

Meeting Minutes 5-11-16

Meeting Start: 6:45 pm

Meeting End: 8:54 pm

**Treasury:** Our treasurer could not make this month's meeting. We are confident that the club's account balance is in very good shape. Kids Camp and some administrative expenses lie in the future.

**Casting for Recovery:** At every monthly meeting donations are collected from members for this charity. We are proud to announce the sum of collection totaling \$500 was donated to this charity. Thanks to all members contributing to this cause!

**Dues:** Annual membership dues are due. They will cost members each \$50.00 for the year. The cost has gone down from \$75.00/year. A special membership opportunity for NEW first year members will cost only \$30.00 and will include a club sticker. Payments for dues are accepted by Jon Pulaski our treasurer.

**Membership:** 2 new categories of membership have been established this year. They are designated for family members and ambassador members who have moved out of state. The cost of annual dues for a club member's family member is half price \$25. The cost of annual dues for ambassador membership is \$10. Each membership includes a club decal.

**Library:** A great library of DVD's and fly fishing literature is available at \$1/ item. A list of available items is on our website. <http://bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com/about-us/club-library/>

Contact Jack McDonald at [john.f.mcdonald@verizon.net](mailto:john.f.mcdonald@verizon.net). Let him know what book or DVD you want about 4 days before a meeting and he will bring it to the meeting for you.

**Social Media:** Bayshore Saltwater Flyrodders is on Facebook. Log on to Facebook and click "Like it", you will be linked to the club's reports and member discussion pages. The more we use it the better and more fun it will become. Share photos, reports, funny stories, etc. Enjoy! Thanks to Kenny Ecklund for technical guidance and support for keeping the facebook page updated. Thanks to the members who keep it fresh and interesting...

The [bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com](http://bayshoresaltwaterflyrodders.com) website is up and running. We need to keep adding to the picture archive to keep things current. Send some photo of your recent catches to Tom Dwyer @ [tdwyer61@optonline.net](mailto:tdwyer61@optonline.net) He will get them on the website. Make sure pictures have captions attached so they can be opened.

**Upcoming meetings:** On June 8th our monthly meeting we held on the beach at Bayshore Waterfront Park on Port Monmouth Road in Middletown, NJ. Gerry Fabiano will be doing a fly casting demonstration for the club. It will be a fun and informative

event. Bring down your equipment for rigging, learn to cast, and advance your fly casting skills.

**Club Member Booklet:** The club would like to organize a member book. New member Maureen Meekins has graciously offered her tech savvy skills to organize this for us. Send her [mmeekins429@gmail.com](mailto:mmeekins429@gmail.com) your biographics (ie: Name, Nickname, Address, Phone#, Email, Marital Status, Spouse name, Children, Profession, positive personal information, fishing quotes, fishing photos). She plans on compiling this member information for us to enhance the familiarity among members. Thanks in advance to Maureen for helping out!

**Trips:** Cape Cod trip was discussed among members. The last weeks of May into June is when some members are planning on heading up to Chatham, Mass. for some of New England's finest Striped Bass fly fishery. Lodging accommodations at Pilgrim Village/Pine Shores in Chatham, Mass. are affordable and near a few fishing spots. See Stewart Levin or Jack McDonald for details on lodging, fishing, and more...

**Kayak Dunk & Recovery Practice:** This lesson will be held in the spring if participation is there. It is critical that any kayaker learn and be proficient in recovery after a rollover or dunk. Experienced kayakers/ fly club members will share their techniques and teach these life saving lessons. See Vice President Tom Dywer. He is hosting this lesson. On June 18th at 8AM. It will be held at Sandy Hook National Park in Horseshoe Cove. Fluke fishing after the lesson is planned as well.

**Kids Camp:** An August date for this event will be selected. Scouts, club family members, and youth groups will all be welcomed to attend. Participants are all taught to fly cast, tie flies, bait fishing with a seine net, and spin fish for snappers. Food, drinks, and prizes are all included.

**Committees:** The club would REALLY like to have some members designated to specific committees. The fly show table, trips, tying nights, meeting presentation, photo management, and membership are all areas where the club needs member support to make the task of planning and carrying out club activities efficient and easy. If you have an interest in any of the mentioned committees please let the board know.

