

# FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

JANUARY 2014



# January 2014 Meeting

## Monday January 6, 2014

### Southpoint Marriott

**Speaker: Reid Hyle, FWC**  
**“The Shad Whisperer”**

**Topic: Shad on the St Johns**

**I**t is the start of a new year and that means the shad migration up the St Johns River has begun. In a couple of weeks the spawn will be in full swing and the shad fishing on the St Johns will be at its' height. Join the First Coast Fly Fishers on Monday, January 6th and we welcome FWC Fisheries Biologist Reid Hyle. Reid is one of the preeminent experts on shad in Florida. During the spawning run he spends his day counting and tagging fish and studying their migration habits. He will be joining us Monday night to talk about his research on shad in the St Johns River.

**T**he start of the new year means it is time to renew your membership to the First Coast Fly Fisher. It is also an excellent time to invite a friend or colleague to join the Club. At \$100 per year per family it is still the best deal in fly fishing. The Membership Chairman will be on hand to collect your renewal application and check. You can also sign up for this year's banquet featuring Tim Borski on February 22, 2014.



**On the Cover:**  
**Richard and Susan Clark with a smiling Redfish**  
**Photograph (and touch-up) by Capt. Troy James**

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# Space Coast Fishing Report

## By Capt Bill Sherer

The wind was just beginning to pick up a little from the Southwest as Dawn & I got on the water around 7:30 Monday morning as a heavy fog was lifting, there were only 3 other vehicles already at the landing. I was casting my Hardy 7 wt. with a Cortland Liquid Crystal Floating Line and hoping to find some Redfish still tailing up on the shallow flats in the Mosquito Lagoon.

We ran about 5 miles south to a large bay well protected from the wind, it was full of shorebirds, several small flocks of Gadwall and a couple of watchful Osprey. We eased into position about 80 feet from shore and I began poling slowly with the wind quartering in off the Port side at our backs. The water was gin clear and flat enough to see well across the sand hole covered flats. I could see schools of Mullet in all sizes cruising all over from nearby to 100 yards out, there was bait everywhere, just no fish.

We threw a few blind casts to no avail as we slowly moved along the bank. After several hundred yards, I decided to slip out the the wind line about 150 feet from shore since there were gobs of Mullet working there also. After a few hundred yards more, I finally got a hit from a small Trout while blind casting the edges of a large sand hole. The fish was small enough I didn't mind that he shook off after a few seconds, but I was encouraged - at least a little.

The wind was picking up and it was beginning to get difficult to hold the boat on the wind line, I moved back inside where an old channel ran along the bank and began blind casting again. I switched flies to the small Bead chain eyed Crab pattern I developed last year - Mr. Crabby. Almost instantly on my first cast into the deeper water I hooked up on a scrappy little "Sailors Choice", (a small sub-species of Snapper). I was beginning to think most of the fish were already put down by the impending cold front.

We entered the back portion of the bay which was most protected from the wind, it was just before noon and the wind was beginning to switch to the northwest, but it still had not intensified much since mid-morning. The Mullet were still everywhere, but no sign of any more



Trout or Redfish. I worked the back-ends of the Mullet schools and the sand holes thoroughly and still no fish, I was losing hope, but not ready to give up!

Our deeper channel faded into a flat and the bottom slowly changed from a good mixture of weeds and sand to mostly sand as we rounded the back of the bay and began heading toward the northern point. We were running our of real estate and heading toward the wind, but we still had a few hundred yards to fish before we headed out. The weed clumps were getting thinner but the depth had increased to the point where I could use the trolling motor easily.

A small point jutted out where the sand took over completely from the weed clumps, I threw a cast up into the shallower water and pulled Mr. Crabby into the drop-off edge, on my second strip I was hit by a sassy Trout about 15 inches in length. Dawn handled the net superbly as we boated the silvery little dart, I unhooked him and returned him to the Lagoon to grow some more.

