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This Month's Meeting:
April 1, 2025 7:30pm



Bob Skoy

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ken Mattera

"Fly Fishing the Canadian Rockies"



Presidents Message for April 2025

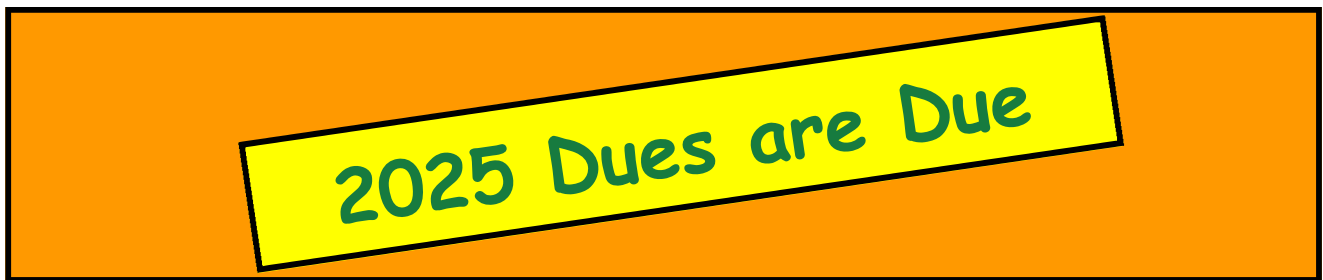
Spring has sprung! We're fortunate to live in an area where we have an abundance of places to fish, from salt to fresh, rivers to lakes to oceans, it's impossible to fit it all in. It's not something we can take for granted, as we've seen in the devastation that happened at Caleb Smith. We do have a cleanup of the Willowemoc River on May 10, a beautiful river that unfortunately ends up with a lot of trash on its banks.

We had a great time at the Ward-Melville Show, and the Long Island Fly Fishing Expo. Thanks to **Ken Arstark and Paul McCain** for keeping the expo going. We had a lot of interest in our table at both shows. We enlisted thirteen new members at the Expo, so we're doing something right, in no small part due to the volunteers who showed up to help! Speaking of new members let's do what we can to make them feel welcome, invite them over to your table and ask them what kind of fishing they're into.

If you want to keep up with all the events that are taking place, everything you need to know is listed on our club website www.lifyrodders.org. If you have fishing related photos that we can use on our Instagram page, please email them to shawnsul@optonline.net, we don't have to use your last name if you don't want us to. We have a fishing reports section on the website, so please share your info so other members can have a good day of fishing!

We have some great presentations coming up, including some from club members! There's a lot of accumulated wisdom in this club, and I think it's to our benefit to take advantage of it. Our schedule is close to full for this year, but if you think you have something to present that might be of interest to the members, let Andy know, and we'll see what we can do. Tight lines!

Regards,
Shawn




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April 2025 LIFR Newsblast



*** LIFR Newsblast*** Hey Flyrodders here's your events calendar for the month of April

Welcome New Members **Michelle Biddle, Gene Goldberger, Rob Harris, Zaza Jikia, Rob Matarazzo, and Richard Savino**

*** The LIFR Board has decided to raise dues starting in January 2025 (this is not another April Fools joke!) Yearly membership will be \$60.00 and Family membership will be \$70.00 This will allow us to continue the activities that we all enjoy, such as guest speakers, barbecues, picnics, raffle prizes, etc; We thank you in advance for supporting this great club! We will have printed out renewal and new membership forms at the meeting.

**** We are bringing back the door prize award to people who sign in. Print your name on the list as soon as you come in to be in the running. We will have one prizewinner drawn, so we have enough time for our guest speakers. We also need to get a head count of how many are in attendance, so please sign in even if you have everything already that we could possibly buy! Joe DiClementi will be at Peter's desk with the sheet.

*** Morty's Used tackle sale, and Lou and Peter's fly-casting instruction will begin at 6:30.

4/1- Meeting at 7:30, Guest speaker Ken Mattera, "Fly Fishing the Canadian Rockies"

Sign up sheets will be out for day and weekend trips. If you want to go on a trip that's sold out see Shawn for some options.

