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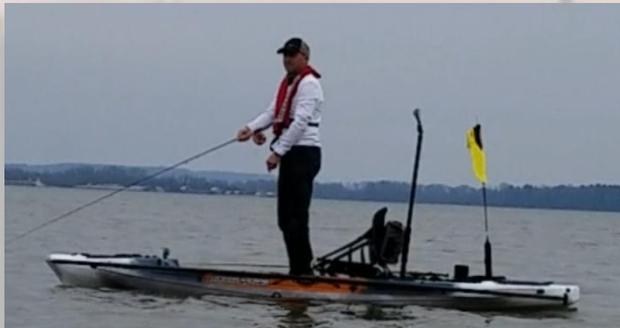
June 2017



Happy Fly Fishing Father's Day

This Month Program – Donald Dehm

Accomplished kayak fly fisher Donald will discuss the myths about kayak fishing, the differences between fishing from a kayak versus fishing on solid ground and some of the most common mistakes.



Donald will explain the difference between types of kayaks, their cost range, tips and tricks and issues associated with fly fishing from a kayak.

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AC is ON!



AC in room 201 has been turned on for meeting and fly tying Thursdays.



This Month's Activities

- 8 June – Fly Tying, 7pm room 201 Adult Damsel Fly
- 10 June – Ditto Landing
- 15 June - TVFF Club meeting, 7pm room 201
- 22 June - Fly Tying , 7pm room 201 Montana's Hybrid Carp Fly



TVFF Fly Tying Group

The Warm Water Series continues with two more great flies.

8 June – Featured Tyer – Joe Tremblay

I've seen lots of black damsel flies while fishing Donovan Lakes as well as on local streams and often thought of tying a few. After watching the fly fishing video [Damsels in Distress](#) on YouTube, I knew I had procrastinated long enough.



Adult Damsel Fly

22 June- Featured Tyer – Kent Gilliland

Not the first warm water species that comes to mind but one of the most exciting to have on the business end of a fly line. Created by John Montana, the Hybrid Carp Fly continues to receive rave reviews and is the top carp fly fished today. This pattern, which incorporates few materials, is easy to modify and has endless color combinations.



Montana's Hybrid Carp Fly

All are welcomed, fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or even designed. Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 PM.



has graciously permitted TVFF to Included their Bead and Hook Chart in this newsletter and under the Fly Tying Tab of the TVFF Website.

A Fly Fisher's Guide to Hook Combinations

Hook Size	Weight	Length	Width	Material	Notes
1/0	0.05	1.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
2/0	0.10	2.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
3/0	0.15	2.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
4/0	0.20	3.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
5/0	0.25	3.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
6/0	0.30	4.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
7/0	0.35	4.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
8/0	0.40	5.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
9/0	0.45	5.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
10/0	0.50	6.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
11/0	0.55	6.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
12/0	0.60	7.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
13/0	0.65	7.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
14/0	0.70	8.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
15/0	0.75	8.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
16/0	0.80	9.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
17/0	0.85	9.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
18/0	0.90	10.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
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20/0	1.00	11.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
21/0	1.05	11.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
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98/0	4.90	50.00	0.05	Steel	Standard
99/0	4.95	50.50	0.05	Steel	Standard
100/0	5.00	51.00	0.05	Steel	Standard

A Primer on Hook Anatomy

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Click on the Chart to view the PDF file and the J Stockard logo to be redirected to their website for all your fly fishing and fly tying needs .

Catch of the Month

This small bass had a plastic worm lodged in its throat and would certainly have died if not for having the good fortune of being caught by Kent Gilliland.

Most plastic bait fisherman don't realize, that by discarding plastic bait in the water on shore, where high water can wash the bait in the water, they often condemn a bass to a slow death.

Whether it's a small bass like the one pictured or a lunker, the outcome is often the same. Death by starvation....

Thanks Kent for de-worming a helpless bass!

Send your fishy photos to editor@tvff.club



Removed from the above fish



Chasing Gorilla Bass at Triple D Ranch - By Joe Tremblay

Located in the famed Black Belt region of Alabama, the 3,000 acre Triple D Ranch is less than a 3 hour drive from Huntsville. A working ranch that offers 4 catch-and-release bass lakes stocked with Tiger, Florida, and Gorilla bass. This was to be my first encounter with gorilla bass and I looked forward to the opportunity to become acquainted with these super aggressive hybrids.

