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Newsletter of the Suncoast Fly Fishers of St. Petersburg

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President's Message -- September 2026



SFF President David Redd

Our Summer BBQ outing was once again enjoyed by many. Rick Warfel and Bob Burkard both did a terrific job smoking their briskets, and, as always, Alan Sewell's cornbread was a hit.

Other than being a little hot, the weather cooperated, and it turned out to be a beautiful day. I would also like to thank John French and Bob Burkard for organizing the outing and supplying all the delicious side dishes. Their hard work helped make it a wonderful morning for everyone who attended.

Lady Fly Tournament

By the time this newsletter is published, another Lady Fly Tournament will be in the books. Once again, the tournament has grown from the previous year, thanks to the hard work and thorough preparation of Tournament Director Samantha Tallyn.

I'm sure Samantha is already thinking about next year's tournament and how to make it bigger and better. Well done again, Samantha!

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

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Welcome new members: Bryan Perry and Al Razetti

Membership. **Our club now has 120 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.

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On The Fly

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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.

2026 Suncoast Fly Fishers Lady Fly Tournament

Tournament Winners (Total Inches)

First: Jenny Roche, 44.25-inches. (Team Admiral Dibby)

Second: Lisa Lowman, 44"

Third: Rachel Wells, 30.25-inches. (Team Queen Fisher)

Youth Angler Division

Winner: Marley Larkin, 26-inches

Closest to 24 inches

Bobbie Skukowski & Karen Warfel, 22.25-inches.)

Largest Pinfish

Aria Ross, 8-inches

Smallest Seatrout

Jenny Roche, 9.5-inches

SUCCESS!

We had our 3rd annual Lady Fly tournament September 12th. The event was a great success with a record entry of 20 teams, including three youth teams!

Our youngest winner (largest Pinfish), was 7 years old and already passionate about fly fishing and fly tying. The club's own members Marley Larkin and Karen Warfel (top youth team and closest to 24 inches) were winners as well! Everyone can't wait for next year!

Also, we had our guest speakers, Bob Branham and his daughter Stacy Flores, and a great raffle.

More info to come, of course. Thanks, all, for your support.

Samantha Tallyn, Tournament Director

Meetings - Outings - And More

Thursday, September 17 meeting, Walter Fuller Park Rec Center

7891 26th Ave N., St. Petersburg. 7 - 9 pm

- You gotta go. This is a first of a kind meeting in which a few fly tyers will be invited to sit at a table and tie a fly created from unusual materials. Unusual materials? Yeah, like an old wading boot, or whatever, so long as it's weird. The rest of us will watch and laugh from behind the fly tyers while we enjoy free pizza and macadamia cookies
- Member Cliff Nigh of St. Petersburg Fishing Outfitters will set up the fly tying table and pick the fly tiers. He'll explain the rules. We'll get to watch (and laugh and cheer) then vote on the winner.
- Cliff, who manages the fly fishing section at St. Pete Fishing Outfitters, will talk to us for a few minutes about the new gear he saw at the ICAST sportfishing show in Orlando in July.
- Our club has a mentoring program to help new members to get the most from meetings, outings, and other club activities. Already, mentors have been assigned to 12 new members but we still need five more members to step up to the mentoring plate. If you can help raise your hand at the meeting or text Tony Piazza at 314-249-8762.
- Hats and other items with the SFF logo are available for purchase before and after the meeting at one of the back-of-the-room tables.
- Before or after the meeting you can buy raffle tickets for \$1 (or 6 for \$5) to win some fly tying materials and other items.

P2/Meetings, Outings, and More



Fish either side of the I275 Skyway, north or south, then meet up for the noon picnic at the North Skyway Rest Area.

