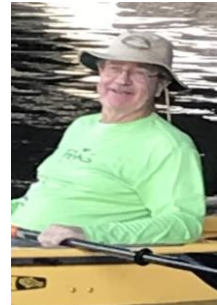
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President's Message -- August 2026



SFF President David Redd

Help Us Welcome Our New Members

Through the end of July, Suncoast Fly Fishers has welcomed 21 new members this year—a great sign that our club continues to grow.

A few months ago, we launched a mentorship program headed by Tony Piazza, and the program has been very successful. Of the 21 new members, we have contacted 16, and 13 have expressed an interest in participating in the mentorship program.

The challenge is that we currently have only 12 members who have volunteered to serve as mentors, and many of those mentors are already serving on the Board of Directors.

Our new members have told us they see real value in the program, and we would certainly like to continue reaching out to the remaining new members. At the same time, we don't want to put an additional burden on the members who have already stepped up to volunteer.

So, I'm making a plea to all of our current members: Please consider becoming a mentor.

Being a mentor doesn't require great casting skills, fly-tying expertise, or years of fishing experience. What it really requires is simply being welcoming and willing to make a connection. A mentor can introduce a new member to other club members, encourage them to attend meetings and outings, answer a few questions, and periodically check in to see how they're doing.

It's a small commitment that can make a big difference in helping a new member feel welcome, become engaged, and get the most out of their membership.

I hope you will consider becoming a mentor and helping us continue to make **Suncoast Fly Fishers the Friendliest Fly Club!**

David

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. 7 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](#)

[Facebook.com/scff2020](https://www.facebook.com/scff2020)

Online Pay Portal: Pay dues, donate, purchase

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

Welcome new members: Benjamin Schultz, Denine and Aaron Fail

Membership. **Our club now has 118 members including 16 family and six honorary.** Annual membership is \$60 (\$50 for seniors) and \$70 for families. \$40 for youth. \$100 for business. That includes benefits and annual membership in [Fly Fishers International](#) and the [Florida Council](#) of Fly Fishers International.

Paying dues: Dues can also be paid via cash, check or credit card at any club meeting, outing or event. Annual memberships can be paid online through the website -- SuncoastFlyFishers.com -- or by mailing a check to SFF, PO Box 40821, St. Petersburg, FL 33743. You can also pay by credit card by calling Karen Warfel at 813-505-3162.

Suncoast Fly Fishers

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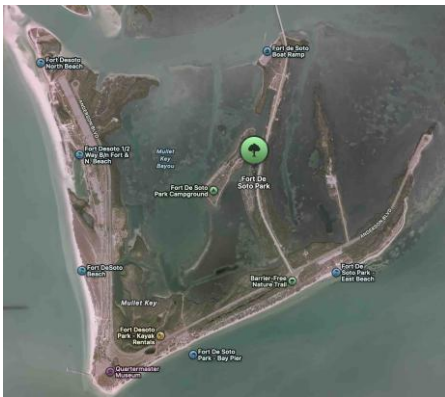
Editor Bill AuCoin, Abby Gambrel, Anne Mitchell, Bob Hood, Karen Warfel, Kevin Kelly, Rick Warfel, Tim Elms.

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.

Meetings, Outings, and More

Thursday, August 20 meeting, Rec Center, Walter Fuller Park, St. Petersburg. 7 pm

- Our speaker is Tara Kok, Native Plant Program Manager, Tampa Bay Watch
- The third annual Suncoast Fly Fishers Lady Fly tournament is September 12. Founder-Director Samantha Tallyn will update us on registered anglers, sponsorships, prizes and more.
- We have new committees. One is the club's new mentoring program, a way for new members to get the support they need to get the most from meetings, outings, and other club activities . Tony Piazza, the leader, reports that mentors have been assigned to 12 new members and he needs at least one more mentor. If you can help, text Tony at 314-249-8762.
- Members will be updated on club projects and events including a proposed project under discussion, a Photo Contest. Stay tuned.
- David Redd and John French will give us a report on their meeting with the Pinellas chapter of Salt Strong. This is an initiative to bring more members into our club.
- Bucket raffle. Flies and other gear will be raffled at the close of the meeting. One is the mystery bucket raffle which will include lots of goodies including \$20 gift cards for St. Pete Fishing Outfitters