**We will be starting a raffle for an Orvis Recon 9 foot 5 weight fly rod, a \$600.00 value. Tickets are \$10.00 each with a minimum of 60 tickets sold before we pull the winner.

**You still have time to purchase tickets from Bob Skoy for the Capt. David Blinken half day charter. \$10.00 each, three for \$25.00

***Club members will now be required to wear clothing with a club logo to gain entry, we've had spies from other clubs stealing info from our fishing reports and drinking all our coffee and eating up all the snacks! (you can purchase the clothing at the meeting)

4/5 Belmont Lake Fishing Festival 10-4, we will have a table, stop by with the kids or grandkids!

** Fly tying meetups won't meet again until further notice**

4/21 Connetquot River Club Day, there will be 2 sessions, 8-12, and 12-4. The park has a new policy, we have to pay for no shows, so members will be charged. Call or text Ted Bany at 631 513-5875, or email Tedbany@yahoo.com. Morning session pay at the park, at the booth as Ted checks you in. Please do not drive down to the hatchery until Ted gives the okay. Afternoon session pay in advance by mailing a check for \$25.00 made out to Ted Bany. Mail to 11 Yorkshire Avenue, Stony Brook, NY, 11790

4/22 LIFR Board Meeting 7pm



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Upcoming Dates To Remember:

4/12 ,4/17, and 5/21 Connetquot will be hosting High School students for a day of fishing and exploring the park. We have volunteered in the past, along with TU, it's a fun day, see Rich Cosgrove for info. rcosgrove50@gmail.com

4/26 Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery Festival 10-3, we will have an outside table, and a table inside for fly tying, see Ed Kohler, Bill Smith, or Shawn for info.

5/10 Catskill Cleanup, we will be meeting at Dett's Fly Shop and having a lunch at the pavilion behind the fly shop, more details to follow.

5/14 Nissequogue River Canoe/kayak trip, see Shawn for details (sign up sheet at meeting)

5/21 East Branch Croton River Trip, see Peter Dubno or John Fischer

5/26-6/1 Farmington River Trip

9/7 Club Picnic at Belmont Lake State Park (great panfish popper lake!) \$5.00, children under 12 free.

9/25 Awards Night Dinner at Domenicos

be there or be square! Still only \$50.00 per person!

***If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Newsblast or Newsletter have them contact Shawn Shawnsul8@aol.com, 516 236-6554 *

Many thanks and Tight Lines-

Shawn Sullivan, Pres.

Long Island Flyrodders

Website : www.liflyrodders.org



Attn: A Message From The President

It has come to my attention that there have been some complaints concerning the club's new dress code for attending meetings. All I can say is April fools, gotcha! I thought when I put in the part about spies stealing our snacks it would be obvious, I mean we're not serving creme broulee! Sorry if anyone got too upset, but it's kind of a club tradition now since the Patagonia scare of last April 1. You can wear whatever you want to our meetings (preferably clothed), but we certainly do appreciate it when you buy and wear merchandise with the club logo. Have a good weekend.

Call of the Wild

By Shawn Sullivan

You see them walking in packs, stiff-legged and ambling. Their eyes are glazed, darting from side to side, crashing like bumper cars into anything that gets in their way. Is this a scene from the *Walking Dead* tv show? Not quite, it's the annual return of the cabin fever crazed fishermen to the fishing shows and tackle shops. As sure as the dogwood trees will bloom, they will come out of hibernation to once again do battle with nature and the denizens of the deep.

It's almost a kind of mass hysteria. If I go fishing at the beach in early spring, there are cars constantly pulling up to me asking if I've seen any signs of life. Then they spit gravel and fly out of the lot to the next location. They barely wait for an answer. Some fishermen watch the stocking reports closer than millionaires watch the stock market. Recently I took a trip to a small river that had been stocked the day before. There was torrential rain that night, and there was a chance the river might be blown out. We decided to go based on the theory that even if it was tough, we would have it all to ourselves. It was packed with people fishing. You would look across the river and see figures madly racing through the woods, fully outfitted with waders and vests, hoping to be the first ones at their favorite pools.