Saturday, September 19, Sunshine Skyway outing with members of Sarasota's Mangrove Coast Fly Fishers. Picnic at noon at North Skyway Rest Area (Blackthorn Memorial)

- Fish Tampa Bay on either side of the Sunshine Skyway north or south.
- The member catching the longest seatrout wins the club's \$15 gift certificate. Be sure to measure it. Also, for the annual outing tournament, measure your longest snook, redfish, and ladyfish.
- Picnic at noon at the North Skyway Rest Area (aka Blackthorn Memorial). This will be our annual get-together with Sarasota's Mangrove Coast Fly Fishing Club.

Saturday morning casting practice sessions, 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 skills you need to work on including practice for the Big Gun Shootout in November.
- The Big Gun Shootout is casting competition managed by Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club at Picnic Island Park in Tampa.
- Questions? Email Tim Elms, casting session leader...

tim@timelmsflycasting.com

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

- Florida Council President Rick Warfel received a notice from The Plantation Resort at Crystal River. Renovations, after damage from the 2024 Hurricanes, are behind schedule and it will not be able to host the Florida Fly Fishing EXPO in November.
- The event will be rescheduled at a new venue. Rick said he will let us know as soon as plans can be made with a new time and place.

FlyFest 2026 is coming to Redding September 24-26

- The City of Redding and Redding Civic Auditorium are hosting FlyFest this month, bringing the fly-fishing community together in the heart of Northern California's trout country for three days of learning, connection, and celebration.
- Presented by The Fly Shop, FlyFest is Fly Fishers International's signature event, welcoming anglers of all ages and skill levels alongside leading instructors, presenters, fly tyers, conservation leaders, exhibitors, and some of the most recognized brands in fly fishing.

Suncoast Fly Fishers Christmas party, St. Jerome Catholic Church, Largo

- Current date is Dec. 12. Due to a conflict the club will try to reschedule, perhaps Dec. 5.

2026 Tournament Trail Leaders

Leaders on the 2026 Outing Tournament Trail

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

Year	Month	Meeting Date	Speaker / Meeting	Outing Date	Outing	Target Fish	Fresh or Salt	Lunch
2026	September			9/12/2026	Lady Fly Annual Tournament			
2026	September	9/17/2026	Cliff Nigh - Latest Fly fishing Equipment update from ICAST & Fly Typing Contest Pizza Party	9/19/2026	Skyway Rest Stop North with Mangrove Club	1. Longest Ladyfish	Salt	Skyway Rest Stop North - Sandwiches and sides
2026	October	10/15/2026	Member Panel for Fishing the Hillsborough River	10/17/2026	Hillsborough River - Carl Hanson	1. longest Bass 2. Most Blue Gills	Fresh	Tampa Bay Club turn for lunch
2026	November	11/19/2026	SFF Open House, Fly Typing Tables - Organized by Dennis Mincher & Brian Henderson Pizza Party SFF Fly Market & Pizza Party	11/21/2026	Upper Tampa Bay and Alligator Lake	1. Longest Ladyfish 2. Longest Black Bass 4. Longest Trout	Salt & Fresh	Lunch at the Bar Fly Restaurant in Safety Harbor
2026	December			TBD	Christmas Party - St Jeromes			
2026	December		No Meeting	12/19/2026	Ft DeSoto - Member Tribute Outing	Longest Fish on a Fly	Salt	Our Annual Chili Extravaganza

Restoring Native Plants, Living Shorelines

By Tara Kok, Native Plant Program Manager
Tampa Bay Watch, Inc.



*August meeting speaker
Tara Kok of Tampa Bay
Watch.*

Suncoast Fly Fishers -- Thank you for the opportunity to speak at your August meeting. I truly appreciated the warm welcome, thoughtful questions, and enthusiasm for helping protect and restore Tampa Bay's coastal habitats. It was a pleasure to share information about Tampa Bay Watch's Native Plant Program and the important role native wetland plants play in supporting healthy fisheries and resilient shorelines.

Tampa Bay is Florida's largest open-water estuary, covering roughly 400 square miles. Its 2,200-square-mile watershed is home to more than three million residents. Population growth and urban development have altered half of the bay's natural shoreline and eliminated more than 40% of its original marshes and mangroves.

