



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

MARCH 2012

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NEXT MEETING: March 15, 2012

Our Special guest is Captain Chris Newsome will give a presentaton on Fly Fishing the Chesapeake Bay. Learn some tips from a pro that knows our backyard



FLY: Sam's Shrimp (Tied by SamDavis)

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

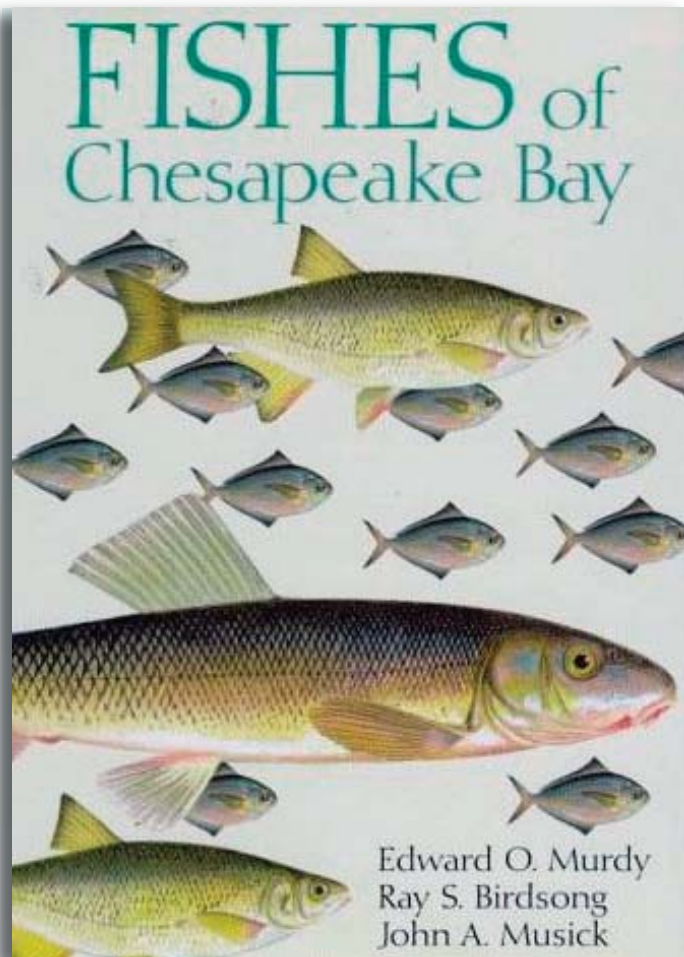
Thanks again to all of you who attended the February meeting where Ron Russell gave us a very informative "A to Z" rundown on fishing the Nottoway River. In fact, Ron reports conditions on the Nottoway are perfect right now to fish for Shad. Might be worth a trip! This month, Capt. Chris Newsome, an expert light tackle and fly fishing guide, will be our featured speaker. Chris' home waters are the Matthews County/Gwinn's Island area and he will be giving a detailed picture of just when and how to fish this area for maximum results. Our fly of the month will be Sam's Shrimp, a perfect pattern to fish these waters. Be sure to get to the meeting at 6:30 pm to learn how to tie this pattern. You don't need to bring anything to the tying session we will furnish all materials and vises. Of course, if you feel more comfortable with your own vise, bring it along. Weather permitting we will also be out on the lawn in front of the church for casting lessons. Again, we will have some rods for you, but it would be more productive for you to bring your rod to practice with the rod you haven't visited the club website, www.vcfa.org, I would strongly suggest you do so and plan to spend some time exploring all the features. If you want to watch some great homemade videos, just click on "member videos" and that will get you into not only club member videos, but also allow you to access "You-Tube" fishing videos as well. Some of them have just awesome action. There are lots of other features including forums, fly tying, knot tying, fish identification, links to local clubs, and even nautical maps. Be sure to check out the Membership Info page where we have listed all of our mentors and their areas of expertise. If you have questions



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Every angler in this area should own a copy of the reference book "Fishes of the Chesapeake Bay" by Murdy, Birdsong, and Musick. The book documents over 267 fish species that are known to occur in the Chesapeake Bay either as permanent residents, spawning migrants, or seasonal visitors. In my travels around the Bay, I have hauled up some strange and unfamiliar fishes, but they can all be found in the book. For each of the 267 species, the book includes information on key descriptive features and characteristics, information on geographic distribution, ecology, and recreation fishing interest. If you want to know if bonefish have been caught in the Chesapeake Bay (yes they have), it's in the book. If you want to know how many different types of flounder are found in Bay waters (8), it's in the book. If you want to know if that northern stargazer you just caught can give you an electrical shock (yes it can), it's in the book. It's a great reference for learning about

the common and not-so-common fishes in the Bay. In addition, the book comes with beautiful color plates of a variety of fishes, general information on physical and chemical features of the Bay, information on fish morphology, and a key to the Orders of the fishes of the Chesapeake Bay. You can purchase the book at Amazon.com, but you might find it slightly cheaper at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science bookstore if you're in or around Gloucester. I'm there from time to time and could pick up a copy for anyone that wants one (if available). Just let me know.

