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Fly Tying With B.E. Rutherford

This month we welcome local fly tyer B.E. Rutherford to talk about and demonstrate tying various fly patterns that bring the fish from Jacksonville to Key West. Berry Rutherford owes his passion for fly fishing to his father. His father was an avid fisherman all his life and would take Rutherford fishing most every weekend. On Friday afternoons his father would take him out of school early to go fishing. They would load up the family's old Plymouth station wagon with their homemade plywood boat and head to the gin-clear lakes of central Florida to fish for bass, pickerel, bluegill and shell crackers. Always present was his father's bamboo fly rod and automatic reel. Rutherford would watch his father cast flies to hungry bass and dream of one day owning his own fly rods. Unfortunately, his father's bamboo rod was lost in hurricane Donna.



With the love of fishing instilled in him by his father, Berry took up fly fishing. His first rod was a Berkely Heartland, 9-foot, 8-weight fiberglass rod matched to a Pfluger Medalist 1594-1/2 RC reel. He eventually upgraded to a Sage XP with a Tibor Everglades reel given to him by his wife as an anniversary present.

Starting with his father, Berry has had the fortune of having several fly fishing mentors including Frank Steele and his wife Liz whom he met over 30 years ago. The Steeles own the Flyfisherman in Titusville. Rutherford credits Frank with teaching him the mechanics of fly fishing. B.E. also credits Don Reed, owner of Oyster Creek Outfitters with his foray into professional fly tying.

After a chance meeting at a doctor's office in the early 2000s, Don was introduced to some of Rutherford's fly patterns which were seeing success from Jacksonville to Key West. He asked if Berry would be interested in tying flies for his shop. Unfortunately, Rutherford's fulltime job was keeping him busy 50 to 60 hours a week and he politely declined. However, shortly after retiring in March 2017, Rutherford began to tie full time.

Nowadays Berry Rutherford stays as busy as he wants to running Main Street Flies. His hand tied creations can be seen on the Main Street Flies Instagram account [@mainstreetflies](https://www.instagram.com/mainstreetflies). To see about having Berry tie up some flies for you next trip email him at mainstreetflies@gmail.com.

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Gurglers are good for catching Omlors too!

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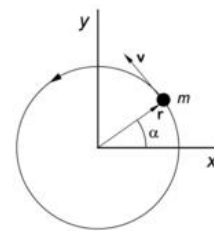
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Casting Mechanics

By Dusty Sprague



Laws of physics govern the process of casting and I refer to them as the principles and variable of casting mechanics.

Principle 1

Tension against the rod tip. Before you can load the rod, you must have line tension against the tip, so that when you move the rod, the weight of the line, aided by water and air resistance, will hold back the tip, causing the rod to load (bend). You can't load the rod in either direction unless the rod tip is pulling against the weight of the line.

Principle 2

Load and unload the rod. With tension against the tip, the rod is best loaded by a smooth, even acceleration of the hand, producing a constant increase in speed throughout the stroke. The rod unloads when the rod is stopped. An uneven acceleration produces less desirable loops, taken to extreme, tailing loops result. A firm, solid stop unloads the rod just below the oncoming line, producing a tight, narrow loop. A soft stop, moving the rod tip over a longer distance during the stop, results in a wider loop. The more abrupt the stop, the tighter the loop.

Principle 3

The line goes where the rod tip goes -- the line can go only in the direction the tip is traveling. If you want the line to go straight ahead, the tip must finish going straight ahead. If you want the line to go farther, the angle of trajectory should be elevated slightly. When casting closer, the finishing point should be lower than the starting point of the cast. In each cast, your target, hence the direction and angle of elevation, may vary.

The 5 Variables in Casting

Hand speed (power), stroke length, casting arc, timing and trajectory are variables casters adjust to achieve a straight-line movement of the rod tip. A short line requires little hand speed, a short casting stroke, narrow casting arc, a short pause (timing) and a forward-tilted trajectory between strokes. A longer line requires more

hand speed, longer stroke, wider arc, longer pause and more level-with-the-surface trajectory

1. Hand Speed - force - rod bend. Adequate hand speed and rod bend is demonstrated when the line has enough energy to straighten at the desired distance, or, the fly reaches its target with the desired shape in the line as in a curve, pile, or 'S' cast. With a constant length of line, generally, the amount of power applied on both the back cast and forward cast should be the same. However, shooting line which adds more line (weight) to be cast, and/or differences in wind velocity and direction will ultimately dictate the amount of hand speed needed for each casting stroke.

