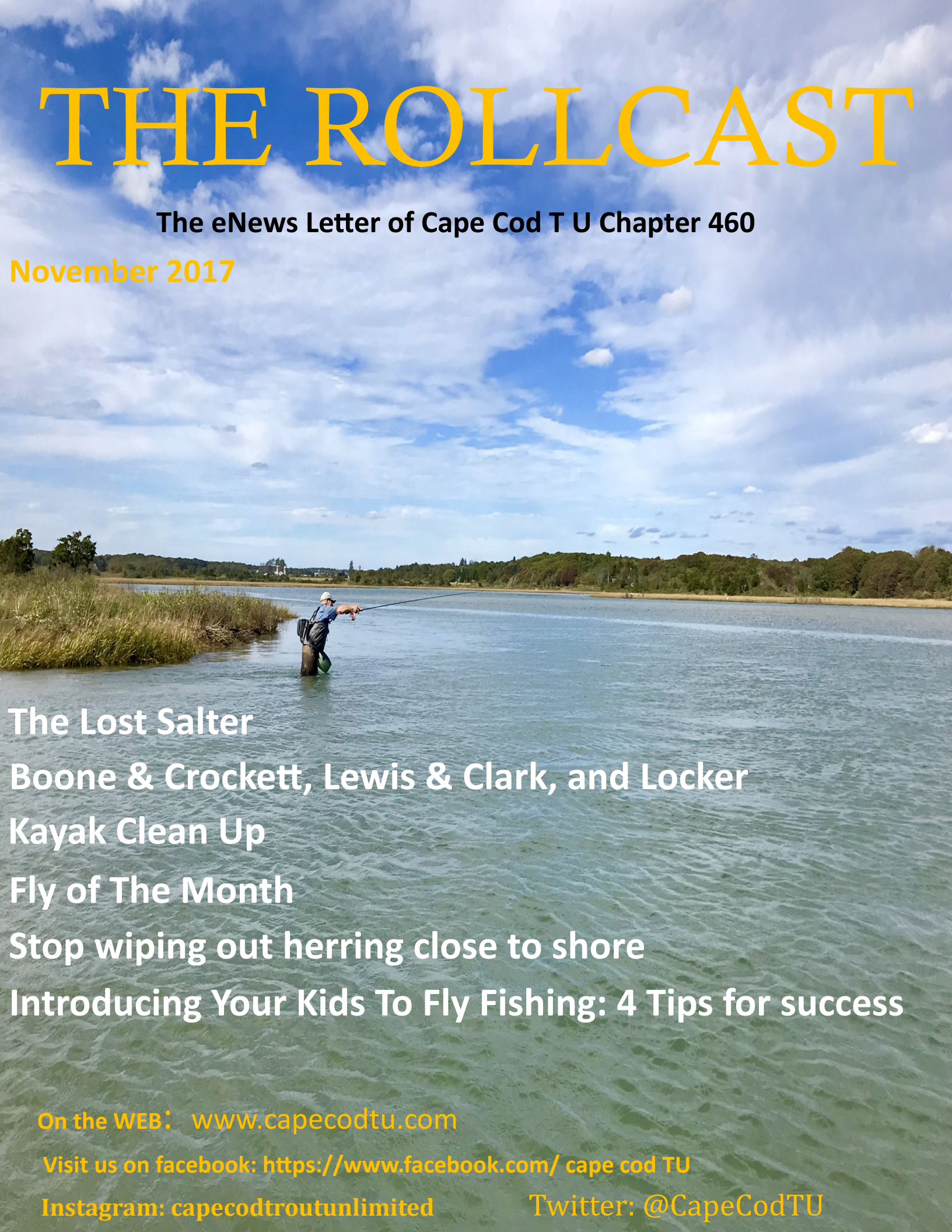


THE ROLLCAST

The eNews Letter of Cape Cod T U Chapter 460

November 2017

A person is fly fishing in a body of water, likely a pond or lake. The person is standing in the water, holding a fishing rod and reel. The water is calm with some ripples. In the background, there is a line of trees and a small building on the shore. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

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President's Message

We are so fortunate to have such a diverse group of anglers that bring a wealth knowledge and experience to our local Cape Cod chapter. Whether hunting for stripers in the estuaries, presenting dry flies to Catskills trout and streamers to local salters, or teaching fishing and conservation to the next generation, you will find these type of stories written by our peers in this and future newsletters. Excellent cover photo Josh; I trust you were able to teach your "subject" how to catch his first ever schoolie! Moreover, what is better than seeing browns slurp up emerging caddis; thanks Pat Sekerak and Ted Krzynowek for your respective submissions on floating the Delaware and introducing new dry fly products. (I can't wait for the chapter's June trip to Trout Town USA). Also, don't miss Woody Mills story on the 22" Cape Cod Brook Trout or Steve Petruska's and Tom Planert's submissions on education and conservation. Thank you all.

