
FLY OF THE MONTH

Calcasieu Pig Boat- by Tom Nixon

This great Large Mouth Bass pattern has been picked for the Fly of the Month in memory of SDFF member, Dennis Ditmars. This avid bass angler passed away in September 2006. Dennis loved to throw the large black or white Pig Boats to giant bass in San Diego Lakes. He still holds line class World Records for large mouth bass on a fly rod (4, 12 and 20 pound tippet.) Dennis was a good friend and fishing buddy of Warren Lew. His wife, Jane Ditmars, SDFF&GSF member, carries on the tradition.

It is bass season in San Diego County get out and go!



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Material List:

Hook:	Mustad 3366, size #1
Thread:	black 3/0 or Danville Flat Waxed 210 denier.
Weed Guard:	mono (optional) 30 pound
Underbody:	Lead wire
Body Hackle:	black stiff saddle hackle
Body:	medium black chenille
Hackle:	black rubber legs (56)- legs that are connected in a flat strips, separate in last step.
Head:	black thread built up and painted eyes

Tying Instructions:

Attach weed guard to hook shank bring it down around the hook bend. Attach wraps of lead as needed along rear of the body.

Form smooth tapers of thread over shank on ends of lead wraps, cover lead with thread and super glue over the fly. Tie in hackle and chenille at rear of hook shank. Wrap chenille and hackle forward leaving plenty of room for the legs and head of the fly (cover about 2/3 of shank).

Tom Nixon tied in his 56 legs in small connected bunches around the hook. My first attempts caused the rubber butts of the legs to compress and crowd the eye of the hook. I like this method better. Strip off 2 bunches of rubber legs in unseparated clumps of 14 and 4x the length of the hook (about 6 inches). Lay one clump of 14 lengthwise on top of hook. You will want to tie this in tight against the front of the body and almost at the middle of the clump. I say almost because you

will want the half hanging over the eye to be just slightly longer, so when you bend it back over, it will be the same length as the legs already extending backwards. Tie it in tight. Do the same with the second clump of 14 along the bottom of the hook. Pull all the legs back jam thread in front of the legs to hold them in place. Start building up the head just a bit. Now bring the end of the weed guard mono up and forward and push it through the hook eye from underneath and bend it back over the fly. Build up the thread head tying down the mono centered under and over the head. This both helps form a nicely shaped head and makes sure the mono is not coming out. After the head is formed trim the end of the mono, separate the individual legs and paint the eyes. You can just pull on the live rubber strip and let it snap to separate the legs – cool.

