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Our speaker this month is Michael Kashiwagi, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) Western II Regional Fisheries Manager. He is responsible for freshwater fisheries activities in Frederick and Washington counties as well as the upper Potomac River.

Originally from Montgomery County, Maryland, Michael grew up fishing and canoeing the Potomac in the Seneca area. He received a Master's Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Mississippi State University. He has been with the MD DNR for the past 10 years working with both the Resources Assessment Service and Freshwater Fisheries Program. Projects that he has worked on include statewide stream surveys, baseline Marcellus shale water quality monitoring, cold water resources mapping, and large river sampling.

Michael will be presenting information on current conditions in the upper Potomac River, focusing on the primary gamefish species (smallmouth bass, walleye, channel catfish, muskellunge) as well as threats and impacts to the system.

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Upcoming Events

Join us Wednesday, June 27th, for our monthly meeting. Our featured speaker for June will be Captain Dennis Fleming. He will discuss the Seven Habits of Highly Successful Anglers—Fishing at the Highest Level. Come learn how to maximize your fishing success with some insightful approaches by Captain Dennis Fleming. 7:30-9:00 PM at the Vienna Firehouse, 400 Center St. S, Vienna, VA 22180.

Kids Fishing Derbies at Lake Fairfax, Saturday June 2nd and July 21st. PRSC will once again support these youth fishing events along with Fish and Explore and New Horizon's Bass Anglers. For more information or to volunteer, please speak with John Lipetz and/or Rick Mrstik. Helping kids fish is a fun way to spend a Saturday morning!

DMV Bronzeback Yak Challenge. PRSC member Chun Rhee is helping to organize this smallmouth kayak tournament series from April through September. See the event description below. For more information speak with Chun or visit the event website here: <https://www.phatbasstard.net/>



The **DMV Bronzeback Yak Challenge (DMVBYC)** is Kayak Smallmouth Bass Fishing Tournament Series (online only) for residents of the DMV (DC, MD, VA, and WV). We are a Kayak Bass Fishing (KBF) Partner with six (month long) online kayak **smallmouth bass** fishing tournaments through **TourneyX** from April through September leading to a 6-week-long Main Event Championship in October/November.

The purpose of the DMVBYC was to create a kayak bass fishing circuit for those of us in the DMV who live in highly pressured Largemouth

Bass waters. For those of us who primarily fish for smallmouth bass, its hard to compete an 18 inch smallmouth against 20+inch largemouth bass. All DMVBYC events are a month long (vs. live at a specific venue.) We offer the flexibility of fishing an entire month in waters close to you versus a specific date that you may not be available for or a venue that is too far to drive to.

Why the Potomac, Rappahannock, and Shenandoah only?

- Proximity of the rivers to our area (DMV)
- The smallmouth populations in these rivers are similar. The New, James and Susquehanna are not in the permissible fishing area because we don't have immediate access to these rivers (proximity) and I think we can all agree the smallmouth bass populations in these rivers (and the average size of the smallies) would give an overwhelming advantage to those who can fish there regularly.

Here are the basics:

You **must** be a resident of the DMV (West Va included).

- Competition is limited to the following rivers only (and tributaries): **Potomac, Shenandoah, and Rappahannock.**
- Best 5 fish (measured by length) for each month-long event. Catch, Photo and Release using **KBF Rules Standards.**
- NO DINKS RULE!** Smallmouth must measure a **minimum of 14 inches.**

Upcoming Events



Open to wounded, injured, and ill from all campaigns

June 30, 2018

Ashburn Village Sports Pavilion
20585 Ashburn Village Blvd, Ashburn, VA 20147

Family Fishing: 9 am - 1 pm

Shore Fishing
Fishing Instructions
Kids Activities
All Equipment Supplied!