2. Stroke length - The length of the casting stroke is the distance the hand moves throughout the casting stroke. Generally, this distance varies with the amount of line outside the rod tip -- short line, short stroke; longer line, longer stroke.

3. Casting Arc - The V-shaped arc between the rod butt in the start position and the rod butt in the stop position is called the casting arc. This is also described as the angular rotation of the rod through the casting stroke. The caster must adjust the size of the casting arc to fit the amount of bend in the rod to produce a relatively straight-line path of the rod tip to produce a narrow loop. The amount of bend in the rod is determined by:

- 1) the weight being cast - fly line, leader and fly,
- 2) the amount of hand speed - force - applied, and
- 3) the stiffness of the fly rod.

Matching the casting arc size, by bending the wrist or arm more or less, to the amount of hand speed applied (which determines rod bend) is one of the keys to good fly casting. That translates into a narrow arc for short casts and a wider arc for longer casts.

4. Timing - Good timing is demonstrated when the pause between strokes is long enough to allow the line to straighten fully without losing its tension and falling dramatically in the process. Generally we use a short pause for short lines and a longer pause for longer lines.

5. Trajectory - For short lines and close targets the



The path of the rod tip is a key element of the casting stroke.

casting arc should be tilted down in front and up in back to maintain a 180 degree rod tip path and a tight, narrow loop that unrolls close to the surface. When casting to more distant targets using longer lines a more upright casting arc is needed. Ideally the fly will unroll just above the target.

If the path of the rod tip is relatively straight throughout the stroke -- close to 180 degrees from starting point to stopping point, and you smoothly accelerate the rod to a firm stop, with the rod tip firmly stopping just below the oncoming line, the result will be a tight, narrow loop of line. If the rod tip path is more convex (a doming path – higher in the middle than at each end), a wider loop is the result. If the rod tip path is concave (lower in the middle than each end), a tailing loop will result.

A poor cast results from failure to properly satisfy a principle or execute a variable. On the other hand, the world's best casters use motions that satisfy the principles and execute variables superbly to achieve a straight movement of the fly line.

Elite Casters:

- Straighten line more completely on the back cast with less sag in the line.
- Smoothly accelerate the rod tip along a very straight path.
- Stop the rod abruptly at the end of the casting stroke.

Elite casters, while satisfying the principles and executing the variables superbly, use different styles to achieve the same desirable end results.

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The Feather Thief

Beauty, Obsession and the Natural History Heist of the Century

On a cool June evening in 2009, after performing a concert at London's Royal Academy of Music, twenty-year-old American flautist Edwin Rist boarded a train for a suburban outpost of the British Museum of Natural History. Home to one of the largest ornithological collections in the world, the Tring museum was full of rare bird specimens whose gorgeous feathers were worth staggering amounts of money to the men who shared Edwin's obsession: the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying.

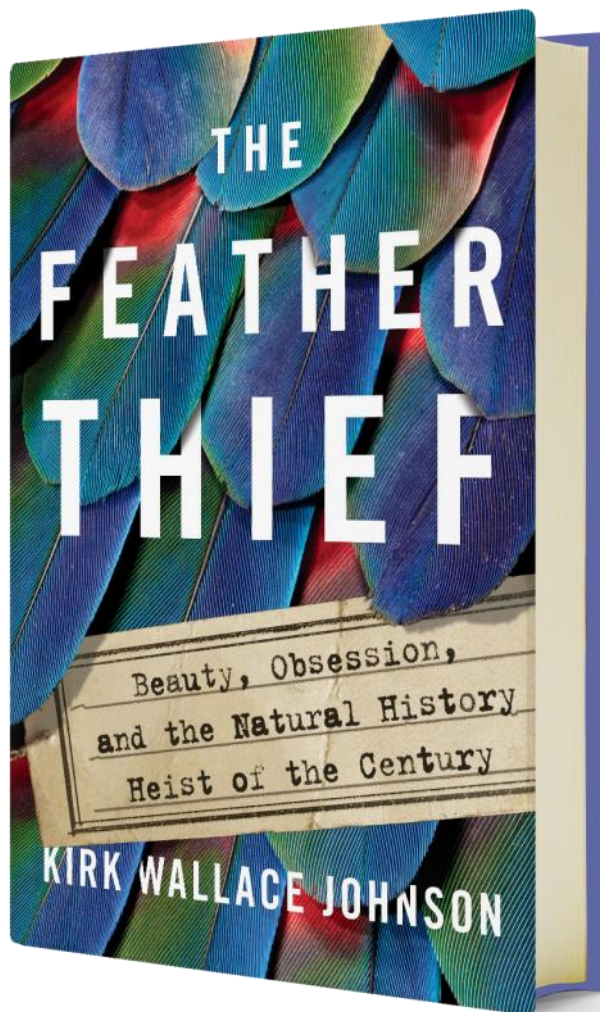
Rist had been there before, months earlier, posing as a student photographer. He was granted access to the collection, and used his time to case the place, taking photographs of the layout of the museum, and making a mental map of the location of each species.

