

FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

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October 2013 Meeting

Monday September 7, 2013 at 7 PM

Southpoint Marriott

Speaker: Capt James Dumas

Topic: Fish St. Augustine and Palm Coast

Capt. James Dumas is a full time guide based out of Saint Augustine, Florida. He guides in the area from Palm Coast, throughout St. Augustine, north to Pine Island. He specializes in near-shore and in-shore species ranging from redfish to cobia and many species in between. Whether you are a die-hard fisherman or are a first-timer, James will bring you to the fish. It is up to you to catch them.

James is a native Floridian and has been around the water his entire life. At a very young age, he spent time on the water with his grandfather, a commercial fisherman. When his grandparents opened a seafood restaurant he became hooked on fishing. In his teens he started seriously fishing for large in-



shore saltwater species, mainly snook and tarpon. His passion for fishing took him to Costa Rica for several years where he chased elusive snook. Following his time in Costa Rica, James decided to make Belize his home and managed an island 30 miles from shore on the barrier reef. From the island he caught permit, bone fish, and many large unstoppable creatures from the deep.

After leaving Belize, James settled in Northeast Florida, where he loves catching inshore species that can spool you in a matter of seconds. James fishes from a Dragonfly Grand Slam 17. This shallow draft boat draws only 7 inches of water allowing James to pole his clients into the skinny creeks where the redfish like to hide.

You can contact Capt. Dumas at 904-687-9498.

On the Cover:

Tailing Redfish in the grass

Photograph by: Woody Huband



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First Redfish in the Grass

Story and Photos By Bart Isaac

I was getting concerned; some of the recent floods did not flood. I promised to take my son Daniel, out in the grass to chase some redfish. Saturday was the day and the tide caught up to predicted. Daniel and I set out. Daniel doesn't fly fish (yet) so I rigged up his spinning outfit with a crabby looking jig and I coached him on how to cast to the fish while the water was slowly coming in.

I had Daniel in the front of my two-man kayak/canoe and I poled him around from the rear seat, pointing out tailing fish. He cast to a couple of early fish that really did not cooperate; he took it as a learning experience.

We arrived at a fresh flat and immediately saw a very comfortable redfish. I poled us into ranged and Daniel put the jig exactly where I instructed him. I told him to slowly reel it in and the stop it. He did it perfectly. The fish saw the jig and exploded on it! Fish on! As Daniel was fighting the red, he was making sounds of pure joy and achievement! I recall him saying, "this fish pulls WAY harder that a bass"!

I netted the fish for him. The fish was big! Not bad for his first red in the grass. It seemed to be right around 27 inches. We took some pictures and rived the red. What a fish!!

As we talked about the fish we moved on and looked for more tails. On our way out, we arrived on a flat that had fish to the left and right. Daniel set out to the left, I took the right. The fish I tried to stalk disappeared. I turned to head back to the boat and I hear and see Daniel connected to another fish! His second fish and totally unassisted. Not only did he catch it but he

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missed it the first time, presented the jig again, and the fish ate! Nice 21 incher. We took some pics and had plans of taking it home. Somehow, the fish popped the line right by the boat and landed right at our feet. Daniel freaked and tried to get it out of the water. The fish,

slowly was trying to get away but Daniel was thinking fish tacos. I said no problem, let me get the net. Problem.....seems we had lost the net after catching the other fish.....oops. Daniel continued to follow the fish as it tried to escape, now about 20 feet away from where I had dropped it. Daniel hung in there and lunged in the water with both hands emerging with the fish!

It was wonderful to share this awesome fishery with my son, showing him how it's done. Needless to say, I'm about as proud as a Dad can be! He did outstanding!





A Few Thoughts on Florida's St. Lucie

By Frank Sargent

One of the saddest stories in Florida's sad history of environmental disasters is a modern one; in an age of environmental awareness and scientific knowledge that should prevent following the footsteps of the past, we have a watershed catastrophe in the St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon, in the waters around the posh east coast town of Stuart.

This area was, not long ago, perhaps Florida's finest estuary; the water was stunningly clear, sea grasses grew everywhere, and there was an incredible abundance of absolutely enormous snook and fat spotted sea trout as long as your leg-I knew many of them on a first-name basis. Manatees and porpoises were abundant and healthy, as were all the wading and diving birds that mark a healthy ecosystem.

It was such a striking spot that Karl Wickstrom, founding father of *Florida Sportsman Magazine*, moved the whole company there from Miami to be in the epicenter of sport fishing. And the fortunate few who owned waterfront property were rightly convinced they were living in heaven on earth.

That is not the case today. The water has turned a sickly green for much of the year, and has become so cloudy that vast areas of the once-abundant turtle grass have died off. With the grass went the food chain, and with the baitfish went the gamefish-one can only hope that most migrated out the inlets to safer water beyond. Both manatees and porpoises-bottle-nosed dolphin, actually-have turned up sick in large numbers.

What appears most likely to be causing these issues is the outflow from Lake Okeechobee, which is the kidney-or maybe more correctly the bladder--for most of intensively-developed Central Florida, Disney World et al, and the farming industry below it.

