



## September Meeting

Northdale Recreation Center  
15550 Spring Pine Dr, Tampa, FL  
from 06:30 to 08:30 **Tuesday, 6 Sep**

### Guest Speakers

#### **Captain Dustin Pack and Justin Tramble**

Capt. Dustin Pack was born and raised in Florida. He is a fly and light tackle guide in the Tampa Bay area. Dustin also serves on the Board of Directors for Tampa Bay Waterkeeper (TBWK). Justin Tramble is the Executive Director for the TBWKs. Waterkeeper, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, a movement founded by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. that empowers individuals and communities to protect and improve their local watersheds. Today there are more than 300 Waterkeeper organizations on 6 continents. Our two guests will talk about their work to preserve our Tampa waters with this great organization



**Directions to Our Meetings (6:30 pm): Take Dale Mabry north past Ehrlich Road and then left on Northdale Blvd. Then left on Spring Pine Drive and straight to the Rec Center on the right.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Please join us at the Northdale Recreation Center, our new meeting place. This center is a little more centrally located and we hope to hold and increase attendance. We continue to meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Our senior casting instructor, Jonas, is in Iceland this month. Thus, we will not have casting instruction prior to the meeting.

Thanks to club member Leigh West for his presentation on wade fishing. I was sorry to miss it, but heard all the rave reviews. Leigh is one of our excellent fishermen in the club willing to share their knowledge.

I am out in Colorado for awhile and will miss the September meeting. I hope everyone is staying cool and avoiding the heat. Looking forward to fall and cooler weather for better fishing on the flats.

We welcome your ideas on how to improve our club. Please email me or bring ideas to the meeting.

//Walt Durkin



**Quotes for the Month:** “The man who coined the phrase ‘money can’t buy happiness,’ never bought himself a good fly rod.” – Reg Baird

“Fishing seems to be the favorite form of loafing.” – F. W. Howe

“Everyone should believe in something; I believe I’ll go fishing.” – Henry David Thoreau

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Photos from our August meeting. We also welcomed new members John Foster, Mark Varoz and Carl Brink. They joined just in time to hear a great presentation by Leigh West.



## TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

Robert Fischer has this fishing tip. "The trout bite is still available in the deeper grass flats around Anclote Key. Work in 4 to 7 feet deep with full sink or sink tip lines to get your flies down just above the grass tips. Clousers in brown and gold as well as chartreuse and gold worked well for me last week. The bite should be improving as the water temperature is starting to drop out of the 90's now." Anclote Key is off Tarpon Springs and you need a boat or kayak to access it.

Please check out our website (TBFFC.org) if you have not done so. Bruce Anderson manages it for us and does a great job. New members should check out our wading guide on the webpage. You will find useful information on wade fishing especially in the winter months. We have some good wade fishing areas that allow you to get out without a boat. The guide online tells all!

## Big Gun Event

We have scheduled our Big Gun for 20 November at Picnic Island. This is a fun casting competition open to all. We have six events to test your casting skills. The event runs from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and includes lunch. Arrive at 7:30 to set-up and we always need help to score and set-up. It is free and I will put it on Eventbrite for free tickets, so we can get a head count.

## Wade Fishing Seminar in Mid November

We will host a wade fishing seminar in November and will choose a weekend day with good tides. We will meet for a couple of hours to go over the basics and then go fish for a couple of hours. Sight fishing for reds, snook and trout in clear shallow water is a great experience. We will teach and show you all you need to know.





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# Fly Fishing Tip for August

## Jonas Magnuson Tip #7

So, now you won some raffle and are going fishing with a guide with a flats boat. Now you must practice the ready position before you go fishing.

The ready position is the position the angler takes in the bow of a skiff for sight-casting. The angler wants as much line out of the rod as possible to be able to load it quickly to reduce the time to delivery. However, that line can't be so long as to interfere with the push pole placement or the trolling motor.

