



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

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Greetings and welcome to September. This is my favorite time of the year! The weather begins to moderate and fall arrives. With the change of weather, we get mother nature at it's best. Leaves turning brilliant colors on the trees, foliage finally getting some respite from the hot dry heat (us humans also) and the fish start to become more active and it is safer to play them without harm. Like spring, the fishing can be varied. I personally like it as the waters are usually less crowded with school back in session and summer vacations being completed. Even the surf is more accessible. Get out there and enjoy the fishery and all that mother nature has to offer. Often, fishing is more about the experience than it is the number of fish you catch. My best fishing has been from September through December, and I do like the cold when the big Striped Bass are in town



I have seen three top meteorologist long term winter forecast and all three agree that it will be a cold winter this year. The past three were somewhat mild due to a La Nina. This year is forecast to be a late La Nina and a strong one. It (as forecasted) will produce Nor'easters, cold temperatures and lots of moisture (snow bombs in the Northeast). Only time will tell us for certain what kind of winter we shall have, but be ready for what might be a rough one. I would have more faith in the predictions if they were able to be more accurate on the day to day forecast!

This has been a busy month for the VCFA. We started off with an invite to participate in an event with Mossey Creek Outfitters at Elation Brew-

ery. They brought their mobile shop (a truck retro fitted as a travelling store). Project Healing waters was there and set up a rod building area inside the brewery, and a few set up in an adjacent room tying flies while Ed Pacheco and Chris Viano talked up the club and passed out information. Then, we had our General Meeting. A Buy, Sell, Trade event. Members and guest were able to bring used gear that they

no longer used and could offer it up to anyone interested. It was a different type of meeting than usual, but everyone seemed to have a good time and I did see a lot of deals go out the door. We are still in the process of planning our FF101 classes for the winter. We usually hold them in December, January, February and March as part of the

Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Services. Keep posted for more details if you would like to help out with the event please contact me or one of the Board members to volunteer.

The club will begin to wind down the year as we only have three more meetings to go. December, we do not meet as it is conflicts with the holidays. We will begin to plan and organize our annual banquet in January (most likely January 20). In November we elect our Board of Directors for the new year. I hope we can get some of you to step up and volunteer. The Board is a great way to shape the club and give it direction. The current Board is good and has worked hard to keep things moving forward, trying new things and keeping intact the popular events that you express positive interest. New blood, means

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Lawrence Clemens, President: Vice-President, OPEN: Treasurer, OPEN: Secretary, Lee Owen and Jim Saddler: MEMBERS AT LARGE: Carl Allen, David Dembicki, Gary Green, Mark Kirkby, Chris Malgee, Chris Viano

new ideas, exploring new ideas and that keeps us growing. PLEASE consider helping the club by getting involved. At this time, we can use a President, Vice-President and Treasurer as well as a couple of Board Members at Large. These positions are not all-consuming in time, but are critical to the existence of the Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers. Contact me or any Board member to let us know of your interest.

One area that we have been struggling with for the past two years is our website. We have gone through three people to get things updated and modernized with our website and each time have fallen flat. Things would progress and then something would come up that caused the person working on the site to back out. We need help in getting this up and running. If you are able, or know of someone who is capable of designing a website, please contact us and let me or Board member know. I am hoping to have something (good) up by the end of the year.

Finally, I want to thank you for being a part of the Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers. It is a good group of men and women and I am happy to serve you. I want the club to be relevant to everyone and keep it moving forward. Your participation is essential to that goal and your feedback will help us to explore new things to make it relevant.



