MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 16, 2026 PACK MEETING

PACK Board For 2026	
President	Ken Bement
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Treasurer	Eli Rivera
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Opening

Ken started the meeting -- welcomed everyone

Showed pictures of 1st Chain Of Islands
Mar. 26, 2021 trip
Pictures of Steve S., Ken O., Brad V., Ken B.

Guests and New Members

Jamie and Will - fresh water fishermen from the Bryan/College Station area
Steve Elliot - From Fulshear

Ken showed pictures of some of the cooks from previous outings
Blaine and Brad Dave G. Mike W. Mike O. Bruce and Brad

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell New Items? Modified Items?

Mike talked about his PA14 hatch
It got warped and he bought a new one
Chris said he had some free stuff to give away - it is on the table
Mike W. talked about a friend who has a kayak for sale - 2019 PA
Chris talked about an event this is going on this Saturday
It will be at the Trini Mendnehall Community Center
People will be bringing tents, camping gear, cooking gear, etc.
Everything will be for sale, so please bring your money

Safety Spot Light Items

Fishing Tales Any Non PACK fishing outings that you would like to talk about?

May 29th - Mike O'Donnell went to the Slop Bowl and caught fish - 15 1/2", 17", 18"
The Slop Bowl is between Freeport and Christmas Bay
It is near Salt Lake and Nicks Lake
Good spot for redfish
Another Mike joined Mike O.
The lure of choice was a Down South on a popping cork (Brad's favorite)

May 30 th to June 2nd
Ryan Woods and Blake and Steve went on an adventure
They were headed to the Buffalo River in Arkansas, but it
was at the 17 foot flood stage.
So they went to a different spot -- > the White River in Arkansas
They ended up catching 15 fish on the first day.
After that they went to Greers Ferry Lake in Arkansas.
It was very scenic and they caught some small mouth.
On their way back to Houston, they stopped at Caddo Lake.
And they caught some more fish.

Fishing Tales (continued)

https://www.mariner-sails.com/

Mariner Sails is having a huge sale
The store is closing and everything must go
They have been in business for 50 years in the Dallas area
At one time they had over 400 kayaks in their inventory
Blake and Max went up to check it out on June 11th.

June 13th - Ross Ozuna went to San Luis Pass and did some fishing

June 13th - Blake went to Cedar Lakes
He hooked on some fish, but he could not bring them into the boat
It was mostly a research trip to look at the roads and camping spots.
He indicated that he encountered a lot of wind on the lake.

Past Events

May 28 - 31 Rahal Bayou #3 Trip Initiator - Steve Spadoni

Paddled out to the state park
Brad indicated that he caught the limit for trout
Dave also caught some fish
Mike W. had a very challenging weekend, but he was able to catch some speckled trout
At one one point, Mike got caught up in a south wind.
It pushed him north, and he lost his favorite rod combo
He had a red on the on the line and his rod went in the water.
Then, he went to bed and the leg on his cot broke.
In spite of all this, Mike still caught eight reds
In honor of his ability to overcome, Max gave Mike some floaties for future outings.

Future Events

June 19 - 20
Night fishing - Tiki Island Trip Initiator - William Tryon
Plan to fish from 8 pm to 11 pm
Every participant needs a light
Might want to bring some glow in the dark lures

June 20th - HOW - Heroes On the Water Matagorda Chapter
Event contact is Joey Grimland
This is an excellent volunteering activity

July 18th - HOW - Heroes On the Water Matagorda Chapter

Guest speaker

Heath Hipple - owner of Buggs Fishing

Heath runs a company that sells jigs that are tied like flies. He started out working for a fly tying company in Colorado. He did this for about 15 months. Heath then moved back to Texas and the economy took a downturn. Heath decided to seek other opportunities. With 3 kids all under the age of five, Heath got motivated.

Heath called up the owner of a Texas fly tying company and asked him some questions. This conversation led to another conversation with a guy from Michigan named John Pinto. John indicated to Heath that some of the best fly tyers are in Nicaragua.

