



Captain Rick Grasset – Fall Fishing

Capt. Rick is a fly fishing and artificial bait specialist, practicing CPR (catch, photo and release fishing). He is a good friend of the club and we use his weekly fishing reports in our newsletter. Rick is also a certified instructor and expert tier. He will share his wealth of knowledge based on a long and successful guiding career.



We will meet 6:30 pm on 3 October at the Northdale Recreation Center off N. Dale Mabry Hwy.

Please join us for an interesting discussion, fly casting and pizza. Come early about 5:30 for fly casting and the meeting will start at 6:30. New folks are welcome to walk in and check out the club.

Directions to Our Meetings (6:30 pm) Northdale Rec Center: 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

I hope you enjoyed our September meeting with a presentation on fishing first aid. Thanks to Dr. Mike Perez for his presentation and I hope he did not scare you off the water. Try to be aware on the water and stay safe on your outings.

We are thinking of ordering some more club shirts and hats. Please let me know via email or mention it at our next meeting if you are interested.

Thanks to your support to the club and let us know how we can better serve our fly fishing community. We welcome families and would like to encourage more young folks to join our sport. Fishing is great fun and takes you to wild and beautiful places.

Thanks to our board members for all they do to keep the club running. We could use a couple of more members, so let me know if you are interested. We try to meet at a local restaurant the week after the meeting to discuss club activities.

Be safe and keep those lines tight!

//Walt Durkin 

Fly Fishing Quotes

“If your concentration is getting bad, take up bass fishing. It will really improve your ability to focus. If you aren't ready when that fish hits, you can't set the hook.” – **Lee Trevino**

“In this ever-changing world, there are few things that have remained constant for me. The chance of hooking a nice trout still excites and thrills me to this day... just as it did when I was a kid. I like that!” – **M.A. Bookout**

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TBFFC NEWS & NOTES

In November, Gina Russo from Florida Fish and Wildlife will talk on progress of the hatchery. Then we will have our annual holiday party in December to wrap up the year. In January to start the new year, Capt. Bryon Chamberlin will present his photography and offer tips on how to take great pictures of your fish.

On Sunday, 19 November experts and beginners alike are invited to test their fly casting skills at the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club's Annual "Big Gun Shoot-Out" casting competition!

Contestants will participate in competition stations that mimic the challenges of fly fishing, such as casting under the mangroves, into a cup of water, or through a hoop suspended a few feet off the ground. Come out and give it a try – you'll be hooked! More details to come.

To the right is a poem written by our club VP Ted Hagaman. Thanks to Ted for sharing this private part of his life. I welcome unique content such as this and wonder if we have other budding poets out there?

Scent of a River

The river has a scent that's known
To those who wander there.
It welcomes those who slip its banks
And breathe the river's air.

It shares this fragrance willingly
That from its depths have seeped,
It calms the mind and soothes the soul
My essence there is steeped.

I seek this refuge naturally
No one compels me here,
Drawn by the river's flowing grace
Immersed, I'm rid of fear.

I need to visit often then
And loose myself in this,
For wading in a river's when
I sense my nature's bliss.

July 2006

Ted Hagaman

From a collection of writings



Fly Casting Seminar

Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 8:30 am to 3 pm

WHERE: Egan Park, 9101 Blind Pass Rd, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

