



**Fly Fishing**  
ADVENTURES  
**Travel Report**  
**Belize**

**Note:** Steve and Ryan Davidson (father and son) recently completed their first trip to Belize on the Meca and released their first bonefish and tarpon. With newcomers to salt water fly fishing, we encourage fly anglers to bring some “back up” spinning equipment and prepare for the trip by developing their casting skills to include the double haul. Steve and Ryan did this and, in doing so, made a major contribution to the success of their trip. This is especially true for Belize trips where the variety of fishing opportunities can overwhelm a novice fly caster who is not prepared for the challenges of casting on the salt water flats.



**Comments and photos from father Steve (at right with tarpon):** “Great trip - and we really enjoyed Captain/guide Dean & Carol (the cook)! Fishing was slow according to Dean, but we got plenty of shots and learned a lot. Each of us caught bones and tarpon and Ryan had a really good cast to a pod of tailing permit on the last day. They bolted at the last second....



**Couple of other thoughts.....**

The recommendation for the spinning setup for beginners was invaluable. Gives the other guy something to do and I caught two tarpon, a jack, a red snapper and a mackerel on it. Lots of fun. I left it with Dean which he appreciated. I don't know if I would take spinning gear again though preferring to concentrate on fly casting.....

Leo lent me another 8wt rod and reel which was a good thing because we rigged six fly rods differently and used them all at various times.

This was the first time either of us boated a bonefish or tarpon (but not the last!). Thanks again for your help and advice. It was very useful.”

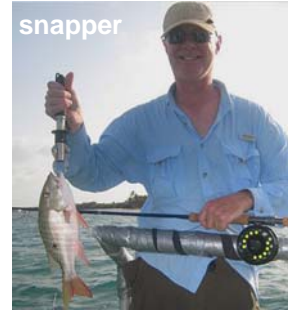


Ryan with first tarpon on a fly



a favorite tarpon flat





snapper

tarpon flies for dusk



Jack Crevalle



boarding the Meca



Meca at anchor



rear cabin on the Meca



hearty breakfast



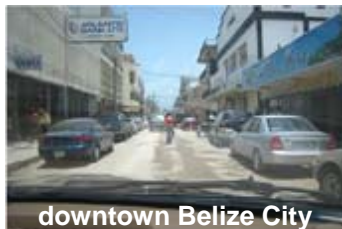
lobster dinner.....



.....and desert



Dolphin escort



downtown Belize City

