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*During a break from the rain, Flyrodders enjoy chowtime
at the Housatonic Meadows Campgrounds,
on the Housatonic River, in Connecticut, August 2004*

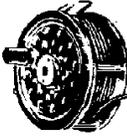


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GUEST SPEAKER:

Angelo Peluso

"Fly Fishing Long Island Sound"



President's message

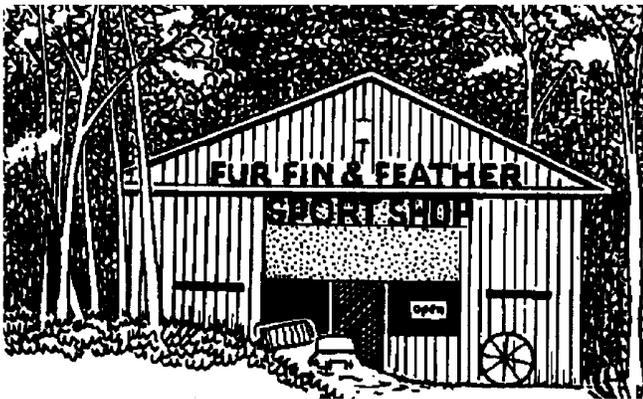
Did I just blink and Summer is over? It always seems that I look forward to summer with the fishing, the beach, camping and all those great plans and before you know it...poof it's Labor Day. Maybe, if I didn't have something planned for every spare minute, it might go slower. I'll have to work on that, maybe if I throw out some of those honey do lists I might have some free time.

The Housatonic trip at the beginning of August came off in spite of the wet weather. There were some nice hatches on Saturday and the sun shined on all the good little Flyrodders. But just to bring everyone back to reality, it started raining just in time for dinner Saturday night. We did manage to feed everyone between the rain drops although, the famous Saturday night campfire was cancelled due to rain. Now for the question of the month...How many Flyrodders can you fit under an 8 x 12 foot awning in a rain storm? The highlight of the evening was

when the **Cooperstein's** arrived at the campsite towing their sailboat. We always like to be prepared for some rain but I think that might have been over doing it, although after the rain Saturday night it did make more sense. With the cool rainy summer we've had, there were still some trout hanging around and with a white fly hatch each night there was some nice after dinner fishing for dessert.

If you're planning on some fall fishing trips we have four left for the year. **Mike Lackey** and **Peter Yuskovich** have a great trip planned for September 24-26 on the Beaverkill, **Nick Friedman** and **Morty Schneiderman** have a Montauk trip set for October 1-3. **Al Battistelli** and **Jim Foley** have a trip to Oak Orchard planned for October 22-24. **Herman Abrams** and **Bob Skoy** have a salt water trip planned for Jones inlet for early November. Start making plans for our **Dinner Dance** on November 13, this promises to be a great evening with plenty of stories and a chance to dress up a little.

I wonder which tie matches my green waders?
See you on the river,
Mike



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For Your Nymphomation

by Lee Weil



Tippy Canoe and Fly Rods Too

Some of the best bass fishing is found in rivers with alternating areas of flat shallows and deep holes. The upper Hudson is prime Smallmouth territory with a bottom consisting of shelves and pits where the bass can lie in ambush. In the summer months, lower water levels usually allow wading access to these spots, but rain and high water can prove frustrating, especially when you see fish working bait just out of your casting zone.

The high water also affects smaller streams and creeks when banks that were formally paths to open areas are submerged. What's an angler to do? The perfect solution to fluctuating water levels and limited launch access is the canoe. Since we purchased our canoe (Paddlin Maddlin), we have enjoyed many hours in places we never fished in spite of their proximity.

Fishing from a canoe presents many advantages; it can be easily transported without a trailer, doesn't require a lot of water to navigate, and if the water becomes too shallow it can be portaged over to the next stretch. As for angling advantages, a canoe can provide a stealthy approach into weed beds and give you the best casting angle to target the pockets.