That Trout was right where he should have been, on the break line right off that little point, as I scanned the area I saw two large shadows cruising inside on the clear sand, a pair of nice Redfish were mooching along heading away from us. I was standing in the stern of the boat and had a decent shot at getting the fly ahead of them, it wasn't a great shot, but I knew I had a chance. I loaded up and shot a cast right on target, it was at least 70 feet out, but i knew I could do it, the cast went out, it was on the way, all was looking good, then my line caught the edge of the outboard and



fell short by about 8 feet, the Reds scooted off into deeper water - rats, foiled by fate! The pair disappeared into the depths, but I threw a frustrated cast in their direction anyway, I let the fly settle into the deeper water and gave it a couple of quick strips then let it settle again, nothing happened—but I remained hopeful, at least I saw some fish!

We kept drifting along as I threw along the deeper edges, my eyes peeled to the sandy banks hoping to see a couple more Redfish. On my third cast I had a hit, I paused just a second then strip-set the hook with a little authority. I hooked a Redfish, but unfortunately it was a baby about 12 inches in length - but it was a Redfish! He really ate that crab fly also, I had to reach in his little mouth with my Needle-Nosed pliers to extract it without hurting him! We finished out the bay and headed farther north to the next spot I had in mind.

The wind had completely switched to the Northwest as we slid into the west side of the Clinker Islands under the wind, this area also had a deep channel right along the banks. I thought I could find a few more fish either sunning themselves in the sand holes on the flats or inside the channel on the drop-off. Dawn was taking us along the bank about 70 feet out where I could reach the shoreline or the flats, she was just bumping the trolling motor to minimize noise and keep us moving along slowly. We came upon a small flock of Mallards which just swam out of our way rather than flying, at that point I knew the front was upon us.

The skies were getting cloudier and the wind was picking up, I knew our time was limited, but Dawn kept us on course. I spotted a decent Trout laying up on the edge and shot a good cast a few feet out in front of him, he never hesitated, Mr. Crabby did his job and I was hooked up solidly on a 22 inch, 3 pounder. Now I felt vindicated! We landed that one and a few more yards down the bank I spotted another, this time my cast landed about 6 feet behind him and the fish did not move at first, I was just beginning to pick up for another throw when he shot out and grabbed the fly! I was



surprised, but still managed to hook him also, a couple of minutes later he had joined his buddy in the live-well. That was enough for us, we had dinner and the building clouds were getting rather dark and threatening rain, we decided to head for the boat landing - it was a wise decision. It was just spitting a little drizzle as we finished loading the boat and stowing our gear. We accepted what the water gave us, even though we were hoping for more, we know when to say when. Tonight as I write this report, our temperatures have fallen from the mid 80's to the low 40's and we are forecast to go below freezing just before morning, I know that does not sound very cold elsewhere, but for here it's cold!. This is some of the coldest air we have had since about 2009, but luckily this cold snap is only going to last about 36 hours, we should not experience any big fish kills because of it.

I'll see you on the water,

Bill

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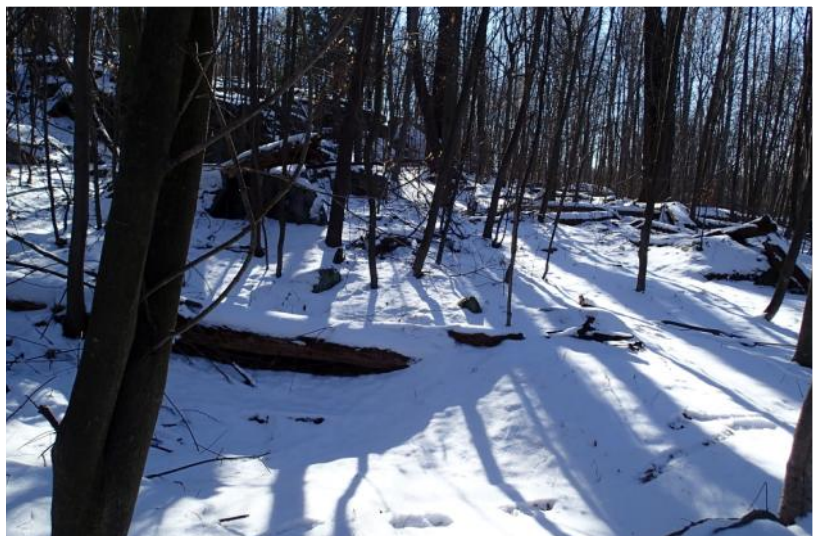
*Capt. Bill Sherer is the proprietor of the We Tie It fly shop in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin where he specializes in catching musky on the fly. He spends his winter in Titusville, FL guiding and fishing the Mosquito Lagoon. To schedule a trip with Bill contact him at (715) 385-0171 or [wetieit@wetieit.com](mailto:wetieit@wetieit.com).*



