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Rookies in the Grass

Featuring

Chan Richie, Bart Issacs and Mike McQuiston

Everyone's favorite time of year will soon be upon us. In just twenty-five days college football begins. Thirteen days after that, the defending Super Bowl Champions the Denver Broncos take on the Carolina Panthers to kick off the NFL season. But for the First Coast Fly Fishers, the first flood tide of the season is just twenty days away. In preparation for this momentous occasion, the August meeting will bring together the Three Musketeers of the Grass Flats, to discuss strategies for finding, stalking and landing redfish in the grass.

Are you still searching for that first redfish in the grass? Tired of redfish ignoring your perfectly presented fly? Do you spook more tailing redfish than you catch? The August meeting will cover most everything that you wish to know about finding and catching redfish in the flooded grass.

Chan Ritchie will talk the basics and discuss walking the flats while revealing his "Grip It & Strip It" technique. Bart Issacs will share his years of successful experience as a master kayak flats-stalker and Mike McQuiston will blow your hat off as he reveals how his high speed, run and gun style allows him to stay in flooded grass for 2 to 4 hours each trip. Bring your questions or send them in advance to Chan at [critchie@bellsouth.net](mailto:critchier@bellsouth.net) Come early because this will be a sold-out show.

For those of you new to fishing for redfish in the grass this will be an excellent opportunity to learn some of the techniques necessary to be successful. You don't want to miss the August meeting.



Porthos



Aramis



Athos

On the Cover:

Larry Holder and Mike Harrigan on dawn patrol. See story on page 13.

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National Park Service Turns 100

By Jason C. Sheasley

National parks are the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst."

-Wallace Stegner, 1983

On August 25th the US National Park Service celebrates its 100th anniversary. That was the day in 1916 that Woodrow Wilson signed into law the National Park Service Organic Act (the Organic Act). Prior to that time, the 35 existing national parks and monuments were managed individually, by either the Department of the Interior, War Department or Forest Service. The Organic Act created a new federal bureau under the Department of Interior to specifically manage the country's existing and future national parks and monuments. This new Service was given the authority to *"promote and regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations ...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."* Today, the National Park Services 59 National Parks, 79 National Monuments, 25 National Battlefields, 125 National Historic Sites, and 113 other park units. More than 20,000 NPS employees care for over 84,000,000 acres of land in the United States and five of its territories. According to NPS statistics, out national parks and monuments were visited over 307,000,000 times last year.

For those seeking to touch American history or find solace in the natural environment, National Parks provide something for nearly everyone. To the fly fisherman, some of the best and most challenging fishing in the country can be found in National Parks. This month, in honor of America's best idea, we look at ten of the best and most unique national parks for fly fishing.

Congaree National Park

Established in 2003, Congaree National Park in the low country of South Carolina is one of the three newest national parks. It is home to the largest tract of old growth bottomland hardwood forest in the United States. The park is situated along the northern side of the Congaree River. The 50 mile Congaree River Blue Trail extends from Columbia, South Carolina to the Park.

The river boasts largemouth bass, bream, perch and striped bass. Lake Marion and Lake Moultrie to the east of the park are two of the half-dozen freshwater impoundments in the country in which striped bass naturally reproduce. During the spring spawning run, the females travel upstream along the fifty miles of rocky, free flowing Congaree River looking for a spot to lay their eggs. The River is known for holding huge striped bass.



Shenandoah National Park

Encompassing nearly 79,000 acres of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, Shenandoah National Park was a favorite of fly fisherman and 1st President Herbert Hoover. Shortly after Hoover's inauguration in 1929, construction began on Rapidan Camp, the precursor to the present-day



A Shenandoah Brook Trout

Camp David, on a 164-acre tract of land near the headwaters of the Rapidan River. The President purchased the land and building materials with his own money. The Marines built the 13 assorted buildings and lodge that made up the camp as a “military exercise.”

Shenandoah National Park is small stream fishing at its finest. Three-weight fly rods and dry flies are the order of the day to catch the native brook trout that inhabit the streams and creeks that flow throughout the park. What the fish lack in size they make up in beauty. Catching one of these small fish is like catching history. They were born in that stream, as were their ancestors, which may have very well been caught by the President.

Kings Canyon National Park

John Muir once said that Kings Canyon had everything Yosemite had including towering granite walls and forests of giant trees. At the heart of the Park is the awe-inspiring 8,200-foot-deep Kings Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the United States. Kings Canyon is also home to the General Grant Grove of sequoia trees. The most well-known tree, the General Grant Tree tow-



One of the many high country lakes in King Canyon

ers 267 feet and is the third largest tree in the world.

The South and Middle Forks of the Kings River and the South Fork of the San Joaquin River all flow through the park. But to enjoy a truly unique experience, one must put on a backpack and hike to the alpine lakes that populate the southern Sierra Nevada. The views at 10,000 feet are spectacular and the fishing is the best in Southern California.



