

# FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS

JANUARY 2018



*Educating, Restoring, Conserving through Fly Fishing*

# JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



**H**appy New Year! Wintertime is here and that means low water fishing. The water is cooler, so the fish will often be found warming themselves on the mudflats during low tide. It also means that the algae dies off and the water becomes much clearer, making it easier to see the fish. It also means that the fish will be spooky. So to being successful requires a stealthy approach, and accurate casts. Don't let the cold weather deter you. Wintertime can be some of the most productive, and challenging times of the year to fish.

If you were able to join us for the January 8<sup>th</sup> at Black Creek Outfitters, you got an opportunity to hear Captains Cullen Traverro and James Canelos with High Tailin' Guide Service discuss strategies for fishing the low tide in Northeast Florida. James showed us how to tie his go-to fly for this time of year. Cullen and James are native Floridians who were introduced to fishing at an early age. According to James, he has been fishing the waters of St. Augustine since he was a child. He fell in love with the excitement of catching shallow-water redfish. His goal is to share that excitement with his Clients. He has been fly fishing and tying flies for the last six years. Cullen has his father to thank for introducing him to the world of inshore fishing and is has been a lot of tight lines ever since. Cullen excels as tailoring guide trips based on his Client's experience. Both Cullen and James are part of the cadre of up and coming guides who are making a name for themselves in northeast Florida.



Hopefully you took advantage of the membership discount and submitted you annual due by the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Even at the full price, a membership to the First Coast Fly Fishers is still be best deal in fly fishing, so start or renew your membership now.

We are excited to announce the First Coast Fly Fishers Rendezvous at Deep Creek Lodge featuring Jon Cave on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jon is one of the best casting instructors around and propriter of the oldest fly fishing school in the south. This will be an all day emersion in fly fishing and casting punctuated by a fine meal and high-end raffle and silent auction items. You don't want to miss it!

## On the Cover:

Matthew Omlor with a Louisiana Redfish  
Photograph Courtesy of Matthew Omlor

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# IGFA Inducts New Members into Fishing Hall of Fame



**Dania Beach, Fla. – Nov. 1, 2017** – The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) Fishing Hall of Fame Class of 2017 was honored on Sat., Oct. 28, in a ceremony held at the new IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame located in Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium in Springfield, Mo. The 2017 inductees include Rick Clunn, Larry Dahlberg, Peter Fithian, Mike Levitt, and Dr. Eric Prince. These five anglers join 116 fishing greats in the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and were recognized for their extraordinary achievements in recreational fishing around the world.

The 19th annual IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame ceremony featured remarks from IGFA Chairman Charles W. Duncan III, IGFA President Nehl Horton and Bass Pro Shops Founder and CEO Johnny Morris, who is also an IGFA Trustee Emeritus and a member of the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame. IGFA Trustee Andy Mill served as Master of Ceremonies as the Class of 2017 inductees shared their appreciation and passion for recreational angling with those in attendance.

The 2017 IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame honorees were recognized for their contributions to the sport fishing community and are highlighted below.

**Rick Clunn** is a four-time Bassmaster Classic winner (one of only two anglers to achieve the honor) and is a member of the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. When he's not fishing, Clunn shares his love of the sport with children in schools across America. He is recognized by the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame for his endless enthusiasm for the sport of bass fishing, his unmatched four decades of winning B.A.S.S. events and his amazing bass fishing prowess.

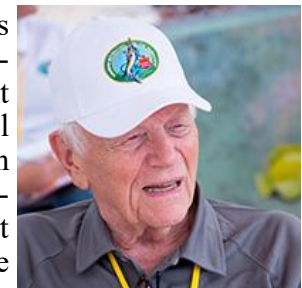


**Larry Dahlberg** has fished for more than 50 years in 80 countries and is the host of The Hunt for Big Fish.

He created the unique "Dahlberg Diver" fly and is responsible for many other fishing innovations. He's received the Henshall Award by the Federation of Fly Fishers, is a member of the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame and was the recipient of the 1999 IGFA Conservation Award. Dahlberg is recognized for his lifetime of fishing innovations, his award-winning television career and his conservation efforts.



**Peter Fithian** is best known as the founder of the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament (HIBT), the "Grandfather" of all billfish fishing tournaments. With more than 50 years of rich history, the HIBT is one of the longest running tournaments of all time and the birthplace of countless innovations in angling tactics, tournament management and billfish conservation. Fithian also founded the Pacific Ocean Research Foundation (PORF) to learn more about Pacific blue marlin, and was instrumental in the foundation of the Japan Game Fish Association (JGFA). Fithian is recognized by the IGFA for his lifelong commitment to improve the tournament sport fishing experience and for his efforts in the conservation of game fish across the globe.



**Mike Levitt** developed a passion for light tackle angling in the 1960s, which led him to the IGFA. He has held 16 world records, including light tackle records for black and white marlin. A former Chairman of the IGFA, Levitt spearheaded efforts to build the IGFA Headquarters in Dania Beach, Fla. Levitt led the design and financing of



a succession of custom sport fishing boats, which helped to develop the prototype for the large sport fishing boats widely used today. The IGFA recognizes Levitt for his angling achievements, charitable acts and innovations in sport fishing.

**Dr. Eric Prince** is considered one of the world's top fisheries scientists, and is an angler, researcher and proponent for the sport of fishing. He's had an illustrious 35-year career as a billfish biologist with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and his research, primarily on billfish, has been published over 100 times. Dr. Prince has been a driving force in the Adopt a Billfish satellite tagging program and a leading researcher and proponent of the use of circle hooks. He's served conservation through his research and helping to create The Billfish Foundation, which earned him the IGFA Conservation Award in 2016. Prince is recognized by the IGFA for his extensive research on important recreational species to ensure their sustainable management and a lifetime of fishing.



To learn more about the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, its members, or to submit a nomination, please visit the IGFA website, <http://www.igfa.org/>.

### About the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame

The IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame recognizes extraordinary achievements in recreational fishing around the world by anglers, captains, scientists, conservationists, writers, or fishing industry leaders. The first class, honoring 29 of the sport's luminaries, was inducted in 1998. Since then, 87 additional fishing greats have been welcomed to the Hall at the annual induction ceremony in October of each year. To learn more about the 110 current members of the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, please visit the IGFA Hall of Fame webpage for biographies of previous IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame honorees.

