



Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—January 15, 2025

<https://capefearff.com>

President Rick Hettenbach called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the St James Community Center. Approximately 35 members attended the meeting.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

A few visitors/new members attended meeting:

- Craig Souder Tel: 301-873-2688 Email: craigsouder6@gmail.com
(Joined CFF at meeting)
- Chris Kastl introduced himself, TEL: 407-913-9932 Email: CKastl@mac.com
(joined CFF in November 2024)

FLY Raffle:

- Capt. Joe Fetter won the fly raffle

FISHING REPORTS

- Brandon McNeill reported on fly fishing for sailfish

TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Doug Donaldson reported that the club's cash balance is \$2,684.69.

A MailChimp email was sent reminding everyone renew membership with 2025 dues.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The club announced that due to interest in a membership directory, CFF would have a directory posted on the web site. It would be password protected to keep it secure from website visitors who are not members. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Some members also prefer to be able to recognize members more easily if a photo is included. The club will have a camera set up prior to the next couple of meetings to take photos of those agreeing to include a photo in the directory.

UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1/25 Fly Tying
- 1/31 Atlanta Fly Fishing Show
- 2/8 Fly Tying
- 2/15 Oyster Roast at Rev's \$10 per person, RSVP
- 2/19 Meeting; Zoom presentation: Nicolay Bell of Tuck Fly Shop in Sylva, NC
www.flyshopusa.com

He will present on fishing in N.W. North Carolina and hurricane recovery.

He is coordinating the spousal trip October 19-24, originally

cancelled last year and now open to those who have credits from last year

SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

- Jon Gore Indigo Fishing Charters
 - Captain Jon Gore's upbringing in Georgia led to a lifelong love of fishing. He split his time guiding for trout on the Flathead River and numerous other iconic blue-ribbon trout streams in Montana and redfish in the Low Country of South Carolina before fully embracing the role of a full time fishing charter in Beaufort, SC.
- Rob Alexander Green Heron Adventures
 - He has spent most of his life on the Carolina Coast and lives in Beaufort, SC where he runs charters full time. Bringing a variety of experiences and education to his guiding career, Rob is a lifelong angler, avid outdoorsman, served in the Marine Corps for eight years, graduated from Bob Jones University and [NOLS Wilderness Guide School](#). He is also as a Coast Guard licensed and insured Master Captain.

These two guides did an excellent job of building enthusiasm among member to plan a fishing trip with them and other guides at the end of May, the guides indicated this was one of the best times for fishing the flats of Beaufort, SC.

They indicated it was a great destination with antebellum architecture and much to interest the wives of fishermen. They indicated it was like a small Charleston. It is close to Hilton Head and fly fishers are attracted to their area because of the huge amount of salt water streams to fish either by boat or wading. It encompasses 20% of the eastern seaboard marsh area. They have 8 foot tides since they are near the South Atlantic Bight. They have Red Fish occasional Cobia and Tarpon year round.

Dec.- Feb; Red fish are prominent in schools of hundreds. Best to be able to cast 40-50" for these, to keep a distance and not scare them off. Even though cold, it is a good time with less fishermen out.

Spring, March-May; Redfish and Sea Trout, this is a more difficult time because fish are finicky. April can be good.

May-August; Cobia come to spawn. End of May typically best, cobia 30-40". Red Fish come into Spartina Marsh Grasses and eat fiddler crabs, they display their tail as they dive for the crab. Can get closer to the fish, but should have accuracy. Best during flood tides as fish get further inland.

September-December; Time of the year when fish start moving on to warmer waters. Good time to fish because as they move through they are concentrating on eating to get fat for winter.

Both guides have skiffs that flat but wide for stability and can draft in only six inches. One has a Floyd Skiff and the other the last Chris Morejohn hand built in the area. Their contact information and you tube channel is below.

GREEN HERON ADVENTURES
Capt. Rob Alexander
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INDIGO FISHING CHARTERS
Capt. Jon Gore
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Gear/Tackle

- 8wt Rod
- Floating Line
- Decent Reel
- 16-20lb 9ft Leader
- Flies: Raz Mataz, Electric Chicken, Slider, Drum Beater, Strong Arm, Merkin

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. Many members continued discussions at Paul's on Oak Island.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Falkenstein

CFF Board for 2024/25 are:

Rick Hettenbach -President/Club Officer	Board Member
Al Roy-Vice President/Club Officer	Board Member
Doug Donaldson-Treasurer/Club Officer	Board Member
Dennis Falkenstein-Secretary/Club Officer	Board Member
Jim White	Director-Education
Steve Moore	Director-Webmaster/Conservation
Jim Larson	Board Member
Joe Fetter	Board Member
Dominick Sangillo	Board Member