Conservation and stream restoration is the theme for this month's presentation. We will hear from Betsy Gladfelter and the challenges she and her group (Coonamessett River Trust) overcame to get their project moving forward. The Coonamessett is just one of the many Cape rivers that spawned magnificent trout over the many centuries. Damming and farming took their toll on our rivers, but there is lots of new energy in rehabbing these once, *destination* rivers. This is a good news story.

Other good news to report is that the Theodore Gordon Flyfishers has made a second grant to CCTU for our restoration efforts on the Quashnet. Fran and company will be putting this donation to good work over the coming year. Join us in December on our next outing.

Opportunities are on the horizon for future leaders of our chapter. Each year we hope to bring in new faces with new ideas to help us continue moving the chapter forward. Pat Grenier (Vice President) and Bret Bokelkamp (Secretary) will both be stepping down from their officer positions. Fortunately, both will be retained on the board and will continue to make significant impacts. Let me know if either of those opening positions is of interest to you and/or consider joining the Board of Directors. For me personally, many opportunities have opened up due to the relationships developed by volunteering and being engaged with chapter activities.

See you all at the Chapter meeting. Let us all continue to do are part for Conservation (advocate in public, practice sound catch and release, don't leave trash behind, support our local raffles and banquet, and expand the CCTU brand across the many rivers and ponds on Cape).

Tight Lines!

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Random Casts for November 2017

Gossip, News, B.S. & Assorted Twaddle from Red & the Staff of Random!

New and archived Rollcast's can be read at the CCTU website: CAPECODTU.org

Cover Photo: taken by Joshua K. Wrigley. Pat Grenier getting it done!

Cape receives \$10M in federal funds for water projects

For those of you without access to the Cape Cod Times you may google the Cape Cod watershed funding article article online or use this link to read the Cape Cod Times article on the watershed funding as follows:

www.capecodtimes.com/news/20171004/cape-receives-10m-in-federal-funds-for-water-projects



Upcoming Events

November Meeting: Wednesday November 8th at Liberty Hall. 6:00pm

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 8th.

Our speaker will be Betsy Gladfelter of the Coonamessett River Trust.

Quashnet River Workday: There is no workday scheduled in November

Sunday December 17th We'll be meeting at the Martin Road gate at 9:00AM. Come on down and join the gang as we continue to work to improve the habitat for wild native brook trout in this river. The work to preserve wild fish is very important here on Cape Cod!

Upcoming/Scheduled Quashnet River Workdays:

December 17

Santuit River work with the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition:

No dates have been scheduled yet for the next outing on the Santuit. However, last week Justin Fleming, Bob Golder, and Tim Lynch put in a half dozen woody debris structures at the Santuit workday.

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Upcoming Events continued...

Kayak Clean up Saturday November 11th, 2017

Pamet River, Truro 10AM to Noon

Contact:

Tom Planert, Phone Number -774-521-9629. Look for further details on page 23.

RED BROOK Workdays:

First Saturday of the month workdays are held on the 1st Saturday of the month meet @ the Lyman Re-serve parking lot, Head of the Bay Road in Wareham 9am-ish. Those of you who cannot make the Quashnet Workday due to it being held on Sunday can get your conservation "fix" on a Saturday! This project is an ongoing MA/RI Council conservation project staffed mainly by Southeastern MA TUer's. Red Brook info? Warren "Windknot" Winders @ 781-878-1074. CCTU-ers! It is highly recommended that you call the "Windknot" before trekking all the way to Red Brook.

Winter Fly Tying Nights: 2018 Dates are in! Bring a friend.

The CCTU fly tying nights will start in January. If you have never tied a fly before or have been tying for many years come out and join in. There is no cost for this and equipment and materials are available if needed. Tying will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm or even later if there's interest to stay. These events will be held at Liberty Hall on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month starting in January: January 17th, 24th, *31st February 21th, 28th March 21st, 28th .

Fly Fishing School: Spread the word!

The 2018 date for Our annual CCTU Fly Fishing School has been announced. It will be held at the Oak Crest Lodge in Sandwich from Friday May 4th to Sunday 6th. This is our great school that includes lodging and meals with the same low price. Look for more details ahead and think about someone that you might know that would really enjoy learning to fly fish at this school. **May 4th, 5th, and 6th 2018**



TROUT UNLIMITED

CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND RESTORING NORTH AMERICA'S COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS

Upcoming Events continued...

2017 CCTU Pond Challenge

Rules:

1. How many different Cape Cod Ponds can you catch at least 1 Trout? (1 point)
2. Catch a Trout while fishing with a TU friend? (1 bonus point)
3. Catch a Trout while fishing with a friend who then joins CCTU? (2 bonus points)
4. Challenge ends 31 Dec 2017; Pat Grenier is POC and will collect all entries.
5. Winner/Award Ceremony will be at January 2018 meeting. Happy fishing!