Awards Luncheon 1- 2pm

Prizes
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Comradery
Lunch is Provided



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Upcoming Events



FishingCommunity.Org 2018 Events

Events in February:

SeaFest (Youth Activities) February 24th in Jupiter Florida

TieFest (Trade Show) February 24th-25th Annapolis Maryland

Public Land Alliance (Convention and Trade Show) February 25th-28th Palm Spring California

Events in April:

Fletcher's Boathouse Shad Gala (Veterans Family Fishing) April 20th Washington D.C

Casting Call (Kids Fishing) April 28th Washington D.C

Events in May:

Wheelchair Accessible Boat Fishing (Veterans Family Fishing) May 19th in Riviera Beach Florida

Events in June:

Ashburn Village Family Fishing Classic (Veterans Family Fishing) June 30th in Ashburn Virginia

Events in September:

Wheelchair Accessible Boat Fishing (Veterans Family Fishing) September 15th in Riviera Florida

Events in October:

Jupiter Inlet Veterans Family Fishing Classic (Veterans Family Fishing) October 13th in Jupiter Florida

Events in November:

Lake Fairfax (Veterans Family Trout Fishing) November 3rd in Fairfax Virginia

For more information on FishingCommunity.Org please visit our media pages.
Website: FishingCommunity.Org - **Facebook:** FishingCommunity.Org
Instagram: FishingCommunity.Org2012

PRSC on the Water



Steve V. with a largemouth bass pushing 6 pounds. Steve claims to have “failed in yet another attempt to catch smallmouth where they’ve never been caught before.” I think he’s trying too hard.

In bad need of a “smallmouth fix,” yours truly recruited Leon Kates on May 12th for a ‘Doah float from State Park to Karo landing. (I didn’t have to twist Leon’s arm much:-) The bite was slow at first but picked up around 9:00. The bigger fished seemed to really go for a Cotton Cordell Big O in a shad color. This was one went 15 inches. Leon and I each caught around 20 smallmouth for the day.

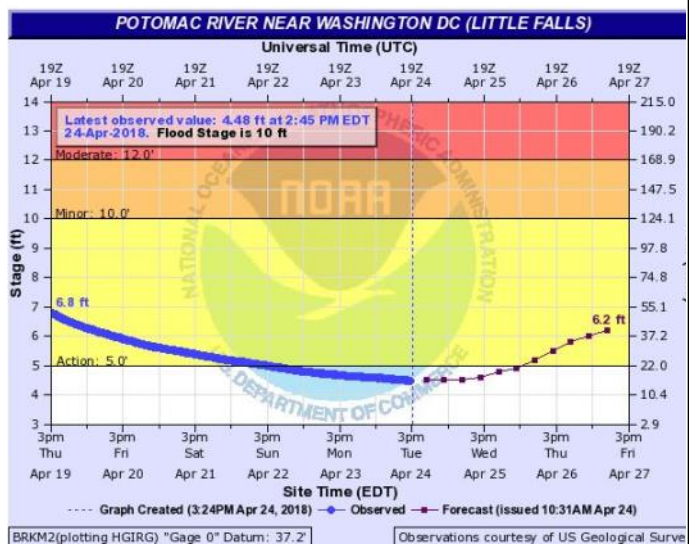


Raining in the Shad

By Chris Schaupp

Like many local DC area anglers, I look forward to April as the anticipated peak of the Potomac River Shad run and some excellent fishing in the Fletcher’s Cove/Boathouse area. Unfortunately, April can be a tough month for weather and river conditions, and this past April was no exception. Unusually cold conditions and a few big storms made advanced scheduling of a fishing trip this season difficult. After a long wait, things finally came together in the second week of April, with the river levels stabilizing and some actual warm weather. I knew the bite would be on and I made the most of a few ideal days before the conditions turned south yet again.

Being a family guy with a career means that both the fishing conditions and my family’s busy schedule need to line up for it all to go right. Heading into the last week in April, I was hoping to cash in on at least one more trip before the peak month ended. Keeping an eye on the Advanced Hydrologic Predictions website, it looked like Monday the 23rd or Tuesday the 24 would be acceptable river condition days. Looking at our family schedule it was clear that Monday was out, but my daughter Sarah’s (the taller one) volleyball practice was cancelled on Tuesday and her twin sister Maria (the shorter one) did not have tennis practice that day, so I thought it was now or never. I asked Maria and Sarah if they wanted to go fishing with me and they said “yes.” Only problem was that there was lot of rain predicted for later that day.