In January of 2010, Heath went to Managua in Nicaragua and visited a fly tying factory. The crew consisted of about ten to twelve ladies in a little house tying flies. Heath quickly discovered that these ladies had the skills to make some great fishing lures.

Heath took some of his new lures to the 2010 Houston Fishing Show. He was able to sell several lures thanks to his friend and mentor Tal Cowan of Texas Tackle Factory. And the rest is history. Heath has continued to sell his hand tied jigs for the last 16 years.

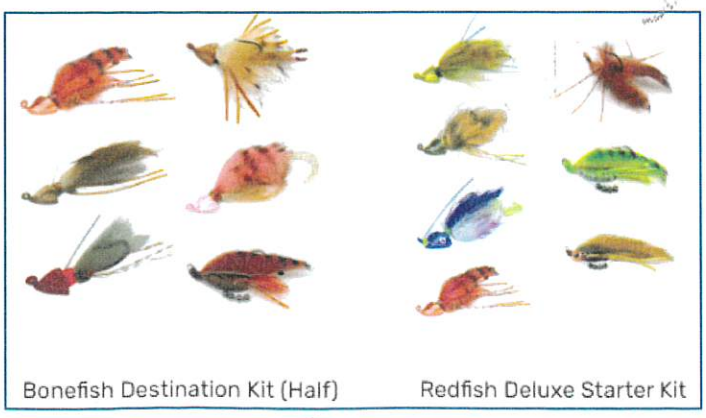
Heath also gave out a flyer with some tips for fishing after a big rain. Those thoughts are from Jared Esley with Tails and Scales Galveston Kayak Fishing. See page four below.

Heath also gave a jig tying demonstration and had some items for sale.

Buggs Kits for Summer Fishing Success

BuggTail Jig Combos - $20 2-pack. Protoypes $20 each.
2nd Generation Curl-Tail Jigs – Blind Casting / Sight Casting. $40 4-pack.
Click-Bait Shrimp – Blind Casting / Sight Casting. $30 3-pack.
Click-Bait Minnows – Blind Casting / Sight Casting. $35 4-pack.
Buggs Caps - $25

To see the full line-up of Buggs Fishing Lures and Ascessories, please visit
www.Buggs-Fishing-Lures.com



Bonefish Destination Kit (Half) Redfish Deluxe Starter Kit

Fishing Tips After A Big Rain
Buggs Fishing – June 16, 2026

Tip #1 – Avoid Major Freshwater Runoffs
Lower salinity means fewer speckled trout and tougher fishing conditions. Instead, target the Jetties and Saltwater Passes for Speckled Trout.

Tip #2 – Find Cleaner Water Deeper in the Marsh
If your favorite marshes are high and murky, venture deeper in the marsh to find cleaner water. Marsh grass acts as a filter, and you should be able to find stained, tannic water deeper in the marsh. You'll find bait and Redfish in this water.

Tip #3 – Everyone Loves a Blow Up
If the tide is high and you're not seeing fish, fish a topwater or use a popping cork to call in the fish. You might catch bigger fish!

Tip #4 – BOLO for Bait
Look for bait so you know what they're feeding on. Lots of shrimp and small shad (nickel sized) right now. Also, bigger Redfish love crabs and are feeding on them. Last Sunday Jared's big Redfish.

Recommended Buggs:
Click-Bait Minnows if they're feeding on shad
Click-Bait Shrimp if they're feeding on shrimp.
2nd Gen. Curl-Tail Redfish Jigs for shallow water blind/sight casting.
BuggTail Jigs for the surf, jetties, and deeper water for trout.

Fishing Tips Courtesy of Jared Esley, Kayak Fishing Guide in the Galveston Bay system and surrounding marshes. Call Him to Book a Trip at 210-508-6470 or email him at esley_jared@yahoo.com https://tailsandscalesgalvestonkayakfishing.com

