

October Meeting

Northdale Recreation Center
15550 Spring Pine Dr, Tampa, FL
from 06:30 to 08:30 **Tuesday, 4 Oct**

Guest Speakers
Walt Durkin

Club president Walt Durkin will talk about tactics for winter sight fishing in Tampa Bay for snook, reds and trout.

Walt and his wife Lou are both retired Army Veterans. Arriving in Tampa in 1998, they were assigned to US Centcom. Walt retired full time in 2012 and spends most of his leisure time on the water either wading or in a flat's boat. He will share some of the things he learned from hundreds of hours on the water in Tampa Bay over the last ten years. Sight fishing is a good learning experience as you watch the fish react to your flies. Please join us for an interesting and informative presentation.



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

We continue to meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the first Tuesday of each month. Our senior casting instructor, Jonas, is back and available for casting lessons starting at 05:30 PM outside. He may bring a double handed rod for you to try.

Thanks to Dustin Pack and Justin Tramble for briefing us on the Tampa Bay Waterkeeper organization. Conservation of Tampa Bay and surrounding waters is ongoing and we appreciate their efforts.

I hope you all made it through the hurricane safely and will be able to attend the meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again after traveling most of the summer. Welcome to two new members, John P Foster and TJ Szelistowski.

I try to make our newsletter interesting and informative and I rely on your input. Please email me items of interest including new gear, recipes, tips, fishing stories, etc. We also welcome ideas on how to make our club better to support our members and sport.

//Walt Durkin 

Quotes for the Month

“Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in its thin current slides away, but eternity remains.” – Henry David Thoreau

“I only make movies to finance my fishing.” – Lee Marvin

“I only hope the fish will take half as much trouble for me as I’ve taken for them” – Rudyard Kipling

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

We will have our annual Hooky for the Holidays on Friday, December 9th at the Suncoast Youth conservation Center in southeast Tampa off Hwy 41. More details to follow, but we will fish in their salt water retention pond for saltwater fish. Just bring your tackle and we will provide lunch and drinks.

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.



Fly Fishing Tip for August

Jonas Magnuson Tip #8

FLY CASTING FROM A KAYAK

Casting a fly from a sitting position is vastly different from casting standing up as the **body movements** are restricted. Furthermore, the **elbow movements** are restricted in a kayak (or a belly boat) impacting the ability to haul. The seat is lower and the line will be **closer to the water's surface** making long carries problematic. Let's consider the rod – the line – and the casting technique.

THE ROD: Longer rods will get more height but as they get longer, they become more difficult to use. A 9.5 ft. rod is easier to cast than a 10 ft. rod but has less height advantage etc. I can't one hand a fly rod that's longer than 11 ft. and it will become difficult to net a fish as the rod gets longer.

THE FLY LINE: You want a weight-forward line. The more weight up front, the better. Remember the loss of height will limit the carry, and it could become advantageous to use a short head (or shooting taper/head) and/or overline to be able to load the rod with the limited carry.

CASTING TECHNIQUE: The casting is going to have to be “just” arm movements. No way around that one as I see it. So, practice that type of cast from a chair. Sitting on a chair in the grass is VERY helpful but preferably use a kayak seat or a low beach-style chair. Even a regular chair gives you a false sense of space between your casts and the water and how cramped the elbows are going to be!

Hauling is much more difficult when in a kayak or belly boat. Practicing from a chair is good advice but that doesn't hinder hauling as much as a kayak will.

The problem of the water surface proximity will logically be solved by high back casts paying attention to sending the line over the rod tip. Minimal false casting plus the high back casts will lessen the chances of a line slap behind you and you must minimize your carry. Now with these recommendations, you need to shoot the line and any hauling will be a good addition if there is any room for it.



Patty and Bruce Anderson are enjoying fishing out west in Colorado and Calgary, Canada. Bruce is shown with a nice brown from the Arkansas Rive in Salida, CO; Patty with a brown (also nice) from the Poudre River west of Ft Collins; Bruce and Lou in the Wild Basin area of RMNP and finally, Bruce fishing the Bow River in Calgary, Canada.

Captain Bryon Chamberlin sent us this: "I got to fish Biscayne Bay with my friend Capt. Carl Ball. We caught several bonefish and I got a nice permit. A couple weeks later I got to fish with Capt. Bruce Chard in the middle keys. I caught 11 bonefish and a decent tarpon. Permit were fussy and wouldn't help me out in completing the slam."





Kelly Sobczak sent us this report:
‘Wes and Kelly are in the middle of a two-month trip to camp in their RV and fly fish the northeast. So far, they have been to Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. Rhode Island was a favorite where they caught their first stripers in Narragansett Bay. Baxter State Park in northern Maine was another favorite, with brook trout caught in ponds and creeks. They have caught striped bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, perch, and more.’ They are leading quite the sporting life!



Small stream brook trout are always beautiful and fun!
What a little gem.



Tim Duke gave us this: "My son Brian and I went on another Orvis guided trip on the Watauga River in Boone, North Carolina. We did a half day trip for rainbow trout and did well. I caught 4. Brian caught 3, including the biggest rainbow he ever caught. Numerous strikes and a perfect day!



Cordova or Bust

We have been trying to get back to Cordova, Alaska for several years to fish for silver salmon. We have had to cancel for various reasons and this year was no exception. Five of us were scheduled for Cordova, my wife Lou and myself, Bruce and Patty Anderson and Ted Hagaman. We were also stopping by Calgary, Canada for a week en-route to visit Banff National Park and fish the Bow River. Disaster struck the day before departure when Lou tested positive for COVID. Nonetheless, Bruce and Patty traveled on to Calgary and made the best of it. Four of us were still planning on Cordova, but as we checked the weather we found Cordova in a flood watch with more rain on the way. Thus, we cancelled Cordova for the third straight year.