Okeechobee, fed by the Kissimmee River which originates in the Orlando area, gets loaded up with nutrients when the state gets a lot of rain, as it has been doing the last several years.

Those nutrients get shunted to the South Fork of the St. Lucie, the Caloosahatchee and other outlets via canals which run through what were formerly wetlands



St. Lucie Dam

Photo: Army Corps of Engineers

stretching all the way to the brackish water of the Everglades, a natural filtration system that slowly released "polished" or reduced-nutrient water to tide. The canals were dug decades ago to drain the land for farming, creating vast muck fields that are now mostly used for growing sugarcane.

It must be noted that the Caloosahatchee, which runs to the state's west coast, exiting into the Gulf of Mexico at Punta Rassa near Fort Myers Beach, is having the same sort of problems as the St. Lucie, so the culprit seems fairly clear.

The Corps of Engineers is attempting to defend itself by pointing out that most of the water that goes into the St. Lucie estuary comes from within the watershed, which is assuredly true.

But it's also true that most of the water that goes into Tampa Bay comes from a heavily-developed watershed -and Tampa Bay is in the best environmental shape it has attained in the last 40 years. No other areas along the east coast are having anything like the problems experienced by those around the mouth of the St. Lucie River, so it's fairly likely that all those angry folks who point to the outflow from the lake as the source of their problem are right.

To be sure, the Corps has very little choice in the dumping-their primary mission is to make sure the Okeechobee Dike does



If the trout are lost, smash the state.

-Thomas McGuane
Seasons Through the Net

not fail, and if water gets too high in the lake, engineers say that failure is highly likely. Therefore, when the lake goes up, the Corps opens the locks and lets the water flow. They have to: consider the consequences-and the public reaction-if a wall of water took out the farm communities on the south side of the lake.

The cure for this-and all the homeowners, fishermen, kayakers and environmentalists around the St. Lucie want a quick solution-is going to take many years and hundreds of millions of dollars.

Basically, scientists and engineers tell us, the entire Kissimmee Basin will have to be re-plumbed, with the water that now gets channeled to the coasts going into vast marshy holding basins-now mostly farmland--where the nutrients will be leached out by the thick vegetation of the shallow water, and the runoff can be released a little at a time.

Further, stronger efforts are needed upstream, where the excessive nutrient originates, to cut runoff from residential areas, golf courses and farms among many other sources. (Some of this work has already been done by plugging part of the Kissimmee River's dug channel, forcing water back through historic marshlands which slow and clean it, but much more is needed.) And of course the problems within the watershed, including way too many septic tanks way too close to the water, will have to be cured.

All of this means enormous expenditures of tax money from both the state and federal levels, at a time when the economy is still very shaky and the business mood anything but elevated thanks to concerns about federal government regulations.

In short, there's no quick fix. But there is a fix. That's the good news.

Anyone looking at Tampa Bay 40 years ago would



Mike Nichols, founder of DOA Lures, selected St Lucie for his company's headquarters because of the prime fishing in the area, which has now disappeared.

have written it off as a lost cause--the water was so dirty that swimming was unsafe, and most fishing was a distant memory. Today, thanks to the Clean Water Act, federal funding and a tremendous amount of local community money and energy, Tampa Bay is a showplace, with sea grasses largely restored, clean water throughout most of its length, and wonderful fishing, boating and swimming opportunities.

The same thing can happen in the St. Lucie Basin, and in the Caloosahatchee, but it will take money, will-power, leadership-and patience--to make it happen.

Source: *The Outdoor Wire*
(<http://www.theoutdoorwire.com>)

Frank Sargent is the author of 11 books. He was the outdoor editor for the Tampa Tribune for 24 years and is now the editor of The Fishing Wire as well as a senior writer for Bass Times. He has authored over 2,000 magazine articles and his work has won more than 60 national awards.



Florida FWC Seeks Input on St. Johns River Boating Safety Zones

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will hold a public workshop in Deland to discuss possible changes to boating safety zones in the St. Johns River in Lake, Seminole and Volusia counties.

The changes are proposed to make small adjustments to the boating safety zone boundaries at the State Road 40 (Astor) Bridge, S.R. 44 (Whitehair) Bridge and Interstate 4 (Lake Monroe) Bridge. Other proposed changes include updating rule maps and other minor technical changes to the rule language and geographic descriptions.

The workshop will be on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Deland City Commission Chambers, 120 S. Florida St., Deland.

The changes pertain to the Rule 68D-24.018 in the Florida Administrative Code. To obtain copies of the meeting agenda prior to the workshop, visit MyFWC.com/Boating and look up "Workshops" under the heading "Waterway Management." Additional information will be posted as it becomes available.

Anyone requiring special accommodations to participate in the workshop should advise the FWC at least five days before the meeting by contacting the FWC's Office of Human Resources at 850-488-6411. If you are hearing- or speech-impaired, contact the FWC using the Florida Relay Service at 800-955-8771 (TDD) or 800-955-8770 (voice).



