



***Our annual meeting!
Be there or be square!***



September Program - SRC in Hood Canal w/ Captain Justin Waters

**The Leader Line
By Bob Jimerson**



Hard to believe that September is already here. The cliché about how time flies is certainly proving to be true. Hope you got to all of your fishing to-do's for the summer, and that you have a long list ahead of you for Autumn and Winter. The Fall months are always my favorite for fishing with a touch of coolness in the air and the sun lower in the sky.

By the time this newsletter goes to press we will have had our annual picnic at the Saville's place at Dash Point. I'll go out on a limb and predict that everyone that went to the picnic had a great time and anyone that missed it is sorry they did.

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As we move into the last part of the year it is time to elect some new board members and fill other open spots on our roster. Please do think about where you can lend a hand to keep things running smoothly for the club. It is truly a rewarding experience; you will get much more than you give. So, let me know how you want to help out next year and save me from having to ask. Things are going well these days so it is a great time to get involved.

Thanks to all of those that have volunteered over the last year. I appreciate everything you all do to make the Puget Sound Flyfishers Club one of the best around.

PSFF NEWS

Our Next Meeting
Thursday, September 14th
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tower Lanes Entertainment Center
6323 6th Ave.
Tacoma WA 98406

September, 2017 Program

Why is Hood Canal such a Great Sea Run Cutthroat Fishery with Captain Justin Waters

Captain Justin Waters, owner of *All-Waters Fly Fishing* spends about 150-200 days a year with clients on our own Hood Canal. He's endlessly surprised at what an underutilized and amazing fishery it is. From its diversity in seasons to the amazing amount of bait, this wild and scenic fishery is accessible and leaves you feeling remote. Come learn why he believes Hood Canal to be the best Sea Run Cutthroat fishery in the world.

FFI EVENTS

Regional FFI Events in 2017

None published.



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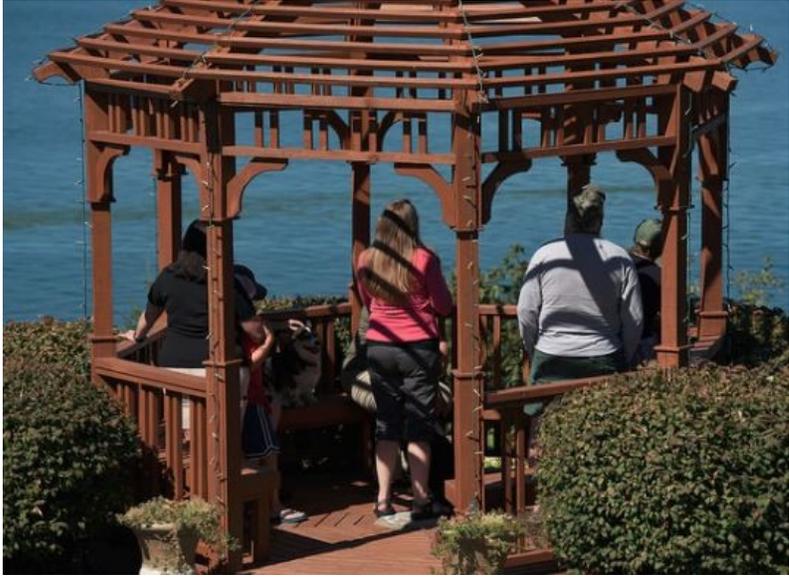
Puget Sound Flyfishers Annual Picnic 2017











HOT SCOOP

Classifieds

Creek Company Flats Raider 9 pontoon for sale. New \$995. Has never been used. For sale for \$550 w/extras.

Mike Hardouin
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PJ's TIPS

Tying Tip -

"Titanic" dry flies

The manufacturing and dyeing processes used to make tying materials often deplete the materials of natural oils that repel water and help those dry flies float nice and high. A little trick that will restore that water repellent quality to your flies is to spray your flies with Scotch Guard Heavy Duty Fabric Spray. You can also spray your materials before using them. Follow the directions on the can carefully as to drying time etc. Use sparingly and test for color damage before using. There are some fly shop products to do this but they are way more expensive.

News you can use.

Remembering Rachel Carson

by Mike Koslosky

Most of the current club membership was around in 1962 when Rachel Carson published "Silent Spring", a damning treatise on the devastating effects of pesticides on wildlife. Her candid and revelatory expose on the damages caused by indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides has been heralded as the wake-up call to action which spurred the beginnings of the environmental movement.