Saturday, August 22 Outing and Brisket Picnic, Fort DeSoto Park

- Fly fish the waters all around Fort DeSoto Park. The member catching the longest snook wins a gift certificate. Be sure to take a picture and measure your longest fish in the outing and tournament trail contest.
- Meet up by noon at pavilion #13 on East Beach Picnic Area for our traditional brisket and pulled pork picnic lunch. President David Redd, Bob Burkard, and Rick Warfel will be doing the all-night grilling.
- Alan Sewell is making his award-winning corn bread. Bob Burkard said he would make "Yankee corn bread." Whassat?

September 11-12, Suncoast Fly Fishers Lady Fly Tournament
Tiki Docks Skyway, 3769 50th Ave South, St. Petersburg

- This is the third annual tournament with one and two person lady teams (up to 75 teams) competing for inshore gamefish categories by boat or from land.
 - Captains' meeting on Friday at 6 pm at Tiki Docks Skyway.
 - The tournament is Saturday. Lines in the water at 7 am. Lines out of the water by 4 pm.
 - Awards dinner is 6 pm Saturday at Tiki Docks. Live music, food and drinks, and raffle prizes.
 - Volunteers are needed for various tasks. If you can help please contact Tournament Director Samantha Tallyn at stallyn86@gmail.com
 - For more information go to janglertournament.com
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Meetings, Outings, and More

Florida Council FFI Expo will be rescheduled with a new location.

The Plantation Resort at Crystal River as informed the FFI Florida Council that the renovations, after damage from the 2024 Hurricanes, are behind schedule and they will not be able to host the Florida Fly Fishing EXPO in November.

The event will be rescheduled at a new venue. We will let you know as soon as plans can be made with a new time and place.

Rick

Rick Warfel, President
FFI Florida Council

Saturday morning casting practice , St. Petersburg

- Meet up (almost) every Saturday at 7:30 am at Meadowlawn Park, 7501 14th Street N. Guests are welcome.
- Work on distance, accuracy or any other thing you need to work on.
- Aug 8 - Big Gun Practice begins. The Big Gun Shootout is casting competition in November managed by Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club at Picnic Island Park in Tampa.
- Aug 15 - Yep casting--More BGSO TASKS
- Aug 22 - More and more
- "We work on whatever people want to work on including making fun of opposite hand hauling.
- FYI, fire ants are a stinging issue at the park so casting leader Tim Elms recommends casters wear high top shoes.

(Tim Elms, Saturday Casting Session Leader, email tim@timelmsflycasting.com)

2026 Tournament Trail Leaders

<i>Leaders on the 2026 Outing Tournament Trail</i>			
Species	Winner	Length	Outing (Month)
Longest bream	Bill Scarola	9-inches	Everglades (April)
Longest black bass	Brian Henderson	19-.5 inches	Everglades (April)
Longest Peacock Bass			
Longest redfish			
Longest snook			
Longest seatrout	Mike Nolan	19-inches	Fort DeSoto Park (March)
Longest ladyfish	Bill AuCoin	19.5-inches	Weedon Preserve (January)

2026 Meetings and Outings

(Details subject to change)

2026	August	8/20/26	Tara Kok - Tampa Bay Watch	8/22/26	Fort DeSoto
2026	September	9/17/26	Cliff Nigh - Latest Fly fishing Equipment update from ICAST & Fly Typing Tables - Organized by Dennis Mincher & Brian Henderson Pizza Party	9/19/26	Skyway Rest Stop North with Mangrove Club
2026	September			9/12/26	Lady Fly Annual Tournament
2026	October	10/15/26	Member Panel for Fishing the Hillsborough River	10/17/26	Hillsborough River - Carl Hanson
2026	November	11/19/26	SFF Open House, SFF Fly Market & Pizza Party	11/21/26	Upper Tampa Bay and Alligator Lake

John French: Joe Mahler's July meeting presentation

July's guest speaker was Joe Mahler, renowned casting instructor and fly angler hailing from South West Florida. We had a sold out crowd and three new members joined, Benjamin Schultz and Denine and Aaron Fail.

