



# Nor' East Chapter

## March 2022 Newsletter

### Targeting Striped Bass from Shore

Meeting Speaker: Dylan Callahan, March 7, at 7 PM on Zoom (sidebar)



Dylan Callahan's presentation will focus on tackle, techniques (surf vs flats), and how he approaches change through the seasons. If time permits, he will also touch on one of his passions - targeting false albacore and the fall run from shore.

Dylan is a native of Concord, MA, and grew up fishing for bass, sunfish, and trout on any water he could walk or bike to. At age 14, he entered Concord Outfitters in Concord, MA, and met Andy Bonzagni, the owner, who set him up with his first fly rod. From that moment on, he was hooked. His passion started with chasing trout in western MA, which rapidly lead to larger rivers in western NY, and then to chasing striped bass. When he went to college in Saratoga Springs, NY, he founded Skidmore's Fly Fishing Club, and he loved the excitement that came with bringing new people to the sport. He quickly became addicted

to the big smallmouth bass of Lake George and Lake Champlain, as well as the wild browns of NY and VT. He has since moved back to Concord and he can be found casting dries to chunky trout on the rivers of Western Massachusetts, frequenting the lakes of Maine for smallmouths, and stalking the North Shore saltwater flats for striped bass. He loves to talk and share his knowledge about all things fishing, so stop by Concord Outfitters and pick his brain!

Dylan Callahan with a huge striper taken on a fly rod on the flats of Crane Beach.

**MEETING**  
**MARCH. 7TH**  
**6 PM**

Speaker at 7 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87053816008?pwd=Ylk3ZGJYYkIrbDRCbKZITXNqVzdzZz09>

Meeting ID:870 5381 6008  
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# President's Corner

**Ben Meade, President**

Dear fellow Nor'East Chapter Trout Unlimited Members,

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Happy March! The longer days and brighter sunshine are a sure sign that spring is on its way despite the snow cover. The spring fishing season will be here before we know it!

A sincere wish to all members of NETU and your family and friends that this note finds you well.

NETU's February speaker, Alberto Rey, gave a really thought-provoking presentation. Mr. Rey is a fly fishing guide, artist, and college professor who lives in western New York State. He spoke about his travels, his guiding business (mostly for steelhead), and his artwork and inspiration(s) for his artistic endeavors and efforts. One art exhibit that he created really struck a chord with me. The topic of his exhibit – which was shown at a gallery in Buffalo, NY – was about Scajaquada Creek in Buffalo and several surrounding communities. Like many streams across the country, decades ago Scajaquada Creek was tunneled and piped underground to make space for urban and suburban development. Mr. Rey created an exhibit to show the historical and current path of Scajaquada Creek with graphics and maps, its degraded water quality (including containers of water from the stream), and the dichotomy of fish and aquatic life between what was present in the stream historically to what is present today. Mr. Rey is quoted in an article as saying this about the exhibit: "In this exhibition, I try to use aesthetics as a way to seduce the viewer into connecting with the artwork and to its content. If it's successful, the audience leaves with a new interpretation of the environment."

A new interpretation of the environment indeed! I wonder how many people who viewed Mr. Rey's exhibit were not even aware of Scajaquada Creek and its presence under their feet. We should all applaud Mr. Rey for helping to spread the word about a stream that is unfortunately out of sight and therefore, largely out of mind. On that note, awareness and acceptance of the process of bringing a long-buried stream back to the Earth's surface – a process called daylighting - is gradually becoming more widespread. A famous and current example of proposed stream daylighting is Tibbetts Creek in Bronx, New York. If you are unaware of this proposed project, research it when you have a minute. I guarantee you will appreciate what you learn! As those of us who are involved with Trout Unlimited know, it is possible to right past wrongs to our rivers and streams. Let's keep it up!

All the best to everyone. As always, please don't hesitate to drop me a line – I would be happy to hear from you.

[Chapter Member, Spencer Belson, from Andover has his own fishing Blog and Web page](#)

[Spencer's report on the first ice fishing trip, click this link.](#)



Photo credit: Ryan Zannoni

# Speaker Series September through May

Compiled by Kalil Boghdan

Kalil has been putting together our Programs for awhile and he can use your help. If you know of a speaker that you have seen or would like to see, please pass that information along to Kalil. You can email me or Ben Meade and we will pass it along.