### About the IGFA

Founded in 1939, the IGFA is a non-profit organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices, through science, education, rule making, record keeping and recognition of outstanding accomplishments in the field of angling. The IGFA also maintains worldwide game fish records in freshwater, saltwater, fly fishing and junior angler categories. IGFA members are located in over 100 countries.



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# FWC Endorses National Strategy Aimed at Conserving Fish, Wildlife

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in July endorsed an ambitious national strategy, presented by [The Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources](#), to conserve fish and wildlife, keep thousands of U.S. species from becoming endangered, and leave a legacy of healthy wildlife populations for future generations.



The Recovering America's Wildlife Act, introduced on Dec. 14 by U.S. Reps. Jeff Fortenberry, R-NE, and Debbie Dingell, D-MI, would implement recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel, a coalition of business, energy and conservation leaders assembled by the [Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies](#). The Blue Ribbon Panel emphasized both the environmental and economic benefits of creating a long-term dedicated funding source to conserve the nation's fish and wildlife.



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“Currently there are major gaps in funding to sustain fish and wildlife species and keep them off the emergency list of endangered species,” said FWC Chairman Bo Rivard. “These species are important to our nation's heritage and at the heart of how people connect to nature through activities such as boating, bird-watching, camping, fishing, hiking and biking.”

The Blue Ribbon Panel recommended dedicating \$1.3 billion annually in existing revenue from the development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters to provide funding to state fish and wildlife agencies to more fully implement well-established and widely supported state wildlife action plans. Under the act, Florida potentially could receive about \$50 million a year to conserve and protect Florida's most vulnerable species and their habitats through [Florida's Wildlife Legacy Initiative](#) and [State Wildlife Action Plan](#).

“For decades, wildlife conservation in the U.S. has largely depended on the unique and highly successful system where hunters and anglers willingly provide most of the funding for wildlife conservation work,” said FWC Executive Director Eric Sutton. “But we

need to do more, and the Recovering America's Wildlife Act would provide a sustainable, solution-based answer to funding conservation of fish and wildlife species.”

The FWC resolution requests support from Florida's Congressional Delegation for the legislation implementing the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendations. The resolution also calls for support from Florida's conservation community and other state fish and wildlife agencies.

The [Alliance for America's Fish & Wildlife](#) (alliance), a coalition of the partners supporting this initiative, is using the theme “Our Nature. Our Nation. Our Future.” to summarize the seriousness of what is at

stake. The alliance is actively working to inform the public about the importance of securing the fish and wildlife conservation funding proposed in the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. According to the alliance, the act's benefits include:

- Funding conservation of over 12,000 species of fish and wildlife and their habitats across the U.S.
- Supporting the outdoor recreational economy, which generates 7.6 million U.S. jobs and over \$124 billion in tax revenue. In Florida, the combined economic impact of fishing, wildlife viewing, boating, hunting and the seafood industry is about \$42.8 billion and over 347,000 jobs.
- Helping families get back to nature and away from cellphones and computer screens. Children now spend an average of 50 hours a week on their electronic devices.

The FWC's [Florida's Wildlife Legacy Initiative](#), which develops Florida's [State Wildlife Action Plan](#), is the well-established, state-based framework for implementing the Restoring America's Wildlife Act in Florida and delivering on the commitment to conserve and restore Florida's fish and wildlife resources. For additional information, go to [OurNatureUSA.com](#).





# SOUTHEAST ON THE WATER TOUR

**S**age's On The Water tour begins its next leg this January in the Southeast! Join us at Blackfly Outfitters to chat all-things fly fishing, enjoy good food and cold refreshments, pick up some fly fishing tips and for an all-around good time. We'll have our '85 Westy with us, along with the full quiver of our new SALT HD and X rods, with Sage reels and RIO lines to match.

In addition to rods, reels and lines to cast, we'll have free food and drinks, giveaways and we'll also be raffling off a brand new 9' 8-weight SALT HD rod, a SPECTRUM MAX 7/8 reel and a #8 RIO Flats Pro fly line! Get one raffle ticket free by signing up for our email newsletter and every \$10 you spend at the fly shop that day will get you an extra ticket. Need to be present to claim prize.



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# A Few New Year's Resolutions Every Angler Should Try to Achieve in 2018

**By Mike Hodge**

**I**t's the morning after New Year's Day in North Florida. It's cold, and believe it or not, we could get snow in a few days. Cabin fever, anyone? Given that I may be indoors longer than expected, and it's too cold to fish, it's time to make a list of New Year's resolutions — not just your standard goals of personal edification. How about a few suggestions geared toward the fisherman. Let's call them angling aspirations, so here goes:

## Take A Kid Fishing

It doesn't have to be your child. It could a neighbor's. There's nothing more rewarding than taking a youngster out for a day on the water. Need the right rod? TFO's Trout-Panfish series is ideal for small, inexperienced hands.

Besides, mentoring is a good way to spend quality time away from the stress of work and family. With the internet, iPhones and the array of social media, we've created an instant-gratification generation where patience is but pipe dream. Time in the outdoors negates that trend. Nature has no clock.

Although catching fish is not the goal, the process of reading the water and evaluating the conditions provides a number of life lessons. Any venue that a parent or mentor can use to instill these skills is invaluable.

## Fish More

Stating the obvious? Yes. But the reality most of us need to fish more. Quit making excuses and get out of the office, away from the computer and make time to get on the water.

It doesn't need to be an elaborate trip. You don't even need to load up the boat or strap down the kayak. A few lunchtime casts at the neighborhood park is better than staying home.



Photograph by Dustin Harcourt

As honey-do lists mount and work responsibilities add up, your angling opportunities will dwindle, but don't wait for the perfect day to fish. Why? Because that day almost never comes.

I used to only fish when the tide and winds aligned perfectly. Those days are rare. Fish when you can. You'll learn more and you'll be happier.

## Get Organized

Let's say you have a few minutes of free time, not enough time to fish, but enough to get something done. That's the perfect opportunity to organize your gear. You can sort through your fly vest or tackle box. Straighten up the boat. Maybe charge the battery or flush the motor. Every little bit helps and could prevent a headache when you do finally have time to get out for a day on the water. The smoother that first trip of the year is, the better.

## Tie Flies

Tying flies is the best way to beat the winter blues. The same thing could be said for watching ESPN or the Outdoors Channel, but when you tie flies, you have a finished product, something that you can use on the water.



A good fishing show can motivate you to fish; tying flies actually helps you because it's part of your gear — just like the rod, reel and line.

There's also the issues of cost and personal satisfaction. Tie your own flies and you'll spend less money and have the sense of pride from catching fish on flies created at your vise.