Mr. Mahler's presentation was on freshwater fly fishing and covered a myriad of topics including tactics, equipment, flies, and a few locations in South Florida to fish.

The opening slide was a black and white photo of Joe as a child; his passion for fishing was recognizable even then and it was easy to see his connection to fishing and nature was developed at an early age outside of the Indianapolis area.



July Speaker Joe Mahler

It was clear that a canoe was the primary fishing transport of choice and a padded cooler rising above the gunnel to rest the paddle on was necessary to prevent the fish from being spooked. Also, no anchor is necessary, just bring the canoe to rest against the vegetation (tall grass or lily pads) and crouch to a kneeling position to begin casting. It was worth noting that the breaks in the pads that look like trails should be worked thoroughly and often. Keep an eye out for pads moving, a sure sign a large fish has bumped it!

The action of a low weight fiberglass rod and the style of loop it will produce was of great interest and Joe was excited to tell us why the loop did not have the same shape as expected with non-fiberglass rods.



Joe kneels in his canoe when casting. He also likes a fiberglass fly rod.

A multitude of flies were shown on the slide presentation; blue is the go to color. Joe was kind enough to donate a box of flies to the club to be auctioned by Quinn at the conclusion of the meeting. James Davis beat Tim Elms out for \$100.00 and got them for a song and a dance. Thanks Joe! Better pack more cash next time Tim!

The biggest takeaway was the connection to people and nature through fly fishing. It was evident throughout and after the meeting by Joe's smile and warm-hearted demeanor.

We were grateful to have him speak and look forward to more in the future.

John

July Meeting Pictures



One of Joe's favorites



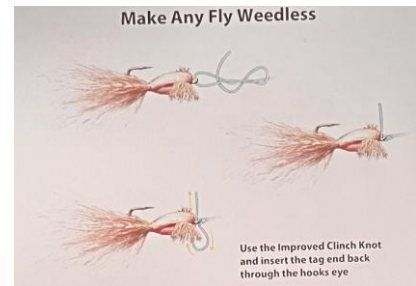
Cast into the mouth of lily pad trails.



James Davis won Mahler's box of flies with a winning bid of \$100.



Abby Gambrel had the first four raffle numbers called.



Where to fish? Joe likes the lakes along the Lake Wales Ridge in central Florida.



Raffle mystery box contents revealed.

Bob Burkard: August 22 Fort DeSoto Park



Bob Burkard, chair of the Meetings/Outings Committee.

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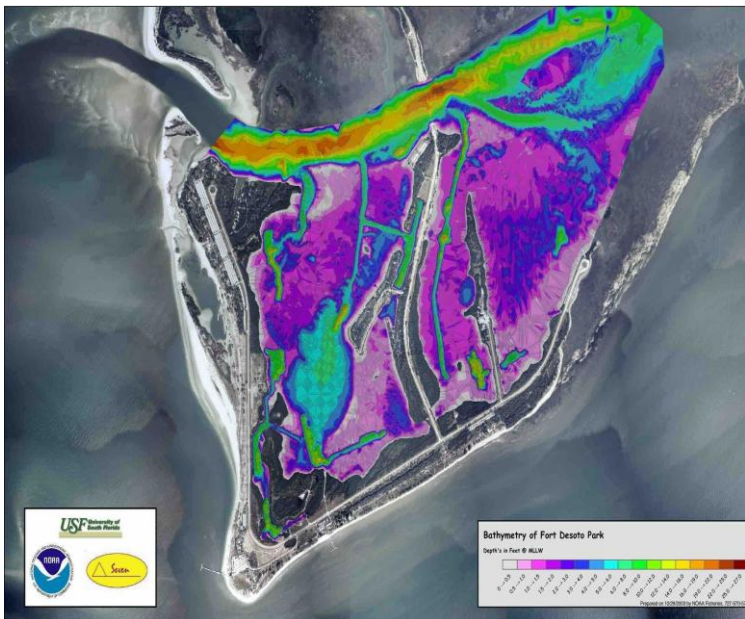
David Redd, Burkard Bob Burkard, and Rick Warfel will be doing the all-night grilling.

