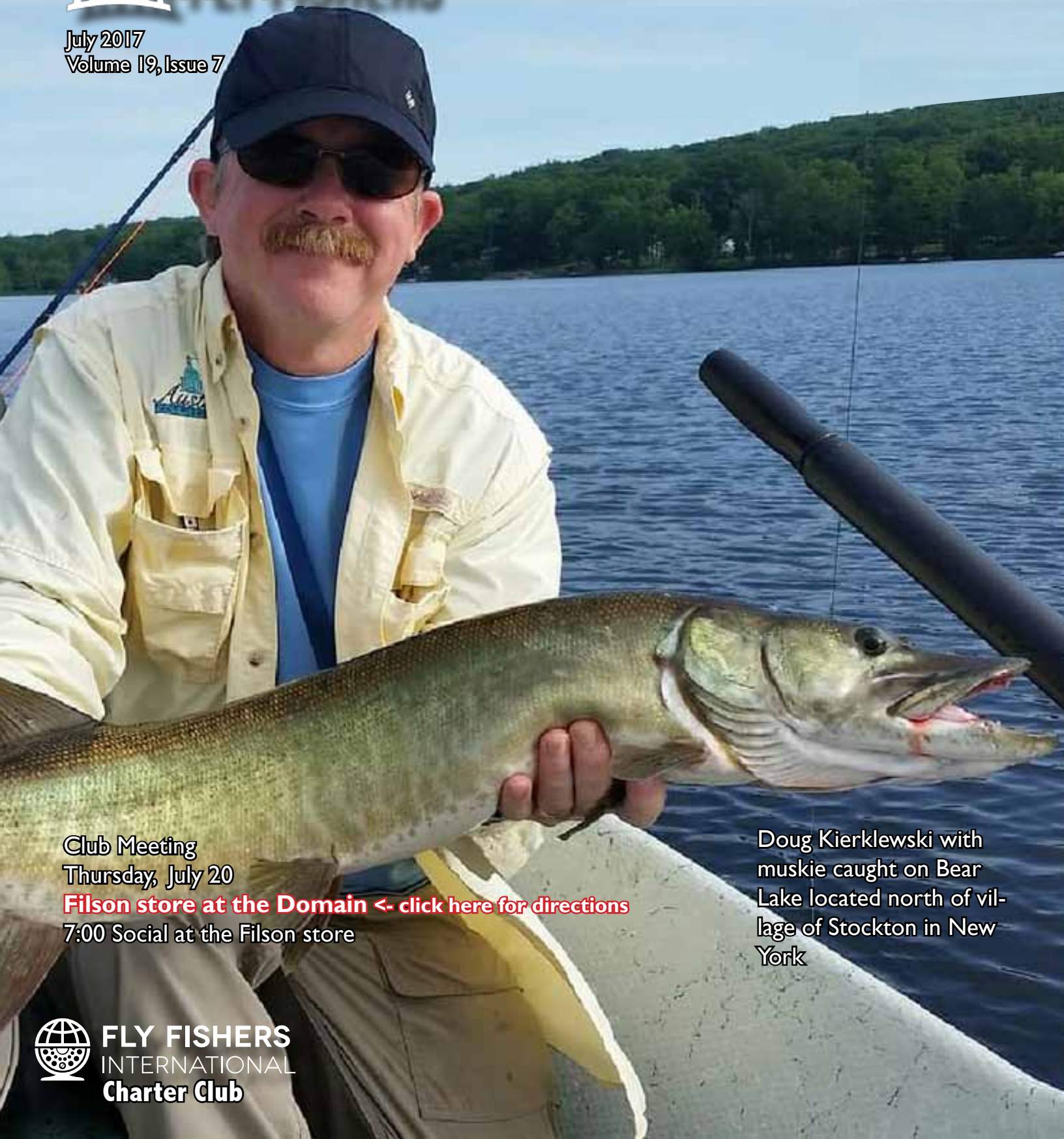




AUSTIN FLY FISHERS

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Club Meeting
Thursday, July 20

Filson store at the Domain <- [click here for directions](#)

7:00 Social at the Filson store

Doug Kierklewski with
muskie caught on Bear
Lake located north of vil-
lage of Stockton in New
York



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President's Message Matt Bennett

Welcome to the heat of the Austin summer! Starting to get a bit dry around here, which means it's time for us to schedule another Llano outing, as experience shows it always rains when we do! I hope all of you have been able to stay cool and perhaps get some water time (hopefully in a state away from Texas where it's a bit cooler.)

