



Club Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2017
St. James Community Center

The Cape Fear Flyfishers met at the St. James Community Center at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. The casting clinic, usually held at 5.00 pm, was cancelled due to a storm.

Club Business Meeting

Introduction of New Members and Guests – President Jim White invited each member to stand and provide a minute or two of background information, such as where they are from and how they became interested in fly fishing.

Treasurer's Report – Tony Mangiapane reported we have \$4,834 in the bank.

Drawing of Donated Flies – Forest Duncan was the lucky winner.

Trips and Activities

Knot Seminars – members are welcome to ask Ed Smith or Dan Smith for assistance in tying essential fly fishing knots before or after our monthly meetings.

Tours for Boat Owners, August 24-27, 2017 – Jim White will take other boat owners on the water to learn how to navigate our local marshes. Twelve people have signed up to date. Plans are to have four tours of about two hours each. Let Jim know if you are interested.

NC Mountain Trip, October 8-12 – There may be one couple who will have to cancel. Let Jim know if you are interested in being on the waiting list.

Georgetown, SC – this is a great nearby (closer than Louisiana), 2 or 3-day trip to fish for redfish. A volunteer is needed to arrange the trip. Contact Jim if you would like to plan and coordinate the trip.

Masonboro Inlet, early November – this trip will target false albacore, a strong fighter that prefers clearer water than is found around the mouth of the Cape Fear River. Traditionally, the club has trailered boats to Morehead City for this destination. This year the club will try fishing

the Masonboro Inlet near Wrightsville Beach. It too offers clearer water and is not as far a drive. The club does not have as many trailered boats as in past years. However, the inlet is a 30 nm boat trip from the St. James Marina -- up the Cape Fear River to Snow's Cut; then, up the ICW to the inlet. Boat owners without trailers are asked to consider the trip.

New Business

The November planning program will be held October 18 following the election of officers. The October program will be presented in November *Tactics for Fall and Winter Fishing*.

Roundtable

What's Biting – where, and on what?

We are beginning to see more speckled trout caught, early and late in the day. The tide does not appear to be as important as does the time of the day. Fishing conditions have been tough with warm and muddy water but October is not far away when fishing markedly improves.

PROGRAM: FLY-TYING WORKSHOP

Our featured speaker, Capt. Jason Brock of [Muddy Fly Guide Service](#), had to cancel his appearance due to a family emergency. The CFF Board of Directors decided to hold a knot-tying workshop instead. Members broke up into groups of four and learned to tie several essential fly fishing knots such as the [perfection loop knot](#), [non-slip \(Lefty Kreh\) loop knot](#), [surgeons knot](#), [improved clinch knot](#), and the [arbor knot](#). An excellent online website to learn how to tie these and other knots is [Animated Knots](#).

Respectfully submitted,
Forest Duncan
Secretary