Tarpon Statewide Snagging Definition, Gear Rules in Boca Grande Pass to Change

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), at its Sept. 5 meeting in Pensacola, approved a two-part proposal that adds language to the current statewide snagging definition for tarpon and modifies what types of gear can be used when fishing in Boca Grande Pass. **These changes go into effect Nov. 1.**



"The actions taken today by the Commission represent a historic move to further protect this iconic fish," said Commissioner Kenneth Wright. "One day, there will be a chapter on these conservation measures in a book on proactive fishery protection."

The first part of the adopted changes include adding language to the snagging definition to prohibit catching or attempting to catch tarpon that have not been attracted or enticed to strike an angler's gear. This change will apply to tarpon fishing statewide. The current definition for snagging or snatch-hooking is the intentional catch of a fish by any device intended to impale or hook the fish by any part of its body other than the mouth. Adding language specifying that gear must entice the fish will help further protect tarpon from being snagged.

The second part of the proposal prohibits fishing with gear that has a weight attached to a hook, artificial fly or lure in such a way that the weight hangs lower than the hook when the line or leader is suspended vertically from the rod. This change will apply to fishing for all species year-round within Boca Grande Pass. If this gear is on board a fishing vessel while inside the boundaries of the pass, it cannot be attached to any rod, line or leader and must be stowed. This change will further reduce the likelihood that tarpon in Boca Grande Pass will be snagged.

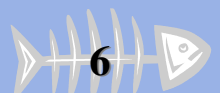
Read all about the fight to save the Tarpon and abolish the use of "jigs" in the Boca Grand Pass at the Save the Tarpon website - [\(http://savethetarpon.com/\)](http://savethetarpon.com/)

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Jackpot at Flamingo

LAS VEGAS

By David Johnston

Took the Gheenoe to Flamingo recently and fished Coot Bay. Arrived at 6:45 (daybreak), and after a 30 min boat ride entered Coot Bay and motored to the far shoreline. Once we got off plane and started idling towards shore I could see many tarpon rolling along the shore and busting bait along the mangroves. I attached the trolling motor and we started to cast along the mangroves. We immediately started to get interest, particularly with my Rattle Mullet. They wore that little guy out. After 15-20 bites the Tarpon and Snook were still showing the love to him! I believe the little guy earned an early retirement!



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Oktober-fish

By Jason C. Sheasley

About ten years ago, craft brewing in the United States came into its own. Seemingly overnight, small, independent breweries producing less than 6 million barrels a year started cropping up across the country. Whether fueled by changes in state and local regulations or public demand for alternatives to the mega-breweries, the number of breweries in the United States has significantly increased thanks to the craft brewing industry. According to the Brewers Association (<http://www.brewersassociation.org>), the number of breweries in the United States increased from 89 in 1977 to 2,538 in 2013. Over 1,000 new breweries entered the market place in the last ten years alone. Currently, there are more breweries in the United States than at any point in the nation's history.

Within the last ten years, the fly fishing industry has also experienced a renaissance. After the wave of fly fishing enthusiasm spurred by *A River Runs Through It* waned, the fly fishing market experienced a dip as the myriad of wannabe anglers with disposable income either got bored or lost money in the dot-com bust. Since the early 2000s, the fly fishing industry has experienced a increase in participants and revenue. While the increase is no where near what was experienced after the release of "the movie" it has remained steady. This is due to a number of factors. Advances in materials and manufacturing technology allowed new and existing tackle manufactures the ability to provide quality rods and reels at affordable prices. New companies, with innovative products are entering the market all the time. For the first time, high quality rods are available to the fly fishing masses for \$200 or less. Social media, ezines and print magazines like the *Drake* provide a vehicle for younger generations to learn and become involved in fly fishing.

Beer and fishing go hand-in-hand. For as long as anglers have been catching fish for sport, they have celebrated their accomplishments with beer. Sharing an ice cold, refreshing beer with one's friends after a day on

the water is often more of a draw than fishing itself. It provides satisfaction on those unproductive days and accentuates the days when the fishing was extraordinary.

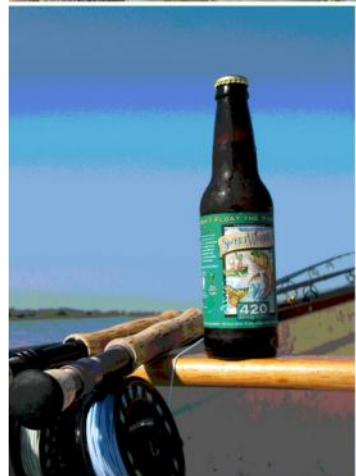
The allure of topping off a day on the water with a beer is best conveyed by Dean Schemeanauer in an article in *All About Beer*. Schemeanauer, a fisherman and industry insider remarked that "a good beer is the proper finish to a day of fishing with my brothers. When you're done, you can say the fishing was great, the catching was lousy, and the beer was cold."

Over half of American fly anglers reside west of the Mississippi. Ironically, the states with the highest number of craft brewers are also located west of the Mississippi. In 2012, there were a total of 756 craft brewers in California, Colorado, Oregon and Washington; states which also have a high per capita of fly fishermen. With these statistics in mind, it is little wonder that a large majority of those craft breweries market to fisherman.