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Boone & Crockett, Lewis & Clark,...and Locker (May 2002, 2003, 2004, etc...)

“Tales from the Catskill Woods.”

The following story is an excerpt from my fishing journal, and other miscellaneous mythological musings, collectively known as “Tales from the Catskill Woods.” by Patrick Sekerak, CCTU life member

Floating the upper Delaware River can be one of the most productive ways to fish both the East Branch and the West Branch, as well as the Main Stem. But, depending on who you float with, it can become much more than just a fishing trip. It might even turn into a minor expedition.

I would say that my good friend Henry ‘Hank’ Locker is much more an avid and expert hunter than a dedicated fly fisher. Just one recent visit to Hank’s wonderful summer house on the East Branch of the Delaware confirmed my speculation. The deer trophy mounts on the great room cathedral wall, and other hunting memorabilia (including a full size, standing black bear) would rival the taxidermy displays at many of Cabela’s retail stores. Some of those whitetail buck mounts represent very respectable Boone & Crockett scores. But when it comes to fly fishing, Hank is not necessarily a student of the game. Although just as enthusiastic, he is not quite as ‘into it’ as, say, Jersey Joe Janicki, who is Hank’s major source for custom tied trout flies. Incidentally, Hank’s favorite hatch is a “T-bone meat hatch” imitated precisely with a size 2/0, 3XL Muddler Minnow, likely tied in a Beijing sweatshop, but #22 Blue Wing Olives, not so much. If he could ‘hunt’ rising trout with a 60” drawstring recurve bow, that would really be Hank’s cup of tea.

I can attest to other things, however, that Hank does really well on the water. One is his uncanny and unrelenting ability to expertly maneuver a drift boat through all kinds of river conditions. Another is riverside camp style cooking, and of course, camp style eating with a particular gusto that has earned him the nickname “Emeril on the East Branch.” I have had the pleasure of floating with Hank a number of times. Each foray into the watery unknown has been memorable for a number of reasons. We even caught some fish along the way, but that’s not necessarily what stands out in my memory bank.

Your standard 16 foot western style drift boat is designed with plenty of room for three people, their fishing equipment and boat gear, such as: life vests, a spare oar, extra boat plugs, searchlight, batteries, a small cooler, first aid kit, duct tape, 100' of rope, etc. Hank's drift boat, however, carries some additional inventory: a Char-Broil portable gas grille, coffee pot, single burner stove (for the coffee pot), frying pans, silverware, plates, mugs, open fire grate, cooking fork, spatulas, a big cooler stocked with food and drinks, 48" compact recurve bow, tiki torches on seven foot poles (nah, I'm just joking about the bow and the tiki torches -- although the torches would add a nice touch on sunset dinner cruises).

One memorable East Branch float that comes to mind was an excursion a while ago in late Spring from Fishs Eddy down to Cadosia, a good trip of roughly eleven river miles. We put in at the NYDEC parking lot at Long Pool which is not the easiest place to launch a drift boat. In fact, it took all three of us (Hank, Joe Janicki, and me) to carry Hank's boat sideways with the inside gunwale on our shoulders through the very narrow, tree lined path to the river. The gear came next, of course including the 'chuck wagon' load of food and cooking equipment. I felt like a Hudson Bay Company voyageur on a French River portage. I should have known right then that this float was going to escalate to the expedition class. Jerry "The Flying Dutchman" Vandermaas joined us floating separately in his pontoon boat, and by the time we all got loaded and underway, it was pushing well into the afternoon.

Despite the late start, we still had enough time to execute our game plan. We would fish quickly through the upper few miles and get downstream to Peas Eddy in the early evening. We'd fish more deliberately

down through the more inaccessible stretch from Peas Eddy Island down to the Cadosia riffles just before dark, hopefully through some hatching bugs and rising fish. Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a.....

So, off we go with Hank at the oars, Joe J in the bow, and me in the stern seat on a beautiful, warm, clear, windless afternoon with some of the lightest fished sections of the Lower East Branch just waiting for the arrival of our flotilla. I swear we had not even cleared the Partridge Islands a short way downstream, when Captain Locker announced, "Man, that launch at Fishs Eddy worked up my appetite, let's look out for a good place for a shore lunch."

As much as I like to fish, I also love stream or lake side meals which can sometimes be the highlight of a day's outing. We all recognized Hank's riverside chef skills, so we enthusiastically unloaded on a little grassy island, and began preparing our afternoon repast. I have enjoyed many shore lunches along Maine's West Grand Lake flowage, expertly prepared by Grand Lake Stream fishing guides, and I must say, Hank's version that day ranks right up there with the best of them. Trouble is, after a feast like that, you want to lay down in the sun-warmed grass for a good nap. We stayed way too long.

