

Tight Loops



Issue Date: July, 2026

Florida Fly Fishing Association

Fly Tying on July 21st

Bob Arnold will be our fly tying instructor - at the Cocoa Library. New: **6pm start time.**

Volunteer on July 15th &/or July 22nd

Volunteers are needed to teach children how to fish (Boys & Girls Club) at MINWR Coquina Pond.

July 28th FFFA Club Meeting

Mike Franz will be speaking about the pathway to fly fishing.

July 31st Outing

Join us for a fly fishing outing at Lake Washington. See below for more information.

Fly Tying on August 18th

Steve Lo will be our fly tying instructor - at the Cocoa Library.

Mike Franz will be our speaker for July 28th Club Meeting

Please join us at **Beef O'Bradys 3030 Lake Washington Rd. Melbourne** on July 28th at **6:30pm**. Note the new location! Mike Franz will be speaking about the pathway to fly flyfishing and how to move through it's frustrations and pleasures. FFFA members are encouraged to participate with questions and discussion (anything related to fly fishing).

Mike Franz's bio:

Mike began Fly Fishing in early 60's. He fly fished New Mexico Rivers, Streams & Lakes in the mid 70's. In the 80's thru 2009 Mike fished fresh and saltwater:

- US, Northeast, West, Florida and Keys
- Bahamas -Bonefish, Cubera snapper,
- Belize -Bonefish & Permit
- Canada, Atlantic Salmon, Pike & Steelhead
- Iceland, - Atlantic Salmon
- Russia, - Atlantic Salmon
- New Zealand, Trout

Mike Franz is a member of Fly Fishers Internation 1995-current, CCI 1999 to current, Florida Council Member Backcountry Fly Fishers', Naples, Fl. since 2000 (he is a Lifetime member). BFF Head Casting Instructor, Dir. of Education

Member Florida Fly Fishing Assoc. 2024 to present, Dir. of Education

Member Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club 2026

Bass Pro Shop, Orlando White River Fly Shop Manager, Oct.2021-May 2022

Camp Laurel South, Casco, Me.

Director of Fly Fishing School 2023

Mike has taught a variety of fly fishing venues & guided in Alaska, Idaho, Florida, British Columbia, Canada and loves to share the sport of fly fishing.

Mike Franz will be our speaker the July 28th Club Meeting



Our July 21st Fly Tying class will be held at the Cocoa Library aka Catherine Schweinsberg Rood

Bob Arnold will teach us to tie the STP Frog

Please join us for a fly tying class on July 21st at the Cocoa Library at **6pm**. Please note that we are starting ½ hour earlier! Bob Arnold will teach us to tie the STP Frog.

Dinner isn't available. Fly tying starts at 6pm, 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

Fellow fly fishers, July is here, and with it comes the heart of Florida summer: early launches, warm evenings, afternoon storms, and some memorable fishing opportunities. Whether you are chasing redfish on the flats, working poppers around freshwater banks, or practicing casts in the shade, this is a great month to stay connected with the FFFA club and each other. July Club Events:

- Fly Tying: Tuesday, July 21, 6:00–7:45 p.m., Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, 308 Forrest Avenue, Cocoa. NOTE NEW START TIME!
- Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m., Beef 'O' Brady's, 3030 Lake Washington Road. Come early for dinner, fellowship, and fish stories. NOTE NEW MEETING LOCATION

Thank you to everyone for supporting our various meetings and outings: fly tying nights, educational classes, outings, and conservation work. The FFFA is strongest when members show up, share what they know, welcome new anglers and take actions to help keep our fisheries and habitats healthy. If you haven't attended a recent event, July is a perfect time to "jump back in". Going forward, our monthly club meetings will be held at Beef O' Bradys, which offers great food, drink and an awesome audio/video system. I encourage each FFFA member to invite a guest, bring a question, and share a tip about fly fishing. A successful club is not measured by the fish we catch, but by the knowledge, friendships, and stewardship we build along the way.

It gets very hot in the Summer, so please take extra care in the heat: fish early (or late) if possible, handle fish quickly and gently, or keep them in the water, and release them in good condition. Bring lots of water, and sun protection. Remember that afternoon thunderstorms can build quickly, so watch the sky and make conservative decisions. Most importantly - STAY HYDRATED!

Our board continues to welcome ideas for speakers, outings, education topics, conservation partnerships, and ways to help new FFFA members or visitors to feel welcome. If you have a place you would like to explore, a fly you would like to learn, or a skill you would be willing to teach, please let us know.