### Practice Makes Perfect

We can all learn to cast farther and more accurately. It doesn't matter if you use spinning gear or a fly rod. Regardless of the gear you use, it pays to put in the work in the offseason. If you can't fish, you always find 10, 20 minutes a few days a week to cast in the yard. Too cold? You can always stay indoors with TFO's [Bug Launcher](#) or [Accelerator](#).

I've spent a lot of time in the yard casting, but the truth is, I was usually motivated when trying out a new rod or line. As a result, my progress has been somewhat inconsistent. I need to be more disciplined and stick to a practice plan. We all do.

Nobody can attempt all of these resolutions. We all have non-fishing responsibilities. Try or one or two realistic goals. One or two is better than none. Happy New Year.

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This article originally appeared on the Temple Fork Outfitters Blog: <https://tforods.com/new-years-resolutions-every-angler-try-achieve/>



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# RENDEZVOUS AT DEEP CREEK

FEATURING

## JON CAVE

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Come join FCFfers Saturday, February 3, as we celebrate 2018 by doing something completely different -- a fly-fishing education day and group feast and fest, capped by a spectacular mid-afternoon meal, giveaways, silent auction and raffle – all of it at Bobby Weed’s Deep Creek Fish Camp on Deep Creek, north of St. Augustine.

### PROGRAM

Leading the education day is Sage Flyrod Ambassador and fly casting great Jon Cave. We’ll learn new casts, distance casts, roll casts and more, but also, where to use these casts, how to look for and find fish, rigging, leaders and knots. Jon’s books on casting and fly fishing travel are perennial best sellers and his are the longest continuous running saltwater fly fishing schools in the world.

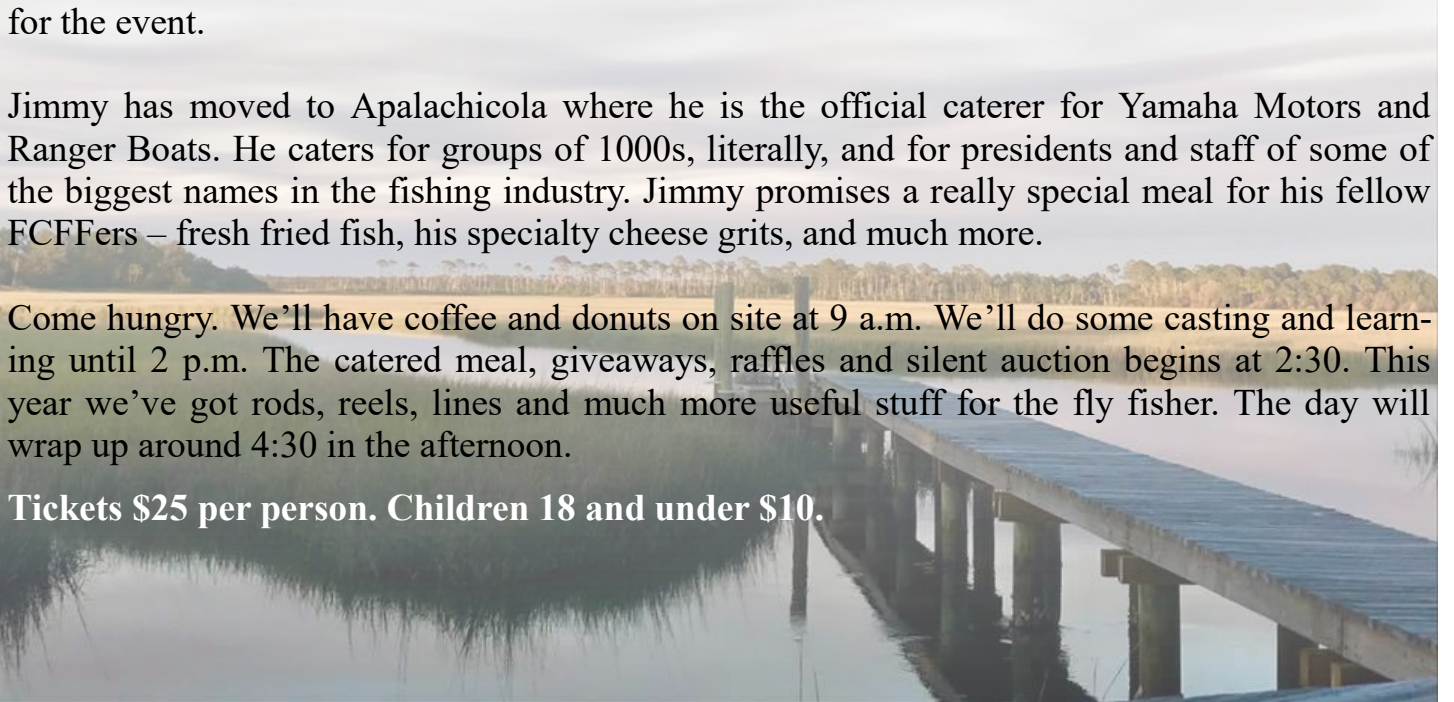
### VENUE

Weed’s Deep Creek Fish Camp is a little bit of old Florida nestled on several acres of salt marsh just west of Pine Island and within sight of the Intracoastal. The facility and grounds are designed by gold course design great Bobby Weed and his wife, Leslie. It has a large enclosed log building with big kitchens and dining both inside and out. Outside there’s plenty of room for casting and smaller clinics. Helping Jon with the instruction will be David Lambert, Dick Michaelson and Gavin Glover – so there will be plenty of instructors for everyone. An extra treat – former FCFF president and life member Jimmy Ricks will provide the catering for the event.

Jimmy has moved to Apalachicola where he is the official caterer for Yamaha Motors and Ranger Boats. He caters for groups of 1000s, literally, and for presidents and staff of some of the biggest names in the fishing industry. Jimmy promises a really special meal for his fellow FCFfers – fresh fried fish, his specialty cheese grits, and much more.

Come hungry. We’ll have coffee and donuts on site at 9 a.m. We’ll do some casting and learning until 2 p.m. The catered meal, giveaways, raffles and silent auction begins at 2:30. This year we’ve got rods, reels, lines and much more useful stuff for the fly fisher. The day will wrap up around 4:30 in the afternoon.

**Tickets \$25 per person. Children 18 and under \$10.**



## WHAT TO BRING

Come prepared to spend the majority of the day outside. Dress appropriately.

Bring a rigged fly rod, which you will use for the casting instruction and competition. Be sure that your fly rod is rigged with a full-length leader.