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Great Smokey Mountain National Park

It is one of the most heavily visited national parks. However, the Great Smokey Mountains, are host to idyllic trout streams in North Carolina and Tennessee. The land that constitutes the national park was purchased by federal funds. Prior to its dedication in 1940, all previous national park lands were funded wholly with state money or private funds.

Harry Middleton's work *On the Spine of Time* recounts his numerous journeys fly fishing the streams of the Great Smokey Mountains. The park has over 2,900 miles of fishable streams. Even with that much water to cover, sometimes it seems you still can't escape the crowds. The Park is known for its brook trout, but certain streams and pools hold large rainbows and browns. There are plenty of year-round opportunities to fish within the confines of the park. Those willing to hike or backpack can easily escape the crowds and find fish-holding waters that have seemingly been untouched.

Glacier National Park

Glacier National Park is located in the extreme northwestern corner of Montana. The Park encompasses of 1 million acres and contains over 130 named lakes. The park is often referred to as the Crown of the “Continent Ecosystem” because it has been able to retain nearly all of its native plant and animal species. The landscape of the park was carved by glaciers during the last ice age, which ended 12,000 years ago.

Fly fishing and Montana go hand in hand. The Big Sky Country is well known for its storied rivers with excellent fly fishing. A license or permit is not required to fish in Glacier National Park so long as all your fishing is within the park itself. Fishing in the Park can range from excellent to mediocre. The Middle Fork of the



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Flathead and the North Fork of the Blackfoot provide great fishing opportunities a do the lakes throughout the park. However, if you plan to fish the backcountry lakes, be sure to know which ones are fishable. Some of the high country lakes lack the nutrients to support large populations of fish. Regardless of where you fish in the Park, the unspoiled beauty will make the trip worthwhile.

Dry Tortuga National Park

Situated 70 miles southwest of Key West, Dry Tortuga National Park, which is 99 percent water, offers some of the remote saltwater fly fishing in the country. The Park is comprised of Fort Jefferson and the seven Dry Tortugas islands. Fort Jefferson, situated on Garden Key, is the largest masonry fortification constructed in the United States. Construction began on the fort in 1846. The fort is strategically located at the entrance to the Gulf of Mexico. At one point, nearly 2,000 people lives at the fort. In 1856 three men convicted of planning in the assassination of President Lincoln were imprisoned at the fort.

The Park can only be accessed by boat or seaplane. A concessionaire runs daily trips to the Park from Key West. Despite its remoteness, the Park had over 70,000



Fort Jefferson on Gardner Key

visitors last year. The coral reefs throughout the Park are the least disturbed of the Florida Keys reefs. This is namely because the park prohibits commercial fishing. The waters in and around the Park are teeming with life. Fly fisherman will have opportunities to target tarpon, permit, snapper, sailfish, pompano, barracuda and bonefish.

Yosemite National Park

One of the most famous national parks in the country, over 3.8 million people visit Yosemite every year. However, most of those people limit their visit to the seven square miles of the Yosemite Valley. The real beauty, and plenty of fishing opportunities await in the back country. In the backcountry you can traverse the massive granite peaks that inspired John Muir to dedicate his life to wilderness preservation.

Fishing Yosemite is as much about where you are fishing that how well you are fishing. But that's not to say the fishing in the Park isn't fantastic. First time fisherman in the Park often spend more time taking in the scenery that casting a line. There are countless streams, rivers and lakes scatters around the 1,124 square miles that make up the park. Much like King Canyon, the best opportunities come to those willing to hike into the back country for a couple days. For those unwilling to backpack, Tuolumne Meadows in the northeast corner of the park offer excellent fishing opportunities with limited crowds.

Rock Mountain National Park

Rock Mountain National Park is the quintessential national park. Over three million people flock to the park



every year. However, like visitors to other parks, most of these people do not venture beyond the blacktop roads, bucolic picnic areas and hard packed trails. Established the year before the National Park Service, the park encompasses over 265,000 acres and contains 78 mountain peaks towering over 12,000 feet. The rocks at the tops of these mountains are as old as those found at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

About 150 miles of streams and 50 different lakes hold trout. The Cache la Poudre, Colorado Big Thompson and Fall rivers are well known and receive the greatest amount of pressure. Easily accessible from roads and trail heads, these rivers hold brook, brown and rainbow trout. However, if you are looking for native cutthroat, you need to get off the beaten path and follow the smaller streams into the mountains. The fishing in the park is good, if not great, but you have to work for it.

Yellowstone National Park

The granddaddy of them all, Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872. At nearly 3,500 square miles, the park extends into parts of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. The first human inhabitants of what is not the national park date back 11,000 years. In the early 1800

These are just a few of the National Parks that offer excellent fishing opportunities across the nation. The 100th anniversary of the National Park Service is an excellent opportunity to visit one of our 59 National Parks. Whether you do so to fish or simply take in the scenery, take the time to enjoy America's best idea.



