

# 26<sup>th</sup> FQSA SALMON FLY TYING INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



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**For over** two decades now, the Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique (FQSA) has patronized an international salmon fly tying championship that has become one of the most prestigious in its kind, based on the participation of hundreds of highly talented fly tyers from all over the world. Among those who have risen to the challenge, many have distinguished themselves year after year and have been elevated to the rank of Master Tyers. Masterpieces have been created in the process for the joy and admiration of all.

By holding this special event year after year, the FQSA has served to stimulate creativity among the salmon fly tying community and to preserve the historical and cultural heritage of participating salmon fly tying artists. Yearly statistics reveal that in excess of a thousand persons have visited the Championship's Internet site on a weekly basis over the duration of the Championship and downloaded its regulations.

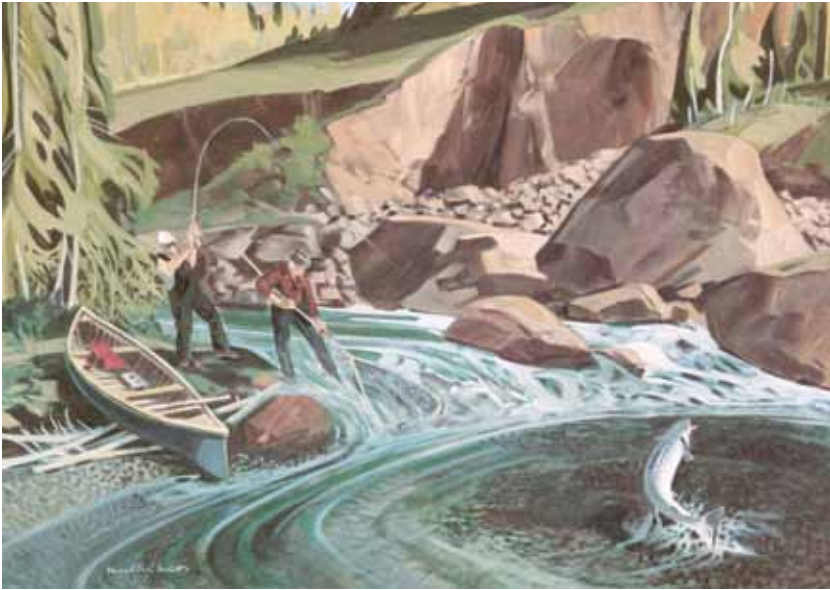
# THEMATIC FRAMEWORK



PAUL « TEX » LECOR, RIVIÈRE SAINTE-MARGUERITE

**Original – design Categories.** The theme for the 2009 Championship is: “**Energy**”, a term which derives from a Greek word meaning activity, operation or force in action (Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy>). From a physical standpoint, energy is the capacity of a system to do work that generates movement, light or heat. It can be characterized by its source (solar, hydraulic, electric, wind, nuclear, etc.) or by the forms it takes (mechanical, thermal, electromagnetic, chemical, kinetic, etc.). Energy is a major preoccupation among human societies, which continue by their work to exploit it to useful ends, while learning more and more about the need to use it more wisely to achieve sustainable development. By extension, preoccupations with energy are also encountered in the realm of cultural productions, which many like to appreciate in terms of power, vigour, vitality, light, warmth, etc. All these notions of energy are of interest to us for this Championship and we hope they will serve to inspire creative tyers who will honour us with their participation in the different original-design categories. Let us at least be inspired by the indomitable energy exerted by the Atlantic salmon as it ascends the river of its origin, in order to reproduce and last through time.

**Compulsory Categories.** The above indicated theme influenced the selection of the imposed categories as well, albeit in a more indirect way. For instance, Mr. John Olschewsky’s creation, the “**Alaina**”, was selected for the compulsory Feather-wing wet fly category because it calls to mind the beautiful and moving energies of nature, particularly the northern lights, the rainbows, the starry nights.



PAUL « TEX » LECOR, QUE DIEU ME VIENNE EN AIDE!



BRUNO CÔTÉ, LA DERNIÈRE FOSSE

The name and colours of a fly pattern created by Mr. André Bélaïeff, the “**Vivacité d’été**” (Vividness of Summer), remind us of the colours and invigorating forces of summer. Hence, its selection for the compulsory Hair-wing wet fly category.