After scaling a wall behind the museum and breaking out a window, the champion fly-tier climbed inside and set out to work. He grabbed hundreds of bird skins—some collected 150 years earlier by a contemporary of Darwin's, Alfred Russel Wallace, who'd risked everything to gather them—and escaped into the darkness.

Not too long after that, I was waist-high in a frigid river in northern New Mexico, fly-fishing for trout, when the guide I'd hired for the day mentioned a recent museum heist, carried out to feed the insatiable demand for rare feathers in the salmon fly-tying community. The whole story was so strange as to be almost unbelievable. I had never written a book when I first heard about the Tring Heist, but thought it sounded like a whale of a story, and started poking around, not realizing how

"It is all a bit mad. Johnson, a wonderfully assured writer, takes us on a curious journey into the past...The Feather Thief proves that the most obscure, "candy-ass" activities can be made interesting for the general reader. Johnson makes his tale as vivid and arresting as a quetzal's tail."

-THE TIMES OF LONDON



quickly I'd be dragged into the feather underground.

I was at an impasse in my own life, after having spent the better part of a decade confronting the humanitarian consequences of the Iraq War. (After coordinating the reconstruction of Fallujah for the U.S. Agency for International Development, I launched a non-profit devoted to helping Iraqis that were being hunted as 'collaborators' for their work alongside American aid workers, diplomats, soldiers, and Marines. I fought to get visas for thousands of these Iraqis, but increasingly felt trapped by a never-ending war that the country had already forgotten). I began fly-fishing, obsessively, as a way of escaping to a quiet place, where my cell phone would stop working and I could think about something else.

What followed was a sprawling, six-year investigation, taking me around the globe in search of Edwin, the missing skins, and some measure of justice. The Feather Thief is that account.

The Feather Thief is published by Penguin Group and is available at most bookstores and on-line. The list price is \$27.00



Anatomy of a New Series

By Vaughn Cochran

In keeping with our website theme of travel/tarpon fishing/permit, we might as well mention one of the best gamefish challenges on the flats....Mr Barracuda. You'll notice that I included a recent painting of a variation of my popular "Barracuda Bright". This often overlooked ruler of the flats is one of the first few experimental paintings in my new "Bright Night" series. Prior to this painting, I did "Night Striper" which sprung from one of my original black and white fly paintings that I've been doing for years. From the beginning of that series I was always trying to decide what I would do with those paintings to expand the fly painting concept.

I had a couple of those black and whites sitting around in the studio and one day I just started painting with black paint, filling in around the fly not knowing what was going to happen. I chose a crab fly painting that had been in the shop for a while because I could put a permit in the design somewhere. As my thinking progressed and thoughts came and went, the muse took over it was time to experiment and do studies on old canvases. There was a barracuda print at the Blackfly Restaurant that need to be replaced so I took that home and went to work. I would paint on it until I ruined it, paint anything I wanted until it was time to cut the canvas off and burn it. Sometimes when painting you can go from reckless abandon to "maybe I can save this". Presenting "Night Cuda"!

After that exercise I felt I could move on with the experiment and try to decide how I was going to paint the permit that I had penciled in under the crab fly. I produced 3 little 8x10 paintings that I called "Conversations on the Boat" trying to figure that out. Finally after two not related to the series paintings had been completed (Net neutrality and Free Swimmer) I got back to the crab piece. The project changed when I decided to add the two remaining canvases to the center panel and create a triptych. New challenges hit me and I had to decide how I was going to incorporate those pieces into what I had already started. More weeks went by until the design came to me while driving. This project had now consumed at least six months of my time.





