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Fighting for Fisherman's Access to Beaches, Ponds, Rivers and Harbors

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President's Message:

FFA Members,

Looks like things are starting to turn the corner with vaccines becoming available and locations opening up for shots in the state so we can start to put this all behind us.

The club election nomination ballots have been coming in and we will go over the nominations during the beginning part of our March 2nd ZOOM meeting. The Treasurer seat still needs nominations so if any member has accounting skills, they would like volunteer to the club please nominate yourself.

Membership continues to grow for our club and It's nice to see when most clubs have not fared as well. Welcome all new members and thank you for supporting FFA. With April just around the corner I will be calling or emailing past members that still owe 2021 dues and ask if they still wish to be a member. Please remember that the club bylaws require that the membership list be updated and non-current members will be moved into the friends category.

With Ryan Collins of My Fishing Cape Cod being the guest speaker this March. He has just started his season 4 of My Fishing Cape Cod TV and I know you will all find it very informative. He always has a great presentation for us.

Please make sure to read Steve Ferreira's FFA Newsletter for the Meeting ZOOM Invitation and much more.

Stay safe, Keith

Keith Roberts President
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Our February Meeting:

Our February speaker was Chris Parisi, New England Sales Rep from Tsunami Tackle. Chris presented virtually via Zoom and began the evening showing members how to tie two different types of lures for catching bass.



One of which was a clouser fly. He mounts the hook on a vice which frees him up to attach fly materials. He tied it off and applied some glue to hold the fly together. The flies he created he will be using later this Spring to catch striped bass.

The second half of Chris's presentation he discussed the state of the New England fisheries where in Massachusetts commercial fisherman were only able to catch 60% of their quotas. There was a concern for the health of the striper population moving forward. On a positive note, with the COVID-19 restrictions of 2020, many more people got outdoors to enjoy nature. And many of them went

fishing. Many women, mothers and families were spotted on the canal and other popular fishing locations. Chris's sales of fishing gear spiked in 2020.

We all want and need more recreational fishermen to enjoy our hobby. Twenty-one club members attended the virtual presentation, and many questions were submitted to Chris. The presentation was recorded for any member who would like to view. A seven-minute video of Chris tying a fly can be found on the FFA Facebook page for your review.

If people would like to follow along and tie here is a small material list.

- 1/0 hook of choice
- Flat wire or other long hackle Bucktail
- Mono or 140 denier white thread
- UV epoxy
- Barbell eyes
- Crystal Flash

Chris used a UV light to dry the glue and seal the fly.

FFA In Person Meetings:



There will not be a meeting in person until the COVID-19 crisis has abated.

March Virtual Meeting – Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Fishing Cape Cod in 2021 - Ryan Collins of My Fishing Cape Cod

Join Ryan Collins of My Fishing Cape Cod for an action-packed evening of fishing the Cape for stripers (and other species) from the beach, boat and kayak. Those in attendance will get a unique look at fish behavior, with drone and underwater videos from Ryan's own surfcasting and boat fishing adventures. Learn about targeting stripers, bluefin tuna, fluke and other species in a variety of different environments using an array of different methods. This will be a great presentation for anyone interested in learning more about Cape Cod and its' diverse fishing opportunities.

Ryan Collins, My Fishing Cape Cod founder, fisherman, TV host, and internet marketer. Ryan's, first and foremost mission for My Fishing Cape Cod (commonly referred to as "MFCC") is to help you catch more fish and have more fun, and to help you make the most of your time spent fishing on Cape. MFCC does this by providing consistent and updated Cape Cod fishing reports, information and advice, in a friendly and respectful manner.

My Fishing Cape Cod is comprised of people who love fishing the Cape. Many of them live on Cape year-round, others are seasonal residents, while some visit just on vacation. The one thing we all have in common is a passion for fishing, and a love of Cape Cod's wildlife, beaches, ponds and of course the ocean.

