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PRESIDENTS LINE

I almost forgot to congratulate Wally Carrucci on the red fish catch and release win in his home waters of South Carolina .Its a great day to get out with family and a terrific guide to bend the rods in the back country , I've got to get down there one year and give it a try ,thank you for the pics Wally you look good in the winners circle!

I hope every one is dug out of the snow storm by now we are certainly seeing drastic changes from the unusual weather systems as of late , the south east is getting hammered with tornado's and rain storms on epic regularity. I hope that some of our south eastern seaboard club members members are missing the brunt of these damaging storms. I hope we are out of the woods with snow for the year, but its still February. This past week was penciled in to fish Schroon lake in the adaks for Lak-ers thru the ice and a day casting for land-locks on the lower river at the dam in Chester town , but the snow storm put that adventure on hold ,probably till spring or close to it if the ground hog was right ! I haven't heard much on the steel head fishing on the big lake tributary's ,the sub freezing weather this past few weeks have stifled most attempts to fish . On that note I'm looking forward to a warmer spring and tying a few caddis and leach patterns until the thaw , as always please send pics to Dave of any adventures you may have found your selves in and any fishing or shooting-hunting stories you might have .On that note keep warm and dry , get out side and fish ,, thank you Brian m

ON THE COVER

That Time of Year

Looks peaceful!

Sorry for the shabby Newsletter, tell you why at the meeting. Thanks

Trout Season opens April 1st, did you get you Fresh Water License?



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MEETING NOTICE
Wednesday, March 13th 2013

Manhasset Bay Yacht Club
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7:30 PM

Casual Dress, No Jeans

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ANNOUNCING A FLY FISHING TRIP TO CAMPECHE FOR BABY TARPON

Enrico Puglisi

Hello Friends,

I would like to invite you to join me for an amazing fly fishing trip to Campeche to have fun catching BABY TARPON.

Captain Alejandro Hernandez has put together a very nice fly fishing, fly casting and fly tying program for Baby Tarpon for this coming September. Alejandro was very kind to invite me to participate in this program.

I have been fishing in Campeche several times over the past years and I can tell you only good things about it. The hospitality of all my friends in Campeche makes me feel I know them for a very long time. From the time you arrive to the time you leave you will not have to worry about a thing!

Campeche is not only the capital of Baby Tarpon but also an historical and archeological town for your non-fishing companions.

Please contact Captain Alejandro Hernandez at www.campechetarpon.com if you would like to participate in this program.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions especially about the fly tying seminar; I will be conducting that program.

First Group September 16 - 21

6 Anglers

Arrive in Merida September 16 and depart from Merida September 21

Fishing days are September 17, 18, 19 & 20

September 17: Early morning fishing, 6am-2pm. 5pm fly casting for baby Tarpon with Captain Alejandro Hernandez and fly tying Campeche Baby Tarpon flies with Enrico Puglisi.

September 18: Early morning fishing, 6am-2pm. 5pm fly casting corrections and hook setting for baby Tarpon with Captain Alejandro Hernandez and fly tying Campeche Baby Tarpon flies with Enrico Puglisi.

September 19: Early morning fishing, 6am-2pm. 5pm fly tying tricks and tips with Enrico Puglisi

September 20: Early morning fishing 6am-2pm. No afternoon activity.

Captain Alejandro will provide flies for the Baby Tarpon. Please feel free to bring your fly tying tools, no need to bring fly tying materials.

What is included:

5 nights hotel, September 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20

4 fishing days September 17, 18, 19 & 20

Transportation from and to Merida

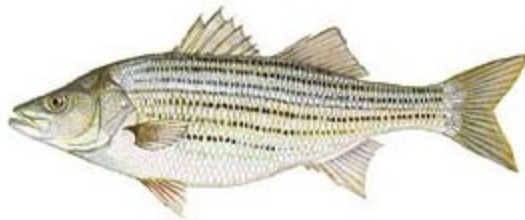
Breakfast at the hotel

Box lunch

Dinner at the best restaurant in town

Cost \$2,100.00 per angler

If anyone is interested contact Enrico



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It's that time of year again, either bring it to the meeting or contact Howard Marshall.

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Cleanliness is Next to Godliness, Part 2

Vincent Pica
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Last week, we wrote about this topic with respect largely to the things we drop in the water (see GNYAA, "[Cleanliness is Next to Godliness](#)", Jan '13) But what about the things we bring out there, like our copper-oxide bottom paint? This column is about that.

Painting With Poison

Yes, if you really think about it, we paint the bottoms of our boats with poison. Intentionally. We're trying to kill barnacles, algae, slime and other stowaways who can clog our intake valves, foul our running gear and, as a consequence, actually create another bio-hazard as we have to apply more power (meaning burning more fuel and creating more exhaust) to move the boat at a given speed. So, our intentions are not necessarily ignoble – but if we start to address some of the collateral damage, we can make them noble.

The history of the War of the Barnacles goes back to the Phoenicians. They used many substances – including lead and tar – to battle the speed-killing and weight-adding stowaways. It wasn't until the Romans realized that shields of battle work at sea too – and shielded their ships with copper sheathing – that something effective began to turn the battle in favor of the mariners. This technique lasted for millennia. History tells us that Nelson had an inherent 20% speed advantage over the Spaniards at the Battle of Trafalgar because of copper sheathing.