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Now it was time patiently finish the three canvases, filling all the holes, cleaning up the lines, cover the thin paint and painting the edges of the paintings..... basically two weeks of detail work.

I'm done now and thinking of what to do next.



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Congress Advances Legislation on Everglades, Infrastructure Improvements

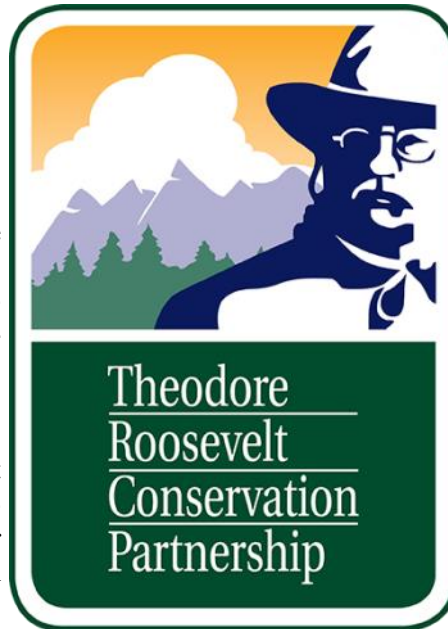
WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congress took major steps this week to advance legislation that includes some benefits for water quality and fish and wildlife habitat across the country.

Wednesday afternoon, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed its “Water Resources Development Act” (H.R. 8) with provisions on boosting natural infrastructure and addressing harmful algal blooms, which can shut down fishing access. On Tuesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously passed the “America’s Water Infrastructure Act” (S. 2800), which would help prioritize natural and nature-based solutions to infrastructure challenges, like frequent flooding, and expedite habitat restoration in the Everglades and Lower Mississippi River Basin.

“Both bills would help create opportunities to reduce flood and storm damages in American communities using natural infrastructure, which improves water quality and fish and wildlife habitat at the same time,” says Whit Fosburgh, president and CEO of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. “Nature-based infrastructure projects, like restoring wetlands and dunes, can be more cost effective than traditional infrastructure in the long-term, so what’s good for habitat is also good for taxpayers.”

If finalized, this legislation would expedite efforts to restore natural water flows through the Everglades and into Florida Bay, which is critical to the health of the fishery and outdoor recreation economy in this bucket-list fishing destination. “Recreational fishing supports more than 26,000 jobs throughout South Florida,” says Eric Eikenberg, CEO of The Everglades Foundation. “We are pleased that Congress has shown more urgency in making major advances on the largest ecosystem restoration project in our nation’s history.”

Both bills would also authorize a feasibility study of several key habitat restoration projects in the Lower Mississippi River Basin, which supports as many as 91 species of freshwater fish. “Although this region has some of the richest soil and greatest water resources in



North America, it is home to some of the most impoverished communities in the nation with poverty rates over 35 percent,” says James L. Cummins, executive director of Wildlife Mississippi and vice president of the Boone and Crockett Club. “This feasibility study will greatly aid us in developing sound conservation solutions and outdoor recreation opportunities that make economic sense for the people who live and work in this very special place.”

Congress aims to pass water resources development legislation every two years to authorize the Army Corps of Engineers to carry out proposed water-related projects. The full House and Senate still need to vote on these two bills and conference them together before sending final legislation to the president’s desk.

Inspired by the legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, the TRCP is a coalition of organizations and grassroots partners working together to preserve the traditions of hunting and fishing. By ensuring access to quality fish and wildlife habitat, we’re also safeguarding the \$887 billion that sportsmen and women help contribute to the American economy.

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National Fishing & Boating Week: A Good Time to Wet a Line



By Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries

I love saltwater fishing, especially in my home state of Texas as well as my other home state of Alaska. There is nothing better than being out on the water with friends and family, casting and hoping for a bite on the other end. And, in my job as the director of NOAA Fisheries, I also see this as a great week to take stock of where we are today with saltwater recreational fishing. The bottom line is ... healthy fish populations are essential for great days fishing with friends and family—and U.S. fish stocks haven't been this healthy in decades.