We had a great turnout at the Guadalupe River Cleanup last weekend. We had planned on 40 or so folks, and ended up with 78. Lots of members of Fly Fishers International and our own club was well represented as well. Thanks to all of you who took time out of your Saturday to come out and help pick up trash. I know the fish appreciate it! We have another cleanup with GRTU tentatively scheduled for the weekend after Labor Day, so keep an eye out for more information. We'll also be rescheduling our Llano outing for around that same time - it's just too hot to get out there right now. If you see a cloudy and/or rainy day in the forecast, I'd encourage you to head out. I know our past president Jim Gray has been having some luck out there braving the heat.

Our meeting this month is a good bit dif-

ferent as we're meeting outside of our normal spot of the Rec Center. I hope you'll join us at Filson at the Domain for more of a social meeting and hang out. We'll be back to our regularly scheduled program next month at the Rec Center.

Financial Report

by Shawn Riggs

6/1/2017 - 6/30/2017

Beginning Bal. Checking \$14,723.09

Income:

Dues (AFF&FFF)	\$281.82
Auction	\$145.00
Merchandise	\$286.00
Total Income	\$712.82

Disbursements:

Insurance	\$325.00
Total Disbursements	\$325.00

Net \$387.81

Unencumbered:

Unallocated Funds	\$6,336.77
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Encumbered Funds:

Casting for Recovery	\$628.17
SKIFF	\$8,145.97

Ending Balance-Checking \$15,110.91



Steven Turner with red caught while fishing with
Capt. Phil Dopson at Port Aransas

July Meeting to be held at the Filson Store



Join us at the Filson Store at the Domain for some fellowship and fish stories this month. In lieu of a normal speaker, the Filson Austin store has invited us to come hang out and check out their new store. There will be drinks and some light bites, probably some fly tying, and some special sale prices only available to us. Their store is located at 11700 Domain Blvd, Austin, 78758. The meeting officially starts at 7, but I'm sure some of us will be there early as well. If you're unfamiliar with Filson, I'd encourage you to visit their website at <https://www.filson.com/austin-store> - they've been around longer than most in the business and have a cool story.

AFF Volunteers at Guadalupe River Cleanup

by Ed Parsons

Last Saturday's GRTU Guadalupe River Clean was a very successful event. It was apparent that GRTU was surprised by the turn out. There were six members from the Austin Fly Fishers present. Of course members of GRTU had the largest turn out. Surprisingly there were several people that apparently were not fishermen. There was also a good number of children which is always great to pass down the point of keeping our environment clean.

Their event was very organized. They split the large group into several small groups to clean up different areas where GRTU has lease access. The biggest challenge on a hot Saturday on the Guadalupe is of course the tubers but they did not slow down the clean up.

GRTU had a very nice free lunch for participants of grilled chicken, grilled sausage, beans and tortillas. Free beer was supplied by Twisted Texas Brewery.



PerchMasters Tournament Results



Despite a rather limited turnout for this year's PerchMaster Tournament, the participants waged a tremendous battle for the various titles. The event began at 7am with clear skies and little wind. With temperatures predicted to reach the 100s, all of the competitors were instructed to leave Lady Bird Lake by 10am. After careful examination of the contestants photos and testimony, Chief Judge Doug Kierklewdki made the following awards: Kathi Harris –the smallest fish, Russell Bauer –the largest nonfish (turtle), Gary Heintschel –the largest fish (rio-grande cichlid), and Brandon Rabke –the most fish. After the awards ceremony, all participants attended the after tournament banquet at Juan in a Million.