The girls went to school and I put in a full day of work and by the end of the work day, the rain was coming down steady, but not too terribly hard. There was still enthusiasm for fishing, but Maria was getting worried about getting cold standing out in the rain. I figured that at some point it would start pouring on us, but we all decided to go anyway, figuring we would just turn around if it got too uncomfortable.

I have two rain jackets and I gave one to each. The jackets were really big on the girls, but they had fun with it and joked around a bit. I put on my somewhat weather proof coat and we took off at 4:30pm to fight the rush hour traffic as the rain started coming down a little harder. From my house I can usually be at Fletchers in about 25 minutes, but with the traffic we didn’t get there until after 5:30pm. Getting out of the car in the steady rain with my teenage daughters, I was thinking a successful trip would at least be one that didn’t end in the first five minutes with, “Dad I’m cold. Can we go home?”

The parking lot was just about empty and with it being too late

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to rent a boat, we marched down the path toward the river to find a spot on the shore. There was no one around, so we had our pick of the shoreline spots. After all, who would be crazy enough to stand out in the rain on a muddy shore on a Tuesday night to go fishing? The shoreline was quite muddy, but we carefully slid down the bank (without falling) to find a place that would still give us some room to cast under the trees at high tide. I figured I would give it a quick try first just to see if we had a chance for something. My first cast did not produce an actual hook up, but it gave me a sense of confidence as I felt my dart get whacked three times during the retrieve.

I set Sarah up on some rocks along the shore and she sent out a cast. She had a good fighting fish on right away, which made us all forget about the weather. Maria had only fished once last year and this was her first time out this year. She decided to first do some practice casting with just a weight. She was making some decent 30 plus yard casts in no time, so we decided to tie a light dart at the end of her line with the weight. That threw her off a bit when she tried it and her first cast with the dart only went about 10 yards. I told her to reel it in quickly so she would not get snagged on the rocks in the shallow water. She started reeling in and immediately she was snagged, but it was not on the rocks, she had hooked up with a nice 16 inch Hickory Shad. I asked her, "What are you doing? You were not supposed to catch a fish on that cast." She just smiled and continued to battle the fish.

After that it was on. It became extremely difficult to cast and not catch a fish. I quickly lost track of how many fish we caught, as I scurried back and forth through the mud in my hip waders to help the girls unhook and release all the fish they were catching. No one paid attention to the weather and we seemed to have no idea that the rain continued to come down on us. After about an hour and a half, it was me who finally said, "I think it's about time to go home now." The girls reluctantly agreed, with the stipulation they had the chance to catch "One more fish Dad," which they both had on the very next cast.

I can't think of another time where I've seen fish attack a lure so aggressively in such great numbers. I suppose the moral of the story is, as long as the river levels don't get blown out, fishing for shad on a rainy day in April can be quite rewarding, just remember your raincoat. Other than that, I guess I learned that when the fishing is excellent, not even 15-year-old teenage girls care what the weather is like.

Sarah (above) and Maria (below) Schaupp proved to be diehard shad anglers despite the April showers.



PRSC Speakers Share Fishing Tips

By Bill Amshey

Continuing my trip down PRSC memory lane, at our May 2004 meeting **Jeff Kelbe** cautioned that too many fishermen using tubes, in particular, are gut-hooking and killing smallies. He urged everyone to start using 1/0 circle hooks with tubes and Senkos, as well as Senko-like, plastics. He also opined that a 4" Senko is better to fish with than a 5" Senko. He noted that an effective technique he uses when casting into a root ball is to weight the tail of your Senko, which will push the lure away from you and deeper into the ball.

Jeff offered a couple of interesting tips:

- Smallmouth and largemouth bass eat bluegills in June and July.
- Topwater lures are good during all seasons, but especially in August and September.
- When fishing a midstream eddy, cast to the far side and slowly move your lure into the middle of the eddy.
- Regarding "natural presentations," Jeff said that crawfish and fish indeed move upstream, so it is not necessary to fish up river.

