

Crossroads Anglers

FLYFISHING CLUB SINCE 1994

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2013 • 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

From the President



As I write this month's letter the wind is blowing, the snow is falling and the weather folks report that I am one of those "blessed" to see close to three feet of the white stuff. Will I ever get out to fish again!! I only hope that with all the snow it will keep the streams filled. I am hearing the Cape will be changed along the coast.

We just had a board meeting and I can tell you, the following meetings are going to be exciting. The Club has been very lucky – we were able to obtain some new products from Jake's estate for both sales and raffle prizes. I hope with this new influx of prizes everyone is able to get some great products.

February's meeting is going to be a strong fly tying meeting so bring your vices. I know some of the members are strong tyers and will be showing some new patterns.

We are going to have the drawing for Dave Porreca, if you have not purchased tickets I urge you to buy some. This is for a great trip for you and a friend should you win, and it also helps the Club.

I hope everyone is home this weekend tying flies – warm and safe.

See you on February 26th!

—Joel



Hello Friends,

Peter Miller is a sports journalist and an old friend of Jake's. He heard of Jake's passing and wrote this most wonderful tribute. It brings happy tears of joy to my eyes.

—Christine Wu



Jake Jakespeare, 1943-2012

Oh, Jake, what a pisser you were! What audacity! And what an athlete! No one can match you! You were an artist, a living piece of subway graffiti, wild and spontaneous, uncontrollable, colorful as a zonk on the head, anti-establishment, oh, one could go on and on; no one was like Jake.

Born in Bayonne New Jersey (where else?) one of his first works of art was to hot wire the police chief's car and move it down the street. It was his first act of postmodern art. His second was as a member, in very bad standing, of two street gangs.

Skiing snatched him in college and hooked him for the rest of his life. For a big guy, He was superb on the trampoline, so he took up downhill racing, crashed hard and banged his liver, punctured a lung and lost a kidney. So he took up bump skiing and squirmed into the hot dog era.

Jake was a great showman and he built up his persona carefully. He dropped his Christian name, called himself Jake

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FISH AND TEMPERATURE

by Bill Jobsky

Every wonder where the fish are during the summer months? Why fish feed better during some seasons than others? Why fishing is better at one end of the lake than the other? Of the many factors involved, recent studies by leading naturalists and marine biologists indicate the water temperature plays a leading role in determining where fish are. It is important therefore that the fisherman know more about this phenomenon and its influence on fish.

From a purely scientific standpoint, as water warms it loses oxygen that fish need for survival. Thus, for each species of fish there is an upper temperature limit above which the species cannot survive for prolonged periods of time. At the other extreme, cold water produces less food for most fish and lowers the metabolism, thus stunting growth. Hence, there is also a lower temperature limit for most species of fish. The range of temperatures vary with different fish, but is seldom more than 15 to 20 degrees F. For example, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has determined that water temperatures for raising trout must be maintained between 52 and 62 degrees F.

Setting aside the technical details for the moment, let us look at water tem-

perature from the fishes point of view. Fish lack the mechanism found in warm blooded animals to regulate body temperature. The fish then must regulate his body temperature by seeking out and staying in water of a comfortable temperature. Since fish are extremely sensitive to water temperature variations of only a few degrees, they move when the water temperature changes slightly.

A look at water temperatures may be helpful in fully placing a fish in his environment. Water in lakes and ponds is not uniform but rather forms layers, or strata, of different temperatures. Except in regions where climate is relatively constant, (such as the deep south) these layers are constantly moving and changing as the seasons change. In the wintertime, a lake may be frozen over completely on the surface, but water in the depths is at its densest or heaviest and therefore sinks to the bottom. As winter colds leave and spring comes on strong, "ice out" occurs and the water temperatures throughout the lake are homogenous. This is the time when land locked salmon, lake trout, and other species of "cold water" fish can be taken close to the surface. As summer sets in, the sun's rays warm

the water and temperature layer forms with a second layer beneath it of rapidly decreasing temperatures. Below this second layer is a cold layer which extends to the bottom.