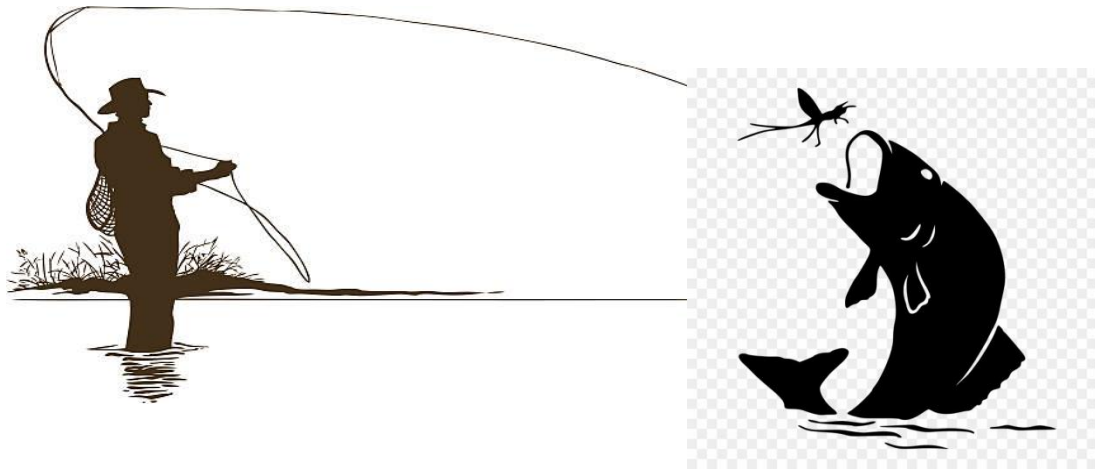
WHAT: We will be flexible with our format. Weather and wind made our last one, "One of the best," as described by several participants of many previous years. We'll keep working on fundamental skills but will make the drills much more like real fishing conditions. All levels of expertise, or lack thereof, will be accommodated and welcomed. Since we will start on time, arrive early and bring whatever equipment you have; leaders and practice flies will be provided. We also have some club rods.

WHO: Master Certified Fly Casting Instructors Dale Mazzarella, Pat Damico, Certified Instructors Jonas Magnusson, Chris O'Byrne, Robert DeAngelis, and others will assist you in developing the skills needed to catch more fish.

COST: Free to FFI members, others can join FFI for a year \$25 for Seniors and Veterans, and \$35 for Regulars.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Come join us for a fun day of friendship and instruction! Members from all clubs are welcome as well as the general public.

Pat Damico, 727-504-8649, Tom Gadacz, 706-726-7899, or Jonas Magnusson 361-903-2846 should be contacted to reserve your place if you haven't signed the sign-up sheet.



The BIG GUN SHOOT-OUT



Sponsored by the **Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club**

Sunday, November 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Picnic Island Park, Tampa (Shelters #611)

Experts and beginners alike are invited to test their fly casting skills at the Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club's annual "Big Gun Shoot-Out" casting competition!

Individuals and teams of 3 are welcome!

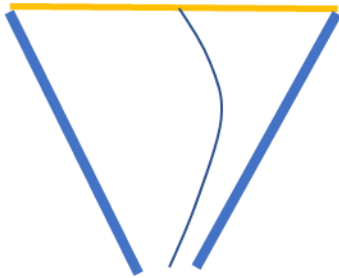
Plaques will be awarded for highest scoring individual, highest scoring teams, and the "Big Gun," the overall distance casting champion. Plus, we will anoint a Women's champion.

Contestants will participate in competition stations that mimic the challenges of fly fishing, such as casting under the mangroves, into a cup of water, or through a hoop suspended a few feet off the ground. Come out and give it a try – you'll be hooked!

The competition will run from 9 am – 2:00 pm. There is NO entry fee, and lunch will be provided to all contestants. You may use your own rod for all competition stations. The Big Gun distance contest must be an 8 weight rod. Volunteers also are needed to help set up the course and score contestants. This is a family oriented event and all are welcome.

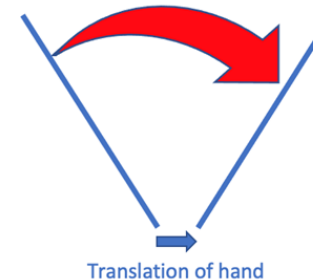
Tailing loop – inappropriate application of power Jonas Magnusson

The key to avoiding a tailing loop is to make sure that the rod tip travels in a straight line. For a rod tip straight line, we necessarily must bend the rod. That bend is dictated by our carry (line outside the tip) and the force we use by moving the rod. We start from a standstill and accelerate smoothly to an abrupt stop. I can't emphasize enough the importance of being smooth.