Bring lawn chairs for everyone of your family members that plan to attend the event.

## DIRECTIONS

Deep Creek Lodge is a throw-back to Old Florida. It is a former fishing and hunting lodge located on Tolomato River, west of Pine Island. The lodge is located at the end of Pine Island Road, approximately 2 1/2 miles west of US 1. From US 1 turn east on Pine Island Road. Pine Island Road is approximately 4.25 miles south of CR 210 and 2.5 miles north of International Golf Parkway.





# RENDEZVOUS AT DEEP CREEK

FEATURING

## JON CAVE

9 AM TO 4:30 PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2018

The banquet will a BBQ lunch catered by FCFE-Past President Jimmy Ricks.

There will be several thousand dollars in raffle and silent auction items.

**This year's GRAND PRIZE winner will be given an expenses paid trip to attend Jon Cave's Fly Fishing School along with a chance to fish with Jon.**

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	Member Banquet Ticket \$25 (under 18 \$10)	\$
	Non-Member Banquet Ticket \$125 (Includes \$100 annual membership)	\$
	Raffle Tickets- \$5 per ticket or 8 for \$30	\$
	<b>Total Amount</b>	\$

### Payment Method

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(There will be a \$3 service charge for all credit card payments)



# Ross Reels Leaving Big Box Stores to Focus On Specialty Fly Shops

*From Ross:*

**O**ur team at Ross Reels has been working hard to bring you the most compelling new products while bringing the brand back to its roots as the go-to reel company for quality, 100% USA-made reels and unmatched customer service. The support of our dealers has been paramount in this endeavor.



Since we began producing reels in 1973, our greatest asset has always been you, our independent dealer base. Now, in an effort to further support that base, we are ending our sales relationships with major big box retailers, effective January 1, 2018.

By making this decision, we are renewing our commitment to you by focusing sales through the independent retailer network that is the backbone of our industry. The knowledge and expertise of specialty local fly shops cannot be matched, and there is no other place that the Ross Reels® brand should be.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

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## Amelia Island Backcountry Fishing 2018

**T**he art of light tackle back country fishing from a boat for Redfish, Seatrout, Flounder, Black Drum, and Sheepshead will be presented through discussion, hands-on practice and illustrated presentations in this interactive course. Equipment descriptions, knot tying, fishing techniques, places to fish, reading the water, locating fish, identifying fish, boating safety and etiquette, as well as selecting and purchasing fishing tackle and gear will be addressed. The final class will comprise cleaning and cooking (and eating) a fish dinner from locally caught fish.

**Instructor:** Captain Lawrence Piper is a licensed USCG Charter Boat Operator and has been an Amelia Island back country fishing guide for the last 15 years. Capt. Piper is the owner and operator of The Anglers Mark, LLC, a charter fishing business located at Amelia Island. He is a Fly Fishers International Certified Instructor as well as an officer of the Amelia Island Guides Association.

**Location:** Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Room, Property Owners Club <https://amelialearning.com/class/amelia-island-back-country-fishing-2018/>

**Day and Time:** Wednesdays, 6-8 pm February 21 – March 28. No Class on February 28.

Final Class (cooking/meal) Thursday, April 5 at Walker's Landing

**Fee:** \$50

**Materials:** Donation of \$10 or bring a covered dish to the last class (cooking/meal)



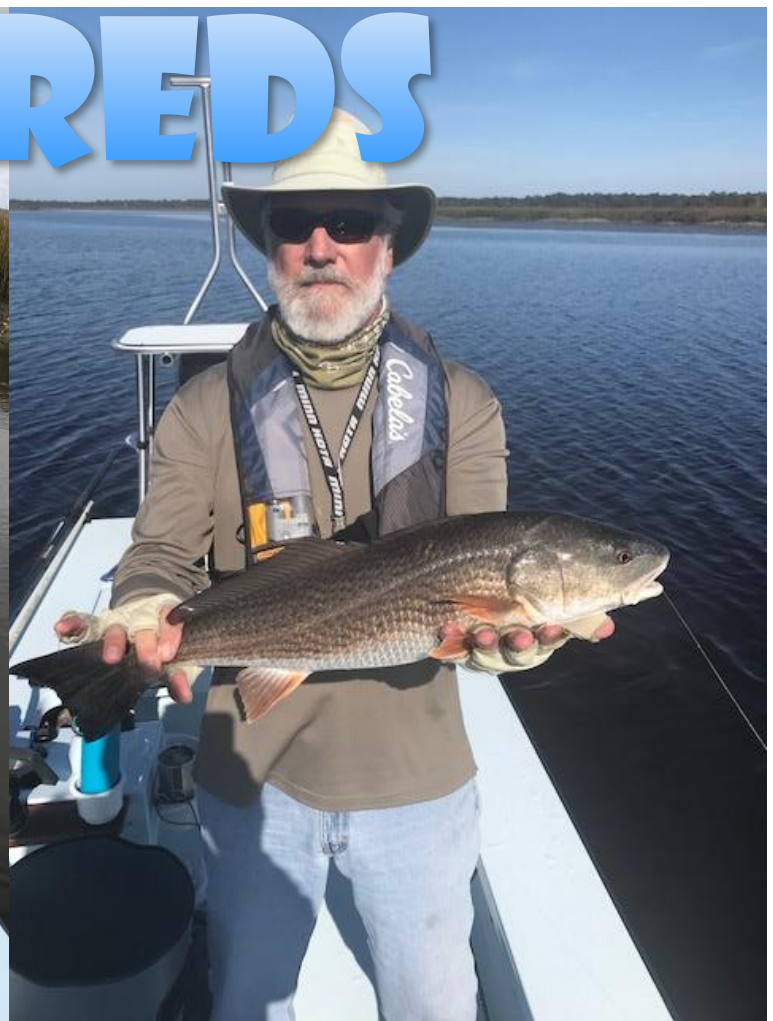
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# ICY REDS



**D**ick Michaelson and Tom Mason Recently braved the cold and fished the flats north Cedar Point Boat Ramp. They were rewarded for their efforts. They boated 12 redfish. The two largest fish were 28 and 25 inches, respectively. According to Dick they were all caught on a Dupree Spoon.

They fished the two hours on either side of low tide, working their way into the backs of the creeks where they reportedly found lots of fish.

Congratulations guys!