Flyfishing in a canoe, especially with two anglers, is slightly more challenging than spinfishing, but once you develop certain habits and skills it's easy to adapt. Rods should be strung on shore and handed in once one angler is seated. Lay the rods with the tips straight off the bow and stern to prevent interference while paddling. A chest pack can be worn with the

mandatory life vest to keep tip-pet, nippers and flies close at hand, or you can simply store

your flybox under your seat.

Casting can be done by turns, or anglers can cast across the bow and stern. Jeff and I have found that facing opposite while casting works well, as long as there's no strong wind. Backhand, across-the-body casts and the water haul are techniques you should practice as well. Canoe flyfishing will definitely give you a reason to increase your casting skills. When the fish are rising you won't have to wait for your turn to make a cast, you can simply change your technique to suit the situation.

When bass fishing from the canoe, a 9 ft. rod will give you an added advantage. Remember that you will be casting while seated and the extra foot will keep your line up on your backcast, plus give you a little more muscle when dealing with bass bugs in a breeze.

Canoe flyfishing has become one of our favorite pastimes on rivers and lakes, especially since there are so many options available. I can honestly say that purchasing "Maddlin" was one of the best investments we ever made. Many ponds and lakes in New York prohibit motor boats and there's a special peace to be found while paddling along a lily pad dotted shoreline, casting to each promising pocket, with only a couple of loons and shore birds for company. A box of crackers, a little wine and cheese in the cooler and you've got all the makings for a perfect day trip.



Outdoor Life Network Fly Fishing Masters Competition

Flyrodders **George Simon** and **Floyd Franke** competed recently in the Northeastern Qualifier of Outdoor Life Network's Fly Fishing Masters Competition in Lake Placid New York. The casting competition was held at the pool above the dam in Wilmington, while the actual fly-fishing competition was held on the Hungry Trout's "miracle mile" of the Ausable River.

First, they had to cast for both accuracy and distance. In the field of fifty teams, they came in fourth on day one and second on day two, which qualified them to move on to the fishing competition for the top eight teams. Fishing was judged on the total length of all of the fish caught. They did well on the first day of fishing placing first, but they were skunked on the second day in the semi-finals because the water temperature was 72 degrees. They placed second and during George's interview he mentioned that his interest in fly-fishing was driven by his experiences with the **Long Island Flyrodders**.

The competition was filmed for the Outdoor Life Network and it is to be shown on the OLN channel on the sixth through eighth shows of their fall run.

Reported by Jim Foley

Movie Clips for our Website

By Gil Padovani

With the advent of digital camcorders, it is only logical that our website should start storing short film clips submitted by our members.

If you have a digital camcorder or a digital camera with camcorder capabilities and wish to submit, via email, short film clips for inclusion in our website, please follow these guidelines:

1. The film clip must be fishing or club activity related.
2. You must include a description of the film clip including who, where and when.
3. The film clip can be any format.
4. The film clip should not run longer than 30 seconds.
5. If you have a film clip longer than 30 seconds that has good worthwhile footage but also worthless junk and you don't know how to edit out this junk, send the clip to us anyway. We'll try to do it for you.
6. Email your clip to **Marco Padovani** at: **mpadovani@mpadovani.com**.

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3. All photos submitted may be used by LIFR, e.g., *Flyrodder* and *lifr.org*
4. There will be play-off contests at each Club meeting June through October
5. Three winners will be picked by members present at each of those meetings
6. All winning photos will be entered in the Dinner Dance GRAND CONTEST
7. Members present at the Dinner Dance will select the three Grand Prize winners
8. In case of a tie or dispute, the decision of the Chair will be final

9. All photos are to be handed or mailed to:

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LIFR Camping on the Housatonic

By Joe Otterstedt



Talk about a whole new approach to camping on the Housatonic, the recent LIFR 2004 club trip to the Hous takes the cake!! Now, I know it usually (always?) rains during our LIFR trips to the Hous, but levels of rainfall are normally in the 1" to 2" range with a little thunder and lightening mixed in for good measure.