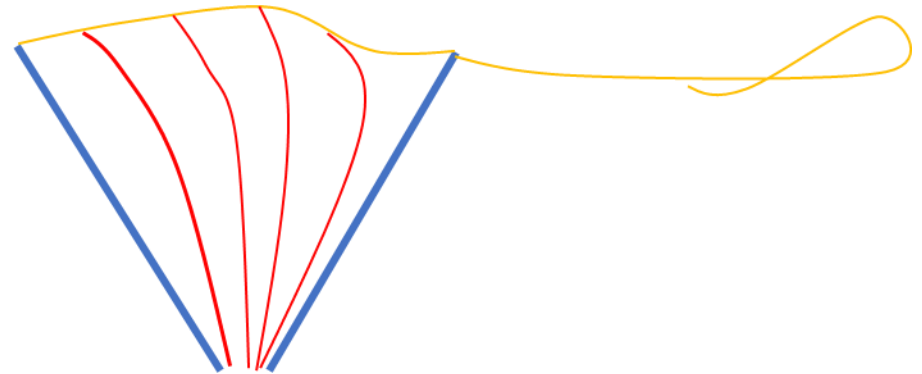


Tip travels in a straight line.

Smooth rod acceleration to an abrupt stop



The rod's acceleration is too slow early in the casting stroke (CS) means a little rod bend and a rising rod tip.



In a nutshell - too slow at first and then too fast.

<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/Casting-Instructor-Certification/How-to-Become-Certified/Definitions/General-Casting>

Carl Hanson Outing - 23 September

We had 4 members from Tampa and 11 from Suncoast show up on a beautiful day to participate in the Carl Hanson tournament. Karen Warfel won the trophy for the most Bluegill caught and Mike Perez tied with a Suncoast member with each catching a 13 inch bass, they will share possession of the Carl Hanson lithograph artwork 50/50. The ginger cookies were another hit! Thanks to all who participated and had a good time.

Special thanks to Robert and Denise for organizing the event for our club. Congratulations to the winners! We hold this annual event to celebrate and remember Carl, quite a character and leader in our fly fishing community.





Cordova, AK 9-17 September

Five club members finally made a trip to Cordova this year after several years of delay. We caught 45 silver salmon, which we brought home. This totaled three 45 lb boxes of processed salmon, so we will have fresh caught wild salmon for some time.

We flew from Denver to Seattle, spent the night and then on to Anchorage and Cordova the next day. We stayed with Becky at the Northern Nights Inn in a three bedroom house and rented an older, white panel van. This worked out okay as it held all of us, plus gear and salmon. And, we did not have to worry about keeping the van clean.

The weather was cool and rained every day. Also, the rivers were running very high and off color. Nonetheless, we made the best of it and caught our limit (15) salmon on two days and a number of salmon of the rest of the days. We found, by luck, a small side stream that was running clear and held salmon. This small stream accounted for most of our fish and was a lot of fun. The fish usually ran later in the day, so the mornings were slow. You could see the fish moving up with their wakes and sight fish for them. Your best chance was to get the fly right in front of their nose for a hit. They were strong fish and quite a battle in the little stream. We lost as many as we landed most days. We also saw a grizzly and a moose just up the stream from us. We stared at each for a few seconds and, fortunately, they turned and beat feet. Becky had loaned us five cans of bear spray, which we returned unused.

One day we skipped salmon fishing and hiked up to the pipeline lakes about 20 miles out of town. This is a beautiful hike through a rain forest and you go one mile up until you hit the first lake. Here we caught beautiful cutthroat trout on dry flies in the rain. We fished three more lakes and then took the loop back down, about 3 ½ miles total. It would have been more fun on a sunny day, but we did not see the sun until the day we left. We also took a short hike to the Sheridan glacier, which was spectacular.

