



## **Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—October 15, 2025**

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President Rick Hettenbach called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Homer Wright Event Center.

Approximately 25 members attended the meeting.

### **NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:**

A few visitors/new members attended meeting:

- Tom Bruner Tel: 865-386-6575 Email: tbruner26@gmail.com
- Jeff Jackson Tel: 614-397-4565 Email: J3LAW@gmail.com
- Brian Miller Tel: 419-345-9000 Email: brian.miller3645@yahoo.com
- Craig Murden Tel: 704-808-0924 Email: [cmurden@mac.com](mailto:cmurden@mac.com)

### **FLY Raffle:**

- Joe Rinaldi won the fly raffle

### **FISHING REPORTS**

- A few members went fishing in New Mexico with great results.

### **UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Announce election process of new officers, special request for President
- November 19 Meeting
- December 9 Christmas banquet; Island Way Restaurant; 5- 9 PM

### **SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS**

Kevin Artzner and John Cook of Yakworks in Southport did a presentation on the latest kayak technology. It was an interactive meeting with club members who kayak discussing places to kayak.

Kevin emphasized the need to fully understand how the kayak would be used and how it would be transported prior to making a purchase. He also encouraged potential buyers to do a test float to fully understand the best fit.

For example he mentioned that most cars only allow about 100 lbs. on the roof.

Also for one person it may be difficult to lift into place.

Be cognizant of the weight capacity of the kayak; some kayaks are rated for 250lbs.

If a man weighs about 200 lbs. there is not too much else one can load on the kayak, some people also want to take a dog with them.

New design kayaks are very stable and allow a fly fisher to stand, especially with what is called a “command stand” accessory.

Dragging a kayak across sand and even grass can damage the bottom of the kayak.

Kevin demonstrated a well-constructed cart manufactured by “Yak Attack” which is designed for this purpose. Also tandem kayaks, while a husband and wife may think it will be great, in actuality do not get used often.



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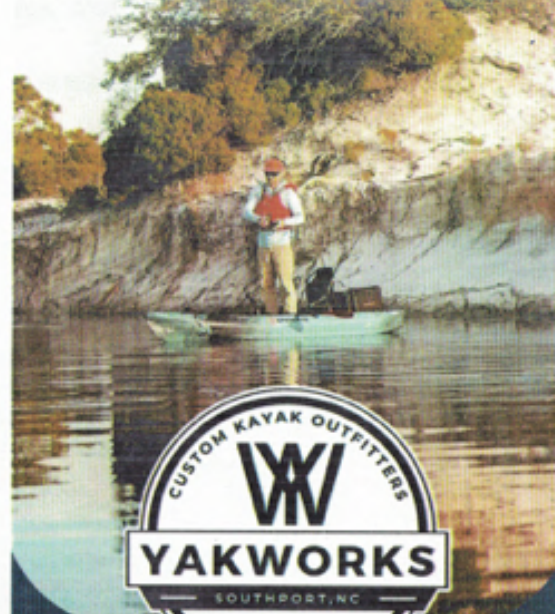
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The meeting continued with discussion of where to fish with a kayak in this area.

Rick mentioned that the club owns a kayak, if someone wants to try it. The discussion pointed out several good fishing areas that could be accessed with a kayak. Rick lives in Winding River which has a launch for residents. Rick cautioned that a good safety device is to have a pole with flag on your kayak since these vessels can escape the attention of boats coming up fast. The Google map of the locations was shown as a good reference of specific spots. However it was stressed that in this marsh area one needs to pay particular attention to tides. Not only can you loose floating levels but also it is best to paddle with the tide, rather than fight it. The timing of tides is related to the exact location, so make sure you know the timing in your specific spot. The Lockwood Folly area was discussed as a good location. Pepsi Island near Mercer Cut was indicated as well. Various launch locations were shown including the Lone Rider restaurant on Oak Island. Sunset Harbor was shown, but it is a sketchy area with reports of items being stolen. Do not go there by yourself after dark. The Davis Canal has a few launches where the ICW can be crossed to enter more fishing spots. Ducthman's creek has good access for launching. Lake Wacamaw was mentioned, but it is very shallow and winds can come up quickly making a kayak voyage treacherous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM. Many members continued discussions over pizza supplied by CFF.

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
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