



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

MAY 2011

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NEXT MEETING: May 19

Fly Fishing School - casting and rod/line match - see below for details.

FLY OF THE MONTH: If weather is nice there will not be a fly, but we will have a knot and rigging table. If the weather is not desirable, we will tie the Haystack at 6:30

The May meeting will start at 6:30 and will be held outside on the lawn of Bayside Presbyterian church. We will have the opportunity to match your rod with other types of lines as provided by members of the club. This event was a big success last time we did it and offered the chance to try before you buy a line and decide if you like it. The more equipment you bring, especially lines, the more useful the evening will be. Here is how it will work.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE ROD AND REEL WITH LINE: It will be tagged and made available for anyone else to cast and pair different lines with a particular rod. The best option is to use your rod and put different lines to it and see if you can get better action and more out of your cast. There will be club members present to help you with casting if you desire. Please contact Ron Russell at Ronflyfish@cox.net if you wish to bring equipment to let others try so tags can be made ahead of time. Larry Clemens will have an area to demonstrate knots and rigging for anyone who wants to bring a line and hook it up to their reel and backing. Bring a raincoat in case of light rain and you still want to go outside to cast.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mike Buss, President; Ed Owens, Vice-President; Kendall Osborne, Treasurer;
Mike Lahorner, Secretary; **MEMBERS AT LARGE:** Chris Burbage, Lawrence Clemens,
Dave Dembecki Spencer Hayes, Noel Horne, Scott Reppert, Ron Russell
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Thanks again to all of you who attended the April meeting. Louis Guillingham gave a very informative presentation about the tagging program conducted here in Va. He also potentially saved me some money and embarrassment. When I purchased my combination fresh and saltwater fishing license this year, I was pleasantly surprised when the cost was considerably less than last year. When I asked about it, they said since I was 65 I no longer needed a saltwater license. I thought what a nice birthday present that was and thought nothing more about it until the April meeting, when it was pointed out that just because I didn't need a saltwater license, I was still required to register with the Feds and I could do that on line for no cost! It could have meant a fine if I would have been stopped. This month we are going to do something similar to a very popular program we had last year. We are going to give all of our members a chance to try casting with a variety of different lines and rods. We are going to have various lines on reels and rods available to cast on the grass in front of the church. Or you can bring your own rod and put on one of our reels and try some of the different lines we will have available to you. We will have various sized lines and weights along with instructors to help you cast them. We will also have a table set up to show you how to rig your equipment and to tie various knots along with a scale to show you how much pressure you can put on your equipment. Because we will be outside, we will begin the meeting at 6:30 pm and there will be no fly tying for this meeting only so we can take advantage of the available light. Be sure to plan to attend our June meeting, June 16, as we have noted author Beau Beasley for our featured speaker. It should be a very informative program and you don't want to miss it. Our web site is almost ready and should be fully operational by the end of this month. In the meantime, don't forget we will continue to have our Facebook page for all of us to communicate with each other.

Many of you who won the raffles during our annual banquet have not placed your orders for the items you won. Many of the deadlines are fast approaching and we need to know if you still are planning on following through and making a purchase. If you are not, then we need to know so we can make these items available to other members who may want to take advantage of the savings. We need to know by June 1 what you plan to do. The Bay waters are warming and that can only mean very good fishing is on the way. Now if only Mother Nature will cooperate and give us some calmer weather so we can get out after them. And if you get out, don't forget to post a fishing report on Facebook!

Thanks again a tight lines to all!

Mike



THE HAYSTACK, A fly developed by Florida Keys guide Tim Borski. Used to catch tarpon, bonefish, redfish and a good fly for nighttime stripers.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Orvis Silver Label TL 4piece 9ft. 9wt. mid-flex with tube-\$180.00

Orvis Trident TL tip-flex 2piece 9ft. 6wt. with tube - \$200.00

Orvis Trident TL 4piece tip-flex 9ft 9wt. with tube- \$200.00

Orvis Silver Label TL 4piece, mid-flex 9ft. 9wt. with tube- \$180.00

Orvis Trident TLS 4piece, 8 1/2 ft. 4wt. with tube-\$180.00

Orvis PM-10 907, 2 piece, 9ft. 7wt. with tube-\$150.00

Orvis Trident PM-10+, 2piece, 9 1/2 ft. 8wt. with tube-\$150.00

All rods under manufacturer warranties.

All rods in very good condition.

All rod prices negotiable.

Contact Ron Russell at meetings or at ronflyfish@cox.net

GET HOOKED!

Go out and have a good time on the water. Always remember to play it safe! Have your boat in order with proper license and equipment. Do a double check on rods and equipment to make the trip a success - right flies/flybox, sunscreen, sunglasses, head protection, net, nippers, water/food, gas, Life Jackets, etc... This year you need to know the saltwater license you buy will cost more as there is an additional **TAX** included for the Saltwater Angler registration program that was started last year.

Have a safe, fun time on the water and submit your photos for the website photo gallery!

E-LETTER and WEBSITE

As we get closer to having the full website up and running, we will be looking for pictures to keep the photo gallery updated. Please take some! You can send them to VirginiaCoastalFlyAnglers@gmail.com.

If you have a story, photo club information or are organizing a trip and would like company, Submit that information to the E-Letter, same email - VirginiaCoastalFlyAnglers@gmail.com. Lets make our club work for YOU!

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WEBSITE SHOULD BE UP AND RUNNING BY JUNE 1, 2011 KEEP CHECKING AS UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON THE TEMPORARY PAGE

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Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Date: _____

Membership is \$30.00 annually and includes all family members. Please complete this form with a check made payable to VCFA. You can bring the completed form and check to the next meeting, or mail it to or club treasurer at VCFA, P.O. Box 2866, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2866

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