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Mike Larkin with a nice beach snook. You can catch snook year around but to keep a snook it has to be between 28 and 33 inches and caught in the months of March, April, September, October, and November.

Fort De Soto Park opens at 7 am but if you want an earlier start you can park in the boat ramp area and wade or kayak-fish Mullet Key Bayou or Bunces Pass. For more park info and maps go to Pinellas.gov/parks



Notice the deep holes puncturing interior seagrass areas? They were created by bombs dropped for practice by World War II pilots.

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Bob

Bill AuCoin: July 18 Upper Tampa Bay Outing

It was a day of be-very-afraid clouds. That was a good thing (for me) because it kept my fellow club member competitors away from the water.

Risking death, sort of, Barry Tosdevine and I had an hour or so of shoreline casting into the pond at Cooper's Bayou Park..

I caught a 12-inch bass, the longest bass of the day. And I caught a Mayan cichlid, which I am claiming as the "most" freshwater panfish. There were no entries in the saltwater categories -- longest ladyfish and longest redfish.

The outing picnic had only five members, not enough to gobble up all the Publix fried chicken and other goodies.: Rick and Karen Warfel, Abby Gambrel, Barry Tosdevine, and me.

Jack Collins planned to be there but the weather changed his mind. Jack wrote, "I was so disappointed that I didn't even wet a line. I had my kayak and was prepared to do battle but didn't want to tackle the waves while looking over my shoulder at the impending dark clouds."



Yours truly with a 12-inch Florida Bass.



Mayan cichlid on the fly .Both the bass and the cichlid hit little soft plastic jigs. Don't tell anybody.

Bill



That's Barry Tosdevine and me in the back. Abby Gambrel, Karen Warfel, and Rick Warfel are in front. A good time was had by all.



That's the pond that produced the winners -- Cooper's Bayou Park at 709 Bayshore Boulevard, Clearwater.

Robert Fischer, RIP

He was a Founding member of Suncoast Fly Fishers and Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club



Club co-founders Robert Fischer (r) and Rick 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.

Here are a couple of shared memories from long-time friends.



Robert with a trophy cobia



With a bragging-sized bonefish

"I met Robert at my first Fly Club meeting almost 30 years ago. He was warm, congenial and very comfortable to be with from our first time together and that never changed. We were together many times not only in Florida, but also in Pennsylvania where he spent time visiting and freshwater fly fishing for trout in the mountains. Any type of fly rod was comfortable in his hands.

Robert was the BEST! " Pat Damico, Suncoast Fly Fishers

Robert Fischer's passing was so unexpected. He was incredibly generous, sharing his knowledge with everyone. I feel lucky to be one of the many beneficiaries of his mentoring over the years as well as his good cheer and positive attitude. He'll be missed but not forgotten. Leigh West, Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club