# Just A Friendly Reminder







Some places are covered in snow





# Twenty Questions with FCFF Librarian...

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

*I was born in Milledgeville, Georgia. My family moved to Jacksonville in 1950, when I was 4 years old.*

**2. What is your job/profession?**

*I am an entomologist by profession. I previously was president of Clark Pest Control, which merged with Trad's in 2011, and I work part-time as a special consultant. I am certified under Florida law to practice all phases of structural pest control, which are general household pest and rodent control, termite and wood-destroying organism control, and fumigation.*

**3. Tell us a little something about your family?**

*I am married to Susan (who is also a fisherwoman, but not with fly yet) for 39 years, and we have three children, all over 30.*

**4. How long have you been fly fishing?**

*I started fly fishing in the late 1980's, exactly when I don't remember.*



**Richard Clark**





**5. Who are your heroes?**

*I think that my hero is Ronald Reagan- a man who knew how to communicate and put his thoughts into action for the good of the country.*

**6. Where is your favorite place to fish?**

*Gee, that's a hard one! Anywhere the fish are biting comes to mind, but Alaska for its incredible scenic beauty, Clapboard Creek for its familiarity, and Tolomato flats for its tailing redfish are favorites.*

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

*It would be great to spend a day on the water with the late Mel Krieger and learn how to spey cast.*

**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?**

*Line clippers! It is impossible to change flies without one.*

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

*My go-to fly is my adaptation of the Qwan fly. It has been very good on tailing redfish.*

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

*It has to be redfish, because I have caught more of them than any other fish. There is nothing like the take of a tailing redfish and the explosion that happens when you set the hook on them.*

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

*It might be something like Cockroachophobia starring Ben Stiller.*





**12. What book is on your night stand?**

*D-Day* by Stephen Ambrose, for non-fiction, *The Last Man* by Vince Flynn for fiction.

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

There are more podcasts than music on my iPod, but the music on it is Beatles, bluegrass, and classical.

**14. How many fly rods do you own?**

Eight. Three 5's, and one each of 6 through 10.

**15. What is your favorite guilty pleasure?**

Eating the darkest dark chocolate I can find.

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

A day with enough wind to keep the bugs down, but not be so bad to make casting difficult, with plenty of eager feeding fish.

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

I would like to be able to play the guitar like Gamble Rogers. It would be too much to ask to play the banjo like Bela Fleck.

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

1789. It would be wonderful to hear the founding fathers of our country debate the writing of the Constitution.

**19. What is your most treasured possession?**

My family is most treasured, but that isn't a possession.

**20. What is your most admirable quality?**

The ability to remain calm under difficult situations.



# Fly Fishing New Year's Resolutions

It is the start of the new year, time to reflect on the old and look forward to the new. Here are twelve (one for each month) resolutions for First Coast Fly Fishers to consider for 2014.