Everglades Sunrise



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Fishing the Firehole River

FCFF Board of Directors Nominating Committee

Over the course of the next the Club will be accepting nominations for the 2017 Board of Directors. In anticipation of this, we will be forming a Nominating Committee made up of current Board members, Club members in good standing and a former Club President. If you would like to volunteer for the Nominating Committee please get contact Seth Nehrke. He can be contacted at NehrkeSM@gmail.com.

The Club is always on the lookout for members who want to serve on the Board. A few of the Directors have served on the Board for several years and will be stepping down in 2017. As such, the Nominating Committee will be seeking out their replacements.

If you are one of those people whose fly fishing skills have improved exponentially since joining the Club, and you find yourself feeling indebted then fear not. Serving on the Board is a great way to repay your debt. Aside from learning the secret handshake, you will have the satisfaction of helping to shape the direction of the Club in 2017. If that's not enough, you will get a sneak peek at the silent auction and raffle items for next year's banquet.



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Captains for Clean Water is a grassroots 501(c)3 nonprofit organization advocating for the elimination of harmful, large-scale Lake Okeechobee discharges into the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River Estuaries by restoring the natural flow of Lake Okeechobee water south into the Everglades and Florida Bay. Restoring the natural southern flow of Lake Okeechobee water is essential to the survival of our estuaries, the health of the Everglades, and the long-term viability of South Florida's largest drinking water source (the Biscayne Aquifer).

We started out as a group of fishing guides from Fort Myers, FL that "had enough" of Florida's poor water management practices. We have witnessed the long term decline of estuaries across south Florida – and we have seen the acceleration of that decline over just the last ten years. Inexplicably, no significant progress has been to solve this enormous problem – and that is simply not acceptable to us.

Given the destruction we have seen firsthand, we are convinced that if everyone knew what we knew, this problem would have been fixed already. Unfortunately, the solution to this problem has been obstructed by large corporate agricultural interests and government mismanagement. The science has been proven time and time again- the state needs to acquire land south of Lake Okeechobee to store, treat and convey water south. This consensus solution has been delayed decades because our state's lawmakers have enjoyed large-scale campaign contributions from agricultural corporations seeking to benefit from the status-quo, combined with a lack of public awareness. We're here to fix that.

We are not an organization exclusive to Captains, fishing guides, or boaters. Sign up for our email newsletter and you can be a Captain for Clean Water! We're not just fishing guides- we have a variety of concerned resource users actively involved with our organization including attorneys and biologists. We rely on dona-

tions to spread our message. The more money we raise, the more people we reach. Our success is defined by how many people we can educate. We broadcast our PSA's on television, maximize our social media presence, and give presentations to clubs, organizations, etc.

For every dollar spent on Everglades restoration projects, such as restoring the flow of Lake Okeechobee by cleaning and conveying water south, the local economy will see a \$4 return.

More information can be found at the the organization's web site: <http://captainsforcleanwater.org/>

2017 FCFF Banquet Preparations

Planning for next year's banquet has already begun. Taking the helm for the 2017 festivities will be Corri Davis. She has come up with several great ideas for the banquet. This includes adding a personal touch to the banquet. She is asking for each of the Club members to rummage through their attics, junk drawers and old photo albums to find a picture yourself fishing (or engaging in one of your favorite activities) when you were younger. If you are married and your significant other likes to fish, have them submit a picture as well. Better still, submit a picture of the two of you fishing when you were younger and love was in bloom. The idea is to submit a picture in which you are not easily recognizable.

Email your photographs to Corri at corridavis1@gmail.com. If you don't use email or computers for that matter, then plan to bring your photograph to an upcoming meeting. Corri will scan the photograph and give it back to you. Please include with your photographs your name, the date the picture was taken and your photograph.

Please plan to send your photographs in as soon as possible. A lot of time and planning goes into preparing for the banquet. **The deadline for submitting your photographs is the November 2016 meeting.** Don't wait until the last minute!

An Inside Story

By Capt. Bill Shear

I grew up a fly angler in the heart of Vilas County, WI. We lived on Lake Buckatabon, a well-known Walleye and musky fishery – but almost all lakes in Vilas County are. My difference from other kids in the area was I fly fished, not exclusively at that time, but most of the time. I did it because it was less expensive to catch all the fish I wanted to on flies I made myself than it was to buy baits which were in a very limited supply, we lived 6 miles from town and didn't get there very often.

I did not catch a trout until I was 12 years old, but I had caught several muskies by the time I was 11! They were all smaller fish between 30 and 36 inches in length that had ate my bass flies while fishing shallower water early in the morning before I had to do chores. My parents owned and operated a Boys and Girls Summer Camp, there were chores to do every day before I could participate in the camp activities. By the way, my first trout was a beautiful wild brookie from Lower Buckatabon Creek, I'll never forget the colors of that fish and how much it squirmed around while I tried to hold it! The colors were magical and the fact that it had no scales was strange but cool.



