CROSSROADS ANGLERS
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Newsletter October 2026

President's Note



Fall Greetings Fellow Anglers,

Our upcoming **Crossroads Anglers** meeting is **October 27th, 6:30 pm** at the usual South Foxboro Community Center. Signing in at the entry door is very helpful and starting at this meeting we will be offering a free door prize for those who do! Don't miss out.

If you couldn't make it, you missed a fine time at Doug's in Buzzards Bay for our opening meeting. **Pat Grenier** put on a casting clinic and I think it was valuable even for the most experienced members. We followed up with a hot dog feast hosted by Doug and his wife Rennie.

It's October and another fishing season is slipping by but we are not done yet. Stripers are still hanging around as well as bonito, tautog and black sea bass. So I encourage you hardy souls to get out there before the curtain closes. For those willing to drive, there is the **Salmon River, Oak Orchard and other Great Lakes tributaries**. The salmon run is in full swing and has by all counts been an epic year. Steelhead and coho are starting to show up and will be feasting on those salmon eggs. Think egg patterns of all varieties. If you have interest in the Salmon River you can see me for info.

Our guest presenter this month is **Steve Culton** who has recently released his new book on the Farmington River. It promises to be an entertaining and informative meeting.

November's meeting is scheduled as a *tying meeting* with members at planned stations. Bring your tying gear. More info will follow.

I look forward to seeing one and all once again.

Bright Skies and Tight Lines To All,
Steve Dewar

PS…. It's never too soon to **pay your dues!** We have again managed to keep the bargain rate of **$35**. Please see Will at check-in!

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday October 27, 2026

South Foxboro Community Center
382 South St. Foxboro, MA 02035
Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm

UPCOMING MEETING EVENTS

- This month's Speaker is Steve Culton—see info on page 2.
- November 24: will be a Tying Meeting.
- December 22 (tentative date to be confirmed) will be our annual Holiday Party!

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About Steve Culton – and Currentseams

https://currentseams.com/about

My name is Steve Culton, and I live in Connecticut. I am a fly fishing guide and instructor, fly tyer, and outdoor writer. My work has appeared in *Field & Stream, American Angler, The Flyfish Journal, The Drake, The Fisherman, Flyfishing & Tying Journal*, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, *Fly Rod & Reel Online*, and the *Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide*.

Most of all, I'm just a guy who loves fly fishing.

My passions include trout, striped bass, steelhead, smallmouth bass, and small streams with wild brook trout populations. I occasionally teach out of UpCountry Sportfishing in New Hartford, CT. I also give fly fishing presentations to clubs and organizations around the northeast, as well as at regional and national shows. You can contact me at swculton@yahoo.com

So, why Currentseams?

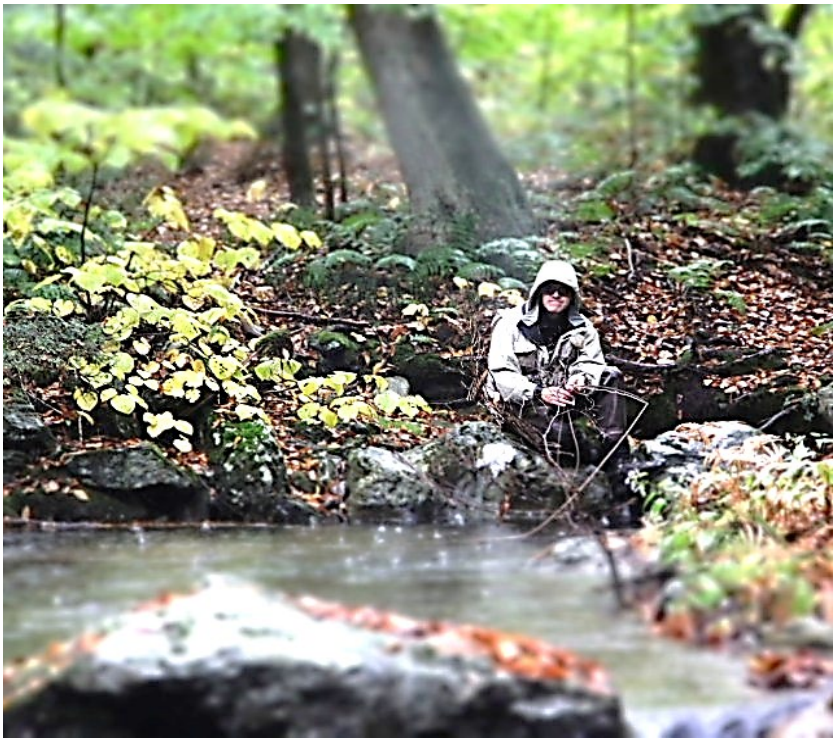
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Trout, striped bass, and steelhead love current seams. Whenever I am fly fishing, I am always on the lookout for their telltale wrinkles. I never know what I will find within. But I know it will usually be something good.