Before we even reached Peas Eddy, a good sulphur hatch stopped us in our tracks, and we decided to beach the boat and wade, and wade,....and wade. Time just fades away when trout are rising steadily to your offerings like gluttons..... Farther down a way below Peas Eddy Brook, what looked like egg-laying caddis stopped us again. This time we anchored in-stream casting to gulpers slurping spent caddis all around us. We were burning daylight, fast. Needless to say, by this time our meticulously crafted game plan was tossed overboard. We were then rudely interrupted by a stream side resident running down to the river wildly gesturing and frothing at the mouth, shouting at us, "You can't anchor here, you have to keep moving, get the 'bleep' out of here before I call the DEC." What's his problem? Of course, we unknowingly ignored him; anyway, we weren't going to leave rising fish. We moved down a little way and anchored again. We learned later that he was correct, drift boats are not supposed to anchor in this section of the river. Who knew? But, who cares, let him call the DEC, it's getting so dark that by the time they get here they would never be able to see us. That's right Captain, with fog beginning to close in, it's so dark now that we can barely see the 'freakin' river banks, and by the way, has anyone seen "The Dutchman" lately? Rub-a-dub-dub....., and we're only halfway through the float.

And now, Captain Locker stands up, taking the classic stance like George Washington crossing the Delaware, and boldly proclaims, "Hey guys, we better look for a place to stop and cook dinner before it gets too dark to pick out a good spot. Where's Jerry, he's got one of my coolers.....Whoa, what did we just run over....."

"What!! Hank, it's so late now, it will take us past midnight to get down to Cadosia," Joe J exclaimed

Really, Joe? You're the last person I thought would object to fishing in the dark after midnight. But, I certainly agreed. I have trouble finding the Cadosia access in broad daylight, let alone on a moonless, charcoal black night with river fog rolling in. Then there's the boulder strewn Cadosia riffles to deal with if you miscalculate in the midnight blindness. And don't forget the commercial eel weir downstream of Peas Eddy Island that can block the river nearly bank-to-bank. Not a good plan. In the footsteps of Fletcher Christian, Joe and I combined in a minor mutiny to convince Hank to press on downstream, and postpone the grilled venison tenderloin for another trip. I must admit, that was a really tough choice.

By now, "The Dutchman", in the foggy stillness of the enveloping darkness, was able to zero in on our mid-stream mutinous harangue and re-join the expedition. We slowly, carefully navigated downstream through the thickening fog looking for the single 100w bulb that illuminates the steep mudslide ruts that pass for the so-called Cadosia 'boat ramp.' We used up the spare searchlight batteries that night.

If Henry Locker had accompanied Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their famous expedition, they might still be floating somewhere in northern Montana along the upper Missouri River on their way west. Not because Hank lacks the necessary woodsman's skills, he is certainly more than competent in the wilds. But, with Hank along on the riverboat, they would have had to stop so many times along the way to hunt, cook, and eat that Oregon would have surely become the 33rd state long before they reached the Pacific.

Floating with Captain "Emeril on the East Branch" Locker is great sport, and a great outing in many ways. If you get the opportunity, by all means, go. Why only read Homer's "Odyssey" when you might actually be able to experience it. But, be advised, skip breakfast and leave home before first light, sunrise is not too early to launch.

Fly of The Month

Brown Owl



Hook: Wet-fly, #14

Thread: Pearsall's Gossamer silk, orange (#6A)

Wings: Hackled with a reddish brown feather from the lesser coverts of a Tawny or Brown Owl's wing. (Substitute with wing coverts of an English woodcock)

Body: Tying thread

Head: Bronze peacock herl

Fountains of Youth – Classic trout flies that have withstood the test of time

From Rusty Dunn of Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited

November Meeting

Wednesday November 8th

6:00 PM

Liberty Hall Marstons Mills (Address: 2150 Main St, Marstons Mills, MA 02648

Our speaker will be Betsy Gladfelter of the Coonamessett River Trust.

**THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH: held a ceremony for the groundbreaking of the
COONAMESSETT RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT on Monday, October 30, 2017**

Betsy will speak on how we can "rewild" our valuable wetland resources, so that they can provide better habitat for wildlife, increase coastal resiliency, and provide more opportunities for being in nature for now and for future generations.

October Meeting Recap...

We were again fortunate to have Tim Flagler (the owner of Tightline Productions, L.L.C., a video production company located in Califon, NJ.) as our speaker. Tim's presentation on fishing after dark included a wealth of video, tips, techniques, and big fish. At certain times of the year, fishing after the sun goes down can be spectacular and the chances of hooking into a monster are better than any other part of the day. Fishing in the dark does take some getting used to but with a few tricks, some basic equipment and minor modifications to technique, it can be an absolute blast.

Prior to the presentation Tim held a Fly Tying class. The group tied Tim's nighttime go to patterns.

