

Tight Loops



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Florida Fly Fishing Association

Coquina Pond Volunteer Event February 7th

2/7/26 MINWR - Coquina Pond. Helping kids learn about fishing. See our flyer, below.

Fly Tying February 17th

2/17/26 Bill L will teach us how to tie a fly to catch Peacock Bass. At the Cocoa Library, 6:30pm.

FFFA Club Meeting February 24th

2/24/26 Annual Auction will be held at Perkins Restaurant on Wickham Rd. & begins at 6:30pm.

Bio Lab Road Cleanup March 5th

3/5/26 Contact Bill L. for more information

Fly Tying March 17th

3/17/26 Doug R. will teach us to tie a swamp bunny fly at the Cocoa Library.

FFFA Club Meeting March 24th

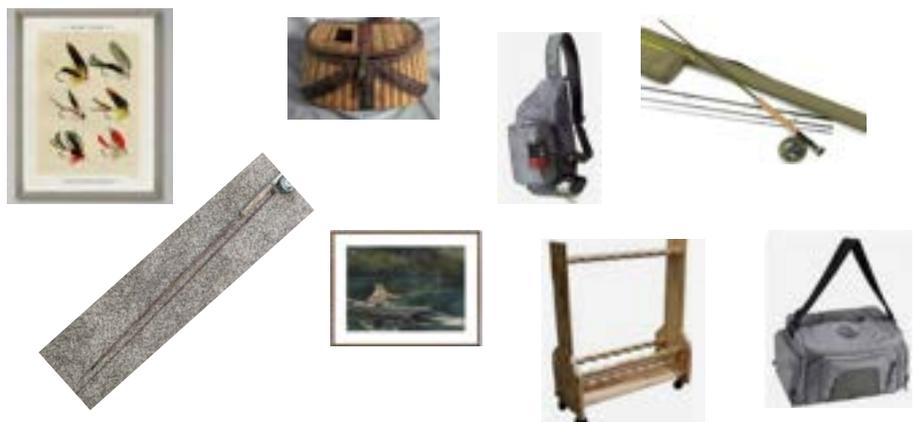
3/24/26 Open Forum - How to catch peacock bass and other fish in the Everglades.

Our February 24th FFFA Club Meeting will be held at Perkins Restaurant 8200 N Wickham Rd - ANNUAL AUCTION -

Clyde L. is overseeing our Auction on February 24th at Perkins Restaurant & Bakery at 8200 N. Wickham Road in Viera. Please join us for this fun event which begins at 6:30pm. It's a great opportunity to add fantastic equipment, etc. to your fly fishing closet(s).

If you have fishing or fly fishing gear that you no longer need, please contact Clyde L. He will arrange for you to drop it off or for someone to pick it up. We already have quite a few items for the auction, but your donations will help ensure this auction is very successful. Donations are requested of any items associated with fly fishing from fly fishing rods, reels, art, fly tying equipment, materials to clothing items, tackle bags, boat equipment, etc.

Proceeds from the auction fund our club's operations including our annual holiday dinner and picnic and allow us to maintain our low membership dues. Don't forget to attend this very fun event! And, bring your checkbook / cash!!!



Our February 17th Fly Tying class will be held at the Cocoa Library aka Catherine Schweinsberg Rood



Clouser Pattern Fly to catch Peacock Bass

Please join us for a fly tying class on February 17th. Tyler Bill L. will teach us to tie a fly to catch Peacock Bass and a variety of other freshwater fish, We will be meeting at the Cocoa Library at 6:30pm.

Dinner isn't available. Fly tying starts at 6:30pm, but please arrive 15 minutes early. Fly tying materials will be provided, but please bring your own vise and tools if you have them. If not, we can provide them for you



President's Message



Fish-On! ... was the constant cry from our members who took part in our Shad Fishing Trip last month! The excitement was contagious!

Huge shout out to Rainy, who as our Club's Activities Director, organized a fantastic outing. He definitely has the magic touch as he somehow consistently picks a beautiful day with minimal wind every time!