Here's how we know. NOAA Fisheries' annual "Status of the Stocks" report indicates the number of U.S. fish stocks that are "overfished" (too few fish of a particular species) is at an all-time low. It also tells us that "overfishing" (the number of fish stocks with too many fish being caught each year) remains near record lows. For recreational fishermen, there is even better news—the status of a number of recreationally important species has improved. Gulf of Mexico red snapper and gray triggerfish along with Pacific yelloweye rockfish have been removed from the overfished list; Atlantic sailfish and other species have seen an end to overfishing; and bocaccio, along the southern Pacific coast, have been rebuilt. The 2017 report highlights that the collective work of fishermen, fishery managers, and scientists to maximize fishing opportunities while ensuring sustainable fish populations is paying off.

Life on the water and under the water is getting better, and NOAA Fisheries and recreational fishermen are working together more closely than ever to make sure it stays this way. In late March, NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission held a national summit with 100 leaders from the marine recreational fishing community to discuss how to collaborate and improve recreational fishing opportunities. Important and emerging issues were discussed, such as innovative fishery management practices, electronic reporting of recreational catches, the importance of socioeconomic in fishery management, and improving conservation efforts. U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Acting NOAA Administrator Tim Gallaudet

joined the group of knowledgeable fishermen and emphasized the many ways in which the Department of Commerce supports saltwater recreational fishing and fishing's importance to the nation. We are now working hard to put what we learned into action.

Remember, it's not just this week that we celebrate recreational fishing and boating – it's every week. And NOAA Fisheries is proud to do our part to provide opportunities and, hopefully, memorable experiences for saltwater anglers everywhere.

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Summer Casting Clinic

Featuring Dusty Sprague

Saturday June 26th M & M Dairy

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Dusty's passion is teaching fly casting and shallow-water fly fishing. He began fly fishing in the late 1950's, learning from his father, the late Judge H.G. Sprague. He began tying flies and teaching fly casting in the 1970's; and guiding in the early 1980's. He has fly fished for fresh or saltwater species in much of the US, Belize, Mexico, the Bahamas, and Canada, and has guided in Colorado, northern New Mexico and south-east Alaska.

He is the lead instructor for Boca Grande Outfitters in southwest Florida and was the lead instructor for the former Casey Key Anglers and Outfitters and Flying Fish Outfitters in Nokomis, Florida. He has been the lead instructor for the past seven years at Ascension Bay Bonefish Club in Mexico, where he coaches anglers pursuing bonefish, permit, tarpon and snook.

Come join us for this unique opportunity to learn from one of the true leaders of our sport. The Clinic is free of charge and open to all members of the First Coast Fly Fishers. Bring a rigged fly rod with leader and tip-pet. There will be plenty of opportunities for one-on-one instruction with Dusty and other casting instructors. The Club will provide coffee and doughnuts in the morning and refreshments throughout the day.

Emails regarding the Clinic will be forthcoming. Be sure to let us know if you plan to attend so we can have the correct amount of food and refreshments on hand.

You won't want to miss the opportunity!





Directions to M & M Dairy

From I-295, take the Alta Road Exit and head north. Alta becomes Yellow Bluff Road

At the traffic signal, turn east onto Cedar Point Road

Go east approximately 3/4-miles and south onto Holstein Drive.

Follow Holstein Drive south until the road dead ends.

Park along the west side of the road in front of the fence.



The Predicament of Buying the Right Fly Line

By Mike Hodge, Temple Fork Outfitters

So you want to buy a fly line. Should be a snap, right?

Not exactly. Not anymore.

When I bought my first fly rod in the late 1980s, I found an affordable weight-forward, 5-weight fly line, bought it and began fishing. I didn't know how to cast or even how to fly fish, but the setup worked just fine.

Those days are long gone. Fly lines are heavier than ever, and a 5-weight line is no longer a true 5-weight line, more like a 5.5, or even heavier.

Forgive me for the technical explanation that's about to follow, but background is needed for proper context. Historically, fly lines have been measured by grain weight (otherwise known as grainage) in the first 30 feet of line. An 8-weight is supposed to weigh in the neighborhood of 210 grains, a 9-weight 230 and so on.

The system was developed by the late Myron Gregory, an ardent pistol shooter and competitive fly caster, who decided in the late 1950s, early 1960s that fly lines needed a reliable, standardized system of measurement.

Prior to Gregory's work, fly lines were designated by letters, apparently with little rhyme or reason. Consumer chaos ensued because aspiring anglers had little idea what they were buying. Nearly 60 years later, chaos rules once again.