The ready position in essence:

- The length of the fly line outside the tiptop needs to be enough to load the rod quickly, but not so much that it gets into the motor or poling staff or under the boat if dragged boat side. The iron rule is – if it can snag it will.
- The fly must be controlled by holding it by the bend of the hook (or by the leader just proximal to it).
- The line must be controlled by the line hand.

Any method that satisfies these 3 points will work. The fly can of course be held by either hand. The one that works best for me is :

- about 15' of the line outside tiptop
- holding the fly by hook bend in rod hand (thumb - index)
- line hand holds line 2' from the stripping guide

When a cast is possible, I sweep the rod away from the fish and let go of the fly. For casts with fish inside 35,' I have enough to get there without slipping or shooting line. Then if more line needs to be aerialized I can make one forward and one back cast slipping both ways and then shoot more line.

Which method you choose to use is not the most important decision. The most important decision is to choose a method that complies with 1-3 and then stick to it.

<https://everyjonahasawhale.com/blog/the-ready-position/>



# Trout Fishing Tip

Here is a good tip to help organize your trout flies and leaders. We often fish a dry fly with a dropper about 12 to 24 inches below. A big dry like a Stimulator or Hopper works well with a small bead head nymph. When you want to change set-ups to say, just a big nymph, then you may want to keep your dry/dropper intact. The Tenkara spools pictured on the right work well for this. These spools are made to hold a Tenkara line, leader and fly by wrapping them around the soft spool and then sticking the fly in. You can do the same with your dry/dropper rig, to safely store it until you want to tie it back on. This saves cutting the dropper off and wasting time and tippet.

You can also pre-tie several dropper rigs, so they are ready to go on the water. A wooly bugger with a small nymph is also a good rig you can pre-tie. This saves you from working with light tippets and knots while on the river in poor light. And, when one rig gets all tangled as they often do, you are prepared for a quick change. The Tenkara spools are available on-line (Amazon has them) and you can get 10 for about a dollar each. Each spool can hold two rigs at a time. Check it out!



# ELLEWIN Unisex Baseball Cap UPF 50 Unstructured Hat with Foldable Long Large Bill

My wife got me two of these caps last year and they are great. Lightweight, quick dry and a long bill. They also fold easily and fit in a pouch for travel. \$9.95 on Amazon.



