



Fly Fishing Committee

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Chairman



Fly Fishers Welcome September

The RISAA Fly Fishing Committee, which at last count had 95 members, has had an active but, until September 5, relatively slow season.

We've had quite a few outings so far in 2019:

100 Acre Cove in Barrington; Ninigret Pond and Quonnie Pond in Charlestown; Potter Pond in South Kingstown; Kings Park in Newport; Goddard Park in Warwick, and the Narrow River in Narragansett.

While the fishing has been good the "catching" hasn't merited many reports. Until now.

At 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 5, committee members **John Barrett, Joe Coppola, Susan Estabrook, Rick Hamel, Greg Houde, Dave Loren, Barry Rideout, Dave Sill, and I (Dave Pollack)**, met at the Bristol Narrows.

The Narrows is a fun place to fish, because it's a short and easy wade on firm bottom from the parking lot to prime fishing spots, and with plenty of room for back casts and other anglers.

In addition to committee members there were half a dozen other folks fishing, using conventional tackle, and there was room for all of us.

Especially for me. I needed plenty of space because I was trying out my new Spey rod and, being a learner, was flailing away in all directions, front, back, and sides, with that long shooting head and leader. Rick Hamel, on my left, and Joe Coppola, on my right, edged over a bit to give me some room, and it worked! I made a few decent casts, and hooked and landed a very healthy three pound harbor blue.

It was an excellent evening for blue fishing. There were herring and other, smaller, bait in the water, attracting schools of bluefish.

The feeding fish created mini blitzes, marked also by birds, and we could watch the current bring the blitzes and fish into casting range.

I was too busy to watch the other anglers, but I think that everyone caught fish, with multiple hook-ups, and quite a few flies donated to those sharp-toothed critters.

Barry Rideout had positioned himself in a perfect spot, and for a while was casting to fish before they drifted into our casting ranges

One of the nice things about the Fly Fishing Committee is that there is always someone there to help. Dave Loren gave me some good advice on shooting heads and leaders, and several of our members gave flies, and advice on how to use them, to other committee members.

Frequently, one of our experienced committee members will

see a novice struggling, or a less experienced fly caster whose cast could stand improvement, and will walk over and volunteer assistance.



RISAA Fly Fishing Committee members landed lots of bluefish during the September 5 fishing outing at the Bristol Narrows

ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Fly Fishing Committee will be held at 6:30 PM on Monday, November 11, at Gregg's Restaurant, 4120

Quaker Lane, North Kingstown.

Gregg's is a great place to have a meeting. They give us a private room and allow us to order off the menu (or not at all since there's no cover charge or minimum), with separate checks.

If you have any interest in Fly Fishing, or the Fly Fishing Committee, our meeting will be a good place for you to meet us.

If you have any questions, contact me, Dave Pollack at pollack@risaa.org.