



## Cape Fear Flyfishers Meeting Minutes—June 17, 2026

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President Al Roy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Homer Wright Event Center. Approximately 20 members attended the meeting.

### NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

No new members attended the meeting.

### FLY Raffle:

- Craig Beattie won the fly raffle

### FISHING REPORTS

- The Casting Clinic led by Jim White was held from 5 to 6 pm prior to the meeting.
- Captain Joe reported catching a 19 1/2" Sheepshead. Note: The type of fly was not recorded.

### TREASURERS REPORT

- Treasurer Paul Askew reported that the club's cash balance is \$ 5707.14. Our FFI dues remain at 25.00. Please remember to pay your dues (which includes your FFI membership) if you have not already done so.

### UPCOMING EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Doug Risberg (VP, CFF) noted that 13 members, etc., had signed up for the fall fishing trip with 10 openings remaining for five days or 2/day. **Please** connect with Dave Risberg <[dsrisberg@yahoo.com](mailto:dsrisberg@yahoo.com)> for more information and sign up.
- Craig Beattie described a 9" Turtle Dial tide clock that accompanied the transfer of club records to the recently elected club secretary. Source unknown. It will be offered at the next fishing gear sale with proceeds to the general club fund.
- Mail Chimp has been transferred to the club secretary. Members please contact the secretary <[cwbeattie43@gmail.com](mailto:cwbeattie43@gmail.com)> to forward notices, etc., to the general membership.
- Next month's (July 15<sup>th</sup>) speaker will be Stuart Creighton, CCA NC Eastern Regional Director Coastal Conservation Association  
[www.ccanc.org](http://www.ccanc.org)

### SPEAKER

- President Al Roy presented a lively and informative lecture entitled *Steelhead on the Fly* covering his experiences on Steelhead fishing on several venues as well as recommendations. Steelhead or occasionally **steelhead trout**, is the anadromous form of the coastal rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*). Steelhead spawn in freshwater, smolts migrate to the ocean for several years and adults return to their natal streams to spawn. There they forage chiefly on salmon eggs and dead Salmon. They are

generally deeper cold water 40-50° fish whether in the Pacific NW or streams/rivers leading into the Great Lakes.

### **Recommendations:**

- 1. Winter fishing requires multiple layers of lighter clothing. Light, but insulated. Never wear cottons. Consider studded boots if wading.**
- 2. Streams, etc. can be crowded. Never use center pinning as a technique, particularly on smaller streams.**
- 3. Rod/reel; 6-8 wt. rod longer than 9'. Fly line; weight forward, sinking tip, backing 200 yds.** Use 3X minimum tippet. Use fluorocarbon leaders especially when the water is low and clear.
4. Fish in locations where the flow is about "walking speed" 1-3 mph
5. Fish the head of flats and tail outs.
- 6. Flies; egg patterns Droppers, second eggs white streamers, stone fly nymphs. Fish streamers by swinging.**

**An active discussion followed on best areas to fish, choice of flies, etc; Besides best stream, rivers to fish, audience recommendations included sealing waders so don't fill with cold water when you stumble, fish water 3-6 ft deep (see wader recommendation).**

### **Adjournment**

- The General meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm PM. Several members continued the discussion at Oak Island Inn, Oak Island.

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Beattie

### **Addendum**

Just to update for contact purposes, the results of the recent election for CFF Board Members are as follows:

Al Roy -President/Club Officer	Board Member
Dave Risberg-Vice President/Club Officer	Board Member
Paul Askew-Treasurer/Club Officer	Board Member
Craig Beattie-Secretary/Club Officer	Board Member
Jim White	Director-Education
Steve Moore	Director-Webmaster/Conservation
Jim Larson	Director-Past President
Joe Fetter	Director

Dominick Sangillo