Not giving up though, Ted and I decided to travel to Seattle and fish the Olympic peninsula for trout. Ted called a local shop he knew and they said fishing was okay, but the rivers were low due to lack of rain! Huh, figures; too much rain in Cordova and not enough in Washington. Nevertheless, off we went and had a super week searching rivers and trying to find trout and salmon. A few kings and silvers were in, but waiting on higher water, of course. We cast to some salmon we saw jumping with no results. We did find cutthroat trout and rainbows and had fun catching them. We also fished and hiked through beautiful rain forests and saw many very big, old growth trees. And, we visited the most Northwestern Point in the contiguous US: **Cape Flattery**. You park at the trailhead, obtain a permit from the local Makah Tribe and hike in a little over a mile. Quite spectacular.

We based our 7-day stay at the Olympic Suites in Forks, Washington and had a two bedroom place with a kitchen. We stopped by the local DNR office and got some good tips on where to fish and tried five rivers: the Hoh, Elwha, Calawah, Bogachiel and the Sol Duc. We caught fish on all the rivers, but worked pretty hard for them. Low water meant walking a ways between good areas to find fish. The Hoh is a famous steelhead river, but we were a little early for the fall run. Turns out October and into November is best and we were a month early. The Hoh is also glacier feed with a spectacular blueish, aqua color. We hiked a path through the rain forest to the mouth where it flows into the Pacific. That's the only stretch of river we did not score on. I had my best day on the upper Hoh, 14 rainbows on dry flies.

Here is the view from the most northwestern point in the contiguous U.S. It is in [Clallam County, Washington](#) on the [Olympic Peninsula](#), where the [Strait of Juan de Fuca](#) joins the [Pacific Ocean](#). It is also part of the [Makah Reservation](#), and is the northern boundary of the [Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary](#).



Ted fishing the Sol Duc River, the mouth of the Hoh and standing among giant, old growth trees. Photos on the next page show a couple of nice cutthroat.





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.



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Capt. Pat Damico, Tampa Times Captain's Corner: **The Importance of Proper Knots.** How many times have you had a good fish on your line only to have the line go limp and the leader return to you without the fly or with part of the leader also missing? Especially in saltwater, this should rarely occur. If you got tangled around an obstruction such as barnacle-encrusted pilings or bridge abutments, this is understandable. I always encourage clients to bring their own gear with them so I can see how they are rigged. I will check how the leader is attached to the fly line, the knots connecting each section of the leader, and how the fly is tied on. Leader to the line could be a nail knot, or loop to loop, with a perfection or double surgeon's loop on the butt section of the leader. Leader to leader can be a blood knot or a double or triple surgeon's knot. Since we use straight-eye hooks for most saltwater flies, a good loop knot should connect the tippet to the fly. If a simple overhand, or "wind," knot is present in the leader, it tells me that clients have casting issues that are causing tailing loops. A simple overhead knot will weaken the leader by 50%. Do an internet search for each of these knots and practice them at home with good lighting and some old fly line or leader of different colors. Knots usually fail from slipping. This can be avoided by having a tube of lip balm to lubricate the knots as you pull them tight for complete closure.

Fly fisherman and casting instructor Pat Damico charts Fly Guy in lower Tampa Bay and can be reached at captpatdamico.com and 727-504-8649.

Capt Rick Grasset reports Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc.; E-mail snookfin@aol.com; (941) 923-7799. Fishing should turn on this month as days get shorter and water cools. Schools of reds will begin to break up and scatter on shallow flats. There should also be good action with snook and big trout in shallow water. Snook will gorge themselves at night around lighted docks in the ICW. There should also be good action in the coastal gulf with Spanish mackerel, false albacore (little tunny), tripletail and cobia. You might also still find tarpon anywhere from upper Charlotte Harbor and Tampa Bay to along the beaches.

Spotted Seatrout has reopened to harvest in southwest Florida with a 3 fish per person, bag limit and a 6 fish boat limit. Trout must be from 15"-19" with one allowed per vessel over 19". I feel that it's important to protect these larger trout, which are usually female breeders. Snook remains closed to harvest in the Charlotte Harbor area. Full regulations and details can be viewed at <https://myfwc.com/>.



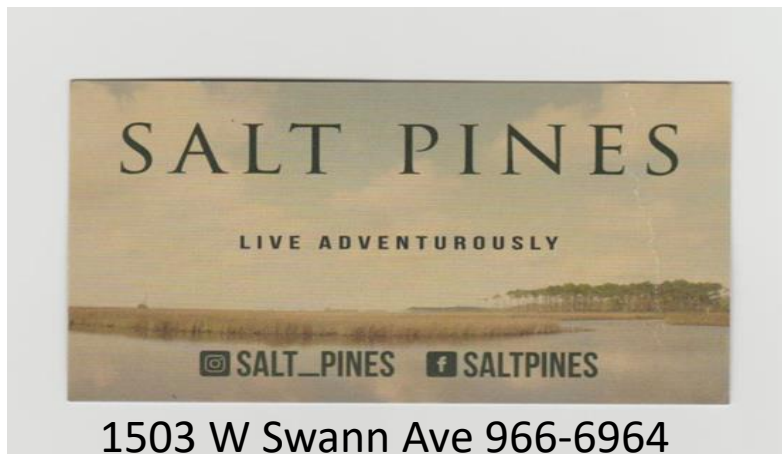
2022 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Dec 9 Play Hooky at the Suncoast
Youth Center
- Dec Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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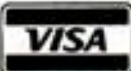
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