

The

FLYRODDER



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This Month's Meeting:
August 5, 2025 7:30pm



Susan Solomon
In Tennessee

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rowan Lytle

"Fly Fishing the Connecticut River's Lower Third"
(in-person presentation)



Presidents Message for August 2025

One of the best things about our club is the variety of ways that our members fish and the amazing places that they travel to. I'm kind of a homebody, but I do love hearing the stories, and the new things that they learned. Sometimes when mother nature is playing games with the weather it can be helpful to keep an open mind about where and what to fish for. You can usually find something that will bite in the saltwater, and I may be the only person that whoops and hollers when I catch a Sea Robin. Lakes are another alternative to rivers when the water is too hot, or too high, or too low, you get the idea. We have some great presentations coming up, and who knows you might find something interesting that you want to try for yourself. Thanks for all your support. We count on the funds raised from the raffles to do the things that we've come to expect and enjoy, and our members come through for the club every month! Have a great summer!

Regards,
Shawn





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Hey Flyrodders here's your events calendar for the month of August 2025

***Welcome new members Joseph Bryant, Donald Caufield, Gregory Frew, Lois Labriola, Thomas Langan, and Joseph Palladino

*** Our annual club picnic "LIFR Family Day" is approaching fast on September 7, at Belmont Lake, sign up before it's too late. We already have close to 40 people signed up, so it's going to be a great day! Only \$5.00 each and that includes food!

***There will be a celebration of the life of recently deceased club member Michael Barger, hosted by his family on August 17, at the Bates House in Setauket, from 1-3 pm. RSVP to Nancyseadler@gmail.com

***We're getting close to our goal of signing up a minimum of 50 people for our Awards Night Dinner at Borellis in East Meadow on October 8. Please sign up if you plan on coming and please pay the \$50.00 per person if you haven't already.

***We need volunteers to help Scouts achieve their merit badges in Fly Tying and Fly Fishing. The two day event at their Baiting Hollow camp will be on August 12, and 13. There will be a sign up sheet.

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*** 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.

8/5- Meeting at 7:30, in-person guest speaker , Rowan Lytle "Fly Fishing the Connecticut River's Lower Third".

6:30 Barbecue, Fly Casting Instruction with Lou and Peter (our venerable casting instructor Lou is undergoing some medical issues that will make it unlikely that he'll be able to do the casting instruction for a while. Peter will be there, but if you're an intermediate caster and would like to help Peter start a beginner off with the basics, we would appreciate it. Bring your rod and coordinate with Peter.)



August 2025 LIFR Newsblast



8/18 Connetquot River Club Day, there will be 2 sessions, 8-12, 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 and Evening 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

8/26 LIFR board meeting 7 pm

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

9/7 "Family Day" Club Picnic at Belmont Lake State Park (great panfish popper lake!) \$5.00, children under 12 free. Bring your spouse, your kids, your friends, heck you can even invite your gardener! All are welcome! We're not having a BBQ at the September meeting, so this is our September cookout!

9/12-14 Club Trip to Riverside Lodge on the Beaverkill River*

October 8, 6:30 pm- Awards Night Dinner at Borellis (Domenicos went out of business)

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

***Outdoor BBQ's will be held in June, July, and August, before the meeting at 6:30

***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 President
Long Island Flyrodders

Website : www.liflyrodders.org

Dances With Fish

By Shawn Sullivan

Well not really. I don't dance with fish. I sometimes trip and stumble as I'm trying to land a fish, which might look like some kind of crazy punk rock dance moves. Sometimes I do a little victory dance when I land a particularly tough fish, but I digress. What I really want to talk about is fishing music.

I like to listen to songs about fishing when I'm in my car driving to a fishing spot. In some strange kind of logic, I feel like it increases my chances of having a good day. I haven't recorded any related statistics; it's more of a hunch.

My favorite musician that I listen to on these trips is Greg Brown. I'm particularly fond of his song, "The Laughing River", which is about a farmed out minor league baseball player who's retiring and dreaming of this river that he wants to fish. "Well I'm trading this old bat for a fishing pole, I'm gonna let the laughing river flow right into my soul". One of Greg's pet peeves is that people keep yelling out during his concerts "How's the fishing Greg?". He knows it's kind of his fault because he's written several songs on the topic, but he's at the point where he wishes they'd just shut up about it! I have seen him live several times and I had to restrain myself from yelling out the dreaded question. As a fisherman myself I guess I just wanted to see if he'd take the bait.

My first love of fishing music began with the Andy Griffith Show. When I would see little Opie and his dad Andy making their way down to the fishing hole with that tune whistling in the background, it made me want to go fishing (no place to fish in the south Bronx), and to teach myself how to whistle so that I could copy it note for note, which of course drove everyone around me crazy. I eventually moved to Long Island when I was fourteen and found friends who liked nothing better than to spend the day fishing at Hempstead Lake. I didn't dare whistle the "Opie" tune in front of friends who were more interested in Led Zeppelin and Led Zeppelin didn't have any fishing songs that I could whistle if I wanted to.

People don't generally listen to music while they're fishing, unless they're using earphones. I never have, but I've thought about it. I guess it depends on what kind of fisher you are. When I'm in a gun-ho mode the song playing in my head might be "Barracuda". It would be really cool to hear that song while actually fishing for Barracuda! "You lying so low in the weeds, I bet you gonna ambush me" My usual song would be more like Taj Mahal's "Fishin' Blues", "here's a little tip I'd like to relate, many fish bite if you've got good bait. ". I don't use bait which might explain why sometimes I get the fishing blues.

I guess if a musician writes a song about fishing it's bound to have a limited audience, as opposed to writing a song called "Pretty Women" for instance. There are some bands that you'd expect to write a song about fishing. The band "Phish" doesn't have one in their catalogue. What's up with that. Country Joe and the Fish played before a huge audience at Woodstock and didn't even play one song about fishing. I don't get it. Well, the Beatles never wrote any songs about bugs so what did I expect.

When I was researching this topic to see if there were a lot of "fishing" songs I hadn't heard about, I discovered two that I didn't know, but that I really like. Both seem to be about a couple going fishing on their first date. Now that's my kind of romance story! "Fishing In the Dark" by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band is a more typical kind of love story where the young couple is just as happy to lay on their backs and gaze dreamily at the stars. I kind of prefer the one by Maddie and Tae called "Shut Up and Fish". The boy wants to make out, but the girl really wants to fish and eventually she can't take anymore and just pushes him into the water; "just a little push, cause he wouldn't shut up and fish". I couldn't be prouder if she was my own daughter.



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

August 18

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 - August 18, 2025

Good news members, our Board approved fishing for **this month**. Additionally, if you want to fish, there will be **2 Sessions: 8am - 12pm and 12pm - 4pm**. 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, August 18** 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)

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

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meet at 7:30 PM on the
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at the:

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Levittown, NY**

(North of Hempstead Turnpike
& West of Jerusalem Avenue)

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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/>

Thanks, Mike Postol

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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.

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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.

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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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL AND RELEASE

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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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