My Fishing Cape Cod has morphed into an online community of thousands of anglers and people who love fishing on Cape Cod and around the world. The MFCC website, social media channels, and TV show on NBC SportsBOSTON are inspiring thousands of people to get off the couch and go fishing! Ryan considers himself really fortunate to be able to do what he loves for a job. Over the last few years Ryan have begun partnering up with fishing companies and Cape Cod based businesses. There are many ways Ryan can use My Fishing Cape Cod's global and local influence to help the right companies and businesses build their brands and accomplish their goals. From building websites to TV sponsorships and many things in between, if you have a Cape Cod or fishing-related business then maybe there is a way MFCC could help one another grow.

Falmouth News

Oysters & Volunteering - Email from Peter Baranowski

Dear Newcomers Shellfish Group,

1. There was an article in the Falmouth Enterprise about 6 weeks ago indicating that someone was donating oysters to the town to supplement the oyster propagation program. THIS DID NOT AND WILL NOT HAPPEN according to the Marine and Environmental Services boss.
2. VOLUNTEERING: people are needed for various tasks helping the Marine and Environmental Services assembling bags for shellfish now, then other tasks as the season progresses.

If you are willing to volunteer your time and energy, go to the town website (<https://www.falmouthma.gov/778/Get-Involved>). You will get added to the email list and can fill

out the necessary forms to be able to volunteer!

Contact Taryn for any questions:

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Shellfish Manager
Marine and Environmental Services
Town of Falmouth
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Thanks, and BE SAFE!!

Peter Baranowski

Other Cape Fishing Information:

My Fishing Cape Cod - Ryan Collins Email

Over the past week, I've been doing a lot more cross-country skiing than fishing. The Cape is still blanketed in snow, but it will probably melt away this week, with rain and above freezing temperatures predicted.

The ice on the Cape's ponds is also melting away, which is bad news for ice fishing, but good news for anyone interested in casting the shoreline for trout, perch and other freshwater species.

Nevertheless, Spring is on the horizon. Before we know it, many of our favorite saltwater fish species will be migrating back into Cape Cod's waters. Three of my favorites are scup, tautog and squid.

This week I am running a new member promotion by giving away one free spot onboard a 2021 MFCC group fishing trip for tautog. All you have to do to get your name entered is start a membership before February 20.

You can learn more about the new member tautog trip giveaway by clicking [here](#). If you've been thinking about joining as a member then maybe now is the time to hop onboard.

By scrolling below you will find some of the latest content from My Fishing Cape Cod. Included are my favorite summertime videos, an article about fishing Provincetown, another tautog recipe, tackle lists and more.

Even if you are currently thousands of miles away from Cape Cod, I hope the videos and articles below help to spark memories of salty days at the beach, and thoughts of big fish yet to come.

<https://myfishingcapecod.com/>

Barnstable County League

Hi FFA Members:

I have raffle tickets for a fundraiser for the Mass. Sportsman Council, Inc. There are many great prizes. Guns, Bows, Fishing Gear, Shopping Sprees - and more. 1st Prize - Henry Big Boy cal. .44 mag.

- Drawing will be May 2, 2021
- Donation: \$5.00 ea./4 for \$10.00

Make checks payable to Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council.

If you mail your check to me I will send the ticket in and send you your ticket stub. Please include your mailing address and phone number.

Steve Ferreira
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Notes from BCL Monthly Meeting

At the monthly BCL meeting, Steve Xiarhos spoke to members in attendance. Here is Steve's Bio.

Steve Xiarhos was elected to serve as State Representative on November 3, 2020 and was sworn into office on January 6, 2021.

Steve is the grandson of Greek legal immigrants and a lifelong American Patriot. He is the son and grandson of United States Army, Air Force, and Merchant Marine Veterans. He has a strong desire to serve our Country and assist and support the men and women of our American Armed Forces, First Responders, and Veterans and Military families of all wars and conflicts especially post 9-11. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund and the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation; as well as a Volunteer for Wounded Warrior Project Cape Cod Soldier Ride. He is a graduate of Anna Maria College, Northeastern University, and Cape Cod Community College (where he majored in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement).

