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# Reel Women

## Fly Fishing Adventures



Life on the Fly .... By Lori-Ann Murphy  
Point to danger and pull back.

This is the number one rule when navigating a drift boat down the river. Things happen

while floating down fly fishing a section of river. Flies get caught on themselves and everything else. As we drift river currents - we watch 'fly drifts' waiting for a trout's head to rise and hit - often getting caught in that exaggerated time, forgetting about what's ahead. Then there is a huge rock, or a not so huge rock with lots of paint on it from other boat bottoms scratching that same hidden rock in the middle of the river. In any case, when we are on the river all kinds of events are happening. Nothing like looking right at where you don't want to go on the river to get a drift boat rower pointing the boat's bow to danger - and yes, pulling back on those oars for all its worth. And as the boat follows the oars' signal to ferry across with the current, the rower stays in control of the boat by keeping the oars in the water, and pulling back to maintain control - letting danger pass by.

When I first learned to row a drift boat I didn't realize that the boat was in control by either going faster or slower than the current. The boat is not in control when just floating down without direction. Just pointing where you want to go doesn't work. I scared my poor ex-husband Gary to death as we almost hit the South Fork Bridge abutment - thinking going with the flow was the way to go. Gary is a "guides guide," and taught me so much about rivers. Early on in my guiding career I had a curiosity for a river's strength. In 1994 I rowed the Grand Canyon by myself in a 16 ft. Aire Ocelot with kayak support. Twenty-one days on the river. Day in and day out knowing that if I wiped out there was a big pool to rescue me somewhere. I had to believe this. There were house size rocks that I came face to face with as I pulled back. Deep canyon walls with obsidian steaks. Sunlight that danced with full expression on those same canyon walls. Going into Hatch rapid - I remember my right leg had "sewing machine shaking seizures" - as I rowed that rapid that scared the hell out of me, I yelled at my right leg to get with the program. It was a great distraction. I remember these little events as they creep up when I come across new challenging situations. I keep throwing myself in these situations to feel all the things I love about rowing rivers and life itself. The feeling is one of utmost respect for a river's voice - one that changes everyday. There is always something new to explore and learn. Like life, I like the trial and error package rowing a boat provides with all its treasures along the way.

It's a different summertime for me as I sit this season's rivertime out from my Caribbean home. I think that's why I'm even more excited for our angling friends gathering for our Yellowstone River Couples Trip this week. This is our first big trip of the season - we have been running our schools, but moved most of our 2020 trips forward. The next two weeks we have anglers coming out to Montana to experience some incredible legendary water. Joe Brooks is buried with a full view of the Yellowstone River and the Paradise Valley it wanders through. The Dude hangs close by at Chico Hot Springs. I'm so excited for our fly fishing friends to experience this precious Montana season. Summertime has wound down and the glory of fall is happening in Montana. So much to gather in a special time taken as rivertime. I can't wait to hear some big brown stories soon. I look forward to my rivertime next year and seeing you there with me - healthy and happy. L-A



Post note:

My rare sighting of a Juvenile Red Footed Booby who landed on the dock close by. Healthy, but very lost from the sea's hurricane a few days before.

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### **The Mystique of a River**

There are some places in the world that continuously attract the steps of leaders before us. Travel impacts our minds and shapes our souls by the experience each destination brings; and these destinations and their mystique seem to pull a certain type of person to them.

Once such place is the Henry's Fork in Idaho. Many who have impacted fly-fishing lived or spent considerable time there. Some of those have included:

Bing Lempke (1917-1971)- Federation of Fly Fishers' 1988 Buszek award winner for his contributions to the sport of fly-fishing and fly tying. The FFF also created another award in Mr. Lempke's name given to youth each year for their outstanding skills and sharing with others.

Charles Brooks (1921-1986) - He retired to the Yellowstone region and spent considerable time on the Henry's Fork in retirement. You might recognize some of his books: *Larger Trout for the Western Fly Fisherman* (1970), *The Trout and the Stream* (1974), *Nymph Fishing for Larger Trout* (1976), *The Living River* (1979), and *Fishing Yellowstone Waters* (1984).

Bryan Gregson- A prolific photographer in the fly-fishing industry whose clients include Patagonia, Meat Eater, Drake Magazine, American Angler and many many more. If you have not seen the video "[The Misfit Saviors -Sage Flyfishing](#)" its worth the watch. Bryan credits his start to the Henry's Fork and the people tied to it. Check out the 7 minute video sharing the spirit of the river and Bryan's great success story.

Rene Harrop - House of Harrop was founded by Rene and Bonnie Harrop on the banks of the Henry's Fork in 1968. Today they meticulously tie perfect flies they custom design to test the knowledgeable trout of The Ranch. Rene has also written many books: *Trout Hunter: The Way of an Angler* (2003), *Learning from the Water:Fishing Tactics and Fly Designs forr the Toughest Trout* (2010) and others.

