



Fly Fishing

By Kathi Williams

A lone fisherman clad in hip waders patiently casts his line into the babbling rapids of a rocky stream. That's how most people cast the fly fisherman, in a scene right out of "A River Runs Through It." Few picture him knee-deep in the surf or standing on the bow of a boat.

Coastal waters are also popular among practitioners of the sport. They fly fish from boats – either for

big game fish in deep water or for redfish in the shallow marsh canals – and they sight-cast off the beaches for tripletail and other surface fish.

"Everyone does always picture 'A River Runs Through It,' but this area really is an ideal perfect place for fly fishing," says Ellen Kennedy, who co-owns The Bedford Sportsman South with husband Larry Kennedy Jr., a fly fishing enthusiast and instructor.

"They have caught tarpon on a fly. You can fish from the beach. You can't really wade here because of the marsh muck, but there is a little stream near the fishing pier on Jekyll Island that is nice. They also fly fish for bass in a lake at Blythe Island," Ellen Kennedy says.

Capt. Greg Hildreth, who has fished Coastal Georgia waters for close to 20 years and owns a charter company based at Golden Isles