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President's Riffle



Smoked Trout

Danferd Henke, President, Washington Fly Fishing Club

The issue of wildfire has become one near and dear to my heart, for reasons obvious to those who know of my current endeavor in Montana. But today I'm not writing about the threat to human structures posed by the fires that have become endemic in the American West (or for that matter worldwide).

The question I have often asked myself, often while floating through a smoke cloud that precludes sight of the bank of the river (one unfortunate day on the Jeff leaps to mind), is "what is the effect of these fires on trout?"

All of us are aware of the deleterious effect of high water temperature on trout. In Montana, they close cut-throat water or go to Hoot Owl rules after three consecutive days of 68° water temperature or higher, same for three days of 73° for other trout species. Locally, when our lakes hit 67°, I go tie flies. The warmer water can't hold as much oxygen, it's quite literally harder for the trout to breath. Fighting at the end of a line takes a lot of oxygen. But what is the impact of fire on water temperature? Are there other impacts from an extensive fire?

As with all things climate-related, it's complicated. First and foremost, though, is the very negative, immediate, and long-term effect of canopy loss on stream temperature. Less shade over the water, more BTUs hit the water. (I wrote my first paper on this topic in 10th

grade biology class, related then to the temperature effects of canopy loss from clear-cutting. I've been a Nerd for a long time.) I'll spare you

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September Program

Stream and Lake Fly Fishing Discussion Tables

September 17th

Club members Chuck Ballard and Neal Hoffberg will hold table talk sessions on how to fly fish in Lakes and Streams (along with their secret ways to catch fish.



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the citations, but studies in Idaho and other states suggest that canopy loss, from whatever the cause, can spike maximum stream temperature by as much as 50° F. Fifty degrees! Acute mortality can result. The effect of maximum temperature increases can be mitigated, however, if there remains significant daily temperature fluctuation. In other words, cold nights help. Cold water sources, springs, also help.

Possible acute mortality is not the only outcome for warming stream temperature, thanks to fire-related canopy loss. There can be more insidious impacts. As water temperature increases, so does a trout's metabolism. It needs more food to stoke those fires, so to speak. If food is abundant, there may be no impact on a trout or the trout population. There is a point at which the fish's metabolic costs exceed what it can take in, however. An inadequate food supply can stunt the trout's growth, limit its reproductive vitality, and decrease the density of the fish population in a given reach. Yet again, these impacts are sometimes mitigated. At least some studies suggest that the loss of canopy can result in an increase in the available food by the release of benthic autotrophs (organisms at the bottom of the food chain) from light limitations and ultimately increase the supply of food. Some studies suggest that in that circumstance, fish size and population density actually can increase following a fire.

As I said, it's complicated, but impacts of a fire will be site and circumstance specific. I don't despair. And I keep a wary eye out for smoke.

In Memoriam



Hugh Alfred Jennings

WFFC Member since 1956

October 2, 1926—July 18, 2024

Hugh Jennings so loved the outdoors his backyard in Bellevue was registered with the Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife as a "Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary".

Hugh Alfred Jennings was born in Onamia, Minnesota on October 2, 1926.

As a graduate of the University of Minnesota (class of 1949) in aeronautical engineering, Hugh worked at Boeing on various programs until his retirement. To say he was an active member of the Eastside Audubon Society is putting it mildly. He was the president more than once and lead many bird observing groups in the Bellevue area and throughout the United States.

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Club Aims and Purposes

The purpose of this club shall be:

1. To improve and increase the sport of Fly Fishing in the State of Washington.
2. To promote and work for the betterment of trout streams and lakes.
3. To encourage and advocate the conservation and increase of trout, steelhead, and salmon in state waters.
4. To promote a campaign of education against pollution in streams, lakes or Sound waters of the State of Washington.
5. To encourage and assist others—particularly young persons of high school age—to become fly fishers and true conservationists.

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I had the pleasure of being his fishing partner up at Rock Island Fishing Camp ~10 years ago. His easy manner and adventurous spirit made it an enjoyable week. Every morning we would walk to the main connector road to stretch our legs and listen and record bird calls. I admit I knew little about birds but Hugh was a walking bird encyclopedia. Towards the end of the week I could identify some of the birds but Hugh knew them all.

Hugh passed away in July 18, 2024, at the age of 97, leaving to mourn his wife Bev, his son Alan and many of us club members. A wonderful man, a great fishing companion that will be missed by all who knew him.