We arrived at Fish Camp through the back door. Everett Sharp, who was leading our convoy, had his GPS set on the shortest route, so this particular route included a 10 mile long gravel "shortcut" through some of the most remote areas of Sumter County. I can't swear to it, but I believe I heard "Dueling Banjos" as we drove pass a heavily wooded hollar.

Owner/operator Vicky Dial met us at our 3 bedroom trailer that sat on a hill overlooking Lake Grace on one side and smaller Tiger Bass Lake on the other. The spacious accommodations were clean, modern and comfortable.

After quickly settling in and headed to Lake Grace full of hope only to be met by finicky bass. We each managed to catch a few fish but certainly not the numbers we were hoping for. However, with the forecast calling for degrading weather over the next few days, I eagerly looked forward to improve fishing as the cloud cover increased and barometer dropped.

Tuesday morning Dick Curtis and I headed a few miles down the road to Lake Jenny Lynn. We started catching bass within minutes of arriving, landing at least 30 bass before lunch, including some weighing in over 4 pounds. Meanwhile, Everett and his son Garry reported even better results on Tiger Bass Lake. After lunch we swapped lakes, Dick and I headed to Tiger Bass Lake while Everett and Garry headed to Lake Grace.

I can't be sure of the numbers, but Dick and I caught **a lot of** bass on Tiger Bass Lake. The largest approaching 5 pounds. At times we had a fish on the line every few minutes with numerous doubles in the mix.

Gorilla Bass lived up to their reputation. Aggressive, took poppers with determination, some dive-bombed our poppers after leaping skyward for a better look, and all put up a fight to remember.

Polite too! On one occasion I decided to try a fly I've been working on when a bass took it to the bottom and broke me off on structure. Feeling the loss of my prototype, I re-rigged and continued fishing down the bank. A hundred yards or more later, my popper suddenly surfaced next to the boat. It was as if the bass, knowing how much I hated losing that fly, returned it to me.



Welcome to Triple D Ranch



Garry



Everett



Dick



Joe

Vacationing for a Great Cause – by Donald Dehm

Donald Dehm travels to VA for an annual Charity Kayak Fishing Tournament

A Subaru with a trailer and two kayaks, fly fishing gear, camping equipment, snacks, full tank of gas, and two people with big smiles took a 600-mile one-way road trip that lasted 12 hours. The place they were going? Twin Lakes State Park in VA, about an hour southeast of Lynchburg VA. This was the place where the 9th annual YakAttack Charity Kayak Fishing Tournament was being held. This tournament is held each year to raise money for two great charities, Heroes on the Water (HOW), a non profit kayak fishing organization for veterans, and for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF), a non profit fly fishing organization for veterans.

Our travels began in the early morning hours on Thursday May 18th, 2017, when me and my girlfriend, Becky, left Madison and headed out to support this wonderful event. We had a few stops along the way, taking photos and just enjoying the ride, and always mindful of that trailer with the two kayaks and other gear on it. We arrived at our campground site in Twin Lakes State Park around 6:00 local time and began setting up our tent and sleeping arrangements. We had some great sleep after the long trip and got to sleep in a bit on Friday morning, even got to enjoy some coffee as we got the kayaks ready for some exploring and fishing before the tournament on Saturday.



Enjoying some coffee at the campsite

We had the Captains meeting Friday evening, where we went over rules and got to meet the other anglers, make some new friends and meet up with old ones. I made contact with my fishing partner for the tournament, Cory Routh, the author of “Kayak Fishing: The complete Guide” First and Second editions and owner of Ruthless Outdoor Adventures. Cory and I met a few years ago at a different Charity Event and became friends and have stayed in contact since. We built our strategy for fishing the Tournament the next day and then we all enjoyed a great dinner of Steak and Ribs with all the sides, yes we had both steak and Ribs, YakAttack is very generous to their participants.



