

THE BACKCAST



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July 1st Club Meeting

6:30 at the Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne

July's speaker is Dave Lambert.



David Lambert is a working fly-casting instructor, outdoor writer and editor from Atlantic Beach, Florida. His program for our July meeting is Redfishing in the Marshgrass of Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Lambert has fished the marsh grass flats of Northeast Florida since he was 14 years old. In this program you'll learn virtually everything you need to know to fish this intriguing shallow water/wading fishery, including how to locate walkable flats, what flies, equipment, access points, danger points, equipment, boats and paddle craft, times of year, tides and more.

If time allows, Lambert will take questions about fly casting issues and concerns and will discuss The Four T's in Fly Casting.

David Lambert is an FFI certified master fly casting instructor and examiner who has taught fly casting clinics/schools/classes for 29 years. He edits and writes for fly fishing, fly casting and outdoor oriented books and publications. He recently retired after six years as managing editor of *The Loop*, *The Journal for Professional Fly Casting Instructors*, and he is the author of *Smart Casts: A New Approach to Efficient Fly Casting and Practice (in DVD)*.

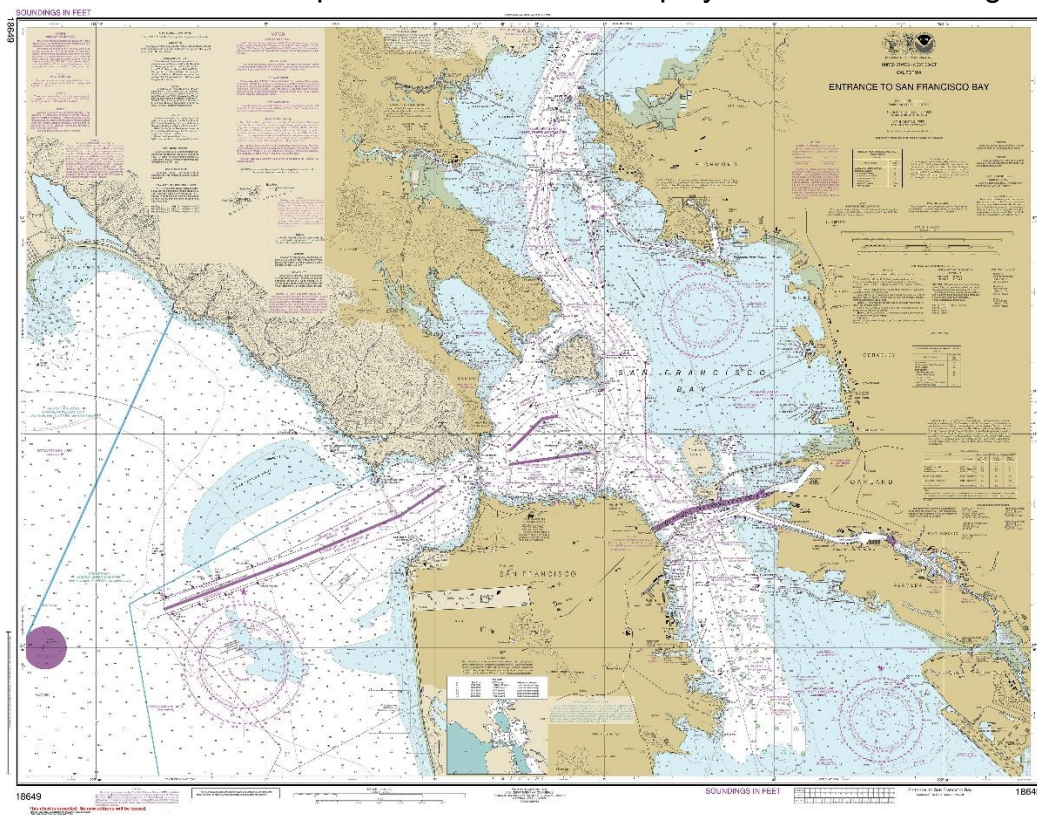
He has taught fly casting and fly fishing schools and clinics for fly shops, fly fishing organizations, fly clubs, and corporations, including Fortune 100 execs, Chrysler/Jeep, Pfizer Group, Chase Bank, Orvis, American Lung Association and others.