MEMBER PROFILE SUNCOAST FLY FISHERS	
[Please complete and give it to or email it to Bill AuCoin, baucoin@verizon.net for use in the club's newsletter - On The Fly - and/or the website ... www.suncoastflyfishers.com	
11/21/13	
Name	ROBERT FISCHER
Nickname	
Hometown(s)	TAMPA
When did you join Suncoast Fly Fishers?	I WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER
What is your favorite gamefish to catch on a fly, and why?	BOVIFISH - BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT, STRONG RUNS DOLPHIN - BEAUTIFUL FISH, JUMP A LOT, FIGHT HARD
What are your top three places to fly fish?	NORTH ANDROS ISLAND MARATHON KEY EXUMAS BAHAMAS
What are your go-to fly rod and fly reel?	7 FT LOOMIS GLX AND SA SYSTEMS II REEL
How and when did you get introduced to fly-fishing?	OUTDOOR LIFE MAGAZINE CURT GOWDY on TV "FISHING FISHERMAN" 1958
Why do you like fly-fishing compared to fishing with conventional tackle?	MORE AESTHETIC, ARTISTIC,
Do you tie flies? What flies do you like to tie?	YES. SPOON FLY, GOTCHA, CLOUSERS



Teaching youth to cast a fly rod.



Taking a paddle-break at the Hillsborough River outing



Robert loved motorcycling and fly fishing. So, why not both?

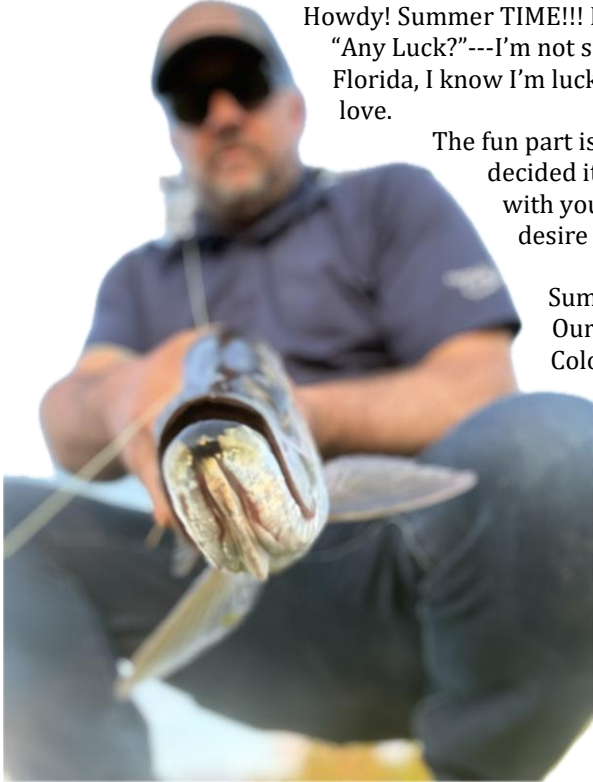
Tim Elms: Any Luck?

Howdy! Summer TIME!!! LET THE RAIN COMMENCE!!!---

"Any Luck?"---I'm not sure how many times I hear that. 10 -20 times a month? As a fly angler in Florida, I know I'm lucky. Period. Nothing is luckier than being where we are and doing what we love.

The fun part is no matter what you do with a fly pole you are "lucky" You hopefully have decided it's not about filling your cooler, you don't HAVE to feed your family today with your catch, and most importantly you WANT to catch something you have no desire whatsoever to kill.

Summertime is probably my favorite time to fish. I love the heat and the wet. Our big tides and crazy storms stir up the water in a way this kid from Arvada Colorado would never have known how it goes down if he wasn't "lucky" enough to witness it.



