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Fly Fishing Swap Meet

Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma forced us to cancel last month's meeting and the scheduled swap meet. Knowing that several of you went to great lengths to clean out their closets, we decided to **reschedule the Swap Meet for the October 2nd meeting**. So those of you that thought you wouldn't be able to make a couple extra bucks selling those slightly used wading boots can rejoice.

If you are looking to buy, trade or sell fly fishing and outdoor-related items, this is the event for you. For those of you looking to thin your heard or rods and reels this is your opportunity cull the ones you no longer use or need and make a few bucks on the side. If you are new to fly fishing, this is your opportunity to pick up some "gently use" fly fishing gear a bargain prices. Who knows you just might save a marriage by buying that three-year old 8-weight Orvis Helios rod.

The Club will provide food and drinks for the evening, you provide the gear to sell, swap or buy. We will have tables set up for you to show your wares. If you've got nothing to sell (and you are prohibited from buying anything) plan to come anyway. There is sure to be lots of socializing going on in between deal making.

The Swap Meet is for fishing, fly fishing and outdoor related items. This is not the time or place to try to unload that set of Franklin Mint historical figurines you thought was a good investment; or that Mr. Microphone you bought because of some late-night infomercial.

With the holidays around the corner, the Swap Meet is an excellent place to get the finest in slightly used outdoor paraphernalia. Show that special someone in your life just how much they mean to you with a gently used 9-weight fly rod or maybe even a boat anchor. Nothing says "I Love You" quite like gift of someone's unwanted stuff!

The October meeting will be the last one before the time change. So come early and bring your fly rod for a little casting practice before it get too dark.



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Mad Dog McQuisten and Woody Huband runnin' and gunnin' the grass flats
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Fly Fishing Highlights

From exhibitors to buyers to media, representatives from the domestic and international recreational fishing and boating community converged on the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) in Orlando, Fla., July 11-14, for the 60th International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades, better known as ICAST.

Produced by the American Sportfishing Association (ASA), the sportfishing industry's trade association, ICAST is the ultimate showcase for the latest innovations in gear, accessories and apparel.

"Business opportunities abound at ICAST," said Trade Show Director Blake Swango. "By partnering a second year with the National Marine Manufacturers Association on the Marine Accessories Pavilion, we expanded the show's reach into the boating retail and media audiences. Combined with our ongoing co-location with the fly fishing industry and IFTD, we really do offer everything that enhances the fishing and boating experience, under one roof."

"Inherently, this show is about showcasing the gear, apparel and accessories that help to make a day on the water both exciting and rewarding. And we're planning on doing things even bigger and better in 2018 when the show returns to Orlando from July 10-13."

ICAST, along with the International Fly Tackle Dealer Show and the Marine Accessories Pavilion, encompassed a vast section of the West Building. ICAST hosted 582 exhibitors in 1982 booths covering almost 200,000 square feet of the show floor. There were close to 15,000 people registered for the show, including 1,156 people from 73 countries, which translates into a significant opportunity to do business.

The New Product Showcase

BOTE's Rover was voted by buyers and media as the best product in both the Boat Accessories category and the overall "Best of Show."

"My congratulations go to all of the winners and everyone who participated in the New Product Showcase. The entrepreneurial spirit that exists within our member companies is what adds excitement to the fishing experience," said ASA President and CEO Mike Nussman.

"I also thank Fishing Tackle Retailer for their sponsorship of this important event."

"This year we are living up to our reputation as the world's largest sportfishing trade show," said Trade Show Director Blake Swango. "We are just shy of 15,000 registered show attendees."

Swango also noted, "This year we saw a number of new products being entered into the New Product Showcase which will certainly have an impact on the 2017 and 2018 markets. I also want to congratulate our New Product Showcase award winners and thank all our member companies who submitted products for judging. You're all winners to me!"

The ICAST 2017 "Best of Show" awards, sponsored by Costa, were presented on Wednesday, July 12, during the Chairman's Industry Awards Reception at the Orange County Convention Center.

