

THE BACKCAST



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August 5th Club Meeting

6:30 at the Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne

August speaker is Paul Tejera



Favorite Fish: It's a tie - tarpon and permit

Favorite Two Saltwater Flies: Tarpon Tantalizer, Permit Persuader

Paul Tejera was born in Havana, Cuba and currently lives in Islamorada, FL. He specializes in fly and light tackle fishing the waters from Biscayne Bay to Key West and Everglades National Park and especially enjoys fly casting instruction and sight fishing the flats. As the owner of Backbone Lures and Flies, he has developed a unique group of flies and lures which are specially designed and suited for the style of fishing he enjoys.

Paul has hosted groups and taken groups on fly fishing trips to locations such as Los Roques, Venezuela for bonefish, permit, and tarpon, Iztaba, Guatemala for pacific sailfish, and the Amazon River in Brazil for peacock bass.

As a tournament guide, Paul has an impressive resume of championship results which include both tarpon and bonefish tournaments. He has been guide to the grand champion in the Golden Fly Tarpon Tournament and Poor Boys Tarpon Tournament on four occasions. He has also been guide to the grand champion angler in the Gold Cup and Don Hawley Tarpon Tournaments, the Spring Fly Bonefish Tournament, Redbone Celebrity Tournament, Spring All-Tackle Bonefish Tournament and a Best of the West Fly Casting Champion.

He has been tournament director for the Backcountry Fly Championship for 5 years, and the "Fish 'til You Lose It" Backcountry Fishing Tournament for 15 years. Paul retains a very low key and humble demeanor, encouraging and helping his clients become better anglers.

Hmm- spearfishing snook, undersized lobster and no flag. Bad day at the ranch for this boat owner.

Deputy Discovers Cache of Illegal Lobster and Snook, Evidence Tampering During Routine Patrol



Miami Man Busted In Florida Keys For Egregious Fishing

A Miami man is behind bars after a Middle Keys Marine Deputy uncovered a litany of serious fishing and boating infractions, including the possession of out-of-season and undersized marine life, near Mile Marker 60.5 this afternoon.

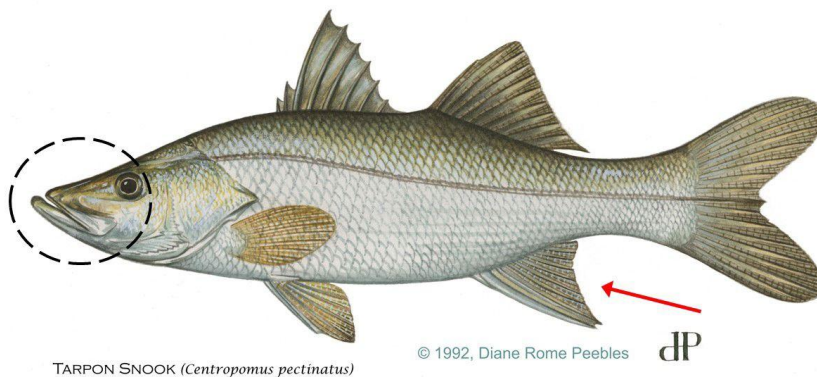
Juan Carlos Garcia-Martinez, 36, of Miami, Florida, was arrested today following an encounter with Deputy Luis Guiardinu of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Guiardinu was on routine patrol at approximately 2:51 p.m. when he observed Garcia-Martinez in the water without a crucial

safety device – a diver down flag. Further observation by the deputy revealed Garcia-Martinez actively spearing a lobster, a method of capture that is illegal for lobsters in Florida.

Upon investigation, the extent of Garcia-Martinez's alleged violations became clear. He was found to have nine out-of-season lobsters, eight undersized lobsters, and nine lobster tails that had been illegally separated from their bodies while still in the water – a practice known as "wrung tails in the water." Additionally, he was cited for possessing more than the daily limit of lobster.

The illegal harvest extended beyond lobster. Garcia-Martinez was also found with speared snook, undersized snook, and snook that were out of season. Compounding these issues, he allegedly lacked a required measuring device to ensure compliance with size regulations and was accused of tampering with evidence.

In addition to the criminal charges, Garcia-Martinez received citations for failing to display a diver down flag, not possessing a valid saltwater fishing license, lacking a lobster license, and failing to have a snook permit.



- Only snook with 7 anal fin rays (others have 6)
 - Lower jaw curves upward
- Tips of pelvic fins reach beyond anus
 - Compressed body
- Prominent black lateral line extends onto tail

Similar Species: Other snook species

Size: Common to 15 inches, but may reach 22 inches

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Rambles

I don't know about everyone else but I am glad July is over. The hot days never seemed to take a break and heat in the 90's was the order of the day. If you went out fishing at daybreak after about 3 hours you were ready to hit some shade. You are better off to go hit the dock lights at night. Even better to head way up north and in the mountain.

The beaches have been showing bait as well as on the backside of the Sebastian Inlet. High tide coming in seems to be the most productive when the bait starts moving across the flats around the spoil islands.

September will be the 36th year of our club. If you would like to join the Board of Directors feel free to let one of the Board members know your interest.

Stay Cool.