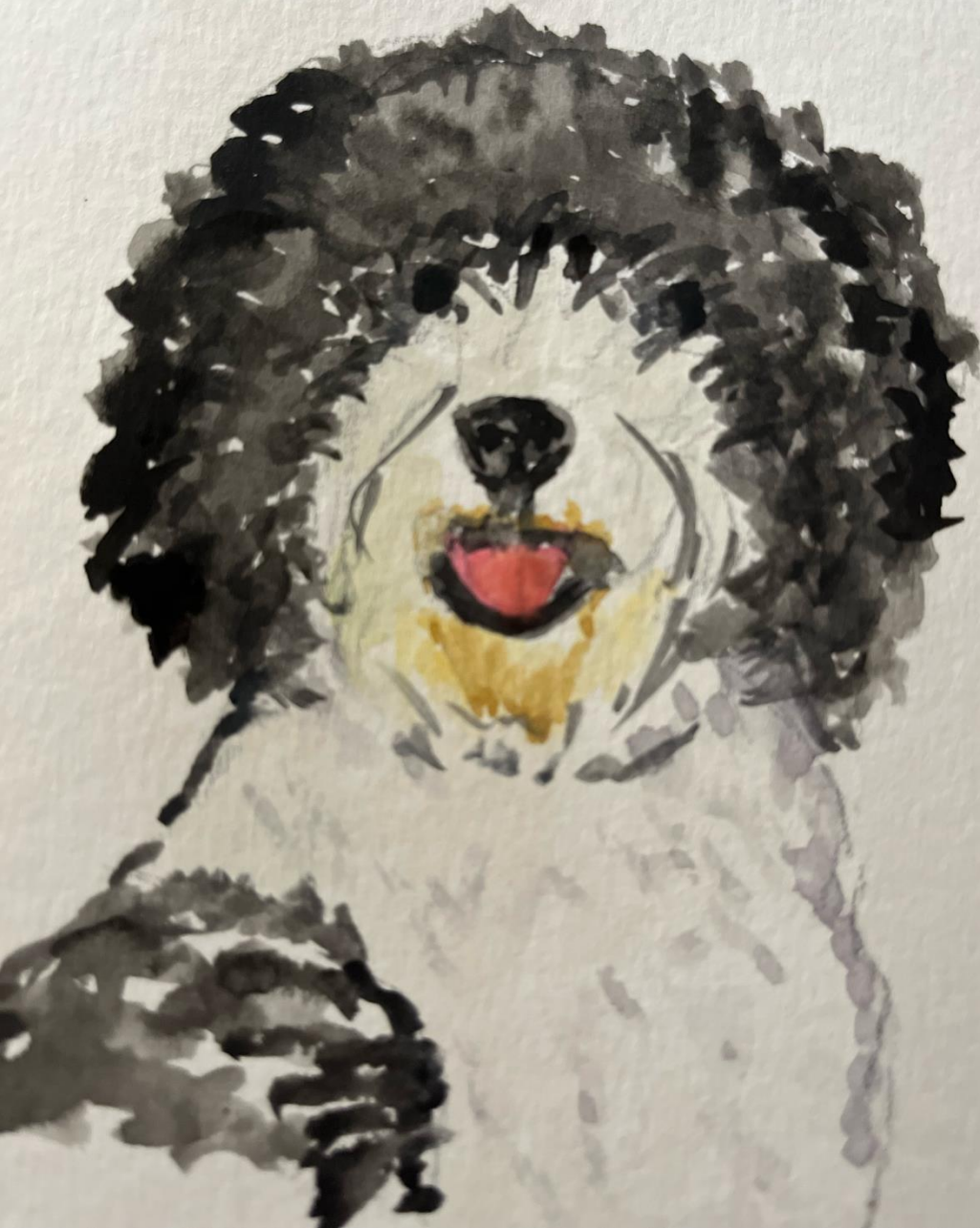


Club member Denise Bruner has taken up water colors after she retired last year. She shows us more than one way to capture a trout. Good job Denise!





And, here is one of her dog!





## Wisconsin Summer Adventure

Bruce and Patty Anderson invited four of us to spend a week in the north woods of Wisconsin in their family cabin. Located in Manitowish Waters, the cabin has direct access to a chain of lakes. Bruce also has two boats on the lake so we were set for a fishing adventure.

The lakes have beautiful, clear water and good structure including grass, rocks, logs and many small islands. Fish included small-mouth, large-mouth, pike, walleye, pan-fish and musky. As we learned our way around the lakes we found the fishing tough, but managed to catch both types of bass, pike and bluegills. Patty raised one big musky (40+ inches) on a top water plug, but, the fish only followed to the boat as they often do. We tried for walleye one day in deep water and caught one. The most fun were the small-mouths along the rocky shore on gurglers. Several weighed over a pound and struck and fought hard on our fly rods. We also enjoyed biking, hiking the many trails and seeing the local sights including the cranberry bogs. Wisconsin produces about 65% of all our cranberries.

Weather was mixed with some rain and cool enough in the mornings (50's) for a light jacket. We also enjoyed one meal of small-mouth bass and pike. A full super-moon rise is shown on the right.





Wisconsin summer lake life: small mouth bass, pike, fish cleaning and swimming on a sunny day. Water was about 70 degrees.





**Club member Magnus Sandberg** sent us this enthusiastic report:

Hi Walt! Long time no see! Here comes a little greeting from Sweden!! Sending some pictures from Sweden and from some very nice fishing trips this year! It started very good with seatrout fishing in April, out at the Swedish west coast. The location is a little bit north from Gothenburg. Went out with my fly rod and caught my biggest seatrout so far weight: 5,2 kg and 77 cm and a few cast later another big one in the same spot. You can see the streamer I had in the end of the fishing line. It's called "HN-Zonker". It's not often you see that big trout in this area. Sometimes we can get fish that big in the rivers! For me it was PB in the ocean on a flyrod! (9#6). Nice!!!!