Speaker Series for NETU - September, 2021 - May, 2022

**September** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Joe Cresta, President of Malden Anglers, Ambassador for the Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT, and the New England Regional Coordinator for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program. He will speak on the initiatives of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.

**October** Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Jay Riley, owner of New England Riverworks. He will speak on productive techniques for targeting late season trout. A comprehensive breakdown of fall feeding habits, gear, rigs, and patterns to make the most of late season time on the water.

**November** Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Rich Yvon, owner of Twin Maple Outdoors in Bradford Maine. He will talk about what his area of Maine has to offer for the fly angler and the outdoor enthusiast.

**December** - Hybrid meeting 6:00 - 8:00pm Members night of pizza, kibitzing and tying flies. Speaker bailed out on us last minute. Meeting place is the Ipswich River Watershed office at 143 County Road in Ipswich. We are trying to figure out how to have an in-person meeting and a Zoom meeting for those members who cannot make the meeting. So have patience and tune in or drive over for the pizza and good company. If you tune in, bring your own pizza.

**January** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Josh Greenberg, author of the book, *Trout Water* and owner of Gates Lodge, Fly Shop and Guide Service on the Au Sable River in Grayling, MI. His lodge is just a short distance from where Trout Unlimited was founded in 1959. He will talk about the Au Sable River experience.

**February** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Alberto Rey, 2021 Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide of the Year, the founder/director of the Children in the Stream/4H Youth Fly Fishing Program, a Distinguished Art Professor at State University of New York at Fredonia, and an artist and author. His presentation will be about steelhead fishing in the Fredonia, NY area.

**March** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Dylan Callahan of Concord Outfitters, West Concord, MA. He will discuss flats fishing for striped bass off of Crane Beach and other local waters.

**April** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Casey Dreads of Concord Outfitters, West Concord, MA. His presentation will focus on fly fishing the Clark Fork River in Montana.

**May** - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Craig Andree. His presentation will focus on "Tight-line or aka Czech Nymphing". He will discuss riggings, equipment, and techniques - sighters versus strike indicators. The use of mono "substitute" fly lines as well as the mono and braided core lines made for tight-line nymphing rather than the use of traditional fly lines will also be discussed.

## Board Members

The health of the Chapter is dependent on mindful people who make contributions to what we do which is develop friendships with people who like to fish, make improvements to fish habitat and try to address some of the degradation to cold water fisheries. We are lucky to have these folk volunteer their time and expertise. Their collective effort is what puts good programs in front of you every month and generates the successes in restoration and advocacy that garners respect from the public.

### The full slate:

<b>James Goodhart</b>	<b>4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022</b>
<b>Mike O’Neill</b>	<b>4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022</b>
<b>Bob Torkildsen</b>	<b>4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022</b>
<b>Chett Walsh</b>	<b>4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022</b>
<b>David Walsh</b>	<b>4/2/2019 - 4/2/2022</b>
<b>(Open Seat)</b>	<b>4/2/2019 - 4/2/2022</b>
<b>Josh Rownd</b>	<b>1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023</b>
<b>Ben Meade (President)*</b>	<b>1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023</b>
<b>Ben Shea (Vice President)**</b>	<b>1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023</b>
<b>(Open Seat) (Secretary)*</b>	<b>1/1/2020 - 1/1/2023</b>
<b>Peter Vandermeulen (Treasurer)*</b>	<b>1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023</b>
<b>Fred Jennings</b>	<b>4/5/2021 – 4/5/2024</b>
<b>Carl Soderland</b>	<b>4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024</b>
<b>Geoff Klane</b>	<b>4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024</b>
<b>Floyd Maker</b>	<b>4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024</b>
<b>Spencer Belson (Director-At-Large)</b>	<b>4/5/2021 – 4/5/2022</b>

**\*Two-year Board membership upon appointment as Officers**

**\*\*Takes vacant VP seat with remaining term to 1/1/2022**

The smallest deed is better than the greatest intentions.