



Long Tall Sally

by Lori-Ann Murphy

"She comes in colors everywhere...She's a rainbow!"

— *The Rolling Stones*

We celebrate Pride Month, our
Dads, and voices from women who fish with passion.

RWFFA gives a great big **“Thank You!”** to our Pride Community.
Thank you for being you and sharing your passion for fly fishing
with us. Because of you the world is more colorful with smiling
faces and great fish stories to share. Big love and many fishes!

When we started the **Orvis** Schools for Women back in 1994—
there were twenty-seven women from all over the US who joined
us in Manchester, Vermont. A revolutionary time indeed. The

stories they shared from that school fueled and ignited Reel Women Fly Fishing Adventures. We knew we had to move forward and create more schools and of course, really fun fly fishing trips all over the world - for women who fish.

I was reminded recently of some special stories from that event when Elese told us last month during Tarpon Quest about a phone call to her father. Her dad would round up the kids and take them to the Bahamas or some new and exciting place to fish and hang - a place where they learned to develop a sense of self. Elese has immersed herself in saltwater flats fly fishing. With each trip I see her get stronger not only in her fishing but in her spirit. Her fishing sparked a big understanding for her dad's ways - so, she decided to thank him. She told us how she picked up the phone and called her dad. She thanked him. Her mom heard the conversation - watched Elese's dad hang up the phone and watched him cry.

In our RWFFA Schools we go around and ask each participant why they are committing to learn more about fly fishing. My fellow instructor and guides listened to twenty-seven women tell us why in that first School. I can tell you - there were many stories where a woman's father took her fishing - stories of wanting to remember simple times in nature - and for some who fathers who have passed on - a remembrance. The voice was loud - ***"thank you for the nurturing and special times."*** These stories continue to resonate over the years with our gatherings. It's 2022 and we are hearing from you about your sparks and what fuels you.

We had fourteen women fly fishing Ambergris Caye last month in our special groups. They had off the charts fabulous fishing - tarpon were jumped and landed in Tarpon Quest and for Izzy & Cupcake's Group it was *"doubles on bonefish"* all day long. The guides really love our RWFFA groups - it's so much fun for me to see my macho San Pedro Guides just melt with desire to get

to see my macho San Pedro Guides just melt with desire to get these women into fish and mostly - have a great time doing so. Women returned home with new memories and reaction to the world around them. One of our favorite "Reel Women" is DeeDee - with her signature she quotes Margaret Mead.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

You are not only mentoring each other now on your fly fishing trips with RWFFA - you are going home, with new and old friends, making a commitment to your life and the world we love. Let's enjoy our tenderness and love in nature together.

Cheers Amigas!

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Cast to your dreams!

Panga and Lori-Ann are flying from San Pedro, Belize to Montana next week. Stay tuned as we navigate what the rivers have to show us. We look forward to fly fishing with you soon.



Felicia getting it done during Tarpon Quest! Kasey lands her first bone during Tarpon Quest!

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