As a follow up to our October meeting, attached are the 4 videos from Tim's class on the 11th. Here are the names and links to Tim tying them on YouTube:

- Composite Loop Zonker: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_J3i_UQJi8
- Gurgle Mouse (Tim renamed it the "Less Mess Morrish Mouse): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tUpLKoVdEo>
- Egg Sucking Leech: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6urvusPWZI>
- Craft Fur Clouser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8p1RDFr6yo>



Introducing Your Kids to Fly Fishing:

4 Tips for Success

Fishing is a wonderful family activity and it provides a great way to bond with your children.

But while plenty of parents hand their child a spinning rod and head down to the local farm pond, relatively few try to teach their kids how to fly fish.

This is understandable, given the complexity of the activity, but unfortunate too. The truth is, most youngsters are perfectly capable of learning to whip a fly through the air. No, fly fishing isn't an ideal pursuit for very young children, but most kids can learn to handle a fly rod by the time they are 10 to 12 years of age.

However, it's always important to have success while introducing children to any type of fishing, otherwise, they'll get bored and lose interest.

And while it is slightly more complicated to do so when you are trying to teach them to fly fish, you can still set yourself up for success by keeping the following four considerations in mind.

1. Pick a fly rod well-suited for young anglers.

You don't want to hand your child a rod designed for an adult, as it'll be difficult for your youngster to wield and control.

Instead, try something about [7 or 8 feet long with moderate action](#), which will enable your child to feel the rod load more effectively. And while you should always try to go with a rod of reasonable quality, there's no need to spend a fortune on your child's first fly rod, which they may break.

2. Fish in accessible and productive locations.

In the interests of catching fish, you'll want to go somewhere that you know is productive.

Don't waste your time trekking hours up a mountain stream with your kid to reach some new pool you've been dying to fish. Instead, you want to go to a place in which you regularly catch fish.

Additionally, avoid places with numerous obstacles in favor of places with wide-open casting lanes and ample elbow room.

3. Target fish that are easy to catch.

You may lay awake at night dreaming about wild and wary brown trout, but these are poor targets for first-time fly fishers.

Instead, concentrate on species and fish that are more likely to take a taste of your fly.

Panfish often hit flies quite aggressively, and they put up a great fight once hooked. Rainbow trout can also be a worthy target, especially in well-stocked waters.

4. Use only the most productive flies.

You want fish striking and rods bending, so tie one of your most productive flies on your child's line to set them up for success. This may not be the time to break in your new experimental fly pattern.

If you're not familiar with the local fish, be sure to chat up the locals to find out what works in the area.

Also, you'll want to use simple floating flies, such as the new [Double Barrel Bass Bug poppers](#), which are easy to retrieve and fairly simple to fish.

If you'd like to learn more about introducing your kids to angling in general, check out [Outdoor Empire's](#) comprehensive review of the subject. It is targeted at conventional angling more than fly fishing, but it will still provide invaluable information and advice for making your child's first fishing trip a success.

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Thanks to Steve Petruska for locating and securing this article.