It is safe to say most outdoor recreationists, like fishermen, are cognizant of the beauty and majesty of the environment around them. We believe in clean water, healthy forests, safe drinking water and clean air. Rachel Carson is someone we can thank for the progress we have made in preserving the health and safety of our environment. You can learn more about life and legacy of this pioneering scientist by attending a free film on Friday, September 8 in Gig Harbor.



FREE MOVIES FRIDAY

Friday, September 8, 6:30 pm

10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW
Agnus Dei Lutheran Church



THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RACHAEL CARSON

Biologist * Ecologist * Writer * Protested the use of chemicals, pesticides in the environment
* Resulted in the Water Quality Act * Triggered the Modern Environmental Movement

Marlene **Free to the public,**
Donations gratefully accepted.
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MEANINGFUL MOVIES in GIG HARBOR presents documentary films on the 2nd Friday evening of every month, along with a forum for open community discussions. Meaningfulmovies.org

Looking for help?

Are you trying to learn a new technique?

Looking for a fishing partner?

Do you need help with anything having to do with Fly Fishing?

Look no further!

The Puget Sound Fly Fishers has a group of knowledgeable folks who want to share their skills and are looking for folks who need help with everything having to do with Fly Fishing. If you are looking for someone to assist you we will make sure that a person with the specific skill you need help with gets in touch with you.

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Fly Fishing Academy News

2017 NW Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy

by Mike Clancy, Co-Director, NWYCF Academy

We enjoyed another successful Academy this year and graduated 15 boys and girls that learned the basics of fly fishing and conservation. Snow days this year caused our biggest challenge. Many schools were still in session during our event. Again, we were privileged with incredible instructors from both the public sector and private sector. With the support of over 50 volunteers from the South Sound Fly Fishers of Olympia and The Puget Sound Fly Fishers of Tacoma and the Olympia Chapter of TU, not necessarily in that order, this event could not have happened.

The event would also not have happened without financial support from many Washington Fly Fishing Clubs, Washington TU chapters, WCTU, WSCFFi, local corporations and private individuals. This is an all year endeavor for the staff in preparation for the one week program for the kids. We are very proud of our Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy organization and look forward to many more events.

The boys and girls have an excellent foundation for their future in fly fishing, conservation and career building. Preparation for next year's Academy has already started, with the event scheduled for June 24-30, 2018 on Hicks Lake at the Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey, WA.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Clancy at nwycffa@comcast.net or 360-753-1259, Jim Brosio at 360-491-9227 and Tom VanGelder at 253-261-8890. Our website is: www.nwycffa.com. Registration for the 2018 Academy will open January 1, 2018. Check out our Facebook page for many pictures.



The boys and girls of today - are the guardians of the future for our sport of fly fishing.

2017 FFi Youth Camp – Aug. 3 & 4 @ Livingston, MT.

We experienced one of the best youth camps this year at the Fly Fishing Fair in Livingston, MT. We had 14 wonderful boys and girls enrolled in this event. The instructors were tremendous with their subjects.

I would like to thank the following instructors – Peter Maunsell, WSCFFi, Entomology; Peggy Brenner, Fly Tying Chair, Peggy was assisted by The Magic City Fly Fishers of Billings, MT.; Robert Gerlach, WSCFFi, CCI with casting instruction; Charley Renn for his knot tying class, plus much more; and Herbe Granke with his closing remarks. It was an absolutely amazing day, it couldn't have been better.

Friday we fished at The Lagoon, it was all about fishing and more casting, catching was a different story. Was it hot – oh boy, was it ever!

Thank you everyone. It is all about the kids. Mike Clancy, Youth Camp

FALL, FISHING AND FOOTBALL



It's that time of year when everyone who does fish...is out fishing. We all know why...because of the Salmon. There are so many people out fishing that some people don't even bother because they do not want to deal with the crowds. I am sure this is not new to you, especially if you have lived here for any length of time. Its also that time of year that football is on the television, the days are getting shorter, children are going back to school, and we are picking apples. The first day of fall is September 22, thoughts of Alder and Pine, for the smoker and the fireplace. The pine is important...it is my



it is my means of drying out my wader boots, very important for the seasons of cooler weather and secondly my dog loves to sleep by the fire place, it's the only time I get to hear him snore.



With the change of season happening this month, its time to take advantage of the good weather that is still around. I would imagine that lake fishing should improve with the approaching cooler temperatures. I know the WDFW stocks certain lakes in the fall. I will be sure to take advantage of that.

