

# CROSSROADS ANGLERS

FLY FISHING CLUB

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## From the President

The Marlboro Fly Fishing show is around the corner and will be held on January 16, 17, and 18 at the Royal Plaza Trade Center. Try to get out of the house and see what's new. I always manage to bump into several friends that I haven't seen in awhile.

The January meeting will be a fly tying meeting. I will be tying soft hackle nymphs, if anyone wishes to sit in. There is nothing more rewarding than having a fish take a dry fly, but trout do most of their feeding sub-surface. Learning how to tie and fish a nymph will make you a better fisherman.



We are fortunate to have David Porreca of River & Riptide Anglers, who is owner of the fly shop located at 2436 Nooseneck Hill Rd in Coventry RI. He is a licensed Captain and will be giving a presentation on saltwater angling in Rhode Island. Living on the Wood River, he is equally versed in fresh water angling.

We will have a Temple Forks fly rod along with several other prizes as part of the February

meeting. Let's hope for good weather and a good turnout.

David Ferretti

### Agenda

7 PM Tying

Rob Lurie will demonstrate tying a  
Bendback Clouser

8 PM Raffle

## Tips & Tricks

### *Rob Lurie*

Dick Pearce asked for saltwater tying tips since a large portion of our group fish "the pond." As Lefty says, "It should not take longer to tie the fly than it does to lose it."

Saltwater fly designs can be kept simple, yet still catch big fish. Look at a Seaducer. In its simplest form it is a Wooley Bugger on steroids. Instead of a marabou tail, use a few long hackle feathers and maybe some crystal flash. On a 2/0 saltwater hook it will tie and cast easily, with or without bead or dumb bell eyes, even if it is 4-6 inches long.

The Clouser, perhaps the Wooly Bugger of salt water, is a very versatile fly that has caught

many species throughout the world in both fresh and salt. We have fished them in white and in many color combinations and sizes.

A very overlooked fly is the Bendback. It is virtually weedless and way too simple to tie. Bend the shank about ½ inch from the eye and tie a fly similar to a Clouser. Done! We will tie some at our February meeting.

Three flies that don't take long to tie and don't have an elaborate materials list. Just remember the K.I.S.S. Principle for saltwater flies and enjoy.

Rob



## Salt Water Licenses

Beth Daley, *Boston Globe*, December 30, 2008

Thanks to Joel Kessler

When the federal government announced last spring that recreational fishing in saltwater would require a license by 2009, Northeast fishermen vehemently protested.

Of the 23 coastal states, only the seven stretching from Maine to New Jersey, plus Hawaii, do not require licenses for saltwater recreational fishing. Northeast anglers have long held a deep-seated belief that fishing on the ocean should always be free – and previous attempts to charge for the privilege in Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut have all failed in recent years.

Now, new rules published today in the Federal Register say the program will go forward – but

not until 2010 to allow states to develop saltwater fishermen registries. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials say fishermen will have to start paying an estimated \$15 to \$25 for a license in 2011.

An estimated 2.5 million people fish for fun off New England's coast each year. While attention has focused on the vast number of fish commercial fishermen take, federal officials have grown increasingly concerned about how many anglers reel in.

For decades, officials have relied on an annual survey that randomly asks residents of coastal counties whether they fish and, if so, how many fish they catch each year. The survey also is conducted at public docks.

But residents who have only cellphones are missed, as are those who fish from private docks or who come to shore at night. Federal officials suspect they are underestimating the catch in some places but say they could be overestimating it in others. A saltwater fishermen registry will allow them to have better data collection that could mean more restrictions in some fisheries and a loosening of them in others.

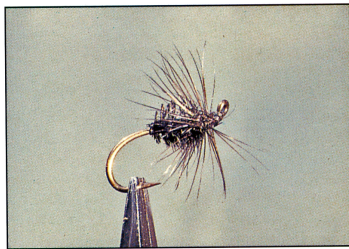
We want “to do good surveys and understand how much fish are actually being fished and how,” said Monica Allen, a spokeswoman for NOAA.



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300–500 words.**

# Easy Midges

Midges are among the most prolific flies in rivers and lakes, especially in cold water. Yet many people don't fish them, and more people won't tie anything smaller than a size 16 fly. But a size 18 hook is just one eye-length smaller. And in less than 5 minutes you can tie the equivalent of a size 22 midge. John Goddard, concerned about losing fish on tiny hooks that were either tearing out of the trout or opening, decided to experiment with larger hooks. And he came up with an idea that proved very successful. He tied what's now called the Goddard Smut, by using only half of the hook shank. This fly provided a tiny silhouette.



**Goddard Smut**

**Hook:** Size 18 or smaller

**Thread:** 8/0 black

**Body:** 3 or 4 turns of black ostrich hackle halfway along the shank

**Hackle:** 2 turns of very short cock hackle

The point on this, and all flies smaller than size 16, should be slightly offset by bending it sideways.

## ***Bear s Den Show***

The Bear's Den will hold its annual Fly Fishing Expo again this year on Saturday, February 28th, at the Holiday Inn in Taunton.

## **Special Savings for Crossroads Members**

Discounts will be offered to members of the Crossroads Anglers who show their club membership cards to the following businesses:

Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock-N-Reel, 85 Seymour St., Berkley, MA 02779, 508/822-6756. He fishes out of Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

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