Source: <http://www.icastfishing.org/icast-2017-highlights/>



Don Reed, owner of Oyster Creek Outfitters, with Lefty Kreh at ICAST 2017 in Orlando



Fly Fishing

Best of Show

Every year ICAST hosts the New Product Showcase, where tackle manufacturers exhibit their latest products. Buyers and members of the media are given a chance to vote on the best and most innovative products in various categories. In all, there are 1,263 products in 26 different categories. Here are a few of this year's fly fishing-related winners.

1 BOTE Rover

The BOTE Rover was voted the best new product in both the Overall and Boat Accessories categories.

In order to make your mark on the world, you often have to make a voyage from the familiar into far off places where few have ventured or even dared. These journeys are necessary to discover our true selves and grow our knowledge of the world around us. We have developed a platform that will help you take that journey. A BOTE like no other, that will take you farther, faster than anything we have ever created. WE CALL IT ROVER.

Rover evolved from the most innovative paddle boards on the planet, and was designed as a paddle board first. It's channeled, Deep-V nose design quietly slices through the water and paddles efficiently through a variety of water conditions.

Rover's modular Rac Receiver System allow you to configure rover in a multitude of configurations by simply sliding the Rac of your choosing into the receiver in a matter of seconds. No tools required.

It's a stand up paddle board. It's a microskiff. It's everything in between. No matter what you call it, one thing's for sure, it's a BOTE. The Rover's revolutionary modular Racs allow you to go from paddle to power in seconds.

For more information about the Rover go to: <https://www.boteboard.com/rover/>

2 Pfluger Supreme QRS Fly Reel

This year's Best Fly Fishing Reel award goes to Pfluger. Pfluger can trace its history back to 1881, when

Ernest Pfluger founded a fishing hook company. They introduced their first bait casting reel in 1919 and the iconic Medalist fly fishing reel was released in 1929. This year, Pfluger introduced the Supreme QRS, "Quick Release Spool," which offers an interchangeable large arbor cassette spool system. Modern in style and functionality, the polycarbonate cassettes are secured in the spool carrier by an advanced locking system enclosed by a full stainless steel and 6061 alloy construction, a testament to the brand's innovation, dependability and attention to detail.

Key features of the reel include:

- Follow the All Outdoor Fishing Channel
- Machined 6061 Alloy Construction
- Polycarbonate Cassette Cartridges
- Dual spool, 4-line rating
- Secure Centralized Cassette Locking System
- Line Indication System
- Quick Release Sliding Ring System

For more information about Pfluger, visit www.pfluegerfishing.com.

3 G Loomis NRX Pro 1

This year's winner for the best fly fishing rod is the G Loomis IMX-PRO. For the time being, the rod is only available in freshwater variations.

The IMX-PRO series is mid-priced and is built using Loomis' IMX-PRO MATRIX material which the company has been using to build conventional rods aimed at tournament bass anglers. IMX-PRO MATRIX is a material that, according to Loomis, allows them to use fewer wraps of graphite and build fast, responsive rods that are lighter and more sensitive without sacrificing power or durability.

For more information check out: http://www.gloomis.com/content/g-loomis/us/en/home/fly-fish/rods/freshwater/IMX_PRO_FLY.html

4 Simms G3 Guide Wader

"Our product team is incredible. They have all gone above and beyond to make sure these new product lines are the strongest Simms has ever launched," says Fred Dennis, Simms' Sr. Director of Apparel Design & Development. "It's so rewarding to bring home so many awards especially knowing how much time and effort our team has put in."





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Fly Fishing Best of Show cont.

In the ICAST New Product Showcase, Simms won Best Fly Fishing Accessory with the totally re-designed and re-engineered G3 Guide™ Stockingfoot Wader. By utilizing an all-new 4-layer GORE-TEX® in the legs and seat of the wader, this is the most breathable wader Simms has ever built. Enhanced breathability didn't come at the cost of durability or functionality, as the new G3 Guide™ is not only tougher than ever before, but also has a more tailored fit than previous models.

