

Fly of the Month

Jubilee Midge

Hook: Scud hook size 18-24

Thread: White

Abdomen: Two stands of olive and one strand of black super hair wound flat and tight to give segmented look. (Note: Different colors can be substituted to match naturals.)

Wingcase: White Florofibre folded over thorax to form a wingcase, then folded back along the sides to form legs.

Thorax: Black thread

Head: Black



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Upcoming Events

Annual Dinner Banquet

Saturday, March 29th at the Pepperell VFW
Michael J. Tougias - Fatal Forecast

April Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, April 22nd

Indian Hollow Fishing/Camping Trip & MA/RI Council Meeting

Friday, May 16th through Monday, May 19th

May Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 27th

Chapter's "Day on the River"

Saturday, June 7th, at the Colombo Area in Pepperell

Trout Unlimited - Core Value #5

Quality People

In the pursuit of our cause, our most important resource is our people – both staff and volunteers – who sustain and support each other's work.

Monthly Meeting

The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept. through May) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, Pepperell, MA. **Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.**, however members and guests are encouraged to arrive earlier and participate in informal fly-tying. Bring your own vice and materials.

Directions:

From Rt. 3: Take the Rt. 113 Exit (Tyngsboro, Dunstable) and proceed west on Rt. 113, 6.5 miles, through Dunstable and into Pepperell. The VFW Hall will be located on the left side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 495: Take the Rt. 119 Exit (Littleton Common) and proceed west on Rt. 119, 9 miles, through Groton and into Pepperell. Turn right onto Rt. 111, and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 2: Take the Rt. 111 Exit (Ayer, Harvard, Clinton) and proceed north on Rt. 111, approximately 12 miles (total, to the Pepperell rotary), through Ayer and Groton to Pepperell. Route 111 merges with Rt. 119 in Groton. Once in Pepperell, Rt. 111 bears to the right (off of Rt. 119). Turn right onto Rt. 111 and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.



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The newsletter for the Trout Unlimited chapter that champions sport and conservation on two northeastern Massachusetts trout rivers: The Squannacook & The Nissitissit.

Annual Dinner Banquet

Saturday the 29th at 5:00 pm
with

Michael Tougias
presenting

"Fatal Forecast"

Visitors Welcome!

Chapter News

• Banquet Notes

Preparations are in full swing for the dinner banquet. We are looking for volunteers to help with activities the day of the dinner. If you can help please contact Paul White (pmwhites@comcast.net, 978-263-4191) or come to the VFW hall March 29th at the following times:

- Setup tasks - 2:00 pm
- Ticket preparation/sales - 3:30 pm
- Meal serving - 5:00 pm
- Clean up - following the raffles

For those of you soliciting items for the fundraiser, please bring all donated items to the VFW hall between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm the day of the banquet.

• Flies needed

If you are a tyer, please consider donating a dozen flies to our fundraiser. They'll be raffled in our silent auctions at the banquet.

• Remember...

There is no member's meeting in March. The next member's meeting will be on April 22nd.

Nashua National Fish Hatchery Overview

Kyle Flanery, Nashua Hatchery Manager for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, presented an overview of the Nashua



Hatchery at our February member's meeting.

In addition to describing the general operation of the hatchery, Kyle reviewed some of their current

projects. Most significant was the grim outlook for Atlantic Salmon restoration on

the Merrimac. Last year only 24 fish returned to the river. Despite decades of effort, the answer to restoring this species to the Merrimac remains elusive. Ongoing efforts include genetically marking fry to determine possible commonality among returning fish. The good news is other species like American Shad are doing much better.

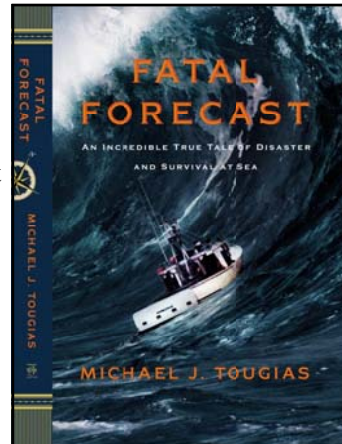
Annual Dinner Banquet

This year's annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 29th. Activities will begin at five o'clock with a social hour. This time is well spent mingling with friends, buying raffle tickets and investigating the diverse array of quality raffle items offered. All the items are laid out on tables with a bucket next to each item. You can place as many raffle tickets as you like in the buckets for items that interest you. The more tickets you put in each bucket the better your chance of winning that item. There will be "silent auction" items including guided trips, illustrations and fly selections tied by Chapter members. A live auction will also be conducted for a handful of specially selected items.

At six o'clock our traditional spaghetti dinner is served. There is plenty of good food for all along with the company of friends, new and old.

At seven o'clock Michael Tougias will present "Fatal Forecast" which will have everyone on the edge of their seats.

After the presentation there will be a last chance to purchase raffle tickets and then we'll begin to pick the winning tickets. We urge all our members to take advantage of this enjoyable evening and to support the Chapter's fundraiser. Bring a few friends along or come alone, we promise a great time.



Squan-a-Tissit Annual Dinner Banquet

Featuring a Narrated Slide Presentation
by Michael Tougias

Fatal Forecast *An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea*

"A Breathtaking book, the story is both marvelous and terrifying."
- - - LA Times

What happens when a 90-foot wave hits two 50-foot boats 200 miles out to sea in November? *Fatal Forecast* chronicles one of the most incredible survival stories ever told. Using slides from the actual storm and rescue, award-winning author Michael Tougias tells the story based on his new book, *Fatal Forecast: An Incredible True Tale of Disaster and Survival at Sea*.

Ambushed by the storm at Georges Bank off the New England coast, the crews of the *Sea Fever* and *Fair Wind* battled 80 and 90 - foot waves and hurricane force winds. Captain Peter Brown on the *Sea Fever* (his father owned the *Andrea Gail* chronicled in *The Perfect Storm*) did his best to ride out the storm, but monstrous seas first blew out the pilothouse windows and later knocked the vessel completely on its side. The force of the blow was so powerful it sent a crewman crashing through the wooden wall of the pilothouse and into the churning sea. *Fatal Forecast* details the next several harrowing hours as the crew attempts to rescue the man overboard and keep the boat from capsizing.

On board the second boat, the *Fair Wind*, Captain Billy Garnos, first mate Ernie Hazard, and two crewmembers were also struggling to stay afloat in the rampaging seas. An enormous wave came at the boat, and Garnos gave the vessel full power to climb the 90-foot monster. The *Fair Wind*, however, was no match for the wall of water, and the vessel was spun around like a toy, careening bow first down the face of the wave. When it hit the trough below the bow buried itself in the water and the stern was lifted up and over the bow, "pitch-poling" the boat. The crewmen were upside down in the flooded wheelhouse struggling to find a way out. *Fatal Forecast* gives a riveting hour-by-hour account of how one crewman fought to stay alive in the freezing, rampaging ocean for the next two days.

Tougias also discusses how the accidents resulted in court action against the National Weather Service. A book signing will follow the presentation. Michael Tougias is the author of the national bestseller *Ten Hours Until Dawn: The True Story of Heroism and Tragedy Aboard the Can Do During the Blizzard of 78*.