

## Skagit (*pron. Skaj-it*) - it's a river !!! by Lyall

Photos were taken during the non-fishing, wife-friendly section of our holiday so no fish were injured in relation to the writing of this article!!!

Typical conversations between two handed fly fishermen around the world:

Q. "Where does the Scandi style of casting come from Olaf ?"

A. "Scandinavia Lyall, Scandinavia !!!"

Q. "Where does the Spey style of casting come from McKenzie ?"

A. "The River Spey in the highlands of Scotland wee Layall !!!"

Q. "Where does the Skagit style of casting come from Buzz ?"

A. "Why the Skagit River in Washington State of course 'yo 'lil Aussie woot woot !!!"



"No back cast on the Skagit River here good buddy."

Look at that progressive rod bend all the way from butt to tip – beautiful rod!!!



Q. “What’s this the name of this Steelhead fly I tied Buzz ?”



A. “I do believe it’s called a Fork Fly Larry.”

“It’s Lyall Buzz, Lyall.”

“Yup, that’s a Scissor Fly little fella. See the scissors ?”



The weapon: two handed Sage X, thirteen foot, seven weight custom made rod with the updated Fly Fishers International logo, matched with an Airflo Skagit Compact 23.5 foot shooting head in 510 grains (that’s short and fat to punch out fat flies at the end of a ten foot sink tip attached loop-to-loop).

Skagit lines are unquestionably the easiest two handed systems to cast. Use the two handed Sage X rod and the fly just casts itself. Ask Peter

Morse for a cast of his Sage two handed rods at CAA’s Casting for the Public on the lawns of Old Parliament House on Sunday 3 September and you will see what I mean .... Ya’all.