## Capt. John Bottko



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# Legendary Guide Steve Huff

## Headlines Florida Fly Fishing Expo

*February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Crystal River Plantation*

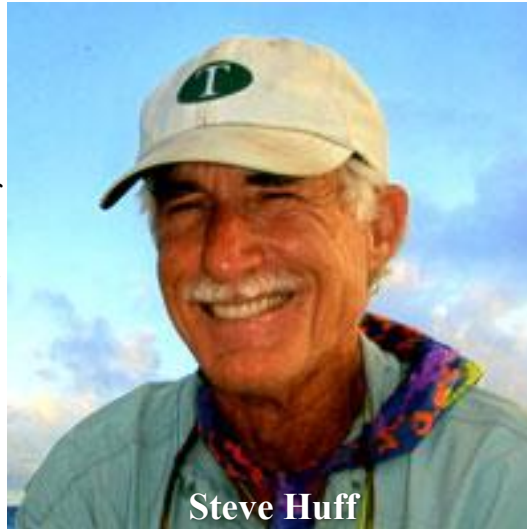
**Crystal River, Florida** – The 2018 Florida Fly Fishing Expo in Crystal River on February 9-10 has scheduled legendary Florida Keys guide Steve Huff to show and tell some of his secrets for catching giant permit, tarpon, snook and other trophy gamefish on a fly rod.

Huff, who has been described as “the top fly fishing guide on the planet,” tops a schedule of more than 20 expert-led seminars and new fly fishing product displays at Plantation on Crystal River on Florida’s west coast. Admission to the two-day expo is \$25 but free for those 12 and younger when accompanied by an adult.

The Florida Fly Fishing Expo is put on annually by the Florida Council of Fly Fishers International. President Tom Gadacz said, “We are so pleased to have Steve Huff coming to the Expo. This guy has a bank-vault of knowledge about catching big fish on the fly and he’ll share some hard-earned insights.”

After earning a marine biology degree at the University of Miami in 1968 Huff started guiding in the Florida Keys. He pioneered fly fishing for tarpon, permit and snook in the Keys and also led clients to IGFA record tarpon near Crystal River and Homosassa. Sandy Moret, his good friend and a fellow fly fisher, once described Huff as “without question, the top fly fishing guide on the planet.”

On Friday, Feb. 9, Huff will present a tutorial about how to locate and catch permit on the fly. On Saturday he will discuss the importance of and how to make



quick fly casts in all directions. As the featured speaker at the Expo’s closing banquet on Saturday Huff will share insights he has learned from 50-years of guiding fly fishers to saltwater trophy gamefish.

More than 20 other sessions about how-to fly fish, fly cast and tie flies are scheduled indoors and outdoors at the spacious, waterfront resort of Plantation on Crystal River. They include:

- ▶ Fly Fishing for snook at night by Capt. Rick Grasset
- ▶ Paddleboard fly-fishing by David Olson.
- ▶ Fly casting tutorial for women by Mona Brewer, youth fly casting by David Lambert, emergency casting clinic by Pat Damico, and casting games led by John Hand and Jim Patchet.
- ▶ Beginner and intermediate fly casting demonstrations by Capt. Pete Greenan.
- ▶ Fly fishing for warm water fishes in North Florida by Tom Logan
- ▶ Wading the flats by Leigh West.
- ▶ History of women in fly fishing by Jen Ripple.
- ▶ DIY bonefishing in the Keys and Bahamas by Capt. Bryon Chamberlin.



- ▶ Fishing Mosquito Lagoon secrets by Capt. Frank Catino.
- ▶ Fly fishing for baby tarpon in the Indian River Lagoon by Capt. Eric Davis.
- ▶ Effortless fly casting by Joe Mahler.
- ▶ Fly fishing the Everglades by Ed Tamson.
- ▶ Fly tying with synthetics by Dave Schmezer.

### Helpful Links

[Register online](#)

[Florida Council of Fly Fishers International](#)

[Plantation on Crystal River](#)

[Discover Crystal River](#)



## RIO Announces Additions to its Powerflex Plus Leaders

**IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO** (January 2, 2018) – RIO continues to offer anglers exactly what they need for a great day on the water. That is certainly the case with its Powerflex Plus Trout Leaders, which are now offered in single packs as well as 3-packs in addition to the original 2-pack option.

[Powerflex Plus Trout Leaders](#) are RIO's strongest leaders ever made with tensile strengths up to 20 percent stronger than regular nylon leaders. A technical modification of the nylon copolymer formulation has resulted in prodigious strength increases without sacrificing knot strength nor suppleness. These leaders are ideal for dry flies, soft hackles, and nymph/indicator rigs.

The new pack sizes of Powerflex Plus Leaders are available in 7.5-foot and 9-foot lengths with the single packs ranging from 0x to 7x (with breaking strengths of 18lbs to 2.75lbs), and the 3-packs in 3x to 6x (9.5lbs to 4lbs), respectively. The single packs retail for \$5.99, while the 3-packs retail for \$14.99.

For more information, watch the Powerflex Plus Trout Leader video [here](#).

### About RIO Products:

RIO is a pioneer in developing fly lines, leaders and tip-pet material to enhance fly fishing experiences across the globe. Offering premium fly lines for both freshwater and saltwater fishing applications, RIO consistently utilizes field experience and scientific testing to create the best products on the market for anglers. Founded 20 years ago in the mountains of Idaho, RIO continues to develop innovative products, design revolutionary tapers and refine performance-driven fly line technologies.