Finally, we drove to the end of the road where they built the million dollar bridge to nowhere. This Bridge once served the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad trains, and was converted to a Highway Bridge in 1958. The Bridge crosses the Copper River between two scenic and active glaciers. The Childs Glacier to the west and the Miles Glacier to the east. Known as the Million Dollar Bridge, and constructed during severe winter conditions, it was considered one of the great engineering feats of all time. A severe flood in 1995 closed the bridge for good.

Cordova is a small fishing village accessible by plane and boat only. You probably should not go there if you don't want to fish for salmon. They have a list of 101 things to do, which we hit most of in our week. All in all, a great trip, which we all enjoyed.





Salmon Patty Recipe

By Patty Anderson

This is a good way to use up leftover cooked salmon or use canned red salmon.

Makes 4 servings

16 oz cooked salmon
¾ cup bread crumbs
2 tbs chopped parsley
1 tbs chopped chives
½ tbs grated lemon zest
1 tbs lemon juice
1 egg lightly beaten
2 tbs milk
1 tbs djon mustard
½ cup fine dried bread crumbs
¼ cup vegetable oil

Sauce

In a medium bowl, stir together bread crumbs, parsley, chives, lemon zest and juice, Egg, milk, mustard until well combined. Shape mixture into 8 round cakes. Put the Dried bread crumbs on a plate and coat each cake thoroughly.

In a non-stick skillet, heat 2 tbs of oil over medium heat. Add half the salmon cakes and cook for about 5 minutes on each side until golden brown. Transfer to an ovenproof pan and keep warm in the oven while you prepare the other 4 cakes. Place 2 cakes on each plate and serve with tarter, remoulade or lemon dill sauce.

Smitty's Monkey's Milk Grub

Fish it in your favorite jig fishing style. Although this was designed for crappie , it works great on any panfish in the smaller size. The larger size I'd use for crappie and even largemouth bass ... also think snook for saltwater!

Materials:

Hook: Jenko Slasher crappie jig hooks, size 1/16 oz to 1/2 oz, white

Thread: Danville's Flatwaxed Nylon, white or minnow blue Tail: Two-toned rabbit zonker, blue and white

Under-body: Minnow Blue Cactus Chenille, medium or micro * NOTE

Over-body: UV White Badger Squishenille, medium or micro * NOTE

Finish: Solarez UV Resin

* NOTE: Use medium size for 1/16 oz. jigs and micro for 1/2 oz. jigs.

Tying Sequence:

1. Place hook in vise and clip off bait retainer. Wrap hook shank with closed wraps from jig head to just past hook point (i.e. tie-in point).
2. Measure tail to two hook lengths, cut and strip away hair from jig head to just in front of tie in point. Lash down zonker forward with open wraps to jig head and then back-wrap in tight closed wraps to tie -in point to secure.
3. Strip off Cactus Chenille, enough to expose thread core to get a secure tie down from tie-in point to jig head, (return thread to tie-in point). Repeat the process with the Squishenille, returning thread to tie-in point.
4. Pull both chenilles away from hook shank and making sure not to trap any of the rabbit fur in with them, start to twist the two chenilles together to make a nice chenille rope,
5. Start palmering rope forward (be sure first wrap cover base of tail) all the while stroking rubber chenille back so as not to overwrap previous turn. Wrap to jig head and tie off with a few tight wraps and then whip finish and trim excess thread.
6. Apply a drop of UV Resin and cure



Capt. Bryon Chamberlin sent us this: "I fished with my friends Capt. Carl Ball and Capt. Honson Lau a couple weeks back in Biscayne Bay for bonefish. Lots of shots And brought quite a few to hand. My biggest for the trip was right at 7lbs. They were tough when the wind wasn't blowing. I couldn't even land a 6wt near them without spoiling them. However, add a little wind and they were much more receptive. These 2 guys know Biscayne Bay like the back of their hand. A 4 hour drive from the Tampa area and you too could be throwing at some bonefish without having to fly anywhere."



