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President's Message

Splendid Spring Fishing

Greetings fellow fly fishers. It's a pleasure to spread the word that some of the best fishing of the year is upon us. Most fishing reports say the **Snook** are out of the backwaters and **Redfish** are hitting the points and oyster beds. **Ray Cannata** took a 31-inch **Redfish** on his 3rd or 4th cast out of **Bayport**. Sea Trout are everywhere.

Good luck!

Fly Fishing Trips

We've had some great fly fishing trips this year and more are planned ahead. TCFF Secretary **Bobby Lachtara** organized, guided (and cooked for) three trips to **Alligator Alley**, the most recent with **Bob Bebout**, **Frank Healy**, and **Terry Dunne**, before that with **Nicholas Hazi-vasilis**, **Demetri Hazivasilis**, and

Bob Bebout, and one with a non-TCFF club member. See [page 4](#).

Kayak Fly Fishing

Jim Humphrey, **Ray Cannata**, **Terry Dunne**, and **Frank Healy**, kayak fished out of **Brasher Park** in New Port Richey, exploring the fish houses off **Durney Key** and the salt springs in **Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park**. (where a woman in a kayak had just taken a 41" **Redfish**). See [page 6](#).

North Carolina

One more, we'll be fly fishing the beautiful **Davidson River** in **Brevard, NC**. See [page 3](#).

It couldn't be a better year for saltwater fly fishing!



TCFF President
Frank Cuttone



Powerful and Beautiful

Off the **Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge**, TCFF Guide **Lowell Bebout** releases a healthy young **Redfish** (*sciaenops ocellatus*). All the **Redfish** caught that day, again and again went for **Chartreuse Clouser Minnows**. See [Fly Fishing w/Lowell, page 8](#).

— Frank



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TCFF Shirts



TCFF shirts are available. Contact Dick Conant (585) 727-3105

Tarpon Coast Fly Fishers

North Carolina

Davidson & Tuskasegee Rivers

Fly Fishers,

Join us for this TCFF adventure into the Great Smoky Mountains. North Carolina's Davidson River is known for some of the most breathtakingly beautiful fly fishing in the world. The details for this trip are below. If interested, you can book at our next TCFF General membership meeting — *Ray Cannata*

Dates:

- May 19th - Drive from Florida to Brevard, NC
- May 20th - Fish with Davidson Outfitters on Davidson River. Half-day wade \$500 (\$250 when split between 2 people)
- May 21st - Fish with Davidson outfitters full-day float on the Tuckasegee river
- May 22nd Davidson outfitters half day Wade on Davidson River public water
- May 23rd - Drive back to Florida

Outfitter Charges (Davidson provides all gear):

Charge	1/2 Day	Full Day
Wade (Public water)	\$375	\$500
Wade (Private water)	\$500	
Full Day Float	\$625	

Lodging:
Lodging is at the nearby Comfort Inn. Rooms can be either two Queens or one King. The cost is \$559 including taxes for four nights (\$280 each). The stay at the Comfort Inn includes a full breakfast, microwave, fridge, and coffee in the room.

THE EVERGLADES

ALLIGATOR ALLEY



Peacock Bass



The flies we used



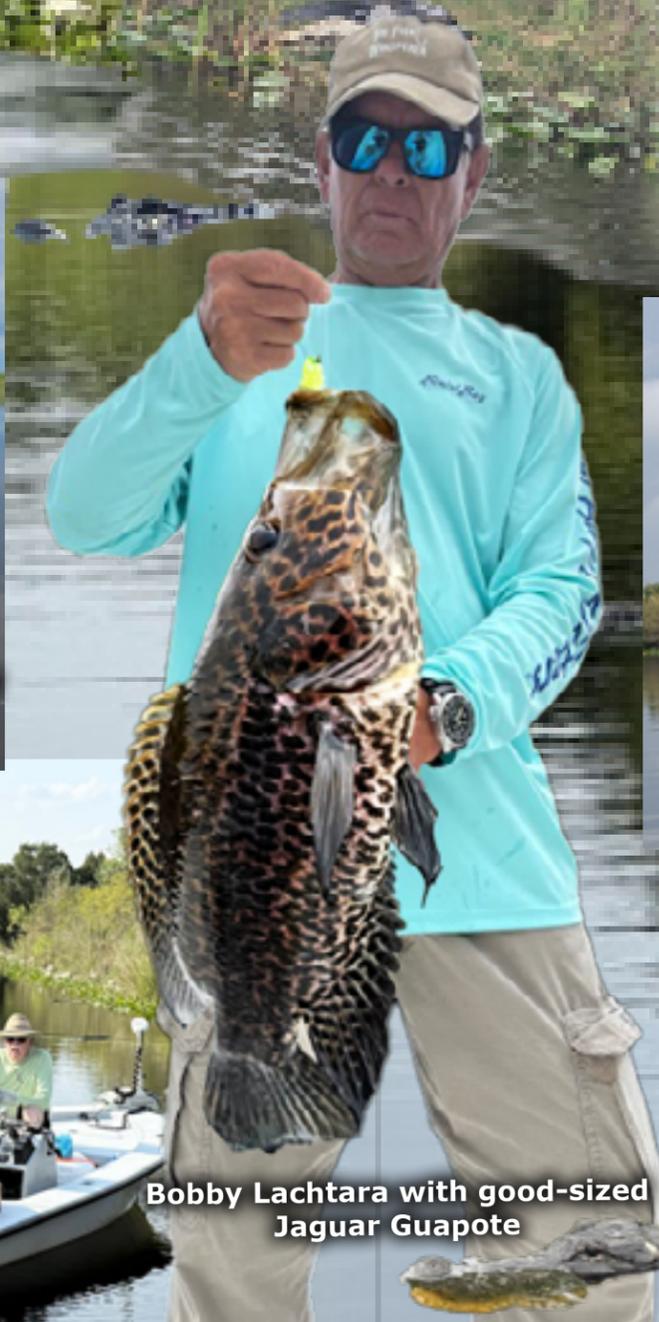
Nicholas Hazivasilis: first fish on a fly rod



