



Flycasters

Redfish fishery of Padre Island, TX



Peter Patricelli will be presenting Redfish fishery of Padre Island, Texas on January 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm, at Pringle Community

Building.

My first contact with Corpus Christi and redfishing came 15 years ago when I got up the first morning of a windsurfing only trip with my two sons, having driven in the night before, and, opening up the door to our cheapo motel room, almost got run down by a continuous string of bizarre looking tunnel hull flats boats. Turned out the motel was right on the mainland side of the major causeway out to Padre Island. For the whole week between windsurfing runs I watched fishermen, boats, and swirls of fish, and vowed to come back some day.

The opportunity came when booking the Belize trip also documented here and found out the connection was through Houston, where we had landed for the windsurfing trip. Could we stop for three days and fish Corpus Christi before continuing on to Belize? You bet! Turned out the Texas redfishing was better and more exciting than the fishing in Belize.

Laguna Madre is the name of the large and long inland estuary formed by the barrier islands that are North Padre and South Padre Islands and stretches from Corpus Christi Bay 100 miles south to the Mexican border at Brownsville. The middle sections between the two cities is very isolated and essentially non-tidal. Water depths are determined more by the wind direction and to a lesser degree by runoff, much like Mosquito Lagoon in Florida. For a couple of flats fisherman who had never caught redfish and were used to the paranoid twitchiness of bonefish, it was endlessly amazing that those immediate surges of water that occurred when we cast were, instead of fleeing fish, charges to the fly.

Next Years Outings

2009 Outings: During the December board meeting, the board mulled over possible outing venues for the next year and here is our tentative schedule. We tried to come up with a blend of the old favorites and a few new places also. As circumstances dictate, there could be some adjustments or changes, but for now we are planning on:

- January 10: Red Hills Lake
- February 21: Coquille River (Powers-Broadbent)
- March 21: Deschutes (Pine Tree-Beavertail)
- April 18: Chickahominy Reservoir
- May 16: Metolius River
- June 20: John Day River
- July 25: East Lake
- August 15: Umpqua River
- September 12: Trillium or Hosmer Lake
- October 17: Deschutes (Warm Springs-Trout Creek)
- November 14: Miami River
- December: None scheduled

Vote for the September 12th outing. Where do you want to go Hosmer or Trillium Lake? Members need to vote. The can send their vote to Santiamflycasters@yahoo.com

Conservation News:

Conservation Project: January 24, 2009. Meet at Sportsman's Warehouse at 8:00 am to carpool. We will be doing a insect survey and water quality testing. We are hoping to do some heavy metal testing of the river, to check on the effects of the mining that occurred along the river. All those that are interested please RSVP to santiamflycasters@yahoo.com

Time to Pony Up, Pilgrims!

We are coming up on February, and that means it is time to start thinking seriously about the auction for 2009. Some of you might not know that this is our main fund raiser for the year and the auction proceeds make it possible to have the great presentations and food and other outstanding things that the club provides for "people like you". (To quote OPB)

We need 2 things: spenders and donators. So make your plans to spend the night bidding on merchandise from flies to nets to vacation rentals. However, first we need you to help solicit items from baked goods to fly fishing paraphernalia to camping goods. All items must be donated, this is the only stipulation of our auction. In past years the auction has included consigned items, but we no longer do this.

We know this year will be a challenge. This is why we need everyone to help out in this endeavor. If you have any items you are willing to donate please contact any of the board members. Below is a partial list of our donations so far.

Magnifier light
Hand made net
Flies
Packs
Vacation Rental
Fish along trips
More flies
Guided trip with Rich Youngers
And many more items to come

Thursday February 9th: Bring your checkbook or credit card!



14 foot Clackcraft

Carlisle oars with spare 3 piece breakdown Carlisle oar, Brass oar locks, 2 fish on rod holders, Dry storage under rower's bench and front bench, Front and Rear anchor mounts, Adjustable/removable padded seats, Zieman trailer with spare tire.
Price: \$3200

Call Steve John 503-580-5683 or stevejohn@hotmail.com

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It is the mission of the Santiam Flycasters to promote the sport of fly fishing for all interested individuals of all generations now and into the future by fellowship, education, conservation practices, promoting research, guardian-ship of proper regulations and support, affiliation and cooperation with other like minded organizations.

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Board Member Wanted

The Santiam Flycasters want you! We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in helping decide who our presenters are and where we go for our outings, please join us. Or if you just want to find out what goes on during the board meetings, or want to share your opinion, join us. No experience needed, just your interest in fly fishing is all it takes to be a board member.

**Red Hills Lake**

January 10, 2009, the club will be hosting a trip to Red Hills Lake in DunDee. Red Hills is a small pay to play lake, located south of DunDee off of Hwy 99. The cost is \$20 this includes lunch.

Normal lake fish techniques will bring in the fish. Bring your sinking lines. You might want to think about bring a second rod, since they are also know to take dries. The owner of Red Hills has start to restock the lake with 15 to 20 inch fish. There is a small man made spawning stream that has brought in some smaller fish. For direction and more information about Red Hills, check out there website <http://www.redhillslake.com/>

Up Coming Events**This Month:****Board Meeting**

When: Monday, Jan 5 @ 7:00 pm
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant
3135 Commercial SE

General Meeting**Presenter**

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When: Thursday, Jan 8 @ 7:00pm
Where: Pringle Community Building
Outing: Red Hills Lake January 10th

Next Month:**Board Meeting**

When: Monday, Feb 9 @ 7:00 pm
Where: Rock-N-Roger Restaurant
3135 Commercial SE

General Meeting**Presenter: Annual Auction**

When: Thursday, Feb 12 @ 7:00pm
Where: Pringle Community Building

Outing: **Coquille River** February 21st.

Northwest Fly Tying & Fly Fish Expo

March 13 & 14th, Albany at the Linn County Expo Center.

The Santiam Flycasters are looking for Volunteers. We will be having a both again this year and we will be running the Silent Auction. If you are interested in volunteers please let me know. If you would like to purchase a vest for \$30, let me know by January 10, 2009. E-mail Dan at santiamflycasters@yahoo.com We are looking for 16 volunteers for the two day event. As a volunteer you get free entry into the Expo. For more information about the expo and the classes offered at the expo, check out the website www.nwexpo.com.