I looked at 8-weight lines from four different fly line companies — Scientific Anglers, Orvis, Rio and Cortland. Lines were consistently one weight higher than Gregory's standard, which is used by the American Fly Fishing Trade Association, known as AFFTA. Sometimes weights were right on the money. Sometimes they were two lines too heavy, meaning an 8-weight was closer to a 10.

Huh?

"We don't know what anything is anymore," TFO advisor Flip Pallot said. "If you go into a shop to buy a fly line, one thing you can be sure of is it's going to be

much, much heavier in grain weight than what a 7-weight line should be, according to the adopted (grain-weight) system. That's where we stand again. We got so smart that we completely got ourselves lost in the woods again."

Full disclosure: Flip told me about this issue a few weeks ago. I thought he might be exaggerating. He wasn't. So I reached out to others in the industry.

"It's horrible," TFO chairman Rick Pope said. "And it's getting worse, not better."

And fly shop owners have noticed the trend as well.

"What happened was the line companies didn't say this line is really an 8.5," said Vaughn Cochran, a former Keys guide who owns the Blackfly Lodge in the Bahamas and Blackfly Outfitters in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Flip Pallot throws a nice loop. Photo courtesy of Flip Pallot.

Why fly-line makers strayed from the accepted standard likely stems from a number of reasons. Opinions vary, but many in the industry agree that rods got faster. Novices and inexperienced anglers didn't have the skill to cast the quicker sticks. To compensate, newcomers bought lines that were one size heavier than the recommended size. Soon after line makers started doing it for them.

"My answer: The industry was trying to make it easier



to fish,” TFO Bass Category Manager Collins Illich said.

Others are a bit more blunt as to what happened and why.

“Somebody needs to take responsibility,” Pallot said. “We had a perfect situation. We shouldn’t design things for goons; we should design things the way they should be. Goons should be able to aspire to use it. If they choose to put a 10-weight line on an 8-weight rod, that’s their decision. They can do that. But you should be able to go into the store and buy an 8-weight rod and line. You can’t do that.

“Someone has to step up. Either rod manufacturers have to build rods that conform to the traditional, established grain weight scale...or... line designations and grain weights need to be readjusted (and standardized) according to current, higher performing rods. In a perfect world, both of the above would take place. The industry OWES THIS TO THE CONSUMER and to itself.”

So what’s a consumer to do? Shop around.

“It’s really important and you want to test it on the rod that you’re going to use,” Cochran said. “It’s kind of like when you used to go buy a shirt, you buy a large. Now you buy a shirt and large is not always the same as a large in another company. There’s no consistency. You have to try on a couple shirts to get the right size. If you want to find the right fly line, you have to put it on

your rod and try it.”

There’s only one flaw with the trial-and-error method. The wrong tool often gets the blame.

“It’s more difficult for the rod maker, when everyone questions the rod, but not the line,” Pope said. “No one really knows what the line weighs. We have 8-weights that range from 210 grains to as much as 350 grains. The difference in an 8-weight line is totally random. The 8-weight rod maker like us struggles. Everyone questions the rod first, not the line.”

Interestingly, Pope says anglers who use two-handed rods are the opposite. They often will evaluate the line first. Each two-handed TFO rod, it should be noted, lists grain-windows for the appropriate line weight. Traditional fly rods only list suggested line weights.

Should one-handed rods list a grain window for anglers to match the ideal fly line? If it were only that easy. The truth is there is no easy answer to this predicament.

“It’s like in golf,” Pope said. “A 6-iron used to be for 165 yards; now people hit it 190 yards. Did the clubs change or the ball change? I’m not sure who’s chasing who. The reality is it’s the industry’s fault.”

This piece originally appeared on the TFO Blog: <https://tforods.com/the-predicament-of-buying-the-right-fly-lin/>





Larry: You know fish is great brain food.

*Moe: Well, you know, then you should fish
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tooth® wireless technology with your compatible Apple® or Android™ device so you can access unlimited maps, aerial imagery and U.S. NOAA charts. Plus, Earthmate allows you to conveniently use all of the inReach features on your paired mobile device. For easier messaging, you can also access your phone's contact list from the Earthmate app to connect with fewer keystrokes.