Bob Bebout with a Mayan Cichlid



Frank Healy with an Oscar



Bobby Lachtara with good-sized Jaguar Guapote



Bobby Lachtara & Terry Dunne



Lunch on the Alley



Where we lived and ate on the Seminole reservation



TRIP REPORT

BRASHER PARK

Who:

Ray Cannata,
Terry Dunne, Frank Healy,
Jim Humphrey

What:

Launch kayaks from Brasher Park, fish Durney Key and the nearby Salt Springs

Where:

Brasher Park, New Port Richey, FL



Searching for fish along Durney Key



Frank Healy



Ray Cannata & Terry Dunne



Jim Humphrey



Cannata, & Jim Humphrey



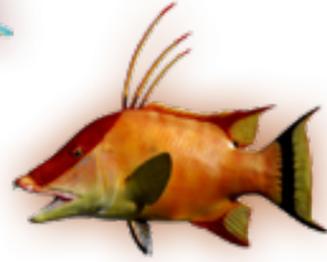
Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge

Fly Fishing With Lowell

Ray Cannata & Terry Dunne.



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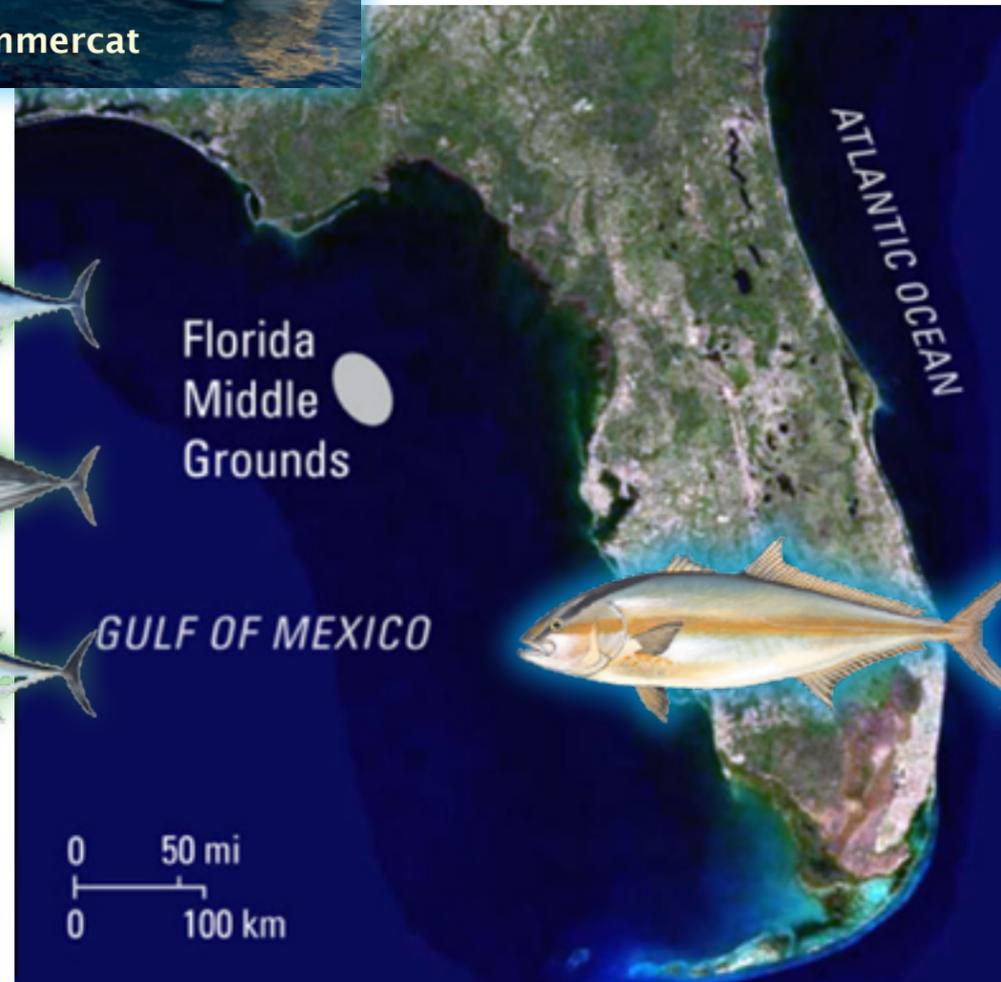


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