

## Biography by Hendrik Wiegand

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My name is Hendrik Wiegand  
I was born in 1964 in Hamburg, Germany  
Just after I could walk at the age of three I started fishing.

In the summer of “1978”!, whilst on holiday in Austria, my father took me fly-fishing for the first time. That was the start of a lifetime passion.

In the summer of ‘79 i met Frank de la Porte, a well know German fly-fisher and writer, to begin with he was my instructor he later became a good friend. A few years later”1982” I was fortunate enough meet and cast with Hans Gebetsroither at legendary”Waldhotel Marienbrücke”on the Gmundner Traun in Austria.

I have now been fly fishing and fly tying for many many years .

During 2009 I fished for more than 200 days in stillwater, 100 of them from the Belly Boat (float tube). I had a great season with many trout up to 8kg.

In July 2010 I made a trip to Tyrol/Austria and fished Pillersee/Lake, the fishing was amazing so I stayed on for 6 weeks. That was my best Stillwater fishing experience to date.... I just love the gin clear lakes and beautiful rivers in the Alps.

But the most impressive fishingday of my life I had on the beautiful Förchensee/Lake-south bavaria at 14-9-2014,..why?...please ask me.....and of course from Belly Boat!

Over the years I have learned a lot about fly fishing and of course fly patterns, many of which I have revised. I have also organised and co-organised some Belly Boat (Float Tube) events – they are great fun.

I just love being outdoors, on the water, make a good cast or two, meeting up with nice people. That’s fly-fishing. I also like rowing on my local lake, preferably in a Belly Boat (float tube), the peace tranquility, nature I just love it. Sometimes I have the feeling that the water is talking to me ... ☺

What about the right fly? At the moment I have the best ideas if iam sitting on a gin-clear-water-lake and then at my fly tying table and listening maybe to Chaka Khan or B:B.King during the day and Pavarotti,John Denver and often Blank and Jones in the evening.

I also like to cook for friends ...especially “Chicken-Curry!”

I have tied flies and gave some Belly Boat Demos in 6 countries:

Tying!

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Irland- ”Irish Fly Fair”, 3x  
Holland- ”Dutch Fly Fair”  
Denmark-”Danish Fly Festival”, 6x  
England- ”British Fly Fair”  
and many little events!

## Belly-Boat-Demo!

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Austria- "B-Day-Tyrol, 3x with Belly Boat  
Germany-"German Fly Festival", 2x...&1x with Belly Boat  
Germany- Hamburg Casting Days, 1x with Belly Boat  
Germany-"Fishing Masters Show" 6x with Belly Boat  
Holland- "Dutch-Fly-Fair"(2016!), 1x with Belly Boat :-)  
Austria- "Lakeside-Flycasting-Festival"1x with Belly Boat :-)

Today I work as a:

pro fly tyer,

tying-instructor,

Guide,

and Belly Boat instructor – which is the reason for my nickname “the Belly Boat Man“,

.....the Belly Boat is my biggest passion and a part of life!....sorry: its my life! ;-))) ....and i fish more than 90% only from Belly Boat!

...my credo is:...rock the water,but save the nature,...i will never complete this journey!

I really enjoy showing people how to tie flies and handling a Belly Boat.

...so,see you on water! .:-)

Yours,

Hendrik Wiegand