

Tight Loops



Issue: 2025-10 Date: October, 2025

Florida Fly Fishing Association

Club Meeting - RSVP req.
Thursday, October 2nd
Dixie Crossroads, Titusville

Program: Fishing & Lagoon
Restoration
Speakers: Chris Peterson, Dr. Aaron
Adams & Jon Cave

Arrive by 5:15pm
Dinner Buffet begins at 5:30pm
Program begins at 6:20pm

CCA Stars - Awards Banquet
October 18th

The CCA Stars Awards Banquet will be held at the Space Coast Convention Center / Holiday Inn Express, Cocoa. Dinner, open bar and entertainment for \$75.

Fly Tying
October 21st

10/21/25 Learn to tie the Stealth Bomber, Tyler Daryl G. Indian River Colony Club; dinner isn't available. Fly tying starts at 6:30pm.

Club Outing
Lake Washington
October 24th

Join us on a Fly Fishing trip at Lake Washington. It's a great opportunity to catch bass & brim.

No Club Meeting on
October 28th



Our October FFFA Club Meeting will be held on
October 2nd at Dixie Crossroads - RSVP Required
Refer to FFFA email message for additional details

Celebrate the Traditions of Fishing and the Projects that Benefit the Wild Inhabitants of our Lagoon. Learn about the projects and the progress being made to improve the Lagoon. **Primary topic:** Has fishing improved or declined in the Indian River Lagoon since the restoration efforts began in 2016? What more is needed to restore fishing to a sustainable level? Our 3 expert speakers welcome your questions.

SPEAKERS

Chris Peterson, CEO Hells Bay Boat Works
Dr. Aaron Adams, Dir of Science & Conservation - Bonefish & Tarpon Trust
Jon Cave, author, photographer & lecturer

**** Arrive by 5:15pm ****

5:30pm Buffet & Musical Kickoff
6:15 Guest Introductions
6:20pm Program
5:30pm to 7pm Visit Exhibitors



Paul & Kay Garfunkel

Fly of the Month



Stealth Bomber

Please join us on October 21st at the Indian River Colony Club - Chapel. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm, but please arrive 15 minutes early. Daryl G. will be teaching us to tie the Stealth Bomber. Fly tying materials will be provided, but please bring your own vise and tools if you have them. If not, we can provide one for you.

Our October outing will be at Lake Washington, so it's perfect timing to learn to tie a Stealth Bomber!

President's Message Cont.

Welcome to the Florida Fly Fishing Association- The "Club" that offers outstanding fly tying & casting instruction while also offering monthly outings where you can team up with our boat captain members who are both great and enthusiastic anglers.

Recently I was very fortunate to land my very first red fish and snook! What an awesome and incredible catch!

I encourage all of our membership to participate especially in upcoming events listed in our schedule, especially our Christmas dinner program January's Annual garage sale is certainly going to be an event that you will not want to miss. Be on the lookout for an email and Facebook posts to make annual renewals easier and more convenient .

Tight Loops. . .

Amir Pishdad, Jr.

President, Florida Fly Fishing Association



FFFA OUTING ON OCTOBER 24TH

LAKE WASHINGTON FLY FISHING OUTING



Join us for this very fun Fly Fishing Outing. This is a great opportunity to target and catch Bass, Brim, Crappie and other freshwater fish.

WHEN

7:15am on Friday, October 24th

WHO IS INVITED?

All FFFA Club members are invited to participate. Seating is limited, so RSVP as soon as possible!

WHERE

Lake Washington Park

- Boat Ramp

If you have a boat and wish to participate, Captains should contact Rainy Giard to let him know whether or not you have room for Club member(s) who don't have a boat.

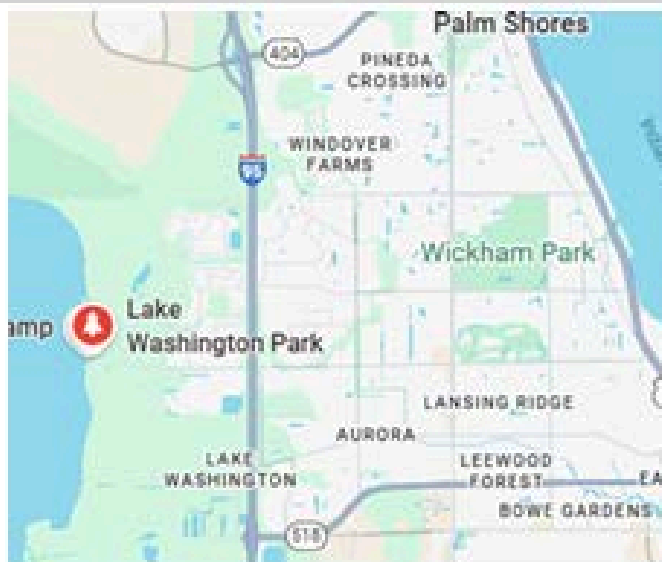
1. Sunscreen
2. Sunglasses
3. **Water** - lots!!!
4. Snacks
5. Hat
6. Jacket
7. Suntan lotion
8. Bug repellent for No See Ums & Mosquitos