The upper layer can be anywhere from a few inches in early summer to upwards of 30 feet by summer's end. The second layer varies from approximately 4 to 20 feet deep. In lakes of sufficient depth the water at the bottom is most likely 39.2 degrees F. The relative depth of the various layers will depend on such things as geographic location, exposure to sun, depth of lake, etc. In the fall, the surface temperatures drop to those present on the bottom and the lake "turns over" and again becomes homogenized. This is followed by the onset of winter and the freezing over of the lakes surface. Thus, the cycle is complete. During the cycle, the fish move vertically with the lake to remain in waters of preferred temperature. When the preferred temperature for a particular species is close to the surface, there is an additional heating effect possible due to the absorption of the sun's rays into the fishes body. This will cause the fish to seek a cooler water temperature to balance the effect of the sun's rays. This also explains why

it is common to find fish such as small mouth bass feeding in the shallows after sundown, before sundown, before sunrise and during heavy overcasts.

Temperature also affects the feeding habits and activity of most fish species. Within the limits of the comfort zone for a particular species, fish will feed more actively at the higher temperatures. This is due to the increased metabolism of fish at warmer temperatures. Fish located at the colder end of the comfort zone have a lower metabolism and react, (and feed), at a somewhat slower pace.

Does all this help the angler? Does knowing where a fish would like to be give a fisherman better odds? The answer is yes. Having determined the

depth at which water temperature is consistent with a fishes comfort zone, It remains for the angler to locate suitable terrain at that depth to greatly increase his chances of landing "the big one". for bass, for example, a water depth/ temperature combination that coincides with a drop off or bottom structure will yield the greatest potential for good fishing. In summer months, when most lakes warm considerably, location of spring holes and other cold spots will yield the best results. Conversely, if no temperatures can be located within a fishes comfort zone in a particular lake, the angler would do well to consider moving to other waters. Determination of water temperatures may not be as difficult as one might think. Several devices are currently available to measure

water temperature at various depths, ranging from a string and thermometer (least expensive, cumbersome and not too accurate) to direct reading electronic instruments ranging up to well over a hundred dollars per unit.

Information is available from several sources regarding the temperatures preferred by particular fish. Suggested sources of this data would be the internet, public libraries and government publications.

In summary, the active fisherman should be able to greatly increase his ability to catch fish by understanding and utilizing the effect of water temperature upon the species. ■



Armand's Articulating Cinder Worm

Tail hook: Size 4, o'shaughnessy

Thread: UTC G.S.P. white 75 denier

Tail: Tuff of white marabou

Butt: Black ostrich or peacock herl – 8 turns

Body: Root Beer, tobacco, red, orange, or black medium estaz (your choice)

Head: Tying thread, tie off then cement head.

Step one, cut with wire cutter at the bend of the hook (be careful – use glasses.)

Front hook: Size 2 Atlantic Salmon, wet fly or dry fly standard

Thread: UTC G.S.P. white 75 denier, bring thread to start of bend.

Step two, with 20 lb test plastic coated wire leader, place tag end on top of Shank, with thread tie over the leader up to the eye of the hook, then wind to bend of the hook, coat with cement. With about two inches wire thread glass bead, grommet up through the eye of the tail hook, then back through bead then pull tag end until a small circle is in the wire so the tail fly can swing freely. Tie this tag end on top of first tag end to the eye then cement. Wind thread back to bend.

Body: Tie in the same color estaz you used in the tail fly. Wind thread forward.

Head: Black ostrich or Peacock herl, eight turns, tie off and cement tying thread.

Don't be scared, don't be frustrated. The directions may seem complicated – don't worry, I'll walk you through the steps. Your assignment, if you can bring salmon hooks size 2 that would be great, they are expensive. LET'S HAVE SOME FUN. See YOU at the meeting! ■

—Armand

Jake Jakespeare continued from page 1.