The new G3 Guide™ Stockingfoot was so well received; it also took top honors in the Best Men's Wader category at the IFTD New Product Showcase as well.

For a full listing of this year's award winners go to: <http://www.icastfishing.org/news/press-releases/sportfishing-industry-presents-the-icast-2017-new-product-showcase-awards/>



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Gerber Introduces New Fishing Collection Built for the Adventure Angler

GERBER, an industry-leading manufacturer of personal knives, multi-tools, and gear, announced today that it will debut a category-defining collection of fishing products at iCAST 2017 in Orlando, Florida. The first look comes ahead of the spring 2018 launch date, when the collection becomes available for purchase nationwide.

For a new breed of fishing, a new generation of tools. Hardcore anglers need tools that work even harder. Tools that take them beyond the beaten path, beyond self-imposed limits, beyond anything and everything that stands in their way. Gerber introduces a new line of multi-functional fishing products that outfit the angler from the trek in, to the catch, to the victorious journey home. These tools are purpose-built for the adventure to extend the experience anywhere and everywhere the angler dares to tread.

“Gerber is known for reimagining the common tool and delivering intuitive, multi-functional gear.” said Andrew Gritzbaugh, Vice President of Marketing at Gerber. “This new collection of fishing products is rooted in Gerber’s extensive experience developing problem-solving products for users in expeditionary environments – from US Soldiers in Afghanistan to Elk Hunters in Montana. This new fishing collection will serve the experienced angler by providing intelligent design, insightful material combinations, and progressive new technologies that will enable them to venture farther and fish beyond.

The new collection features 12 multi-functional tools that are painstakingly designed and tested, because if it's taking up space in a kayak, on an ATV, or inside a vest, it better be worth it. Do more and go farther while taking up less space – explore a few leading products below.



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We're a country of rivers and streams. Lewis and Clark discovered this as they made their way westward. And it remains apparent today to anyone who stares out an airplane window.

As anglers, we have a special appreciation of, and a personal relationship with, these iconic rivers. We also have a great sense of concern. That's because many of these rivers are threatened by mining, pollution, closure and more.

Thankfully, there's a way for all of us to help through Save Our Streams (S.O.S.). It's a SIMMS program that raises awareness of – and gives back to – these waterways. Part of this program is a series of limited-edition S.O.S. tee-shirts. Each one is designed for a much-loved American river. SIMMS supports organizations working to protect and preserve these rivers for all of us to enjoy: With each shirt purchased, \$5 returns to the organizations supporting the waters you love.

Healthy rivers not only are vital for thriving fisheries and great angling opportunities, but they also sustain diverse wildlife, contribute billions of dollars annually to our outdoor recreation economy, and they're the main source of drinking water for two-thirds of Americans. In short, we can't live without them.

THIS MONTH'S TEE: THE EVERGLADES

The labyrinth of mangrove forests, sawgrass marshes and cypress swamps known as the Everglades is one the most diverse and unique fisheries in the country. For decades, anglers have been drawn to not only the tarpon and snook that reside here, but also to the mystic and lore of this South Florida jungle.

This 2 million acre wetland begins in Central Florida's Kissimmee River and flows south into Lake Okeechobee. Historically, during the wet season, Lake Okeechobee's overflow formed a slow moving river of grass that flowed south through Everglades National Park, all the way out to Florida Bay. Water mismanagement in the form of damming, ditching and draining, has drastically changed the traditional flow of fresh water that once supplied, and balanced the Everglades. In order to protect this one-of-a-kind resource, we have to send the water south again.