Our FFFA Club's new logo which is simpler, clean and dynamic. It emphasizes our Club's passion for everything fly fishing but also honors the dedication and contributions from one of the world's most famous fly anglers and fly innovators, our FFFA Club's Lifetime Member, Mr. Bob Clouser. Decals and Transfers soon to follow!

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Amir Pishdad, Jr.

President, Florida Fly Fishing Association





Hey everybody let's go fly fishing on my Boat!

Just want to give a shout out to all the Boat Captains who take FFFA club members fly-fishing on their boat. Not sure if everyone is aware of the amount of preparation and effort that goes into getting a boat ready for a day on the water. A Captain gets the boat ready days in advance by making sure it is seaworthy, the motor is running, the boat trailer is road ready, the trolling motor is working and all batteries are charged.

The boat needs to be checked for any damage, such as holes acquired from last trip. Storage compartments must be cleaned out and trash removed. The deck ropes must be in good condition and not frayed. And the boat motor requires regular maintenance i.e. oil changes, spark plugs replaced and fuel filters checked. Captains must make sure there is enough gas for the trip; (the boat and truck, too). Don't forget the time it takes to hook up the boat to the truck the night before, which allows them to leave the house 2-3 hours before sunrise the next day.

Maintaining the trailer is another set of responsibilities each Captain faces. To avoid spending a day on the side of the road repairing a boat trailer instead of fly fishing requires constant checkups and maintenance. This includes checking tire pressure, wheel bearings, springs, bolts and brackets which will rust out over time. Don't forget checking the trailer lights.

Trolling motors, fish finders, map (GPS) plotters and batteries are the most overlooked equipment by club members prior to most fly-fishing trips. Most Captains, including both of us, rely on them and our knowledge of information they provide to enhance our fishing experience. It can take up to 12 hours to charge a trolling motor or engine battery. We invest a lot of time to allow us to use this equipment to the full potential. The cost of these gadgets also can break the "bank"; however, this equipment makes fishing a little easier when used properly.

In addition, all safety equipment must be checked before the boat enters the water. A life jacket for everyone on the boat, including whistles is essential. A fire extinguisher with indicator in the green and a throwable life ring or seat cushion must be available. It's important to store dock lines and fly-fishing equipment properly. Oh yeah, and "don't forget to put the drain plug in". And let us not forget the readiness of the tow vehicle.

All of this must be done before any fly club member can even begin to load their rods, flies and other tackle on the boat. After the boat Captain gets home, they must wash the boat and trailer. This is a necessity if they have been in salt or brackish water. They must flush the motor and then rinse all fishing rods, flies and tackle. The final step is to make sure everything dries properly and then put the boat away until the next trip.

So, whenever someone takes you fishing on their boat, be aware of the work and effort that the Boat Captain does "behind the scenes". We certainly appreciate our boat captains!!!

By Rainy G. and Scott C.

Calendar of Events

February 2026

February 7th Coquina Pond - teaching fishing skills to kids

February 17th Fly Tying: Bill L. teaches a Clouser for Peacock Bass

February 24th Club Meeting: Annual Auction

February 27th Kayak Outing at 1,000 Islands

March 2026

March 5th Bio Lab Road Cleanup

March 17th Fly Tying: Doug R. teaches the Swamp Bunny fly

March 24th Open Forum - Catching fish in the Everglades

March 28th Picnic

April 2026

April 21st Fly Tying (TBD)

April 28th Club Meeting (TBD)

April 29 to May 1st Everglades / Holiday Park Outing

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

Impt Note about the Everglades Outing in April

Last year, FFFA members qualified for discounted rates with LaQuinta Sawgrass hotel. Please delay making your room reservations until we are able to share the process for obtaining discounted rates with you.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ON FEBRUARY 7TH

EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT FISHING

The Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge has requested that we assist with an educational event for kids on February 7th. We need about 10 FFFA members to volunteer. We will be assisting Park Rangers & other clubs in teaching basic fishing skills to kids. This is a great public service opportunity!