Jakespeare. He found a silvered woman's cap in a fancy ski store and talked the clerk into giving it to him. Then he sewed the letters Rolex on it and badgered the Rolex people into giving him a watch, which caused them some consternation when he stole that bus.

Jake was a hot hot dogger, as freestyle was known in the late 1970s and 80s. He was impeccably dressed in Bonner red. When it was time for Jake to take off for his front layout somersault, the announcer would scream into the mike, "Here comes the Silver Bullet!" Jake would take a last puff of his Gauloise cigarette, flip it, and track down the intake, to the Lone Ranger Theme from William Tell's overture, and soar further and higher than most everyone else. Front layout somersaults were his specialty. For a big guy, he had tremendous grace in the air.

They were wild times. Hunter Thompson wouldn't have kept up with Jake.

I mentioned the bus? It became known as the Keystone Bus Caper, 1976. Jake had been on the mountain building bumps. It was hard work and he was walking back towards the lodge, two miles away, when he spied an empty shuttle bus with no driver, but 10 passengers. Jake didn't waste a second. He hopped on the bus and into the driver's seat. Keys were in the ignition and he powered up.

"All aboard the Hot Dog Bus to Keystone Lodge!" he yelled and set off full bore. He hit a piece of ice on the first curve and the bus whirled around like Suzy Chafee doing her ballet thing and smacked into a snow bank.

Passengers were on the floor, screaming.

"Don't worry folks, the Hot Dog bus will get you there!" and he backed out of the snow bank and sped to the next patch of ice and the bus did a 720. Screams of terror. Jake gunned the engine swung into the skid and spun out of the 720 and took off for the lodge, yelling at the passengers to stay cool.

He parked at the front, was the first out of the bus and walked up to his room and managed to keep a low profile, very difficult for Jake to do, until it was time to check out.

He spent quite a bit of time in Stowe, drinking diet cola, eating junk food, smoking his Gauloise, lifting weights, and impressing every one with his feats of strength. He became one of the best jump builders in America for freestyle skiing and at home in Stowe; he catered to the fancy by waxing cars. Everything Jake did was done to perfection and there was no fault on the polish jobs for the local Mercedes people. He also liked to fish and one day he was on the Lamoille in Hardwick behind a motel and saw tucked in the

rear a bunch of cars he had waxed. Soon the word was out—gaggles of nicely waxed Mercedes were consorting with each other behind the No Tell Motel.

Yeah, and then there was the Stowe to Sugarloaf Ambulance ride. Kim Brown wrote about that saga in a memorial to Jake that was published in the Stowe Reporter. Jake was on the patrol at Mt. Mansfield and each spring there was a conference with Sugarloaf patrollers to see who were the best drinkers. So Jake and buddies liberated an old ambulance owned by the Mountain Company. When they went through small towns Jake put on the blue flasher and siren. A cop stopped them in New Hampshire and Jake, with that hard voice of authority maybe roughened with a few beers, talked him out of it as they were responding to an emergency in Maine. Cop let them go.

But not on the return trip, when they again had the blue lights flashing and the siren screaming. So a bunch of patrollers made a trip from Stowe to post bail.

Well there were a few other Jake moments, like the time he threw a bamboo slalom pole at a hovering helicopter, that was hassling the free stylers with rotor wash during a race. He was arrested, jailed, and then appeared before the judge who threw the case out. At the banquet at the end of the meet Jake was given a standing ovation.

Injuries to Jake's back, innards and knees, curtailed his career. He was a big burly man and his body hit hard. He continued to wax cars and became an ace fly fisherman and eventually became a rep for Korean fishing company that made exceptional fly rods at a good price. He pursued a young lady—Christine Wu—and married her. It was a happy time, more so with raising their comely daughter, Maile Wu, now 22 years old.

Jake and his family moved to Walpole, Massachusetts. There he had a fight with cancer, which eventually overcame him at the age of 69.

