

# ***THE BACKCAST***



**THE BACKCOUNTRY FLY- FISHING  
ASSOCIATION OF BREVARD**



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**September 1st 6:30 Meeting:  
Italian-American Club  
1471 Cypress Ave  
Melbourne**

**Dues are due this month.**

## **Capt. Troy Perez is our Sept. speaker**

For over 40 years, Captain Troy Perez has specialized in fly and light tackle fishing on the Indian River and Mosquito Lagoon. Selected by Saltwater Sportsman™ magazine as one of the top 50 fishing guides in the world, Capt. Troy has been featured on both Television and in numerous national fishing publications. Captain Troy is also responsible for well over 75 world records on both fly and light tackle and primarily sight fishes for giant redfish, cobia, triple-tail, trout, tarpon, black drum, jacks and ladyfish. Troy has a great volume of pictures that go back years of him guiding clients to successful outings.



Our fly-tying classes are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month and located at the Melbourne Public Library. The address is 500 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne Florida. Classes start at 6:00.

## Fly of the Month



Capt. Tom DiMatteo will be hosting the our September class. This month's fly is a Mullet style fly.

### Mullet Fly

Recipe:

Hook: Size

Thread: Any color you choose

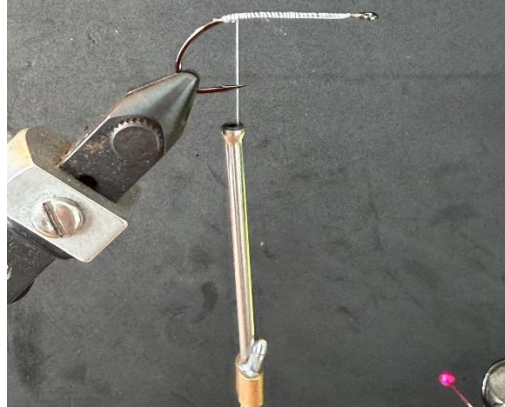
Body: Bucktail or stiff synthetic material

Body: EP Fiber or other synthetic material

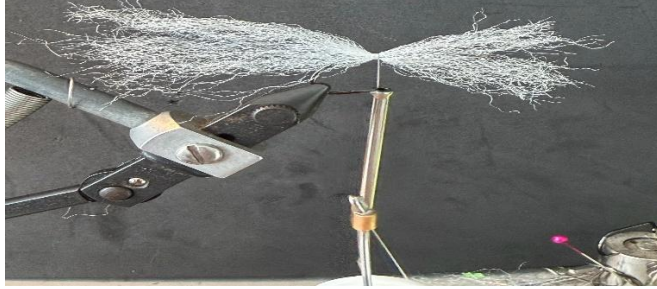
Collar: Strung Rooster Saddles-Black

Eyes: Bead Chain

1-Start with thread positioned as below



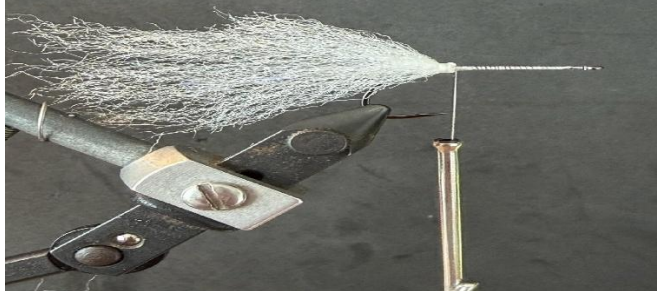
2- Tie in two pieces of EP fiber, one on top and one on the bottom of the hook.