**Saltwater Registry:** Sign up for New Jersey Saltwater Registry Program online. NJ & NY are both free. Keep in mind for those traveling to Cape Cod, you have to register up there independently of NJ or NY with a cost of \$1.25 per angler for senior citizens.

**Merchandise:** Club hats, t-shirts, and stickers are all available for purchase. For \$25.00 you can get a club logo hat and custom print t-shirt. \$15.00 if either a hat or t-shirt is purchased individually. Club merchandise is hand at our meetings. The club hopes to get some new merchandise like club logo windbreakers in the future. Also, club crew neck type, zip up & hooded type sweatshirts are available for order. See myself or Joe Hagan for details. Several sweatshirt colors are available.

Just a reminder to new members to see Jon Pulaski for a club sticker free with your membership.

**Activity Meeting:** The tying meetings are usually held during the winter. Since we are immersed into a new season of fishing, tying nights will be substituted for a fishing/activity night where members organize and meet at a local beach to fish one afternoon or evening.

Come on out to learn, share, and mingle! Emails will be sent out as these activity meetings approach.

**BUZFLY:** Thanks to Brad Buzzzi for offering his vast knowledge and supply of premium fly tying materials to our club members. He often brings items for tying to the meetings (bucktail, hooks, UV Cure products, etc.) for sale. If there is anything you might want him to get for you let him know and he will get it to you. He can be reached at [BUZFLY.com](http://BUZFLY.com)

If anyone who wants to learn a specific fly pattern or technique let Brad know! Crease flies, UV/ epoxy flies, synthetic material use, natural material use, half and halves, clousers, poppers, exotic location flies are all options that can be demonstrated at future club

**STORMR GEAR:** Jeff Abrams has offered to club members the opportunity to purchase some high performance gear bags/ sling backpacks & Stormr surf fishing garments. He brought along some sample jackets of the Stormr gear to show members its durability and quality. Here is the link to view products made by Stormr <http://stormrusa.com/products/>. Costs for each product if ordered through Jeff is significantly discounted. Check out the website and see what you want. Let Jeff know what you want so he can get a multi member order together. Feel free to call him at (908)917-1373. or email at [jeff.abrams@comcast.net](mailto:jeff.abrams@comcast.net). Thanks in advance to Jeff for extending this opportunity to us...

**Tournament:** The club has decided to start a year long running skillful angler tournament. February 2016 through February 2017. It is a saltwater, shore based contest. Fly caught fish only. Documented with a photo. Species include: striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, fluke. Contest boundaries extend from Cape Cod to Cape May. The biggest fish entries determine the winners for each species category. Good fishing to all and may the best angler win!

**Mandarin Snapper Tournament:** This event will be held at Sandy Hook Saturday June 25th. It is a fun and loose event targeting the elusive sea robin with fly rods. The entry fee is 3 saltwater flies. Participants will meet at Sandy Hook's Fisherman Trail Parking lot (northernmost lot) in the morning at 8am. The fly fishing event will be followed by an awards luncheon an Bahr's Landing in the Highlands.

**Berkeley Striper Club Tournament:** This organization has a few multi club tournaments going on. One tournament that was highlighted runs from May 27th- June 4th. It is a catch and release tournament where our past guest Monmouth University professor John Teidemann with his graduate & undergraduate students will be on hand tagging fish for research purposes. Check out their website for resources and details.

<http://www.berkeleystriperclub.org/pdf/BSC%20Multi-Club%20Tournaments%20-%202015.pdf>

**BSF Fly of the Month Contest:** Fly of the month contest among members has begun. Feel free to submit a fly crafted by yourself that will be displayed and be in the running against other club members' flies.. Entry flies will go to Vice President Bob Gargano. All entries will be showcased. The winning fly tyer will be prized with all the monthly fly contest entries .

**Misc.** If you have an address change or a new e-mail address, please let us know so we can update our records.

Club Members were asked to recognize the club does not have a 5013C charitable designation. The board is looking into reestablishing this title. Members will be kept notified as more information about this technical matter comes through.

**Fishing Reports:** Striped Bass are in bays and rivers. BIG Bluefish are in Barnegat Bay, Raritan Bay, and the Twin Rivers. Bait works, lures work, flies work. Fluke season opens next weekend.

Tight Lines.  
Secretary, Tim Semler