We really appreciate Scott C. for his outstanding presentation at our June Monthly meeting, and we also appreciate the FFFA Volunteers who participated in the BIOLAB quarterly cleanup! The Biolab Road cleanup is a great opportunity to enjoy camaraderie as we remove trash that is harmful to wildlife / fish. Following the outing, we enjoy a great brunch, together. Thank you for being part of the Florida Fly Fishing Association.

Tight Loops. . .

Amir Pishdad, Jr.

President, FFFA



Calendar of Events

July 2026

July 21st Fly Tying, Bob Arnold

July 15th MINWR Coquina Pond - Volunteer to teach children to fish

July 22nd MINWR Coquina Pond - Volunteer to teach children to fish

July 28th Club Meeting, Mike Franz

July 31st Outing to Lake Washington

August 2026

August 18th Fly Tying, Steve Lo

August 25th Club Meeting, Richard Hart

August (YTB) Sebastian River - fly fishing outing

September 2026

September 15th Fly Tying, Doug Rothenbush

September 22nd Club Meeting, (maybe? Daryl Gorenflo??)

September (YTB) Wabasso - fly fishing outing

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

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God bless America

HAPPY
4TH OF
JULY

FFFA FLY TYING

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

CATHERINE SCHWEINSBERG ROOD CENTRAL LIBRARY
308 FORREST AVENUE
COCOA FLORIDA 32922

FFFA CLUB MEETING

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

Beef O'Brady's

3030 LAKE WASHINGTON ROAD
MELBOURNE, FL 32934

FFFA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ARRIVE EARLY TO
ENJOY THE FANTASTIC FOOD + DESSERTS AT BEEF O'BRADY'S

FFFA OUTING ON JULY 31ST

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

6:30am on Friday, July 31st
(time is determined by your Captain)

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

Several FFFA members don't have a boat and wish to participate. Captains should contact Daryl Gorenflo or Rick Posey to let us know whether or not you have room for Club member(s) who don't have a boat.

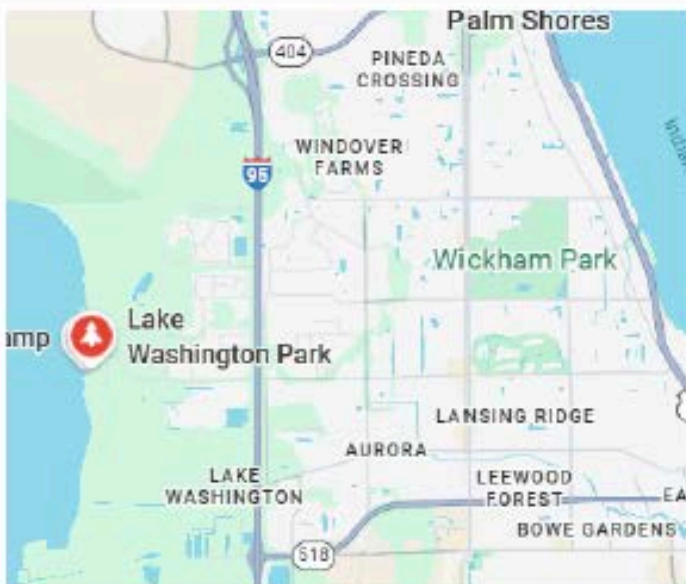
1. Sunscreen
2. Sunglasses
3. Water - lots!!!
4. Snacks
5. Hat
6. Jacket
7. Suntan lotion
8. Bug repellent for No See Ums & Mosquitos

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. Stealth Bombers
6. 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: Daryl & Rick

You are welcome to contact Daryl 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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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

JULY 15TH AND JULY 22ND



EDUCATING BOYS + GIRLS CLUB KIDS ABOUT FISHING

The Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge has requested that we assist with 2 educational events for kids on July 15th & July 22nd. We need several 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

7:30am on Wednesday, July 15th

7:30am on Wednesday, July 22nd

The event for the kids begins at 9am, but please arrive at 7:30am 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 Ledward or Don Foor. Members of Project Healing Waters & Salt Strong are also participating.

WHERE

MINWR Visitors Center: 1987 Scrub Jay Way
#32782 Titusville, FL 32782

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 7:30am 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 Ledward or Don Foor, directly.