Kevin Du Bois: KevinDuBoisPhoto@gmail.com

Thanks to Kevin Du Bois and Ed Owens for submitting book reviews for this newsletter. How about you, have a good book that you want to let everyone know about? Can be fiction or non-fiction, fly tying, destinations local or far. Does not matter, just write a review and submit it to VirginiaCoastalFlyAnglers@gmail.com

about how to fish a particular area or want more information about their areas of expertise, don't be shy, just go up and ask them! Don't forget our Club FaceBook page.

It will get more and more interesting as the spring fishing season approaches and should be filled with current fishing reports and trip information. I mentioned earlier that the Shad should be running in the Nottoway River and that would be worth a trip, but you need a boat to fish it. Shad will also be running in the Rappahannock River toward the end of the month and that is a river that has excellent wade fishing opportunities around Fredericksburg. I will be going up there on a regular basis starting the end of the month and am always looking for company, so if you want to go, just get with me at the meeting. We are also planning to have some technique and tackle presentations throughout the year during the hour before the start of our meetings. But we want to talk and demonstrate techniques that you want to learn about, so if you have some ideas about things you would like to learn more about, please let us know. As for fishing reports, Stripers are still around, and they are the big ladies. If you do get out and have some success, don't forget to take some pictures, release the fish, and then post a fishing report on the FaceBook page. I hope to see you all on March 15. Until then, thanks and tight lines to all!

Mike Buss

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Dave Dembicki submitted this photo to "Fly Fishing in Saltwaters" magazine as part of their "Don't leave home without it" photo contest. It was published in the last edition of the magazine, but I don't think Dave had much of an opportunity to read the articles - we only look at the pictures anyway!

FISHING REPORTS



Greg Brown turned in the only fishing report for the month and it was from his trip to Florida. He was able to get the Kyak out and get into some action with a few nice pics below. Good job Greg, nice scenery. As Winter ends and we begin our quest for “the big one”, please submit your reports and photos. The more informaton we can get, the more valuable the club is for all our members. Fishing reports are perhaps the most significant reason we get new members and visitors to the website and facebook page.

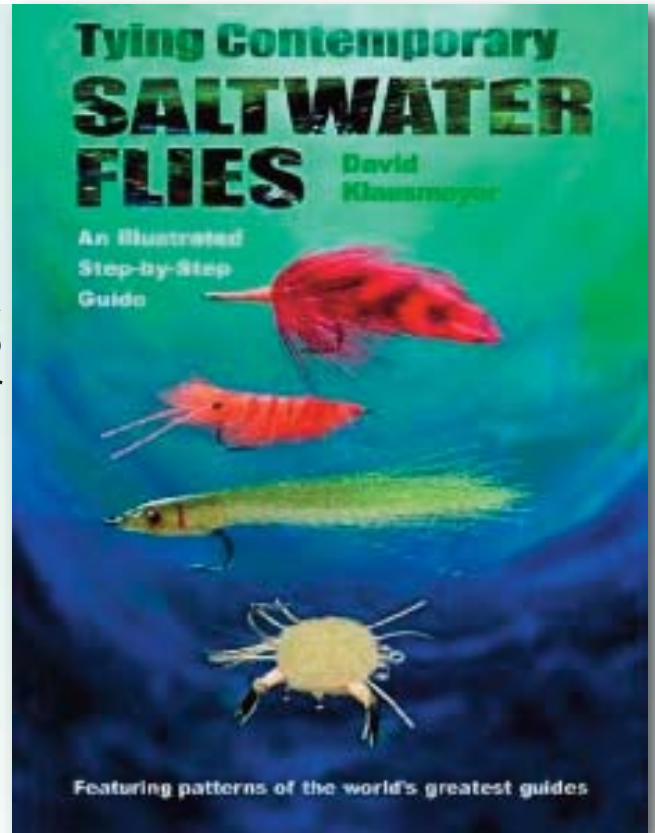


Tying Contemporary Saltwater Flies

by David Klausmeyer.

Available at the VB Library. Published in 2002. The book is well illustrated, great photo's of a wide range of patterns, plus many step-by-step instructions on the more popular saltwater guide flies, such as The Whistler, Bay Anchovy, Half & Half, Peanut Bunker, Art's Shrimp and Critter Crab. I found it one of the most helpful books on tying that I have seen.

Ed Owens



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