



Long Tall Sally

by Lori-Ann Murphy

"Our mission is to ignite women who have a passion for fly-fishing and provide adventures to realize their limitless potential."

—Lori-Ann Murphy

A TRIBUTE TO ONE OF THE BEST!

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often worked hard to find her "big voice" but it really wasn't necessary - her soft spoken words were heard throughout the land.

My first fly fishing buddy, Kim Keeley and I were up on the Henry's Fork fishing below the dam. They had just drawn down the flows, so it was crazy good. Packed with big fish. In fact - we are pretty sure Kimmie landed a world record whitey that day. But I just couldn't help myself as I noticed Cathy up river from me. I blurted out, "OMG! There are three women fly fishing. It's just us. This is not your normal scene!" Of course it wasn't because it was 1998. Cathy said, "Oh Lori-Ann, let's not get carried away." But I was "carried away." I can remember exactly where I was on the river and watching two other women fly fishing with grace and intent, right next to me.

It's not like I saw Cathy fishing every day of the week so I noticed. She was from the East, but loved her western rivers. I would see her at the fly fishing shows - where we talked about fly fishing. Bob Marriott had a big show in Los Angeles and we were both featured speakers. Her husband Barry was watching Cathy's presentation and so was I. I was horrified because Cathy was saying everything I had planned to say for my presentation. Like a good Catholic, I immediately confessed to Barry that I didn't know what to do. He said, "Go say the same thing like you planned. People will learn." And that is what I did.

The fly fishing world could count on Cathy Beck standing in the Sage booth with her husband - her true partner, religiously during the fly fishing shows. She was gracious to strangers and friends. Both of them - true ambassadors to fly fishing, photography and travel.

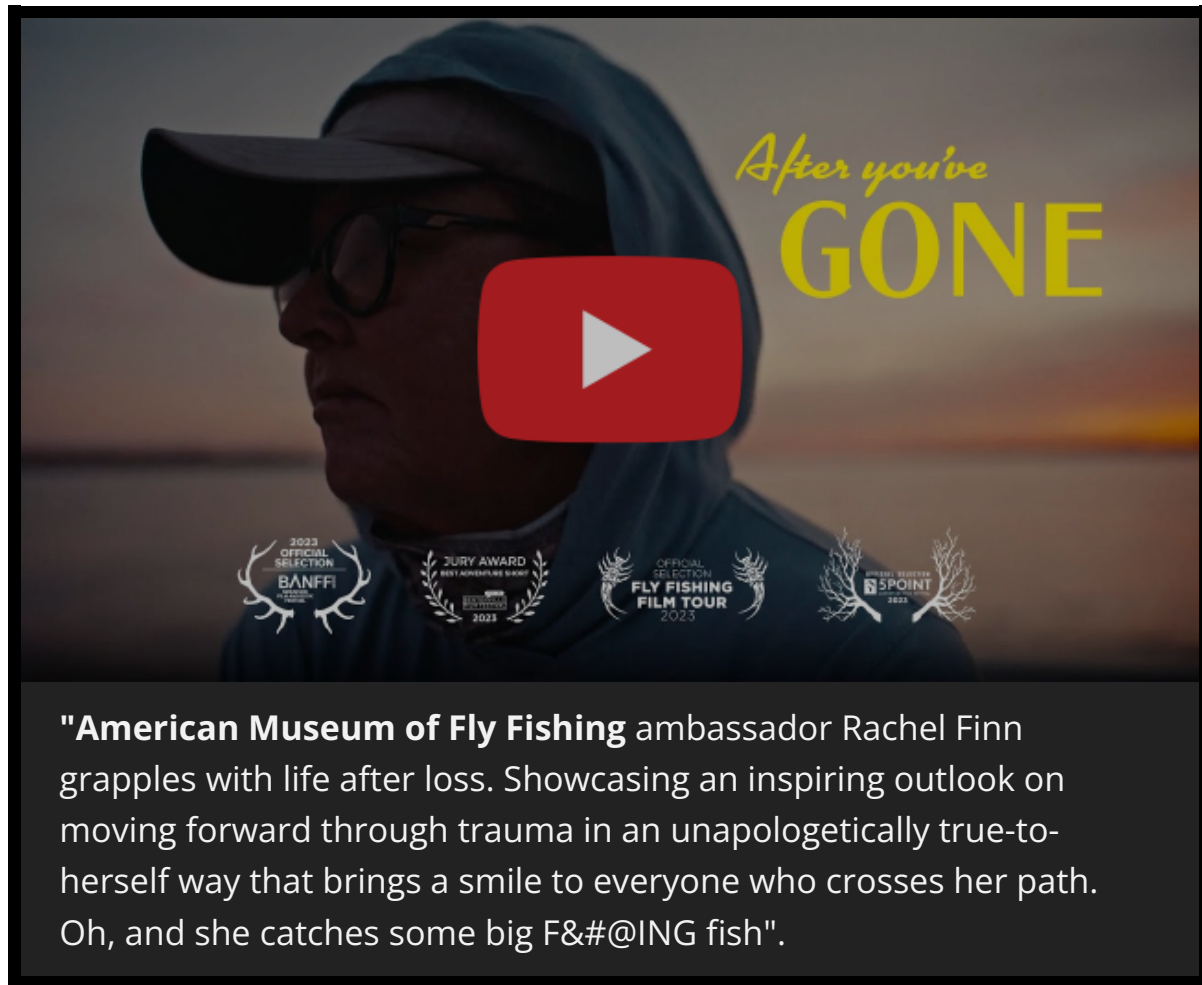
Cathy's cast for fish - wearing her red cap, were featured on many fly fishing magazine covers. This was before social media and was a very big deal. Her cast was beautiful- like her voice, graceful and mighty. Her casts reached the hearts of many guides in the Bahamas, Belize, Argentina, Alaska and of course, her beloved Big Horn. To name a few.

Cap's off to one of the greatest.

Next cast Cathy. We love you.

Please see our link below featuring Rachel Finn in "After They're Gone."

This is an amazing film featuring my soul sister Rachel. L-A



“The goal isn’t to win. It’s to play, all the time.”

Killian Jornet

At 81 years young, Linda Friedman - SLAMMED at our November SLAM.

Our year started off with our Reel Belize Bonefish School. Whoa! So much fun and we all learned something. Double Haul - check. First bonefish - check. Repeat, fun!

Dione Roberts - a master angler from Scotland and team captain for the Women's Scotland Fly Fishing Team was a welcomed trip leader on Permit Quest - look for her next year, her fly tying class is amazing.

Lynn Decker - one of my first clients thirty years ago and now great friend - brought her young and very talented fly fishing friend, Nicole to the saltwater flats of Ambergris Caye. Go see them in Salt Lake City at Western Rivers Fly Shop. Ask them about the permit we saw that day. #make new fly fishing dreams.

We still have a few spots open for our RWFFA Back to Basics and Madison 2. One spot open for our Women's Yellowstone, and check out our SLAM 24 and PERMIT QUEST 25.

Happy Spring, Happy Easter, Happy Passover and Happy Fishing!

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Trips





RWFFA Women's Madison River

#1 July 13-19, 2024 **SOLD OUT!** or
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A great big shout out to all of you who helped me through a tough time with the loss of Panga. She was a special girl and loved seeing you having fun with your fly fishing. Her spirit is alive in our hearts and casts. Your words of joy and surrender were welcomed and healing. Thank you.



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