Tight Loops

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Florida Fly Fishing Association

Fly Tying on May 19th

5/19/26 Jackie Clouser will be our fly tying instructor - Clousers Crab Snack fly. At the Cocoa Library.

FFFA Club Meeting on May 26th

Captain Noah Miller will speak to us about how to catch Snook.

May 22nd Mosquito Lagoon Outing

Please see the flyer, below, for more information.

Fly Tying on June 16th

Daryl Gorenflo will be our fly tying instructor - at the Cocoa Library.

June 23rd FFFA Club Meeting

Scott will lead an Open Forum about tying Leaders.

Captain Noah Miller will be our Speaker for the FFFA Club Meeting on May 26th

Please join us at Perkins on May 26th **at 6:30pm**. Captain Noah Miller will speak about catching snook on the fly! He's a 3rd generation Floridian, and full time guide for the Melbourne, Palm Bay, Merritt Island, Vero Beach, Grant and Sebastian areas. He grew up fishing here, so he knows the flats like "the back of his hand". Rick and Clyde went fly fishing with Captain Miller in January and both hooked 3 redfish and a tarpon that were about 36" long. Captain Miller did an excellent job as our guide!

Captain Miller is obsessed with Tarpon of all sizes as well as Snook, Redfish and the many other fantastic game fish that frequent the flats. It's an incredible fishery and he loves to share it with others. He especially enjoys it when his customer hooks a first Tarpon using fly fishing equipment. It's his absolute favorite. Captain Miller enjoys competing in the fly fishing tournaments and has been fortunate to take home quite a few 1st place wins.

He started guiding about 6 years ago, but has been fishing here since he was in diapers (literally) and hopes to continue fishing here until he dies. His whole life revolves around his family and fly fishing. It's a great life to live and he couldn't be happier.

Florida Fly Co. Charters

Our May 19th Fly Tying class will be held at the Cocoa Library aka Catherine Schweinsberg Rood

Jackie Clouser will teach us to tie the Clousers Crab Snack fly

Please join us for a fly tying class on May 19th at the Cocoa Library at **6:30pm**. Jackie Clouser will teach us to tie the Clousers Crab Snack.

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

Dear FFFA Members,

The Rainy Everglades Outing 2026 (REO 2026) was as eventful as it was our most memorable outing to date! Our Club REO Dinner began with a special prayer to thank and honor Rainy Giard, who was our beloved friend and fellow Fly Fishing mentor, followed by a toast to recognize a man that this annual event will honor though our naming of this annual event to always recognize his legendary influence and leadership.

Nearly 20 Club members attended this year's Annual Everglades Event. There was so much excitement and it was so overwhelming that our club dinners were about non-stop stories of the incredible catches of the day. I wish more members had been available to join this adventure.

Next month's May Club programs promise to be extra special with Jackie Clouser as our Fly-tying Instructor on May 19th and Captain Noah Miller as our guest speaker on May 26th. I trust all members will show your support for your club by attending both of these SPECIAL May programs.

Our club's new logo will soon be available on a hat with a leather patch and on a CUTCO pocket knife. This fund raising project will help support future Club Outings and Events. Check out the pictures in this newsletter. Send an email to me or to FFFAevents@Gmail.com if you're interested in a hat or the CUTCO knife. I need to know your interest to calculate the cost based on quantity we will order. I'm getting two hats and one knife - why not do the same?