I became engrossed with everything fishing, especially fly fishing and tried to tie flies by imitating what I saw in magazines.



In 1970 my folks sold the camp and we moved to Boulder Junction, everything changed.

The Herters Catalog was my bible. I even got a “How to Make Lures and Flies” by George L. Herter, book for Christmas one year, I think I was 8 because I had taken such an interest in fly tying the summer before. My father was a teacher by profession and education was very important in my family, we were all encouraged to broaden our minds at every opportunity and we all read as much as possible – we also had no TV at camp until I was 10. There are 6 kids in my family, I'm the second oldest.

There were no “how-to's”, videos, or classes I could take, I just had to figure it out for myself. Every now and then a parent of a camper would show me a thing or two about winding a hackle or putting on a tail, but I really did not have any professional training until much later in life. Many of my flies were crude representations of living organisms like frogs, mice, or larger bugs, they all were supposed to float, some did... mostly. I trapped or shot most of the animals my materials were tied with. I tied my own leaders and really had no idea what tippet was until I read about it, all I knew was that if the skinny part was too short the fly would splat down so hard on the water that it would sink and I had to tie on more line to keep it from doing that! Taper was way overrated as far as the bass and

bluegills were concerned, but I did learn about leader design in my own crude way, and from reading.

About the time I went into 8th grade things started to get serious with my fishing and fly tying. Eventually the owner of the local sporting goods store, Mr. Denton, wanted me to bring in some flies. We traded for whatever I needed, hooks, baits, little stuff like that. I think I got about 25 cents per fly. Folks would offer suggestions on sizes and colors and I would make flies based on their requests.

Living in the legendary “Musky Capital of the World” was cool, but living on a lake with 3 old time “bonafide” musky legends was awesome! These guys were living encyclopedias of musky fishing, even though they didn’t fly fish, they had those fish pegged from sunup to sunset. They knew where they would be, what they would eat, and when they would eat it, and I was all ears listening to every word and taking mental notes! I put down my fly rod and tried to learn about the fish, I didn’t quit fly fishing, but I really wanted to catch a toothy monster on my own and I had some of the best teachers in the world helping me out, I had to go for it!

I managed to come up with some old gear that I bought used, the old classic 5’ broomstick rod, a level wind reel loaded with 60 pound test Dacron, some piano

wire leaders, and a few baits. My first baits were a Daredevil about 4 inches long and a big old wooden thing with spinner blades on each end, man were those lures heavy, my Herter’s book came in handy and I started designing and whittling my own baits to imitate the forage fish I saw muskies eating and I ended up catching a few! I was out on the water every day that I could be and since I didn’t have nearly as many chores to do, I was able to concentrate on my fishing more and it paid off. When I was a senior in high school, I went to work at Alpine Lodge as the cabin boy and got more education in muskies from the head guide at the lodge, he really liked me and we became good friends. He taught me more about observing the fish and how they reacted to the bait than I ever could have on my own!

Once I got to college I was really into trout and during the school year I would ply the streams in the Driftless Area at every opportunity but when I got back home I was right out on the lake looking for larger fish with teeth and that attitude they are famous for! After a while I began to understand how the fish reacted to a bait and even some flies, but I really did not have the fly tackle to take on a really big fish. I finally purchased a 9 1/2 foot 10 weight blank from St. Croix in 1978, got a heavy duty Pflueger fly reel and a 10 weight Cortland floating line and got serious about getting a fish on the fly.





Just like making my own hard baits, I started to design my own flies that were easier to cast and still put out a big profile. Not huge, just adequate enough to get the attention of a musky. The old guides always told me that most of the time the fish ate small stuff and I should throw smaller baits until they quit eating them – that made sense. I concentrated on perch and sucker patterns in the 5 to 7 inch range because that’s what they ate and I could cast them fairly well. I tried all sorts of things to make my streamers move better in the water, I even tied a jointed fly somewhere around 1982, it had a wine bottle cork in the head with a 200 pound test solid wire through it and a streamer stuck out the back. It was okey but it was limited to the surface and by then I realized that most of the fish wanted to eat underwater. It took another decade of trial and error for me to finally design a fly that was just right for most situations, the Figure-8. It was not just the fly, it was also advancements in tackle, lines, leaders, and knowledge being shared by lots of us chasing big fish all over the world. There were guys catching tarpon, strippers, pike, and lots of other fish that set the stage for the pinnacle of freshwater fish to become the prize it is today on the fly. We were splicing lines together, using shooting heads and trying just about everything you could think of to keep fish on the line. Our hard work began to get the attention of sportsmen who wanted a shot at all those monsters, after another couple of dec-

ades of hard work and some success, it finally took off and here we are today.

I’m happy to say I was there when it all began, but I’m humbled by it also.

I just happened to be in the right place at the right time and was taught to listen when someone with more experience had something to say. Then I took those lessons and fashioned them into something I could work with and expand on. Lets keep doing that, it looks to me like we still have a long way to go!