MOSSY CREEK MOBILE STORE



KEVIN DUBOIS AND JOHN FALL



LEE AND CHRIS OWENS WITH ED PACHECO



FISH TALK



KEVIN DUBOIS DEMONSTRATING A FLY



ELATION BREWERY OWNER AND HOST

VCFA FISHING TOURNAMENT

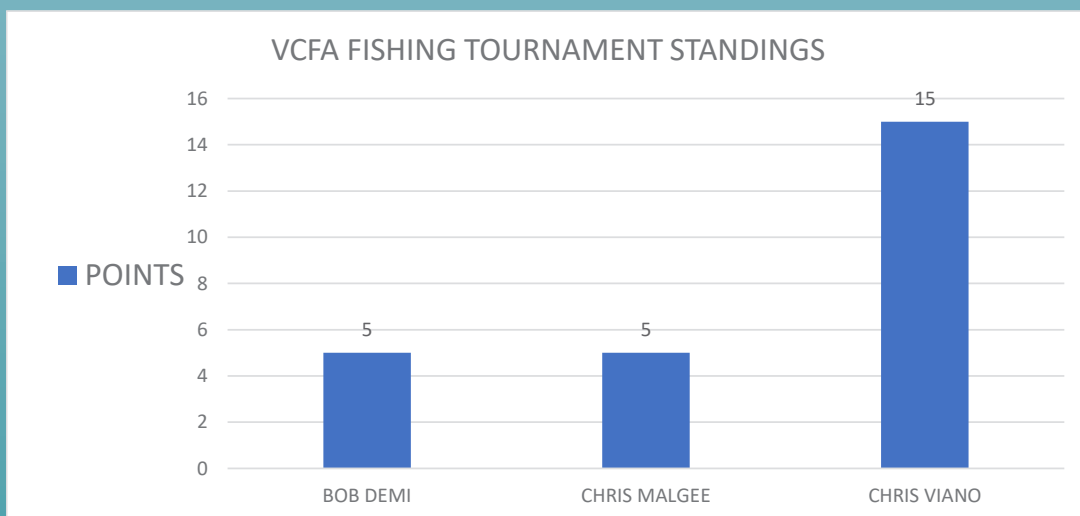
Each month will be a specific fish as listed below. Where listed as a club vote, we as a club will vote at the prior month's meeting for which fish we intend to seek. Points are also listed below with extra points awarded for citation size fish. You may register as many citation size fish for points as you catch for the month. We will grade by length so all fish must be pictured with an accurate measurement. In the event of a questionable picture or matching size fish, 3 members of the VCFA will decide the length. Members will be chosen at random to ensure fairness. This is for fun, and we are an honest group with integrity.

In the event of a tie for length, points will be awarded by time of entry. Please post pictures to VCFA going fishing page and to email to VirginiaCoastalFlyAnglers@gmail.com. If you do not have access to a computer, Facebook etc..., bring your photos to the monthly meeting. This should give us plenty of pictures to compose for our annual banquet. GOOD LUCK and GET FISHING!

JANUARY: BRIM	FEBRUARY: PICKEREL	MARCH: BUCKETMOUTH	APRIL: SHAD
MAY: BLUEFISH	JUNE: CLUB VOTE	JULY: CLUB VOTE	AUGUST: SPANISH MACK.
SEPTEMBER: REDFISH	OCTOBER: SPECK. TROUT	NOVEMBER: CLUB VOTE	DECEMBER: STRIPER

- 1st Place = 5 points
- 2nd Place = 4 points
- 3rd Place = 3 points
- 4th place = 2 point
- Any entry not placed = 1 point
- Citation fish = 5 points

BOB DEMI	5
CHRIS MALGEE	5
CHRIS VIANO	15





Ed Pacheco: Redfish



Mark Kirkby: Bass



Mark Kirkby: Striped Bass



Wayne MacMasters: Striped Bass



Chris Malgee: Redfish

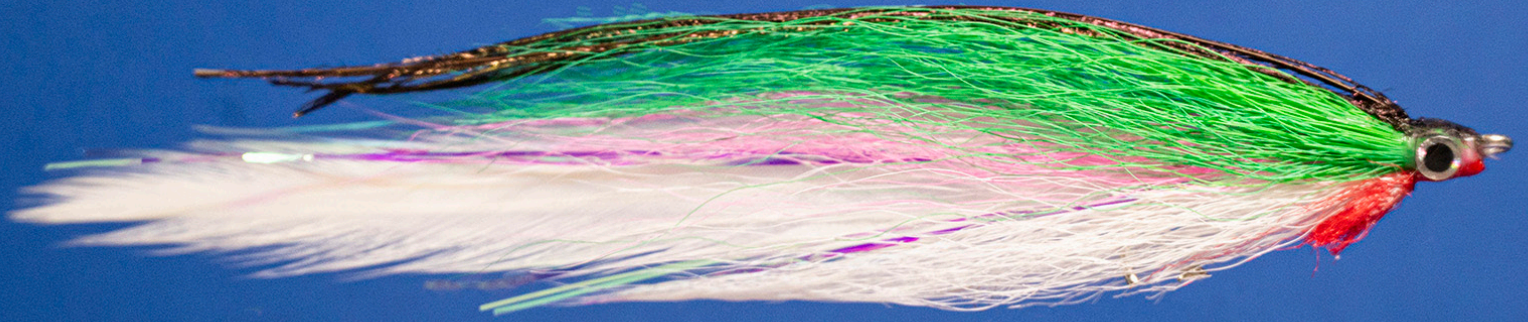
SCENES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING



LEA GRYK WINS THE DOOR PRIZE, A BAMBOO ROD DONATED BY AND PRESENTED BY ED PACHECO



LEFTY'S DECEIVER



The Deceiver is a distinct fly that is easy to tie and a very effective pattern to fish. It is so common a pattern that one just mentions Deceiver and instantly a mental picture is formed as to how the pattern looks. It takes on a realistic baitfish look in the water and can be adaptive to an almost infinite number of variations in colors, materials, and individual styles. There are flat wing Deceivers, Hair wing Deceivers (not utilizing feathers as a tail) and can be almost any size one can imagine. A Yak hair or Squimpish hair deceiver can be tied in lengths of over 14 inches.