Tampa Bay Watch addresses these losses through native plantings, oyster reef restoration, shoreline and nesting-island cleanups, fishing-line recycling, derelict crab-trap removal, and other restoration initiatives. One key approach is the "living shoreline," which combines oyster reef balls, oyster shell bags, and coastal wetland plants to reduce wave energy, limit erosion, rebuild habitat, and improve water quality. This work is especially important because Tampa Bay has lost an estimated 85% of its oyster habitat. Oysters provide food and essential habitat, and each adult oyster can filter up to two gallons of water per hour, helping improve local water quality.

The presentation highlighted native plants and coastal wetlands as foundations of resilient ecosystems. Native species support biodiversity and soil health, while invasive plants can displace food sources, degrade habitat and water quality, and increase erosion. Salt marshes and mangroves stabilize shorelines, absorb floodwater and wave energy, filter pollutants, store "blue carbon," and provide nursery and feeding grounds. In fact, more than 70% of fish, shellfish, and crustaceans spend part of their lives in estuaries.



*Living shoreline created by Tampa Bay Watch at
MacDill Air Force Base*

Community education is central to this work. Through Tampa Bay Watch's Bay Grasses in Classes program, students at schools across Pinellas and Hillsborough counties grow wetland plants, maintain nurseries, harvest mature plants, and transplant them at restoration sites. Since 1995, the program has supplied more than 900,000 plants and engaged over 14,000 volunteers. The newer Community Wetland Nursery Program has expanded participation to people of all ages. Together, Tampa Bay Watch's native wetland nurseries provide a sustainable source of plants while connecting ecological restoration with education, partnerships, and long-term community stewardship.

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John French: Fort DeSoto Park Brisket Outing



John French is a member of the Meetings and Outings Committee.

The annual Fort De Soto Park Outing and Brisket Picnic in August was a great success with over 25 in attendance!

Rick Warfel presented a 12-pound brisket masterpiece prepared by dry rubbing and smoking with hickory chunks for over 17 hours overnight. Karen reported Rick used a vertical charcoal water smoker changing the fire pans every few hours throughout the night, the water smoker uses a water pan between the fire and the cooking grates that makes the brisket jiggle like Jell-O,

David Redd served his world-famous smoked pork butt, and Bob Burkard was over the top with his brisket and baked beans.

Alan Sewall served his delicious Jalapeño Cornbread and had a heated competition with Bob Burkard's Yankee Cornbread (AKA Snowbird Cornbread), no clear winner was reported. Going against tradition Bob even stopped to get the entire group coffee. Yes sirree Bob, thank you.

Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and conversations that went on for quite a few hours. We were lucky enough to avoid all of the showers.



Fishing was slow

We had a report from Ray Markham who made a generous donation of Clousers to the grass flats of Arrowhead in a thwarted attempt to appease the fishing gods. Ray indicated he grabbed the wrong reel when exiting his home and battled a sinking tip and dredged seagrass for quite a while eventually landing a 16-inch seatrout.

Kevin Kelly fished three secret spots to no avail. His last stop was West Beach and it was a bit too crowded, As always Kevin was there to serve food and cleanup like no other!

Thanks to everyone who attended and those who helped out!

John

Abby Gambrel: Yakima River Grand Slam

I spent a couple of days fishing the Yakima River near Cle Elum, Washington, catching a fair number of trout and enjoying a number of firsts.

I finally caught a fish on a fly that I tied, my first cutthroat trout! The westslope cutthroat was caught on an elk hair caddis.

The next day, I got the trout grand slam catching rainbow trout, westslope cutthroat trout, and an eastern brook trout.

Abby



Abby caught her first fish on a fly she tied, an elk hair caddis fly.



Abby's Yakima River Grand Slam -- cutthroat, rainbow, and eastern brook trout.