THE ORGANIZATION

Captains for Clean Water spawned from a group of fishing guides from Fort Myers, FL that "had enough" of Florida's poor water management practices. Now





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Captains for Clean Water is a grassroots 501(c)3 non-profit organization that advocates 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 Florida's estuaries, the health of the Everglades, and the long-term viability of South Florida's largest drinking water source, the Biscayne Aquifer.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Born and raised in Miami, Florida, artist/passionate angler, Jorge Martinez has been enamored with fish and art his entire life. Even as a kid, Martinez remembers drawing but it wasn't until graduating high school that

he really began to fine-tune his craft while attending the Miami School of Art and Design. Living in Miami allows Martinez to indulge in both of his passions, and affords him the opportunity to fish for just about every premiere salt water gamefish that swims. Martinez has been fortunate to chase bonefish, permit, tarpon and redfish in areas all over South Florida, but it's the Everglades he calls his favorite and finds most inspiring.



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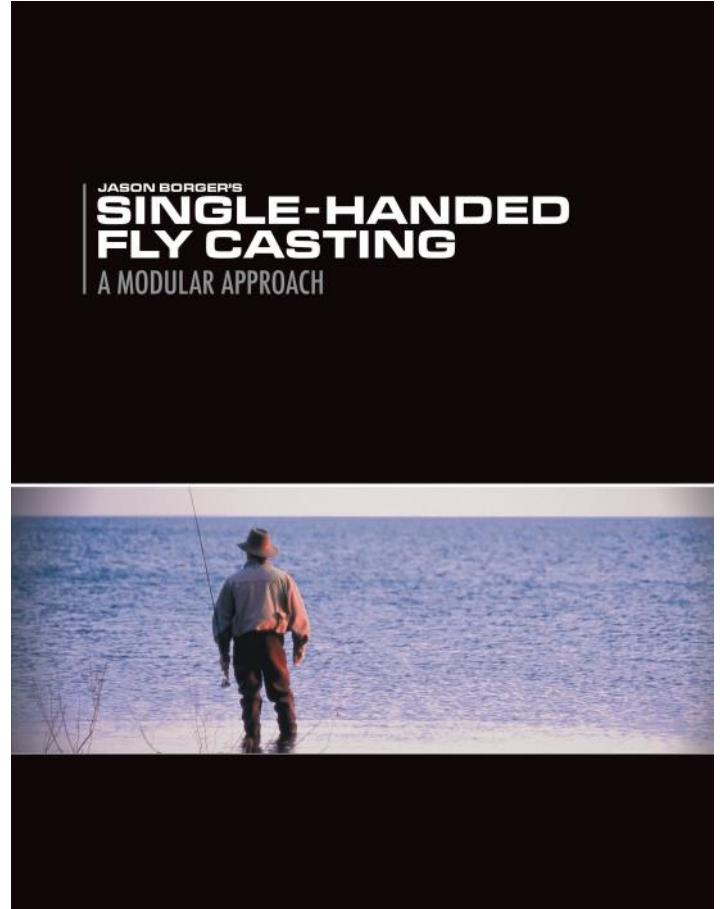
JASON BORGER'S NEW BOOK

REVIEWED BY DAVID LAMBERT, MCI

We have anticipated Jason Borger's newest fly-casting tome, *Single-Handed Fly Casting*, for a year or more now. By the time we go to press, it will have been published in limited edition. Fortunate for us, he sent us a preview copy. We can tell you the wait was worth it.

In *Single-Handed Fly Casting*, Borger provides an encompassing look at most aspects one-handed casts, from the components (think: fundamentals) to the simple Pick-Up-and Lay-Down to the more complex D-loop and the specialty casts, like the Bow-and-Arrow Cast and others. (See the images of *Single-Handed Fly Casting* Table of Contents).

The book builds on Borger's Modular Casting concept and provides casters with vivid explanations and line drawings in what we think is a very logical progression, including foundation casts, practices and tune-up, line control, loop control, stripping and grips, and accuracy



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– and enough of the odd and fun casts to keep the experts in the room reading (and learning) without neglecting the beginners. All of this in Borger’s direct writing style, which is at times very detailed, but with an ounce of humor tossed in to take the edge off. The author makes all this fun.

Borger’s line drawings, while seemingly simple, are culled from hi-rez, high-fps photos -- outlined areas of high-speed photos where the artist has dropped out everything in the photo but exactly what he wants the reader to see. The information one can gleaned from the line drawings themselves is worth the cost of the book. Good job, Jason.

