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We are in the ninth year of publishing our monthly newsletter with updates on the great fly fishing venues, trip reports and insights for our traveling fly fishers. We’ve been to most locations and pride ourselves on our ability to research new destinations. 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.

**BELIZE – SAVINGS ON RISING TIDE “FLOATING LODGE” TRIPS**

The Rising Tide mothership in Belize has established herself over the years as delivering the finest permit fishing opportunity on the globe. The record trip was had this past March with twenty three permit released by three anglers. However, still the primary itinerary for this floating lodge and its outstanding crew (captain, chef, and guides) is the variety fishery, accessing shallows with resident populations of tarpon, snook, bonefish, permit, jacks, and cuda.

It’s been a few years since they have last raised prices and costs (especially fuel) have increased dramatically so a price increase will be in effect for next years trips. The price increase will be staggered with

the greatest increases (15%) coming for a trip for two and gradually becoming smaller for larger parties to about 8% for a group of six (current price for the standard 7 night trip for a group of six is \$3,195 pp – will remain the greatest value in the realm of saltwater fly fishing!).



However, the price increase will not impact any trips for 2014 that are deposited prior to January 15, 2015. If you make a booking for one of the remaining open 2015 weeks now and deposit before January 15, 2015, your price will be the old rate that was in place for 2014. Website for the trip is [www.flyfishbelize.com](http://www.flyfishbelize.com)



**OPEN WEEKS:** The first week available in 2014 is March 2 – 9. Next is April 7 – 14. Two weeks are open still in each May, June, and July. Questions? Just ask.

**FREE BELIZE DVD – JUST ASK.....FAST!**

Following the Napa earthquake earlier this year, while cleaning out our garage, I came across a box of the DVD’s we put together some years ago on the Belize mothership trip. This DVD has two parts – first an overview of the Belize fishery, and second, it tracks with our video cameras an actual, standard seven night mothership trip, day by day. This seven night trip is focused on the variety fishery in Belize and includes tarpon, permit, snook, and bonefish.



We have an extra 10 copies of the DVD and the first ten people who hit “reply” and send their snail mail address will receive a copy.

### “JURASSIC II” BEGINS SECOND SEASON



Some years ago, in Argentine Patagonia, Jurassic Lake was discovered – given the name because of its Jurassic sized rainbows. Instantly, it became a hot destination visited by anglers from around the globe (including this old fly rodder in 2012). Yes, the rainbows were amazing, but unless you hit the timing just right, it was basically a lake fishery. Now there is a “new” Jurassic destination with the main difference being that the “new” Jurassic has much more stream and river fishing, but similar monster rainbows. It is located in the same general area with rainbows that average the same outlandish size due an overabundance of the same fresh water shrimp source that fed the fish in the original Jurassic. This photo selection is

from the early stages of their second season which has just begun.....



### WHAT DECEMBER TRADITION?

Several years ago, we established an annual tradition of using our December newsletter to provide information about the “prime times” at a Bucket List of the world’s great fly fishing destinations. What happened this year? We had many time sensitive destination opportunities to write about in this December newsletter so were forced to delay our traditional Bucket List of prime times to next year.....probably be in the January newsletter.

### LOOKING FOR PARTNERS – KAMCHATKA, MONGOLIA, BELIZE, AMAZON



If you’re a traveling fly fisher, you may have an interest in visiting a certain destination and you may not have a fly fishing associate who shares that interest and you’d rather share the excitement with someone (and split some of the costs in many situations). That’s the purpose of this column. When we know of someone who is planning a trip somewhere and doesn’t have a partner, we mention it here to see if there may be others with an interest in that spot.

Currently, aiming into the future, we have anglers interested in a partner(s) for Kamchatka, Mongolia, Belize and the Amazon. If you’d like to know more, hit reply and let us know.

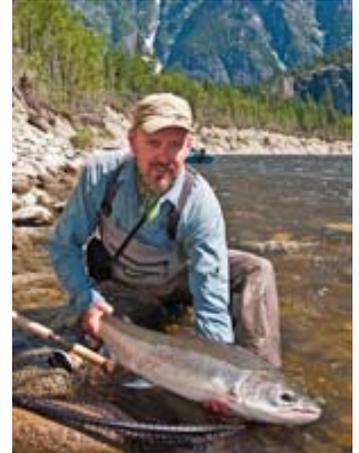
## DEAN RIVER STEELHEAD HOSTED WEEK

Jeff Bright (at right with a summer Dean steelhead) has spent many, many, years exploring British Columbia's vast steelhead waters. Following is from Jeff regarding explaining a week he's hosting this summer on the famous Dean River:

"A dream trip on the crown jewel of British Columbia's summer steelhead rivers in a great week at the newly-acquired Kimsquit Bay Lodge. You'll have six-plus days chasing the Dean's legendary fish on the reknowned lower reaches of the river, targeting summer steelhead literally moments from the saltwater of the Dean Channel. With any luck, you'll find out just how the 'Instant Backing' run got its name.

This August week (Aug 7 – 14) typically sees the river low and well defined with some of the largest steelhead of the year arriving along with the first of the river's brilliant coho. With the DIY campers mostly gone along with the torturous horseflies and the chance to raise a trophy fish to a "surface waker," this is a wonderful time to visit the Dean."

If you'd like an introduction to Jeff and his BC steelhead trips, just hit reply and ask.



## FAVORITE CHILEAN ANDES LODGE ADDS NEW OPPORTUNITY – TWO DATES OPEN

What makes a lodge tucked away in the spectacular Chilean Andes, near the Argentine border, our favorite? Well.....it begins with having an outstanding variety of waters to fish without dealing with numbers of other anglers. In fact, there are weeks that clients have reported not seeing another angler the entire week while fishing here. Next, an outstanding and "eager to please" staff and food beginning with the guides and extending through the household staff.....and most of all, the "hands -on" owner/operator.



This lodge learned a few years ago that many of their returning clients, after enduring the length of travel necessary to get there, loved spending more than a week so created an outpost camp and a ten day package. Now they've acquired a new lodge just across the Argentine border. This acquisition will allow access to a number of smaller streams, spring creeks and trophy trout lakes. This new itinerary will add to their standard stellar wilderness day trips some "off-the-grid" small stream "walk and wade" trips in the Rio Pico Valley. This new program adds three days fishing to their regular seven day agenda creating a ten day package.

This new program is only available January 20 – 30 and March 10 – 20, 2105 and certain weeks in 2016.



## DECEMBER MEMORY PHOTO

That's Brady Johnstone with his first Belize tarpon taken on a Rising Tide mothership trip.

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