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# Potomac River Smallmouth Club and the state of the Potomac River Fishery

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# The Potomac River Smallmouth Club



Who we are and what we believe ?

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Established in 1988 Fishing and Conservation Organization

Friendships and Club Trips

Monthly Newsletter and Meetings

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COMMUNITY



# John D. Lipetz Guide & Founder Fish and Explore

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**“Nature is about the  
discovery, not of  
things, but of  
oneself.”**



# Jamie Gold PRSC Treasurer and Fly Fishing Fanatic

“Quit stepping on your  
line and make the cast.”



# State of the Potomac River

Exceptional Fishery

Challenging years

2023 and beyond



# State of the Shenandoah River

Grew up fishing here

Challenging years

2018 – 2023 and beyond



# Smallmouth on the Fly

**GEAR TALK**

**FAVORITE FLIES**

**RESOURCES**



# Rod, Reel, and Line



6 or 7 Weight Rod

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Floating Line – Bass Taper Line – casting bigger flies with lighter gear

Intermediate Line – Clear tip for streamers

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Philosophy – Bob Clouser vs. Chuck Kraft

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# TOP WATER - FLIES



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# RIVER BOTTOM - FLIES



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# RESOURCES

## ➤ Steve Moore

- Wade and Shoreline Fishing the Potomac – Chain Bridge to Harpers Ferry
- Wade Fishing the Rapidan River
- Wade Fishing the Rappahannock River

## ➤ Bruce Ingram

- The South Branch and Upper Potomac Rivers Guide
- The Shenandoah and Rappahannock Rivers Guide
- Fly and Spin Fishing for River Smallmouths

## ➤ Ken Penrod

- Fishing the Upper Potomac River
- Pursuing River Smallmouth Bass

## ➤ Tim Holschlag – Smallmouth Fly Fishing



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**Youth Camps and Education**

**River Guides and Tours**

**Destination Fishing and Eco Trips**



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# Everglades Fishing Trip

Tarpon, Snook, Redfish, Trout

6 Day Trip with 5 days of  
Guided Fishing

May 14 to 19 , 2023 (Limited to  
six anglers) Only 1 spot left!!!







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# Questions and Cheers

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