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DAWN PATROL

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY JASON SHEASLEY



Around twenty or so members gathered at the Little Talbot State Park for the July outing on the 24th. If you were unable to attend then you missed a great walk along the beach. If the wives or significant others would have shown up it would have been downright romantic. Alas, neither the women nor the fish cooperated. Nevertheless, it was a good day to be on the water. The morning began with Mike Harrigan serving up assorted breakfast sandwiches and coffee as everyone strung up their rods. Afterward, Don Edlin gave a quick overview of how to fish the beach. Then we were off to make the two mile trek to the end of the island.

Wearing facemasks and carrying fly rods and backpacks, we garnished odd looks threading our way thru the local beachgoers as the group headed to the north end of the island. One of the regulars wondering what was going on was local musician and JJ Grey who was in between tours and spent the morning surfing the incoming tide. Bob Connery and I were at the back of the throng of fly fisherman when he rode up on his bicycle and asked if we were participating in a fly fishing tournament. After explaining we were part of a local fly fishing club, he wished us good luck and headed off to find a wave. Making our way along the beach Bob and I talked about our last trip to Little Talbot. We had a fantastic day. On practically every other cast we caught fish. We only stopped because we were too tired to keep casting. Bob and I returned the very next day hoping to have a repeat. We didn't. In fact, we didn't even see a fish let alone catch any.

According to Don Edlin, the conditions were perfect for catching fish in the surf. The problem was, no body bothered to tell the fish. The fish were there. Tarpon were rolling in the inlet. A school of reds worked the shoreline but refused to eat. But that's fishing; especially surf fishing. Things change rapidly. One minute the fish are there and the next minute they are gone. When it comes to surf fishing, being in the right place at the right time is just as important as skill.

For the new members who never fished the surf it was a great learning experience. Don knows the area

well and he is a great teacher. When the return on their own, they will know what to do. While Bob and I were looking for a chance to relive that fantastic day of fishing several years ago, we were both content to be on the water. Walking back along the beach, I couldn't help but recall the lyrics of one of JJ Grey's songs:

*So good to be warm in the sun.
Loving every minute I'm living.*

It was a good day indeed.



The Ultimate Fly Fishing Vehicle

Fly fishing has been considered an elitist, rich man's sport. In some respects that is true. Not everyone can afford a \$1,000 fly rod with a matching \$800 reel, not to mention the over-priced paraphernalia that goes along with it. Fewer still are able to afford \$29,000 a week to live aboard the Nomads of the Sea, as it sails the Chilean coastline and ferries fisherman to virgin trout streams on the mainland aboard a Bell 407 helicopter. But for those who can afford those high-end trappings there must come a time when you've bought all the gear and fished all the exclusive waters and you have to ask "What's next?" If you are one of those sorts, then Bentley and the Mulliner coachbuilders have the answer.

In July, Bentley introduced the 2016 Bentayga Fly Fishing by Mulliner, the ultimate in luxury fly fishing transportation. Hand-crafted by Mulliner, Bentley's bespoke coachbuilding division, it is an exquisite installation which houses all the equipment required for a successful day on the river.

Four rods are stored in special tubes trimmed in Saddle leather with Linen cross-stitching and located on the

underside of the parcel shelf. A pair of landing nets in matching leather bags are stored in a bespoke, carpet-trimmed hard pocket built into the side of the boot.

At the heart of the Bentayga Fly Fishing by Mulliner are three individual, Saddle-leather-trimmed units: a master tackle station; a refreshment case; and waterproof wader-stowage trunk.

The master tackle station and refreshment case sit on a sliding tray that allows for easy access. Inside the master tackle unit is a special Burr Walnut veneered drawer containing a fly-tying vice and tools, as well as a selection of cotton, hooks and feathers. Beneath this are four machined-from-solid aluminum reel cases trimmed in Saddle leather with a Linen cross-stitching. The interior of the refreshment case is trimmed in Linen leather, and contains up to three metal flasks and a set of Mulliner fine-china tableware, as well as a separate food storage compartment. With a quilted leather finish on top, it can also be removed entirely and used as additional seating.

Waders and boots are conveniently stowed in a hand-



crafted and Saddle-leather-wrapped wood trunk, lined with hard-wearing neoprene material to keep the items in a waterproof environment after use.

Of course, all three units can be removed from the Bentayga's storage area whenever maximum luggage space is required.

Waterproof trunk-floor and rear-sill-protection covers are discreetly integrated into the rear of the Bentayga Fly Fishing by Mulliner, as is an electronic dehumidifier unit to ensure the area remains fresh and dry.

For the first time with Bentayga, Mulliner 'Welcome Lights' are also featured. These are built into the underside of the doors and project the Bentley and Mulliner logos on to the ground when the doors are opened. In addition as a bespoke option, any personal logo or graphic can be individually specified on a customer's Bentayga order.