Top: Backing her into the site
 Center: On the site
 Bottom: Ken seated, Deb, Pete Yuskovick and Bob Skoy.
 Photos by Linda Macy

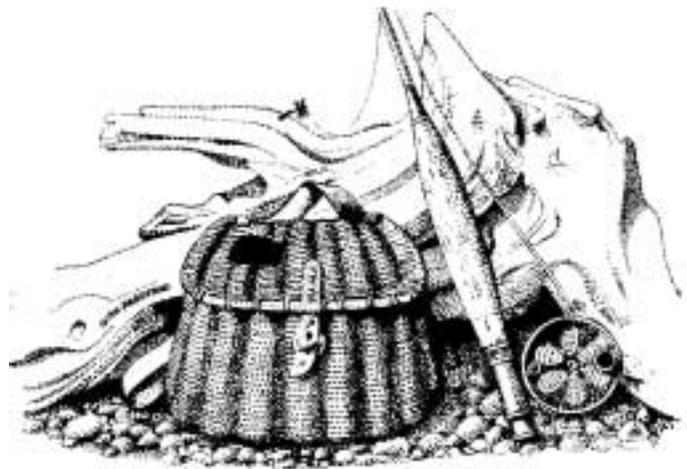
Ken and Deb Cooperstein were not taking any chances however, and were prepared for rain of even biblical proportions. They decided to dock, I mean "pitch" their 23 foot tent, I mean sailboat "Pintail" on site #25 mid-afternoon on Saturday. Set-up was a breeze, after backing the sailboat into the slip, I mean site, a simple tarp draped over the un-stepped mast and a jack at the foot of the trailer completed the work. Should the rain exceed 3 feet, the vessel would simply float off its mooring, I mean trailer, and with the help of the 10 horse power kicker, navigate its way onto the Housatonic River.

While the Hous has hosted many campers with a variety of shelters, from simple sleeping bags to pup tents, large wall tents, pop-ups, campers and even motorized land yachts, even the park police staff found the sailboat to be a new and novel approach (see accompanying photos). Now if Ken can just figure out how to navigate around the boulders in the river he can probably get to some of the pocket water and deep pools not reachable by wading!!!

Expanded "**Welcome**" package

Join the Long Island Flyrodders, as a *new member*, and you can enjoy our **special expanded welcome package**. Thanks to the generous donation of **FLY FISHERMAN** magazine, we are now including the 2004 edition of **FLY-FISHING TACTICS**, a book covering the basics of our sport. So, come and join us at our next meeting.

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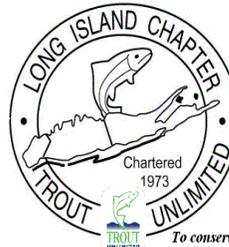
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In response to the demand for the limited spaces available for our Monday Connetquot River State Park trips, the following guidelines are in effect:

Members attending the meetings have first priority, followed by those members, chronologically received, who call in the day after the meeting for the remaining spaces available. Reservations are available for 32 anglers for each session; 64 for both sessions. The cost of each session is \$20.00. No checks will be accepted;

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No advance reservations will be accepted.

Hours: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

For Details call Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743.

CONNETQUOT DATES - 2004

September 20 | October 18

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 Speaker: Angelo Peluso
 "Fly Fishing Long Island Sound"

- September 10 - 12 **Casting for Recovery Retreat**
 For Information
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- September ? **Board Meeting**
 TBA Date and Site of September Board Meeting
 To be Announced

- September 20 **Connetquot State Park - Monday Fishing Trip**
 See Page 7 for Details
 Contact: Lee Weil - (516) 997-6743

- September 24 - 26 Beaverkill River - Horton, NY - Riverside Lodge
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