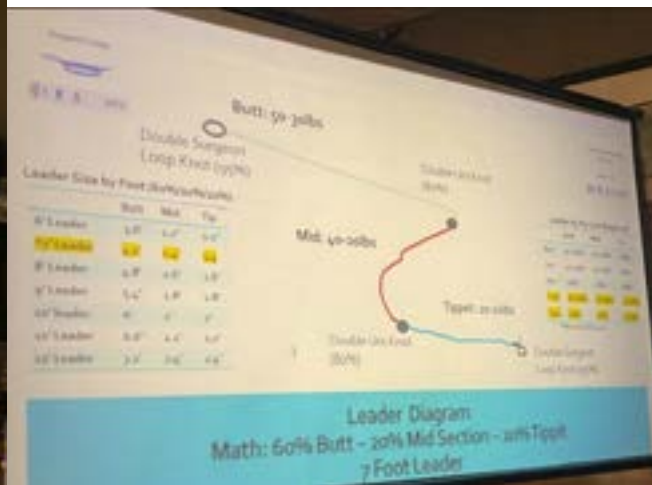
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LEADERS BY SCOTT C. FOR FFFA CLUB MEETING



Bio-Lab Cleanup

Titusville, Florida

June 11, 2026



BIOLUMINESCENCE OUTING



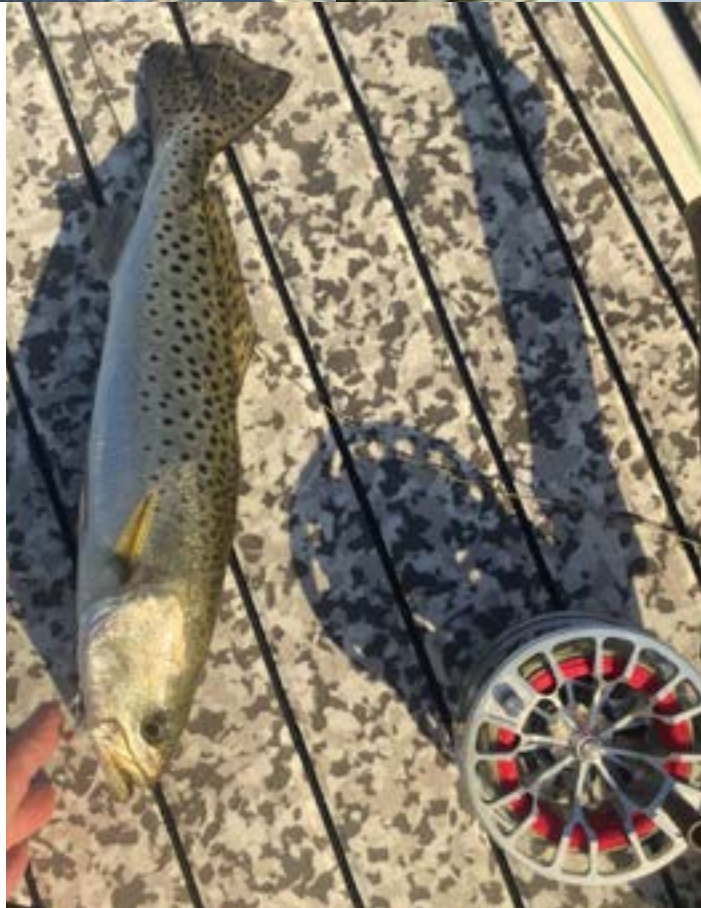
COQUINA POND - BOYS + GIRLS CLUB



CLAUDE EDGE FRONT ST. OUTING



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BILL L - PROJECT HEALING WATERS OUTING



MISC

Florida Fly Fishing Association Species Tracker 2026

Total Species Caught: 50

Current as of 06/17/2026

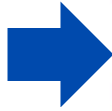
- Alligator Gar
- American Shad
- Armored Catfish
- Black Crappie
- Black Drum
- Blue Catfish
- Blue Tilapia
- Blueback Herring
- Bluegill
- Bowfin
- Brook Trout
- Brown Trout
- Bullseye Snakehead
- Channel Catfish
- Crocker
- Flier
- Florida Bluegill (Cope)
- Hickory Shad
- Holland's Carp
- Jaguar Capote
- Ladyfish
- Largemouth Bass
- Largescale Mullet
- **Leather Jack**
- 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
- Sheephead
- **Smallmouth Bass**
- Speckled Trout
- Spotted Sunfish
- Spotted Tilapia
- Striped Bass
- Tarpon
- **Tiger Trout**
- 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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