"Be Proud and Support YOUR CLUB"

Tight Loops. . .
Amir Pishdad, Jr.
President, Florida Fly Fishing Association

The SAGE and/or BLUE with Custom Leather patch is being considered
If Ordering 48 hats - 24 Sage 24 Blue Cost is about $25.00 per hat

CUTCO Pocket Knife – Straight or Serrated Blades
Engraving included Club Logo / Your Name on Blade or Handle
Ordering 10 - $150.00 each / Ordering 25 -$145.00 (**CLUB COST EACH)**
Recommend Your Name on Blade w/Club Logo on Handle

Fly Fishing in the Summer Heat

Flyfishing from a boat at this time of the year, when the sun is high in the sky and temperatures reach into the 90's, can lead to dehydration, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Dehydration is a fluid deficiency caused by insufficient fluids that can lead to excessive sweating, diarrhea, vomiting or fever. Heat stroke is a life threating emergency caused by extreme overheating with a body temp over 104*F. Dehydration is the bridge that can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Some of the symptoms of heat exhaustion and dehydration are constant thirst, dry mouth, dark urine, dizziness, and nauseous. Advance stage leading to heat stroke requires immediate medical attention.

Boating keeps us from finding shade for an extended period. With the sun reflecting off the water we become more susceptible to the effects of the sun. Using sunscreen helps avoid sunburn but does little for keeping our core temperature down since it can prevent pores from sweating. Here are some things to help keep your core temperature down. Wear a good large brim hat that also helps shield the sun. While short sleeved shirts and shorts may feel better, it's ideal to keep yourself covered from head to toe with long synthetic breathable shirts and pants. Similarly, it is ideal to wear loose fitting clothes that are light colored (not dark colors which absorb heat).

Drink lots of water (more than you think) to avoid the beginning stages of dehydration. Avoid caffeinated beverages, i.e. coffee and soft drinks since they are diuretics (and can cause dehydration). Keep water cold with ice or try freezing half of it the night before. Cold water is very helpful in getting cooled off. Drink water with electrolytes such as Gator Aid, Liquid IV or Propel. There are several on the market to choose from. Another idea is to keep a spray bottle filled with water in your cooler. If the captain moves the boat to another location, use that spray bottle to get cooled off before getting overheated. Purchase a sponge type bandana from a sporting-goods store. Soak it in water and put it on the neck or top of the head to help cool off. A frozen water bottle on the back of your neck or against your legs helps lower your body temperature.

When feeling overheated, sit down and rest until you feel recovered. Watch for these symptoms of heat stroke: blurred vision, slurred speech, confusion and fainting. Since it can be deadly; get help immediately. It is best not to go fishing alone and it's also ideal to let other people know where you are planning to go. Ideally start fishing trips at or just before sunup and get off the water around 11 am or noon as the temperatures starts to reach its peak. Alternately, you can start your fishing trip late in the afternoon and fish into the evening to avoid the heat.

It's very fun to go fly fishing in the summer months, since it is a peak time for catching snook, tarpon, trout and redfish, etc. However, it's ideal to consider these precautions to keep your outings safe.

Rick and Scott

Calendar of Events

May 2026

May 19th Fly Tying, Jackie Couser - the Clouser Crab Snack fly
May 26th Club Meeting: Capt. Noah Miller - how to catch Snook
May 22nd Mosquito Lagoon Outing
(Severe Weather delay: May 28th)

June 2026

June 16th Fly Tying, Daryl Gorenflo
June 23rd Club Meeting, Open Forum led by Scott C.

July 2026

July 21st Fly Tying, Doug Rothenbush
July 28th Club Meeting, (TBD)

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

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FFFA Outing on May 22nd

Mosquito Lagoon Fly Fishing Outing

Join us for this very fun Fly Fishing Outing. This is a great opportunity to target and catch Redfish, Tarpon, Snook, Speckled Trout and a variety of other fish.

WHEN

6:30 am on Friday, May 22nd at sunrise. (For extreme weather / lightning delay: Thurs. May 28th)

WHERE

Mosquito Lagoon:

Riverbreeze Park - Boat Ramp
250 H H Burch Rd
Oak Hill, FL 32759

WHO IS INVITED?

