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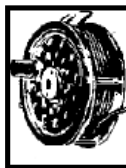
***This Month's Meeting:
November 4, 2025***



Ed Zero's 11 year old grandson **Ewan** flyfishing Oak Orchard Creek

GUEST SPEAKER:

Jeff Liskay
"Fly Fishing Lake Erie"

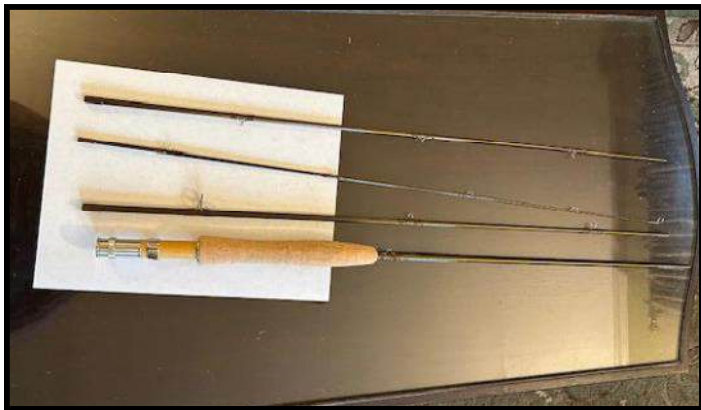


President's message

Presidents Message for November 2025

Sometimes it's easy to forget all the people that it takes to keep things running smoothly. At our annual Awards Night Dinner we try to recognize all of them, but occasionally we unintentionally may overlook a few. Just know that we appreciate your efforts, and if we missed rewarding you this year, we'll make up for it at the next dinner.

Even though this is the beginning of the off season for fishing, it's a busy season for club activities. We have our annual Toys for Tots holiday party, and this year we plan to have some finger food snacks in addition to a sheet cake. We have elections for club officers and board members "vote for me and I'll set you free!". We have our annual used tackle sale, where members can sell and buy. Many of the expos take place during the colder months, which often feature some of our members presenting or tying. We're already planning presentations for next year that will bring you some new ideas and techniques that will help keep the cabin fever at bay until we begin the new season. Thanks for your membership and support, and remember to renew your membership so you don't miss out!



*****We will have a special rod raffle,**
\$10.00 a ticket, for a Winston VSL eight
foot 4 weight 4 piece, with tube, pre-owned
from the estate of
Al Westbrook, but in mint condition! .



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

***We will have a special rod raffle, \$10.00 a ticket, for a Winston VSL eight foot 4 weight 4 piece, with tube, pre-owned from the estate of Al Westbrook, but in mint condition!.

***11/4 Club Meeting 7:30 Guest Speaker Jeff Liskay "Fly Fishing Lake Erie" (Zoom).

***There will be a special used tackle sale at 6:30. We received a donation of twenty reels from the estate of recently deceased Flyrodder Al Westbrook. It was his wish that these reels be sold to raise money for the club. We plan to use the money to buy a set of rods for our group presentations and fishing days. These reels are priced to go, averaging from \$5.00 to \$30.00. They range from lightly used, to showing signs of wear. Most of them are brands including , Orvis, Powell Redington, etc; No haggling this is a fundraiser, you won't beat these prices, or my name isn't Crazy Shawn! We also still have a few rods left.

***We, along with TU, will be working with high school students, teaching casting and acting as fishing guides. Next dates are 11/8 and 11/19. Contact Richard Cosgrove to sign up. rcosgrove50@gmail.com, 516 369 1711

11/17 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 Shawn Sullivan at 516 236 6554, or email Shawnsul8@aol.com. Morning session pay at the park, at the booth as Shawn checks you in. Please do not drive down to the hatchery until Shawn gives the okay. Afternoon and Evening session pay in advance by mailing a check for \$25.00 made out to Shawn Sullivan. Mail to 1027 Van Buren Avenue, Franklin Square, NY, 11010

**Ted Bany is undergoing some serious medical issues. No one can do the job as well as Ted has done, we will do our best to keep things in good shape for when he comes back.

11/25 LIFR Board meeting 7pm

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

*** 12/2 Holiday Party bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl and get a raffle ticket for a flyrod. We will have a sheet cake and some snacking finger food! (this is not a club meeting, we won't have a guest speaker)

** January Meeting is Fly Tying Night and Nominations for Club Officers and Board members, no guest speaker.

**February Meeting club elections

**Membership renewals can be collected starting at the December meeting, we will have forms available at the November meeting.