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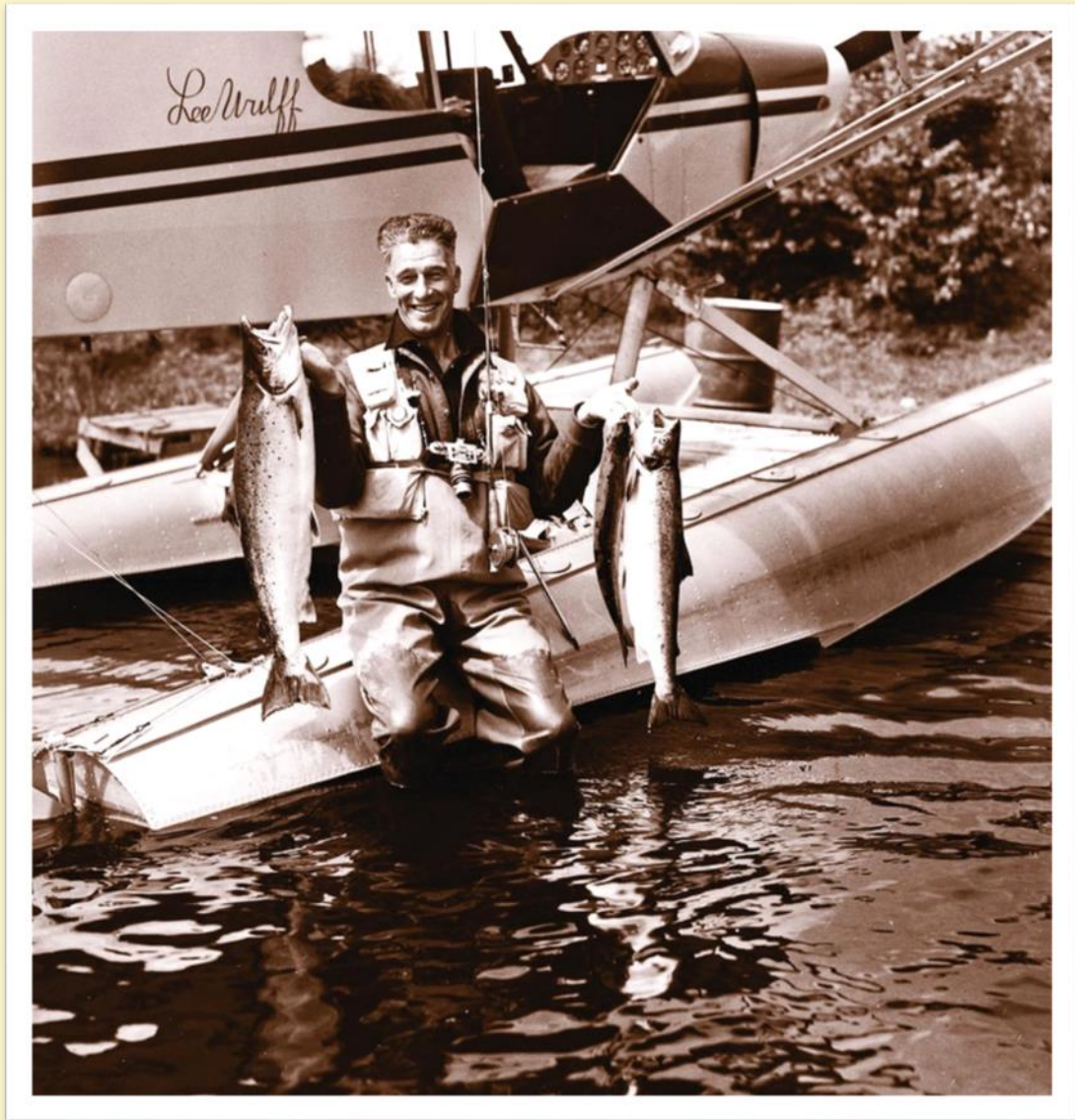
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“Game fish are too valuable to be caught only once.”

- Henry “Lee” Wulff  
Sportsman, fly fisherman, pilot, author





# What are You Waiting For?

It is 2018. You should have started or renewed your membership to the First Coast Fly Fishers by now. The Board has a lot of great things in store for the Club this year and you don't want to miss out. Make a commitment to become a better fly fisherman this year and take advantage of all the Club has to offer.

From free casting and fly tying lessons; clinics with Bob Clouser and Mack Brown; educational meetings each month and the always informative and entertaining newsletter, everything you need to improve your game is readily at your disposal. Not sure where to fish? Join us for one of our monthly outings and get to know the local waters. You can have all this, for the entire year, for the price of a new fly line.

What are you waiting for? Sign up or renew today!



## Hand Made Reel Display

This one-of-a-kind reel display was made for the Editor's father for Christmas. It contains a 1930s vintage Pflueger Progress No. 1183 reel. Pflueger is one of the oldest tackle manufactures in he country. The began making fishing reels in the late 1800s and continue to manufacture reels to this day.

Thanks Dad!





\_\_\_\_\_(Year) **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**FIRST COAST FLY FISHERS**  
**WWW.FCFF.ORG**

New       Renewal       Youth/Student

**Member Information** (If renewing, only complete the information that has changed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Age) of Fly Fishing Children \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check this box if you do not use or have access to email.

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information:**

Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications? \_\_\_\_\_

Any Current Medical Conditions? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Who or what influenced you most to take up fly fishing and/or join FCFF? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues**

Annual Club Membership is \$100 and includes all family members. Please make checks payable to:  
*First Coast Fly fishers*

*Please Return Application To:*

**Payment Type**

Check - Check No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cash

First Coast Fly Fishers  
 Membership Chariman  
 PO Box 16260  
 Jacksonville, FL 32245-6260

**Fly Fishing Experience**

**Overall Fly Fishing Background**

Please rate your overall fly fishing experience by checking the appropriate boxes

Freshwater       Saltwater       Both Fresh/Saltwater  
 Beginner       Moderate       Advanced

**Casting Proficiency**

Please rate your casting proficiency

Beginner - Little or no experience, or would like to learn the basics of fly casting  
 Intermediate - Know the basic principals and would like to improve accuracy and/or distance  
 Advance - Able to accurately cast an 8-wight line 60-feet with relative ease.  
 Instructor - Professional fly casting instructor and/or guide.

**Fly Tying**

Fly tying is not a critical element of fly fishing; but, it is fun and rewarding. Rate your fly tying experience

Non-tyer       Beginner       Intermediate       Advanced or Professional Tyer



**Boat**

Please provide information regarding whether or not you own a boat, kayak or canoe

- Boat Owner  
Make \_\_\_\_\_ Type/Size \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not own a boat

**Club Participation**

FFCF is a not for profit club. Its success relies solely on its members who serve on the board; plan outings/events; and conducting special activities. Please indicate any areas of interest you are willing to provide assistance. Please be assured we are happy to have you as a member regardless of your level of participation.

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter     | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Instruction      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying Instruction     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a new member fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet        | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership             | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Table        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising   | <input type="checkbox"/> Casting Instruction    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing Outings           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selling Ads    | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeting Guests        |  |

**Suggestions**

We are always open to suggests on how to improve our club. Your suggestions are always welcomed.

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What suggests do you have for programs and monthly meetings (Topics and Speakers)?

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What suggests do you have for club outings (where to go, what to fish for)?

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If you are a renewing member, what could be done differently to better satisfy your fly fishing interests?

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**Application and Release (You must sign this release in order to become a member)**

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for membership or renewal in the First Coast Flyfishers (FCFF) Club of Jacksonville, Florida, Inc. I understand the inherent risk in participating in the activities of FCFF, including fishing trips of one day or longer. I further understand that I am solely responsible for all costs of medical treatment and transportation.

