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***This Month's Meeting:
May 6, 2025***



Rich Cosgrove



Peter Zadek

GUEST SPEAKER:

Paul McCain

"How to Choose a Fly Rod"



Shawn Sullivan

Long Island Flyrodders Presidents Message

By the time you read this, the spring fishing season will be in full effect. From matching the hatches, to plotting the tides, to charting the moon phases, it can be overwhelming. Where to begin? One of the great things about this club is the accumulated wealth of knowledge that members are happy to share.

I believe that flyfishing begins with the cast. If you can't get the fly to the fish, in a way that fools the fish, you have less of a chance of catching that fish. With that in mind, we are having a Fly-Casting Night at our next meeting. There will be casting obstacles, and distance games, held outside from 6:30 to 7:30. Lou and Peter, our expert casting instructors, will be there to give guidance and they will each demonstrate a useful tip that will help us to improve. Please bring a flyrod if you want to participate. One of the things that might be fun to do is to try casting a variety of different flyrods. You might discover a rod that's perfect for your casting style. After the meeting break, Paul McCain will give a talk on how to choose a fly rod. It seems like the companies that make and sell flyrods have made it almost impossible to figure out what a rod is going to feel like until it shows up on your doorstep. Mid-flex, full-flex, fast action, medium fast action, say what?

There are so many club activities scheduled for May that it's hard to keep track. The club calendar that's listed on the club website is always up to date and an easy way to see what's coming up.

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May 2025 LIFR Newsblast



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

**** 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.

5/5 Cinco de Mayo-fish tacos day!

*** Morty's Used tackle sale will begin at 6:30.

Bring your flyrod, Lou and Peter will be out back with lots of fun obstacles, and distance casts to try your hand at!

5/6- Meeting at 7:30, Guest speaker Paul McCain, "How to Choose a Fly Rod". It's Flycasting Night. We're not getting any younger and learning how to improve your cast will not only help you to catch more fish, but you will be less likely to injure yourself.

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 continuing 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 Bob will pull the winning ticket after the coffee break.

5/10 Catskill Cleanup, we will be meeting at Dett's Fly Shop at 9am and having a lunch at the pavillion behind the fly shop, after lunch it's time to fish! more details to follow. See Ed Kohler

5/19 Connetquot River Club Day, there will be 3 sessions, 8-12, 12-4' and 4-8 (you must be out of the park by 8:30). 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

5/27 LIFR Board Meeting 7pm

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

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

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5/14 Nissequogue River Canoe/kayak trip, see Shawn for details (sign up sheet at meeting) I will send out the info to everyone who signed up.

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

5/26-6/1 Farmington River Trip

6/4-6/6 Beaverkill Trip

7/24-27 Housatonic Trip money will be collected in June

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!

*** Outdoor BBQ's will be held in June, July, August, and September, 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



LI Flyrodders and Art Flick got together to teach High School students how to fly fish. Lots of fun and lots of fish. Thanks to all the guides that helped.



Back to the Future

By Shawn Sullivan

Imagine if I could go back in time and talk to my younger self about flyfishing, what would I say? I've been thinking about this lately due to the large numbers of new members that are joining the club, many who have never flyfished before. Sometimes in life you will come to a fork in the road. One could be called the "easy way", and the other the "hard way". I generally chose the hard way, although I didn't realize it at the time. I would talk to "Blockhead" (that's what I call my younger self) about some of the things that he could have done differently and saved himself a lot of grief.

"Remember when you bought your first fly rod? It was a Cortland five weight combo. You would run over to South Pond a couple of days a week, casting wooly buggers and poppers. You never caught anything because you couldn't cast more than fifteen feet, and the pond didn't have a lot of fish to begin with. It had to be at least a year of snags, tangles, and whip snapping breakoffs before you could manage a semi-acceptable cast. If I could go back in time I would say, listen Blockhead, you can't learn to cast and fish at the same time. You just keep making the same mistakes over and over. They say it takes ten thousand casts before you start to look like you know what you're doing. You're at fifty thousand and going nowhere fast!"

