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***This Month's Meeting:
October 6, 2026***

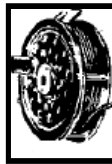


Susan Solomon
(archive)

GUEST SPEAKER:

Tim Cammisa

**"How My Pennsylvania Tactics Worked in Iceland"
(Zoom Presentation)**



President's message

This is the time of year, with Thanksgiving approaching, and Awards Night coming up, that we begin to think about the things that we're grateful for. I'm grateful to the club Officers, Andy Murad, Karin Stainkamp and Peter Harris. They work hard at the meetings and behind the scenes. Andy books all of our guest speakers, runs some of our raffles, and pitches in wherever needed. Karin diligently records all the things we discuss at our board meetings, and our elections. Peter manages all of the club's finances, and works at a table during the meeting, where he handles receipts, membership renewals, raffle money, etc.

The Board Members also have specific jobs, and extra tasks that they've taken on. Bob Skoy helps with raffles, and occasionally works with new members, and is our legal adviser. Morty Schneiderman is our tireless newsletter editor and runs the used tackle table. Harry runs the coffee and snacks at every meeting, which is a lot of work now that we're averaging 70 to 80 members showing up. Jim Pungello oversees getting all the dates for our trips in order and making sure there's no scheduling conflicts. Bill Draghi purchases all of the prizes that we have on the raffle table and makes sure that we don't run out before the end of the year. He also runs the club picnic, and this year started the club's first fly swap, which was a big success. Mark Poris keeps track of our membership rolls and updates the list that's sent to all board members. He also helps Peter with collecting money and keeping an accurate record of payments. Joe DiClementi handles our sign in sheet at the meetings, and door prize and volunteers for outreach events. George Musoraffiti oversees the club's website and is our technical adviser. Ed Kohler is at practically every outreach event that we're involved in. He never has to be asked, he just shows up.

There are many who help that are not on the Board. Susan, Howie, and Nora Solomon work at the merchandise table every meeting, and Susan oversees the bookings for many of our club trips. Eamon and Frank Condon run the raffle table at each meeting. Bill Smith volunteers for the fly tying lessons and represents our club at many events. The Libba guys, led by Cooky, run the club's barbecues and jump up to help with the tables, or pretty much anything we need. Speaking of tables many of you have been helping to set up and put them away. Ken Mattera, Tom Scialdone, Vinny, Joe D, and others whose name escapes me at the moment, but I will thank you in person at the meeting.

Finally, I want to thank our membership. This club wouldn't exist without your support. You buy raffle tickets, used items, 50-50's, club merchandise, etc. You show up to our meetings, you laugh, socialize, welcome newbies, share fishing info; it's what encourages new members to return. I apologize in advance to anyone I forgot to thank, and if you let me know I'll include it in the next Newsblast. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Shawn



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October 2026 LIFR Newsblast



***If you know of anyone who is not receiving the Newsblast or Newsletter have them contact Shawn Shawnsul8@aol.com, 516 236-6554

*** As you may have noticed at the last meeting, we now have to bring three extra tables and chairs from the shed out back and put them away at the end of the meeting. Thanks to those who helped at the last meeting, Anyone who can get to the hall 6:30-7 to help set up the tables would be greatly appreciated!

**Special Raffle: Tenkara rod with leaders, a \$300.00 plus value, \$10.00 a ticket, three for \$20.00. Donated by guest speaker Karin Miller of Zen Tenkara. (see pic above) *make sure you bring your ticket, especially if you didn't write your name on the stub!

Hey Flyrodders: Here's your events calendar for the month of October 2026

***Thank you to all the members who have renewed their membership! Remember you must be paid up in order to participate in club activities, don't miss out!. ALL members must fill out a membership form. You can print one out from the club website and we've made it so that you can type in your info and then print it out already completed. We also have blank forms available at the meeting.

10/3 Catch A Rainbow at Connetquot

10/6 LIFR Meeting at 7:30 Guest speaker Tim Camissa of Trout and Feather.com, "How My Pennsylvania Tactics Worked in Iceland" (Zoom presentation), 6:30 BBQ, used tackle sale, fly casting out back. Tenkara rod raffle ticket will be pulled after the break, you can still buy tickets, ten dollars each, three for \$20.00

10/8 Fly Tying nights are back! Meet at the VFW on the second Thursday of each month, at 6:30 pm, until the spring. There will be two instructed groups, six at a table, beginner and intermediate. Materials, tools, and vises will be provided (vises and tools only provided for beginners). Uninstructed tyers can sit at the other tables, and tie what they want. No food will be served, you can bring your own. Contact Bill Smith wds0258@gmail.com, or text [631 434-5200](tel:6314345200), or Susan Solomon mrssolomon0704@aol.com, or text [516 330-5731](tel:5163305731)