Steve was born and raised in New Bedford, Massachusetts. In the summer of 1979, he found work as a seasonal Summer Reserve Police Officer, patrolling the town's beaches during tourist season. One day, he received a call from the town, saying that he was being hired to be a full-time Patrol Officer. He accepted, beginning a 40-year career with the Yarmouth Police Department. During those four decades of service, Steve was promoted to the ranks of Detective, School Resource Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Lieutenant, Patrol Force Commander, Detective Division Commander, and eventually Deputy Chief of Police. He retired from the police department on December 8, 2019.

Throughout his career, Steve attended numerous specialized training courses and is a graduate of the Babson College Command Training Course and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar. He is the recipient of 22 various police department awards and decorations including Officer of the Year, Yarmouth Area Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year, Rotary Club of Yarmouth Vocational Service Award, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Officer of the Year, and the Barnstable County Human Rights Commission Rosenthal Award.

Currently, Steve lives in Barnstable with his fiancée, Denise L. Kalbach. Denise was born and raised in Harwich and is Registered Nurse working as an IV Therapy Specialist at Cape Cod Hospital. She has earned a Bachelors Degree from Salve Regina and Masters Degrees from UMASS Dartmouth

and UMASS Boston. Soon, she will become a Nurse Practitioner.

Steve is a proud parent of four children. He is a Gold Star Father, in honor of his oldest son, Nicholas. Nick Xiarhos died at age 21 on the battlefield during Operation Enduring Freedom. He was going to the rescue of fellow Marines in combat as part of 'Operation Strike of the Sword' in the Garmsir district of Helmand Province Afghanistan on July 23, 2009. Steve's other son, Alexander, served alongside Steve as a full-time Police Officer in the town of Yarmouth. Steve's identical twin daughters, Elizabeth and Ashlynn, serve in the hospitality industry.

Aside from his work with the Yarmouth Police Department, Steve has successfully initiated and coordinated many community fundraising and awareness events including the YPD BLUE 5K Run for a Reason, First Responder Appreciation Freedom Ride, and Big Nick's Ride for the Fallen. He also participated in and completed numerous road races including the Marine Corps and Boston Marathons as well as the Marine Corps Honor Run, the Falmouth Road Race, Boston Firefighters 10K, the Boston Run to Remember, and the Marine Corps Marathon 10K.

MassWildlife

Why you shouldn't feed wildlife this winter

Providing food for wildlife does more harm than good.

Each winter, MassWildlife receives inquiries from the public regarding whether or not to feed wildlife. While people have good intentions, supplemental feeding of wildlife typically does more harm than good. Most wildlife seasonally change their behavior to adapt to cold temperatures and scarce food supplies. Supplemental feeding can alter that behavior and have detrimental, and sometimes fatal, effects. Wildlife in Massachusetts have adapted over thousands of years to cope with harsh winter weather, including deep snow, cold temperatures, and high winds.

Supplemental feed sites congregate wildlife into unnaturally high densities, which can:

- Attract predators and increase risk of death by wild predators or domestic pets;
- Spread diseases among wildlife or cause other health issues (e.g. Rumen acidosis in deer, Aflatoxicosis in turkeys);
- Cause aggression and competition over food, wasting vital energy reserves and potentially leading to injury or death;
- Reduce fat reserves, as wild animals use energy traveling to and from the feeding site;
- Cause wildlife to cross roads more frequently, therefore increasing vehicle collisions;
- Negatively impact vegetation and habitat in areas where feeding congregates animals.
- Providing wildlife with food at any time of year teaches them to rely on humans for food, which puts them at a disadvantage for survival and can lead to human/wildlife conflicts. Once habituated behavior is established, it can be very difficult or impossible to change.

What can you do?

The best way to help wildlife make it through the winter is to step back and allow the animals' instincts to take over. To help wildlife near your home, focus on improving the wildlife habitat on or near your property, by including natural food and cover (e.g., some conifer cover and regenerating forest or brushy habitat). It is also important that wildlife populations are in balance with what the habitat can support.

Bird feeding

Mass Wildlife biologists advise against feeding wildlife. While backyard bird feeding during winter months is generally acceptable, we recommend using native plants and water to attract birds to your yard. Fallen bird seed can unintentionally attract many types of wildlife, including bears, turkeys, small mammals like squirrels and mice, and predators like foxes, fishers, and coyotes that feed on small mammals. If you notice unwanted wildlife in your backyard, bring in your bird feeders immediately.