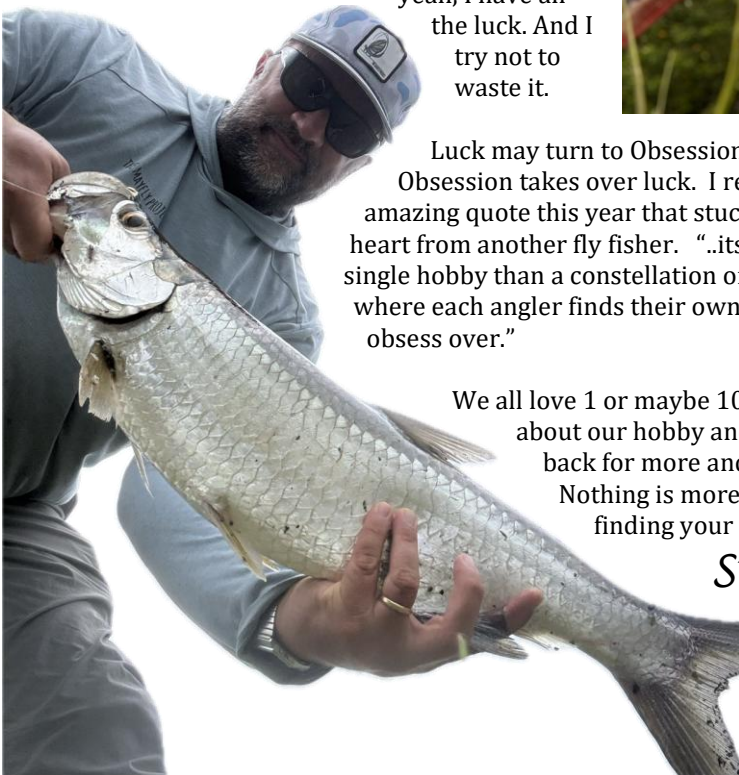
I get to fly fish for real predators more in 1 month than most people do in a lifetime, so yeah, I have all the luck. And I try not to waste it.



Luck may turn to Obsession, and Obsession takes over luck. I read an amazing quote this year that stuck in my heart from another fly fisher. "...its less as a single hobby than a constellation of interests, where each angler finds their own corner to obsess over."

We all love 1 or maybe 10 things about our hobby and we just go back for more and more. Nothing is more lucky than finding your obsession.

*Strip
Strip
Strip--
-Tim*



Steve Hearn: Alaska 2026. Cold. Wet. And Great Fun!



NoSeeUm Lodge is on the edge of the Katmai National Park and Preserve.

July 2026 was reported to be one of the coldest months of July on record. And yes, I went fishing. I joined ten other fly fisherman at the NoSeeUm Lodge which is located on the northwestern edge of the Katmai National Park and Preserve.

I caught a lot of big gamefish on the fly and overall this trip truly was a "bucket list" adventure. The lodge was outstanding, the guides were great, and I was fortunate that the other anglers at the lodge all were great guys. And next time I'm hoping it might be a little drier and warmer.

Here are just a few of my major memories, things that make Alaskan fishing so different from any other place.

Sockeye Salmon. On day 1, in less than three hours, our group of 4 was able to land our limit of five sockeye salmon per person and I was fortunate to bring home around 15 pounds of fresh caught sockeye salmon fillets. The only way to legally harvest sockeye during their run is to cast a line rigged with a heavy hook ... with a strategically placed split shot weight that will allow the yarn and hook to float approximately 6 to 12 inches above the bottom. Because the sockeye salmon were swimming in large groups and swam with their mouths open, it was not difficult to pull the lines across their mouths and hook them in the corner of their mouth.



Steve with a stringer-load of spawning sockeyes.



"Hey mister, please throw me a fish." Steve said this is what he thought the bear was saying.

Bears... Oh My! - Brooks Falls in Katmai National Park is well known for its brown bear population, and is the source of the iconic photos and videos of bears. I teamed up with the crusty old pilot, who also was a guide. At one point we were surrounded by approximately 11 bears.

Because of the constant need to relocate, as well as to break off several fish in the mid fight when we were approached by bears, I was able to catch several very nice rainbow trout, as well as one sockeye salmon that, for reasons the guide could not explain, decided to eat my fly.

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That's Steve with one of his rainbow trout from American Creek

Alagnak River The final day was one on which I caught the most fish and my largest fish of the trip. The primary targets were large chum salmon. I had brought my 8 weight rod and I am glad I did.