On September 16th and 17th the club is having an outing on the Naches River, another great opportunity to fish them dry flies and land a trout or two. I know it can be difficult to think about trout at the moment, especially when you see all of these Salmon in this news letter. Hit the beach or get out on the Sound, this is the only reason why thoughts of Alder cross my mind this time of year.



Another event that happens in the fall is a contest I hold called "Fly in a Frame" . A random person will be selected to win a signed 5"x 7" print of the Knudsen Spider fly pattern that you see on this page.



To enter visit my webpage: <http://jasonbordash.weebly.com> and on the Contact form, state "Fly in a Frame" in the comment section. The winner will be announced on Facebook on Sunday October 1st, just prior to the Sunday Night Football game Seattle vs Colts.



Knudsen Spider



Conservation Alert!

Please take a look at this link, and send a note to our governor, to demand that the open water salmon net-pen farms be banned from Washington Marine Waters:

<https://www.oursound-oursalmon.org/cypress-island-disaster>

Then go to this Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife link:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/news/aug2217b/>

More background here:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/267250555_Super_un-Natural_Atlantic_Salmon_in_BC_Waters

Have fun! But seriously, help get rid of these things.

Okay . . .

It's Still Summer, Dammit!

By Bob Triggs

www.searuns.com



Closer to the Equinox

Despite some pretty extreme heat days this summer, these late summer nights are growing ever longer and cooler. Stepping out into the evening darkness, under the starlight, I can smell the deep scent of the cooling air and falling leaves already. Much of this is due to the recent drought that has caused some of the leaves to fall early. But it's also true that autumn is taking hold now. Without looking at the calendar you could feel it. And the fruit and vegetable crops have been way ahead all year. Some of the insect hatches here, like the ter-

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mites, have been a little ahead of the normal times as well. The Autumn Equinox is less than a month away now. So even though we may get some more hot days ahead, it won't last long. That full moon, coming on the 6th of September, will set the stage for some great tides and fishing this month too. However, it is still summer, and it will be for the next month before the solstice.

So, I am getting tired of people claiming that it is "the end of summer", the "dying days of summer", early autumn", etc. Nonsense! It's 80 frigg'n degrees out there today, and that sun will scorch your hair off! We have months of good beach fishing ahead! And we will be heading back to the rivers once the rainforest rivers perk up, with a little cool rain. This usually starts around Labor Day, with some rain at night, in the higher elevations of the Olympic Mountains, and the October Caddis hatches begin around the September solstice. Big fluffy stimulators and Elk hair Caddis, Skaters, Steelhead Caddis. Summer Steelhead and Cutthroat Trout on dry flies. That's some good stuff.

Ordinarily I would be haunting the beaches from dawn to dusk at this time of year, fly fishing for the ocean-run coho that have provided me with so much good fishing for years here. We didn't get much of a season this year. And it's been a down year for the pink salmon and coho salmon again so far. But there have been enough optimistic fishing reports in other areas around the region this year to give me the impression that these fish can rebound, given time. I still feel that the closures last year helped put many more spawning coho on the redds upriver. That's a good thing. Maybe we should do that more often.



***Coho on a Miyawaki Beach Popper.
This is something worth protecting.***

We can be grateful for the cooling weather ahead, as it will improve the fishing on the lakes and streams, and even on the saltchuck. Most of our rivers are still running low and warm, but this autumn cooling will help all of that too. Even so, we need those first good autumn rains to get things moving on the rivers again. Check the [fishing regulations](#) and emergency rules updates before you head to the beaches, or the coastal rivers this year, as some of the waters will close early to protect returning coho salmon. [Marine Area 9 will close to all salmon fishing on September 4th.](#), (See page 3, item #5). Trout fishing on Puget Sound is still open year-round, catch and release only. And you will find coastal cutthroat trout and summer-run steelhead out here on the

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Olympic Peninsula rivers in the fall.

One of the many things that I am grateful for is our wonderful, wild sea-run coastal cutthroat trout. And autumn is



prime-time for these truly tough fish.

At over 24 inches this is the biggest autumn sea-run cutthroat I have ever caught here.

But I have seen two others caught, also in the fall, that were bigger.

The next two months of fishing here are what we look forward to all year!



The most relaxing way to fish for sea-run cutthroat.

One angler, maybe two, Call or write for details.