Email from Vineyard Wind to Steve Ferreira

Subject: Turbine View from Martha's Vineyard

Hi Stephen,

Last week you asked if you could see the turbines from Martha's Vineyard, and I didn't have an exact answer for you – but if you see the tables below, which are from the Vineyard Wind Visual Impact Assessment (2/2020) which is one of the permitting requirements, it gives the percentage of visibility. So, from the Gay Head Lighthouse the turbines will be visible 19% of the time and on Nantucket they will be visible 25% of the time annually. And below that table there's some more information.

Let me know if you have any more questions!

Good to see you again!

Crista

Visibility of Turbines

The following offshore windfarm visibility information is from the Vineyard Wind Visual Assessment information dated February 2020.

An updated version of the Visual Assessment is part of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) submission dated June 3, 2020.

In the COP, Vineyard Wind prepared visual simulations of what their project would look like from

various locations. These simulations were prepared as part of the larger Visual Impact Assessment which is Appendix III-H.a of the COP. The link below is for access to Appendix III-H.a of the COP:

<https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/renewable-energy/Vineyard-Wind-COP-Volume-III-Appendix-III-Ha.pdf>

TABLE: Gay Head Lighthouse and Nantucket Island Historic District National Historic Landmark Visibility Estimates using Algorithm in BOEM 2017-037

Location	Time	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Annual
Martha's Vineyard (Gay Head Lighthouse)	Day	46%	44%	28%	37%	39%
	Night*	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Total**	19%	26%	16%	15%	19%
Nantucket (Closest Point on Nantucket Historic District National Historic Landmark)	Day	60%	52%	36%	54%	50%
	Night*	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Total**	25%	30%	21%	23%	25%

* Unlit objects will not be visible at >10 miles at night. The use of ADLS reduces expected nighttime lighting to less than 4 hours/year, which is 0.1% of annual nighttime hours and is rounded to 0% in this table.

** Seasonal results adjusted to reflect daylight hours.

The table above shows that, when taking into account the Project’s use of Radar-based Aircraft Detection Lighting System (ADLS), on average Project structures might be visible 19% of the time from Gay Head Lighthouse and might be visible 25% of the time from the closet location on Nantucket. Again, because of sea spray, low-contrast paint color, and other factors, the actual amount of time structures would be visible is lower.

Distance and Visibility

On Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket, coastal vantage points for Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) within the Wind Development Area (WDA) range from 23-47 km (14-29 mi). From all land-based vantage points, the Project would appear in the far background distance zone, where elements lose detail and become less distinct, atmospheric perspective changes colors to blue-grays, and surface texture characteristics are lost. As an observer moves along the coast farther from the WDA, the smaller the WTGs will appear. Exclusive of the effect of earth curvature and meteorological visibility, viewing a WTG at a distance of 23.7 km (14.7 mi) is roughly equivalent to viewing an eight-inch pencil at a distance of about 30 m (100 ft). Similarly, viewing a blade with a maximum width of 7.5 m (25 ft) at that distance is roughly equivalent to the width of a coffee straw viewed at 30 m (100 ft).

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Membership Application

Date: _____

Applicant: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Fishing interests: _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Falmouth Fishermen's Association, Inc. and agree to abide by all Club by-laws and guidelines.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Proposing Member: _____

Membership Date: _____

Annual Dues: \$50.

FFA By-Laws - Article VI - MEMBERSHIP

The number of voting members may be set by vote of the membership.
-To be eligible for membership a candidate shall have been a fisherman for several years, a good reputation for sportsmanship, and be proposed by at least one voting member of the Club.
-The initiation fee for such members and the annual dues shall be as prescribed by the Board of Governors.

Members in good standing may introduce and sponsor new candidates for membership.

The annual dues, for all classes of membership, are due by April 1st of each year, and each member who has not paid the same by the first of July following shall cease to be a member.
-They are to be notified thereof by the Treasurer of their change in membership status.
-They will be placed in the category of *Friends of the Club* and have no rights in the Club. They shall be reinstated upon making payment before the following first day of September.

6 February 2020