THE BACKCAST

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October 6th 6:30 Meeting:
Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne

Capt. Jon B. Cave is our October Speaker



Capt. Jon Cave is an author/photographer/lecturer and a USCG licensed guide. He has been a professional fly casting and fly tying instructor for over 25 years and is the founder of the longest established flyfishing school in the South. Jon has taught thousands of students and trained guides at various international locations. Jon's credentials include an M.S. Degree in Natural Resources with special concentration in fisheries. He is a member of the Team Sage Advisory Staff, Rio Advisory Staff, Team Tibor, and Umpqua ‘s Contract Tyer Program.

Jon also serves as a consultant for several fly-fishing related products including Heritage Kayaks. His articles, casting tips, and photographs have been featured in most major fly fishing publications. Furthermore, Jon is the author of the book Fly-Fishing Odyssey, The Pursuit of Great Gamefish. In 1998, the FFF (Federation of Fly Fishers) honored him with the prestigious Silver King Award for his contributions to saltwater flyfishing. His presentation will be on bass fishing with a fly rod.

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October Rambles

Well, we knew the calm ocean period we had through a lot of September would not last, but did we really have to catch a Northeaster blow through the day before our beach outing. If you were a surfer, you were stoked and if you were a fisherman on Saturday the 26th, well let's just say you probably stayed home and watched football. We have rescheduled the outing to Oct 10th. Steve will be cooking the brats around 11:00 at Nancy Higgs Park, Melbourne Beach. We will be at one of the pavilions there after we have finished fishing to have lunch

Remember that the club membership fees were due last month. See Ron Winn for your renewal at a meeting or mail a check into P.O. Box 360196 Melbourne, Fl 32936

If there is anyone that would like to join our board, please let one of the board members know.

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Nice catch on the Indian River Lagoon with Capt. Brandon McGraw.

BFFA October 2026 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting:

October 6th 6:30
Italian American Club—
1471 Cypress Ave. Melbourne

Board Meeting:

October 12th–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 October 10th 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 3rd Monday of the month. Bring your own fly tying tools and Tom will provide the material needed to tie the fly(s).



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Our fly-tying classes are held on the 3rd 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.

The Big Sipper Fly

Hook: Size 1 Gamakatsu B10S
Thread: Color of your choice.
Tail: Craft Fur
Body: EP style fibre
Head: 6 mm foam
Throat: EP minnow head brush
Eyes: Doll eyes





Start your thread at the hook point



Tie in tail section of craft fur



Tie in sparse piece of EP style fibre.



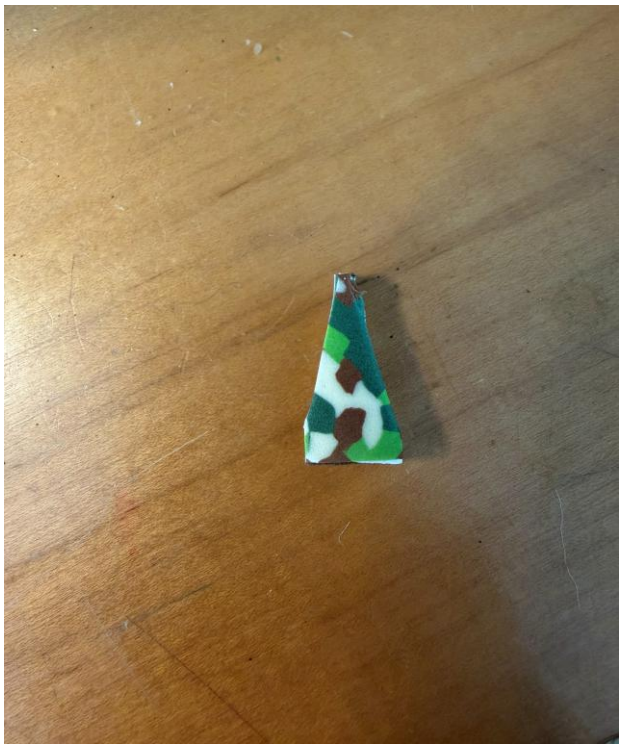
60/40 on top and bottom of the hook



Fold back and tie in.



Add desired flash



1” x .5” piece of 6 mm foam tapered



Tie in foam



Tie in brush (ep minnow head brush)
or make your own dubbing loop.



Wrap brush forward over shank to hide foam tie in point and whip finish. Add on eyes if desired.