Ahh, Jake, we make great conversation and laughs when we remember you. But to really experience Jake you had to be at a freestyle event when Jake was about to take some air. As the Lone Ranger theme song galloped over the racecourse, the Silver Bullet, arms by his side, the wind ruffling his moustache and in syncopation with the music, goes ballistic. He is so high he seems isolated by the blue sky. His back is arched, his arms out like wings, and everything is in perfect form before he flips. Look close and you can see—as Jake floats with the lightness of a thistle—a smile on his face. This was his nirvana. ■

Sources: Ski People, Jake Jakespeare, page 34, November 1978 SKI. By Peter Miller

Jake Jakespeare was Stowe's Wild Child. By Kim Brown. Stowe Reporter Thursday, Dec. 17

www.stowetoday.com/stowe_reporter/on_snow/article_bc989ea2-4540-11e2-ba27-001a4bcf887a.html

CREE'S CORNER by Mike Cree

BOATING SAFETY



Anybody that has spent significant time on the water has been through some dangerous or potentially dangerous situations.

I know of too many occurrences of swamped boats, large waves, capsized boats and bad conditions. I have been lucky so far, but I am not so blind as to think that those things could never happen to me. The one thing that stands out to me is that when things do go wrong on the ocean, they go wrong quickly.

After your boat has flipped over is not the time to register your VHF radio's DSC function or to start playing with your GPS unit to figure out how to display your lat/lon coordinates. One friend was lucky to have only lost some fishing gear when a large wave went over his boat, washing equipment overboard, however, on a separate occasion he had a boat flip over. Another boater fishing the same area as me

had his boat flip over in large waves when his engine stalled. There was not enough time to get to the console radio and press the DSC button or radio for help; fortunately they had put a cell phone in a float bag. I could unfortunately keep going with too many other occurrences. That being said, I decided to increase my safety equipment. I purchased a ACR floating ditch bag and equipped it with a handheld submersible VHF radio with its own float bag, a strobe light, flares, whistles, and a ACR Global Fix EPIRB with a built in GPS.

An EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon) or a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) is a device that broadcasts your position in case of an emergency. Some units have a GPS built in, others need to be connected to a gps in order to communicate your position. Some units such as PLB's are smaller making them also good for hunters and hikers and are less expensive. All of the EPIRB models I reviewed float; most PLB's need to be placed in a separate float bag. Many EPIRB's can be activat-

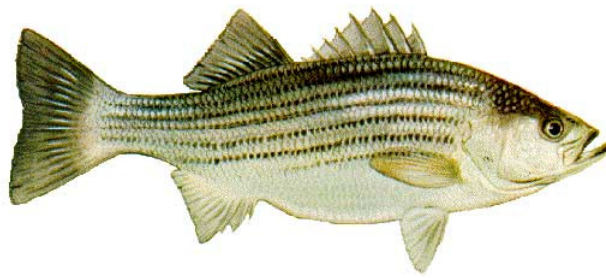
ed in one step and sometimes with one hand; most PLB's I looked at needed two hands or multiple steps to activate. EPIRB's can be purchased with either manual activation or automatic activation when submersed. EPIRB's also tend to have built in strobe lights and attachment lines.

Another thing I did recently was test my inflatable life jackets by manually inflating them. One had a slow leak, probably caused by an exposed fishing hook during transport, and needed to be replaced. Another was old and the inner tube was dried and cracked along the edges. Still another was showing low pressure on the cartridge pressure indicator. I urge everyone to test their inflatable life jackets this winter – floating on the ocean is no place to discover that your life jacket is defective.

Please take some time this winter to think about your safety equipment and do the best you can to protect yourself and your friends and family who put their faith in you when on the water. ■

CA GALLERY





Stripers Forever MA – Action Plan in MA for 2013

These initiatives can really help our favorite fish now and in the future. We will not be filing our game fish bill this session, but instead have some exciting new alternatives that will help us work towards the final goal of game fish.