Abby and a Yakima River cutthroat.

Troy Dillman: Key Largo Blackfin Tuna

I caught a couple of Blackfin Tuna in 550 ft water off Key Largo using a black/purple feather fly. We have great success with blackfin tuna using feathers due to the silhouette

The fly in the picture was tied using a bullet head and 40-lb mono through a bullet eye and 7/0 hook extended just past the saddle hackle. This one was trolled. The other fly had the same style but no bullet head. Instead I replaced it with tungsten bead eyes to sink while chumming up tuna with pilchards over the humps off Key Largo.

Troy



Troy with one of his blackfins

Sean Pascoli: Montana Magic



I spent 3 magical days on the North and Middle Fork of the Flathead River near Whitefish, Montana from 4-8 August. The Flathead River is a beautiful freestone river that has the most beautiful scenery you will ever see ... oh, and some feisty cutthroats that were excellent hosts and flattered me by taking my own tied flies

Sean

Sean with one of many feisty cutthroats he caught on his own fly fishing the north and middle fork of the Flathead River near Whitefish, Montana in August.



John French:
Madeira Beach Seatrout

I picked this up walking Madeira Beach this week on the beaches. I was casting Cliff's shimmering minnow fly.

John



Mike Frick: Sight-casting to Tarpon



I had a great tarpon trip several weeks ago with my son. We sight cast to them and got probably 30 shots each at tarpon.

My son was spin casting. He hooked four; landed one.

I was fly fishing. I hooked three and got one close to the boat before he broke me off.

Mike

Wally Vidal Glass Minnow Mini Mack



It seems like I specialize in catching miniature fish with a fly. I recently hooked this mini-mack on a glass minnow fly that I tied. No name, yet. Maybe Mini Me?

Cheers, Wally

Dennis Marquis: Tick. Tick. Smile.

(Editor's Note: Former Suncoast Fly Fisher Dennis Marquis moved to Beaufort, SC a couple of years ago. He has been targeting tailing redfish in the low country. Now, in addition to being a fly fisher, he's a poet but he didn't know it until a week or so ago when he wrote the poem below. The tug is the drug, of course, but so is enticing it to eat your fly.)

Red Drum Stare.

I stepped into the salted marsh;
the late August sun has baked it harsh.
So harsh it is, as the sun beats down
the salt shrub thicket is less green and more brown.

My first few steps are crunchy dry,
the sweat drips and then slips into my eye.
I move inward, fly rod in hand,
as I edge forward, eyes focused in a back and forth scan.

The dryness yields to the mucky ground,
fiddlers by the thousands scurry around,
striped mussel bunches – all a good sign
the horizon shows the flooding grass line.

The spartina, now reached, is ankle deep,
the creek water I count on, seeps and seeps.
I move inward, fly rod in hand,
as I edge forward, eyes focused in a back and forth scan.

Up the bladed grass the periwinkle slides,
escaping the water and the blue crabs it hides.
The marsh birds have gathered, they see what I see
the flood brings a bounty, for sure it will be.

I'm here at the edge, where high grass meets low,
the very location where spot-tail will show.
I stop, fly rod in hand,
my eyes focused in a back and forth scan.

Big pushes start through, right there I see;
from the high grass they leave, headed for me.
I patiently wait, it just not time
as the creeks still seep and the floods still climb.

The marsh birds, and blue crabs even the periwinkle all there,
waiting and watching my red drum stare.
Still stopped, I don't move, fly rod in hand,
my eyes focused in a back and forth scan.

I look and I look then finally I see
a flagging red tail waving happily at me.
I freeze, standing ready; I make my best cast
ahead of the tail moving slow-fast.

The fly I strip into its zone
where the fish with its tail are likely homed.
Then I tickle the fly and tickle again,
it eats, I set, a broad smile I send.

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(Above and below) Former member Dennis Marquis with tailing redfish he caught recently in South Carolina's low country.