Until recently, Jeff was the president of the Potomac Riverkeeper organization. I think he's returning to guiding, and we may see him at upcoming meetings. Let's hope!

In June, we were visited by **Todd Meckley and Rick Anderson from the HawgHead Marine and Tackle Center**, located at 2215 Rosstown Rd, Wellsville, Pennsylvania 17365; (717) 432-4505. They advised that in March hair jigs in shallow waters, right up to the banks, is the best approach. They said to fish the weeds and island cuts, even if they look like they will waste your time, because this is a favorite spot for smallmouth. Fish below Harrisburg where there are lots of islands and grass beds using flukes, tubes, and spinnerbaits. Later in the year, they noted, jerkbaits are the best choice.



Todd explained that the fishing they were then experiencing was good, especially in grass beds and eddies below structure. He said he was successfully using crankbaits in fast water, bumping them off the bottom. Rick said that he only throws Senkos and tubes, fished slowly, with great success. When the water levels are low, he recommended targeting slots and shoots where jet boats go through.

I recently spoke with Rick to get a better understanding of his "Riggo tube." He explained that he rigs the tube completely backwards to the way it is normally done, so that the line comes out the open end of the tube. This allows the fisherman to shake the tube and simulate a crawfish waving its arms. And a bonus is that you get fewer hang ups. Rick also told me that the store can provide guide services.

Our speaker at the July 2004 meeting was **Mike Naylor of the Maryland DNR and Chesapeake Custom Rods**. Apparently he was also known as "**Patapsco Mike**" on RiverSmallies.com. He recommended using spinnerbaits in weed beds, pointing out that heavy jigs simply disappear in celery weeds when used. But he said that heavy jigs, popped up and down, are the ticket in star grass beds.

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When fishing weed beds, Mike recommended retrieving your tube, jig, or Senko from upstream to downstream and to allow your lure to get under the grass. He said that this will get you to fish that are rarely targeted.

Sam Rorrer, who guides on the New River below Claytor Lake, spoke to the Club in August 2014. First, Sam gave a history of the New, explaining that the river begins in a pipe in North Carolina. He said that it used to go all the way to the Mississippi River. Now, the New flows to the Ohio River.

He said that below Claytor Lake there are plenty of smallies between 14" and 20" inches. He added that there is "great" muskie fishing as well as fishing for flathead catfish, spotted bass, yellow perch, and walleye.

Sam said that he normally uses light green and other light colors when fishing shallow, darker colors when fishing deeper, and mid-colors when fishing in the middle of the water column.

When fishing cliff wall waters, Sam uses tubes fished slowly in boulders and chunk rock. He suggests probing undercuts as well as using crank baits and spinnerbaits. He added that the biggest fish he has caught on the New are in deep water, as deep as 24 feet. He commented, "The deeper you go, the bigger the fish."

He said that he has fished all 70 miles of the New from Claytor Lake to the West Virginia border. His favorite time of the year to fish is the fall to the second week in January.

Sam said that he uses Shimano and Okuma reels and St. Croix rods. His favorite lures are Senkos and Magic Sticks, tubes, curly tail grubs, and Capt. Jack worms.

He concluded with some sage advice: "There are two times to go fishing – when it's raining and when it's not."

I could find no current information on Mike Naylor or Sam Rorrer, although there is a great YouTube video of Sam fishing with Paul Young, a famous British fisherman.



Florida in April

By Jamie Gold

Late in April a group of six PRSC members flew south to escape winter and engage in some shallow saltwater fishing in Florida. We arrived in town on Sunday, April 22, fished hard for 4 ½ days, and returned home tired but happy on the 27th. On the trip were John Lipetz (who also organized it), Craig Bishop, Doug Marshall, Bill Owensby, Steve Adams, and me. For some of us, this has become a much anticipated annual trip. For others, it was their first or second time . . . and they will always be the new guys.

