



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

November 2020

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NEXT MEETING:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, regular meetings are temporarily suspended until our meeting facility is re-opened. Until then, keep an eye on our website and facebook page as we plan socially safe gatherings such as outdoor meetings, virtual fly tying sessions and fly fishing topics using ZOOM.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello all members of VIRGINIA COASTAL FLY ANGLERS. During the banquet last I announced I would accept the nomination and fill the position of VCFA President. Our first general membership meeting was scheduled for February 2020, but Tidewater experienced some foul weather and the board members decided to cancel the meeting due to safety concerns.

This has been trying times for all of us during this COVID-19 pandemic. Our annual picnic, winter banquet, general membership meetings has been cancelled for fear of passing around the virus, but the board members meet monthly via ZOOM to discuss club business. Hopefully, 2021 will be a much better year for all of our families and we can get back to fly fishing events.

Membership dues paid for 2020 will all current members, members who dues in 2020, must pay the annual submit your dues payment directly to PAL (credit card or direct transfer from state "Membership Dues 2021" with your



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TEENY TS250 FLY LINE AND BACKING

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Ed Pacheco, President; Bill Seemueller, Vice-President; David Dembicki, Treasurer; Lee Owens, Jim Saddler, Secretaries; **MEMBERS AT LARGE:** Larry Clemens, David Jones, Mark Kirkby, Ron Russell, Larry Westling

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

The Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers is having a raffle to help raise some funds to meet our operation and equipment cost. As you know we maintain a website for club events and information, pay for use of meeting rooms for our Board of Director and General meetings, as well as special functions. Mailings, and equipment cost for our programs such as the popular Fly Fishing 101 classes, Fly Tying sessions before the meetings and other community events. Whereas these costs are not too expensive, they do add up. Your membership, mostly, takes care of the cost. However, this year we are not collecting membership from existing members due to the COVID 19 epidemic. You may make a donation if you wish to support the club and help us maintain financial solvency. You can purchase a ticket or two for our Rod Raffle as that contribution, and have the chance to win a great rod and reel combo. See the details below for more information.

In the meantime, we are working to organize zoom time with the VCFA. Virtual meetings with fly tying, presenters and other opportunities to catch up and talk to your fellow anglers. Keep visiting the Facebook page and Website for more information as all this develops. We will try for November 21 to have an outdoor meeting. Location will likely be Bayside Presbyterian Church. All social distancing guidelines will be required - mask etc... when in close proximity of other members.

JUST ADD WATER RAFFLE

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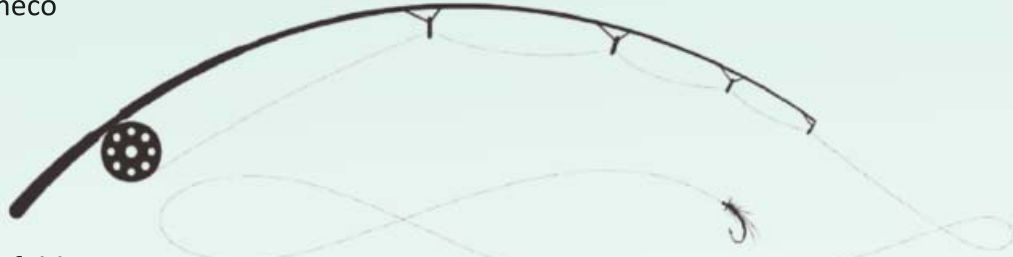
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Tight Lines, Ed Pacheco



As of the writing of this newsletter, the Harkers Island trip has been a resounding success. With three weeks in the books, the house totals are amazing with 251 hooked and 175 False Albacore lauded. This takes on greater significance when one considers the number of persons staying at the house is way down due to the COVID 19 virus. Mike has done a great job keeping things clean and sanitized in order to protect all those staying at the house. As you may know Mike is moving. He will be in Florida for the winter and Minnesota during the summer months. Mike has done a tremendous job over the years in putting this trip together annually. There will always be found memories of Pintail Lane. He will be setting up the trip for next year. The dates are **October 15 - November 13, 2021** If you would like to reserve your spot at the house, contact Mike Buss and get your spot secured.

Mike Buss



Bill Seemueller

Lee Owens



Larry Clemens

FISHING REPORTS



The fall fishing has been outdistancing this year. The Lynnhaven River is producing nice catches of Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum. The striper bite has returned with good catches reported. Those out at night have found very good action in the lights throughout the river. The Poquoson flats has been outstanding with Drum and some nice shallow water Striped Bass being caught. For those venturing in the Bay and Off-shore, there are still fish out there and will hang around until the water temperatures

get below the 60 degree mark. Look for Striped Bass around the Islands when the current is starting to move. Fishing around the HRBT has been a bit spotty, but some schoolies and specks are hanging around the pilings. Harkers Island is having a banner year with over 200 fish hooked up. The freshwater bite is still good in the lakes and ponds with bucketmouts and pan-fish readily eating flies. All in all, a

good fishing season and hopefully more rods will be bent as the season progresses.

Get out and fish! If you need someone to fill your boat, ask a member to join you and keep the club moving forward. Have fun and stay safe!

Ed Pacheco



David Jones



Larry Clemens





Mark Kirkby



Chris Viano

Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____(dd/mm/yyyy)

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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