In 1993, the FQSA created a fly pattern incorporating the colours found in its logo as part of a “Fishing Success with my FQSA” contest. This “**FQSA 1993**” appeared to be just what we needed for this year’s competition, given that the FQSA is celebrating in 2009 the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation. This means that for a quarter of a century now, men and women have been devoting their energy to the cause of the Atlantic salmon within the ranks of this non-profit organization, whose management philosophy hinges on the notions of multi-purpose use of resources present in the environment, sustainable development and partnership. Remembering past volunteers and setting our eyes on their successors, the choice of the “**FQSA 1993**” commanded itself as the natural choice for the next generation compulsory Hair-wing wet fly entry category. The cause of the Atlantic salmon demands time and energy, but this wild fish repays us all well in the end.



# PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

This is an open Championship. Anyone interested is entitled to participate, including non-members of the FQSA as well as non-residents of Quebec.

## 2. REGISTRATION (Entry Form attached below)

All participants are to send their fly or flies to the following address:

### FQSA 2009 SALMON FLY TYING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique  
42-B Racine Street  
Quebec, Quebec  
G2B 1C6, CANADA

## 3. DEADLINE

March 16th, 2009

(shipping or postal seal).

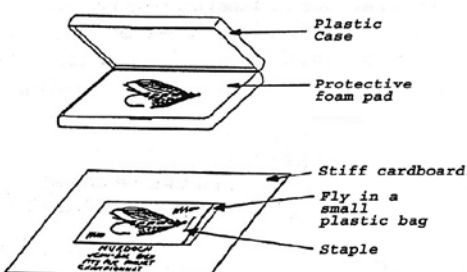
## 4. SHIPPING AND HANDLING

Each fly must be sent in an individual container or wrapping to avoid any damage in the mail.

The following appropriate and economic wrapping methods are suggested:

a) Place the fly between two foam pads, which are then inserted into a small plastic case.

Put the fly in a small "zip-lock" plastic bag, then staple the bag onto a rigid piece of cardboard, which can be sandwiched between two pieces of cardboard and, finally, put in an envelope.



**P.S. In order to be exempted from duty, all submissions outside of Canada should state that your flies have no commercial value. Failure to do so will cause duties to be applied and we may be obligated to charge you or send back the fly.**

## 5. IDENTIFICATION OF YOUR FLY

Every fly registration must clearly state:

- The Championship category;
- The name of the fly or flies;
- The name, address, telephone number of the participant;
- The email of the participant (if possible);

**P.S. For entries in the Original Design or "Creation" categories, a description of the dressing of the fly and an explanation pertaining to the choice of name and materials used must be added.**

## 6. OWNERSHIP OF FLIES

All flies registered for competition will automatically become the property of the FQSA.

## 7. DEFINITIONS

ORIGINAL DESIGN:

This fly must denote originality not only in the tying process but in the types of material used, style, tying techniques and the name as well.

NEXT GENERATION:

A person under 18 years of age who registers in the sub-category "Next Generation". This person may also register for other sub-categories in the Championship. Winners in this category are not eligible to use this fly to achieve Master Tyer status.

AMATEUR:

A person who has never been paid for tying flies or who has never won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in any category of a previous FQSA's Championship.

#### EXPERT :

Someone who has received payment for tying flies or won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position in any category of a previous FQSA's Championship.

#### MASTER:

A participant is classified as a Master Tyer if he or she, in the Compulsory Model or Original Designs categories, meets one of the following three conditions:

- Ranked in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> position for four different years with at least one year in a feather-wing category.
- Ranked in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, position for three different years with a 1st position in a feather-wing category.
- Ranked first for two different years in a feather-wing category.

### 8. WINNERS

The names of the top three finalists for every category will be disclosed at the FQSA Annual Conference in April 2009.

### 9. PRIZES

The top three finalists in each category of the Championship will receive medals (gold, silver and bronze) and their names will be entered into a draw for winning a two-day salmon fishing trip for two (August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009) offered by the Camp Bonaventure, located on the magnificent Bonaventure River in the Gaspé region of the province of Quebec ([www.campbonaventure.com](http://www.campbonaventure.com)). This prize valued at \$2700 does not include the cost of transportation or gratuities, and cannot be exchanged against its monetary value, nor transferred to another person. Gold medallists in each category of the competition will also receive a share of monetary prizes totalling \$1000 (CDN).