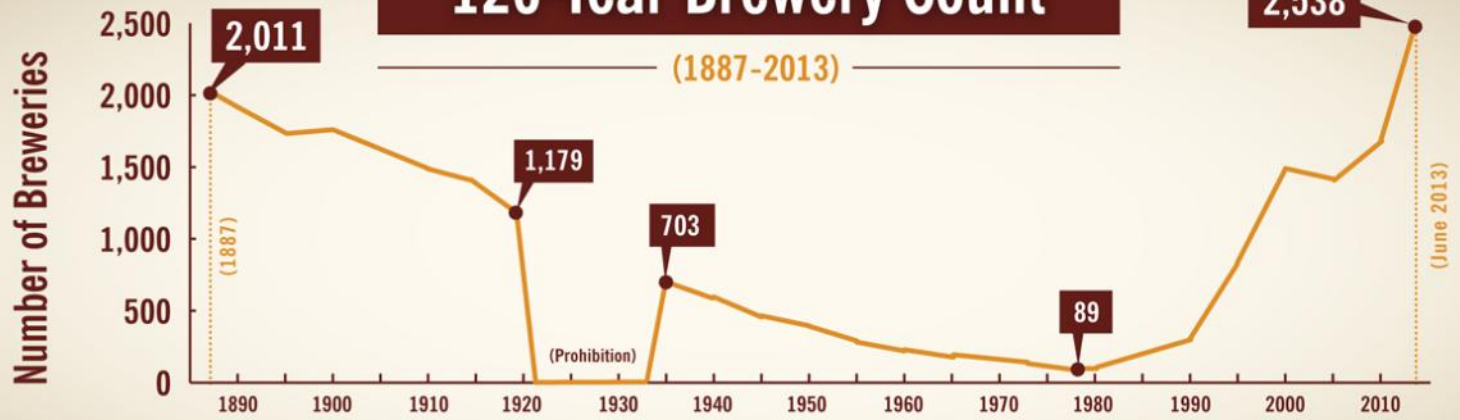
Unlike the major breweries (Budweiser, Miller and Coors), craft brewers are able to provide a wider variety of beer, albeit in small quantities, to their customers. At the same time, they have the flexibility to experiment with seasonal beers that have unique flavors and tones. Often, the creativity used in crafting unique beers spills over into the naming of their creations. A good memorable name will set their beer apart from the competitions regardless of how it tastes. For example, Hop Ness Monster (Lilja), Pandora's Bock (Elysian), Hoppy Ending (Palo Alto), Judas Yeast (Beer Valley), Hoppy Secons (Oskar Blues) and Prescription Pils (Dogfish Head) are just a smattering of the unique names that craft brewers have come up with for their concoctions.

Despite the almost romantic portrayal of anglers and beer in literature and in advertising, it is hard for some to see





126-Year Brewery Count



Source: Brewers Association, Boulder, CO



past the stereotypical sport in a dingy wife-beater with a six-pack of cheap beer and a can of worms. John “JB” Shireman of New Belgium Brewing Company in Fort Collins, Colorado once remarked that *“fishing and beer drinking are two endeavors in any sporting gent’s life that evolve over time. While a cooler of cheap domestic and a worm tub once suffices, no one worthy of the title Fly Fisherman, would defile a Mackenzie drift boat with anything less than a hand-crafted ale in one hand and a nice fly rod in the other.”*

Fly Fisherman’s Beer Guide

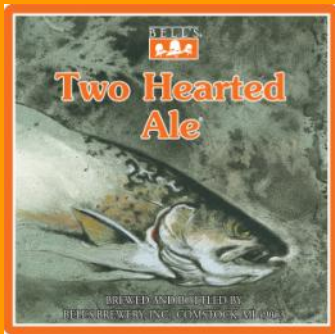
With over 2,500 breweries in the United States, fly fisherman should not be at a loss for stream-side refreshment. Nevertheless, it can be rather daunting with that many choices. Fear not. The First Coast Fly Fisherman’s Guide to Beer will have you select the right beer to go with your fish. Enjoy!

Two Hearted Ale

Style: American IPA

ABV: 7.00%

Brewery: Bell’s Brewery, Inc., Kalamazoo, Michigan



Named for Ernest Hemingway’s short story, *Big Two Hearted River*, this ale is defined by its intense hop aroma and malt balance. Hopped exclusively with the Centennial hop varietal from the Pacific Northwest, massive additions in the kettle and again in the fermenter lend their characteristic grapefruit and pine resin aromas. A significant malt body balances this hop presence; together with the signature fruity aromas of Bell’s

house yeast, this leads to a remarkably drinkable American-style India Pale Ale.

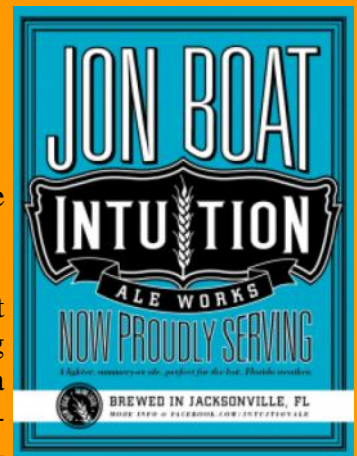
Pairing: This beer goes nicely with a brook trout stream in northern Michigan.