In the beginning of July I went to Norway together with some friends. We fished in a river called Glomma and it's a quit big river, located in the middle of Norway, about 4 hour drive north from Olso. It was also World Championship in fly fishing the same week we were there! Didn't know that this event was arranged in that river that week!! Very interesting to see how the professionals attack the river. They were fishing mostly from what I could see with nymphs no dry flies.

The fishing was very good on this trip, we caught may good sizes of grayling and brown trout. Few fish between 50-55 cm. We were fishing mostly with dry-flies! If anyone is interested to go to Scandinavia for fishing you are welcome to contact me! The planning for the rest of the season is to go fishing for some salmon in rivers around where I'm living!

Best regards from Magnus Sandberg! PS. Sorry if my English is not perfect +46 702928963  
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Club member Floyd Holder shared this photo from June 1960. Floyd's first place in a fishing contest with the most fish (bass and blue-gill) caught at the Patuxent River Naval Base, Maryland.

Thanks Floyd and that is why they have called you "Fish'n Floyd" ever since.



**Club member Ken Moser's latest works of art for the aquarium!**

Ken works in stained glass and also gem stones and jewelry. A manatee below and little jawfish on the right. I had to look up jawfish to see what they were.





**Club member Ed Mlotkiewicz** sends us this: “Went fly fishing out of Stuart on Tuesday, August 2nd, for tarpon, bonito and barracuda with my guide, Michael Mauri. The morning started slowly. Tarpon on the beach. A few pods and some solitary fish. A few follows on a purple and black Pugliese EP mullet, no takes. Changed flies to a Tarpon Tapas, same thing. We moved over a hump and changed to a 10 weight, tied on chartreuse tube fly for barracuda. I was rewarded with two 'cuda, a smaller one and a good 40" Great barracuda (see pics). After the 'cuda started refusing tube flies we changed over to some Surf Candies on size one hooks for Albies. Caught three small Albies and a lot load of blue runners. Not a spectacular day, but productive”.



**Club member John Foster** did a little fishing in TN. Caught this little fella and his bigger brown cousin.





## **Club member Dale Garcia gave us this information on fly reel repair.**

FIN NOR reels: The current FIN NOR is not the old FIN NOR from Miami that made all of those great hand made reels and therefore they do not repair any of the fly reels or big game reels made in Miami. When Zebco bought FIN NOR they did not want to upset the old customers that own the Miami reels but they did not want to take on the responsibility of repairing the old reels. They solved the problem by working a deal with the previous customer service manager David Connors who is retired in North Carolina. David would take on the repair of the old reels and open his own private business and Zebco sent him all of the parts for the old reels. His parts inventory goes all the way back to the old "Wedding Cake" series of fly reels from the 1960's. David has done a lot of work for me in the past and I was very satisfied. Well David contacted me this week and he is now fully retired and he has transferred over his reel repair business to another person. I am getting ready to try out this new person, here is his contact information in case anyone else needs work on a FIN NOR. Tony Sample: 314 South Harrison Ave. Cary, NC 27511 (919) 669-6187

This can be a valuable service. Occasionally I have found a great buy on EBAY but the reels was the wrong retrieve for me. I would buy the reel and send it to David, he had the parts to convert it and only charged me \$35.

Other Reels: There are many other brands of high end reels that are no longer in business and even current brands where the manufacturer does not support discontinued models. The person to help you is Bill Archuleta. Bill can repair any reel and he even builds custom reels. I recently used Bill and I was very satisfied with the quality of his work, pricing and turn around time. His prices are reasonable if he has the part or can acquire the part. If the part is no longer available Bill can still save the day, he is a machinist and will make the part. Now of course if he has to make the part the price will be higher. Here is his contact information:

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## Trolling Motor For Sale

Club member Robert Fischer is selling this trolling motor. Motor Guide W75 Remote Control Trolling Motor; 24 volt, 48" shaft; very good condition. \$350. Call Robert at 813-495-5685.