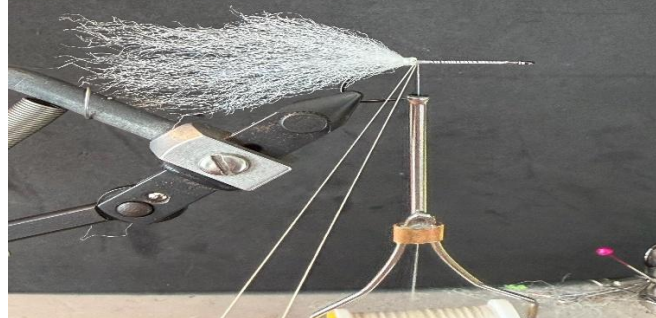
3-Fold Back Fibers



4- Tie off Fibers



5-Extend your thread to create a large dubbing

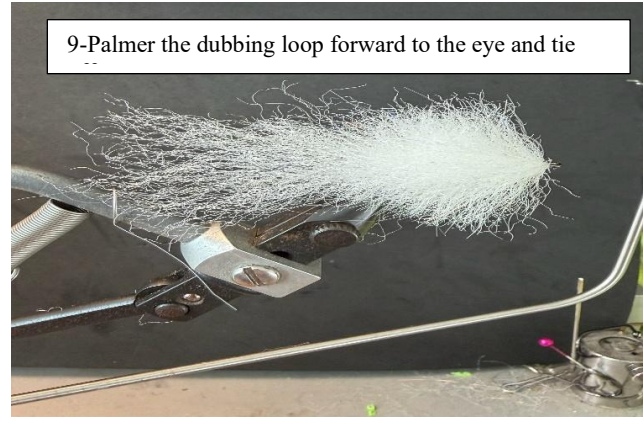


6-Cut 3 pieces of fiber, about 2 inches long



7- Place fibers inside the loop thread





Weather conditions in the ocean continue to be favorable for those going out of the inlet for fishing from the beach. The bait runs are there one day and not the next so hitting the beach often is your best chance for success



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## September Rambles

For the last few weeks the ocean conditions have been great for those of us fishing off of the beach. The light west and south-west winds have cleared up the inshore areas and waves have been non-existent of late. Storms usually show up in the afternoons so it's a good idea to go early.

Remember that our membership dues come this month. See Ronnie for your renewal.

September is coming up and if there is anyone that would like to join our board, please let one of the board members know.

We will be having an outing this month at Bonsteel Park on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Steve will be cooking the brats and what not around 11:00 at the Nancy Higgs Park, Melbourne Beach.

The address is 500 Old Florida Trail Melbourne Beach. We will meet at one of the pavilions there after we have done fishing to have lunch.



### Sebastian Bridge Replacement

UPDATE 8/17/26: Single-lane closures will continue through August 2026 for roadway construction activities and utility relocation work. Only one lane will be closed at a time, and a flagging operation will be in place to direct motorists. Please allow for extra travel time through the project corridor.

UPDATE 7/24/26: To enhance safety and long-term resiliency, sections of the **Sebastian Inlet State Park North and South Parking Lots** will be partially closed around-the-clock through Spring 2032, for bridge construction activities. Signage will be in place to assist motorists and pedestrians.

UPDATE 6/12/26: To enhance safety and long-term resiliency, the south section of the Sebastian Inlet State Park North Parking Lot will be partially closed around-the-clock through Spring 2032, for bridge construction activities. Signage will be in place to assist motorists and pedestrians.

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Replacement of the bridge over Sebastian Inlet on SR A1A/Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway began on June 1, 2026. Please visit the FDOT project website for more info: <https://d4fdot.com/projects/t4729/>

## **BFFA September 2026 Events**

### **Monthly Dinner Meeting:**

September 1st 6:30  
Italian American Club—  
1471 Cypress Ave. Melbourne

### **Board Meeting:**

September 8th—We will meet at the Texas Roadhouse at 5:00 for a meeting/dinner. The address is 941 E. Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne, FL. 32937. All members are invited.

### **Outings:**

We will be having our annual beach outing on September 26<sup>th</sup> at BonSteel Park. Arrive early to fish. Lunch is at Nancy Higgs Park

### **Fly Tying:**

Melbourne Library—6:15 p.m.  
Classes are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Bring your own fly tying tools and Tom has the material needed to tie the fly(s).



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