I, release, indemnify, and hold harmless, FCFF, its officers, directors and members against any and all claims for personal injury, disease, death and property damage or loss that may arise out of, or be connected in any way with, any FCFF activity. I assume the risk of undertaking all FCFF activities, including related to travel.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If this is a youth membership, a parent or guardian must sign. If you are signing for a youth member:*

Print your full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

January's Outing....

# Fort Clinch State Park

January 27, 2018

**T**his month we will be fishing in the shadow of the one of the most well-preserved 19th century forts in the country—Fort Clinch. Construction of the fort began in 1847, two years after Florida became a State. Despite its strategic location, this fort never saw any bloodshed. Today, it is part of Florida's park system. The park opens at 8 am to visitors, and there is a \$2 entrance fee. The park entrance is located at 2601 Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach.

The plan is fish the incoming tide, which will be at 4:48 PM. For those so inclined, you can reserve a camp site at the park for a tent or RV. If you prefer to sleep in your own bed, we will be meeting at Blackfly Outfitters on Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville at 11 AM. You can pick up any last minute supplies before we caravan to the Fort. We will plan to meet in the Fort parking lot at 12:30 PM.

## Boats

This is a great outing for both wade fishing and boats. Wade fishing is available from the shoreline at the northwest side of the fort. If you prefer to fish out of a boat, you can put in at the North End/Dee Dee Bartles boat ramp on the west side of the park. Please note that the boat ramp is not part of the state park.

## Flies and Equipment

You will need waders a sturdy pair of wading shoes, and an 8 or 9 weight rod with a floating line. Flies to consider bringing along include Clouser minnows, gurglers, schminnows and various shrimp and baitfish patterns.

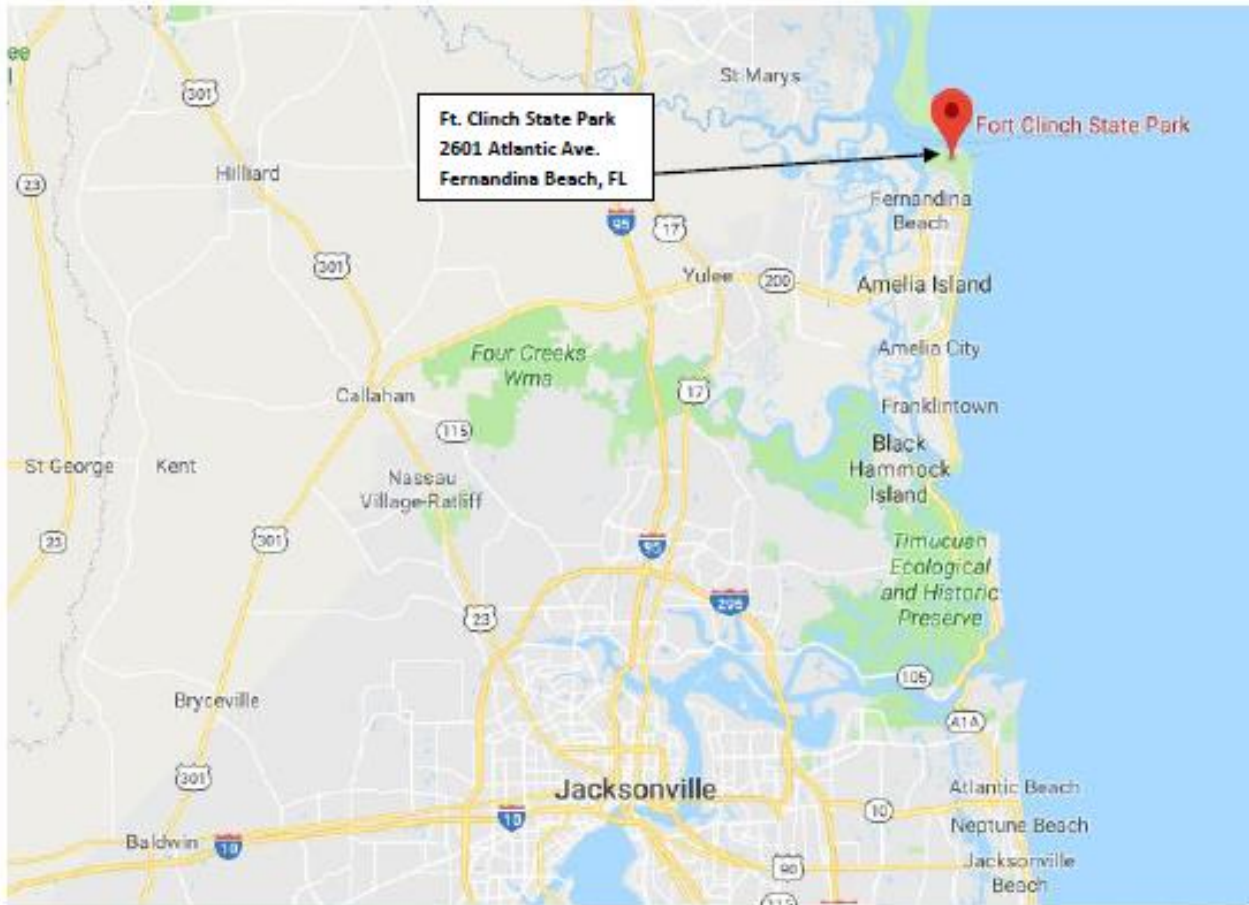
## More Information

After we are done fishing, we will plan to grab dinner at the Sandbar restaurant which is located at 2910 Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach.

Two sign up for the outing or for more information, email Capt Eric Kazmerchak at [summertimechar-ters@gmail.com](mailto:summertimechar-ters@gmail.com) or at [FCFFOutings@gmail.com](mailto:FCFFOutings@gmail.com).











# Cajun Holiday

PART DEUX







Last month we featured Kevin Becker and his hunt for bull reds in Louisiana. It seems that the thought of monster reds on the fly was just too much to bare for Matt Omlar and a contingent from Oyster Creek Outfitters. They had to check it out for themselves and they were not disappointed.

Matt and his crew headed west in early December and found that the redfish were more than willing to cooperate. According to Matt they caught behemoth redfish two and three at a time!