10/14 Awards Night at Borelli's 6:30 pm, we have 50 people but you can still buy tickets. Three course dinner, including soda coffee and cake for \$50.00 per person . If you signed up or intend to, please bring your money, cash or check to pay Peter Harris at the table. Checks should be made out to Long Island Flyrodders. We will hold a free raffle of Tim Camissa's book ""Tying Euro Nymphs and Other Competition Favorites" for all who attend.

10/17 Fall Festival at Hempstead Lake, there will be a sign up sheet by the flag

10/19 Club Day at Connetquot two sessions 8-12 and 12-4, cash only, pay at the gate, do NOT send me a check in advance! Walk up to the toll booth where Shawn is parked, to pay. Don't drive down until Shawn gives the okay. Contact Shawn Sullivan at [516 236-6554](tel:5162366554), or email Shawnsul8@aol.com to reserve your spot or sign up at the meeting

10/27 LIFR Board Meeting 7 pm

Upcoming Events:

12/3 "Toys for Tots" gift drive, and Holiday Party

1/22-24 Edison Fly Fishing Show

Many thanks and Tight Lines-

Shawn Sullivan, President
Long Island Flyrodders

Website : www.liflyrodders.org

YOU'RE INVITED TO

LIFR Awards Night

Wednesday October 14, 2026

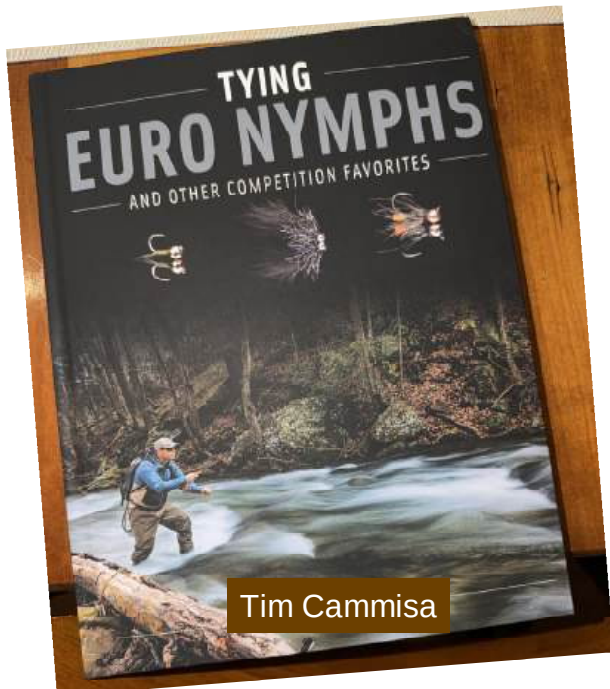
6:30 pm At Borrelli's of East Meadow

\$50.00 per person Includes Appetizers, Salad, Main Entrée,
Coffee, Unlimited Soda, and Cake

Sign up at the meeting or text

Shawn 516 236-6554

Please come to the meeting with your payment
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Long Island Flyrodders.
See Peter Harris at his table. Thanks.



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Mother Nature's Son

By Shawn Sullivan

ÿSit beside a mountain stream, see her waters riseÿ òUnlike the person in this Beatles song, I do not have a good relationship with nature. Iÿn more like this guy, ÿI was born in a crossfire hurricane.ÿ Jumping Jack Flash. I try to do the right thing, I recycle, I pick up trash, I donÿt run the faucet continuously while shaving, yet sheÿs not cutting me any slack.

A few days ago, I went with a friend to fish Jones Inlet. Somebody had warned me not to go when thereÿs a north wind. I figured itÿs just an old wivesÿtale. We got to the beach, and my friend wet his finger, stuck it up in the air and pronounced it a ÿnorth windÿ I called him a frigginÿinx, and we had a good laugh about fishing superstitions. Seconds later we were attacked by a horde of biting black flies. They were like Piranha with wings. I put on a light windbreaker and covered my exposed areas with bug spray. Anyone who knows me knows Iÿd rather get bitten than use that stuff, but I had no choice. We ran through the dunes, barely able to see through the black clouds that were attacking us. We thought we would get a break when we got to the water, but the flies had other ideas. Then a slight wind picked up. The wind had the effect of making the bugs back off for a bit, but then the wind turned into a gale. We saw people wearing head nets while they were fishing. I planned on sticking it out anyway, but my first cast resulted in a Clouser Minnow fly slamming into my stomach. The second cast I heard the Clouser slam into my rod. After an hour of this we decided to head back to our cars. We blindly raced through the dunes while mosquitoes ravaged our face, neck and hands. My friend was wet wading so he got it even worse. I had welts that circled my entire neck. Jeez, with the fresh water being too low and too hot, whereÿs a person supposed to fish?