WHAT TO BRING

1. Fly Rod (5wt or 6wt)
2. Reel
3. Fishing needle nose pliers
4. Small scissors or nips
5. Washcloth: for fish slime, lol

Recommended Flies

1. Small Chartreus Popping Bugs
2. White or Olive Green Schminnows
3. Pad Crawlers
4. Gurglers
5. Minnow Imitations



MEET AT BOAT RAMP AFTERWARDS

At about noon, we'll meet at the boat ramp & then go to a nearby Melbourne restaurant.

Captains with boats are needed!

Sign up by sending an email to:

FFFAevents@gmail.com attn: Rainy & Rick

You are welcome to contact Rainy or Rick directly.

** If you don't have our contact information, please ask us at the next Club meeting. Or text any FFFA Board Member, to find out.

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CCA STARS AWARDS CEREMONY + BANQUET OCTOBER 18, 2025



The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) is holding an Awards Ceremony to announce winners of the STARS Program. This will be a fun event & helps support clean water & a variety of conservation / restoration efforts.

DATE + TIME

Saturday, October 18, 2025

5:30pm to 10:30pm

LOCATION: SPACE COAST CONVENTION CENTER / HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS SUITES, COCOA FL

301 Tucker Lane
Cocoa, Florida 32926

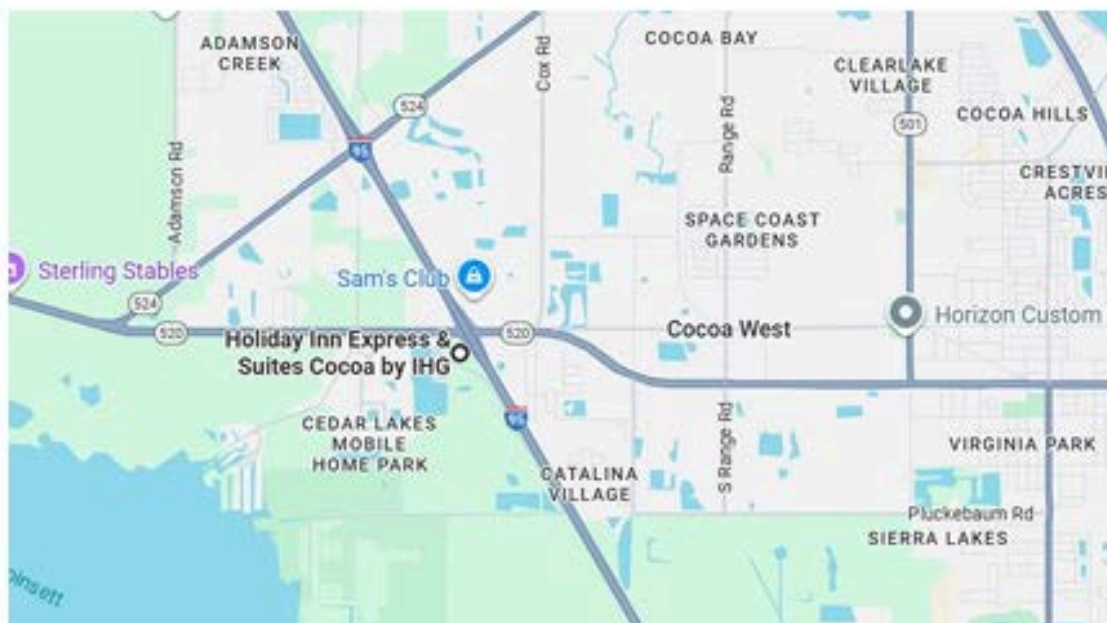


\$75 FEE - DINNER, OPEN BAR + ENTERTAINMENT

5:30pm to 9pm	Cocktails, Silent Auction Bidding & Raffle Ticket Sales
6:30pm to 7:45pm	Welcome / Announcements / Awards Ceremony
6:30pm to 8pm	Buffet Dinner
8:15pm to 8:45pm	Recognition of Sponsors / Announcement of Winners & Prizes
9pm	Silent Auction and Raffle Closes
8:45pm to 9:30pm	Live Auction (6 items); Announcement of Raffle & Silent Auction Winners
9:30pm to 10:30pm	Music, Cocktails & Dancing

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Google Search: CCA Florida STAR Awards Banquet 2025





Tips from Fellow FFFA Club Members: **Where and When to Fly Fishing**

I have been asked several times on how to decide where and when to go fishing. I usually respond with: "If the wife's cat is sleeping and facing east, I go to the salt and if he is facing west, I go fresh water". Nobody really believes me because I can't keep a straight face when I tell them.