Geoff Dowding, Director of Mulliner, said: "The Bentayga Fly Fishing car showcases the breadth and level of detail a customer can expect from Mulliner. This is an individual bespoke solution and our skilled craftspeople can design elegant and exquisitely executed bespoke solutions to complement any customer lifestyle or hobby. Fly fishing is a sport that requires a variety of equipment and clothing, so it was essential to package the rods, reels, waders, boots and fly-tying station into the car in a luxurious, accessible and elegant way – and the end result is truly extraordinary."

Under the hood is a 608 horsepower, 12-cylinder engine which boasts a top speed of 187 miles per hour and a 4 second, 0 to 60 split.

For the affluent angler, the base model Bentayga costs \$231, 800. The customized fly fishing package is a \$105,300 add on (tax, title and tag not included).



Tarpon Travels 400 Miles in a Month

The Bonefish & Tarpon Trust (BTT) has initiated a new tarpon acoustic tagging program to provide insight into how tarpon move and migrate. The initial results are very promising.

Helios is an approximately 45-pound tarpon sponsored by Perk Perkins, CEO of The Orvis Company. It was caught on a live crab and tagged in late May in the Lower Florida Keys by BTT scientists from UMass Amherst and Carleton University, and was the second fish ever tagged as part of the program. We just received word from colleagues that their receiver near Port Orange, Florida, detected Helios in late June. This relatively small tarpon traveled over 400 miles in a month.

This detection is interesting because it's the first time we have been able to actively track fish in this size range — previous satellite tagging efforts funded by BTT were limited to tagging fish 80 pounds or larger. A 45-pound fish like Helios is years from becoming sexually mature, which has been considered the size that tarpon start longer distance migrations. It's also pretty remarkable that it traveled so far in a short period of time.

The group began to acoustically tag tarpon this past May in an effort to expand on knowledge of tarpon habitat use and movement at different life stages. This underscores the importance of acoustic tagging to provide new insight into tarpon movement and habitat use during different life stages, and will provide information that is critical to BTT's conservation efforts. Stay tuned for more recaptures and fascinating new insights on these amazing creatures.



Helios being released



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Author Thomas McGuane Answers “Does Fishing Mean Anything?”

Angler and award-winning author Thomas McGuane presented the talk “Does Fishing Mean Anything?” on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Museum of the Rockies Hager Auditorium as part of the MSU Library Trout & Salmonid Lecture Series. Trout are “emblematic of the perfection of nature,” says McGuane, and “fishing is one way, in a good way, of learning where you are.”

Click the image below the water a video of McGuanes talk, or type the following link into your internet browser: <http://midcurrent.com/2016/07/23/video-mcguane-answers-does-fishing-mean-anything/>



Since our beginnings in the late Nineteenth Century, the MSU Library has strived to develop a world-class research collection in support of the academic goals of our university, including those of local interest with national and international resonance. Sixty years of research on fish and fisheries has given MSU a strong tradition on which to build the nation's preeminent trout and salmonid collection. Not only does the collection support this world-class research, but it is a focal point of local and regional pride for those who care about the salmonid species' well being and about the waters that flow through this region. Housed in the MSU Libraries' Merrill G. Burlingame Special Collections, this collection is open to the public for use on the premises in a controlled archival environment.

Lake Okeechobee Update from the Coastal Conservation Association

CCA Florida continues to be horrified by the damage being done to our estuaries by the management of the water in Lake Okeechobee. Using our proven methods of advocacy and lobbying CCA will continue to work on behalf of recreational anglers to insure the long term health of our marine resources including clean water.

In addition to working on numerous fishery management and recreational fishing access issues, CCA Florida has also taken several action steps due to the damaging green algae bloom which originally appeared in Lake Okeechobee this year and has since found its way in the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. CCA Florida has taken the following actions in the last couple of weeks on behalf of its members:

1. CCA Florida's Chairman has written Governor Rick Scott and has urged him and other leaders to take immediate action to relieve damaging discharges out of Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries. We asked the Governor to make water quality the highest priority for the remainder of his time in office. Additionally, given the Governor's economic orientation and focus on Florida jobs, the letter reminded the Governor how important recreational fishing is to Florida's economy and to the state's tourism industry. The letter also encouraged the Governor to visit the affected areas in Martin and Lee counties immediately.
2. CCA Florida's Chairman has written the Assistant Secretary for Civil Projects of the Army Corps of Engineers, Jo-Ellen Darcy, urging her and her staff to take whatever tactical and strategic actions necessary to provide some immediate relief to the effected estuary systems. The letter to Ms. Darcy implored her and the rest of the ACOE staff to develop more efficient practices to shorten the time frame for CERP project implementation. It currently takes the Corps about 7 years to study prospective restora-

tion projects, which is totally unacceptable. The letter also invited Ms. Darcy to pay a visit to Martin and Lee counties.