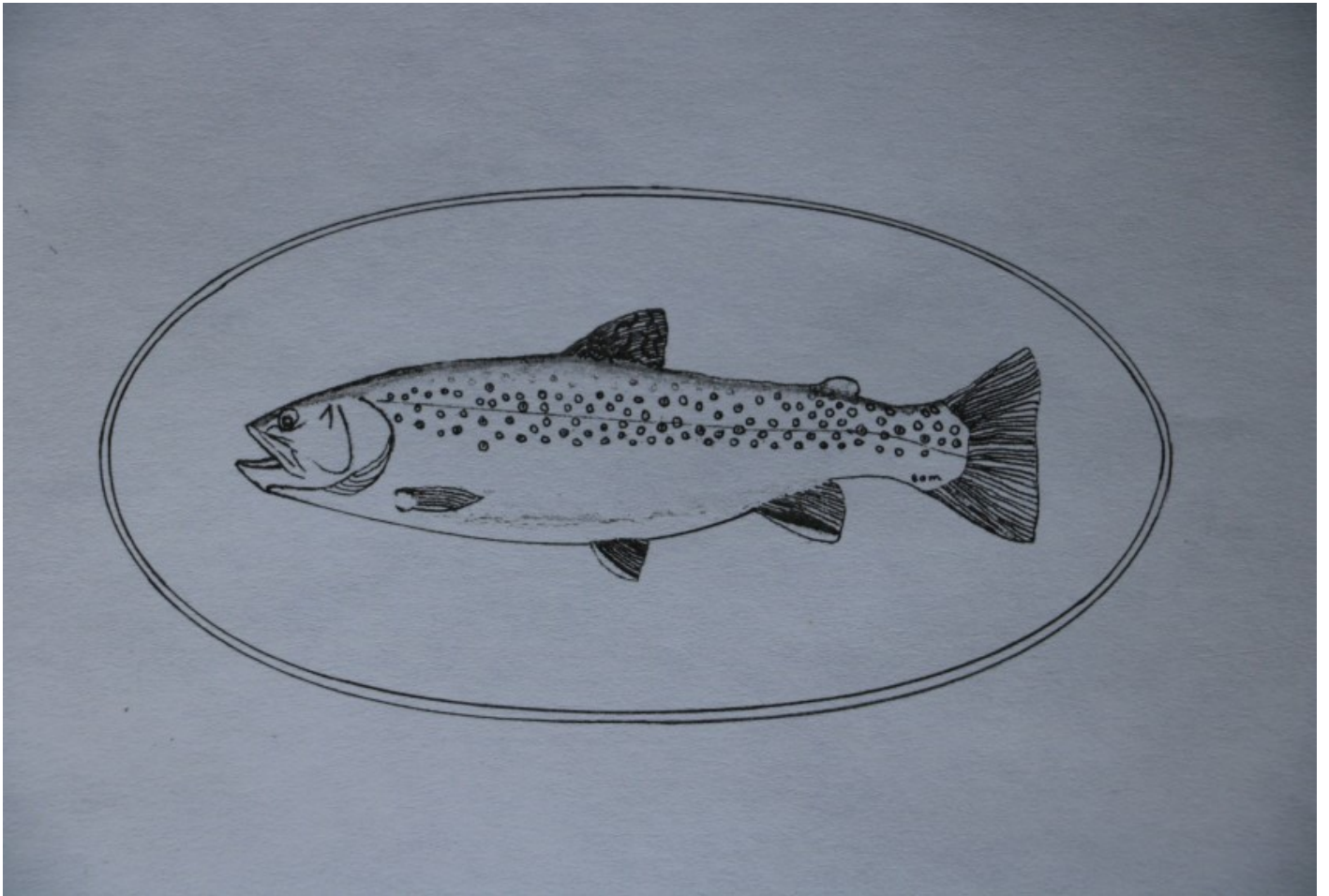
Quashnet River *News*

Fall electroshocking has taken place. We'll look to post results in next months Rollcast. Our next work day is scheduled for Sunday December 17th. *There is no workday scheduled for November.



Can you guess when this picture of the Quashnet River was taken?

The Lost Salter



The approximated drawing above, is a close rendition, and all that remains of the four and three-quarters pound, 22-inch salter brook trout caught by my grandfather Ferdinand Mills. This huge trout was caught in the Quashnet River in 1929, when he was 28 years old. Grandfather "Ferd" no doubt, scouted out the location, while freely and peacefully travelling the many sandy back roads leading to still pristine fishing streams. Back then he had the luxury to carefully concoct a plan to catch this magnificent sea-run fish.

The taxidermy mount of this great fish was displayed, and maintained a presence during my childhood for many years on an oval plaque in my father's grocery store, "The Ockry Trading Post" in Mashpee, which also included a small bait and tackle shop.

Over the years the mounted fish had deteriorated somewhat, and was in need of a restoration. Only recently did I realize the significance of this trout, especially when inquiries as to its whereabouts began to trickle in. It seems that someone had discovered a passage about this mounted salter written up in Paul Brodeur's book "Restitution," published in 1985.

After being showcased in my father's store, the mount was hung in the den and party room of his home on the shores of Santuit Pond for a time. In researching digitized home movies to hunt down any possible photos of the fish, I actually found the unmistakable oval plaque in the background hanging on the wall, directly behind my father, who was pictured in the 8mm film. I used my dad's shoulders to estimate the length of the plaque, which I judged to be 24-inches, and that would make the fish approximately 22-inches long. Upon conducting a little research, I was able to use a weight formula for brook trout to help further determine a more definitive measurement. The formula calculated that a four and three-quarters pound brook trout would be 22-inches long, making my estimate fairly accurate. However, any detail of the actual fish in the digitized movie film was almost illegible. Only with intense scrutiny, was I able to identify an eye, and the very faintest hint of a ghost-like tail. Later, another search was conducted from the actual reels of film. There were two large reels that contained all of my family's old home movies. After spending three days searching through what seemed like a mile of tiny rectangles of 8mm film, I found what I was looking for at the very end of the second reel. I did find a better image where I could make out most of the actual outline of the fish. There were really no differences between this image compared to my drawing, so that leaves me very satisfied and confident that this is an accurate representation in all respects.

From the den, the trail goes cold. The fish may or may have not moved to my Dad's camp in Wilton Maine, or it could have been left behind, forgotten in Mashpee? The whereabouts of the trophy mounted salter is a mystery, and is now a metaphor for the demise of our great sea-run streams of the past. We can only hope that in the future through the restoration efforts of many conservation groups that our rivers will once again feel the heartbeat of the sea-run migration for salter brook trout.