A lot of dangerous things don't reach the tipping point until there is a lot of something acting on the environment. By the 1950s, boating had begun to be popular enough that scientists started to notice that shellfish were being affected by these bottom paints. This started the process that a half-century later is showing up in various alternatives.

Two Pounds a Year

A 30' boat, painted with copper-oxide anti-fouling paint, leaches 2 pounds of copper into the waterways. Now, before you dry-dock your boat, scientists note that Nature naturally leaches 250,000 tons of copper into the sea each year – compared to the ~15,000 tons that all the sea-going vessels add. But the ocean is one thing – a marina with 100 vessels closely packed is another. And that is the rub, sort to speak.

States and municipalities are starting to notice and taking action in two ways – restricting boat owners from using certain bottom paint mixtures and keeping marina owners from draining their waste water into the sea. Connecticut banned marina owners from doing so last year, requiring them to collect the water and bring it to a treatment plant. Sounds expensive, which just ends up in dockage fees or, worse, fees so high that boaters start to drop out... Eventually, the Feds will bring a suit under the Clean Water Act and then the game is afoot.

But the regulators aren't just throwing (your) money at the problem. They are sponsoring "bake-offs" where boat owners and paint companies can try different formulas to address the issue. San Diego both passed a law that requires the amount of copper pollution in the Port of San Diego to be reduced by 75% in 15 years – and has created test beds for various formulas. And they have found that not only are different chemicals effective (such as zinc) but also paints can be made more "slick" so those stowaways can grab a toe-hold (or whatever they hold on with!)

The paint companies haven't sat on their hands and have developed a number of alternatives – but getting approval from the EPA to add a chemical to the equation takes considerable time too. Will the solutions cost more? They already do and they will continue too. Not sure there is any way around that one...

A Primer of Sorts

There is a lot of material out there and you can always discuss it with your dock master, who is certainly interested in the health of our waterways. The largest anti-fouling paint company, InterLux, maintains a lot of material online (www.yachtpaint.com.)

For the more scientifically inclined, the stowaways are not attaching to our boats for a ride. They attach to eat. When you put anything in water, tiny electrical charges develop. This was discovered by Johannes van der Waals 1873 (getting the Nobel Prize in 1910.) Via the “[van der Waals](#)” force, free-floating objects are attracted to the surface of that object. In waterways, these objects are decaying matter – a very attractive food source to our stowaways. The table is set. All it needs is hungry guests, which Mother Nature serves up readily.

BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at JoinUSCGAux@aol.com or go direct to the D1SR Human Resources department, who are in charge of new members matters, at [DSO-HR](#) and we will help you “get in this thing...”



Trout stocking numbers down this season

Al- bany — Three hundred thousand sounds like a pretty big number. But when you spread it out across all of New York state’s designated trout waters, DEC fisheries staff are hoping it won’t even be noticeable to anglers.

That’s because 300,000 represents the cut in catchable-sized stocked trout this year, a product of a disease that tore through the Rome hatchery’s brown trout fry last year.

“We’re looking at 2.1 million catchable stocked trout this year,” said Jim Daley, head of DEC’s fish culture section. “That’s down from 2.4 million last year – combined brook, brown and rainbow trout.”

DEC fisheries bureau chief Phil Hulbert said that will result in an across-the-board reduction in the number of trout stocked in New York waters this season.

“I think the average angler, because they are across-the-board cuts, is not going to detect very much of a change (in fishing quality),” Hulbert said. “Perhaps a subtle change in catch rates early on in the season when (stocked) fish are abundant. But there are no waters we didn’t stock because of this.”

Hulbert said the estimated 10 percent reduction in stocked trout, when considered statewide, “isn’t really discernable as a number – at least not on the water. But it’s a disappointment.”

A disease outbreak last year at DEC’s Rome fish hatchery forced the destruction of over 130,000 trout, mostly brown trout fry.

The fish were infected with furunculosis, a bacterial disease that occurs in fish. Ironically, the problem occurred at a hatchery that underwent a major (\$2.1 million) renovation which culminated last fall in a ribbon-

cutting ceremony to show off the state-of-the-art facility.

The fry came from facilities in Virginia, which were assisting New York in boosting production levels on the heels of another mortality event in the fall of 2011. That loss left DEC facing a shortage of brown trout that would be stocked in the spring of 2013 as catchable-size yearlings. Neighboring states were contacted to see if surplus fish were available to help alleviate DEC's shortage, and 175,000 fingerling brown trout were imported from the state of Virginia to the Rome hatchery in the spring of 2012.

Daley said the fry from Virginia tested clean for furunculosis, although the test isn't 100-percent conclusive.

"Where it originated we're not certain, and it may never be determined," he said.

The disease also hit the hatchery's heritage strain and hybrid brook trout. The loss of those fish – fall fingerlings about 4 inches long – impacted backcountry brook trout stocking in the Adirondacks last year.

DEC spokesperson Lori Severino said the brook trout shortage meant 83 remote ponds didn't receive hybrid brook trout last fall, and 14 others didn't receive the Little Tupper strain of brook trout.

"Regional biologists made the decision (on which waters would not be stocked) on a pond-by-pond basis," Hulbert said. "Some saw reduced numbers of fish stocked, and others saw none."

DEC generally begins its trout stocking efforts in mid-March in regions of the state – usually the Southern Tier – where weather and water conditions permit.

"You never know," Hulbert said. "Every spring is a little different."

Many waters of the state are not stocked prior to the April 1 statewide trout season opener.

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