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## JANUARY 2018 TIDES JACKSONVILLE (MAYPORT BAR PILOT DOCK)

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT (FEET)	DATE	TIME	HEIGHT (FEET)	DATE	TIME	HEIGHT (FEET)			
1/1/2018	Mon 12:53 AM	-1.06	L	1/11/2018	Thu 4:32 AM	4.21	H	1/21/2018	Sun 4:28 AM	-0.1	L
1/1/2018	Mon 7:40 AM	5.61	H	1/11/2018	Thu 10:25 AM	0.27	L	1/21/2018	Sun 11:15 AM	4.25	H
1/1/2018	Mon 1:41 PM	-0.76	L	1/11/2018	Thu 4:41 PM	3.69	H	1/21/2018	Sun 5:07 PM	-0.14	L
1/1/2018	Mon 8:03 PM	4.65	H	1/11/2018	Thu 10:32 PM	0	L	1/21/2018	Sun 11:34 PM	3.88	H
1/2/2018	Tue 1:46 AM	-1.2	L	1/12/2018	Fri 5:25 AM	4.29	H	1/22/2018	Mon 5:14 AM	0.01	L
1/2/2018	Tue 8:33 AM	5.72	H	1/12/2018	Fri 11:18 AM	0.22	L	1/22/2018	Mon 11:55 AM	4.11	H
1/2/2018	Tue 2:33 PM	-0.89	L	1/12/2018	Fri 5:33 PM	3.67	H	1/22/2018	Mon 5:51 PM	-0.15	L
1/2/2018	Tue 8:58 PM	4.75	H	1/12/2018	Fri 11:20 PM	-0.02	L	1/23/2018	Tue 12:19 AM	3.92	H
1/3/2018	Wed 2:38 AM	-1.22	L	1/13/2018	Sat 6:12 AM	4.38	H	1/23/2018	Tue 6:07 AM	0.11	L
1/3/2018	Wed 9:26 AM	5.71	H	1/13/2018	Sat 12:07 PM	0.13	L	1/23/2018	Tue 12:39 PM	3.96	H
1/3/2018	Wed 3:23 PM	-0.9	L	1/13/2018	Sat 6:20 PM	3.71	H	1/23/2018	Tue 6:41 PM	-0.18	L
1/3/2018	Wed 9:51 PM	4.77	H	1/14/2018	Sun 12:06 AM	-0.08	L	1/24/2018	Wed 1:09 AM	3.97	H
1/4/2018	Thu 3:31 AM	-1.1	L	1/14/2018	Sun 6:56 AM	4.47	H	1/24/2018	Wed 7:10 AM	0.18	L
1/4/2018	Thu 10:18 AM	5.57	H	1/14/2018	Sun 12:53 PM	0.01	L	1/24/2018	Wed 1:31 PM	3.82	H
1/4/2018	Thu 4:15 PM	-0.82	L	1/14/2018	Sun 7:04 PM	3.77	H	1/24/2018	Wed 7:36 PM	-0.25	L
1/4/2018	Thu 10:45 PM	4.72	H	1/15/2018	Mon 12:49 AM	-0.16	L	1/25/2018	Thu 2:09 AM	4.07	H
1/5/2018	Fri 4:26 AM	-0.86	L	1/15/2018	Mon 7:37 AM	4.55	H	1/25/2018	Thu 8:17 AM	0.17	L
1/5/2018	Fri 11:09 AM	5.31	H	1/15/2018	Mon 1:34 PM	-0.09	L	1/25/2018	Thu 2:33 PM	3.72	H
1/5/2018	Fri 5:08 PM	-0.66	L	1/15/2018	Mon 7:45 PM	3.83	H	1/25/2018	Thu 8:35 PM	-0.35	L
1/5/2018	Fri 11:38 PM	4.61	H	1/16/2018	Tue 1:29 AM	-0.23	L	1/26/2018	Fri 3:16 AM	4.24	H
1/6/2018	Sat 5:24 AM	-0.55	L	1/16/2018	Tue 8:16 AM	4.59	H	1/26/2018	Fri 9:25 AM	0.07	L
1/6/2018	Sat 12:00 PM	4.98	H	1/16/2018	Tue 2:13 PM	-0.16	L	1/26/2018	Fri 3:42 PM	3.72	H
1/6/2018	Sat 6:04 PM	-0.48	L	1/16/2018	Tue 8:24 PM	3.87	H	1/26/2018	Fri 9:37 PM	-0.5	L
1/7/2018	Sun 12:34 AM	4.46	H	1/17/2018	Wed 2:05 AM	-0.27	L	1/27/2018	Sat 4:26 AM	4.49	H
1/7/2018	Sun 6:26 AM	-0.25	L	1/17/2018	Wed 8:53 AM	4.6	H	1/27/2018	Sat 10:31 AM	-0.12	L
1/7/2018	Sun 12:53 PM	4.61	H	1/17/2018	Wed 2:49 PM	-0.19	L	1/27/2018	Sat 4:51 PM	3.84	H
1/7/2018	Sun 7:00 PM	-0.32	L	1/17/2018	Wed 9:02 PM	3.9	H	1/27/2018	Sat 10:39 PM	-0.7	L
1/8/2018	Mon 1:32 AM	4.31	H	1/18/2018	Thu 2:39 AM	-0.28	L	1/28/2018	Sun 5:31 AM	4.79	H
1/8/2018	Mon 7:28 AM	0	L	1/18/2018	Thu 9:29 AM	4.56	H	1/28/2018	Sun 11:34 AM	-0.37	L
1/8/2018	Mon 1:48 PM	4.26	H	1/18/2018	Thu 3:22 PM	-0.19	L	1/28/2018	Sun 5:55 PM	4.06	H
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1/9/2018	Tue 8:50 PM	-0.09	L	1/19/2018	Fri 10:17 PM	3.88	H	1/30/2018	Tue 12:38 AM	-1.16	L
1/10/2018	Wed 3:34 AM	4.18	H	1/20/2018	Sat 3:49 AM	-0.18	L	1/30/2018	Tue 7:26 AM	5.33	H
1/10/2018	Wed 9:29 AM	0.26	L	1/20/2018	Sat 10:39 AM	4.38	H	1/30/2018	Tue 1:25 PM	-0.9	L
1/10/2018	Wed 3:45 PM	3.79	H	1/20/2018	Sat 4:29 PM	-0.15	L	1/30/2018	Tue 7:49 PM	4.54	H
1/10/2018	Wed 9:41 PM	-0.02	L	1/20/2018	Sat 10:54 PM	3.88	H				



**YOU GO AHEAD  
AND FISH...  
I'LL JUST STAY  
HERE WHERE  
IT'S WARM  
AND SLEEP**