During this trip we fished out of Chokoloskee Island, FL. This is an incredible fishery that offers a variety of fishing environments and an amazing variety of species. This is on the edge of the Everglades and sits on the Gulf of Mexico. So we do backcountry fishing deep in the mangroves, explore around the innumerable islands in the area, and also fish structure out in the Gulf. We are also fortunate to have found three terrific guides that we fish with. Captain Charles Wright of Everglades Area Tours (<http://www.evergladesareatours.com/>), Captain Bruce Hitchcock of No Free Lunch Everglades Charters (<http://www.nofreelunchcharters.com/>) and Captain Don Cochran (<http://www.captdoncochran.com/>). I strongly recommend all of them if you ever go down there to fish.

Once again, this was a fabulous trip. While the fishing was a little slow for me, the other guys did quite well. And this trip is as much about the camaraderie, the food, and the drink as it is about the fishing. And all were great. Doug is not only a very good fisherman, as evidenced by the pictures below, but he makes the best Vodka Cranberry Tonic on the planet. Also, there is a restaurant on the island that, if you bring filets of fish you've caught, will cook them either fried, sautéed, or blackened. As you can see in this picture above it was fabulous.

(Left to right) Doug Marshall a with Redfish; Steve Adams with a Jack; Steve Adams with a Redfish



Florida in April

Early this year, as a way to cope with the long, cold winter, I started tying my own flies. In preparation for this trip I tied up several flies and was anxious to try them out. Among these were a fly that I invented called Gold's Golden Minnow, that is designed to imitate a soft plastic swim bait that is a fish magnet there. The other is a shrimp imitation called Lefty's Craft Fur Shrimp. Here is a picture of both of them. In the picture at right, the shrimp is on the bottom and the minnow on the top.

I'm pleased to report that both flies caught fish, including snook, redfish, and speckled trout.

All in all this was a terrific trip, and I look forward to doing it again next year.



Clockwise from above left: A small snook Jamie caught on a fly that he invented – Gold's Golden Minnow; Jamie's first Florida redfish – caught on a Lefty's Craft Fur shrimp that he tied; Sunrise on the water.

May Means Mayhem

By Jamie Gold

This has been a busy month of fishing for me, despite the all the rain that we received. I feel very fortunate that I've been able to partake in some of the variety of fishing that this area offers. I encourage you to get out and explore some new water as well. While it may take a while for the Potomac and 'Doah to get back to good and safe fishing levels, there is plenty of other water to hit.

First, I am happy to report that there seemed to be a pretty exceptional shad run in the Potomac River this Spring. Early in May I went one night after work. Upon arriving and stopping at the shop at Fletcher's, I bumped into local shad guru Mark Binstead. He said that day had been one of the best days of shore fishing for Hickory Shad that he'd ever seen. And as I reported last month, the fishing that night was quite good. A week or two later, I went back to Fletcher's after work. I again ran into Mark, and this time he said that the Hickory Shad seemed to be gone, but people were catching plenty of American Shad, even from shore. This got my attention because the few American Shad that I've caught have all been deep, in the middle of the river . . . not from shore. So I raced up to the north end of the cove to meet up with Mary Burkhard and Steve Adams. As seen in the pictures below, we proceeded to catch good numbers of American Shad from shore.

On the week-end of May 12, fellow PRSC member Steve Adams and I had a an adventure fishing three different bodies of water in Virginia over two days. We both took Friday, May 11 off from work and drove out to the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. We



stopped in Woodstock to fish below the Burnshire Dam (see photo on next page). The water was up and fast, so we waded out very carefully to some calmer water to fish both the fast water and a very large eddy below the dam. We were both fly fishing, and Steve was using some poppers that he had tied up. I was using a popping minnow that I had purchased from William Herezniak of Eastern Trophies. Both worked in the eddy below the dam, but Steve was especially excited that his poppers worked as well as they did.