Single-Handed Fly Fishing is offered in limited issue, personalized, signed and numbered editions -- 1001 books only. The pre-press price of \$55, for a signed, numbered copy.

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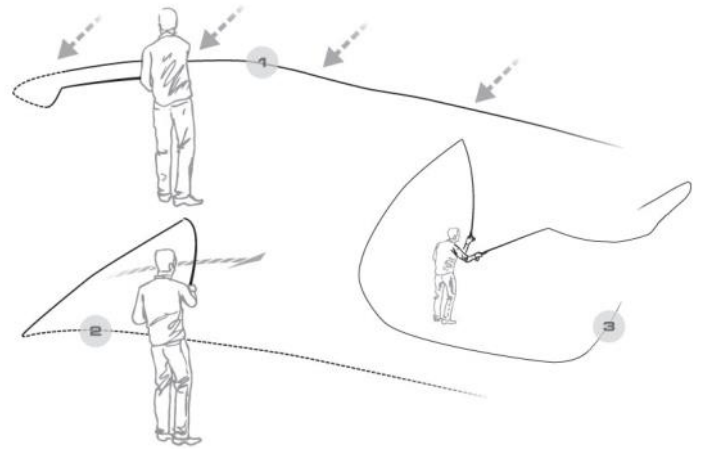


Figure 10-5. An example of a D-loop cast that has a multi-position anchor. (1) The anchor (dashed line, followed by solid line showing part of the anchor still falling) is set in one position. (2) The position of the fully set anchor (dashed line) is actively changed by the caster. (3) The D-loop and forward cast are made with the anchor greatly shortened and in a revised position.

Free Women’s Saltwater Fishing Clinic Coming in October

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is hosting a Women’s Saltwater Fishing Clinic in Crystal River on Saturday, October 7.

The free, day-long clinic is from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Fort Island Trail Park, 12073 W. Fort Island Trail, Crystal River.

Advance registration is required. To register or get more information, email Heather Sneed at Heather.Sneed@MyFWC.com, or call 850-487-0554.

Participants will take home a lifelong hobby and leave with a new appreciation for the marine environment. They will learn the basics of conservation stewardship, fishing ethics, angling skills, safety and the vulnerability of Florida’s marine ecosystems in a fun, laid-back atmosphere.

Lessons include knot tying, cast netting, rod and reel rigging, how to be a responsible marine resource steward, marine fish and habitat identification, catch-and-release techniques and more.

If conditions allow, women will have the opportunity to practice their newly learned skills by fishing from shore. This event is a catch-and-release activity. All participants must have a valid recreational saltwater fishing license unless exempt. Saltwater fishing licenses can be purchased at your local tackle shop or online. Learn more by visiting MyFWC.com/License.



Fishing equipment and bait are provided during the clinic but participants are encouraged to bring their own



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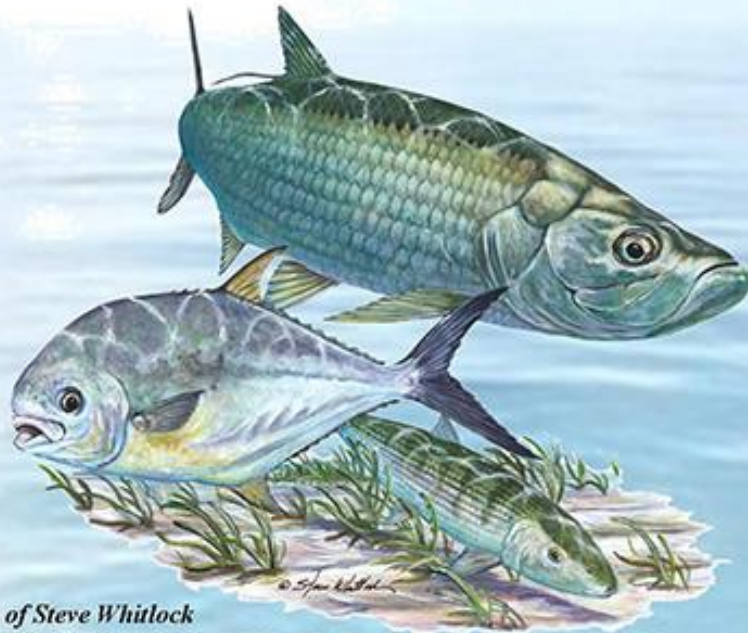