Goodbye Paper Charts

Sunsetting is a term that refers to purposely and systematically phasing out a product or service. In 2019, NOAA published a notice in the Federal Register that it would be [Sunsetting its Raster Nautical Charts](#). The raster sunset program was completed in December of 2024 with the cancellation of the last of NOAA's 1,007 paper charts. Raster charts include traditional paper nautical charts and the corresponding digital images of these charts. Raster charts are composed of a grid of columns and rows of color pixels - or dots of ink on paper charts - which form the text, linework, and other symbols that make up the chart. The scale, symbolization, text placement, and orientation of the chart is fixed when the chart is compiled.

All traditional NOAA paper and raster charts, and related services have been canceled, including:

- Paper nautical charts — Formerly printed and distributed through NOAA's certified print-on-demand (POD) chart agents.
- Raster navigational charts (NOAA RNC®) — Full-size, geo-referenced, digital images of NOAA paper nautical charts. These were also called "BSB format" charts.
- Full-size nautical chart PDF images — Full-size, geo-referenced, digital images of NOAA paper nautical charts in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF).
- BookletCharts™ — Reduced-size replicas of POD charts, divided into several 8.5"x11" PDF pages.
- RNC Tile Service — Standardized nautical chart tilesets, derived from NOAA RNC data, which were compatible with the Web Map Tile Specifications (WMTS) and Tile Map Service Specification (TMS).
- Seamless Raster Navigational Chart Services — Family of services that provided a mosaic of seamless RNC data.
- RNC Viewer — Online viewer that provided a seamless display of raster chart images.



And now for the Space Force

An environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Space X plan to launch the Starship and other launch activities has been released. Along with that document there is the opportunity to provide comment. I know that many anglers are concerned about how these launches will limit access to fishing areas and the negative environmental impacts. This is a chance to provide comments. Go to this link and scroll down to the Comment Form button. <https://spaceforcestarshipeis.com/>

IN-PERSON HEARING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Meeting 1	Tuesday, July 8, 2025	4:00-7:00 PM ET	American Police Hall of Fame and Museum, 6350 Horizon Dr, Titusville, FL 32780	GOOGLE MAP
IN-PERSON HEARING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Meeting 2	Wednesday, July 9, 2025	4:00-7:00 PM ET	Radisson Resort at The Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920	GOOGLE MAP
IN-PERSON HEARING	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
Meeting 3	Thursday, July 10, 2025	4:00-7:00 PM ET	Dr. Joe Lee Smith Recreation Center, 415 Stone St, Cocoa, FL 32922	GOOGLE MAP

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Rambles

Welcome to July with daily afternoon rains and hot weather in full swing. That sentence is exactly the same way I started the June column as well, but now it is my prediction for July's weather. Right this moment I am camping at Curry Hammock Park waiting for the rains to subside which hopefully allows the chance for me to drift the adjoining flats to see if I can scare up a bonefish or two. The Keys have certainly changed over the years with the amount of boating and kiteboard activities. Yesterday I watched a group of the kiteboarders cutting back and forth over the flats cutting across water depth of less than 2 feet and couldn't help getting a little agitated about the impact on the chances of fish moving across those flats might be. Oh well, it is not my ocean so I just paddle the kayak over to different flats when I can. One interesting thing here is that if the 12- 15 mph winds in the morning are not enough of a challenge then just wait till the afternoon and they will be 18 mph and up. Oh boy.

Fly Tying with Jeff Ward:

July's fly is a Kreelex Fly

Recipe:

Hook: FTD OS700 #2

Thread: 210 White or Yellow

Eyes: Med Brass Hourglass

Material: FTD Northern Flash

Assorted Colors



Kreelex Fly

Lay down thread base the length of the hook shank
Tie on Kreelex flash on 3/4 of the hook shank as shown



Add brass eyes
Fold front material back over brass eye shank





Invert hook
Add second color wing
Build head, whip finish

BFFA July 2025 Events

Monthly Dinner Meeting :

July 1st 6:30
Italian-American Club
1471 Cypress Ave
Melbourne, FL

Fly Tying:

July 21st
Melbourne library 6:15 p.m.
Everyone needs to bring their own fly-tying
tools. Jeff will have the materials and hooks
for the fly.

July Outings

Nothing on the books.
Too hot.

Board Meeting:

July 8th--5:00 We meet at Ron Winn's office
at 2103 Grant Place Melbourne. All members
are welcome to join. We typically eat at Megs
first and then rejoin at Ron's office around
6:00 for the club meeting.



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