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After finishing up there, we started to drive down towards Edinburg, VA for a planned stop at Murray's fly shop. However, a few minutes after we left the Dam, I spotted a location on the North Fork that I had saved on my GPS. Since it was on the way, we decided to stop. We came around a bend in the road, drove down a steep hill, crossed a bridge and came to a little park right next to a beautiful spot for wade fishing with a fly rod. The odd thing is that I had no memory whatsoever of having fished there before. But I must have because it was in my GPS as a saved location. We first waded above the bridge, and I did manage



one or two on a Murray Hogsucker fly. Steve then decided to wade below the bridge, and that was a good idea. He found a nice hole/drop off in the middle of the river, and proceeded to catch several nice fish out of that hole. I dropped down to join him and managed a few fish of my own.

We proceeded to Murray's shop where we picked up a few flies. We spoke with Harry for a while and he provided some good suggestions on flies to get. And his person working there was exceptionally friendly and helpful. I got some white Murray Strymph flies while Steve picked up a few ghost minnows. Both were good decisions as we caught fish on them later in the trip.

We then drove down to Harrisonburg, VA for a stop at Mossy Creek Outfitters. There we were looking for some advice for our next fishing destination . . . Mossy Creek. Mossy Creek is a notoriously difficult creek to fish that is known for having big brown trout. The staff here were also very friendly and helpful, and after a bit Steve and I drove to our last fishing destination of the day. Well . . . the creek lived up to its reputation. First, the creek is very small, practically small enough to jump across at spots. Second, the water was very stained. Third, I didn't even get a sniff or a chase. Steve did manage to get a follow on a mouse fly, but I got nothing. Sigh . . .



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We stayed at a hotel in Staunton and then drove the next morning out to Big Bend Farm, which lies along the Cowpasture River about 30 miles west of Rte 81. This is private trout water that limits the anglers to five rods per day. It's about 1 ½ to 2 miles of water with plenty of runs and long deep slower pools. Steve has fished here before and done well, so I was excited to try it. We stopped at the first parking area and waded into the river, downstream to a spot where Steve has done well before. We caught a few fish on streamer patterns, including a Patuxent special that I had tied up. But it was a bit slow, so we decided to try upstream to another spot Steve knew.

We decided to hike up to the next stop, and came across another group of angler's in the upper parking spot. It was three anglers with a guide they had hired for the day. After a friendly chat, Steve and I moved well above them so that we could all stay out of each other's way. Steve had the right idea, because when we first got there, while there was good cloud cover, the fishing was quite good. We each caught several beautiful rainbow trout, all on streamer patterns. The Ghost Minnow I mentioned earlier worked very well for Steve, while woolly buggers and a Shenk's streamer worked for me. Unfortunately, the sun came out and the temperatures really warmed up. This drove the fish deep and killed the bite for us. I did adjust by going to a sinking tip line to fish deep, and managed to lose about 10 woolly buggers and Patuxent specials . . . but no more fish.

On the way out at the end of the day, we bumped into the fishing guide and chatted with him for a few minutes. His clients for the day had a similar experience. Good fishing at first, but it got really tough once the sun came out and warmed things up. They did manage to hook and even land some, but by fishing deep with really heavy weights. Even though the second half of the day was tough, its great trout water and I had a lot of fun and hope to get back there again. You can see what the water looks like in the picture below.



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Early in the week of May 14, while the rain was pouring down, I knew the rivers would not be fishable. But I had hopes that the Bay might be OK for fishing. So I reached out to Captain Dennis Fleming of Fishamajig Guide Service (<https://www.fishamajigguideservice.com/>). I've fished with Dennis lots of times and he always does a great job and I always have a lot of fun. It turns out that he was available on Sunday, May 20. I quickly reached out to people and put together a crew. It was me, former PRSC member Stan Koller and a friend of his named Storm.

We met Capt. Dennis at the boat ramp on Solomon's Island at 6:30am and made a short run to fish some spots that had held a ton of fish on Thursday. These spots were basically completely bereft of fish. Dennis was stunned and we were disappointed. We couldn't figure out what had happened to those fish until we looked around and noticed something amazing. There was a pod of what seemed to be about 100 dolphins swimming in the area . . . in the Patuxent River!!!! We were stunned. And of course they probably ate or drove off the baitfish, thereby pushing out the stripers. We quickly regrouped and moved to other spots.