3. CCA Florida's Chair has also written a similar letter to the Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District, Peter Antonacci.
4. CCA Florida continues to communicate with Army Corps of Engineers operatives at the local levels and have encouraged them to be creative and consider all options when managing discharges out of Lake Okeechobee.
5. In Washington, CCA continues to monitor the current Water Resources Development Act legislation making its way through committee in the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate, to make sure vital Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) foundation projects are authorized and funded as well as key elements of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), and important CERP component.
6. Water quality in the state is highest advocacy priority for CCA, which has devoted countless man hours among staff and volunteers to these important habitat issues.
7. CCA Florida participated in the first ever Indian River Lagoon Summit in June, and will continue to be an active advocate on several Summit follow-up initiatives. In part, the Summit was organized in response to an algae bloom in March which was responsible for a massive fish kill in the Banana River.
8. CCA Florida continues to be a leading voice fighting against draconian proposals to close hundreds of square miles of marine areas in Southeast Florida to recreational fishing and diving. As part of an effort to oppose these ideas, CCA continues to emphasize the importance of water quality solutions instead of overly ambitious marine and reef closure efforts.
9. CCA Florida continues to encourage its members to actively write, email, and call their state and federal political leaders to urge them to make Florida's water management solutions their highest priority. It's an election year, so legislative leaders will be particularly interested in what is on the minds of their constituents.

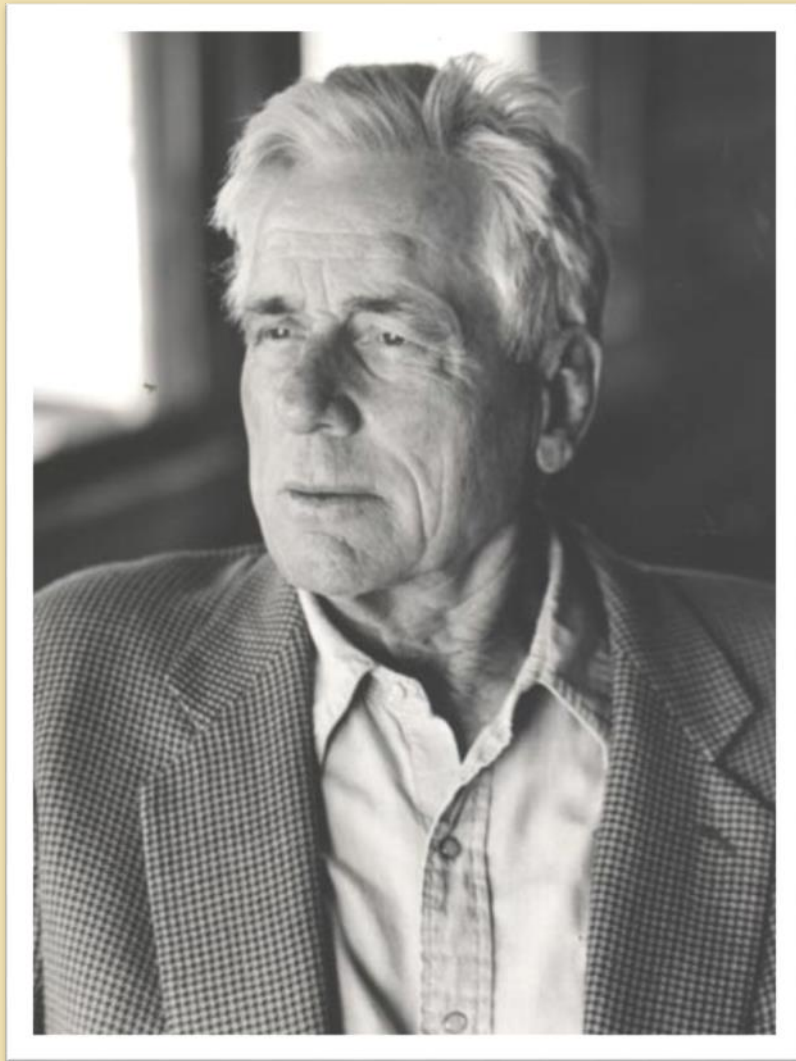
CCA Florida will continue to work with our political leaders in Tallahassee and Washington, as well as administrative heads of key state and federal agencies who have a hand in Florida's water management. This will continue to be a priority issue for many years to come.

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OYSTER CREEK OUTFITTERS TO CARRY BOTE PADDLE BOARDS

Oyster Creek Outfitters recently announced that it will begin carrying the BOTE line of paddle boards. Paddle board fishing has become what kayak fishing was a few years ago. All the kids are doing it nowadays. It has become an excellent way to fish for reds in the grass flats. Need proof, check out the video below or type the following link into your internet browser: <https://vimeo.com/50732221>.





“If the trout are lost, smash the state.”