Pair with Garmin Pilot™

In the aviation world, inReach Mini becomes a valuable air communications link. When paired via Bluetooth to a compatible tablet or smartphone running the Garmin Pilot app, your inReach Mini makes it easy to send and receive text messages while in the cockpit — even from areas without cellular reception. The app pulls in your smart device's contact lists, so access is simple and seamless. And since your inReach Mini is also a handheld GPS, Garmin Pilot can leverage its rock-solid position source to drive a georeferenced aircraft position symbol on your tablet's moving map display. Also, for your followers on the ground, inReach Mini can provide tracking of your flight, using the web-based MapShare™ page created for your inReach account. You can also link via Facebook® or Twitter®.

Additional Aviation Services

Your inReach Mini is also a supported device for the Lockheed Martin Flight Services (LMFS) Adverse Condition Alerting Service (ACAS), Surveillance-Enhanced Search and Rescue (SE-SAR) and Enhanced Special Reporting Services (eSRS). If you register for ACAS information, alerts provided via LMFS prompt you to call for an abbreviated briefing to address any specific adverse condition situation that might affect your flight-planned routing. Likewise, automatic monitoring provided by the SE-SAR service enables the sys-



tem to identify potential flight emergency situations and/or signals to promptly initiate search and rescue procedures for your aircraft.

Get Weather on the Go

The optional inReach weather forecast service provides detailed updates directly to your inReach Mini or compatible device paired with the Earthmate app, so you'll know what conditions to expect en route. Basic and premium weather packages are offered. And you can request weather forecasts for your current location or any other waypoint or destination on your itinerary.

Rugged, Robust inReach

Tough, durable, impact resistant (MIL-STD-810F) and water-rated to IPX7, inReach Mini is built to keep you up and running. It includes an internal, rechargeable lithium battery for up to 50 hours' use at the default 10-minute tracking mode and up to 20 days in power saving mode. Recharge via the microUSB power cable or optional in-vehicle 12-V charger.

Flexible Satellite Airtime Plans

To access the Iridium network and communicate with your inReach Mini, an active satellite subscription is required. Depending on your usage level, you can opt for an annual contract package or flexible month-to-month airtime plan.

Includes Unlimited Cloud Storage and Trip Planning

Every inReach device comes with free access to the cloud-powered Garmin Explore website to plan your trips with routes and waypoints, create preset messages and quick texts, sync and manage your device settings, update your firmware, link your social media accounts, store all your location tracking data and much more.

The Garmin inReach Mini retails for \$349.99 and is available through most electronic and outdoor retailers. The unit requires a monthly satellite subscription. Subscriptions vary in price from \$11.95 to \$99.95 per month depending on the options you select. Annual contracts are also available which reduce the cost of the monthly rates.



June Outing....

Stuart, Florida

June 15, 16 and 17

Join the Club this month as we head south to fish for snook under the dock lights. We will stay at the [River Palms Cottages](#) located at 2325 NE Indian River Drive in Jensen Beach. If you want to go and haven't reserved a room for the trip you need to call now (772) 334-0401. We will be using the River Palms as our base camp while we fish the Stuart area docks at night for snook and tarpon.

Unfortunately, the water quality in some of the rivers we typically fish has been affected by releases of water from Lake Okeechobee. That doesn't mean there won't be places to fish. We may head south to fish the Loxahatchee, which generally isn't affected by the lake release.

Boats

You will need a boat or will need to fish with someone who has a boat for this outing. It is possible to fish the outing with canoes, kayaks or paddle boards. No matter what kind of watercraft you take to the outing, be sure to have a set of working lights. Most of the fishing will

After this month's cover-boy managed to catch himself with a gurgler, he was able to put a couple of nice fish in the boat, including a nice gator trout. It just goes to show, you never know what you might catch on any given day on the water.



take place at night. You need to be able to see and be seen.

Flies and Equipment

Seven, eight and nine weight rods with floating lines will be ideal for this outing. You will want the backbone of a larger rod to pull the snook away from the docks and mangroves. Shrimp and baitfish patterns will work best. If you have multiple rods at your disposal, plan to bring at least two rods. This will be combat fishing at its finest. You will want a backup just in case a 20 pound snook decides to test the warranty on your rod.

Safety

You will be night fishing. So bring headlamps, flashlights and plenty of spare batteries. Make sure the lights are working properly on your boat and trailer. The last thing you want to do is spend the day rewiring your boat.