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

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

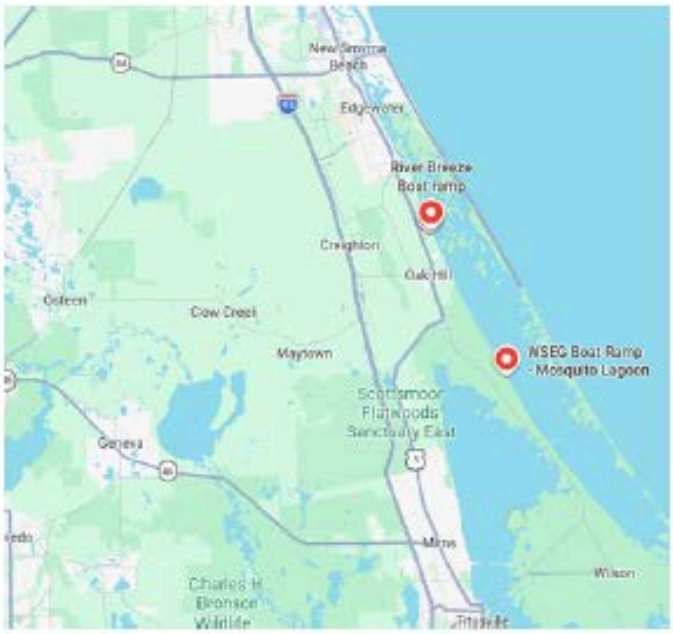
WHAT TO BRING

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

1. Fly Rod (7wt or 8wt)
2. Reel
3. Fishing needle nose pliers
4. Small scissors or nips
5. Washcloth: for fish slime, lol

Recommended Flys

1. Clouser Minnows
2. Shrimp Patterns
3. Baitfish Patterns
4. Crab Patterns (Redfish crack)
   * ideally weedless *
5. Tod's Wiggle Minnow



MEET AT BOAT RAMP AFTERWARDS

Once everyone has signed up, we'll use a Text Group to discuss where to go for lunch:

JB's Fish Camp
859 Pompano Avenue
New Smyrna Beach, FL
or
Dixie Crossroads
1475 Garden St,
Titusville, FL

Captains with boats are needed!

Sign up by sending an email to:
FFFAevents@gmail.com attn: Rick & Clyde
You are welcome to contact Rick or Clyde 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