WHEN

7:00am on Saturday, February 7th

The event for the kids begins at 9am, but please arrive at 7:00am to help setup tents, tables & chairs. **No fly fishing until setup is complete!**

WHO IS INVITED?

All FFFA Club members are invited to volunteer. Please RSVP to Bill L. asap! Members of Project Healing Waters & Salt Strong are also participating.

WHERE

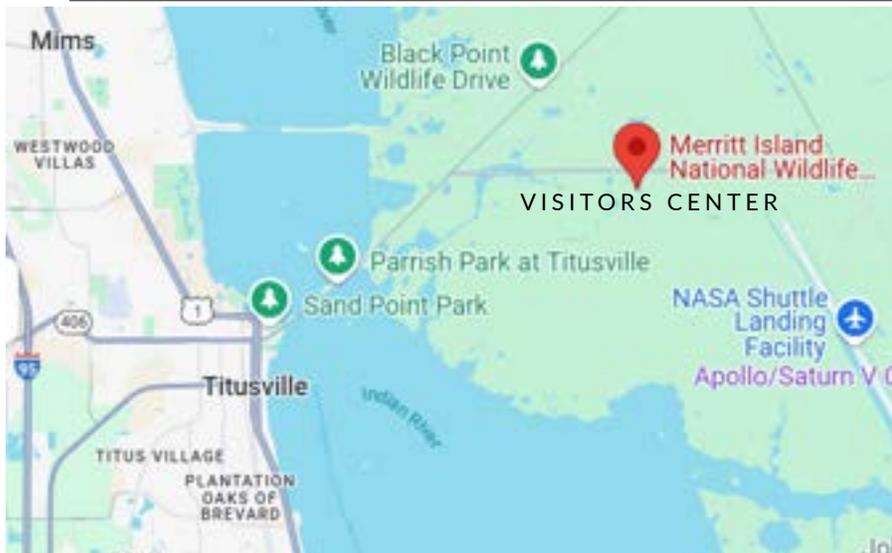
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge - Coquina Pond

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. A 5 gallon bucket to transport fish you catch, to the aquarium
2. Fly Rod (5wt, 6wt or 8wt)
3. Reel
4. Fishing needle nose pliers
5. Small scissors or nips
6. Washcloth: for fish slime, lol

Also, bring flies that are suitable to catch fish in a pond.



FOUR TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

- Station #1 Tanks with live fish
- Station #2 Tackle box & tying knots
- Station #3 Casting Game
- Station #4 Fishing in kiddie pool

ADDITIONAL INFO

The event begins at 9am. Volunteers from the FFFA should arrive at 7:00am to setup tents, tables and chairs. No fishing until setup is complete. After setup is complete, we will fish in the Coquina Pond for tarpon, bass, brim, gar and Mayan Cichlid. The fish we catch will be used for the aquarium.

Sign up by sending an email to:

FloridaFlyFishingAssociation@gmail.com attn: Bill

You are welcome to contact Bill, Rick or Rainy 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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FFFA FLY TYING

3RD TUESDAY EACH MONTH - BEGINS AT 6:30PM
BRING YOUR VISE + FLY TYING TOOLS

@ Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library

308 Forrest Avenue Cocoa FL 32922

FFFA CLUB MEETING

4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH - BEGINS AT 6:30PM
ARRIVE 45 MINUTES EARLY TO EAT

Perkins Restaurant & Bakery

8200 N Wickham Road Melbourne, FL 32940

321-752-5200

Recommend Members attend Early
Enjoy the Fantastic Food & Deserts at PERKINS



FFFA SHAD OUTING



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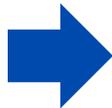
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2ND + 4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH
STARTS AT 6PM**

Monthly FlyTying
2nd & 4th Thursday
Starting 6pm
Bring Vice & Tying Tools

Contact Amir for more information at
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