Boyd Aigner Competition Winner

Chuck Ballard Wins Boyd Aigner Competition for 2024

By Bill Neal, Awards Chairperson



Chuck Ballard is the overall winner of the 2024 Boyd Aigner Fly Tying Competition. He has won this Award several times before--congratulations, Chuck !

The members of the Club judged the flies at their June meeting. The winners by fly pattern category and overall were announced at the July meeting.

The 2024 fly patterns and the first three place finishers in each category were:

Split case PMD nymph, size 18: 1st – Chuck Ballard; 2nd – Marcie Kindinger; 3rd – David Hart (Project Healing Waters).

Near ‘Nuff Sculpin, size 6: 1st -- David Hart (PHW); 2nd – Marcie Kindinger; 3rd – Chuck Ballard and Jim Beck (tie)

Balanced leech-bruised, size 10: 1st – David Hart (PHW); 2nd – Jim Beck and Marcie Kindinger (tie).

The overall winners were: 1st – Chuck Ballard; 2nd – David Hart (PHW); 3rd – Marcie Kindinger.

Thank you to all participants in this year's Competition. A thank you also to Bob Burdick, prior 3 consecutive years winner, for his help in running the Competition.

Finally, a special thanks to Hugh Clark, who has over the years regularly participated in these Competitions. He has not been an overall winner, but has on several occasions placed in the individual fly categories. As he explains it, he participates to show that, after all, the Competition is for the benefit all members to encourage them to develop and expand their fly tying skills.

Upcoming Outing

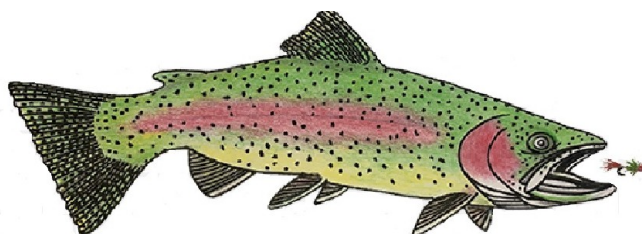
Hood Canal Outing September 21, 2024

From Mike Nolan, Outings Chairperson

Our annual trip to Hood Canal, hosted by Jay Deeds will be held on September 21, 2024. Fishing opportunities should include sea-run cutthroat and the occasional coho salmon. Jay will be providing hot pizza, and cold beverages starting at around 5pm. The boat launch is just north at Misery point, and camping is available at Scenic Beach State Park, right next door. Sign up on the WFFC website or contact Jay directly so he knows who is attending the Outing. Jays contact info is: 15350 NW Maple Ln., Seabeck. Cell phone: 360-830-4885 Email: dogooddeeds@wavecable.com.



I'm looking for a member to transport the cooler with cold beverages and miscellaneous items to Jay's house on the day of the Outing. We could arrange to meet at the Club Meeting on 9/17/24 to do the transfer of the items. Another option is that I could drop off the items or they could be picked up from me prior to 9/18/24. Please call me at (425) 754-1234 or email at me mikesnolan@comcast.net if you can help out.



2024 Outings Calendar

WFFC 2024 Outings Schedule

From Mike Nolan – Outings Chair

- September 21 Hood Canal
- October 12-13 Big Twin Lake
- November 2 Penrose Point Wet Buns



Fly Fishing International Fly Casting Fair September 21, 2024

From Neal Hoffberg—Programs

Tim Rajeff will be the premier instructor and demonstration caster Saturday Sept. 21 at the FFI Fly Casting Fair on the campus of Clark College in downtown Vancouver Wash.

Rajeff will headline a range of expert casters including Mary Ann Dozer of Sisters, Ore. who will lead women's casting, Don Simonson of Camano Island Wash. who will lead the walk-in casting clinic and Dwight Klemin of Salem who will teach single-handed spey techniques. All four, including Rajef, are FFI Master Casting Instructors and make up the core of an experienced group of instructors offering classes and demonstrations throughout the day Sept. 21. The Washington State Council of FFI is hosting the event with the volunteer help of Clark-Skamania Flyfishers. For a complete list of classes that will be offered during the day go to WWW.WSCFFI.ORG. You can reserve your space in a class beginning Friday, Aug. 2.