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Coastal Conservation Association Florida is a grassroots organization that is committed to conserving and protecting Florida's marine resources.

Capt Vaughn Cochran Reflects on...

Fishing on the Day Before a Hurricane

I'm writing while listening to weather reports of a catastrophic hurricane that is not very far from powering through the Lesser Antilles and on it's way to my former home in the Florida Keys. Cat 5 at the moment and possible getting stronger to a cat 6 if the wind speed goes up another 26 miles per hour. Many years ago I was living in Isla Mujeres Mexico and we got word of an approaching storm from friends in the states who were watching the weather channel in the US. We had no idea a storm was coming much less the monster that was tearing through the Caribbean like a saw blade ripping through soft wood. Hurricane Gilbert was it's name and it was hyped up on warm water and some sort of universal energy that promised for it to be remembered forever. Turned out it was the "hurricane of the century."

Our island concrete bunker style house on the island was built by two gracious German ladies that knew eventually their house would be in the path of some kind of hurricane of some unknown strength. We didn't realize it at the time we moved in but they had a plan to survive anything that could come their way. There was no plywood for shutters to be had because there wasn't a lumber store on the island so I stole the wood off of a local real estate sign to board up my windows. I didn't feel bad since the hurricane was going to remove the plywood anyway.

That done and preparations complete I turned my attention to my charter that I had planned for that afternoon. I knew that I wasn't going to see any money from any charters anytime soon so this was my last chance to fund our account for a while. I carried my 25 horse Johnson to my skiff that had been given to me by Capt Stu from Jack Nicklaus' sport fishing yacht "Sea Bear"....they found it floating in the middle of the ocean on their way over from Key West.

All loaded up my boat and picked up my angler at the town dock. We took a short ride to the middle of the lagoon not too far from the ferry dock in downtown Isla. I set our drift and asked my guy to blind cast in the direction of a long channel that ran north and south in-between two flats . First cast we hooked up an 80 pound tarpon using a 52M Mirror Lure. We landed that fish pretty quick and re set in the same spot and jumped two more. On one cast the fish threw the lure and another fish picked it up and we jumped him too. This



crazy scenario of jumping and catching tarpon went on for the next 3 hours being continually hooked up or fighting a fish the entire time. Final count was around 15 fish in the air. That might have been my best 3 hours of tarpon fishing ever.

We motored back to the dock exhausted and happy from a memorable day of fishing. I don't think the guy tipped me but that was OK, I had just as much fun as if I had caught the fish myself. The next day Hurricane Gilbert slammed into our beautiful island and tore it apart. One of the freighters that was in the harbor clocked the highest wind speed before his anemometer broke at 219 mph. It was a sad day when we came out of hiding to discover what Gilbert had done to us. We left the island so as not to put any extra strain on supplies that were coming in and we returned that spring to finish the sailfish season but it was never the same again. Good by Isla Mujeres, I'll never forget that one incredible pre hurricane day of tarpon fishing.



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Scenes from Hurricane Irma...



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2017-18 NEW PRODUCTS



In collaboration with Lefy Kreh, Renzetti has developed the Lefy Kreh Ceramic Stone. The beautiful blue anodized sharpener incorporates a double sided sharpening system and is a must have for any avid outdoorsman.

Pricing: \$59.95



Organizing materials on a fly tyers table has never been easier with the Renzetti Fly Tying Material Carousel. This lightweight stable carousel holds up to 10" materials.