Jon Boat

Style: Kölsch

ABV: 4.50%

Brewery: Intuition Ale Works, Jacksonville, Florida



A German-style Kölsch that is slightly hazy, resembling an unfiltered pale ale. It has a sweet malty taste, but finishes dry with a hint of citrus. It is reportedly cool-fermented to enhance its refreshing and crisp lager-like characteristics. A respectable beer for this fledgling brewery.

Pairing: This is the perfect beer for casting deer-hair poppers to largemouth bass on the St. Johns River on a summer’s evening.

Montana Trout Slayer Ale

Style: American Pale Wheat Ale

ABV: 4.70%

Brewery: Big Sky Brewing Company



Trout Slayer is a filtered wheat ale, fer-



mented at cool temperatures, making it a smooth drinkable session beer. Brewed with Palisade, Glacier, and Mt. Hood hops, this straw colored beer is sure to please any craft beer drinker. It has significant wheat notes and a slightly fruity aroma and a dry finish.

Pairing: This brew would go perfect with the Mother's Day caddis hatch on the Yellowstone River in Montana.

Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA

Style: American India Pale Ale

ABV: 6.00%

Brewery: Dogfish Head Brewery, Milton Delaware.



The Dogfish Head 60 Minute IPA is continuously hopped -- more than 60 hop additions over a 60-minute boil. 60 Minute is brewed with a slew of great Northwest hops. A powerful but balanced East Coast IPA with a lot of citrusy hop character, it's the session beer for hardcore enthusiasts. It has a strong, bold flavor with a hoppy bite, yet it is not overpowering. It is somewhat complex but easily drinkable.

Pairing: Take this beer along the next time you are surf fishing for sharks along South Ponte Vedra Beach.

Old Chub

Style: Scotch Ale

ABV: 8.00%

Brewery: Oskar Blues Brewery, Longmont, Colorado



This jaw-dropping Scottish strong ale (8% ABV) is brewed with bodacious amounts of malted barley and specialty grains, and a dash of beechwood-smoked malt, which give it a malty taste. It is not for the faint of heart. Yet despite its alcohol content it is very drinkable. This ale, which pours dark, has tones of coffee and chocolate with a rich creamy feel.

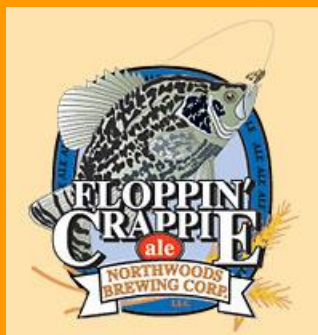
Pairing: This Scotch Ale would be welcomed after a long, cold February day spent catching sea trout at Simpsons Creek.

Floppin' Crappie Ale

Style: English Dark Mild Ale

ABV: 4.50%

Brewery: Northwood Brewing Corporation, Eau Claire, Wisconsin.



Brewed with Caramel, Black and 2 row Pale Malt and Fuggle hops. It has a caramel malt sweetness, low hp bitterness and aroma. A pub favorite. This is an English Mild that is reddish brown in color. It was voted the best beer at the Sturgis Brewfest in 2004. It has a mildly sweet malty taste.

Pairing: This ale would be best served while fishing for bream along the banks of the pond at the M&M Dairy after a casting clinic.

Red Fish

Style: American Amber/Red Ale

ABV: 7.00%

Brewery: Flying Fish Brewing Company, Somerdale, New Jersey



Red Fish is a west coast hoppy red ale. Columbus, Chinook and Cascade hops give the beer a robust piney nose. Two-row, crystal and cara-red malts give the beer a malty background. It has a lightly toasted malt taste, with a hint of piney hops. Red Fish also has notes of citrus with little bitterness. The taste does not give away the alcohol content.

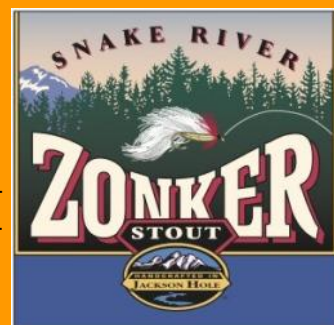
Pairing: Redfish of course. This would be an ideal ale to enjoy after chasing reds in the grass at Cedar Point.

Zonker Stout

Style: Stout

ABV: 6.00%

Brewery: Snake River Brewing Company, Jackson, Wyoming



A rich, well-balanced foreign style stout with a huge amount of roasted barley as well as chocolate, black, and caramel malts. The intense roast character is the main attribute of this black colored beer. The alcohol



content is 6.0%. Zonker has been recognized time and again as one of the top foreign style stouts. It has a deep coffee and molasses flavor with a slight creaminess. There is a nice balance between the between the dark malt flavors and the bitterness of the hops and is easy to drink. It has a medium sweet finish.