In addition to casting instruction, the event will feature the FFI Casting Skills Development Course where throughout the day participants can work through a range of casting challenges and skills. FFI will award Bronze, Silver and Gold levels to recognize participants achievements. Participants also can step over to the Walk-in Casting Clinic to iron out a wrinkle they discover in their cast. Casting classes are 90 minutes and range in price from \$25 to \$50. There is no charge for the Skills Development Course and Walk-In Clinic, donations are welcome.

Casting classes will be held on the expansive lawn at the center of the Clark College campus, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Parking is free. Around the edges of the casting areas, rod makers including Sage, Reddington, Echo, Burkheimer, TFO and others will have booths set up offer participants a hands-on experience to try out the latest in rod design. It's a great opportunity to meet the people behind some of the iconic brands in our sport like Erik Johnson of Sage/Redington and Dick Sagara of TFO.

And casting is only the half of what will be happening Sept. 21. Inside the Gaiser Student Union FFI will host a rotating series of the most skilled fly tiers in the Northwest. Aaron Culley, FFI's Hall of Fame tier for 2024 and a member of the Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Guild will be demonstrating his tying skill in the afternoon. Gaiser Hall will also have a 30-seat tying theater where participants can watch selected tiers at work on a big screen.

To top it off, a Clark-Skamania tying trio of Forrest Koponen, Dean Potter and Russ Flaskerud will offer a beginning tying class in the afternoon. Invite your friends, wives, neighbors, kids, brothers, grandkids and learn how to tie a fly. All materials and tools are provided and there is a \$25 fee.

The event is open to the public and there is no charge for Tim Rajeff's noon presentation about rod design and how to pick the best rod for your casting ability. There is a \$50 charge for Tim's afternoon Advanced Distance/Performance casting. 90 minute classes for beginning casting, women's casting, intermediate, single-hand spey and advanced casting cost between \$40 and \$50. Registration for all classes will open Friday Aug. 2 and space is limited.

Lunch will also be available. For a menu and pre-order go to WWW.WSCFFI.ORG for details and to purchase in advance.

CSF members need to mark their calendar for Sept. 21 and join Washington FFI at the Fly Casting Fair. We couldn't pull this off without all the volunteers from Clark-Skamania that are helping with set up and take down for the day. Thanks from all of FFI's 700 members in Washington and Alaska.

"There are only two occasions when Americans respect privacy. Those are prayer and fishing."

—Herbert Hoover



Silvers
Goodnews River, AK
August 14-21
By Bob Burdick

Between August 14 and August 21 my partner and I fished for fresh run silver salmon, out of the Goodnews River Lodge, located on the Bering Sea, West of Anchorage, Ak. Having fished there in 2022, and 2023 I was not prepared to see the river in floodstage due to heavy rain at its origin in the mountains some 40 miles East.

The lodge, located at tidewater on the river, is built on stilts to accommodate such events but what a scene to see floorboards on walkways under 6 inches of water, and the river demonstrating 4 or 5 channels rather than one as it spread across the mouth of the river. Since there were no longer any sand beaches all fishing had to be done from the lodge's flat bottom boats which was disappointing. Despite the circumstances, however, the fishing was outstanding, as a heavy run of 6 to 16 pound fish surged upriver attracted by the fresh water and everyone came home with a 25 # box of silver fillets.

The highpoint of the trip was catching 4 or 5 fish a day on poppers and watching in fascination as the fish lurched several times at our lures before hooking themselves.



Goodnews River Lodge
Alaska

Bonaparte Lake
Okanogan County
August 19-22

At an elevation of 3556 ft, Bonaparte is a great opportunity to beat the heat this summer especially here in Eastern Washington.

I wouldn't say Bonaparte is an ideal dry fly lake but there is a diverse menu of fish big triploid eastern brook, tiger trout (former state record 18 1/2 lbs), rainbows and some very large lake trout that



Bonaparte Lake

will take a wet fly depending on where you place it and the time of year.

The smallmouth bass that were probably illegally planted (I think) has slowed the lake considerably . Nevertheless I did catch a few rainbow, tiger trout and believe it or not, a kokanee which I've never caught before on a fly.

The Bonaparte Lake Resort is a nice place, the food is very good and a wonderful scenic family place. I attached a photo of a nice 21"rainbow caught by one of the nice family members staying at the neighboring cabin



Fly of the Month



Peacock Callibaetis Nymph

Tied by Denny Rickards

Hook: TMC 3761

Thread: Uni 8/0—Black.