This 22-inch salter was certainly not the biggest fish discovered by Mr. Ferdinand, but it would have to do for a trophy mount, perhaps to remind him of the smarter, well-educated fish that had eluded him. Little did he realize at the time, while blissfully observing and trying to catch a different six-pound-plus fish, that he was witnessing the last of the great salter trout.

This story is from a chapter in the recently published book: "Fly Fishing the Worm Hatch and other Saltwater Stories," by Woody Mills. Available on Amazon or the Isaiah Thomas Bookstore in Cotuit.

Conservation Corner

Santuit River electrofishing results show promise!

Below is a note from Steve Hurley with electrofishing results taken September 29th.

Adam Kautza and I electrofished the Santuit River today: Below Sampsons Mill Road we caught 4 wild brookies (232-272 mm) including 1 untagged migrant from the Mashpee River/or lost tag male at 272 mm in 1325 seconds of effort.

Above Sampson Mill Road we captured 12 wild brookies (all tagged) from 165-267 mm in 2577 seconds of effort. So of the 45 brook trout introduced from the Mashpee, we captured 15-16 trout. Of the 22 stocked below Sampsons mill we recaptured 5 (4 above Sampsons Mill and 1 below) and of the 23 stocked above Sampson mill we recaptured 10 (2 below Sampson Mill and 8 above).

All the trout appeared well fed and had grown from about 0.5 inch to 3 inches in length.

Hopefully some of these fish will produce the new crop of Santuit River fish this fall.

Many of the fish had obvious bird strikes and I came face to face with an otter here a couple of months ago so these fish are survivors!

Thanks to all who helped improve the habitat of the river by placement of woody structure, the brook trout and I appreciate all the efforts! There seems to be plenty of good structure for the trout in the river now.

The river was high today with a lot of Santuit Pond water coming down along with YOY herring. We also sighted YOY largemouth bass, chain pickerel and pumpkinseed sunfish, golden shiner and one brown bullhead, all species, that most likely came from the pond as well as American eel, white sucker and mummichog.

Steve Hurley
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Conservation Corner



Brookie from September 29th electrofishing Santuit River

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Stop wiping out Herring close to shore.

By Tom Planert taken from the Cape Cod Times.

To Quote Andrew Gottlieb and John Pappalardo, in their recent article, in the Cape Cod Times, “The fish we celebrate are river herring. They have close cousins, ocean herring, that also travel great distances in the ocean but don’t need to return to fresh water. At times these two schools mingle, as families often do, and one place where that happens is near the shores of Cape Cod.

And so when large midwater herring trawlers, often working in tandem and dragging huge nets between them, scoop up millions of pounds of ocean herring, they capture large numbers of river herring as well. The river herring becomes what is known as “bycatch” – caught, though not intentionally targeted, but dead nonetheless.

In an effort to preserve the species, we have stopped people from scooping up so much as a single herring from our runs. Yet millions of river herring are killed just offshore and denied the chance to reproduce. It makes no sense.

This is only one reason the Association to Preserve Cape Cod and the Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen’s Alliance have come together to call on federal regulators to create a buffer zone around the Cape to stop midwater herring trawling in our waters. The other reasons have to do with the health of our oceans and the future of our historic small-boat fishery.

Herring are a crucial part of our ecosystem. Where they congregate, all manner of fish congregate too – codfish, bluefish, striped bass, tuna, you name it. When forage fish like herring are wiped out, those fish go elsewhere in search of food. And so the herring fleet’s catch and profit come at the expense of much of our fleet and recreational fishermen, and to the detriment of our environment, too. To make matters worse, much of the herring caught doesn’t even feed people. It becomes bait for lobster traps – and there certainly are other less damaging options for that. There even are unconfirmed reports that it is ground into pet food – again, there are better options.

We are not saying that herring trawlers should be banned. We are saying that these huge, very efficient and voracious boats do not need to fish within a few miles of our shores, wreaking havoc on our local fisheries, canceling out the hard work we’ve done to rebuild our herring runs. Proposals now before the New England Fisheries Management Council would, after many years and much effort, address this most serious problem.

Together, as the strongest fishermen’s alliance and the premier environmental association on the Cape and Islands, we urge the council to take these steps, and we urge readers to join us, by writing to NEFMC Executive Director Tom Nies, 50 Water Street., Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950, in support of a herring buffer zone from our near shore.

Fishing Photos



Quashnet Brookie! The fly was left in the mouth of this Brookie; look closely at picture for those curious.

Share a Story with Our Readers:

We are looking to see if some members would want to share a short story of experiences they have had. This can be anything from a couple of paragraphs to a couple of pages. If you have something to share please email it along and it will be included here.

Email to: ccturollcast4@gmail.com

Kayak Clean Up

Kayak Cleanup Saturday November 11, 2017

– **Note Date Changed to November 11, 2017**

Truro, Pamet River

Truro Herring Warden Tony Jackett, 508-246-5336, Saturday we can park free so date changed to November 11, Sunday November 12, is a parking problem with an event Truro has that day.