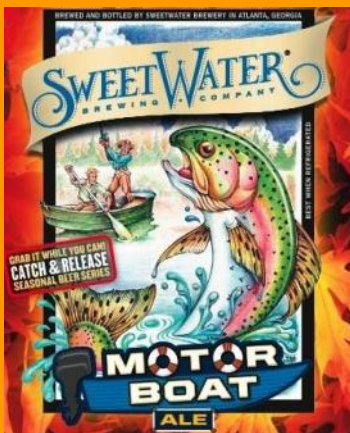
Pairing: A nice medium cigar would compliment this stout while tying flies on a cold winter night.

Motor Boat

Style: Extra Special Strong Bitter (ESB)

ABV: 5.60%

Brewery: Sweet Water Brewing Company, Atlanta, Georgia



This tasty ESB was a Silver Medal Winner at the 2008 and 2009 Great American Beer Festival. It is dry hopped to give it extra full flavor. Thankfully its odor is not a reflection of its taste. It has a great malty, caramel flavor with a hint of bitterness. This is the only seasonal beer on our list. It is

available in August through the fall.

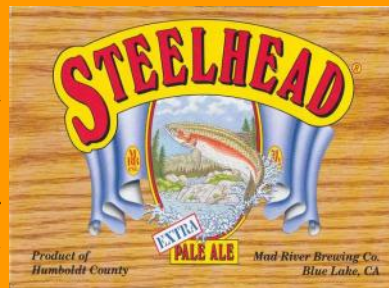
Pairing: A nice beer for chasing reds in the grass in Palm Valley.

Steelhead Extra Pale Ale

Style: American Pale Ale

ABV: 5.60%

Brewery: Mad River Brewing, Blue Lake California



This is a golden hued ale with medium body. It was one of the original unfiltered Extra Pale Ales. It is extra pale in color, but not light on flavor. The malt aromas are crisp and five hop varieties provide a floral aroma. It has a spicy, floral hop character with a mild bitterness. The ale has a lower level of carbonation giving it a crisp texture. It finishes with a malty flavor and the hop bitterness is restrained but dries at the finish.

Pairing: The ideal beer for steelheading in the north-east.

Brewery Map App

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Bream jerker extraordinaire Mike McQuiston is offering up his one of a kind Mad Dog Super Vice! Now is the time for you to get your hands on a piece of fly fishing history. Yes folks, this is the same double vice assembly used by the former FCFF President to tie the FCFF Fly of the Year.

This vice is guaranteed to have you tying Clouser Minnows so ugly, Bob Clouser won't be able to identify them.

Be the envy of all your fly-tying friends. But don't delay. This vice is sure to go fast.

Work bench and tools not included.

Statement from Trout Unlimited on the Shutdown of the Federal Government

T Trout Unlimited is disappointed by the federal government shutdown because it undercuts fall fishing opportunities that are economically vital to communities bordering national parks and monuments. The shutdown also threatens to hamstring vital conservation efforts nationwide. For the first time in 17 years, our federal agency partners are not allowed to work with us, and the gates leading to some of the world's best fisheries are locked. Trout Unlimited strongly urges Congress to restore government funding as soon as possible.

Adverse impacts to TU are immediate. Many of TU's science and restoration experts are prepared to attend this week's Wild Trout Symposium in Yellowstone National Park, which is almost certain to be cancelled because the park is closed. Going on its 40th year, the symposium is a conference held every three years to bring together the best international experts on wild trout science and restoration techniques. This event is just the kind of activity that makes federal, state and local agencies, as well as their non-profit partners, more efficient at investing public and private resources in science and restoration. Thousands of dollars are lost, as are opportunities to improve trout conservation and make fishing better all across America.

Incredible fisheries will be off limits due to the closure of national parks, national wildlife refuges, and other federal facilities, at a time when they are most productive for anglers. Thousands of anglers were hoping to finish their fishing season chasing brown trout on Yellowstone's famed Firehole River or cutthroats in the scenic Lamar Valley. Others were setting out to pursue the brightly colored brook trout of Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountain national parks. Many of these anglers have campsites reserved, flights booked and hotels reserved that revolve around access to these national parks. (Continued on Next Page)



Surf and TURF

BY DON EDLIN

Been close several times in the past few years but today I finally pulled it off. Got a nice Red in the surf and then went and got a nice Red in the grass!!! Surf was the toughest part. Damn water has still not cleared up but I walk the surf for about 3 hours. Saw lots of singles but they are almost impossible to catch in these surf conditions and water clarity. Saw the school a couple of times but they would also see me. Bout to give up when the school came toward me about 30 yards out. Made a cast right in front of them and pulled one out. So the first part was done now to head to the grass for the evening flood.

Ran into Scott and we walked into one of my semi secret spots. Saw lots tails but the fish just wouldn't cooperate. We both made great cast but the fish would go in the opposite direction or dig into the mud and not see the fly. Started getting dark and I'm thinking might not happen today and this should be the easy part, heck I can at least see the fish and get a decent cast on it. Came up on a small flat that held three fish and finally got one to eat just as it was getting very dark.

SURF and TURF in the same day.....check!

Now to get a Sheepshead and I can rest for the year...not!



Statement from Trout Unlimited Cont.

