



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 numbers more than 95 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. We'll 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.

Several of our Committee members have become addicted to use of the very long rod – Spey Casting – and are happy to assist anyone foolish enough to want to learn that very different fly fishing sport. I caught the bug last year and have even managed to land a few stripers on my 13'4" outfit.

At the Committee's Annual Meeting last year Dennis Pelletier and I were reelected as Vice Chairman and Chairman, respectively, and Dennis and I are planning a full season of activities for the Committee.

Our principal activity is fly fishing from the shores of Rhode Island's beaches, b r e a c h w a y s ,



ponds, and estuaries, and this year we have scheduled fishing outings at 100 Acre Cove, Ninigret Pond, Potters Pond, Barrington Beach, Newport, Quonnie Pond, Bristol Narrows, Narrow River, and the W e e k a p a u g Breachway, 16 scheduled outings in all (we visit some spots more than once). We will also have several boat outings, where boat owners host other Committee members and we will also meet to tie flies for the species we pursue, primarily striped bass, bluefish, false albacore 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.

A dedicated fly fisher might also want to join the Fly Fishing Committee to meet folks who enjoy traveling to fly fish. Quite a few of us travel both nationally and inter-nationally in pursuit of species not often seen in Rhode Island, and we have set up several group adventures of this sort. These are not Committee activities – the Fly Fishing Committee limits its activities to RI location – but we do use our private email group to look for fishing partners and share information about these opportunities.



The Fly Fishing Committee will be having a dinner meeting at 6:30 PM on **Monday, April 13** at Gregg's Restaurant in North Kingstown, RI 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 13 dinner meeting, visit us at booth 1205 at the N.E. Saltwater Fishing Show, or contact me, **David Pollack**, at pollack@risaa.org.