***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

It Needs a Little Salt

By Shawn Sullivan

My wife's spaghetti? Just kidding. Actually, my wife's Italian, and a great cook. Unfortunately, it turned out that in my early forties I found out I was allergic to tomato sauce. Bye-bye lasagna, eggplant rollatini, ziti, etc.; But I digress. I'm talking about salt in your water, your fishing water, that is. It took me a while to get around to it, but once I started to fly fish in saltwater, I couldn't believe how many things it had in common with freshwater fishing. I didn't have to start from scratch; I just had to adapt to saltwater what I already knew from freshwater.

If you like streamer fishing, you'll love throwing a weighted fly in the salt. It's the same idea of making a quartering cast, letting the fly swing, and then stripping it back. One difference is that if you misjudge your cast and a weighted saltwater fly hits you in the head, it will hurt like heck or break off the top of your rod. Ask me how I know. You can also fish an unweighted streamer in the salt, using a method very similar to a wet fly swing. I mostly fish inlets or river mouth estuaries, where the incoming and outgoing tides have flows very similar to a freshwater river. Worried about your casting distance, no problem. Cast your fly into the current, feed line out as it swings, and then strip it back. You can cover a lot of water that way.

Can saltwater fly-fishing match the gentle coordination required to softly drop a fly in front of a feeding trout? Probably not, but there are opportunities to toss a fly to fish that you can see. When I fished mainly on the North Shore, I would occasionally spot a Striped Bass cruising along the bank of the shore, on a bright sunny day. I would try casting in front of the fish, but I really had no clue, and I usually would get a severe case of buck fever, and either hit the fish on the head or line the fish. I have been able to catch cruising Fluke and Bluefish, who aren't as easily spooked as stripers. False Albacore can seemingly only be caught when they're exploding on the surface. You have a thirty second window to get your fly in front of them before they disappear and show up thirty yards down the beach. It will give you the same thrill you get from having exactly the right fly in the middle of a Caddis hatch. Just be careful not to get spooled (ask me again how I know).

When I'm fishing in freshwater, I've always wanted to be the person who carries one small box of flies in a shirt pocket and still has a great day. The problem is that I'm paranoid that I won't have the right fly for the water or hatch that I'm fishing. I end up carrying half a dozen boxes, many that never see the light of day. In the salt I carry one box of flies, with basically two patterns, a spool of fluorocarbon, and pliers. You have no idea how freeing it is to just wander around without feeling the weight of my twenty-pound vest.

Friends always want to know if flyfishing saltwater is harder. I usually say fish are fish, whatever kind of water they're in. When you stand in the ocean or bay looking out at a vast horizon, it can be intimidating. Where do you begin? The easiest thing to do is look for signs of life; bait in the water, diving birds, fish breaking the surface. Think structure. Any unusual changes in the shore formations have a chance of attracting fish. I look for points, coves, sandbars, and rocks. Just like in freshwater, the ocean also has things equivalent to pools, pocket water, and riffles. Wherever you see faster moving water meeting slower water, there's a pretty good chance you'll find predatory fish holding there.

Except when I invite fly fishing friends to come along, I'm usually the only one on the beach with a fly rod. I'm getting tired of people asking me if I can catch fish with that contraption. I'm usually pretty patient, explaining why I do it and why it's so much fun, but it can get annoying. I'm thinking of getting a shirt that says; this is a flyrod, I have caught fish with it, spin fishing is easier, fly fishing is more fun!





Jonah Krish, 12 years old, at Silver Lake, NY
(Morty's Grandson)



Way to go, Andy!! Wow!!



Andy Murad and his sons



Ewan and Grandpa Ed Zero



LIFR Awards Dinner 2025



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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

November 17

**2 Sessions: 8-12, and 12-4.
@ \$25 per session**

LIFR Connetquot Fishing - November 17, 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, November 17** 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 Shawn Sullivan.



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 ñ 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:

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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:

-ONLINE: <https://decals.licensing.east.kalkomey.com/>



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The Long Island Flyrodders
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first Tuesday of each Month
at the:

**Levittown VFW Hall
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copy them to the website's photo gallery***

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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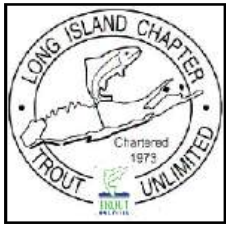
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How to stay in the fly fishing game for a lifetime

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. (óLIFRô), 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:

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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

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?

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
November - 2025

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Morning session pay at the gate \$25
(Details, Info, Rules & Regs on page 9)

November 25 **LIFR Board Meeting 7pm (Zoom)**

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