1. **Renew your FCFF Membership (January)** - The best value in fly fishing today. The Membership is good for your whole family.
2. **Attend the FCFF Banquet (February)** - Support the Club and meet innovative artist and fly tyer Tim Borski. Everyone who attends has a chance to win a new Tibor Backcountry fly reel (a \$500 value).
3. **Learn to Tie Fies (March)** - Part of the joy of fly fishing is catching fish on flies you tied yourself. Learn how by attending the FCFF's free fly tying classes.
4. **Fish for Tout in the North Georgia/Carolina Mountains (April)** - You have mastered the art of catching redfish in the grass, now head to the mountains and try your hand at spooky brook trout while the dogwoods are in bloom.
5. **Catch Bass and Bream on the St Johns (May)** - Nothing beats spending the day on the St Johns River catching bass and bream, excepting having a fish fry afterward.
6. **Fish for Redfish in the Surf (June)** - The warm weather will have the redfish busting baitfish in the surf. Find a secluded section of beach and fish the incoming tide. Who knows, maybe you will even jump a tarpon.
7. **Submit Something to the Newsletter (July)** - The FCFF newsletter doesn't write itself. With six months of fishing under your belt, submit a story, photograph, a gear or book review, or a trip report to the newsletter.
8. **Catch a Sheephead in the Grass (August)** - One of the most challenging fish to catch on the fly. Test your meddle and catch a prison permit on the flooded grass flats.
9. **Surf and Turf (September)** - You've heard of a back country slam, now try your had a 'surf and turf' a redfish in the surf and a redfish in the grass, all in the same day.
9. **Volunteer to Serve on the FCFF Board of Directors (October)** - Your Club needs you. Volunteer to serve on the FCFF's Board of Directors. Don't have the time to be Board Member, then nominate someone who you thing would be a great addition to the Board.
11. **Bring a New Member to the Club (November)** - Share your passion for fly fishing with a friend and bring them to the November meeting. If they join, their membership will include November and December for free!
12. **Buy Local (December)** - Looking for a gift for that special fly fisherman in your life? Buy local! You can't do better than gift than something from one of our local fly fishing shops or even a guided trip from some of the best guides in the area. During the 2014 holiday season, support those guides and shops that support our Club.

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# **FCFF Annual Banquet**

**Saturday, February 22, 2013**

**Southpoint Marriott**

**Featuring**



**Tim Borski**

**Artist and Innovative Fly Tyer**

Join the First Coast Fly Fishers as we welcome artist and fly tyer Tim Borski. Saturday afternoon Tim will be hosting a fly tying class where he will be demonstrating how to tie some of his innovative and highly effective flies. During the banquet on Saturday evening, Tim will be talking about a life as an artist and flyfisherman.

Everyone who attends will have a chance to win a new Tibor Backcountry reel.

There will be thousands of dollars of raffle prizes and auction items to bid on.

Contact Ken Nimmich for more information: [knimmich@comcast.net](mailto:knimmich@comcast.net)

# FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

## 2012 ANNUAL BANQUET

6:00 PM Saturday, February 22, 2014

Southpoint Marriott

4670 Salisbury Road

Jacksonville, FL 32256

### MENU

Choice of Entrée:

*Seared Chicken Breast,  
Mushroom Marsala Sauce  
Choice of Starch & Vegetable*

*or*

*Grilled Salmon with Dijon  
Cream Sauce  
Choice of Starch & Vegetable*

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each additional person (Non-Member ticket  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Seared Chicken breast with Mushroom Marsala Sauce \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon with Dijon Cream Sauce \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# YELLOW BREECHES, FISH ON!

BY DENNIS HOLT

*Central Pennsylvania is covered with a blanket of snow. Ice lines the banks of the fabled limestone trout streams and trout season is four months away. This past summer, when the days were longer and warmer, Dennis Holt spent some time fishing the Yellow Breeches. Here is his story.*

Fishing has been an attraction of mine for many years. Fly fishing for trout is particularly inviting because of its challenges – learn to cast, stay out of a trees, select the right fly, fish it wet or dry? So a recent trip to Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania to fish the Yellow Breeches seemed like good summer fun – and it was!