John French: Sportfishers Unite



Answering this question:

Should the Suncoast Fly Fishers club collaborate with other sportfishing organizations to support mutual goals and attract new members, too?

On August 12th, David Redd, Tim Elms, Jack Collins, and John French attended the monthly St. Petersburg Pinellas Chapter #3 [Salt Strong](#) meeting at the Seminole Movie Grill venue.

We were greeted by Alex Peterson, President, and the famous Wader Dave

(Ulgenalp) we then obtained free raffle tickets and found good seats, Tim promptly brought us popcorn, sodas, and a fine medium rare hamburger served on a pretzel bun with fries for himself. Thank you Tim! Jack declined as he had two fish burgers at McDonalds prior to arriving.

The meeting was very similar in structure to the Suncoast Fly Fishers with 68 in attendance. Separate committees gave reports on upcoming events including conservation, public cleanup, tournaments, fishing buddy app, and outreach programs; all were informative and enthusiastic.

The main speaker was James Neuendorf who covered snook fishing including tides, lures, matching lure color with location, correct rods, hooks, and general angling tips. We all learned a lot, Tim did an exceptional job of biting his tongue and..... none of us ever saw such large lures!

Following the meeting was a 50/50 raffle; we missed \$170.00 by a few digits, but it was exciting.

David Redd won a pack of plastic flies and when he was confident no one was looking, he palmed them into the side pocket of his cargo shorts in effort to mislead us from thinking he would use them, tisk tisk Dave, the shame of our own President using those to persuade fish to bite!

After the meeting, Alex presented each of us with St. Pete Chapter pin to affix to our favorite fishing caps and requested we present a flyfishing talk at the upcoming meeting in February of 2027. Alex indicated the club had 10 or so fly fishers and would forward our information to them, keep an eye out during the upcoming meetings.

We had an exceptional time the meeting was entertaining, informative, and cordial. We took a lot away from it and met some new friends, and obtained plastic flies (David), we convened outside to gather thoughts and reflected upon the meeting.

John



Salt Strong President Alex Peterson (left) gave a warm welcome to Suncoast Fly Fishers -- David Redd, Tim Elms, Jack Collins, and John French, who shot this picture.



Reel Time: The Price of Inattention

By Rusty Chinnis

Rusty Chinnis is Outdoors Columnist for The Anna Maria Island Sun and he's a good friend of Suncoast Fly Fishers. He gave our newsletter permission to use this recently published column (Editor)

I first wrote an article with a similar title more than four and a half years ago, but I thought it was appropriate to revisit that topic given the constant challenges facing anglers and the waters that we fish.

Those anglers who have fished the waters of Sarasota and Tampa Bay (and all the connected bays) for decades have seen firsthand the decrease in water quality, loss of habitat and the resultant degrading of local fisheries.

Don't get me wrong, we still have some excellent fishing and the habitat that has been referred to as "fragile" turns out to be extremely resilient. That's the good news, but only if anglers stay engaged in protecting "the goose that laid the golden egg."

The problem lies in the perception of anglers and residents who recently relocated here, and this is nothing new. When we're new to an area (now or four decades ago), we experience what is referred to as "the new normal," or the "shifting baseline" – a phenomenon in which each generation accepts a degraded or altered condition as "normal" because they compare it only to what they have personally experienced, and not to historical conditions.

This became clear to me only recently, when I read Jack Davis's Pulitzer Prize-winning book "[The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea](#)," a book described as a work that powerfully illustrates shifting baselines – how each generation accepts a diminished Gulf as "normal."

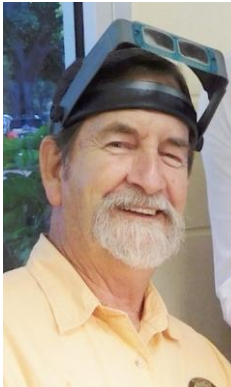
I vividly remember accounts (paraphrased) by early settlers of flocks of birds so abundant they would darken the midday sky, and mullet so thick you could almost walk across the bay on their backs.