Hello PSFF,

Puget Sound is fishing well for Sea Run Cutthroat and Smaller Coho these past few weeks. We have been finding most of our success early in the mornings with the bite tapering off around mid afternoon. Still plunging deep for the most part with type 3-6 sinking lines and a lightly weighted fly. We have had some success dead drifting flying ant patterns along the current seams as the sun gets high in the late morning, it seems to work best when twitched a couple times right off the bat.

Hood Canal has been down right fantastic the last couple of weeks. Big cutthroat are up and down the banks and the bait has been right along the drop offs. You couldn't ask for a better condition. The sandlance schools are huge and the 3" herring are all over the place. Targeting the points and steep drop offs has been key to our success. The water temps have dropped back down a bit in the deeper reaches of the Hood Canal and the fishing should hold strong through the Fall.

See you all soon,

Captain Justin Waters

All-Waters Fly Fishing

Fly of The Month (flashback)

Credit to FFF Website

September 2002 Blue Rat

BLUE RAT



By Bob Bates

Check your calendars!!!!!! For a lot of folks on the western part of North America it is time to start thinking about that anadromous rainbow trout called a steelhead. The next two or three months will see an increase in the number of fish heading upstream to spawn. There are other times to fish for steelhead, but for many people September, October and November are the peak times to chase them. A variety of flies can be used to hook a sea-going rainbow trout. They range from simple trout flies, some people say that by using them you are insulting the prestigious steelhead, to flies from the Atlantic Salmon world that are too beautiful to use.

The Blue Rat pictured above, tied by my older son Hilary Bates, is definitely on the beautiful side but not "too beautiful" to use. At times it has caught fish when nothing else would attract them. A downstream cast quartering with a floating line is the usual technique. Most of the time for me there was no question about the hit. Some fish almost jerked me off of my rock.

The Blue Rat is a member of the Rat series of Atlantic-Salmon flies. According to Dick Stewart and Farrow Allen in *Flies for Atlantic Salmon*, the Rat series was introduced in 1911 by Roy Angus Thompson whose initials R.A.T. gives the series its odd name. Many people contributed to the Rat series, and in particular the Blue Rat was designed by Poul Jorgensen for fishing in Iceland. There it is said that "any fly will take salmon as long as it is blue." This fly is definitely blue.

Although it was tied for Icelandic salmon, the Blue Rat works for steelhead thousands of miles away.

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Materials

Hook: Partridge CS10 or other salmon hook, 3/0-2

Thread: Red

Tag: Gold oval tinsel

Tail: Peacock sword feathers

Rib: Gold oval tinsel

Body: Rear blue floss, veiled on top with blue floss

Front peacock herl

Wing: Gray fox guard hairs

Collar: Soft grizzly hackle

Cheeks: Jungle cock

Head: Red thread

Tying Steps

1. Debarb hook before you start tying. Wild steelhead must be released unharmed.
2. Attach thread and tinsel about mid-shank. Wind tinsel to rear and stop before reaching point of hook, wrap tinsel forward making sure there are no gaps, secure at tie in point, but don't trim. Secure the tinsel on far side of hook so it will be out of your way for attaching tail and body materials.
3. Collect several peacock sword fibers and attach them at front of tag to make about a gap length tail.
4. Attach blue floss at front of tag, and wind thread forward smoothly over sword fibers and floss. Stop thread at about the one third to one quarter point, and trim excess sword fibers and floss. Wrap floss forward smoothly to tying thread, secure on top of hook but don't trim excess. Spiral tinsel forward in two or three turns, secure and trim excess.
5. It's hard to see in the picture, but there is a thin veil of blue floss over the body. Lay excess floss back over body and use a thread wrap or two to hold it there. Trim floss at about mid-tail and comb it out so it looks like a veil and not a rope. (This combing isn't necessary, but it looks nicer.)
6. Secure several peacock herls in front of floss body, twist herls and thread together, wrap forward to about one eye width from eye, secure and trim excess herl.
7. Cut a bunch of gray fox hair off hide and clean out under fur leaving only the guard hairs. Tie on wing so it extends to about the middle of the tail. Trim butts on an angle, and wind thread over them. (If you don't have fox you might be able to use squirrel tail without getting into too much trouble with the "keepers of purity." Also, the steelhead won't mind.)
8. Select a soft grizzly saddle hackle with fibers about 1-1/2 to 2 gap widths long and attach it in front of wing. Stroke fibers back as you wrap hackle two or three times around hook, secure and trim excess. Wind thread back over fibers a little to hold them backward.
9. Place a jungle cock feather on each side of wing. They should be toward the front of the wing. If you don't have jungle cock just skip the cheeks. Also the original pattern called for a veiling of blue king fisher over the cheeks, so if you don't have it consider it optional.
10. Whip finish with a nice head and coat with head cement.