Fly Tying with Jeff Ward:

August's fly is a Sand Crab Fly

Recipe:

Hook: Mustad J60AP #4

Thread: 210 Tan

Eyes: Mono Large

Mouth: Laser Dub Orange

Antenna: Tan Flashabou

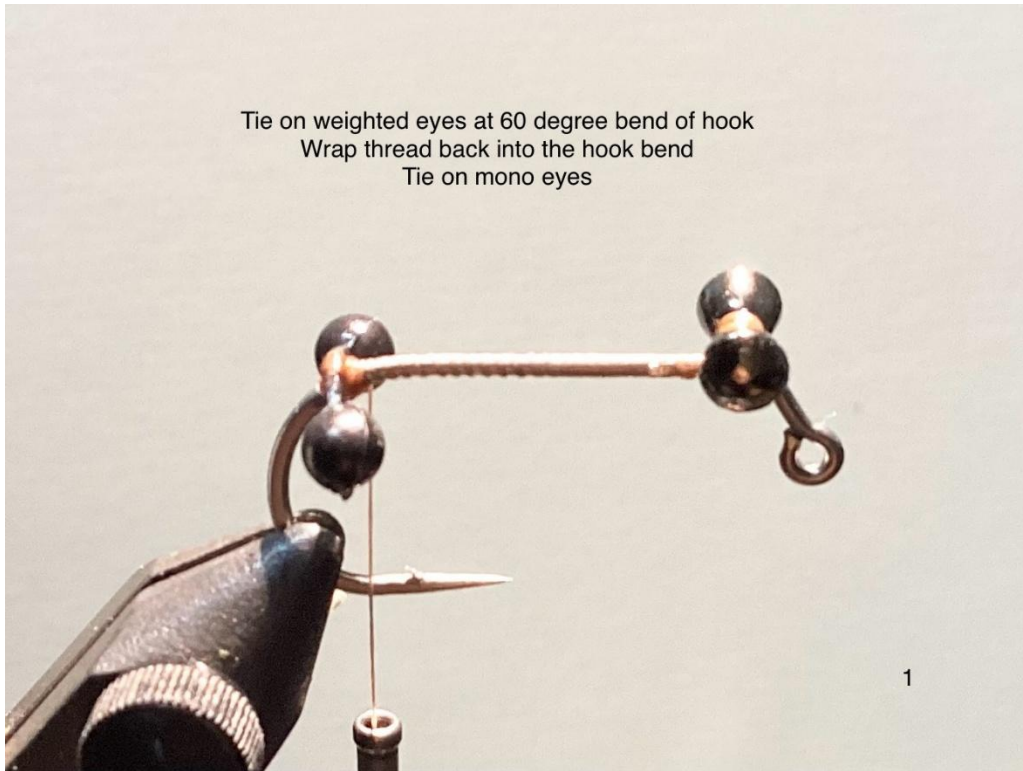
Claws: Tiger Barred Rabbit Strip

Body: FTD Sand Crab Dubbing

*Sand
Crab
Fly*

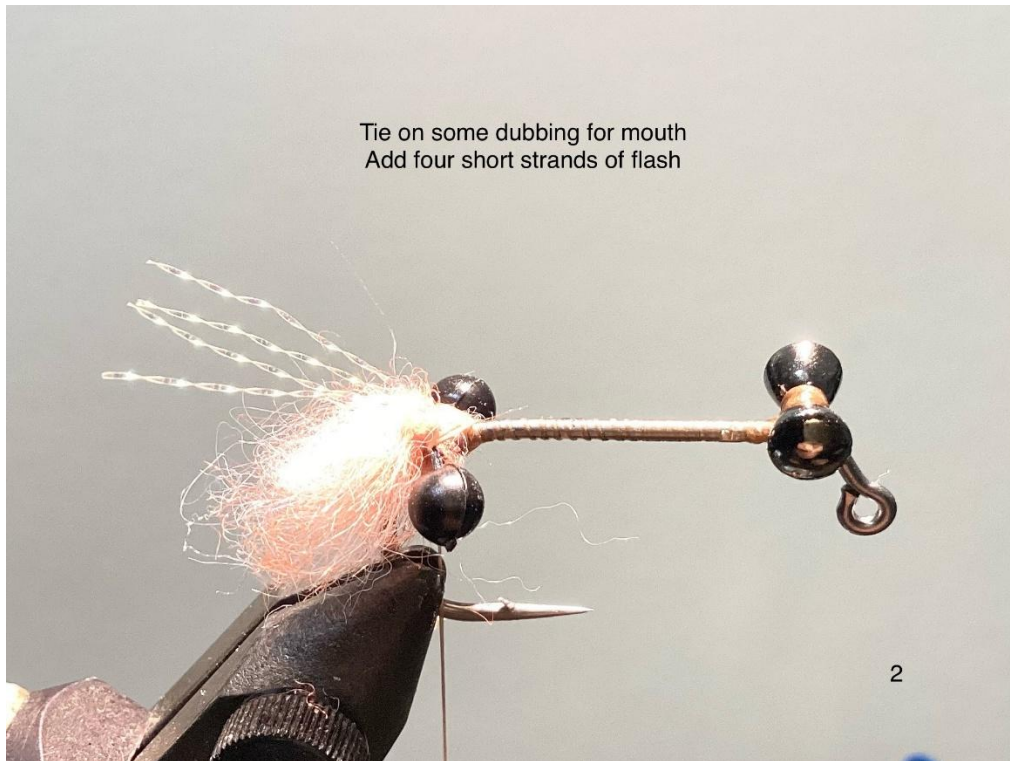


Tie on weighted eyes at 60 degree bend of hook
Wrap thread back into the hook bend
Tie on mono eyes



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Tie on some dubbing for mouth
Add four short strands of flash



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BFFA August 2025 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting :

**August 5th 6:30
Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne, FL**

Fly Tying:

**August 18th
Melbourne library 6:15 p.m.
Everyone needs to bring their own fly-tying
tools. Jeff will have the materials and hooks
for the fly.**

August Outings

**Nothing on the books.
Too hot.**

Board Meeting:

**August 12th--5:00 We meet at Ron Winn's
office at 2103 Grant Place Melbourne. All
members are welcome to join. We typically eat
at Megs first and then rejoin at Ron's office
around 6:00 for the club meeting.**



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