I used to get the *fishing withdrawals* myself. I would sleep all night in my car, freezing on cold February nights at Connetquot, hoping to get a good spot. It's not as bad these days because I fish all winter long. Now I just get these crazy urges brought on by spring fever. I can see that my dog is having the same feelings. She's aware that there's more movement in the landscape. Rabbits, Squirrels, and the occasional Raccoon start appearing out of nowhere. Sometimes I'll run after the rabbits while holding her on the leash as we both feel the thrill of the hunt. We never catch up to them, there's a lot of them for a reason. On dark cold mornings, when the moon is full, the hair on the back of my neck stands up and I feel like Lon Chaney. I kneel next to my dog while we take turns howling at the moon.

Oh spring, I step out the door, take a deep breath of the fresh air, and immediately start choking and sneezing, then I remember spring isn't just about fishing. It's back to cutting lawns, trimming hedges, replacing rotting boards on my deck, etc. I have a to-do list that dates to 2010! I somehow manage to find time to go fishing, even if it means pushing some of those to-dos further down the list. I've got a flyfishing chore list. I need to rearrange my fly boxes so that I can find what I'm looking for. Clean my lines, and oil my reels, so that the line doesn't stick in the guides, and the reels don't groan like an old locomotive. I should throw away last year's tippet spools, leaders, and dried up floatant containers, but I never do. One day I'll end up on *Hoarders-The Fishing Vest Episode*. I'd pay a dollar to see that!



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2025 TRIPS AND EVENTS

One of the true benefits of joining the Long Island Flyrodders are the great fly fishing Trips and Events that our Members organize throughout th year. Trip captains will make presentations at the February 4, 2025 meeting and details about the trips will be added to this page.

PLEASE NOTE: To register for a trip, you must be a "Paid UP" club member. We're sorry to announce that due to insurance regulations, pets are no longer allowed on club trips.

(To obtain more information about any trip, "hover" your mouse over the trip description below. If the "arrow" turns into a "finger" click on the description.)

DATE **TRIP DESCRIPTION** **TRIP CAPTAIN**



Text Box

May 10, 2025 Sat.	Catskill Cleanup	Shawn Sullivan Shawnsul8@aol.com
May 14, 2025 Wed,	Nissequoge River canoe/kayak	Shawn Sullivan Shawnsul8@aol.com
May 21, 2025 Wed.	East Branch of Croton	Peter Dubno/John Fischer zzara@optonline.net
May 29-6/1, 2025, Thurs thru Sun	Farmington River Camping Trip	Sue/Howard Solomon Mrsolomon0704@aol.com
TBD	Beaverkill (Delaware River Trip)	Peter Harris Pmharris68@hotmail.com

June 13, 2025 Fri.	Peconic River (Forge Pond) Canoe Trip	Bill Smith Wds0248@gmail.com
July 24-27 2025 Thurs.-Sun.	Housatonic Meadows Camping Trip	Dennis Carr Dmcyaa1@gmail.com
Cabins not available until Fri.		
TBD	Beaverkill/ Delaware Trip #2	Peter Harris Pmharris68@hotmail.com
TBD	LIFR Annual Picnic	Bill Draghi

LIFR Instagram Page

Joe Coccaro, , has volunteered to manage an instagram page for the club. He would like to encourage our members to submit fishing pictures to him for inclusion on the page.

Please include your name, location, type of fish and any other info you think important with your photos. Photos can be emailed directly to Joe:

jvcoccaro@gmail.com

Or text : [516-818-6265](tel:516-818-6265)



LIFR MONDAYS AT CONNETQUOT

Because of changes at Connetquot River State Park, the Club is now required to pay the park at 9:30am, for all members fishing that day, morning or afternoon session.

In order to accomplish this, effective immediately, if you want to fish the 12 noon to 4:00pm afternoon session, you must send a check, in advance, for \$25, made out to Ted Bany, at:

11 Yorkshire Ave, Stony Brook, NY 11790

If you are fishing the morning session, you may pay at the park on the day you fish.