Body: Peacock Hurl

Hackle: Burnt Orange

Tail: Lemon Wood Duck Flank or Dyed Mallard

Ribbing: Small Copper Wire

Wing Case: Lemon Wood Duck Flank or Dyed Mallard

WDFD Monofilament Recycling Bin



From the WDFD Website :

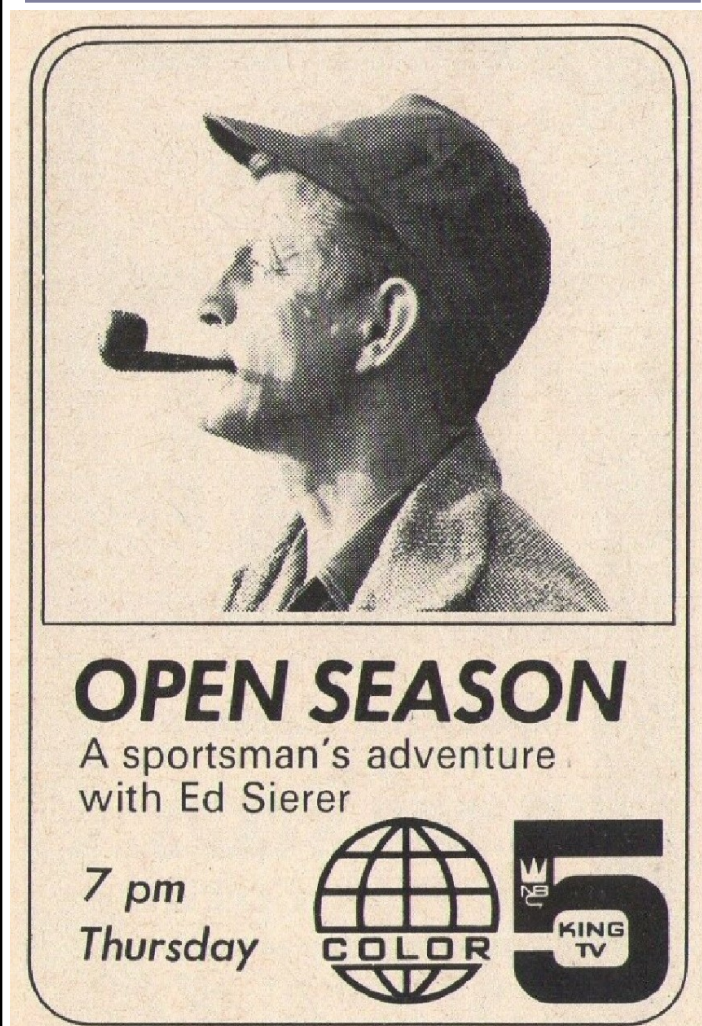
What You Can Do:

Put only used fishing line in a monofilament recycling bin. **Dispose of lures, bait, and other trash in garbage cans, and remind others to do the same.**

Couldn't said it better myself: Lures, bait and other trash (i.e. Jack Lloyds) in the garbage.....Flies only!



Reeling in the Years



Those of us who grew up in Seattle might remember former WFFC member Ed Sierer who had an outdoor show back in the 60's on KING TV channel. Prime time Thursday evening no less.

Ed and Ruth Sierer owned Totem Beach Resort up on Tulalip Reservation for years. A lot his shows were centered around that area when the sea run cut-throat fishing was prime and salmon runs were large.

"At the outset, the fact should be recognized that the community of fishermen constitute a separate class or sub race among the inhabitants of the earth."

- Grover Cleveland

Simplified Tippet Sizing

The Rule of Four: A Simple Guide

From Midcurrent

To simplify the process of matching tippet size to fly size, many anglers rely on the "Rule of Four."

This rule suggests dividing the fly size by four to determine the appropriate tippet size. For example, if you're fishing with a size 16 fly, you would use a 4X tippet (16 divided by 4 equals 4).

While this rule provides a solid starting point, it's essential to remember that other factors, such as water conditions and fish species, can influence your choice of tippet.