The 193 participants and guests at the Captains meeting Friday night

The Tournament took place Saturday from 6:30 first lines in the water until 2:00 pm. It was a Catch Photo Release (CPR) tournament, which means you have to take a photo of the fish you catch on a designated measuring device with a special item in the photo as well. The tournament is limited each year and those

that get to participate are fortunate and the object of envy among the kayak fishing community. This year there were 193 participants in the tournament, out of those there were 7 who fly fished and only 3 who fly fished exclusively, including myself and my fishing partner, Cory.

I caught over 50 fish on Saturday, almost all of those being bream, most under 9 inches. At the end of the day you had to total up your two biggest fish for prizes, in three species, Bass (black), Crappie (white or Black) and Bream (any). I caught no crappie, but did manage a few small bass. My goal was to win the Bream division, but I fell short by just an inch. My two fish total 19", my fishing partner Cory's total was 19.50" and he won the Bream division. I was and am very happy for him as his first place win got him a Japanese artwork of a fish print bream, called Gyotaku, it was beautiful. I vowed to beat Cory next year and he accepted my challenge, we can only hope to make that list of participants for next year.



Cory Routh and I starting off Saturday morning

Although there were prizes for first place in each species given, as well as a prize for best of all three species, there were hundreds of items that were raffled off. These prizes included kayak accessories, t-shirts, guided trips, fishing rods/reels, fish finders, and more. The biggest prizes raffled were five kayaks! There were some very lucky and happy people that won some great raffle prizes, including me. I won a Boonedox T-Bone that allows you to carry a kayak extended from a tow hitch, I got it so that Becky can take her kayak out if she wants to without having to put it up on top of her vehicle.



First prize Bream division - Gyotaku fish print

We ended Saturday night late, but with full bellies, as YakAttack once again fed us well. The menu included pork butt, roasted chicken, delicious veggies, and all kinds of desserts. There was free beer as well, but neither Becky or I partake in that beverage, so we drank our tea and waters.

Between the raffle tickets, entry fees, and donations, this YakAttack tournament raised over \$20,000 for the two charities!!! That is an incredible number and it grows a little bigger each year. There are some generous people in the kayak fishing community and it showed well at this tournament. BOTH HOW and PHWFF will benefit greatly from the monetary funds, as will many Veterans and first responders. It was great to have a part in all of that, and we look forward to it all again next year.

The trip home could not begin until we packed up Sunday morning. We did just that, in the rain and it was not exactly the most enjoyable thing to do, but one must endure these things when camping. Our drive back to Alabama was enjoyable and peaceful. Stopping to see some scenery and stretch our legs when needed. It took about 12 hours to return and we felt no pressure or urgency as we had both already taken off of work the following day.



Looking back, I would say we had a very enjoyable trip and will do our best for both of us to get entered into the Tournament again next year. I hope we can fish with my friend Cory again, that was one of the most enjoyable experiences about this trip. If you ever get a chance to visit Twin Lakes State Park in Virginia, please do, it is a great place to relax and they have some nice fish in the area.

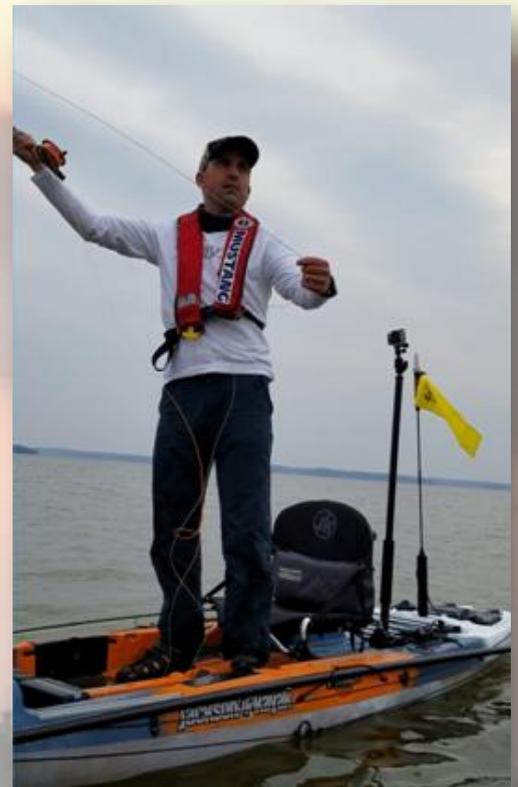
About the author: Donald began kayak fishing in 2008 when a friend invited him to a kayak only salt water tournament in Savannah GA. He instantly developed a passion for that relatively new sport .