My short-line nymphing tactic involved rigging my fly line with the right fly on a nine-foot 4X tapered leader, including a small piece of black lead split shot eighteen inches above it with a brown yarn strike indicator the size of a small leaf four inches above that. The improved clinch knot added to the day's success.

For those who know the stream, it begins just below the town's spring-fed pond. The water temperature is 52 degrees year-round (<http://www.flyfishingconnection.com/yellowbreechescreek.html>)

The brown trout were aggressive that day. A size #22 black beaded nymph with a wrapped copper body was

just the right fly for the catch.

How I got the fly is an important part of the story.

The story also involves a wonderful woman in her 50s and her 7 year-old grandson coming downstream to tell me they just fed a half-loaf of bread to dozens of trout from the walking bridge. Out of the water I came and headed to see this phenomenon first-hand. And there they were -- a mixture of 50 to 75 browns and rainbows of varying sizes waiting for more bread.

Five fishermen were viewing the developing scene. Crossing the foot bridge I entered the water and threw a wet fly. Nothing --- some fish looked at it as my fly bounced by – responding as if to say “You kidding me – where’s the bread? -- and no whole wheat!” After 20 minutes of fishing with a couple of bread-colored flies I took a break, heading to the car for a Gatorade. That’s when it got really interesting.

A fellow fisherman at the car parked next to me said “How’s it going?” I responded, “My eyes were better last year.” He said “I just missed one. Try this – and here are 2 just in case.” It turns out he works at the nearby Yellow Breeches Outfitters fly shop (<http://www.yellowbreechesoutfitters.com/>) and had the day off.



Back to the stream I went. Lost one fly in minutes. Managed to keep the other on as I practiced my nymphing tactic – missing at least a half-dozen rising trout, sight-fishing them in the crystal clear stream. Then time came to fish the strike zone just under the walking bridge. Taking a deep breath I headed thirty yards downstream.

The water was moving from right to left. First cast caused a vicious strike – brown trout on. It dug upstream. My 8-foot fly rod bent in half! Placing the fly line under my casting index finger allowed the line to be stripped by my non-casting index finger and thumb, setting the hook with a gentle pull.

Brought the brown in, netting it. Took a photo and gently released it back into the water for another angler's enjoyment.



## Dennis' Brown Trout from the Yellow Breeches.

...the sporting qualities of a fish are dependent neither on its size nor its weight, but on the effort of concentration, the skill and mastery it demands from the fisherman.

Charles Ritz  
A Fly Fisher's Life (1959)

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# Renew Your Membership to the First Coast Fly Fishers Today!



It is the start of a new year and time to renew your membership to the First Coast Flyfishers. If you are not already a member, then it is an excellent time to join. The First Coast Fly Fishers is the best value in fly fishing today. For \$100 a year (or \$8.33 a month) you and your family receive:

- Monthly meetings with locally and nationally recognized fly fishing experts.
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- Monthly outings and opportunities to learn and fish new waters.
- Quarterly Family Days with fly fishing luminaries such as Bob Clouser, John Cave, Bruce Richards and Mac Brown.
- Monthly Newsletters
- Online Members Forum
- An Annual Banquet

Just last month, the Club held a Casting Clinic with Bob Clouser. Where else would you be able to learn from an innovative fly tyer, fantastic casting instructor and all around nice guy at no additional cost? Most clubs require their members to pay an additional fee to attend such events. Your annual dues and proceeds from the banquet allow us to regularly host Bob and other well know names in the sport.

We can't do this without the support of you and your fellow members. **Renew today.** Download the membership application at: <http://fcff.org/pdf/2009%20Membership%20Application-%20Automated.pdf>



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# January Outing

## Shad on the St Johns River

### January 31 thru February 2, 2014

This month, the First Coast Fly Fishers will be joining the Backcountry Flyfishing Association to fish for shad on the St Johns River.