The fishing technique on this day was using the "flesh fly" patterns. When hooked, the fish made very aggressive runs and often took my line well into the backing. Because we were using heavier hooks and 25 lb leader, you simply let

the fish set the hook on its own and then held on for the fight. During this last day, I probably hooked 20 large chum salmon and got at least 12 to 15 of those fish to the boat. In addition to the numerous chum salmon, I landed a couple of medium-sized king salmon.



And here's Steve with a "little" king salmon, aka a Jack King.

American Creek. As one of its features, the lodge has access to a very limited-access fishing area called American Creek. We spent almost 2 hours casting to and catching rainbow trout using my 6 weight rod, casting mayfly dry flies. To make sure I kept the guide's expectations under control, I made sure to lose two very large rainbow trout by attempting to bully the fish despite the fact I was using 4x bite tippet.



Steve with one of the big chum salmon he caught on the Alagnak River.

Overall, this trip truly was a "bucket list" fishing adventure. Now that I know what to expect and have learned more about the various fishing techniques, I hope to be able to someday return and fish the area at least one more time..

Steve

Bill AuCoin: ICAST 2026 for Fly Fishers

ICAST is short for International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades. It's an annual show in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center. It isn't a consumer show. This one primarily is for retail stores to meet and make deals with suppliers.

It's put on by American Sportfishing Association ([asafishing](#)). They reported this year's show had 600 brands, and 10,000 attendees from 75 countries. I went to Orlando and browsed this year's ICAST in mid-July. I saw a number of Sportfishing TV personalities working with and maybe pitching some sponsors, too. . Oh hey, is that you C.A. Richardson? I love [Flat's Class TV](#)!

ICAST used to have a separate fly fishing section but that ended a few years ago. Nevertheless, it always has some products to catch a fly fisher's attention. Take a look.

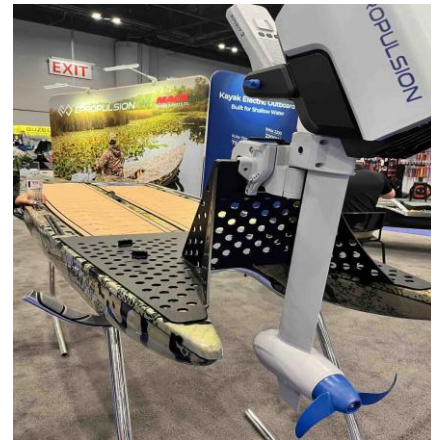
Bill



Kayaks are getting so tricked-out there's no room for your fly line.



Loop Tackle reels and rods were on display.



Are electric-powered paddleboards going to be the go-to casting platform" for fly-fishing the flats?



Fly rods were front and center at the [TEO](#) exhibit.



[Loop Classic](#) Fly Reel for big game fishing.



Where to catch a marlin on the fly. That's [Lake Jordan](#), one of the early stars in saltwater fly fishing.

Monday Night Fly Tying Sessions



Bruce Evensen

SFF members and guests are welcome to come to Bruce's fly tying studio and tie flies every Monday starting at 6 pm. Come early to get a good seat. No charge. Bruce's studio is next to his house at 531 80th Ave. N. St. Pete. Materials and vises are available if you need them. There will be no tying on Monday August 17 or August 24. Tying will resume on August 31.



Bill Scarola

Brian Henderson: Davie McPhail's Baltic Shrimp

Brian Henderson led fly tyers through the steps for tying this fly on Monday, August 10. Brian said, "This is technically a North Atlantic sea trout fly but I think it would work well for pulling across the top of grass beds for our species of sea trout."

Materials

Hook: standard hook, Size 1 to 4

Thread: 140 denier flat wax thread, color to match fly

Feelers / Antennae: Dyed Mallard Flank or Marabou

Eyes: Shrimp Eyes (Orange/red)

Legs / Tail Accent: Chartreuse Craft Fur and Yellow Finn

Raccoon (guard hair & underfur blend), if you can find any.