Lands owned by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will see many campgrounds closed, even barred shut when possible. To those planning on visiting these areas, and to the communities that depend on the tourism dollars anglers generate, Congress' inability to act is ruining vacations and literally taking money from merchants at a time when it's needed most.

In Colorado's Front Range communities, TU is coordinating with federal partners to help recover from severe flooding. While emergency personnel are still on the job, many of those federal partners have been forced to stop working during a critical time for affected Coloradans.

TU's 150,000 members and volunteers, who selflessly donate almost 700,000 hours to conservation every year, understand that getting trout and salmon streams protected, reconnected and restored requires working together with partners and allowing common sense to prevail. As we cooperate with local, state and federal governments, landowners and industry representatives every day, we hope that Congress can do likewise and restore funding for these vital operations. This government shutdown is a stark reminder that our nations parks and monuments have a very real economic value to Americans from coast to coast, and that the government's role in managing those lands on behalf of all Americans cannot be underestimated. TU hopes this reminder will spur Congress to act and provide the funding to sustain the traditions treasured by the nearly 40 million Americans who hunt and fish.

—Steve Moyer, Vice President for Government Affairs
Trout Unlimited



Renzetti Fly Fishing and Rod Building Fair

December 6th and 7th 2013

The Fly Fishing & Rod Building Fair at Renzetti's is scheduled for Dec 6th and 7th of this year. This event is organized and sponsored by Renzetti Inc. to promote the sport of fly fishing and rod building as well as to benefit Casting for Recovery Florida Retreats (an educational program for breast cancer survivors in a setting that helps lessen isolation, while providing a recreational activity with both physical and emotional benefits) and Project Healing Waters in Florida (a fly fishing program designed for wounded military service members).

As in the past, some of the most legendary fly fishing celebrities will attend and present a program. Among the guests will be, Lefty Kreh, Bob Clouser, Jon Cave, Flip Pallot, Nick Curcione, Bob Popovics, Pat Ehlers, John Stumpe just to mention a few. Many major fly fishing and boat manufacturers will be also attending and show case their latest gear. It is truly a great opportunity to see what is new, to meet these dedicated and talented anglers, as well as to raise awareness and funds for the two organizations benefiting from this 2 days event.

We will start on Friday Dec 6th with an evening affair at La Cita Country Club, with a reception for all



to enjoy one on one time with our guests, as well as heavy hors d'oeuvres and raise funds for Casting for recovery and Project Healing Waters. Reservations are needed for this event, please call 321 267 7705 or buy your ticket online. (more information to come)

Saturday Dec 7th, will start at 9 am at Renzetti's factory and continue until 3:30pm. A day filled with programs, fly tying, rod building demonstrations,

company tours, raffles, auction items and 50/50. Entry tickets will be a donation of \$15.00 at the door or \$10.00 for advanced purchased tickets, children under 14 are free. Please assist us in **planning and email us** (renzettifair@renzetti.com) if you are attending

or buy your ticket on line and save.

For those traveling a distance and or attending both events, please contact the Holiday Inn at KSC (321) 222-3439 and reserve under the Renzetti Inc. rate.

This event could not be possible without the support of Renzetti Inc, Hell's Bay Boatworks and Temple Fork Rods.

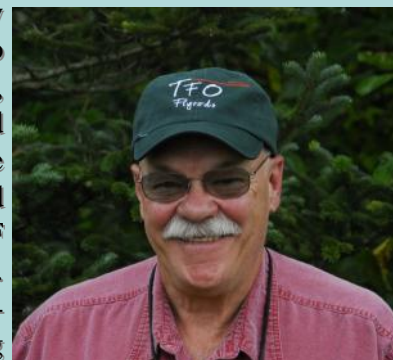
For More Information got to: <http://www.renzetti.com/>

Bob Clouser Day

Sunday, December 8th, 2013

On Sunday, **December 8th** the man behind the minnow will be stopping by to visit the First Coast Fly Fishers on his way home from the Renzetti Fly Fishing Fair. Bob has been a great friend of the Club for many years and we are proud to invite him to visit this year. If you have not attended *Clouser Day* in the past, this is your opportunity to meet and learn from one of the giants in the fly fishing industry. If you have attended in the past, this is a chance to reconnect with Bob and learn some new tying and casting tricks.

The details of the day long event, which is to be held at M&M Dairy, are still being worked out. The event will be free to members-in-good-standing with the FCFF and will include lunch. Bob will likely be offering fly tying and casting demonstrations. He will be sure to demonstrate how to tie several of this effective fresh and salt water patterns, including the *Clouser Minnow*. **More Information to Come next month.**



Bob Clouser

Twenty Questions with FCFF Education Chair...

1. Where are you originally from and how long have you lived in the Jacksonville-Area?

I'm from Jacksonville. I graduated from Wolfson High School. I lived in Gainesville while attending UF and worked in Tampa for 8 years. I've been "back" in the Jacksonville area since 2002. I'm a true "Florida Boy".

2. What is your job/profession?

This coming April, I will celebrate my 20th year as a pharmacist. After graduating with a Doctor in Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) from the University of Florida, I worked at St. Vincent's Medical Center; same hospital I was born in. After working for a year, I moved to Tampa and completed a residency in Critical Care at Tampa General Hospital. I currently work within the Medical Affairs division of a major pharmaceutical company.

