



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

JULY 2012

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NEXT MEETING: JULY 19

Kevin Du Bois will give a presentation on Fishing Andros, Eluthera, and Exuma

FLY: CRAB FLY

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thanks again to all of you who attended the June meeting. Mark Sedotti gave us all a demonstration of how to tie his Sedotti Slammer, a Bunker fly that is over a foot long, during the fly tying session prior to the meeting. Then we all went outside and he demonstrated his techniques for casting these large flies, casting them well over 150 feet with what looked to be little effort. On Saturday he held his casting clinic and had us all casting well over 100 feet with as little effort as he had shown at the meeting. We took a video of both the fly tying and casting sessions and will have it up on the club website, www.vcfa.org for those of you who missed the sessions. One of the ideas that he talked about really made a lot of sense and that was to add weight to large flies to counteract the wind resistance these flies cause. Those of you who have tried to cast a large fly know exactly what he was talking about. I've tried his techniques on some of my large flies and you can really shoot them by adding the weight in the construction of the fly.

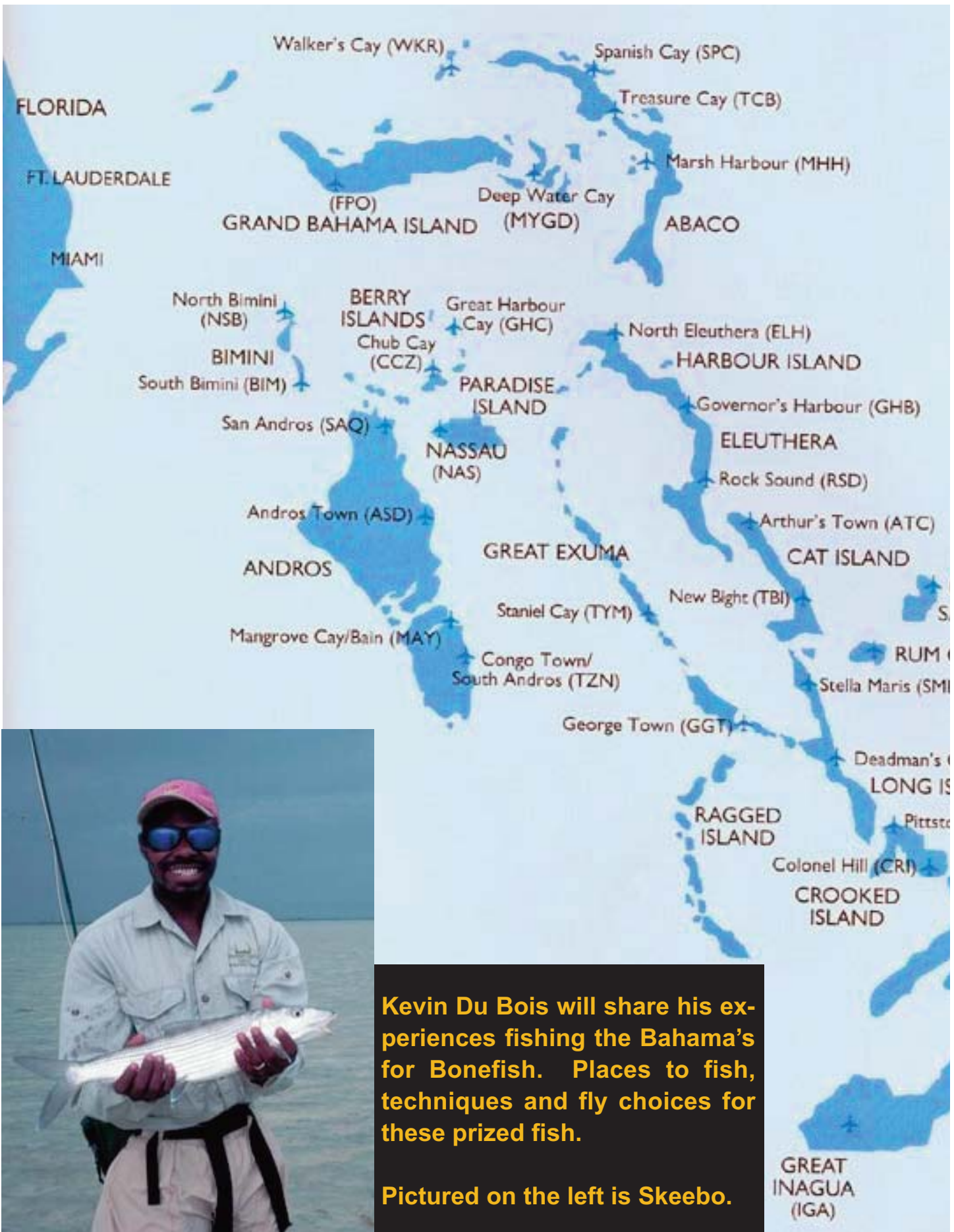


Mark really targets big fish, so some of the bigger fish that are now in the Bay. On Friday after the meeting, we took him out Cobia fishing in the Bay. The calm sea conditions were almost perfect for locating Cobia, unfortunately, we only saw three of them around markers and got shots at just one of them. Mark made the first cast with his popper and got him riled up, but then ran out of line on his retrieve, I cast a streamer right in front of him and he mouthed my fly twice, but I was too slow on the strike and he was not hooked. We tried and tried to get him to take again, but he followed but would not take again, an all too often result when Cobia fishing. On Sunday, we had planned to take