Pricing: \$49.95



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Renzetti, Inc New Product Release

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Renzetti, Inc., the world's most recognized manufacturer of fly tying and rod building equipment and owner of R Distribution LLC, is excited to announce the addition of two new products specifically designed for the fly tyer, fly fisherman and outdoor enthusiast! We will be unveiling the two new products at the 2017 International Fly Tackle Dealer show.

Renzetti Fly Tying Material Carousel

Maintaining materials is of huge importance to the recreational and commercial fly tyer. We want to simplify the process greatly with the Renzetti Fly Tying Material Carousel. This lightweight stable carousel will accommodate materials up to 10" in length and will be a necessity to any tyer's bench.

Suggested Retail Price: \$49.95
Available Date: October 1, 2017

Lefty Kreh Ceramic Stone

For years, Lefty Kreh has been an indispensable contributor to Renzetti, Inc. After long discussions and brainstorming with Lefty, the Lefty Kreh Ceramic Stone was developed. This unique, double sided ceramic stone is attached to a blue anodized metal handle. The stone includes a coiled lanyard and sits inside of a beautiful leather sheath with a belt loop to keep it close while not in use. This is a must have product for the avid outdoorsmen.

Suggested Retail Price: \$59.95
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First Coast Fly Fishers 2017 Outings

Meeting Date	Location/Species	
January 13 - 15, 2017	St Johns River, Osteen, FL <i>Shad</i>	✓
February 1, 2017	St Johns River - C.S. Lee Ramp <i>Shad</i>	✓
March 2017*	Night Fishing, Clapboard Creek - Jacksonville, FL <i>Seatrout, Redfish</i>	✓
April 2017*	Camping and Fishing Tomoka State Park - Ormond Beach <i>Redfish, Seatrout, Snook, Flounder</i>	✓
May 2017*	Matanzas Inlet <i>Redfish, Seatrout, Flounder, Snook</i>	✓
June 2017*	St Johns River - Green Cove Springs <i>Largemouth Bass and Bream</i>	✓
July 2017*	Indian River - Stuart, FL <i>Snook, Tarpon</i>	✓
August 2017*	Little Talbot State Park - Jacksonville, FL <i>Redfish in the Surf</i>	✓
September 2017*	HURRICANE IRMA Flood Tide Cedar Point - Jacksonville, FL Redfish, Sheepshead	
October 2017*	Flood Tide Palm Valley - Ponte Vedra <i>Redfish, Sheepshead</i>	
November 2017*	Clapboard and Simpsons Creeks - Jacksonville, FL <i>Redfish, Flounder</i>	
December 2017*	Guana River - South Ponte Vedra <i>Redfish, Seatrout</i>	

* Exact dates to be based on weather and tides



First Coast Fly Fishers 2017/2018 Programs

Meeting Date	Program/Speaker	
March 6, 2017	Tarpon Fishing, Baja Honda Tarpon Lodge <i>Trevor Luce</i>	✓
April 3, 2017	Offshore Kayak Fishing <i>Pam Wirth</i>	✓
May 1, 2017	Sport Fishing Statistics <i>Rob Southwick, Southwick Associates, Inc.</i>	✓
June 5, 2017	Surf Fishing Little Talbot <i>Capt. John Bottko</i>	✓
July 10, 2017	Our Oceans are Changing <i>Cameron Jaggard, Pew Charitable Trust</i>	✓
August 7, 2017	Redfish in the Grass <i>Capt. James Dumas</i>	✓
September 11, 2017	HURRICANE IRMA <small>Swap Meet FCFF Members</small>	
October 2, 2017	Swap Meet <i>FCFF Members</i>	
November 6, 2017	Fisheries Conservation <i>Nick Pectol, Costal Conservation Assoc.</i>	
December 4, 2017	Secret Santa and Pot Luck Dinner <i>Santa and FCFF Members</i>	
January 8, 2018	Fishing in the Digital Age <i>Tom Swick, Fishbrain</i>	
February 5, 2017	Fishing the Upper Keys <i>Capt. Honson Laui</i>	

**Speakers and programs are subject to change*





“If you instill in your child a love of the outdoors and an appreciation of nature, you will have given him a treasure no one can take away.”