Thomas MacGuane

The Longest Silence, A Life in Fishing

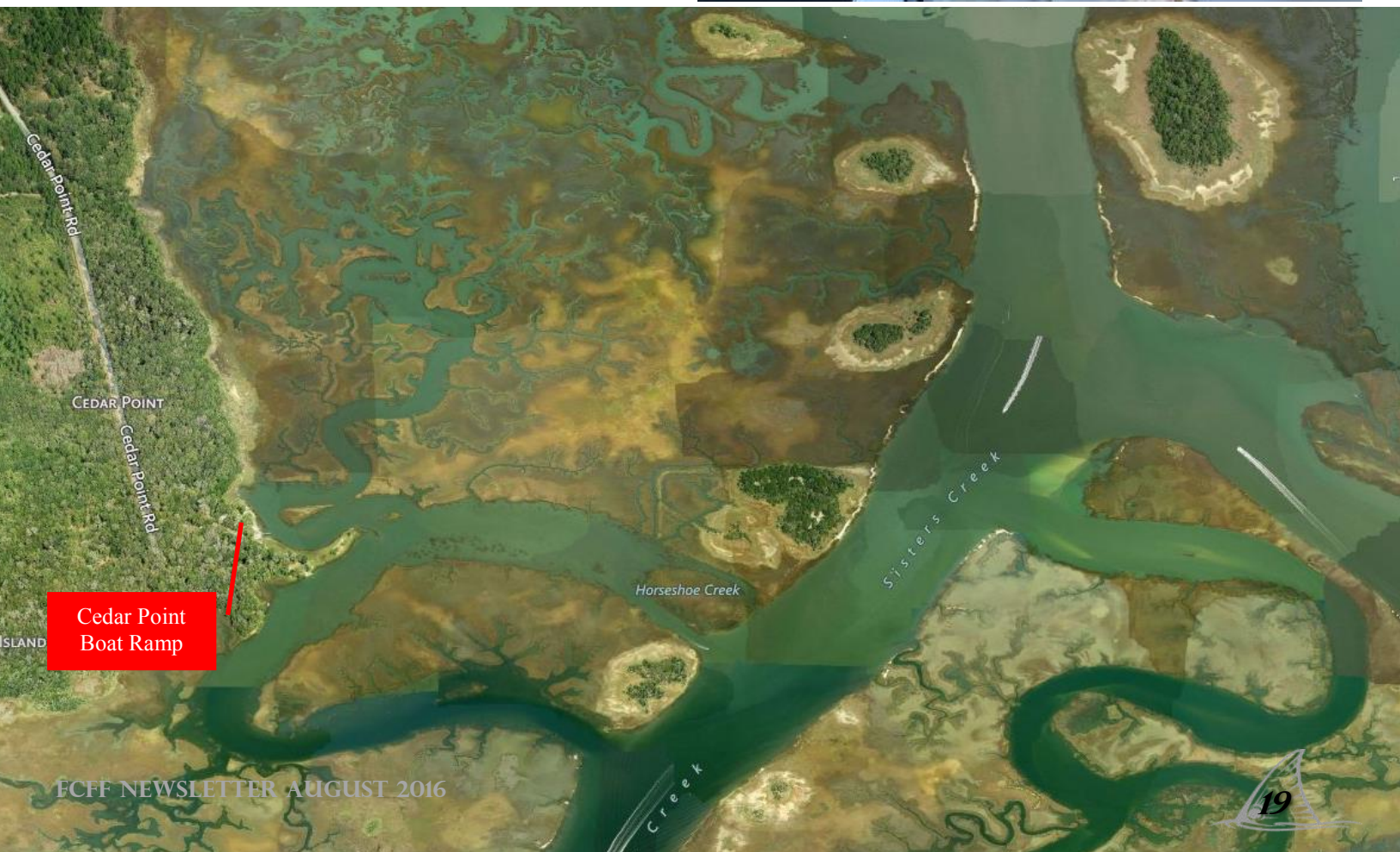
OUTING AUGUST 20th CEDAR POINT REDFISH IN THE GRASS

You've waited all year for it! The grass flats are flooding and the redfish are hungry! The Club will be kicking off its stretch of flood tide outings on Saturday August 20th. There is a 5.7' tide at 11:08 AM. You won't need to get up too early but you can't sleep late and still have a chance to stake our your piece of grass flats before the flood. What could be better than to watch the sun come up over Cedar Point and then catch tailing reds.

For those of you new to the Club or new to fly fishing, this is an excellent opportunity to learn about catching reds in the grass. You will need a sturdy pair of wading shoes, an 8 or 9 weight rod and crab flies. Several patterns are productive for reds in the grass including: Larry Miniard's Fidler in the Grass, John Bottko's Turkey in the Grass, Dupree Spoons and the OCTOGO.

This is a perfect outing for canoes, kayaks and other paddle craft. There are numerous productive flats within an easy paddle of the boat ramp. If you are without means of flotation, email Mike Harrigan, the VP of Outings (FCFFoutings@gmail.com) and he will pair you up with one of our members with a boat.

More information about the outing will be available at the August 1st Meeting.



AUGUST 2016 TIDES JACKSONVILLE (MAYPORT BAR PILOT DOCK)

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