Gary Heintschel's rio cichlid



Russell Bauer's
Turtle

Fishing the Bahamas Out-Islands

by Joseph Andrezik

The Bahamas



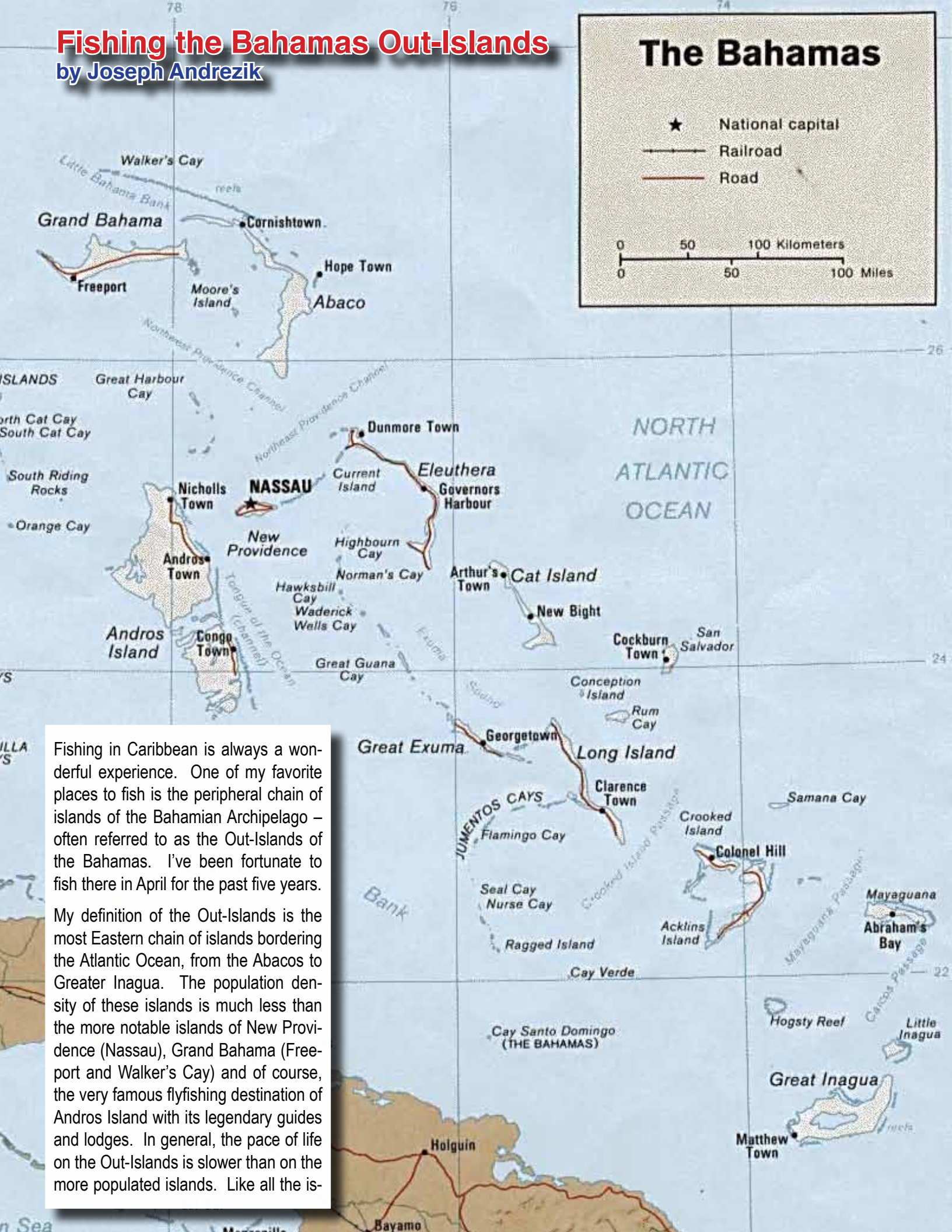
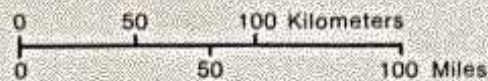
National capital



Railroad



Road



Fishing in Caribbean is always a wonderful experience. One of my favorite places to fish is the peripheral chain of islands of the Bahamian Archipelago – often referred to as the Out-Islands of the Bahamas. I've been fortunate to fish there in April for the past five years.

My definition of the Out-Islands is the most Eastern chain of islands bordering the Atlantic Ocean, from the Abacos to Greater Inagua. The population density of these islands is much less than the more notable islands of New Providence (Nassau), Grand Bahama (Freeport and Walker's Cay) and of course, the very famous flyfishing destination of Andros Island with its legendary guides and lodges. In general, the pace of life on the Out-Islands is slower than on the more populated islands. Like all the is-

Out-Islands continued

lands, the people are very friendly! The Out-Islanders are very appreciative of you visiting their home and spending your tourist dollars in their locale. Your support does really impact the local economy. The trickle down effect is felt by several families, even those not directly involved in fishing. This support is reflected in your hosts' attitude and desire to please.

I have found that the cost for fishing services is much less at most places in the Out-Islands than in other parts of the Caribbean. These past years, I have fished at Deadman's Cay on Long Island and this past spring at Crooked Island, also. On Long Island, six days of fishing, seven nights of lodging, all meals and transfers, drinks (except alcohol if desired), my costs are less than \$2400! This is with excellent local experienced guides and good flats boats. I have visited with many fishers who have used the neighboring Long Island Bonefishing Lodge and they return year after year. This operation is mainly a DIY operation where the "guide" transports you to a flat, gives instructions, you wade the flat alone and he picks you up on the opposite side of the flat. The boats and housing are very nice. I believe you cook your own meals, although the food may be provided.

