



Tailing bones at sunset, Belize



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We are in the seventh year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We want to help you match the right location with your fly fishing goals and objectives and properly prepare you to fully enjoy the experience. We’ve been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new sites. One of our services is to compare and contrast different lodges/outfitters. Whatever unbiased information on timing and locations we can provide comes at the same cost to you as booking direct – i.e., NO EXTRA COST.

REPORT: TROPHY BC STEELHEAD ON THE SUSTUT



Jerry Saltzgaber (below left), Chuck Ferrell (below right) and Lance Ruffel (at left) ventured into the renowned Skeena River watershed steelhead territory in British Columbia for a successful pursuit of trophy fish. Lance had the treasured experience of landing a 41” steelhead (estimated by measurements at 31.5 pounds).....and this particular fish was the first steelhead he’s ever landed.

Lance’s comments: “This was the first steelhead I landed! 41”x 23,” approximately 31.5 pounds. Now I am screwed! How many years will it take to get another one this size? I had a wonderful time and would like to book again next year, about the same time for 4 people.”

They were fishing a remote fly-in lodge on the Sustut River this past September.



MORE IS NEW IN BELIZE – ACCESS TO CHETUMAL BAY AND A/C



(Note: if you’ve missed the announcements about the exciting new happenings in Belize, click on this link to see the report with the new updates.....
http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/fishing_belize_09.pdf)

There are many versions of the Belize mothership trip. The most common trip for first-timers is the variety trip. This trip usually includes three, sometimes four, different anchorages in varied areas offering different fishing environments and featuring emphasis on species ranging from bonefish and tarpon to snook, permit, and the other shallow water saltwater fish such as barracuda, jacks, etc. For those fanatic permit fisherman

looking for the finest permit flats on the globe (and having the patience and capacity for frustration to deal with this challenging species), there's the "dedicated permit" trip that leaves from Belize City. This trip moves at a pace dictated by the fishing, moving south and visiting all the finest permit flats inside the reef, all the way down to Placencia.

Now, with the addition of Nathaniel Verde as guide and captain of the Meca, there is a new option – North Chetumal Bay. The border between Belize (on the south) and Mexico (to the north) splits Chetumal Bay with the northern part residing in the Mexican province of Quintana Roo. Nathaniel lives near the northern part of the bay and has fished this area extensively. Both the Meca and Rising Tide can navigate the bay. And, as has been true for several years, the Belize mothership trip is still the best value in the realm of salt water fly fishing.

What else is new? The Meca has always provided air conditioned sleeping cabins. Beginning with next season, the entire boat will be air conditioned, including the kitchen, dining area, and parlor upstairs.



Permit



Pod of tarpon – Chetumal Bay



Tarpon near skiff

SOME DISCOUNTED "WORLD CLASS" TRIPS

There are times when unusual circumstances allow for a discounted trip at a truly world class fly fishing destination. Most often, any sort of discounted offer come in the shoulder seasons so when the timing of a discounted trip comes in the prime time, that is even more unusual. The two discounted offers below have circumstances attached that are far too extensive to try and detail in this message, but the offers are truly amazing for someone who has the resources, interest, and availability to take advantage of them.

The Seychelles – the sister atolls of Alfonse Island and St. Francois Lagoon provide a stunning, top drawer, backdrop for a salt water fly fishing adventure pursuing Giant Trevally (left, below), bonefish, milkfish (center, below), and a host of saltwater flats species. The accommodations and overall ambiance of the five star resort on Alphonse match the quality of the fishing opportunity – all world class. What is available for October 16 – 23, 2010 are three fishing packages and three non-fishing packages at a 25% discount. Regular price for the non-fishing package is \$4,200 and the fishing package is \$7,150. This link will take you to a photo essay report of our Seychelles trip: http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/tr_seychelles.pdf

Minipi River, Labrador – the top spot in the world to have a shot at taking brook trout of five pounds (below, right) or more on a dry fly. We have been making a semi-annual pilgrimage to the Minipi for many years for the opportunity of watching one of these monster brook trout stick their nose up and inhale our fly off the surface. We are returning in 2010, the week prior to the week referenced here. There is one slot available for the prime time week of 7/9 – 16, 2010 for half price + \$1,000. The regular price for this wilderness adventure, including taxes, is \$5,692 making the special offer for a total of \$3,846. This link provides a photo essay report of our last trip to the Minipi in 2008: http://www.flyfishingadventures.org/Newsletter/pe_minipi.pdf



THE 10# NEW ZEALAND BROWN OR RAINBOW



There was a time, several years ago, when taking a weighed 10# rainbow or brown in the crystalline rivers and streams of New Zealand was a fairly common occurrence. Often these trophy's were taken on the surface and, generally, it was a sight fishing opportunity. Today, the sight fishing for trophy fish is still a reality, however the ten pounders are not quite as common. If you are fishing with the "right guides" who get you to the "right waters," an average day in NZ should provide the opportunity to stalk 13 to 15 fish averaging four pounds with five and six pounders a regular part of the mix and sevens and eights not uncommon. But the ten+ pounder is not found as often today.

Michael Blakeley, above with a 10.5# brown taken on a #18 pt, had one of those incredible, unforgettable NZ days on his recent trip. Not only did it include the monster in the photo, but he also took two other eight pounders during that day.

It does seem as if the double digit fish come a little more often in the early season (October through early December) in New Zealand. While the weather may be more unsettled, there are far less tourists and anglers visiting this wonderful country before the first of the year.

NOVEMBER MEMORY PHOTO

When does kissing a fish become warranted? Maybe if it's as beautiful as the Golden Dorado, taken from the Rio Juramento, being caressed by Agustin Garcia Bastons. Large dorado are being taken from the Rio Juramento in Argentina, some in excess of 30#.

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