Location: St Johns River, Near Mullet Lake Park  
932 Indian Hammock Drive  
Osteen, FL 32164

Dates: Starts 1 PM Friday January 31st  
Ends 1 PM Sunday February 2nd

Contact: Jeff Bivins  
[outings@fcff.org](mailto:outings@fcff.org)

The Club has been invited to camp on private property that belongs to a friend of the Backcountry Flyfishing Association. The property consists of a large open field on the River. Camp sites are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Tents and small trailers are welcome. Camping is primitive, there are no utility or water hook-ups on-site. However, restroom facilities with running water are located nearby. You are asked to refrain from using generators.

Folks with large trailers and RVs will have to make arrangements with:

Lemon Bluff Camp Ground  
949 Lemon Bluff Road  
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Small grills for cooking may be brought. There will be one community fire pit. Wood will be provided.

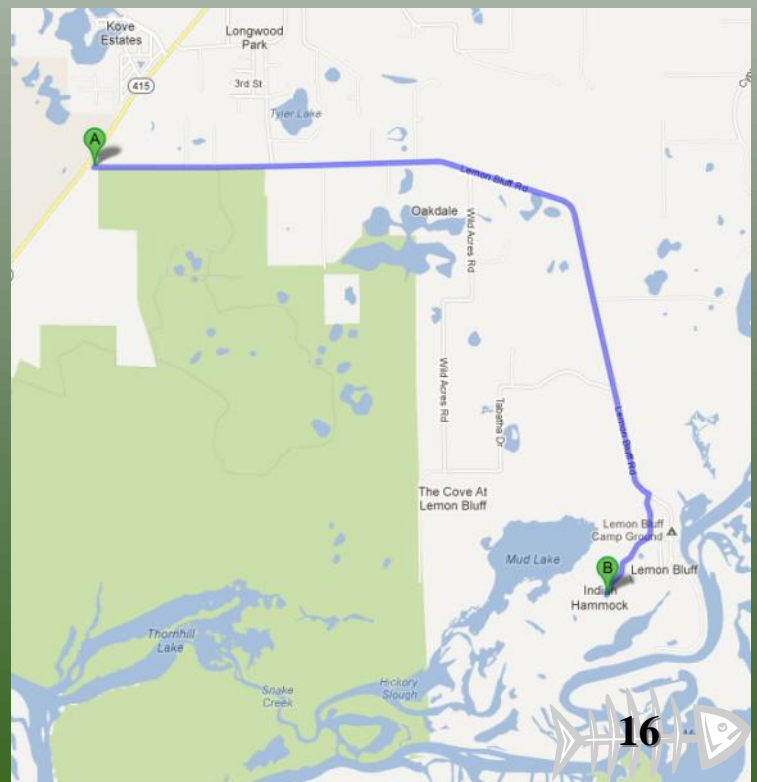
Be sure to bring big spray

Trash cans will be available around the camping area. Please bring a few trash bags just in case.

Before leaving campers must return the property back to the way they found it when they arrived. Please be considerate of the owner who has graciously allowed us to use his property.

#### Directions from Jacksonville

1. Head south on I-95
2. Take exit 249B to merge onto FL-44 West toward Deland
3. After 5 miles turn left onto FL-415 South
4. Stay on FL-415 South approximately 14.5 miles then turn left onto Lemon Bluff Road
5. Turn right onto Indian Hammock Drive.
6. Follow Indian Hammock Road until it dead ends into a pasture. Look for Backcountry Flyfishing Association signs.



# Mayfly Group, LLC to Acquire Ross Reels from Orvis

**CAREFREE, Ariz.** (Dec. 23) – Mayfly Group, LLC, Colorado Springs, Colo., will acquire the Manchester, Vermont-based Orvis Company’s Ross Reels subsidiary effective Jan. 1, 2014. Mayfly operates various sporting brand names including Abel Automatics, Inc., the manufacturer of Abel fly reels and accessories in Camarillo, Calif. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Orvis acquired Ross Reels from 3M in June 2013 as part of an acquisition that also brought flyline manufacturer Scientific Anglers under Orvis ownership. Based in Montrose, Colo., Ross Reels produces mid-priced fly reels. Since acquiring Ross, Orvis has developed a clear growth strategy for its Scientific Anglers brand, while concurrently struggling to integrate the Ross Reels brand into its own reel business. “It became clear that Ross is not a strong fit for Orvis’ long term strategy,” according to Jim Lepage, President of the Orvis subsidiary operating both Scientific Anglers and Ross Reels.