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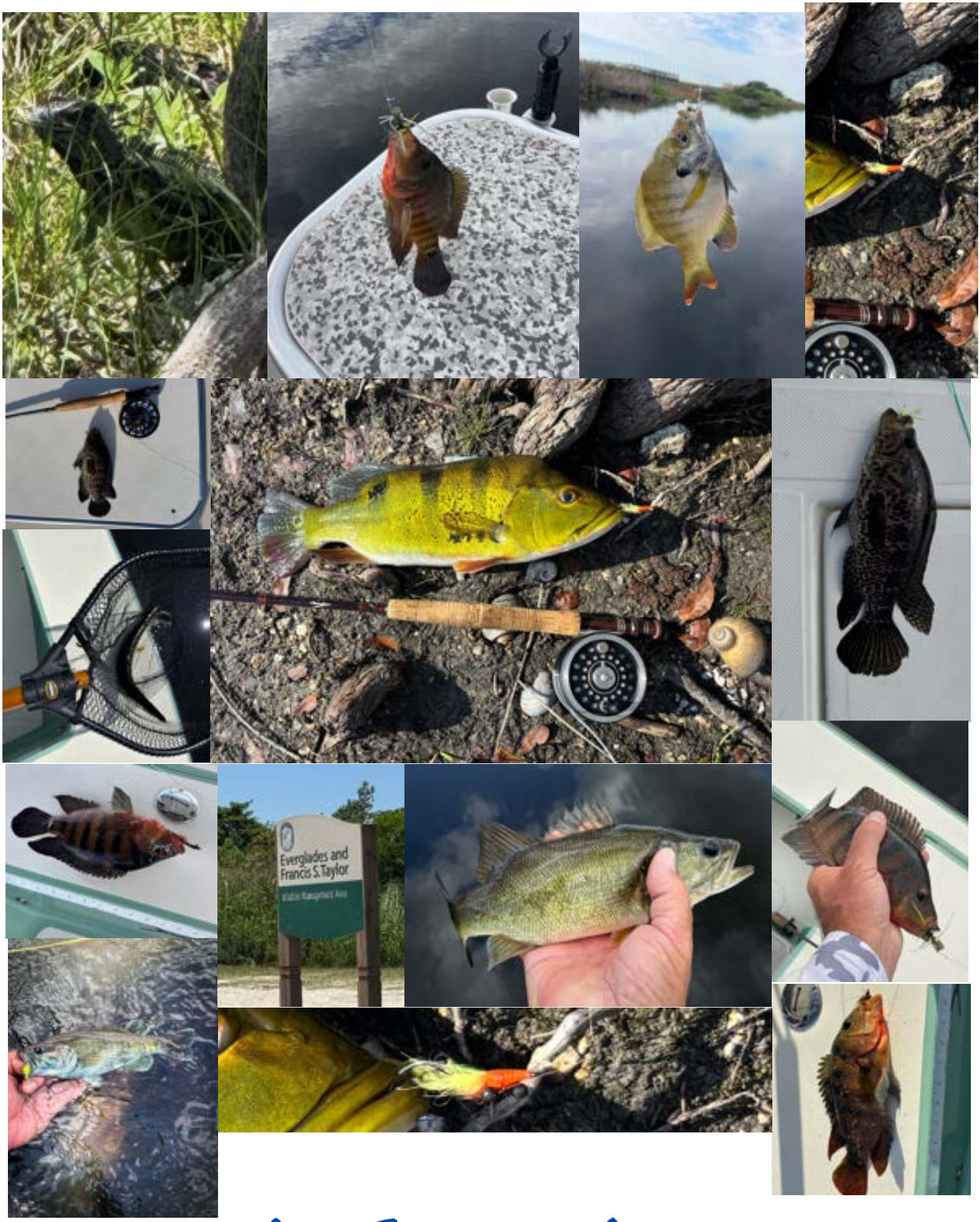

Rainy Everglades Outing

Florida Fly Fishing Association Species Tracker 2026

Total Species Caught: 46

Current as of 05/4/2026

- Alligator Gar
- American Shad
- Armored Catfish
- Black Crappie
- Black Drum
- Blue Catfish
- Blue Tilapia
- Blueback Herring
- Bluegill
- Bowfin
- Brook Trout
- Brown Trout
- Channel Catfish
- Crocker
- Flier
- Florida Bluegill (Coppernose)
- Hickory Shad
- Holland's Carp
- Jaguar Capote
- Ladyfish
- Largemouth Bass
- Largescale Mullet
- Mayan Cichlid
- Mullet
- Nile Tilapia
- Northern Weakfish
- Oscar
- Peacock Bass
- Pearl Cichlid
- Pompano
- Pork Fish
- Pufferfish
- Rainbow Trout
- Redbreast Sunfish
- Redfish
- Redhead Cichlid
- Sailors Choice Grunt
- Sheepshead
- Speckled Trout
- Spotted Sunfish
- Spotted Tilapia
- Striped Bass
- Tarpon
- Tilapia
- Tripletail
- Warmouth

Please send clear, detailed photos to Doug Rothenbush at 402-953-8214 or dougrothenbush@outlook.com

If you catch a fish while fly fishing, + It's not on this list, please notify Doug Rothenbush

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10 % Discount w/FFFA Membership Card

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Melbourne, Fl 32901

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Sunday - 10am-4pm

Monthly FlyTying
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Starting 6pm
Bring Vice & Tying Tools

harrygoodesoutfitters@gmail.com 321-723-4751

Fly Tying – Harry Goode's
2nd + 4th Tuesday each Month
Starts at 6pm

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