Bonefish are plentiful on Long Island, with miles and miles of beautiful flats. We daily catch barracuda if we desire, and I have seen permit and tarpon on the Atlantic Reef side of the island, but have not caught them there. Some of our usual group will bring spinning rods to fish deeper water and target snapper and other species. They are always successful.

Nils and Brandon have fished Greater Inagua, Acklins, Crooked Island, and Andros. By all reports, they are very pleased. Ask any of us for particulars about each place.

I feel the fishing in the Out-Islands is every bit as good as places I have been to in Belize. I understand that Ascension Bay in Mexico is superb fishing, but I cannot speak to that. I was hoping to try fishing in Cuba in 2018. I subscribe to The Angling Report. In the most recent issues, I am told that the fishing in Cuba has gotten rather expensive since the recent relaxing of the U.S. travel regulations. It is a sellers' market in Cuba now with more anglers than spots available.

The cost for the Out-Islands cannot be beat, in my opinion, and the quality of one's stay is enhanced by the local residents. Give the Out-Islands a try on your next Caribbean outing. I am sure you will be pleased.





From left: Mrs. Katie Erp, and her two kids, Warren and Eden, enjoyed a SKIFF fishing trip while their dad, Andy, is involved in an Army field training exercise away from home.

Dear AFF and Friends of SKIFF,

On Monday, June 19 I fished the 4th SKIFF (Soldiers' Kids Involved in Fishing Fun) trip of the 2017 season with Eden and Warren Erp, accompanied by their mom, Katie Erp.

Eden, who lost a second front tooth just the day before our trip, managed to land the trip's one and only "triple" catching a fish on each of the 3 lures of our 3-armed umbrella rig all at the same time.

The kids' dad, Andy Erp, a U.S. Army warrant officer working with the Army's unmanned aircraft program, is currently away from home on a field training exercise (FTX).

I suspected we would begin our trip doing some downrigging, but, as I searched for fish with sonar, the very first signs of life I saw this morning came in the form of a nicely grouped school of white bass holding on a deep breakline dropping from 35 feet to over 50 feet. Although there were fish holding off the face of this slope over deep water, the ones that got my attention were the ones holding right on bottom in around 38 feet of water. Instead of using the downriggers,

we began the trip dropping slabs down to these fish as we held over top of them in a hover using the Spot Lock function on the Minn Kota.

Both Warren and Eden were able to put three or four fish in the boat before this school moved on and we had to look for greener pastures.

We headed to the main basin of the reservoir and ran a pair of downriggers at 28 to 35 feet depending on depth and at what level the fish were holding. The Cannon 'riggers I use are electronic, so, I was able to call out depths to the kids positioned on the 'riggers and they worked the touchpads to manipulate the level of the weights so as to keep our baits just above the level of the fish. We used 3-armed umbrella rigs equipped with Pet Spoons on the business end.

The kids routinely took singles and doubles as the took turns on the rods; Eden even managed a "triple" — 3 fish on one rod at the same time. Whichever sibling wasn't catching a fish was helping me raise the balls by pressing the "Auto Up" button on the Digi-Troll 10 'rigger and helping me get ready to drop the fishing line back in that much more quickly.

I kept a weather-eye out today as we had 30% chances of rain in the forecast and, as I awoke, I saw some storm activity up in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area slowly heading our way. When these storms reached the Gatesville/North Fort Hood area, I moved us back in the vicinity of our launch site and we continued catching fish on the downriggers until it was no longer safe to stay out.

As a quick "bonus" the kids took turns on my long sunfish rods equipped with slip floats and were able to put a half-dozen bluegill sunfish in the boat that were holding in hydrilla near the shore where we'd launched.

We wrapped up about 40 minutes early and the kids camped out with their mom in the family car as we waited to see if the storms would pass, but, as it turned out, they kept up until around 2pm. So, even with the trip shortened a bit, we still managed to land 34 fish. With their dad facing a possible deployment at the start of the new school year, the kids were already talking about getting to go out again. This is one of the intents of the SKIFF program — to bring something positive to an otherwise difficult time of separation for our military families.