Tailgating In Island Park
Neal Hoffberg

Casting Instructor Certification

The CI and THCI Certification Roadmap *From Neal Hoffberg*

This roadmap is designed to help keep you on track during your journey to becoming a certified casting instructor. It is broken into three sections (1) Frequently asked questions, (2) a notional timeline, and (3) recommended actions for each of the steps on the timeline.

Frequently Asked Questions

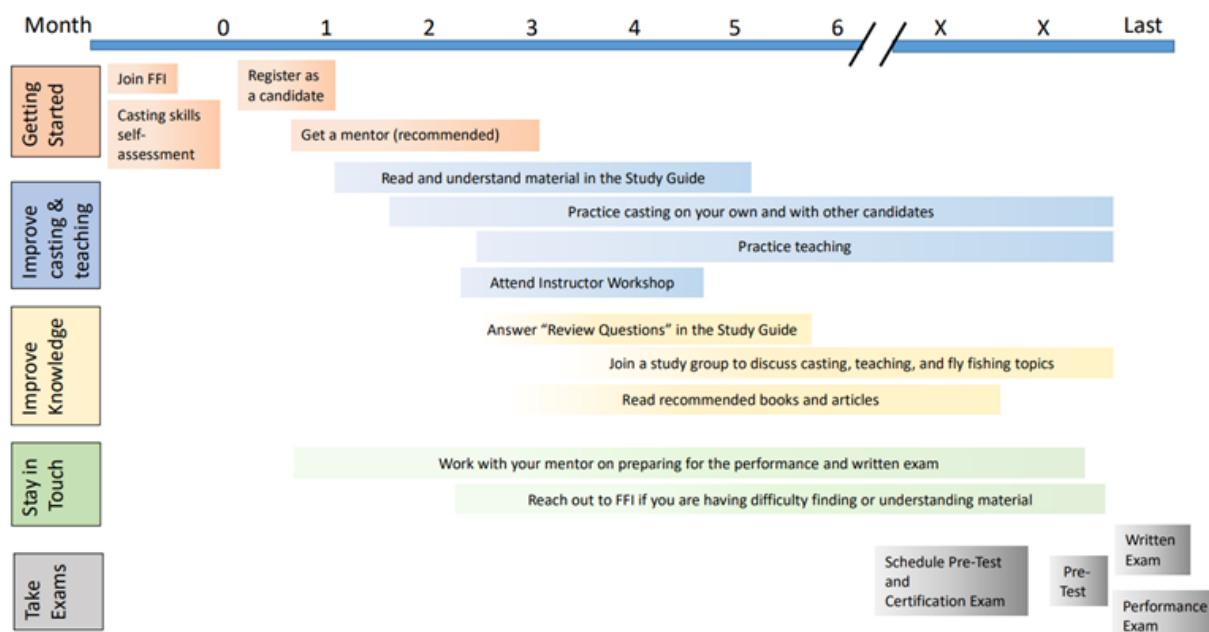
- **What is required to become a certified instructor?**
 - The desire to become a better caster and the desire to teach fly casting.
 - The willingness to put in significant time and effort to meet the high standards required for certification.
 - Be a member of FFI and register as a candidate.
 - Participate in an Instructor Workshop.
 - Pass a written Knowledge Exam.
 - Pass a Performance Exam (casting and instructing).
- **Why become a certified casting instructor?** You join the ranks of professional casting instructors who serve as ambassadors for FFI and are fully prepared to provide expert instruction to those wanting to improve their fly-casting and fly-fishing skills. In the process you become a more effective instructor and are exposed to other casting enthusiasts and state-of-the-art casting and instruction.
- **How long will it take to become a certified instructor?** Generally, it will take at least a year for you to prepare for and take the certification exam. The exact timeline depends on your existing casting skills and teaching experience, how much time you dedicate to reading, reviewing, and practicing, and how long it takes you to master the necessary teaching and casting skills.
- **How much will it cost?** The cost to get certified will vary with each candidate. Typical costs include:
 - The exam fee (\$350)
 - "Pass" fee (\$30), which covers the paperwork and your badge
 - Annual instructor fee (\$45). This is in addition to your FFI membership fee.
 - Mentor's fees. Some do not charge, some charge a one-time fee, and a few charge by the hour.
 - New fly lines (\$180). You don't need to use any specific line, but which ever line you use must meet the exam requirements. The specialty lines we recommend are about \$90 each and you'll need (at least) one for practice and another one for the test.
 - New equipment and travel are variable.

