

Suncoast Rodcrafters Newsletter

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A newsletter for the benefit of the members to promote the craft of rod building.

Jimmy's Tête-à-Tête

I have just realized a new benefit to membership in our club, mind sharpening. Of course exercising your mind is important and part of staying healthy, but sometimes the process can be grueling.

If you have specific things you want to discuss relative to rod building on Monday nights then by all means bring your question. All of us will engage in the discussion and you will get good information. However, if you're coming to see what's going on bring your thick skin. Now, maybe its only me that needs to be prepared because it seems most of the sarcasm is directed at me.

I took a huge risk in February for the ICRBE by driving up to the event in a vehicle with three of the most sarcastic SOB's this club has ever seen. Well, I returned and in one piece.

While I was taking shots at a meeting in February, other members were laughing so hard they were in tears. I'm so happy that I can provide this entertainment for you. Good thing we meet at Curt's house; he has everything and his wife is a medical professional. We had to get a tank of oxygen for some members so they could catch their breath. Monday nights have become great entertainment, for some people.



Nomenclature

Center Cross (Suncoast Rodcrafters)

It refers to the cross or "X" (formed by two layout threads) that is located in the center of one or more boxes

Ceramic Insert ("Rod Building Terminology, Christian Brink)

A ring made of many materials. Used most often in stripping guides. Can be made of Zirconium, TiN (Gold Cermet), and a variety of other materials.

Cigar Grip ("Rod Building Terminology, Christian Brink)

Grip with swelled portion in the middle of the grip and tapering on both ends.

Class (Rod or Blank) (Suncoast Rodcrafters)

IGFA standard of specific action to line-test ratio. Ranges are from two-pound *Class Rods* to 130-pound *class Rods*.

Closed Wrap (Custom Rod Thread Art, Dale Clemens)

After the desired pattern is formed, additional thread of a selected background color is wrapped on the blank until the blank and the threads connecting the pattern are completed and the blank covered.

Color Preserver (Decorative Wraps, Billy Vivona)

Color preserver is an acrylic based, or varnish based or some other liquid material designed to prevent finish from soaking into Nylon and Polyester threads causing them to be transparent.

Common "Cents" System ("Rod Building Terminology, Christian Brink)

System developed to quantify the power (line weight) and action of a rod.

Monthly Club Meeting Discussion Topic

The discussion topic for March is reel, reel seat, and line matching." How do you match the correct reel seat with the line rating on the rod specifications? It is simple, and we have prepared a chart.

March Meeting Schedule

- Mondays and Wednesday at Curt's
- The monthly meeting will be held at Betts on March 27, 2014
- Apopka Rodcrafters has been rescheduled. An announcement will be made at our regular meetings.

Shrink Wrap Flocking

Many of us may have applied shrink wrap flocking onto our EVA grips but we may not have had a tight clean end finish. This article from the Batson Work Bench is great for finishing the ends.

What ever grip you start with make sure the shrink flocking is slightly larger diameter. Cut the shrink flocking with scissors as straight as possible. The length should be the length of the grip plus one diameter of the grip. Wrap masking tape around one end of the flocking and allow a pull tab.



Place the grip on a dowel to allow a good handle for working. Spray adhesive onto the grip. 3M Super 77 works well as it dries quickly. Be sure to spray the ends of the grips to allow fold over. Slide the flocking over the grip using the pull tab of the tape end.



Remove the tape and using a heat gun at the highest setting start at the top end and apply heat so that the flocking shrinks around the top and work towards the bottom.

After the flocking is tight around the grip, heat the bottom end.



Remove the grip from the dowel, wipe any excess glue and trim excess overhang.

Reheat the ends and then press onto a flat surface.

Hold the heated ends until they cool. The ends should be flat and conform to the face of the grip

Sabiki Rigs

We've all heard of them and likely we've all used them. There may be a few nuances that we may not have realized. By nature of the rig, it will catch on everything. Therefore, the longer it is protected, the less likely they are to catch anything except bait. Notice the packaging; one edge says Rod Side and other says Sinker. Tear off that top end of the package and leave the rig in the package. Tie the line to the Rod Side barrel swivel and clip the sinker onto the swivel on the Sinker end. Gently pull the Rod Side out one hook at a time. The packaging will allow this without physically unhooking them.

The bait tend to gather around markers and structure mostly on the down-tide side.

Species	Mar	Apr	May
Amberjack			
Red Grouper			
Spiny Lobster			
Gag Grouper			
Spotted Sea Trout			
Red Snapper			
Scallops			

Open Season Closed Season

Tides (Egmont) March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 H: 00:18 L: 05:09 H: 12:17 L: 17:43	31 H: 01:08 L: 05:35 H: 12:40 L: 18:27					1 L: 04:51 H: 12:08 L: 16:44
2 H: 00:02 L: 05:21 H: 12:30 L: 17:33	3 H: 00:51 L: 05:48 H: 12:55 L: 18:24	4 H: 01:41 L: 06:14 H: 13:23 L: 19:16	5 H: 02:36 L: 06:38 H: 13:55 L: 20:13	6 H: 03:42 L: 07:03 H: 14:31 L: 21:19	7 H: 05:18 L: 07:26 H: 15:15 L: 22:34	8 H: 16:13
9 L: 00:52 H: 18:32	10 L: 02:00 H: 11:02 L: 12:46 H: 20:04	11 L: 02:54 H: 11:22 L: 12:54 H: 21:19	12 L: 03:37 H: 11:42 L: 15:13 H: 22:16	13 L: 04:12 H: 11:58 L: 15:56 H: 23:02	14 L: 04:41 H: 12:11 L: 16:34 H: 23:42	15 L: 05:07 H: 12:23 L: 17:09
16 H: 00:20 L: 05:29 H: 12:36 L: 17:43	17 H: 00:59 L: 05:51 L: 12:54 L: 18:20	18 H: 01:34 L: 06:13 L: 16:16 L: 19:00	19 H: 02:17 L: 06:37 H: 13:44 L: 19:45	20 H: 03:06 L: 07:02 L: 14:17 L: 20:38	21 H: 04:07 L: 07:29 L: 14:56 L: 21:41	22 H: 05:32 L: 07:55 H: 15:44 L: 22:57
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The depth finder will look like a big cloud.

In open water, Threadfin could be near the surface and will dimple the water like rain drops. Shad differ in that they flip their tales out of the water. When dropping down on bait, hold when you feel the first bite. The wiggling of the hooked fish will shake the other hooks and cause multiple hook ups. The load on the rod will tell. Tip the bottom two hooks with frozen squid or Gulp Square Patches. Keep several rigs and sizes on the boat. Small rigs for small bait and large rigs for big bait should be part of your tackle arsenal as well as the appropriate sinker.