### 10. EVALUATION CRITERIA

**The rules and regulations must be followed to the letter. Failure to comply with any of the Championship's regulations will lead to automatic disqualification.**

Participants will be judged on a number of criteria among which: aesthetics, respect of tying principles and materials, techniques and methods. The judging criteria will be disclosed on the FQSA web site. Please note that *the Championship is intended primarily to be a showcase for exhibition flies, not fishing flies per se.*

### 11. JURY

Jury members will be selected among people who are highly involved in different areas of fly tying and come from different regions. The head judge will be a highly renowned fly tyer. Only the Championship director knows the names of the judges, which will be disclosed only at the end of the competition.

### 12. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) All finalist entries (first three positions) will become part of the FQSA collection and will be exposed in due time in a Canadian or Quebec fly fishing museum.
- b) Results will be published in the FQSA *Saumons illimités* magazine and on its web site: [www.saumon-fqsa.qc.ca](http://www.saumon-fqsa.qc.ca). They will also be announced as press releases in other magazines and newspapers.
- c) The Championship being of a friendly nature, the FQSA relies on the sincerity and honesty of all participants, namely in the amateur and next generation status categories.

# 2009 CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES

## 1. COMPULSORY WET FLY CATEGORIES

### 1.1 FEATHER-WING CATEGORY FOR AMATEURS AND EXPERTS: "ALAINA"

The fly's recipe is available below.

### 1.2 HAIR-WING CATEGORY FOR AMATEURS: "VIVACITÉ D'ÉTÉ"

The fly's recipe is available below.

### 1.3 HAIR-WING "NEXT GENERATION" CATEGORY: "FQSA 1993"

**NOTE:** *This category is for those under 18 years of age. A proof of birth is required to be eligible for this category (copy of birth certificate, identity card...). Winners in this category cannot use this fly to achieve Master Tyer status.*

The fly's recipe is available below.

**NOTICES:** All entries submitted in the compulsory categories must conform to rules of proportions, materials and particulars appearing in technical reference books (see document pertaining to judging rules). *It is to be noted that pictures of fishing flies presented in certain reference books are not necessarily tied according to standards of proportion expected in technical reference manuals for the selected fly categories.*

**Fly tiers must present only one fly for each compulsory model. All substitutes made of quality materials (including "gut") are acceptable in order to help protect threatened animal species (<http://www.unep-cmc.org/species/index.htm>). Any fly tied with hooks other than that specified for each category, however, will not be judged.**

## 2. ORIGINAL – DESIGN CATEGORIES

In all cases, Fly tyers can present a **maximum of two flies per category**.

### 2.1 HAIR-WING WET FLY FOR AMATEURS AND EXPERTS

- a) Theme: Energy.
- b) This fly must be tied on a **Partridge Bartleet (eyed) hook, CS10/1, size 1/0**.
- c) The wing must be tied essentially with hair material, but may incorporate some synthetic material.

### 2.2 SPEY TYPE FLY FOR AMATEURS AND EXPERTS

- a) Theme: Energy.
- b) This fly must be tied on a **Partridge Bartleet (eyed) hook, CS10/1, size 2/0**.
- c) Any kind of feather or hair can be used in the construction of the wings.

**ATTENTION:** *The guidelines given to participants in 2008 will remain in effect in 2009. Thus, we ask creators to stay close to tradition by ensuring that **wing length** does not exceed the hook bend. However, **body hackle** can be tied starting at the third turn of tinsel if so desired, so long as the fibres reach the hook bend. **Tags, butts, tails and/or throats** will be accepted as well, thus allowing for diversity of interests and creativity among participants. **These guidelines will be incorporated in the judging rules that were mentioned earlier.***

### 2.3 FEATHER-WING WET FLY FOR ALL

This class of competition is open to all fly tyers, including Master Tyers on the FQSA list (available on the FQSA web site).

- a) Theme: Energy.
- b) This fly must be tied on a **Partridge Bartleet (blind eye) hook, CS10/3, size 3/0**.
- c) The wing must be tied only with feather material.