I donÿt fare much better when tramping through the woods alongside of a river or a small creek. I donÿt mind having to dodge an occasional thorn bush, but when one starts to wrap its way up your leg, tightening as you struggle to get loose, I take that personally! I wish I was making this up, but I have friends who have witnessed this firsthand. Which of course resulted in hysterical laughter. Iÿn like the Rodney Dangerfield of the outdoors; all Iÿn asking is for a little respect! (oh wait, thatÿs Aretha). For a long time, Iÿve resisted putting metal studs on my wading boots. I had this notion that the noise of the studs banging along the rocks would spook the fish. Then I started to realize that my flailing around on a slippery rock while trying not to fall in was more likely to scare the fish than any sounds the studs might make.

I sometimes think Mother Nature has it in for the vertically challenged. One day I was fishing way up in the thirties at Connetquot. I remember one of my friends had warned me to watch out for sink holes. Naturally I assumed he had found a killer spot and was making stuff up to keep me out of there. I was trying to get away from the opening where I had stepped into the water when I suddenly started to sink into the mud. I had watched a lot of those early Tarzan movies when I was a kid, so I knew what to do if I started to go completely under, but the idea of trying to float on my back in the mud wasnÿt very appealing. I always carry a ski pole, so I managed to lean back and pull my way to solid ground. If MN keeps harassing me, Iÿn going to have a bumper sticker made up that reads WWTD ÿwhat would Tarzan doÿ? Thatÿd show her whoÿs boss!





Fishing with Friends

Fishing with Friends - Process

Process

- Sign up beginning at the April meeting
- Download the Team Reach App – allow the app to receive notifications
- You will be contacted with the code for joining the LIFR Fishing with Friends Team
- Use the app if you are going fishing and would like someone to join you or to plan a fishing outing
- Respond to notifications for fishing opportunities if you are interested

Fishing with Friends



- Create a forum to meet and fish with club members
- Centralized hub for members to post and respond to fishing opportunities
- Simple non intrusive communication process using the Team Reach app

Fishing with Friends – Team Reach App



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\$10.00 a ticket, three for \$20.00.**

**Donated by guest speaker
Karin Miller of Zen Tenkara.**

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 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

If you are fishing the morning session, you may pay at the park on the day you fish.

Text, email, or call 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 - 2026

October 19

**2 Sessions: 8am to 12pm - 12pm to 4pm
@ \$25 per session**

LIFR Connetquot Fishing - October 19, 2026

Good news members, our Board approved fishing for **this month**. Additionally, if you want to fish, there will be **2 Session: 8am to 12pm - 12pm to 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 **Shawn Sullivan** 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, October 19**, so that your reservation can be offered to another Flyrodder on the wait list. Please call, text, or email Shawn: **516 236 6554**, or email Shawnsul8@aol.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 - 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)

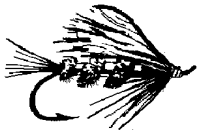
To purchase a Night/Sport Fishing permit.

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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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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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.

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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. (ñLIFRò), 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:

print name: _____ **relationship:** _____ **cell phone:** _____

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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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:

Å **Answering or not answering, or how you answer has NO bearing on your eligibility.**

Å 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.

Å The following answers gives the Board information about the makeup of the membership.

Å 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?

[☐] CASTING
[☐] CONSERVATION
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[☐] INGS
[☐] FLYTYING
[☐] PROGRAM

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LONG ISLAND FLYRODDERS COMING EVENTS
October - 2026

October 6

Club Meeting 7:30pm

Tim Cammisa

"How My Pennsylvania Tactics Worked in Iceland" (Zoom Presentation)

Fly Casting (weather permitting) & Used Tackle Sale 6:30 & BBQ*

Raffle: Tenkara rod with leaders, a \$300.00 plus value-\$10 Ticket-3 for \$20

Make Sure You Bring Your Ticket

October 14

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See info Newsblast page 3 & poster page 4

October 17

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October 19

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October 27

LIFR Board Meeting 7pm (Zoom)

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