Kelly Sobczak sent us this: “Wes and Kelly finally made it to Alaska after a couple of false starts (RV died in Colorado, then hurricane Idalia closed the airport on our departure date). We stayed on the Kenai Peninsula and did some halibut and salmon fishing. In addition, we paddled a canoe in the Swan Lake Canoe System (a mini Boundary Waters system without the crowds) where we caught beautiful little trout and we floated the upper Kenai for large rainbow trout and dolly varden”.



Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

Coping with Wind

When your time to fly fish arrives, do you hope for a day without wind? Knowledgeable fly fishers know there are many ways to deal with different wind situations. Avoid open water, and select an area that offers protection. Stay close to shore and use many of our smaller protected bays. The high banks seen on some rivers, trees, mangrove shorelines, buildings, and canal systems all offer protection. Check wind conditions the day before and plan your trip on paper. Morning easterly wind is frequently followed by afternoon wind from the west. A large narrow bay that runs north to south often provides protected fishing all day. Begin on the eastern side in the morning and fish on the west side in the afternoon. Explore docks and canals, concentrating on points where tidal flow is optimum. Know where there are grass flats with sand holes and dropoffs to find concentrations of fish. A bow-mounted electric motor controls speed and direction. Employ your preferred anchoring system carefully when a concentration of fish is found. Using a fast action rod, a 7 1/2-foot or shorter leader with a 20-pound tippet, downsize flies and reduce their weight to make casting and leader turnover easier. A wind-created chop on the water will allow you to get closer to the fish. If the wind has affected water clarity, use darker flies. Baitfish patterns size 2-4 will work.

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: 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.

Snook will move away from passes as water temperature cools and days get shorter. They will stage around docks and bridges in the ICW and along sand bars, potholes and along mangrove shorelines. They may blow up on fly poppers in shallow water early or late in the day. Small white flies or Gurglers should work well around lighted docks and bridge fenders. I like larger flies, like Lefty's Deceiver and my Grasset Flats Bunny, for snook on the flats due to the larger bait usually found there. Fish peak tidal flows for the best action. Fin-Addict Guide Service, Inc.; E-mail snookfin@aol.com; (941) 923-7799.



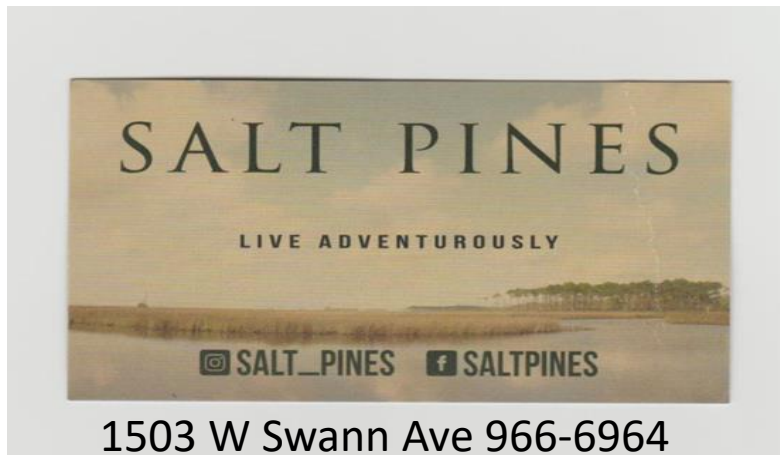
2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan Casting Clinic
- Jan Red Fly Tournament
- 11 Mar Picnic Island Outing
- Mar Annual Banquet
- July 8 Lake Calm Freshwater Outing
- Oct Marine Quest, St Pete
- Oct 21 Carl Hanson Outing
- Nov 8-14 Chattooga Trip for trout
- Nov 18 Casting Clinic, Egan Park
- Nov 19 Big Gun, Picnic Island
- Dec 8 Play Hooky at the Suncoast Youth Center
- Dec 17 Don Coleman Outing, Ft Desoto

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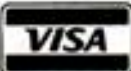
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