**NOTICE: If the required Partridge Bartleet (blind eye) hook, CS10/3, size 3/0 is unavailable at your supply shop, you can use a Bartleet eyed hook, CS10/1, size 3/0 and cut the eye off at its base. The hook length will be 1/16" to 1/8" or 2mm shorter than the initially required hook.**

**N.B.: Each of the original design flies must be accompanied by a note describing how it fits with the chosen theme in the appropriate category (name, design, colour, etc.) and explaining the special techniques or combination of materials that may have been used in crafting the fly.**

(Modification proposed by Mr. Paul Leblanc, professional Master Tyer, SalmoNature Fly Shop, Montreal, Canada).

*Participants are asked to describe the hook used on their registration form and in the description of their entry flies.*

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## COMPULSORY MODELS DESCRIPTION

**Feather-wing** wet fly

### Alaina

**Reference:** Michael D. Radencich, *Tying the Classic Salmon Fly*, p. 199.

Hook: Partridge, Bartleet type, eyeless, CS10-3, size 3/0.

Tip: Silver tinsel.

Tag: Pink silk.

Tail: A topping veiled with blue dyed goose and teal.

Butt: Black ostrich herl.

Body: Royal blue silk.

Ribs: Oval silver tinsel.

Body hackle: Blue.

Underwing: Blue saddle hackles partially covered by claret saddle hackles.

Wings: In this order: (Speckled) bustard substitute, light blue swan substitute, bustard substitute, pink swan substitute, bustard substitute, medium blue swan substitute, bustard substitute, pink swan substitute, bustard substitute, claret swan substitute, bustard substitute, pink swan substitute, bustard substitute, black swan substitute, bustard substitute, with a topping over all.

Throat: One turn of claret followed by guinea fowl (Kenya crested guinea fowl used in the reference fly).

Cheeks: Blue chatterer substitute and purple chatterer substitute.

Head: Black.

**Hair-wing** Wet Fly

## Vivacité d'été

**Reference:** Paul C. Marriner, *Modern Atlantic Salmon Flies*, p. 75.

Hook: Partridge CS10-1 size 1/0.

Tag: Fine oval silver tinsel, followed in that order by yellow floss, oval silver tinsel and green floss.

Tail: Golden pheasant crest.

Butt: A few turns of ostrich herl, dyed red.

Body: Rear third: flat silver Mylar tinsel; front two-thirds: pearl Krystal Yarn Chenille or Cactus Chenille.

Rib: Rear Third: oval silver tinsel; front two-thirds: purple Diamond Braid.

Body Hackle: Yellow saddle hackle wound behind the rib over front half of body only.

Wing: Green Highlander green calf tail over yellow calf tail.

Throat: Schlappen dyed Green Highlander green.

Hackle: Silver pheasant tied in as a collar and slanted rearward.

Cheeks: Jungle cock with Kingfisher over.

Head: Black.

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Hair-wing "**Next generation**"

## "FQSA 1993"

**Reference:** *Salmo Salar* magazine, No. 31, June 1993.

Hook: Partridge, Bartleet type, CS10-1, size 1/0.

Tip: Oval silver tinsel.

Tail: Peacock sword fibres.

Body: Turquoise blue silk.

Ribbing: Oval silver tinsel.

Wing: Black squirrel tail over three or four strands of Flashabou.

Throat: Fibres from a yellow dyed hen feather.

Head: Black.

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# Salmon Fly Tying International Championship 2009

## Entry Form - mail to:

Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique  
42-B, rue Racine, Quebec City, Quebec, G2B 1C6, Canada  
Phone: 418-847-9191 Fax: 418-847-9279

## PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip or Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

## The categories

### Compulsory categories for *amateurs and experts*

**Alaina**, feather-wing version

### Compulsory categories for *amateurs*

**Vivacité d'été**, hair-wing version

### Compulsory "*next generation*" category

**FOSA 1993**, hair-wing version

For participants under 18 years old

Please enclose a copy of birth certificate or other proof of identity

### Original-design category for *amateurs and experts* (A written description to be attached)

SPEY type fly – **Theme: Energy**

Name of your fly: \_\_\_\_\_

### Original design category for *experts and amateurs* (A written description to be attached)

HAIR-WING wet fly – **Theme: Energy**

Name of your fly: \_\_\_\_\_

### Original design category for *All* (A written description to be attached)

FEATHER-WING wet fly – **Theme: Energy**

Name of your fly: \_\_\_\_\_



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