Directions:

From Cape Cod Canal take Rte. 6 into Truro, take right at Pamet Center sign, turn right onto South Pamet Road, turn right at Truro Center sign towards Boston, turn left at T intersection, go 50' and turn right onto Depot Road/Street. Follow Depot Road/Street to the end, parking at large asphalt parking lot area near the boat ramp.

Start:

At launch next to Guard Shack, 9AM to Noon

Length:

½ mile in the river, we can clean the surrounding harbor as well.

Tidal:

Yes, strong currents at times.

Parking:

Yes free on Saturday, November 11. Park at the edge of the parking lot closest to the ocean, about 100' East of the Guard Shack.

Notes:

Strong currents possible. Safety First, bring PFD for each person, cover whole body for ticks if near weeded areas taking kayak on the shore, for example. Bring water, sun screen, sun glasses, whistle and compass, bring plastic garbage bags and fishing equipment, as we can fish if there is not much garbage to clean up.

Each kayak must have a throw-able rope and an extra paddle.

Contact Phone Number 774-521-9629 if any problems finding the parking area, etc.

Kayak Clean Up

Kayak Cleanup 2017 Schedule

May 13, Peter's Pond, Sandwich. 9AM to Noon, Directions will be sent for each trip the month before, in the Rollcast. This is a test trip, as this is the first event, no tides to deal with and we are simply cleaning any garbage from the pond. We will check that all cleaning equipment, safety equipment and forms for each kayaker are ready. Don't forget to bring fishing gear for after the cleanup, as well.

Again a map with directions and instructions will be sent for the event in advance to give everyone plenty of time to prepare. I tried to keep the meetings in the morning on Sundays as much as possible, this usually required the second Sunday of the Month with the tides for 2017. Cleanup areas were spread out on the Upper and Lower Cape, as well as on both the North and South sides of the Cape, as is shown below.

May 13, Peters Pond, Sandwich 9AM to Noon

June 11, Swan River, Dennis. 7AM to 11AM

July 9, Bass River, Yarmouth 8AM to Noon

August 13, Sesuit River, Dennis 9AM to Noon

September 10, Scornton Creek, Sandwich 9AM to Noon

October 8, Childs River, Falmouth 7AM to 10AM

November 11, Pamet River, Truro 10AM to Noon

December 10, Herring River, Wellfleet 9:30AM to 11:30AM

January and February are off due to weather and the Tide Charts do not come out until February typically.

This is the first time we are doing this type of event and the time it takes for an estuary/river to empty of fill may be more or less than 1 hour, we will adjust after each event in case we are not accurate. A few rivers were not long and 1 hour was used, on long rivers 1.5 hours was used for this first round of estimations of low or high tide.

Kayak Clean Up



Kayak Cleanup results from Childs River, good outing with lots of garbage collected.



The streak continues. The crew have caught fish on every Kayak Cleanup so far. Thanks to Pat Grenier for spotting this one hiding under a bridge, caught on the last cast for the day.

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New Fishing Product Review: **High N Dry**

By fellow T U member Ted Krzynowek

(Ted Krzynowek and his wife are avid fly fishermen and recently moved to the Cape. Ted wanted our members to be aware of a new product that was introduced last year.)

First, I want to state that I am not involved in this endeavor.

Background: For over 25 years a group of us have been fishing in Montana. The group consists of former clients of mine and my wife. My wife and I and two others in the group are chemists. Initially, these fishing trips were business trips but have continued after most of us retired. Two years ago Dr. Vincent Ting and Ken Myers, both chemists decided as a lark to make a better floatant. A third member Dennis Eversole, a retired Toshiba executive and entrepreneur, convinced them that if their efforts were successful he would form a company to market the products.

Product development: The first thing they did was to chemically analyze the major products on the market. Their objective was to make products that were environmentally safe and nonflammable. The major area they wanted to improve was the flies ability to float in rough water. The group prefer to dry fly fish and our trips are scheduled around specific hatches. We all constantly had difficulty getting the dry flies to float high on the water, especially on the fast freestone rivers in Montana. The key priority of the development was to formulate a product that cleaned the fly of the slime and then treat it to keep it dry. My personal view is that this characteristic is what separates their product from all the existing products. If you want the fly to float, it must be as clean as a new fly. I am sure your members are aware of this problem. They succeeded.

The second phase was to test the products. Since we have fished primarily with two guides, one on the Big Horn River and another on The Missouri, they were asked to prepare a list of Montana guides that were willing to field test the products. In 2015, sample kits were sent and the results confirmed the superiority of the products. Based on these results, they went into production. The product line is called HighNDry. It is available in many fly shops in Montana but not here in the East.

I recommend that you check out their web site, www.highndryfishingproducts.com. Give the floatants a try. They will improve your dry fly fishing.

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