Currentseams.com is a library for my articles, stories, fly tying, fishing reports, videos, my guide service The Fisherman LLC, and more. I'm pretty sure it doesn't suck. But I leave that decision to you. The site gets regular updates, so be sure to check it out every few days. If you like what you see here, help me out and tell a friend. Feel free to ask questions if you have them. Leave a comment on my writing. Or just say hi. Okay?

Thanks.

I'm usually not this grumpy. Although my wife might disagree.



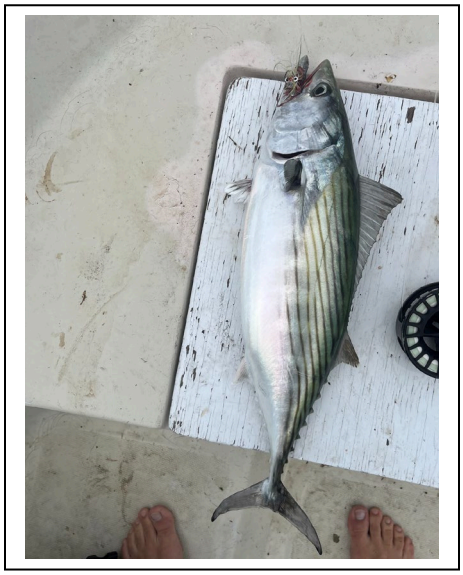
-- Members SPOTLIGHT --
Will Gassmann—Wings Cove Trip & Pics





This season has been challenging for a striper angler. One needed every possible advantage they could get. Immediately after a nor'easter, heavy fog, rain throughout the day…. Then the stars aligned and for 2 days straight we had fish after fish in Wings Cove. Not much was smaller than 36 inches. Only 1 schoolie. The biggest on fly measured 42 inches. The biggest for spin was 48. When it rains it pours….!!







COOKING WITH CROSSROADS

Courtesy of Russell Glen

Cooking with Crossroads – October 2026

Grilled Striped Bass

A group of friends hold an informal tournament each season in May or June. Simple rules: Start 6am Thursday, Finish 12:00 Noon Friday. Total length of four (4) species wins – eligible species include striped bass (31" and under), Bonito, False Albacore, Sea Bass, Tautog, Flounder and Scup. There's also a bonus prize for largest striper overall.

I was not lucky enough to get a striper myself, but our boat did land a 42" and a slot-size 30" striped bass. So, I shared a portion of the bonus money and came home with a fine striper fillet from the slot keeper.







Nothing like a fresh fillet, and it was a beautiful evening. I gave the fillet a good rubbing with olive oil, then seasoned with salt, pepper, garlic, and parsley; and added a few squeezes of fresh lemon; letting it sit as I started the grill and enjoyed a beverage. Once the grill was hot, I placed the fish meat-side down, and cooked for 1-2 minutes, until some color in the flesh developed. Then carefully turned it over and cooked skin-side down for 12-15 min. more.

Served with lemon wedges, grilled (in foil) sweet potatoes with feta cheese crumbles, and fresh green beans. What a delicious way to end the day!







FISH --- Links

Our Newsletter Connection Page to Subjects and Events of interest from our members featuring "clickable" Links:

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www.mass.gov/dcr

Best Steelhead Flies for Beginners: A Simple Five-Fly Box

https://share.google/HKkEEMdFeWo11ZVbV

Go Fish MA!

https://share.google/WJzJ6TUA8BbSv9tH4

Fly Fishing Guide to the Farmington River

https://www.amazon.com/Fly-Fishing-Guide-Farmington-River/dp/081177693X

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This is our monthly newsletter for the 2026-2027 season. Stay Warm and Stay Well...!