3. Tell us a little something about your family?

My wife, Sharon and I have been married for 19 years. We dated while we both attended the University of Florida and were married shortly after graduation. Sharon received here degree in Elementary Education and is a school teacher. We have two children, Daniel (15) and Sarah (10). An interesting fact about my family is that my father's mother was a Titanic survivor. As a 14 year old immigrant, she and her younger brother, traveling alone, were able to get on one of the few life boats.

4. How long have you been fly fishing?

Growing up in the 70's in Florida, no one in my neighborhood was fly fishing. I first became aware of fly fishing in Florida when I lived in the



Tampa area but never tried it there. I moved back to Jacksonville in 2002 and took up golf. The problem with golf was that I came home irritated. I recalled that my friend in Tampa used a kayak. I wondered into the Salty Feather and purchased a small bathtub shaped kayak. Not long after that I bumped into Rob Benardo at the road side at Browns Creek. We quickly struck up a friendship and began fishing together. I was amazed and how he consistently out fished me trip after trip. I purchased my first fly fishing outfit in 2005 and have not looked back. Overall, it has only been about 8 years and without Rob's help, I'm not sure I would have stuck with it.

5. Who are your heroes?

My parents. They put up with me as a youngster and instilled within me the character and values that I have today. I hope that I am doing the same for my children.

6. Where is your favorite place to fish?

I have several favorite places, but if I were to choose one, it would be the area of flooded grass flats near Ft. George inlet—magical place.



7. With what person (living or dead) would you like to spend a day on the water?

I can think of many people, but the one that comes to mind is my father. He didn't fish. It would be great to get in a boat drive around. I could catch him up on things that have happened since he passed away.

8. Aside from the obvious (rod, reel and flies) what piece of fly fishing gear do you consider essential to have with you on the water?

Hemostats with incorporated scissors! I would panic if I did not have this tool. How would you safely retrieve your fly (without destroying the fly) from a fish or change flies? Definitely an essential piece of gear.

9. What is your "go-to" fly?

I really like chasing redfish on the flats with a self-tied #4 tan Kwan tied with chartreuse thread. If tied this pattern with a weed guard, I could catch fish year round in the Jacksonville area and around the state.

10. What is your favorite fish to catch on a fly rod.

The "anyfish" comes to mind. For me, the connection with that fish on the end of a fly line is about as good as it gets. However, if I had to choose a fish, I would choose the redfish. This fish does eve-



rything right to be targeted with a fly rod. The runner up fish would be the American Shad. What other fish can you target with a fly rod, have the fish jump and run, all while you are talking smack with a great group of friends on the bank of the St. Johns river while having a cook out?!

11. If they made a movie about your life, what would the title be and what actor would play you?

"The absolutely busy and boring life of Bart." Adrien Brody; he and I have the same skinny build and prominently handsome nose.

12. What book is on your night stand?

I'm a Dan Brown fan and I just finished one of his latest paperback novels, The Lost Symbol. I'm currently in the middle of a book by Jared Diamond called Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies.

13. What is on your iPod (i.e. what kind of music do you listen to)?

I really enjoy rock, blues and grunge. Artists on my iPod range from The Allman Brothers and The Black Keys to any of the bands with Chris Cornell as well as Stone Temple Pilots and ,of course, Alice in Chains.

14. How many fly rods do you own?

I believe that I have about eight fly rods. Several of which, I put together myself.

15. What is your favorite guilty pleasure?

Watching Season one of HBO's East Bound and Down over and over again, usually with a beer in hand, quoting every line.

16. What is your idea of a perfect day on the water?

Any day that I can get out is a good day on the water. I particularly like launching my kayak predawn, paddling to a good spot and watching fish actively chase shrimp as the sun comes up. If I



were to be greedy on this question, I would add in optimal wind, tide and weather with an abundance of backing and tailing redfish.

17. Which talent or skill would you most like to have?

This answer will change from year to year. Right now I would really love to be able to sing (well) while playing the guitar (well).

18. If you could travel back in time, what year would you visit and why?

1969 would be an interesting year to visit again; only this time without wearing diapers. Cool cars and that was the year that we put a man on the moon. I bet it seemed like anything was possible back then.

19. What is your most treasured possession?

My education. It has and continues to serve me and my family well.



20. What is your most admirable quality?

I know that I'm a fisherman, but ***honesty*** comes to mind. I have a hard time being anything but truthful.

Bonus Question: What is your favorite beer?

When I was in college, the standard answer to this question was "free beer". However, I have matured and my palate has become somewhat broad. Picking a favorite beer is a daunting task. I'm a big fan of Ales and Saisons. I really like the West Coast IPAs, like those made by Stone and Green Flash. Intuition is a Jacksonville brewery that has some outstanding beers, like the I-10 IPA and the People's Pale Ale. I'm also happy with a PBR or a Yungling, but please no Bud Light or Coors light unless I'm being "social at work".



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October 2013 Tides

Mayport, Florida (Bar Pilot Dock)



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I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts.

-John Steinbeck