Donald attended the Kayak Bass Fishing National Championships in Paris TN where he conducted Fly Fishing from Kayaks and Fly Tying seminars.

He is scheduled to hold seminars in TN this year on Kayak Fly Fishing Basics and plans to return to Paris TN next year where he'll hold Fly Fishing 101 and Fly Tying 101 seminars. He is currently taking the steps to become a Fly Fishing International Certified Fly Casting Instructor and hopes to receive that accreditation by the end of the year.

You'll often find Donald on local rivers and lakes standing in one of his kayaks fly fishing for bream, black and white bass and trout.

Favorite places to fish include Wheeler Lake, Wilson Lake, Pickwick Lake, Second Creek, Elk River, Caney Fork, Flint River, Jekyll Island GA, Panama City Beach FL, various small creeks and ponds.



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2017 Alabama Photo Contest

Enter your photos in any of the 12 categories listed below and win prizes and recognition for your photographic talent. [Click here for details](#) .

Entries will be accepted from April 1, 2017, through August 31, 2017. Entries must be submitted online. The contest is open to adults and youth. You may enter up to 10 photos all in one category or divide the 10 among several categories.

Categories include: Birds of a Feather, Watchable Wildlife, Cold-blooded Critters, Bugs and Butterflies, State Park Adventures, Sweet Home Alabama, Coastal Life, Water Under the Bridge, Nature-Based Recreation, Shoots and Roots, Advanced Amateur , Young Photographer



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River News by Tim & Rhonda Page

Hello, you fish lovin' folks! Hope all is well!

I know Memorial Day will be past when you read this BUT I want to extend thanks and gratitude to all of you who served our amazing county in the US Armed Forces or had family who did so!

Rain, Rain and Spilling

Rain, rain and MORE rain! It seems the rain is never ending. So, although the rain is hampering our fishing trips a bit, you can still be tying those flies and cleaning up your rods and reels; putting new line on and practicing your cast! The rain won't last forever.

TVA is managing this additional inflow of water into the reservoirs by **SPILLING** additional water on the DUCK and ELK rivers. Check <https://www.tva.gov/Environment/Lake-Levels> for the daily discharge rates. TVA is keeping the average flow at 240cfs on the Elk as compared to the average flow last summer of around 80cfs while we were in the drought. In my opinion, 300cfs would be about the max for safe wading and floating the Elk and 240cfs for the Duck. This flow could prove to be a little much if you are not an agile angler. A wading staff can be very helpful!!

ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS ON ANY TAILWATER!!!! Because of heavy rain, TVA may have to adjust the spill frequently !!! If you ever have questions about the flow, please feel free to call me at (931) 759-5058.

Elk River Stocking: TWRA will stock rainbows first week of June on Elk and then again two weeks later. Same for July; two stockings a couple of weeks apart. That will total 12,000 fish. Single monthly stocking will resume in August. Scheduled brook trout stocking has been postponed until July due to several growth factors.

Recommended Flies: A consistently good fly to try on the Elk is a #14 black zebra midge with a hot spot. I tie these on a #14 -1X fine scud/emergent hook with a down eye and a 3/32 nickel Cyclops bead. Use 70 ultra black thread for the body ribbed with X small silver wire. Add a small hot spot behind the bead with 70 ultra Fl pink thread after tying off the black thread. This fly can be fished under an indicator, as a dropper or totally solo if you want.



With all the rain, a #8 red San Juan Worm with bead and the standard olive #10 Woolly Bugger is going to continue to work well.

I have had several reports of snakes being seen on at the ELK and DUCK rivers already this season. Check out <http://thereptilereport.com/cases-of-mistaken-identity/> to help identify some of the most common snakes you might encounter.



3 Reasons You're Not Catching Bass

March 29, 2017 by Dave Parsons

Reprint from *The Flymen Fishing Co. blog*. For this and other great articles go to <https://flymenfishingcompany.com/blogs/blog>

It's no secret fly fishing started as a trout fishing sport.