Recommended actions for each step on the timeline (NOTE: you will need to log into your FFI account to access the links.)

Getting Started

- Join FFI
 - Go to the website [Join Renew \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Join-Renew).
- Register as a casting instructor (CI) candidate.
 - Go to the FFI website to register (<https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Get-Involved/Casting-Instructor-Certification/How-to-Become-Certified/Certification-Candidate>). If you don't already have a mentor, when you register we strongly recommend you ask to receive information about a mentor.
- Casting skills self-assessment. Before you begin your journey to become a certified single-hand casting instructor (CI) or two-hand casting instructor (THCI), we ask that you do a self-assessment of your casting skills. If you don't have the recommended skills, continue working until you do. Having these skills will make your journey more enjoyable.
 - For those wanting to be a **single-hand casting instructor**, we ask that you be able to perform the Silver Level casting skills listed in the Casting Skills Development Angler's Guide ([FFI_FCSD_Program_Angler_Guide.pdf](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/FFI_FCSD_Program_Angler_Guide.pdf) [flyfishersinternational.org](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org)). If you need help with the Silver Level tasks, please see the FFI Fly Casting Skills Development Angler's Guide for a detailed description of the tasks. We also suggest reaching out to an existing certified casting instructor by using our new "Find an Instructor" search engine, or contacting your nearest FFI Council Casting Director [Locate Clubs & Councils](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Locate_Clubs_and_Councils) ([flyfishersinternational.org](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org)) for assistance.
 - For those wanting to become a **two-hand (Spey) casting instructor**, please be able to perform the [Level 1 casting skills](#) that are part of the Single Hand Spey Skills Development Program. Although the Level-1 skills are intended for single hand rods, please use them as a diagnostic for your two-hand casting skills. If you need help with your two-handed skills, please reference the Single Hand Spey Ladder Skills Sequence and User Guide ([Single Hand Spey](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org) [flyfishersinternational.org](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org)). We also suggest reaching out to an existing certified casting instructor by using our new "Find an Instructor" search engine, or contact your nearest FFI Council Casting Director [Locate Clubs & Councils](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/Locate_Clubs_and_Councils) ([flyfishersinternational.org](https://www.flyfishersinternational.org)) for assistance.
 - Once you can confidently accomplish, at a minimum, the Silver-Level skills or Level -1 spey skills, you are ready to begin your journey.
- Finding a mentor
 - FFI can point you in the right direction, but it will be up to you to find a mentor.

CI and THCI Certification Timeline



- To find a mentor, use the same “[Find an Instructor](#)” search engine to locate one near you, or one you want to work with.
- If you are not successful at finding a mentor in your state, select an adjoining state and run another search. If you can’t find a mentor, we recommend finding a MCI or THMCI in your state to cast with. If that doesn’t work look for a CI or THCI and email casting@flyfishersinternational.org to request assistance with finding a mentor.
- When talking to a prospective mentor you should ask about
 - Cost: Some mentors charge for their time, others do not. Find out ahead of time what you will pay and what the mentor will provide.
 - What type of mentoring can they provide? Do they provide in-person, remote/virtual, or a combination of both? Also ask if they have a group you can join.
 - How long will they work with you. Preparing for the certification exam can take a year or more. Find out how long a potential mentor is willing to work with you.
- Email casting@flyfishersinternational.org to provide FFI the name of your mentor. We track this.

Improving Casting and Teaching skills

- This leg of your journey can take anywhere from 9-24 months depending on how fast you master the needed skills and gain the necessary knowledge. During this phase we recommend:
 - CI candidates - Read and understand the CI Study Guide ([CI STUDY GUIDE 2023.pdf \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#)) and take advantage of the other learning resources found at [CI Exam Preparation \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#) and [Become a Certified Casting Instructor \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#). The password is blueGillfish2.
 - For THCI candidates – Review the material and use the learning resources found at [THCI Exam Prep \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#) and [Two-Handed Casting Instructor \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#).
- Practice casting by yourself and with others. You (and your casting mates) are your first student(s). Use the opportunity to practice evaluating and correcting casting faults, and for practicing the teaching tasks (CI exam - tasks 16-22; THCI exam – Section 2) on the performance exam.
- Start teaching. Find opportunities to teach. Local fishing clubs are always looking for instructors. In the spring of each year, many local fly shops offer fly fishing classes and most are in need of instructors. Work with your mentor to identify other teaching opportunities.
- Watch casting and instructional videos at the [Learning Center - Fly Casting \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#)
- Participate in the mandatory Instructor Workshop. This 2-hour workshop contains valuable information to refine and improve how you teach fly casting.
 - We recommend attending this online workshop at about the 3-month point in your journey.
 - To register for a workshop, visit the Casting Examinations and Educational Opportunities page ([Calendar of Events \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#)) and select a date that works for you.

