

THE BACKCAST

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April 7th BFFA Meeting

Location: Italian-American Club

1471 Cypress Ave

Melbourne, Fl. 32935

Meeting starts at 6:30

Social hour starts at 6:00

Dinner at 7:00

Presentation by Capt. Scott MacCalla

Guiding for Giant Louisiana Redfish



Louisiana

This month's speaker is Capt. Scott MacCalla who is a 5th generation native Floridian, Capt. Scott MacCalla has been sight fishing the *Mosquito Lagoon*, *Indian River Lagoon*, and Atlantic Ocean for 20 plus years and guiding for the past 13 years. Growing up in Titusville, on the shores of the Indian River and Mosquito Lagoon, Scott shares a deep understanding of the area and inshore sight fishing. "To me, there is nothing like watching an angler experience sight fishing for the first time. Watching them find their target, making an accurate cast, and finally the excitement that the angler has seeing the fish eat. That's what sight fishing is all about."

From October through February, Scott also guides out of Louisiana where giant redfish and black drum are object of his angler's desire. Each spring, Scott spends peak tarpon season guiding his anglers in the pursuit of "Silver King" during the annual tarpon migration.

Scott has been featured in the Florida Today, Saltwater Sportsman, the Orlando Sentinel, Fly Fishing in Salt Waters, and the Fly Fishing Film Tour in "Off the Grid" for his Mosquito Lagoon and Louisiana guiding and fishing efforts. He is endorsed by Hell's Bay Boatworks, G-Loomis Fly Rods, Nautilus Fly Reels, Scientific Anglers Fly lines, Quantum rods and reels, Smith Optics, and Simms Products.

Capt. Scott Mac Calla is a U.S. Coast Guard licensed Captain, commercially insured, and legally permitted by the United

States National Park Service for the Canaveral National Seashore, the State of Florida, and the State of Louisiana.

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Ramblings and Such

March 7th Auction

Last month's auction was a great success and well attended. Thanks again to Billy Kempfer and his family for hosting the event at their ranch again this year. Everyone had a good time, the weather co-operated and our grillers this year, Keith Barton and Steve Stewarts knocked it out of the ballpark with the ribs and baked beans. This was the first time for a lot of us having baked beans cooked with peaches and they were quite a hit. Last, but not least, thanks to all of the members who contributed items to the auction which continues to allow us the ability to bring in our monthly speakers as well as present our Saturday events.

Fly Tying with Jeff Ward

April's fly is a MopHead Mullet"

Recipe:

Hook: FTD ST5500 1/0

Thread: 210 Black

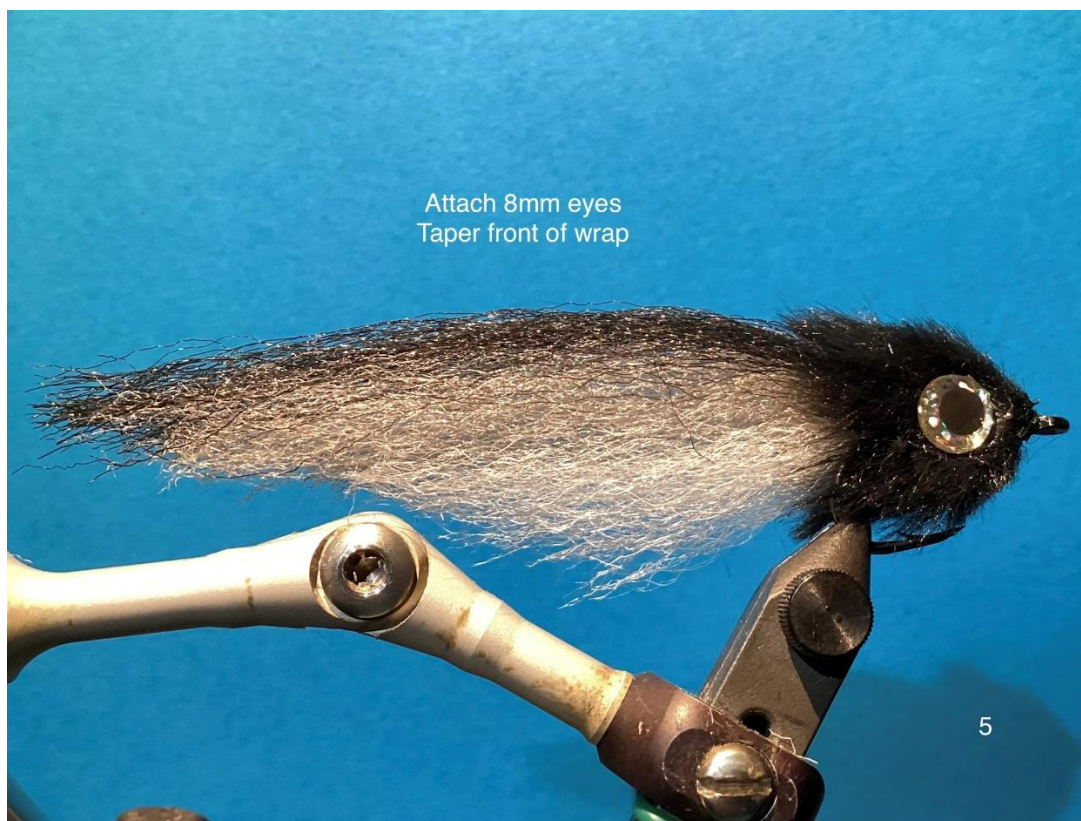
Tail: Congo Hair, White, Black, Baitfish Grey

Head: Black Fuzzy Wrap

Eye: 8mm Silver







BFFA April 2026 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting:

April 7th meeting is at the Italian-American Club located at 1471 Cypress Ave, Melbourne, Florida. Meeting starts at 6:30

Fly Tying:

**Melbourne Library—6:15 p.m.
There will be a fly-tying class on April 20th with Jeff Ward. The classes are held on the 3rd Monday of the month.**

Outings:

**April is our next outing.
We are planning to use
Long Point campground
pavilion as the meeting
location and Brats.**

Board Meeting:

April 14th at 5:00. We meet at Texas Roadhouse on Eau Gallie Cswy. All members are welcome to join.



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