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We are in the nineteenth 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.

**THE BELIZE MOTHERSHIP EXPERIENCE**



The North/Central coast of Belize offers an unparalleled variety of light tackle fishing opportunities. This 60 mile stretch of water is sheltered by the second largest barrier reef in the world and contains flats, cays, channels, mangroves, and river mouths. This is one of the world's premier variety fisheries with tarpon, bonefish, permit, snook, jacks, 'cuda - basically, all the Caribbean shallow water species are available. Many anglers believe the most enjoyable method to access the possibilities is using a comfortable mothership as your "floating lodge" so you can sleep near the action.

The traditional "Variety Trip" has a multi-species focus. Sometimes, anglers want to focus on a particular species such as tarpon during the timeframes when migrating fish are often found in the area.....or snook late in the year. Or, for beginning saltwater fly fishers, bonefish are always a primary target. The dedicated permit trip is for anglers who are singularly focused on permit and heads south from Belize City fishing, arguably, the finest permit flats on the globe. The reports below are from such a dedicated permit trip.

The Belize newsletter, found through this link, has lots of information on all the species, as well as suggestions for salt water "newbies" trying out the flats for the first time: [Belize Mothership Newsletter](#)



## REPORT: THE RISING TIDE DEDICATED PERMIT TRIP

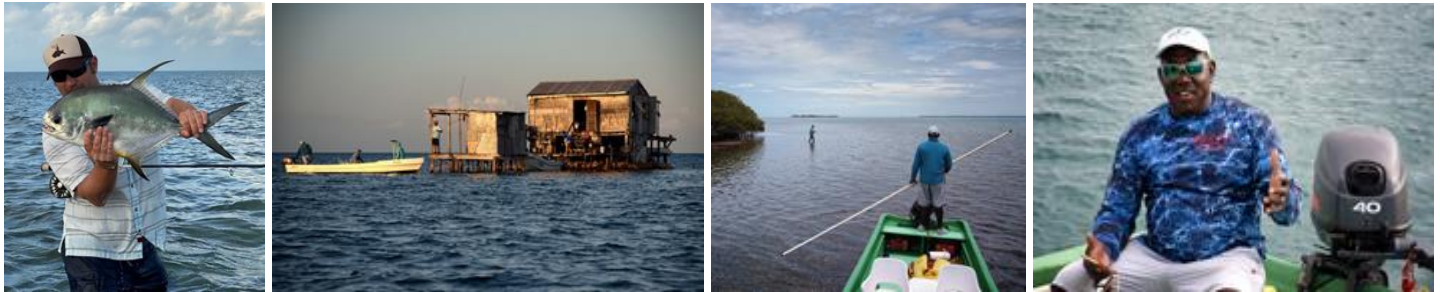


Note: Below – this report and photos come from Clark Smyth and Cole Burnham of Angling Destinations. Both were on their first Rising Tide trip and, overall, the fourth dedicated permit trip they have taken together so they have some basis for comparison.

“Our time on the Rising Tide was outstanding. The group was incredibly happy with how Captain Dean and the staff took care of us. The fishing program was the best I have experienced and I cannot wait to get back on the boat. Safe to say the four of us will do it again.

The Rising Tide is a great boat in excellent shape for its age and the Panga’s are perfect, clean and simple. We had some challenging weather for the first few days, but had opportunities every day. Collaboratively, we had 12 eats and landed 3.....if there are availabilities, any time of year, please let us know.....  
Cole Burnham”

Photos below, l to r: Clark with permit; negotiating some lobster for dinner with native fisherman; in situations where fish are found tailing in the shallows, and not moving quickly, anglers often like to wade/stalk; Captain Dean.



“What a great experience. The full permit ‘immersion’ that Captain Dean and the Rising Tide provides is a truly special thing. It was so refreshing to be with anglers that understand that fish and what it requires to ‘give permit a go’. It was equally refreshing to be in a position to apply ourselves multiple hours each day and commit to the cause. I feel like this notion is a dying breed in the fishing world. Everything superseded my expectations (apart from the weather) and I am sincerely impressed with the operation. Aside from the fishing and the guides commitment to the cause, our cook and crew made for a very real Belizean experience and took wonderful care of our group.....