Flash: Krystal Flash (2 strands)

Rib: Medium silver wire

Body: Craft fur underfur or ice dubbing. You can blend these is desired. Keep this close to the color of the fly.

Hackle for body: strung rooster hackle, color of choice



Troy Dillman: Schmavalon Fly

Troy led fly tyers through the steps for the Schmavalon Fly on July 13.

Materials:

Hook - SC15 #1 or equivalent

Thread - White Flat Waxed Nylon

Tail - White Marabou

Eyes - White Bead Chain

Body - EP Finesse Gamechanger Dubbing Brush or equivalent dubbing. (Preferably one-sided dubbing but not critical)

Keel - 30 lb mono & 3-5mm Tungsten Beads

Glue - Zap CA or equivalent



P2/Monday Night Fly Tying Sessions :

Woody Miller: Murdich Minnow

Woody Miller led fly tyers through the steps tying the Murdich Minnow fly on Monday, July 20. Woody said it makes a great snook-on-the-beach fly. "This pattern was originally developed to fish for Small Mouth Bass in both streams and lakes. The fly is neutral buoyant and should fish slightly below the surface. Use lead wire for weight if a deeper presentation is desired!."



MATERIALS

Hook: B10S Stinger Size 1. Sizes can vary depending on size of baitfish.

Thread: White 210D or similar

Bucktail (tail): White or choice of color

Collar: EP Fibers in tail color / contrasting color or 1-1.5" brush

Head: Large Estaz Chenille in tail color or contrasting color. Use smaller sizes for smaller hooks.

Flash: Use Flashabou and/or Krystal Flash in color that matches tail color.

David Redd: High Tie Fly

David Redd led fly tyers through the steps tying the High Tie Fly at Bruce Evensen's fly tying studio on Monday, July 20.

Materials

1- Hook: Gamakatsu C14S Glo-Bug (I realize that probably no one has these hooks, I 2- will supply)

3-Thread: White 210 or 140

4-Throat: Red EP Fibers (also Floro fibers, rabbit or hackle fibers.

Some on the stiff

side if possible, it help lift the craft fur)

5- Body: White Craft Fur, contrasting color Craft Fur

6- Flash: Mirage Opal Polar Flash (Krystal Flash)

7-Eyes: 4mm stick on

Extras: glue, UV Epoxy, Sharpie in black, down or purple



Bob Burkard: Me and my grandson



First time grandson fishing. He caught 21 bluegills and a bass.

A wonderful and memorable day

Bob



Gear for Sale Free

Kevin Kelly offering two sets of roof racks

Two sets of roof racks, with locks and keys made by Yakima. Made for vehicles with rain gutters. Free for pickup.

Kevin 718-415-2080



Bill AuCoin: Flyfisher Flyover



Insider trading -- Fifteen tackle tricks from readers. Joe Mahler has a couple of his tricks in here . FYI, I think the images for #3 and #4 should be swapped.

([Fly Fisherman](#))

Fly rod affordability - Do we really need to spend a lot of money to get a good fly rod? ([Fly Fisher Insider](#))

Florida Freshwater Angler -- Have you ever caught a "Bigmouth sleeper" fish? Scroll down. ([MYFWC](#))

Oysters give us a two-fer -- One, they're delicious. Two, oyster shells make good artificial reefs. ([Yahoo News](#))

I'm not a fish but I try to think like one -- Before the Double Davy knot there was the Davy knot. Simple knots like this don't scare fish like those ugly loop knots. Just saying.. ([Flylords](#))

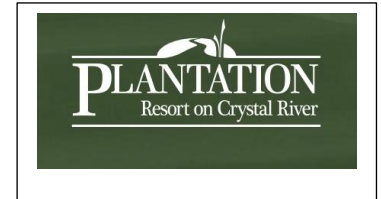
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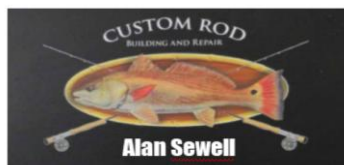
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