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Kevin Du Bois will share his experiences fishing the Bahama's for Bonefish. Places to fish, techniques and fly choices for these prized fish.

Pictured on the left is Skeebo.

Mark off shore for Tuna, but when we gathered at 2:30 AM, and looked at the surface temps displayed on Mike La-Horner's computer, we saw that the best conditions had moved north off Ocean City, Delaware, so we decided to get some sleep and try our luck for Cobia and Red and Black Drum around the CBBT Islands. Mark and I both hooked up with some big Red Drum around the third island, but they both got off. Our Cobia hunt produced the same results as Friday with just three spotted and no hookups. But these experiences just reinforced the fact that large Cobia and Red and Black Drum are still in the area. Make sure you check out each marker on your way to your fishing spot, you may find the 'man in the brown suit' lurking around the buoy!



Everyone had a good time during the casting clinic that Mark Sedotti gave on Saturday morning.

This month one of our own, Capt Kevin DuBois, will be talking about some exotic locations that he is planning a club trip for, namely, Andros Island, Eluthra, and Exuma in the Bahamas. If you have ever wanted to fish one of those places you read about in the fly fishing magazines, you don't want to miss this presentation.



Our summer fishing patterns are well underway with fish everywhere. But you do need to get out if you want to get in on any of this action. Come to the meeting and share your fishing stories or just listen to others as they tell us all about the big one they landed or the bigger one that got away! This month the Church is conducting Vacation Bible School during the week of our meeting so we will be meeting in one of the rooms to the left after you enter the side door. We will have people to direct you. Hope to see you all at the Church on July 17. Until then, thanks and tight lines to all!



Mark Sedotti tying the "Sedotti Slammer" prior to the June general meeting. A video was shot and will hopefully be posted on the website soon.

Mike Buss

FISHING REPORTS



The heat is on and the fishing is spotty. Reports of a great Speckled Trout year is strong from the middle peninsula. A few members making trips with good reports of abundant Specks with puppy drum and stripers mixed in. Several members have been searching for the cobia bite, and have seen a fair number of fish, but very few are hungry. I only know of one hook up as posted on the Facebook page.

Sam Davis had the following two reports from recent trips. Slag Pile Drum Slam (Puppies, Specks, Croaker): Had a great time fishing with David Dembicki today near the slag pile. We rested our fly rods and took some light spinning gear to entice the specks and puppy drum. Huge carpets of half-inch fry were everywhere with all sorts of fish busting on them. Snot flies would have worked well. Dave's new skiff is perfect for inshore fishing. Look forward to the next trip.



Sam Davis with a Slag Pile Speckled Trout

Middle-Peninsula Speckin': Yesterday, my family and I experienced a fantastic day's light-tackle action with Middle-Peninsula fishing expert, Chris Newsome. Although a big storm the night before did cast some doubt as to whether the specks would be hanging around the usual haunts, Chris didn't waste any time finding them. His trademark 'bunker-chucking' method to bird dog all sorts of predator species from the deep worked a charm. In the end we boated 6 species from specks, red drum and croaker to stripers and some really nice blues. Chris also treated us to a Dolphin pod welcome and close-ups of a gorgeous osprey. Thanks Chris



Theo and Sam Davis with a nice Speckled Trout caught in the Middle Peninsula with Captain Chris Newsome.



DON'T MISS IT!



VCFA's annual picnic will be on Aug. 18th at Munden Point Park. If history is any indication of attendance then we can expect approx 30 members and guests. Based on those numbers we need about 12 of you to bring a dish or dessert. The number and type of dishes requested are: 3 vegetable, 3 potato, 3 pasta and 3 desserts.

To be successful, any event needs participants so please contact us as soon as possible to let us know if you will be coming, if you will be bringing a guest (friends and family are welcome) and if you have a favorite dish you'd like to bring.

For those of you who are not arriving early to fish, kayak, etc., we will be set up at one of the picnic shelters at approx 11 AM and plan to start eating at noon. To RSVP please contact **Dave Dembicki** by either e-mail or phone (**dembickidm@yahoo.com, 757-288-2260**). Additional information is available from the club's website (www.VCFA.org) and by clicking on the club calendar. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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 our club treasurer at VCFA, P.O. Box 2866, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2866

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