The challenge for the day was that the wind blew much harder than had been forecast. It never became dangerous, but made running to the East side of the Bay not an option. But Dennis did a great job of finding and putting us on fish. I won't reveal the spots he took us to, except to mention that we did end the day at the Calvert Cliffs power plant, because that is not a secret spot. And once again it produced for us. The go-to baits were soft plastic baits on heavy jigs, worked along the bottom. Stan caught the biggest fish of the day and the most fish, but Storm and I held our own. We ended up with about 50 stripers, including six of keeper size that we were happy to split up and share. If you are ever looking to do a trip on the Bay for stripers, reach out to Captain Dennis.

Despite the rain, it has been a busy and fun month of fishing for me in May. From this I've learned one important lesson and been reminded of another. Lesson learned – don't get down about the heavy rains and high river levels.

There is a lot of good water to fish in this area. Lesson remembered – while I love fishing, what really makes it great is going fishing with friends. All of these adventures were engaged in with good friends, which made it much better than it would have been to do on my own. So contact your friends and get out there fishing.



Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

I'm pretty sure everyone is as sick of the constant rains of May as I am. I thought this stuff was supposed to come in April! You know April Showers Bring . . . oh never mind.

Anyway, we've finally gotten some relief from them with a decent last week and a Memorial Day weekend that wasn't a total washout . . . even though the rivers were pretty much blown out. If you do venture out this weekend make darn sure you have your PFD snugged up and your gear secured in dry bags and under bungee cords.

But there's one other thing I want you to keep in mind. When we have prolonged rains like we've had the past month that also means prolonged runoff from farm fields and pasture lands out here in the Shenandoah Valley. As we wear on into summer, keep a close eye on our Smallmouth and check them over close for lesions and those little white Nematodes that attach themselves to their gills. If you see any, get photos using your Water Reporter app on your smart phone and send them to our Riverkeepers. They can take it from there. The Water Reporter app is available for both Android and iPhone so no one has an excuse for not using it.

In addition, E-coli bacteria levels spike in our waters during periods like this and extra precautions need to be taken when you're in contact with the waters of our watershed right now.

Make sure if you have any recent wounds or scrapes to cover them with a water proof bandage. I deal with Plaque Psoriasis on the soles of my feet and the palms of my hands and I occasionally get small cracks and fissures in these areas. I have found the 3M Nexcare Waterproof Bandages work VERY well for covering these small, annoying splits I sometimes get. I generally overwrap them with Nexcare Foam First-aid tape as well, just to be sure they're fully protected and my water sandals don't wear off the bandage. A little dab of Neosporin helps as well.

I always have these 3 items with me on the kayak in the first-aid bag with me. So if you ever find yourself with an open wound and I'm out there with you . . . paddle on over and we'll get you fixed right up.

Now, let's collectively appeal to the weather and river gods and see if we can get some floatable level of water back by next weekend.



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I pre-fished for an NHBA tournament on 14 April. Wish I had weighed this one because I bet she was close to 5 pounds. — RM



2018 Fishing Contest

Fishing Contest

Editor’s Note: I consider myself ineligible for the contest since I’m tracking the results, but I post my tally from my 12 May ‘Doah trip in hopes of getting some of you out there to report your catches. I know you’re out there fishing, measure a few and send in a contest entry. — RM

Bill Pearl had a good day Riverbend recently. Nice tally Bill!

Visit our contest page to check out the complete rules or to submit an entry for the 2018 contest that is under way. <http://prsc.org/fishing-contest/>

2018 Reports

Section 1, Biggest Fish:	Rick Mrstik	15”
Section 1, Best 5 Fish:	Rick Mrstik	70.5”
Section 2, Biggest Fish:	No Report	
Section 2, Best 5 Fish:	No Report	
Section 3, Biggest Fish:	Chun Rhee	20”
Section 3, Best 5 Fish:	Bill Pearl	91.5”
Largest on Fly:	No Report	
Best 5 Fish on Fly:	No Report	
New Member Big Fish:	No Report	
New Member Best 5:	No Report	

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