



Fly Fishing Committee

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Chairman



The Fly Fishing Committee was formed to educate and instruct RISAA members in all aspects of the sport of salt water fly fishing, to organize fly fishing outings, and to function as a gathering point for RISAA members interested in fly fishing related activities.

Salt Water Fly Fishing

Free Fly Fishing Lessons?

Yes, that is part of the mission of RISAA's Fly Fishing Committee, whose membership includes about 75 men and women of all levels of experience, from novices to experts in all aspects of the sport. We love to fly fish, but we also enjoy teaching, and if you have been away from the sport and want to get back into it, or have never fly fished but want to learn how to do so, here's your opportunity: join the Fly Fishing Committee and let us know what you need, and we will put you in touch with a committee member who can help you out.

If it's advice on tackle we'll help you find and select it. If it's a casting lesson that's needed, bring your rod or borrow one from the mentor and meet at a mutually convenient time and place.

Come to an outing and you'll find an expert who will be pleased to show you where and how to use that fancy equipment to find the fish.

The Fly Fishing Committee's principal activity is fly fishing Rhode Island's beaches, breachways, ponds, and estuaries, and we plan to do plenty of that in 2019.

Our activities will include fishing outings at 100 Acre Cove, Ninigret Pond, Potters Pond, Goddard Park, several locations in Newport, Quonnie Pond, the Bristol Narrows, the Narrow River, and the Weekapaug Breachway, 17 outings in all (we visit some spots more than once), and we will also meet to tie

flies for the species we pursue (primarily striped bass, bluefish, and shad).

In addition, we use our private email group to share current local fishing information and to set up impromptu meetings based on those reports. You don't have to fish with wire lines or big plugs or a live eel to catch big stripers, this report includes a photo of a striper I landed on a Clouser Minnow fly using my 8 weight fly rod off Matunuck Beach several years ago.



A dedicated fly fisher might also want to join the Fly Fishing Committee to meet folks who enjoy traveling to fly fish. I've just returned from Turks and Caicos and committee members are planning to be bone fishing in the Bahamas in April, and false albacore fishing in North Carolina in November. These are not committee activities, although we do use our private email group to exchange information about such opportunities.

The Fly Fishing Committee will be having a dinner meeting at 6:30 PM on April 15 at Gregg's Restaurant in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, and that would be a good place to find out more about us and to meet many of our members.

For more information, or to join the committee, or reserve a seat at the April 15 dinner meeting, visit us at the New England Fishing Show (booth 1302), or contact me, David Pollack, at pollack@risaa.org.



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