Improving Knowledge

- This stage of your journey can take anywhere from 6-12 months and is totally dependent on your schedule.
- This is the time to dig into casting mechanics, fly rods, fly lines, leaders, and tippet, and why different configurations and types of equipment are better in certain situations
- We recommend joining a study group, or forming one if you are part of a group mentoring program.
- For both CI and THCI candidates, there is a list of “Review Question” in Appendix D of the CI Study Guide. Develop answers for each question and discuss your answer with other candidates. If you are not part of a study group, find a current CI or THCI who is willing to discuss the questions and your answers.
- Read recommended books and articles found on the CI and THCI Becoming-a-Certified-Instructor pages. The quarterly Loop Journal is also full of great casting and teaching information [The Loop Journal \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#).
 - For CI candidates, see recommended reading material listed in the back of the CI Study Guide.
 - For THCI candidates, see recommended reading material at [THCI Study Materials.pdf \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#).

Stay in Touch

- Establish a regular schedule to meet with your mentor to prepare for the performance and written exams.
 - If your mentor is not nearby, find another CI or CI candidate to cast with and review material.
 - Reach out to your nearest FFI Council [Locate Clubs & Councils \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#) to find other casters, like-minded anglers, and upcoming events.
- Reach out to other casting instructors if you are having difficulty with a concept or casting@flyfishersinternational.org if you have a question about the certification process.

The Exam

- It can take several months to schedule and take a pre-test and the exam, and there are several factors to consider.
 - Bottom line: confer with your mentor before scheduling an exam.
 - Exam fees are not refundable. You need to be sure you will be ready to take the test on the exam date you select.
 - Testing events fill up quickly, but committing to an exam means you are paying for that exam—ready or not.
 - Identify the most convenient testing location. Most people must travel to their testing location. Some people have realistic access to multiple testing events throughout the year. Others may only have access to one event each year.
- When you are ready to schedule your exam, go to the [Calendar of Events](#) to learn about exam events closest to you. As mentioned above, candidates normally need to travel to exams as they are often held in conjunction with other fly fishing events. Additional exam opportunities may be arranged by contacting the FFI office at casting@flyfishersinternational.org
- Pre-Test
 - A performance pre-test is a simulated exam conducted by one or more Master Casting Instructors who are familiar with how the exam is conducted and the performance standards required to pass.
 - Pre-tests provide an opportunity to experience actual exam situations and to get detailed feedback on your performance and your readiness to take the actual exam.
 - When you and your mentor believe you are ready, we recommend scheduling a pre-test with a validated examiner. If an examiner isn’t available, work with your mentor to find another MCI/THMCI to give the test. The pass rate is significantly higher among those who take and pass a pre-test compared to those who do not take or pass a pre-test. If you don’t have a mentor, reach out to an MCI or THMCI to take you through the exam. If all else fails, contact casting@flyfishersinternational.org and explain your situation.
 - You can take as many pre-tests as needed.
- The Certification Exams
 - The written exam and performance exam are given at the same exam event.
 - The written exam is the same for CI and THCI candidates and covers casting mechanics, your understanding of fly rods, fly lines, leaders, and tippet, and uses of casts and mends.
 - The performance exam evaluates your casting and teaching skills.
 - The written exam consists of 36 true-false and multiple-choice questions. It covers material provided in the study guide, and the “tips” are identified for a reason. General topic areas covered on the exam include:
 - Casting definitions
 - Casting mechanics
 - Rod tip path and the resulting fly leg shapes
 - How force affects rod tip path
 - Effective Hauling
 - Effective teaching skills
 - Style vs technique
 - Teaching methods
 - Fault analysis
 - Uses for various casts and mends
 - Equipment characteristics and their effect on casting and presentation
 - For CI candidates, the expectations for the performance (casting and teaching) part of the exam are covered in the exam itself, the study guide, and the Tips for Performance and Teaching Tasks ([Tips for Performance and Teaching Tasks-11-7-2022.pdf \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#))
 - For THCI candidates, the expectations for the performance (casting and teaching) part of the exam are covered in the exam itself, and the THCI Prep Cards ([THCI Prep Cards Williams 6-26-21 \(flyfishersinternational.org\)](#))
 - The exams only take a few hours, but plan on spending the day at the exam site.
 - You will be evaluated by two examiners.
 - The written exam (1 hour) and performance exam (2.5 hours) are given at the same event, but not always on the same day. Also, depending on the number of candidates, you may be the second, or even third, exam of the day.
 - The CI exam will most likely be administered on grass but may be administered on water. The roll cast should be administered on water if it is available. The THCI exam will be administered on water.