Over the decades it's spread into several other arenas of fishing: saltwater, warm-water, carp... just about anything that swims.

But suffice it to say, even here in the Southwestern United States where the only cold running water within a 3-hour drive comes from a faucet, the trout is still the king of the fly rod world.

However, cold-water trips are far and few between unless you happen to be gifted with unlimited vacation time and free gas. So, being blessed with fishable year-round weather, it is inevitable that even the most die-hard trout purist will eventually try their skills at fly fishing for bass.

Most cold-water veterans go into it with the attitude that this much less sophisticated fish requires much less effort to trick than their cold water cousins, and most are quite surprised when they get stumped time and again by these neanderthals of the fly fishing world.

I'm not here to convince you bass are smarter or harder to catch than trout – they're not. But if you want to show up at the bass lake and be able to leave with your dignity intact, you need to change up your game.

Here are 3 of the most common reasons you might not be catching as many bass as you could be.

1. Your flies are too small.

The first dead giveaway when a newbie comes into the bass world from the trout sector is their [flybox](#).

If you brought your trout box onto the bass boat, your flies are too small.

Those conehead number 4 woolly buggers may seem to be big on whatever stream you just came from, but if you're going to dedicate serious effort to chasing a truly huge largemouth, you need to scale it up. They're called largemouth for a reason and even an average sized bass can gulp down the biggest articulated trout streamer you have without even batting a fin.

It's difficult to have over-sized flies with such an aggressive predator. Tournament bass guys catch 10" bass on a 8" baits all the time.



Mike Smith of New River Fly Fishing caught this smallmouth bass on a [Jackknife](#) streamer. These fish are aggressive.



I routinely fish patterns in the 4-6" range as my general all-purpose size and this is where I think the strike to cast ratio is the best. I will fish shad and bluegill patterns in the 2-4" range when the bite is on and this accounts for a lot of action, but I never fish anything smaller.

When you get into the 8" size range and above, this is the trophy range. This size is generally for that ten-pounder you know is hanging out under that secret ledge somewhere and you need to smoke him out. Although the strike ratio goes way down, the fish you do catch are usually Instagram worthy.

If you need to expand your mind about fly size, go take a look at some of the giant swim baits and the size of the bass they pull in. Some of these behemoth baits are a full 14" long. That will help adjust your thinking a little when you think that 5" streamer is too big.

2. You're still thinking like a trout.

I've seen some truly expert still-water trout guys get completely baffled during an all out feed frenzy simply because they're not fishing the water correctly.

Bass are a completely different species than the trout we've all studied so religiously and to put it simply, they act almost nothing like trout.

Think structure. Bass are ambush predators and if your fly isn't near something big enough to hide behind, its going to be a long day.

Bass hold near structure almost all the time. They are rarely caught in open water unless its the dead of winter when they follow the shad schools out into the main lake areas. But the rest of the year, they cling to structure, any structure: weeds, trees, sunken UFOs, anything they can find to stage up on, under, or behind.

If there isn't any structure available, they hug the bottom. So to put it simply, you need to be getting your fly in and around obstacles or near the bottom. Get your flies into the areas where the fish are holding and keep them there.

These same rules apply for surface action. Topwater usually means keeping tight to the shore and weed lines most of the time but fishing over shallow rocky points and rock piles will be worth the time. Again, the structure is the key.

Casting accuracy becomes critical here to stay out of the weeds and trees and fly robbing brush. You might be an expert tossing small dries to a tight lie on a stream with your super exquisite 4-wt, but slamming down a soggy wet mouse pattern within an inch of a brush pile with an extra fast 7-wt and a nice mini-hurricane-like breeze in your face all day is more of an art than you would think.

3. Your gear is all wrong

If you're a full-time trout guy who's just starting to get into the bass game, I hate to break it to you, but you need new gear. I know we're all just waiting for an excuse to go shopping for new equipment, and this is it.

When you show up at the dock with your 6-wt "streamer" rod all set up with a floating line thinking your going to do some damage, you're going to have a bit of a surprise.



Blane Chocklett with a fatty caught on a [Surface Seducer Double Barrel](#) popper.