This is not intended to make anglers nostalgic for what has been lost, but to realize we can enjoy our angling adventures even more by working to protect and improve what we love, so future generations of anglers can have some of the opportunities we enjoy.

Reel Time is, and I intend it to continue to be, a way to share the adventures of angling, help introduce new tackle and techniques, explore destinations and introduce children and new residents to this amazing resource that surrounds us. A vital part of that mission also needs to explore the challenges that face us and share ways to protect it.

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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.



Bill Scarola

Brian Henderson: Crazy Charlie

Brian led fly tyers for the Crazy Charlie on Monday, September 14

Materials

Hook - Mustad S71SAP Salt Streamer #4 or Equivalent
Thread - Danville 140 denier - Fl Shell Pink or Equivalent
Bead Chain Eyes - Silver
Vinyl D-rib - Clear
Pearl Tinsel
Krystal Flash - Pearl
Calf Tail - Pink



Jack Collins: Gurgler

Jack Collins led fly tyers through the tying steps for this fly on Monday, September 7.

Materials

- 1- Hook: Mustad C70SAP #2, OR SIMILAR
- 2- Thread:- Chartreuse or white
- 3- Bucktail:- White
- 4- Flash: Krystal Flash. Pearl
- 5- Foam: 2mm in chartreuse, et al. Cut foam strips 3" long and as wide as the hook gap!
- 6- Body-Chenille- Medium Cactus, Pearl.



EP Baitfish Fly.....
Clouser Deep Minnow Fly.....
Flexo Crab Fly.....
Kwan Fly.....
Half and Half Fly.....
Tarpon Toad Fly.....
Avalon Crab Fly.....
Crazy Charlie Fly.....
EP Spawning Shrimp Fly.....
Gugler Fly.....

Fly tiers -- Here is list of flies that are required for the FFI Saltwater fly tying award. We should work from this list for the next several weeks and that we can each take turns teaching one of these flies. We can discuss who will take each next Monday. -

Bill

Pat Damico: Robert Fischer in Pennsylvania Memory

I can't stop thinking about Robert and all he did for club members and for fly fishing in general. Here's a picture we had taken when we trout fished together in Pennsylvania. We miss you, Robert.

Pat



*Suncoast Fly Fishers Pat Damico (l) and Robert Fischer.
Robert, a co-founder of Suncoast Fly Fishers, died in July.*

Tom Debella: Marlin versus Sea Turtle

FISH STORY

So there I was, forty miles out, when I hooked something that fought like a submarine with a grudge. Three hours. My rod bent into a horseshoe. When it finally surfaced, it was a marlin the size of a canoe, and riding on its back was a sea turtle wearing my sunglasses, the ones I lost in '09.

The marlin looked me dead in the eye, spat out my lure, and dove.

The turtle stayed.

He's on my couch now. Won't leave. Drinks my beer; hogs the remote. Still won't give the sunglasses back.

Tom

PS from Tom:: Yes, it was a dream I had one night.

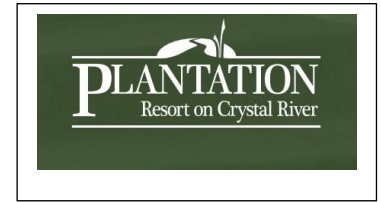
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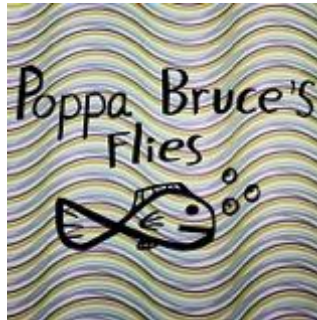
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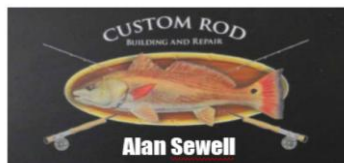
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