1. SF is petitioning the MA Division of Marine Fisheries to reduce both the commercial and the recreational harvest – pounds of fish kept by fishermen – by 50 percent. Here is a link to our on-line striped bass conservation petition. Please open the link and lend your name to the petition, then send it to all of your fishing friends and ask them to do the same.

www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/striperconservation

2. SF needs your help in getting co-sponsors for the bills on our legislative agenda. Each one is very important to the future of striped bass, which today is so much in doubt. Please read each of the bills below, and, if you agree with them, we ask you to phone – if possible – or if not, to e-mail your legislators in both the House and Senate, and tell them that you want them to co-sponsor these bills. You can find all the contact information on your legislators here: **www.malegislature.gov/**. If you have any correspondence with your legislators, please forward it to **stripers@whatifnet.com** and our lobbyist will follow it up and try to secure their support.

We have all witnessed the huge decline in striped bass. The MA recreational catch is down nearly 90 percent from 2006, and this year's Chesapeake young of the year was the worst in recorded history. Please do this now for the striped bass.

SF's legislative agenda for this session – HD means in the house and SD in the senate:

HD 714 and SD1123, An Act Relative to the Conservation of Atlantic Striped Bass

The main thrust of this bill is to save fish by removing the recreational fishermen from the commercial striped bass fishery. All fishermen who have not maintained an average

of 1,000 pounds or more of reported landings over the last five years will not be issued commercial permits. This will reduce the number of permit holders from about 4,000 to a little more than 200! This reduction will have the added effect of cooling off the under-the-table, cash sale commercial fishery since, without a permit, people will not be able to transport commercial quantities of striped bass so they can be sold. It will also reduce the quota by a little over 300,000 pounds or nearly 30 percent. The bill also prohibits any new entries into the fishery and ends the fishery completely in 2025. As each license is retired the quota for that license will be removed from the total remaining quota. The bill also provides for further conservation measures to be taken if the condition of the fishery continues to deteriorate.

HD716 and SD1050, An Act Protecting the Legal Harvest of Striped Bass

Beginning in 2014 the ASMFC is requiring all states including MA to adopt a tagging system in its commercial fishery. MA is the only state completely without one, and MA officials have created a loophole, against the advice of the ASMFC Law Enforcement Committee, whereby the fish can be tagged when they are sold and not at the point at which they are captured. This bill requires that the commercially caught striped bass must be tagged at the time they are caught.

HD705 and SD1064, A Resolve Studying the Loss of Revenues of the Commonwealth

This bill will command the MA department of revenue to study and analyze the well documented drop in participation in the recreational striped bass fishery in MA, especially the 40 percent drop in out of state anglers, and how much that drop has cost the Commonwealth in lost revenue. The committee will then forward its findings to the Division of Marine Fisheries together with recommendations for enhancing the revenues derived from the recreational striped bass fishery.

Copies of the legislation are available on the SF website at: **http://www.stripersforever.org/Info/Stripers_BBBoard/I01BDD5DD**

Special *Savings* for Crossroads Members

Discounts will be offered to members of the Crossroads Anglers who show their Club membership card to the following businesses when they reserve their date out on the water:

Captain David Porecca, River & Riptide Anglers
 Fly & Light Tackle Charter and Guide Service
10 percent discount for Crossroads Anglers Members
 401-392-1919, www.riverandriptide.com

Captain Gary Swanson, Striper-Charters
 13 Harbour Hill Run, South Yarmouth, MA 02664
 508-353-4009, CaptSwanson@Striper-Charters.com

Captain Vern (Rob) Robinson & Son, Rock N Reel 24
 85 Seymour Street, Berkley, MA 02779, 508-822-6756

Capt. Tom W.
 Private Charters for both Fresh & Saltwater Guide Service
 Conventional & Fly-fishing
15 percent discount for Crossroads Anglers Members
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