You'll find that a 5-6 wt rod will have hard time accurately placing even a modest-sized bass bug. If you want to do it right, a 7 or even 8-wt is almost mandatory, along with a solid reel to go along with it. As a general rule I fish 7-wts almost exclusively. Fast or medium action, whichever you prefer, just make sure rods are strong enough to stop a small beast.

Reels should have solid drags. Think saltwater. They don't need to be sealed for saltwater use, but need to be plenty strong. Bass don't make long runs like saltwater fish, but they are tough to move away from obstructions and will hang you up quick if you don't move them fast. Add ten pounds of weed bed salad to your line and you can see what you're up against. I like reels with a large arbor that take up line fast and that are tough enough to take some abuse of being tossed around the boat.



If you fish from a bass boat, room is not an issue. I have rigs for every different set up I plan to use and can fish from top to bottom without changing spools or setups, which means have anywhere from three to seven fully rigged rods lying on the deck. When I float tube it, I use two rods minimum. One rigged for a floating line and one with a mid depth sink tip. If there's no top water action I switch the floating line out and choose and intermediate sink tip and a mid or deep sinking rig. This can cover the majority of situations you encounter in a day.

A word about lines.

Lines are probably the most important part of the setup.

There are line tapers for every type of fishing nowadays. I take full advantage of the spectrum and have lines that are intermediate sink tips from 1-2 ips, all the way to full sinking Deep 6 lines.

Neutral buoyancy on your flies are usually the goal and this means the line has the job of getting the fly to the right depth and keeping it suspended there. This means you need to match your line to the fly and style of retrieve. It may sound complicated and technical but its just a matter of experimentation. An intermediate sink tip and a medium sink rate lines will cover most of your needs. Add a fast sinking full sink line for direct bottom bouncing and you're all set. You only need one floating line with a heavy weight forward or "bass" taper to do all your topwater fishing.

Now get out there!

Fly rodding for bass, like all fly fishing, can be as complicated or as simple as you wish. Just a few adjustments to your approach, gear and especially mindset can make all the difference in the world.

Fly rod bassing is a great game to play, but be careful, once you get it figured out, what was once an "alternate species" might become your main passion.



Dave grew up in the desert southwest and started tying flies at the age of 9. He owned his first fly rod at age 11. By the time he was out of high school he had abandoned all conventional fishing gear and hasn't looked back. Almost entirely self taught, he began designing and developing his own fly patterns almost from the start. Using materials gathered from various farm animals and household pets, most of his designs were concentrated on the warm-water species of bass and bluegills with an occasional trip to the back country for trout and smallmouth.

As it happens so many times, a hobby turns in to a passion, and that passion accidentally becomes a business. Dave has been selling custom flies as a small private business for almost 20 years. He started out selling his own designs on the side but is now a signature tyer for Spirit Rivers, Inc. Most of his pattern development nowadays is concentrated towards warm water patterns but also ties trout patterns of all varieties. You can find his website and unique patterns at www.theeyeofthefly.com.



Fly Fishers International Code of Angling Ethics

- Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery.
- Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch.
- Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated.
- Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed.
- When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water.
- Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.



June Holidays

National Doughnut Day

Date When Observed: Always the first Friday in June

National Doughnut Day honors the Salvation Army "Lassies" of WWI. It is also used as a fund raiser for needy causes of the Salvation Army.

The original Salvation Army Doughnut was first served by Salvation Army in 1917. During WWI, Salvation Army "lassies" were sent to the front lines of Europe. These brave volunteers made home cooked foods, and provided a morale boost to the troops. Often, the doughnuts were cooked in oil inside the of the metal helmet of an American soldier. The American infantrymen were commonly called doughboys. Salvation Army lassies were the only women outside of military personnel allowed to visit the front lines. Lt. Colonel Helen Purviance is considered the Salvation Army's "first doughnut girl".



On National Doughnut Day, look to see if your local doughnut shop, or other organizations, are offering free donuts to solicit donations for the Salvation Army or for another needy cause. If you find them, please be generous.

Note: The word "Doughnut" is often shortened to "Donut. So, if you see the term National Donut Day, its the same day.

Flag Day

Date When Celebrated : Always June 14th

Flag Day, is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag, its designers and makers. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation.....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.



As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag today and every day with pride!

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