More Information

More information about the outing will be made available later this month via email. If you have questions about the email, or want to secure a ride in a boat with another member, contact Outings Chairman Erick Kazmerchak at FCFFOutings@gmail.com.



Guru Series II Fly Fishing Reel

WIN!

So far, no one has managed to answer all of the trivia questions correctly. But you don't have to have all the answers. You just need more than the other guy in order to lay your hands on **Lamson Guru Series II Fly Fishing Reel** to be giving away at the end of the year. If you haven't signed up for the trivia contest, be sure to do so today.

Here is this month's question...

The June Question

Throughout the history of the Club, there have been six members who have been awarded the Lifetime Membership Award in recognition of their contributions to the Club. Name one.

The Bonus Question

Name another one.

Email your answers to the Newsletter Editor at fcffnewsletter@gmail.com.

Each participant will be awarded 1 point for each correct answer. You do not lose points for incorrect answers.

Half-a-point (0.5) will be awarded for each correct answer to the bonus question. However, in order to receive credit for the bonus question, you must answer the monthly question correctly.



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JUNE 2018 TIDES JACKSONVILLE (MAYPORT BAR PILOT DOCK)

DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	DATE	TIME	HEIGHT	DATE	TIME	HEIGHT
6/1/2018	Fri 5:07 AM	0.14 L	6/14/2018	Thu 3:24 PM	-0.91 L	6/22/2018	Fri 5:34 PM	4.71 H
6/1/2018	Fri 11:21 AM	3.92 H	6/14/2018	Thu 10:14 PM	5.67 H	6/22/2018	Fri 11:25 PM	0.13 L
6/1/2018	Fri 4:50 PM	0.3 L	6/15/2018	Fri 4:15 AM	-0.68 L	6/23/2018	Sat 5:45 AM	4.14 H
6/1/2018	Fri 11:42 PM	4.64 H	6/15/2018	Fri 10:43 AM	4.55 H	6/23/2018	Sat 11:35 AM	-0.24 L
6/2/2018	Sat 5:48 AM	0.28 L	6/15/2018	Fri 4:16 PM	-0.84 L	6/23/2018	Sat 6:27 PM	4.79 H
6/2/2018	Sat 12:01 PM	3.83 H	6/15/2018	Fri 11:07 PM	5.63 H	6/24/2018	Sun 12:19 AM	0.11 L
6/2/2018	Sat 5:29 PM	0.47 L	6/16/2018	Sat 5:08 AM	-0.65 L	6/24/2018	Sun 6:37 AM	4.05 H
6/3/2018	Sun 12:21 AM	4.47 H	6/16/2018	Sat 11:38 AM	4.57 H	6/24/2018	Sun 12:23 PM	-0.2 L
6/3/2018	Sun 6:31 AM	0.39 L	6/16/2018	Sat 5:12 PM	-0.67 L	6/24/2018	Sun 7:16 PM	4.85 H
6/3/2018	Sun 12:42 PM	3.77 H	6/17/2018	Sun 12:01 AM	5.48 H	6/25/2018	Mon 1:10 AM	0.07 L
6/3/2018	Sun 6:12 PM	0.61 L	6/17/2018	Sun 6:04 AM	-0.57 L	6/25/2018	Mon 7:25 AM	3.99 H
6/4/2018	Mon 1:01 AM	4.32 H	6/17/2018	Sun 12:35 PM	4.56 H	6/25/2018	Mon 1:09 PM	-0.16 L
6/4/2018	Mon 7:16 AM	0.46 L	6/17/2018	Sun 6:13 PM	-0.44 L	6/25/2018	Mon 8:01 PM	4.88 H
6/4/2018	Mon 1:26 PM	3.74 H	6/18/2018	Mon 12:56 AM	5.26 H	6/26/2018	Tue 1:58 AM	0.02 L
6/4/2018	Mon 7:03 PM	0.73 L	6/18/2018	Mon 7:03 AM	-0.47 L	6/26/2018	Tue 8:11 AM	3.95 H
6/5/2018	Tue 1:44 AM	4.18 H	6/18/2018	Mon 1:33 PM	4.54 H	6/26/2018	Tue 1:52 PM	-0.12 L
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6/10/2018	Sun 6:11 AM	4.12 H						
6/10/2018	Sun 12:01 PM	-0.33 L						
6/10/2018	Sun 6:44 PM	4.89 H						
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