Robert Fischer exploring a big, un-named flat in Tampa Bay from his boat.



## **Fishing Report and Forecast**

### **“What a great time to go fishing!”**

Capt. Pat Damico, Tampa Times Captain's Corner: **Advantages of fly fishing**

One of the many advantages to fly fishing is when the bite is on, a lot of fish can be caught. We don't have to fool around with weights, swivels, snaps, and finicky braided line, but especially bait. Procuring live baits and keeping them healthy, the time needed to rebait and release smaller or non-targeted fish, and the chance of frequently harming them is greatly minimized. Cut bait is not always readily available. Once the proper fly is selected to "match the hatch," a single fly can last a long time, especially when constructed with synthetic materials. Since most of our flies that imitate shrimp, crabs, and baitfish have a single hook, catch and release or catch and keep is simple once the fish is on. Filing or crimping the barb will not hamper your catch rate as long as adequate pressure is kept on the fish. Many hooks are available that are barbless. Use adequate leader strength and nonabrasive tippetts that are strong enough for the fish you seek. When fighting fish, keep your rod tip low and close to the water, always maintaining a soft bend. A mechanical gripping device and a dehooker similar to the ones used to quickly remove bait from a Sabiki rig minimize or eliminate the need to handle fish while keeping them in the water. When taking a picture, lift the fish horizontally from the water with wet hands and never hold it out of the water longer than you can hold your breath.

Fly fisherman and casting instructor Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at [captpatdamico.com](http://captpatdamico.com) and 727-504-8649.



**Capt Rick Grasset reports:** I hosted a group of friends and clients on my annual destination fly fishing trip to southwest Montana recently. I traveled from Sarasota to Bozeman and met up with Kirk Grasset, from DE and made the 2-1/2 hour drive to Medicine Lodge, on a 100,000 acre working ranch near the Beaverhead River, outside of Dillon, MT. We met up there with Mike Perez and Dennis Kinley, from IN, who drove and met us at the lodge.

Despite some fishing restrictions due to heat and low water, we caught and released some quality trout. We fished the Beaverhead, Big Hole and Jefferson Rivers with guide Dave King, owner of King Outfitters (406) 596-0209 in Dillon, and his talented group of guides. I've fished with Dave for more than 20-years, his guides do a great job and know their fishery well. We fished 5 and 6-weight fly tackle and caught and released brown and rainbow trout to more than 20" on streamers, dry flies, dry/dropper and nymph rigs. The dry fly action was with a variety of dry flies, sometimes with a nymph dropper, or with a smaller dry fly and a few other bugs. Like fishing everywhere, there were good days and slower days but overall it was a great trip!

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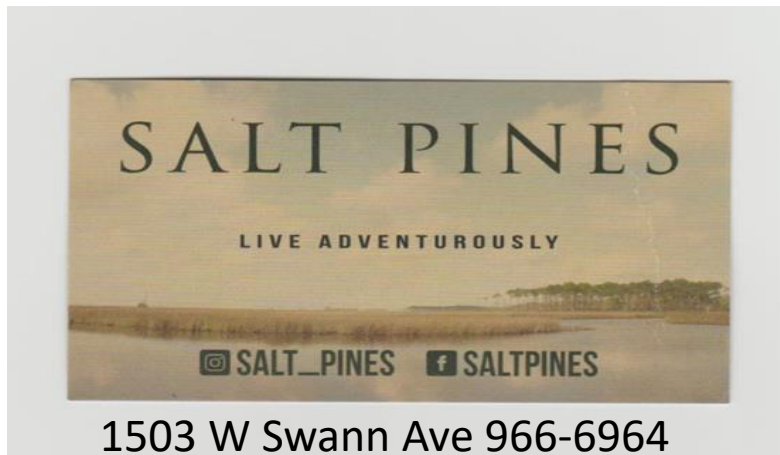
- Jan Casting Clinic
- Jan Red Fly Tournament
- June Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct (virtual) Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov Chattooga Trip for trout
- 20 Nov Big Gun, Picnic Island
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