

Meeting Minutes: 12-14-16

Meeting Start: 7:58 pm

Meeting End: 9:08 pm

Dues: Membership dues are being accepted by our treasurer for 2017 the cost is \$50. The club is offering dues for \$30 for 1st year membership and half priced dues (\$25) for a member of one's family.

Next Month's Meeting: We plan on welcoming a Rio Products Distributor. This gentleman has a number of RIO brand fly line product for sale at a killer discount. \$25 for \$80+ fly line. Come down with some extra cash \$\$\$ and make a deal... Stock up for 2017...

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 Sean Gavin at reelfinatic68@yahoo.com Let him know what book or DVD you want a few days before a meeting and he will bring it to the meeting for you. Thanks to Sean Gavin for stepping up and taking over the librarian duties!

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 website is up and running. We need to keep adding to the picture archive to keep things current. Send some photos of your recent catches to Tom Dwyer @ tdwyer61@optonline.net He will get them on the website. Make sure the pictures you send have captions attached so they can be opened. Thanks to Joe Pacillulli for keeping the website updated.

Club Member Booklet: The club is organizing a member book. New member, Maureen Meekins, has graciously offered her tech savvy skills to organize this booklet for us. Send her mmeekins429@gmail.com your biographics (ie: Name, Nickname, Address, Phone#, Email, Marital Status, Spouse name, Children, Profession, positive personal information, fishing quotes, fishing photos). This member booklet we hope will enhance the familiarity among members. Thanks to Maureen for helping out!

Fly Show: The club has reserved its spot/booth for the Somerset Fly Fishing Show for 1/27/17-1/29/17. Club Members are needed to volunteer some booth time (1-2 hour slots) doing easy tasks-selling raffle tickets and tying up some flies. Discount admission opportunities are available to members for \$12/ ticket for 1 day admission. There is a slgn in sheet for discount tickets, get in touch with Tom Melville for details.

Club Dinner: On April 2nd the club will hold a dinner at Bahr's Restaurant in Highlands, NJ from 1pm-5pm. The cost is \$35 and includes appetizers, buffet style dinner, beer, and wine. A tricky tray auction will held as well. The location is ideal and the ambience for a fly fishing club member dinner is simply perfect. Put this one on your calendar!

Trips: Steve Fauer extended members the opportunity to stay at Riverbend, his vacation home on the Trout filled Beaverkill River upstate New York, from May 19th, 20th, 21st. A signup sheet for this trip was filling fast. Thank you Steve for offering this opportunity to us all...

Fishing Access: Below is a link to an interactive map with photos for NJ Public Access and best of all Fishing Locations. It is a great tool for anglers, and the like, to find opportunities to fish in areas often dismissed as inaccessible. Enjoy!

<http://njdep.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=6e3d01d01c3e40ac8a925a85b86de923>.

Committees: The club REALLY, REALLY NEEDS to have some members step up and help support some specific committees. The fly show table help, tying nights, meeting presentations, photo management, and membership committee 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. Many hands make light work!

Saltwater Registry: Sign up for New Jersey Saltwater Registry Program online. NJ & NY are both free. Keep in mind for those traveling to out of state, you have to register accordingly.

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 on hand at our monthly 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 Capt. 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. Stickers for purchase cost for 1 is \$2 and cost for 3 is \$5.

BUZFLY: Thanks to Brad Buzzi 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

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. Thanks in advance to Jeff for extending this opportunity to us...

Year Long Skillful Angler Tournament: The club is interested in the current standings for our year long running skillful angler tournament. February 2016 through February 2017. It is a saltwater, shore based contest. Fly caught fish only. Catches must be 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! Let the board know what you caught so far!

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

Fly Vines: is a Montana based company that uses old fly line and recycles it into crafty lanyards, bracelets, sunglass retainers, key chains, etc. www.flyvines.com. The club would like to take up a bulk donation of old unused fly line from members and send it to this company. We hope in return to receive some products from them that we can raffle off and giveaway as prizes at our meeting or events. FEEL FREE TO BRING IN YOUR OLD FLY LINE NEXT MEETING> or get in on the company's recycling program for yourself.. Cool products for sure!

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

Thanks to Gerry Fabiano for coordinating the menu for our holiday party. The food was delicious and the night was enjoyable. Masterful planning as usual; take home containers and cake were the coup de gras.

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: The Fall season is nearly gone, but striped bass are still around. Small bass with some keepers in the mix. With freezing nights and cold mornings, the milder afternoon into dusk is the best time to hunt these fish. Small profile lures and flies (clousers, ½ & ½ 's, or 2"-3" deceivers) all will catch. Slow, staccato retrieves work best. Find 1 fish find 5. They are usually schooled up good. Seems like ideal

temperatures this week and through Christmas to go and find some holiday season stripers...Oyster Creek is an option as well. This fishery is a warm water discharge outfall for winter holdover striped bass. The plant will be decommissioned in 2 years, so, get them there while you can! Tight Lines, Happy Holidays, and a healthy happy, fish-filled 2017 to All!

Secretary, Tim Semler