After the Exam

If you passed your certification test, congratulations! You have a reason to be proud of your accomplishment. Once you’ve taken some time to celebrate, please complete the following actions.

- Send an email to the Casting Program Coordinator at casting@flyfishersinternational.org with a copy of the signed exam sheet. The coordinator will send you an email with a link where you can pay your “exam pass fee” (\$30) and your prorated instructor dues.

- Participate in Casting Instructor Certification Program (CICP) continuing education opportunities at council, club and international levels, virtually and in person.
- Discuss ways of obtaining students for instruction with other Certified Instructors. Your mentor may be a good place to start."
- Respond to FFI Casting Instructor Development surveys. Your answers help us make improvements to the program.

If you didn't pass your certification exam on this attempt, use this as learning opportunity. Many currently certified casting instructors needed to make improvements before achieving their certification goals. The following are some suggestions to get you ready for a re-test. You can do this!

- Write yourself a debrief about your exam: what went well, what would you do differently, what surprised you, how would you prepare differently if you could take the test again right now? Use these debrief notes in the next step.
- Develop a plan to specifically target those items identified by your exam team as needing improvement. If you need further clarification from your examiners, just send them an email. Do this sooner rather than later while the test is still fresh in everyone's mind.
- Work with your mentor to implement your plan and to measure your progress towards improvement.
- Remind yourself why you began this journey in the first place. Use those reasons to reinforce your commitment to improve.

Good luck!

Monthly Meeting Location

In 2024, the Club's monthly meetings will be held at the Seattle Tennis Club, 922 McGilvra Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112.

Wet Fly and fly tying commence at 5:30, dinner 6:15, with a program commencing at 7:00.

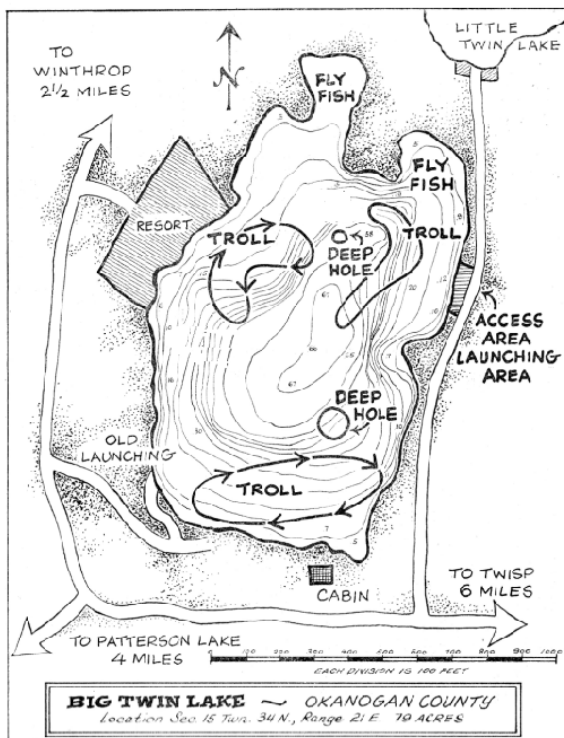
Please sign up early on the website.



Big and Little Twin Outing Primer



Big Twin Lake



Big Twin / Little Twin Maps (October's Outing)

I've found that fly fisherman have the best luck on these Twins when there is a slight riffle on the water. If it's slick its tougher luck.

Best flies patterns I've found are Carey Special #8, Sand Fly Nymph #12 and Mosquito Larvae #12. Ballard's Ruby Red #10, Halfback #10 and Dave Neilson Special #10 long.