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A picture of a Blue Rat tied by Poul Jorgensen is on page 66 of *Flies for Atlantic Salmon*. It shows the blue veil over the body and the blue king fisher on the cheeks. Steelhead and salmon are attracted to pretty flies. So after tying a few Blue Rats, go out and feed them to some big fish.

Please Credit FFF Website or FFF Clubwire with any use of the pattern.
You can direct any questions or comments to flyofthemoth@fedflyfishers.org

PSFF Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
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					September 1	2
3	4	5	6 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	14 PSFF General Mtg 6:00	15	16 Outing - Naches River Trout
17 Outing - Naches River Trout	18	19	20 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	21 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	22	23 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM
24	25	26	27 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	28	29	30

October 1	2	3	4 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	12 PSFF General Mtg 6:00	13	14
15	16	17	18 Seven Seas Fly Tying 6:00	19 PSFF Board Mtg 6:00	20	21 Outing - Belfair SRC & Chum
22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline 5 PM	25 PSFC Fly Tying 6:00	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**Check for Newsletter Article Deadline Date.
Remember articles can always be submitted early.**

Puget Sound Flyfishers

Club was founded in 1956 and has a long and proud history of involvement, action, camaraderie, and fun. The club's website is located at www.psff.org

Aims and Purposes of the Club are:

1. To improve and encourage the sport of flyfishing by social, educational and political means.
2. To encourage flyfishing as a means of conservation and increasing fishing opportunity.
3. To encourage the conservation, enhancement and quality of sport fishing.
4. To promote both "Fellowship" and "Sportsmanship" in all aspects of club and individual activity.
5. To actively assist and encourage the public to become flyfishers, and to adopt the club's mission and philosophies.

General Membership Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month (except August). These meetings are for social, entertainment and educational purposes.

Educational Activities: The club offers classes and instruction in fly fishing, fly-tying, fly-casting and rod building. The club has an extensive library of books and videos. The club sponsors an annual Spring Clinic to promote flyfishing.

Outings: The club organizes monthly outings to various lakes, rivers, and estuaries. Experienced gillies provide expert information and instruction on how, when and where to fish.

Conservation Activities: The club has a long and proud history of encouraging flyfishing (and other selective fishing techniques) as a means of conserving and increasing fishing opportunities. The club is active in many of the important conservation issues of the day and in helping to fund local conservation projects.

Membership / Dues: Membership is open to anyone 18 or over. Dues are \$40 per household per year plus a one time (\$10 Initiation Fee) per member nametag.

Affiliations: The club is an active member of the Washington State Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers

HOW TO JOIN THE PSFF YAHOO GROUP.

To receive and post to the PSFF Yahoo group you must first sign up as a member of Yahoo if you're not already signed up.

In your browser search for or go to Yahoo.com and look for the button asking if you want to join Yahoo. Click on the button and follow the instructions to join Yahoo. You will need an email address, a user name and a password. Remember these as periodically Yahoo will ask you to use them to resign in.

Once you are a member of Yahoo look at the top of the Yahoo page and find the search box. Enter PSFF in the box and press the 'Search' button. There will be a number of results as PSFF is used by several entities.

Scroll down though the list until you find Puget Sound Fly Fishers. Select the Puget Sound Fly Fishers and Yahoo will take you to the group site. You will notice a small box that asks you if you want to join the PSFF group. Select (yes.)

Another page will open up seeking your sign in information for the PSFF group. This information is separate from the information you entered for Yahoo itself. There will be a box for you to enter a short message telling the moderators why you want to join and basically who you are. Again you will be asked to select an email address where the PSFF group messages are sent.

You will need to select whether you receive individual messages or a Daily Digest. I suggest a daily digest but you can change this selection at any time later. At the bottom of the page you will have to enter, repeat, a displayed code of mixed letters and numbers. When you have done this go down to the bottom right and select 'Join'. You are done.

All new members are on a moderated basis and unable to post until approved by a moderator to help prevent SPAM and malicious posting. One of the moderators will handle your status usually within 24 hours.