Mayfly is an Arizona-based holding company with offices in both Colorado and Nevada.

“With the help of the Abel engineering team, the Ross brand will be updated and new products added; in addition, Ross will re-introduce selected reels from its former product lineup,” said David Drago, president of Mayfly.

“Mayfly Group is honored to be associated with Ross Reels, an iconic fly fishing brand. We hope to expand upon the creativity and quality of the brand developed by founder Ross Hauck more than 40 years ago,” said Drago.

“We respect the company’s strong tradition, out-

standing workforce, well-run factory and quality products. We are happy to have found a strategic buyer that can give Ross Reels the attention it deserves and look forward to seeing it prosper and grow in the years to come. We wish Ross and its employees nothing but the best,” Lepage said.



According to the Mayfly Group’s mission statement, their goal is “to provide outdoor enthusiasts with the best and most dependable products in the world while engaging in efforts to protect and sustain our natural environment.” The investment group plans to use its “combined resources to help our companies with market penetration and capital investment. Mayfly is seeking additional investment opportunities in the fly fishing and related outdoor markets,” said Drago.

## About The Mayfly Group

The Mayfly Group, LLC is a private investment company founded in Colorado Springs, Colorado. According to its mission statement, The Mayfly Group’s intent is “To provide outdoor enthusiasts with the best and most dependable products in the world while engaging in efforts to protect and sustain our natural environment.”

## About The Orvis Company

Founded in Manchester, Vermont in 1856, Orvis pioneered fly-fishing and the mail order industry in the United States. A leading corporate steward for the environment, Orvis contributes 5% of pre-tax profits every year to protect nature.

## About Ross Reels

Founded by Ross Hauck in 1973 and acquired by Orvis in June, 2013, Ross manufactures fly reels, fly rods, complete fly fishing outfits, reel outfits, rod cases, fishing pliers and other outdoor related products in Montrose, Colorado.

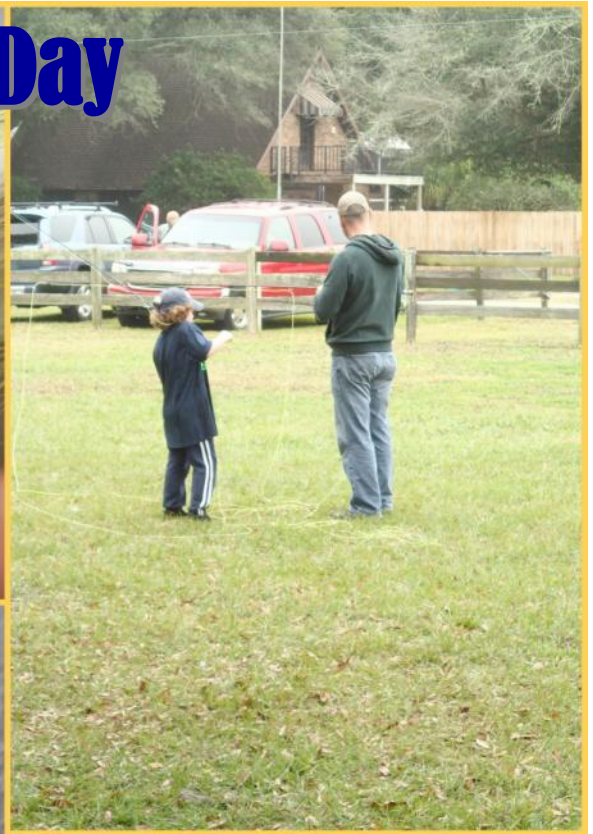


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**More information to come in the February and March Newsletters**

## **HELP WANTED**

Blackfly Outfitters is looking for a fly fishing specialist to join their retail staff in Jacksonville.