Lefty's Deceiver was developed by Lefty Kreh in the mid nineteen-fiftys to imitate the baitfish in the Chesapeake Bay. He basically took a bundh of feathers and tied them togheter for a tail. This added more width to the fly and allowed the tier to create a longer fly than bucktail alone could achieve. The pattern was brilliant as it is easy and fast to tie. The traditional pattern uses materials that you can easily find (or substitute) and has a very realistic baitfish shape. It is a staple in the fly box and along with the Clouser Deep Minnow should be in every angler's arsenal whether fishing salt or freshwater. I have done my best to make the tying steps clear and with a little practice and you should have it mastered in no time. I incorporate an additional step of adding a bucktail lateral line that is not in the original pattern. I like the added dimension it adds to the finished pattern. Try to use the best quality feathers you can find! Preferably on a whole cape. These feathers can be stored so they are straight, and untangled (not twisted). You can also find feathers that are uniform in shape and size next to each other on the skin. You will have a nicer fly in the end. Strung saddle hackles can be used also, but again, try to use the best quality you can find and neatly packaged.

My favorite color combinations for this fly are:

All White, Chartreuse over White, Olive over White, Chartreuse over Pink, Black over Orange, Purple over Black and Yellow over Chartreuse.

NOTE: You can tie the saddle hackles with the curvature facing outward. This will give the fly a little more action as the tail will then have a little kicking action to it. This is similar to Bass Bug patterns to imitate frog legs kicking in the water.

MATERIALS:

THREAD:	VEEVUS 100 DENIER GSP
HOOK:	GAMAKATSU SC15 - 1/0
TAIL:	4 SADDLE HACKLES
BELLY:	BUCKTAIL (WHITE)
FLASH:	MIRAGE FLASHABOU
LATERAL LINE:	BUCKTAIL (PINK)
WING:	BUCKTAIL (KELLY GREEN)
TOPPING:	PEACOCK HERL
BEARD:	RED FLASHABOU OR EP FIBER (OMITTED)
EYES:	FLAT STICK ON
ADHESIVES:	ZAP A GAP AND SOLAREZ THIN UV EPOXY

[Video link to Tying the Lefty's Deceiver](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EciQDU7GNI0&t=5s)

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STEP 1

Secure the hook in the vise. Wrap the thread on the hook resting it at the point of the hook.



STEP 2

Using a neck, pull four feathers from the same area so they are equal in size and shape. Two from the left side and two from the right side.



STEP 3

Each feather should be uniform in size and shape.



STEP 4

Match each side by the tip and align the stems so each pair now looks like two single feathers. The curved sides should be in the same direction. Then match the paired feathers together curved sides facing into each other with tips aligned,



STEP 5

All four feathers should now look like a single feather. Tips and stems aligned and straight. Measure the length to be one and a half to two times the hook shank (see step 6). Remove the fluff from the base of the stem



STEP 6

Tie the bare stems ON TOP of the shank. Don't let them roll to the side. Start the thread at the bend of the hook and tie forward in snug, but not tight wraps. When at the eye, wrap back again using firm wraps and not letting the feathers roll around the hook. loosen the wraps as you get to the tail



STEP 7

When tied down, the feather should be on top of the hook and straight in line with the hook shank.



STEP 8

The thread should now be about one-quarter inch behind the hook eye. Measure a length of bucc-tail to reach halfway down the feather. Cut the but ends even and tie it in behind the hook. The hair should be 180 degrees around the sides and bottom of the shank.



STEP 9

The hook shank should be clearly visible when looking at the fly from the top.



STEP 10

Tie in several strands of Mirage Flashabou on top of the hook and between the feathers that comprise the tail. They should be on top of the bucc-tail.



STEP 11

Take a sparse amount of pink bucktail and tie in on top of the fly. It should equal the length of the belly and be evenly dispersed around the tail. The tie in point should be slightly behind the previous steps to form a taper in the head.



STEP 12

The top wing will be slightly longer than the previous bucktails tied in and slightly less bulk. It will get tied in slightly back from the pink to keep the taper going. You also want to start building some bulk to form a foundation for the eyes.



STEP 13

Finally, tie in a small bunch of Peacock Herl to top the fly off. It should be long enough to reach the tail



STEP 14

Apply a small drop of Zap a Gap to both sides of the head and affix the eyes. Make sure they are straight and evenly placed. Let dry for a few seconds, then apply a thin coat of epoxy to the head to lock the eyes in place.

THE FINISHED FLY



[Video link to Tying the Lefty's Deceiver](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EciQDU7GNI0&t=5s)

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NEW MEMBERSHIP

DATE: ____ / ____ / ____

RENEWAL

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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 any meeting, or mail it to our club treasurer at VCFA, P.O, BOX 2866, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23450-2866.

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Larry Clemens tying at Elation Brewery