There are so many factors to consider when planning a fishing trip that it is mind boggling. But the main things "I" look at are, Tide, Wind, and Temperature (both air and water). I also consider recent successes or failures of past trips.

I tend to gravitate toward moving water which is always good for fishing. I like a good tide to provide some water movement. When the water is high in the Indian River Lagoon (IRL), I like the last half of a falling tide or the first half of the incoming tide. Each tide cycle allows the fish to get up to the mangrove shoreline and feed on the bait flushing out of the mangroves. When the water is low in the IRL, I like the last half of the incoming tide and the first half of the outgoing.

In some areas of the Indian River Lagoon, water movement is mostly controlled by wind or runoff. So, be sure to take this into consideration when making your plan. A little wind can be a good thing, but too much just makes things difficult. With moving water, fish all the areas where the fish can ambush the bait being carried by the current. The bigger ones tend to rest in the mangrove shoreline, out of the main current.

Like us the fish don't like it too hot or too cold, so keep that in mind when planning your trip. If the water is warm (above 90 degrees) you may want to consider fishing at night or on days when it rains in the afternoon; cooling off the water a little. If the water is cold, you may want to plan your trip in the afternoon. This allows the sun to heat the water up. Fish areas with dark water or a dark bottom which absorbs more heat.

Except for the tide the same considerations apply to freshwater in our area. If there is not a good tide or water movement in the IRL, then I will usually opt to go to freshwater.

After looking at all the factors, I still have to say, the best time to go fishing is any time you can. So, get out there and have some fun fishing.

Tight lines everyone
Rainy G. and Scott C.

Calendar of Events

October 2025

October 2nd Club Meeting at Dixie Crossroads, RSVP required

October 21st Fly Tying by Daryl G. at the IRCC

October 28th No FFFA Club Meeting (See Oct. 2nd, event, above)

October 24th Lake Washington Fly Fishing Outing, POC Rainy G.

November 2025

November 18th Fly Tying (TBD)

November 25th Election & Open Forum

December 2025

December 6th Christmas Party at Indian River Colony Club

Note: usual club meeting and fly tying are cancelled

January 2026

January 20th Fly Tying (TBD)

January 27th Auction

February 2026

February 17th Fly Tying (TBD)

February 24th Club Meeting (TBD)

Email Point of Contact (POC) @ FFFAevents@gmail.com

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FFFA EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 19, 20 + 21ST ORLANDO HOME + GARDEN SHOW



FFFA EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 10TH BIOLAB CLEANUP



FFFA OUTING ON SEPTEMBER 12TH
WABASSO FLY FISHING OUTING



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FFFA CLUB MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 23RD
CAPTAIN LEIZA FITZGERALD, CCA STARS



FFFA EDUCATIONAL CLASS ON SEPTEMBER 16TH IMPROVING YOUR CASTING SKILLS - MIKE FRANZ



FFFA MEMBERS - MISC PICTURES SHARED STEVE LO - ALASKA



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Monthly FlyTying
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Contact Amir for more information at
FFFAevents@Gmail.com

FFFA Pop Up Fishing Trips

Date and time selected based on

- 1) Weather
- 2) What species are active and available
- 3) Trips may be planned with only 1 day notice

Trip participants' selection

- 1) Must be a current member of FFFA (with dues paid)
- 2) Must have filled out sign up sheet for Pop up fishing trips
- 3) You must respond to trip notification within 1 hour of first notification. If you don't respond the spot on the trip will be offered to the next person on the list (notifications will be by TEXT Msg)
- 4) When a Boat Captain and fisherman have been paired up it is their responsibility to communicate and set up a time and place to meet, and launch.
- 5) The number of spots open for the trip will be based on the number of boats available. (If you want to participate by kayak let us know by indicating in the BOAT line on the sign up sheet that you are open to fish by kayak if there are no openings on a boat.

The purpose of the POP UP fishing trip

- 1) promote club participation
- 2) Education & Learning by pairing more experienced Fly Fishers with less experienced.
- 3) To solve the problem of our monthly fishing trips usually having bad weather and to get more trips in when the fish are biting and the weather is good
- 4) More Fishing FUN

----- POP UP CLUB FISHING TRIPS SIGN UP SHEET -----

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

EMAIL _____

BOAT _____

What size? How many anglers can you comfortably fish?

Fishing days Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Freshwater skill level _____

Saltwater skill level _____

Do you have any areas or type of fishing that you would prefer not to participate in? _____

Email Rainy for more information @ FFFAevents@gmail.com