The Fly Tyer's Corner by Mike Morphew

The Jangler

This pattern of dry fly originated in England when an angler wanted a dry fly with a difference. The stiff hackle on the Jangler sits high on the water while the soft hackle tied in front wiggles on the surface giving the effect of legs when viewed from below. I tied a few of these for a guide in Montana and a week later he ordered 2 doz more, said they were getting great results.

Materials:

- Hook any lightweight barbless from 12-18
- Thread yellow
- Tail partridge fibers
- Body dubbed hares ear fur
- Wing dun colored CDC feather
- Hackle a good quality dun
- Front hackle partridge



Step 1: Place hook in the vise and build a thread base



Steps 3: Dub the thread with some hares ear fur



Step 2: Tie in a few partridge fibers the body length



Step 4: Wind creating a cigar shape, leave room for the front two hackles



Fly Tyer continued

Steps 5: Tie a CDC feather by the stem



Step 9: Wind two turns behind the wing and three in front



Step 6: Draw the stem back until the tips are a body length



Step 10: Prepare the partridge hackle as shown and tie in by the tip after trimming it



Step 7: Cut off the stem and wind thread wraps in front of the wing to make it stand upright



Step 11: Take two turns in front of the stiff hackle and tie off



Step 8: Tie in the dun hackle



Neat Spool Keeper

I wrote an article some time ago describing the making of elastic spool/thread keepers but this one is also a great idea, not mine but the concept is borrowed from The Spirit of Fly Fishing. A quick visit to an office supply store or Walmart will be your first stop. Purchase some plastic binders and cut them as shown. Not only will these keep your threads, tinsel and floss from unravelling but you can write on the plastic a description etc.



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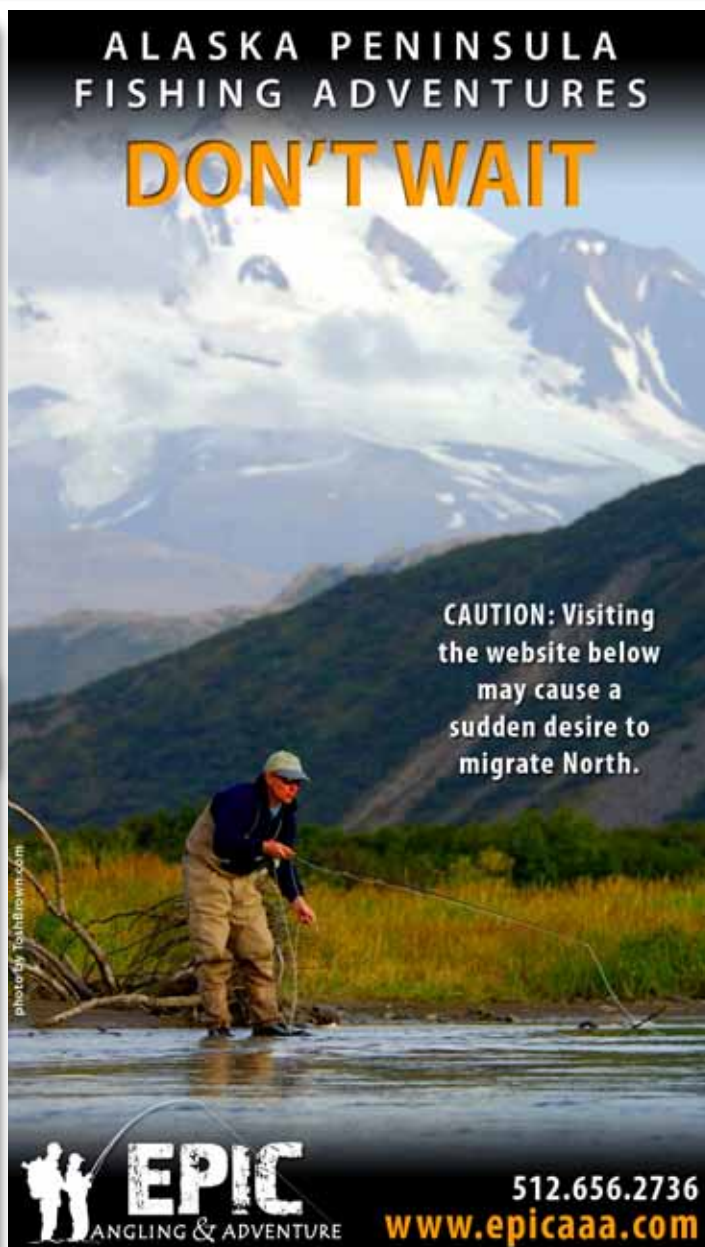
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