- Ted Trueblood
Editor, *Field & Stream*
From 1941 to 1982

October's Outing....

Palm Valley Tailing Reds in the Grass

Hurricane Irma managed to throw a wrench into the Club's fishing plans last month. Not even Lefty could cast into the wind that was blowing on the day of the outing.

We've got one more chance for tailing reds in the grass. This month we will be fishing Palm Valley from Vilano Beach to the 210 bridge. The date and time of the outing have yet to be determined. Information about the outing will be made available at the October meeting.

Boats

Fishing Palm Valley during a flood tide is rather unique. Rather than having a small window in which to stalk and catch tailing reds in the grass, Palm Valley provides an opportunity to follow the rising tide as it works northward. Rather than staking your claim on one stretch of grass flats for better or worse, you can fish several flats over the course of a couple hours. For this reason, you will need a motor boat for this outing.

If you don't have a boat, we will make sure you are paired up with someone who does. If you can't make the October meeting, you can email Mike Harrigan, the VP of Outings (FCFFoutings@gmail.com) and he will pair you up with one of our members with a boat.

Flies and Equipment

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.

More Information

When you are done fishing plan to stick around for the post-outing BBQ. We will be grilling up hot dogs and hamburger at the boat ramp.

More information about the outing will be made available at the October 2nd meeting. If you have questions about the outing, contact Outings Chairman Mike Harrigan at FCFFOutings@gmail.com.



Capt. John Bottko



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MENHADEN NEED YOUR HELP!

Do you enjoy seafood? Fishing? Whale or bird watching? If so, then you need to speak up for a little fish called menhaden (aka bunker or poggy). Managers are deciding the future of this important fish, and you can help determine its fate!

Attend The Florida Public Hearing Tell Your State Commissioners to Vote YES on Issue 2.6 Reference Points - Option E

October 10, 2017; 6 PM
Town of Melbourne Beach Community Center
507 Ocean Avenue, Melbourne Beach, FL



Seafood

Menhaden are critical prey for many of the species commercial seafood depends on, and for many of the seafood species that we like to eat!



Recreational Fishing

Menhaden are high-energy prey for many of the gamefish anglers love to pursue, including striped bass, blue fish, king mackerel, tarpon and more!



Ecotourism

Healthy ecosystems are important to the tourism economy. Whale and bird watching, shark and SCUBA diving are supported by abundant menhaden!

Contact Cameron Jaggard at 202-590-8954 or cjaggard@pewtrusts.org for more information.



OCTOBER 2017 TIDES JACKSONVILLE (MAYPORT BAR PILOT DOCK)

DATE		TIME	HEIGHT (FEET)		DATE		TIME	HEIGHT (FEET)		DATE		TIME	HEIGHT (FEET)	
10/1/2017	Sun	5:38 AM	4.9	H	10/11/2017	Wed	1:59 PM	5.8	H	10/21/2017	Sat	10:41 PM	5.1	H
10/1/2017	Sun	11:26 AM	1.3	L	10/11/2017	Wed	8:07 PM	0.9	L	10/22/2017	Sun	4:19 AM	0.6	L
10/1/2017	Sun	6:08 PM	5.3	H	10/12/2017	Thu	2:28 AM	5	H	10/22/2017	Sun	11:06 AM	5.5	H
10/2/2017	Mon	12:10 AM	1.2	L	10/12/2017	Thu	8:17 AM	0.7	L	10/22/2017	Sun	5:03 PM	0.8	L
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10/2/2017	Mon	6:54 PM	5.4	H	10/13/2017	Fri	3:38 AM	5	H	10/23/2017	Mon	11:44 AM	5.4	H
10/3/2017	Tue	12:53 AM	0.9	L	10/13/2017	Fri	9:27 AM	0.8	L	10/23/2017	Mon	5:46 PM	1	L
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