Text, email, or call Ted Bany at [631-513-5875](tel:631-513-5875) to make your reservation. Your check must arrive no later than the Saturday before fishing day. If you need to cancel for any reason, please do so by the Saturday before fishing day. I will hold your check aside for future visits to the park.

**Unfortunately, no-shows who do not cancel,
will forfeit their payment.**



Monday Fishing at Connetquot River State Park - 2025

April 21

2 Sessions: 8-12, and 12-4.

@ \$25 per session

All you have to do is call **Ted Bany** at **631-689-2178** or e-mail him at **tedbany@yahoo.com** by Sunday night to add you to the list

LIFR Connetquot Fishing - April 21, 2025

Good news members, our Board approved fishing for **this month**. Additionally, if you want to fish, there will be **1 Session: 11am - 3pm**. Please observe the rules listed below so all our members can safely enjoy their day on the river.

Please do not enter the park before 7:10 AM.

We will be restricting the number of fishermen on the river to 10 members per session.

All members that want to fish must register with **Ted bany** by phone, email or text; **first come first served**; he will confirm your reservation. If you need to cancel please do so 72 hours prior to **Monday, April 21** so that your reservation can be offered to another Flyrodder on the wait list. Please call, text, or email Ted at 631-513-5875 or tedbany@yahoo.com

Members are restricted to one fishing session in order to give more LIFR members an opportunity to fish. You might be able to fish a second session if we fail to get 10 fishermen at each session. Ted will keep a waiting list to advise of another fishing session opportunity if requested.

At the park please place \$25.00 in cash in an envelope with your name on it; there will be a box available for collection.

Stewards for the day will be Ted Bany.



The Long Island FlyRodders now have a Group Facebook page (LIFR Group). This page can be used by LIFR Members to post fishing info, pictures, invitations, etc. Andy Murad and Bill Smith are the Admins for the page. If you haven't been added to the page already, just log onto LIFR Group and request to join the page.

Night/Sport Fishing Permit: The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation . Long Island Region - will be accepting dashboard permit applications until March 31, 2025. They will go back on sale **September 7 through December 31, 2025**. There will be no mail-in or in-person sales. One application can be used for multiple permit requests for the same vehicle. Permit(s) will be mailed to the address indicated on the application. For questions, please call the Permit Department at (631) 321-3770.

To purchase a 2025 Dashboard Permit Apply online through DocuSign: visit parks.ny.gov, Long Island Region to apply. Valid credit card is required for payment. Permit(s) will be mailed once processed.

Fees are as follows and determined by issuing state of the applicant's driver's license:

4 X 4 FISHING \$80 (NY resident), \$125 (out of state)

CAMP HERO FISHING \$40 (NY resident), \$75 (out of state)

NIGHT/SPORT FISHING \$35 (NY resident), \$60 (out of state)

To purchase a Night/Sport Fishing permit.

YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WHEN APPLYING:

1. Valid e-mail address
2. Valid driver's license of the applicant
3. Valid vehicle registration and license plate information
4. Valid NYS DEC Recreational Saltwater/Marine Fishing Registry ID # (required for fishing dashboard permits).

How to register with the DEC for the free MARINE REGISTRY:

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LIFR Needs You!

Our club needs volunteers. Please donate some of your time to help out at meetings and for other important club business.

If you can spare a little of your time, please see Pres. Ed Kohler or any Board Member for information. Thank You

Project Healing Waters Update

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, PHWFF, based in Northport VA, has **new fishing dates**. The Veterans will be fishing Connetquot on the **first Monday of every month**. And, as before, they look to LIFR for volunteers to guide and assist. If you would like to guide, assist and teach a Veteran fly fishing at Connetquot, call:

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Online Hatch Guide for Club Members

I've been dealing with **Trident Fly-fishing** (www.tridentflyfishing.com) out of Massachusetts and found an interesting hatch guide for multiple states and streams within each state that might be useful to club members.