Somehow Blockhead's casting got a little better, but he was stuck in second gear. He came to believe that it was because he was using a cheap fly rod. If he could save up enough money to get a better-quality rod, he was sure he could learn to cast as well as Brad Pitt. He saw an ad that said Orvis was having a sale. He bought a Silver Label nine-foot six weight. His goal at the time was to become the first Bassmaster to win a championship using a flyrod. He had dreams of riding into the arena on his tricked-out Bass boat, holding up a ten-pound Bass that he caught on a fly of his own design. He bought a used Sears aluminum v-hull boat and built a casting platform out of plywood. He took the boat out to Artist's Lake and began pounding the bank with streamers. He caught a Pickerel on his second cast and then the wind picked up and on his very next cast, he heard a sound like a firecracker and saw the tip of his fly rod sliding down his fly line towards the streamer. "Well, Blockhead, that was a hard lesson. If I could go back in time I would give you a fly-casting intervention. Nobody wants to see a grown man throw a temper tantrum on a boat in the middle of a lake!"

Blockhead's dream of becoming a fly-fishing Bassmaster seemed unlikely, so he started to look around for something else to aspire to. He saw a magazine with a photo of a fly fisherman holding a Striped Bass. A light bulb went off. A Bass is a Bass, like what they say about roses. He got a few books out of the library, and figured out what he would need to get started. He bought a nine-weight rod, with a ten-weight line, a large reel, and a dishwashing basin to hold the line. He would show those fishing buddies of his who laughed at his Bassmaster dream. He'd start a new tv show, the Striped Bassmasters! He took his new setup over to West End 2 at Jones Beach and walked through the dunes to fish the inlet side. It was windy, and he wasn't getting much line out. He put on a heavier fly and almost knocked himself unconscious when he whacked himself on the head. He thought that maybe he wasn't putting enough force into the cast, so he gave it everything he had and the next thing he knew, his fly slammed into the rod and he had broken another rod tip. "How many times do you have to keep doing the same dumb things before you learn? At least you were smart enough to buy rods that had lifetime warranties. You weren't just a danger to yourself and your equipment. Remember that time you hit that woman who was walking behind you, in the neck with a Clouser Minnow?"

"Alright my younger self, I'm going to take pity on you and share some wisdom that's taken me over thirty years to figure out. You probably won't listen because you're a thick-headed pain in the neck, but here goes. All your problems, your broken rods, your eventual tendonitis, your aching shoulders, your short casts, all boil down to one thing. You need someone to teach you the right way to cast a fly rod. You don't need to buy an expensive rod. You would have been better off taking that money and spending it on casting lessons from a certified instructor. There are some things that you can learn from a book or a videotape, casting a fly rod isn't one of them. Now untangle that thirty feet of fly line from your trolling motor and go get some lessons!"



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60 tickets sold before
we pull the winner.



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
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	Cabins not available until Fri. Farmington River Camping Trip	Sue/Howard Solomon MrsSolomon0704@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/ DelawareTrip #2	Peter Harris Pmharris68@hotmail.com
TBD	LIFR Annual Picnic	Bill Draghi

Text Box

LIFR Instagram Page

Joe Cocco, , 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:

jvcocco@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

May 19

**3 Sessions: 8-12, 12-4, & 4-8
@ \$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 - May 19, 2025

Good news members, our Board approved fishing for **this month**. Additionally, if you want to fish, there will be **3 Sessions**. Please observe the rules listed below so all 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, May 19** 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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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.

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. ("LIFR"), 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.

Annual Dues: Individual \$60.00 / Family including children up to 16 yrs \$70.00 / Junior (up to 18 yrs) \$15.00

Renewal [<input type="checkbox"/>]	
Applicant / Releasor: signature:	
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Print email Address:	The Flyrodder: LIFR Newsletter will be sent here
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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:

- Answering or not answering, or how you answer has **NO bearing on your eligibility.**
- 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.
- The following answers gives the Board information about the makeup of the membership.
- 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?

[] CASTING
[] CONSERVATION

[] HOSPITALITY
[] MEMBERSHIP

[] FISHING OUT-
[] FLYTYING
[] PROGRAM

[] SHOWS &
[] PUBLIC RELATIONS
[] WEB SITE

[] NEWSLETTER

[] _____
[] _____

Comments and/or suggestions. What would you like to learn from meetings, guests, special events?

LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
February - 2025

May 6 7:30 Meeting - Guest Speaker, Paul McCain
"How to Choose a Fly Rod"
Used tackle and Fly Casting instruction at 6:30 ** Bring your flyrod**
We will have 2 raffles going

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(Details, Info, Rules & Regs on page 9)

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see Rich Cosgrove for info. rcosgrove50@gmail.com

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May 26 to **Farmington River Trip**
June 1

May 27 **LIFR Board Meeting 7pm (Zoom)**

June 4 to **Beaverkill Trip**
June 6

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