The ideal candidate is someone who is passionate about fly fishing and has strong technical skills.

Computer skills along with retail experience is preferred.



If interested, contact Jean of Vaughn Cochran at 904-997-2220



# January 2014 Tides

## Mayport, Florida (Bar Pilot Dock)

Date	Time	Height (Feet)		Date	Time	Height (Feet)		Date	Time	Height (Feet)				
1/1/2014	Wed	1:16 AM	-1.2	L	1/11/2014	Sat	11:03 AM	0.2	L	1/21/2014	Tue	5:17 PM	0	L
1/1/2014	Wed	8:10 AM	5.5	H	1/11/2014	Sat	5:24 PM	4	H	1/22/2014	Wed	12:00 AM	4.2	H
1/1/2014	Wed	2:06 PM	-1	L	1/11/2014	Sat	11:09 PM	-0.1	L	1/22/2014	Wed	5:45 AM	0.4	L
1/1/2014	Wed	8:30 PM	4.7	H	1/12/2014	Sun	5:59 AM	4.7	H	1/22/2014	Wed	12:16 PM	4.2	H
1/2/2014	Thu	2:10 AM	-1.3	L	1/12/2014	Sun	11:54 AM	0.1	L	1/22/2014	Wed	6:03 PM	0.1	L
1/2/2014	Thu	9:03 AM	5.6	H	1/12/2014	Sun	6:13 PM	4	H	1/23/2014	Thu	12:46 AM	4.2	H
1/2/2014	Thu	2:57 PM	-1.1	L	1/12/2014	Sun	11:57 PM	-0.2	L	1/23/2014	Thu	6:42 AM	0.5	L
1/2/2014	Thu	9:25 PM	4.8	H	1/13/2014	Mon	6:44 AM	4.7	H	1/23/2014	Thu	1:03 PM	4.1	H
1/3/2014	Fri	3:03 AM	-1.3	L	1/13/2014	Mon	12:41 PM	0	L	1/23/2014	Thu	6:56 PM	0	L
1/3/2014	Fri	9:56 AM	5.5	H	1/13/2014	Mon	6:57 PM	4	H	1/24/2014	Fri	1:39 AM	4.3	H
1/3/2014	Fri	3:48 PM	-1.1	L	1/14/2014	Tue	12:42 AM	-0.3	L	1/24/2014	Fri	7:46 AM	0.5	L
1/3/2014	Fri	10:20 PM	4.8	H	1/14/2014	Tue	7:25 AM	4.7	H	1/24/2014	Fri	1:59 PM	4	H
1/4/2014	Sat	3:58 AM	-1.1	L	1/14/2014	Tue	1:23 PM	-0.1	L	1/24/2014	Fri	7:55 PM	-0.1	L
1/4/2014	Sat	10:48 AM	5.3	H	1/14/2014	Tue	7:38 PM	4	H	1/25/2014	Sat	2:43 AM	4.3	H
1/4/2014	Sat	4:41 PM	-1	L	1/15/2014	Wed	1:23 AM	-0.3	L	1/25/2014	Sat	8:53 AM	0.3	L
1/4/2014	Sat	11:15 PM	4.8	H	1/15/2014	Wed	8:03 AM	4.7	H	1/25/2014	Sat	3:04 PM	3.9	H
1/5/2014	Sun	4:56 AM	-0.8	L	1/15/2014	Wed	2:02 PM	-0.2	L	1/25/2014	Sat	8:58 PM	-0.2	L
1/5/2014	Sun	11:40 AM	5.1	H	1/15/2014	Wed	8:17 PM	4	H	1/26/2014	Sun	3:54 AM	4.5	H
1/5/2014	Sun	5:37 PM	-0.8	L	1/16/2014	Thu	2:00 AM	-0.4	L	1/26/2014	Sun	9:59 AM	0.1	L
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