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The calendar still indicates winter, but it is now meteorological spring in Washington. The "springtime snowflakes" that are falling around Washington today are destined to melt and re-charge the flow of the old Potomac. After virtually no snow this past winter, this is a good thing. I, personally, have an opinion, based more on spirituality than science, that the melting snow (more so than plain old rain) at this time of year sends a message to the perch, herring, shad and stripers that it is time to move upstream. Of course, numerous other elements are in play when it comes to the timing of the five different runs of anadromous fish of the Potomac, but no harm in holding onto a bit of mystery.



A bit of rot being repaired in early December
(photo by Dan Ward)

To all of our readers, I hope your winter has been healthy, happy and rewarding in the ways that hold meaning to you. Welcome to another season at a D.C. institution known to most simply as "Fletcher's." The Boathouse at Fletcher's Cove is slowly emerging from its off-season slumber. The classic, tile-red wooden boats are refurbished and ready to hit the water. Fishing tackle, bait and D.C. permits will soon be on order and we have a tentative opening date of March 23rd. Remember, please, that this date could change as circumstances dictate.

For a feel of what happens seasonally at our little oasis between the C&O Canal and the river, you can refer to [past reports on this](#)

[website](#). At the moment, we are waiting for Alexander Graham Bell to come fix our touchy telephone. I'm crossing my fingers. Fletcher's is literally at the end of the phone line, the water line and the electric line! Fishing line is what works best here at a place that truly straddles the nineteenth and twenty-first centuries.

Our friends at the [National Capital Chapter of Trout Unlimited](#) are having their **38th annual angling show this Sunday, March 10th at the Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** There is much to see and do at this event, lots of good information and lessons, plus prizes! T.U. is a solid philanthropic organization and your support is greatly appreciated. For complete information go to their website www.ncc-tu.org

Thanks for visiting our site. Hope to see you soon!



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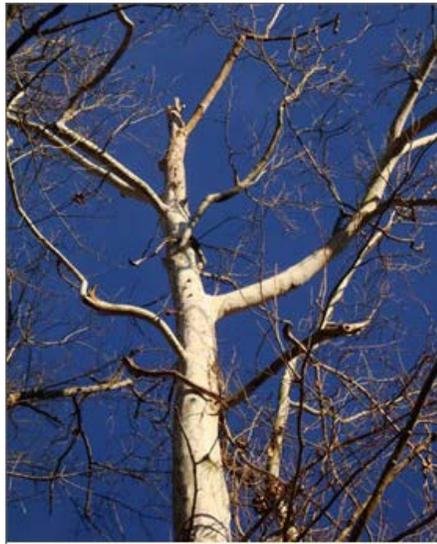
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Waiting for spring along the Potomac
(photo by Dan Ward)

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Sharp winter light on a majestic Sycamore at Fletcher's (photo by Dan Ward)

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