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RICHMOND FLY POST

Richmond Fly Women Is Turning 1!

We can't believe it's already been a year of Richmond Fly Women! It still feels so new, but it also feels like we have been doing this forever since we've grown so much in such a short time. We want to thank all the incredible people who have supported and encouraged us within the angling community. We love fly fishing, and we're thrilled that so many women in Virginia want to fish with us! We have tons of exciting experiences planned for this summer. Our one year anniversary party will be held on Sunday, April 19th at Veil Brewing Company in Forest Hill. Prizes will be given out, and plenty of fishing stories will be told. This is a great event to bring partners, friends, and kids. Please send us your catches in the days leading up to the event - it's the best time of year to fish in the city! We hope to see you there!



Upcoming Events

APRIL
19TH

One Year Anniversary Party @ Veil Brewing Forest Hill 5-8pm

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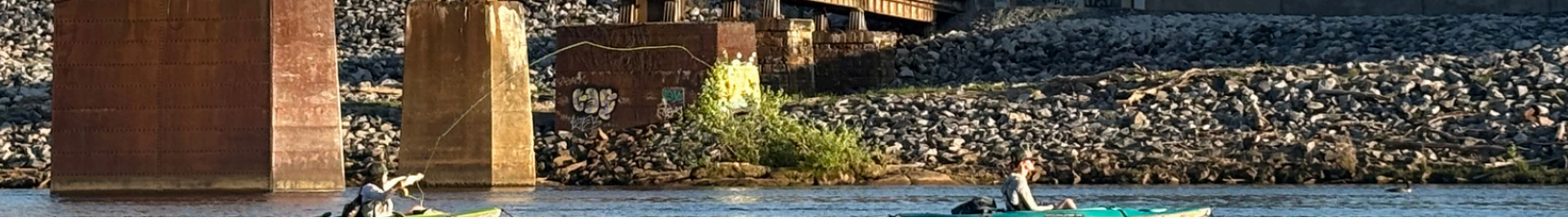
West Virginia Trout Sleep Over Trip

MAY
20TH

First Fly Fishing Virtual mentorship meeting with DWR

MAY
24TH

Chick lake meet up. Come rent Jon boats and catch bass and sunfish!



Current Culture Shad Trip Highlights

Each spring, American shad, hickory shad, and striped bass surge up the lower James River, bringing a seasonal energy to downtown Richmond that every angler should experience. There's something truly special about fishing these waters, where the energy of the city meets the wild beauty of the river. This year, we were thrilled to raise funds to send two incredible women on an evening guided trip with Captain Simón Valencia of Current Culture. Despite a storm rolling in on Easter Sunday, the conditions turned out to be perfect! Especially for stripers, and the trip delivered an unforgettable adventure.

Kennan Hester shared:

“What an incredible evening on the water. Mother Nature brewed up quite the storm, but it created ideal conditions for fishing.”

For Katie Garrison, the experience marked a major milestone:

“I'm still pretty new to fly fishing and have struggled with casting. Before this, I hadn't caught anything bigger than my hand, so going after stripers was a whole new level of excitement!”

We're proud to support moments like these and hope to raise enough funds to send even more women on guided trips in the future.

To read the full story, visit our blog at RichmondFlyWomen.org



Guide Spotlight Mike Rennie

Mike Rennie, owner of Blue Mountain Drift and head guide for Matt Miles Fly Fishing, is a passionate and knowledgeable guide in Central Virginia. Whether he's chasing smallmouth bass, (his favorite) or helping clients refine their technique, Mike brings an unmatched energy to every trip. His deep understanding of the local waters means that every time we fish with him, we walk away having learned something new about fly fishing in Virginia.

We first met Mike at the very beginning of Richmond Fly Women, when he guided us on that significant, cold day trout fishing at Escatawba Farms. That experience helped spark our passion for fly fishing with women. Since then, we've also joined him for smallmouth, and each time his kindness, enthusiasm, and genuine love for the sport shine through. Mike is known for loudly shouting "SET!" when it's time, but it's never out of frustration, only pure excitement for the moment and the catch. Around Richmond, he's something of a legend. Whenever people hear that we fish, they inevitably ask if we know Mike, and of course, we tell them we're basically best friends...



SEND US PICTURES OF YOUR CATCHES THIS SPRING!
WE WILL ENTER YOU INTO OUR DRAWINGS FOR
SWAG BASKETS AT OUR 1 YEAR ANIVERSARY PARY



One Year

RICHMOND FLY WOMEN

Prizes for Spring Catches & Giveaways!

Anniversary Party

Open to EVERYONE!
(Yes, boys and kiddos)

**The Veil Brewing
Forest Hill
April 19th - 5-8 pm**

-Xoxo Richmond Fly Women