Photo below, l to r: relaxing in dining and parlor area – from left, James Ryan, Cole, and Nick Seiler; returning to Rising Tide for breakfast after early morning fish; cup of coffee and sunrise; leaning posts on the panga.



.....Overall, we anchored in five areas – two of these were repeated on the way south and when we returned to the more northern areas. Where we anchored, in the furthest point south, we did see one other boat poling the flats; but further north, no other flats anglers were sighted our entire trip. Truly special program.....Clark Smyth”

The record for number of permit released on a Rising Tide trip is 23 fish, from a trip with three anglers. Clark Smyth put together a daily diary of their results and their trip. While double digit permit trips are not infrequent, Clark’s diary would be more typical of the Rising Tide permit experience. This link takes to his diary: [PERMIT DAILY DIARY - by Clark Smyth](#)



## 2021: REMAINING RISING TIDE OPENINGS

7/8 – 15

9/1 – 8

9/21 – 28

10/8 – 15

10/18 – 25

11/11 – 18

11/21 – 28

Dec is wide open as of today.



## 2022: HOW TO BOOK SPACE

The Rising Tide only does three trips a month so this is unlike a lodge situation. We honor the “first right of refusal” for space for all our current clients on the calendar for the upcoming year. This guarantees them the same (or very similar) dates to the timeframe they’ve had in the past. After we have booked our past clients, we take new bookings for the upcoming year.

## PRICING – RISING TIDE



Below are the new prices for the standard 7 night (6+ full days of fishing) trip on the Rising Tide. The price includes: all meals, guide (two anglers per guide unless the supplement is paid for private guides), long fishing days, airport transfers to the marina (within 15 minutes after pick-up at Belize International you’ll be on the Rising Tide), return transfers to the airport (fish on departure day until you have to meet your plane), one case of Belikin Beer per person, and the privacy of the Rising Tide (this is a personal experience – only you and your party are on the Rising Tide). Maximum of six anglers per party.

For detailed description of the experience and the boat, go to [www.flyfishbelize.com](http://www.flyfishbelize.com)

Party of two: \$5,925 per person (includes on guide)

Party of three: \$5,035 per person (includes two guides)

Party of four: \$4,395 per person (includes two guides)

Party of five or six: \$4,090 per person (includes three guides)

Supplements:

- Extra guide and panga - \$1,800
- Fuel surcharge of \$1,300 for the dedicated permit trip heading south

## MAY MEMORY PHOTO



That’s Sharie Trevathan at left with a healthy barracuda taken on a recent Rising Tide trip. This fish has a special story that goes with it. Guide Noel Westby (with Sharie in photo) recalls what happened: “As the fish was brought close to the boat, I was ready to grab the line and net it. It was clear that it was hooked in the mouth. Just as I leaned over, the fish bolted and ran under the boat. For a split second, the line rubbed on the bottom of the boat. In that instant, apparently what happened was the hook pulled from the mouth, slid down the body, and re-hooked in the tail because when we got the fish back to the boat and netted it, it was hooked in the tail.”

## WHAT WE DO AT FLY FISHING ADVENTURES

This is a link with a description of who we are and what we do – at no cost to you.....also, listing the destinations around the world that we have covered. Our reliable information will help you properly prepare for your trip and create realistic expectations.....and maybe prevent missteps. [Fly Fishing Adventures - About What We Do](#)

## **LOOKING FOR PARTNERS – PLAYA BLANCA AND RISING TIDE**

We have some fly fishers looking for a partner or partners to travel with to these destinations:

**PLAYA BLANCA, MEXICAN YUCATAN:** A long time steelhead fly fisher is ready to try out the salt water flats and wants to make a trip to Playa Blanca this July or August. Looking for a partner to share cost.

**RISING TIDE, BELIZE:** A single fly fisher wants to tie in with 1, 2, or 3 anglers on a trip on the Rising Tide – the benefit is the cost per angler drops with additional anglers on a trip and the trip doesn't price well for a single.

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An enthusiastic traveling fly fisherman,

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