The webpage URL is <https://flyshack.com/HCState.aspx>. You scroll each state to find the stream you're interested in. I referenced the Schroon River in Lake George as my wife and I will be up there in early June. Thanks. Tight Lines.
Don Ghee

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How to stay in the fly fishing game for a lifetime

Many members have found the following blog post, "**How to stay in the fly fishing game for a lifetime**," posted January 29, 2020, by Domenick Swentosky," on his blog, troutbitten.com, to be meaningful.

We include the link below:

<https://troutbitten.com/2020/01/29/how-to-stay-in-the-fly-fishing-game-for-a-lifetime/>

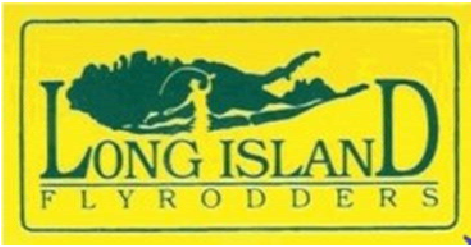
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**LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS, INC. (LIFR)
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
or RENEWAL AND RELEASE**

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 202 _____

The undersigned hereby applies for membership or renewal, in the **LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS, INC. ("LIFR")**. The Undersigned verifies that I understand the inherent risk in participating in the activities and fishing or other trips (**Trip**) of the LIFR. I am physically fit, and I am aware of, and have sufficiently prepared for, the rigors of all such activities and Trips. I understand that a Trip may take me into remote areas, and that I may not be able to be promptly evacuated or receive proper medical care in the event of injury or disease. I further understand that I am solely responsible for all costs of medical treatment and transportation. I assume the risk of undertaking the **Trip**, including traveling to and from the Trip destination.

I am fully aware of risks of contracting an infection and/or disease, including but not limited to Covid-19 and its variants, as a result of participating in such activities. I will comply with all CDC Guidelines.

The undersigned, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, ("Releasor") waive and release any and all rights and claims for personal injury, infection, disease, death, and property damage or loss ("Damage"), that the Releasor may have against, and hold harmless, the Long Island Flyrodders, Inc. (öLIFRö), its Officers, Directors, Trustees, Trip Leaders, and Members, VFW Post 9592, and any of their agents and representatives ("Releasee"), for Damage suffered by the Releasor, arising out of or connected in any way with the LIFR, the Trip, or related activities.

In case of emergency, when reasonably feasible, contact:

print name: _____ **relationship:** _____ **cell phone:** _____

By signing this Membership Application or Renewal and Release, I waive the right to recover money damages in the event I am injured, die, contract an infection and/or disease, or suffer the loss of property while participating in LIFR activities.

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Long Island Flyrodders

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL AND RELEASE

PLEASE NOTE: If you change your PO or email address, you must notify LIFR by sending an email to webmanager@liflyrodders.org OR by writing to: LIFR PO Box 8091, Hicksville NY 11802. This will ensure our correct records and your timely receipt of your Flyrodder.

IF YOU PREFER TO PRINT OUT, FILL-IN, AND MAIL-IN THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE HAVE EACH MEMBER AND FAMILY MEMBER SIGN, AND MAIL WITH THE APPROPRIATE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Long Island Flyrodders PO Box 8091 Hicksville, NY 11802

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- É Answering or not answering, or how you answer has **NO bearing on your eligibility.**
- É The Club places no restriction on its membership other than a boundless enthusiasm for the fly rod, its literature and traditions and a willingness to participate in the free and unhampered exchange of fly fishing information among its members.
- É The following answers gives the Board information about the makeup of the membership.
- É Knowing your expectations helps us to create the programs.

Print Name: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____ Retired []

Do you use a fly rod now? YES [] NO [] How many years: flyfishing: _____ How many years salt _____

Where do you fish regularly? _____

If you own a boat, Describe: Length: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Do you kayak-fish? YES [] NO [] If you own a kayak, Make/Model _____

In which committee would you like to help?

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
February - 2025

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"Fly Fishing the Canadian Rockies"
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