As you think about what will shape your path and how you will get there, consider all that a day on this legendary river has brought and can bring to you. Reel Women is excited to debut our school and fishing trip in 2021 on the Henry's Fork. Join Lori-Ann Murphy and Patty Reilly (two more legends in the industry) for a day and a half of clinics and instruction at [The Henry's Fork Lodge](#). We'll then jump in the drift boats of some of the best guides on the river today and enjoy two days of guided fishing. Visit our website for more info the trip, and the accomplishments of Lori-Ann and Patty on our website page [Ladies on the Mend](#).

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### **Casting Tips.... by Lori-Ann Murphy**

The only way to become a proficient caster is to practice. We all make mistakes but the important thing is how to correct them. The following are some helpful descriptions:

#### **Low Back Cast:**

**Cause-** Hitting the water or ground on the back cast is caused by continuing to apply power too long, thereby driving the line down

**Correction-** Make the back cast with a brisk movement up and back holding the wrist stiff. Stop power application when the rod is vertical.

#### **Wind Knots:**

**Cause-** Knots in the leader are caused by tipping the rod forward first, then pushing it ahead, an instinctive fault when casting into the wind.

**Correction** - Bring the rod forward, tip it ahead only at the conclusion of the forward movement. A positive turnover

#### **Hooking Line**

Hooking the line with the fly, or the fly dropping below the line on the way out are symptoms of the same casting fault, and the correction is the same as for wind knots.

#### **Piling Up Line & Leader at the End of the Cast**

**Cause** - Piling up the line and leader is usually caused by releasing line too soon on the forward cast or continuing the application of power too far down the forward cast after the line is released. These faults are usually accompanied by waving the rod through a wide arc, rather than pushing it briskly.

**Correction** -Release the line after the end of the power application. Accelerate the rod briskly in an upcast position for the backcast, bring the rod tip ahead sharply at the end of the forward movement (positive turnover), and stop it at eye level or a little higher. Then release the line held in the line hand.



### **Maggie and ME -First Place at Stripping for a Cure**

Congratulations to Maggie Huemann and ME Sorci (two of our Back to Basics Jackson Hole, WY instructors)! They fished Stripping for a Cure's Fishing Day August 21st and took first!

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## **Reel Women Flyfishing Adventures** *Cast to Your Dreams!*

Our Low Risk Policy: Book a 2020 or 2021 trip with us before the end of the year and we'll require only 25% down. The balance due 90 days before arrival. If your plans change due to Covid or any other reason you can reschedule. That means you can put your down payment toward any Reel Women Adventure trip with open space. We also offer Global Rescue's Cancel For Any Reason Trip Insurance.

We look forward to sharing fly fishing with you someplace special soon.

## **2021 Schools**

### **Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics**

Jackson Hole, Wyoming  
Limited to eight women.  
June 26-28

### **Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics**

Ennis, Montana  
Limited to ten women.  
July 17-20

### **Women's Guide School**

Limited to ten women. 2 spaces left!  
July 3-9, 2021  
July 24-30, Sold Out

### **Ladies on the Mend!**



Henry's Fork -Idaho New  
Limited to ten women, eight spaces left.  
August 5-8



## 2020 Trips

**4th Annual Women's Permit Quest**  
November 14-20, 2020  
*Sold out!*

**Yellowstone River Couples Trip**  
September 12-17, 2020 *Sold out!*

**Womens Yellowstone River Trip**  
September 19-23, 2020 *Sold Out!*



## 2021 Trips

**5th Annual Permit Quest**  
Limited to six women each week.  
Feb 12-18 & Feb 19-25

**Couples Saltwater Trip Ambergris Caye, Belize**

Limited to four couples.  
**2 couples spaces left!**  
Feb 27- March 4

**Maiden Voyage on the Flats! Ambergris Caye, Belize**

Limited to six women.  
March 6-10 **New!**

**Womens Tarpon Quest**

Limited to six women.  
May 15-22

**Women's Madison River Trip**

July 10-17 -Sold out.

**Ladies on the Mend!**

Henry's Fork -Idaho  
Limited to ten women, eight spaces left.  
August 5-8

**Deschutes River Women's Steelhead Camp Trip**

Sold out!  
August 25-29, 2021

**Women's Yellowstone River Trip**

Limited to four women.  
2 Spaces Left  
September 18-22

**Yellowstone River Couples Trip**

Limited to four couples.  
September 25-30

## 2022 Trips

**Women's Madison River Trip**

Limited to ten women.  
July 9-15

## Request Trip Details



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