



# Fly Fishing Committee

**David Pollack**  
Chairman



The Fly Fishing Committee was formed to educate and instruct RISAA members in all aspects of the sport of salt water fly fishing, to organize fly fishing outings, and to function as a gathering point for RISAA members interested in fly fishing related activities.

## Fly Fishers' Plans For 2018

RISAA's Fly Fishing Committee continues to grow and now has more than 60 members, including fly fishers of all levels of experience, from novices who need help in selecting equipment as well as learning how to use it, to experts in all aspects of the sport. Name a place where folks fly fish and the chances are that one or more of our members has fished there.

Most of our outings are from the shore, although we do have members who also enjoy fly fishing from motor boats, kayaks, and canoes, and we also conduct several boating outings in which some of our boat-owning members host others on in shore excursions.

During 2017 the Fly Fishing Committee had 19 scheduled outings. Some locations fished really well and saw multiple visits from the group.

We also got together to tie flies, and several of our committee members arranged informal outings at various sites throughout Rhode Island.

Our outings subcommittee, chaired by Committee Vice Chairman **Dennis Pelletier**, has put together an outstanding schedule of outings for 2018. Here is the list (subject to change):

### 2018 FLY FISHING COMMITTEE OUTINGS

*Unless specified, these are all fishing outings.*

- April 16:** Spring Fly Fishing Committee Meeting
- April 28: (3:00 pm)** Fishing at 100 Acre Cove (Barrington) Parking area off of Wamponaug Trail (Rt. 114). This is a "One Fly" outing. Steve Cook, trip leader, will provide Gibbs striper fly to commemorate the area where Harold Gibbs pioneered striper fly fishing in Rhody
- May 1 and 8: (6:30 PM)** Cinder worm tying program at Kettle Pond visitor center, 50 Bend Rd. Charlestown.
- May 19: (5:00PM)** at Ninigret pond. Cinder worm hatch.
- May 23: (5:00 pm)** at Potters pond. Cinder Worm hatch.
- June 7: (3:00 PM)** at Chepiwanoxet Point, East Greenwich
- June 13: (6:00 pm)** at Kings Park Newport. Sand Eel emergence.
- June 20: (6:00 pm)** at Kings Park Newport. Sand Eel emergence



**Member Dennis Pelletier with a false albacore he landed by fly rod last October**

- July 6: (3:00 pm)** at Narrow River
- July 18: ( 5:00 pm)** at Quonny **TBA Boat outing @ Goddard park**
- August 13: (4:00 pm)** at Quonny
- August 25: (4:00 pm)** at Quonny
- Sept. 8: (3:00 pm)** at Bristol Narrows
- Sept. 19: (6:00 pm)** at Weekapaug breachway
- Sept. 27: (2:00 pm)** at Narrow River
- Oct. 8: (4:00 pm)** at Weekapaug breachway
- Oct. 17: (4:00 pm)** at Narrow River
- Nov. 1: (4:00 pm)** at Narrow

River. One fly outing provided by Steve Cook  
**Nov. 5:** Annual Meeting @ Gregg's, North Kingston

### JOIN OUR COMMITTEE

In addition to the scheduled fishing outings we expect to see a number of impromptu get-togethers, based on current conditions and arranged by telephone or on our private email group, and we also expect to spend a lot of time on the Narrow river, fishing through December for stripers and shad.

Members of the Committee have worked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in various fly tying and fishing activities, and we have enjoyed our association with United Fly Tyers of Rhode Island and the Rhody Fly Rodders, the nation's oldest salt water fly fishing club. We expect all of those activities to continue during 2018.

When we plan our outings and other activities, we certainly don't expect everyone – or even anyone – to attend all of the outings, although **Edwin Rodriguez** managed to get to every scheduled outing last year. We do want to make sure that there is something for anyone who wants to fly fish with us.

We also enjoy teaching, and if you have been away from the sport and want to get back into it, or have never fly fished but want to learn how to do so, here's your opportunity: join the Fly Fishing Committee and let us know what you need, and we will put you in touch with a committee member who can help you out. **(to page 32)**