



Seychelles – St. Francois Atoll



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We are in the eighth 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 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.

#### ALASKAN ADVENTURES – FAMILY STYLE

Alaska – it's one of the fly fishing destinations that every angler needs to visit at least once. Some do it every year.....but everyone needs to experience the wilds and waters of Alaska one time. From a fresh water point of view, although totally different in every aspect, Alaska and the Amazon are two of the fishiest places on the planet. NOTE: because of the number of fish and variety of species, both the Amazon and Alaska are great spots to take someone new to fly fishing – success and fast action is guaranteed.



This month, we have two reports from August trips that have something in common – both trips involved someone returning to Alaska and bringing another family member with them. In the case of John Landis (at right), it was his brother, Terry (below, left). Ken Yabusaki brought Sean, his son, with him and this was Sean's first ever fly fishing trip. Both visited one of our favorite fly out lodges in the very productive Bristol Bay area. This particular lodge has been a favorite of our clients over the years for several reasons, but their two unique outpost camps (where you spend one night at each of them) is one of the main attractions.

From John: “The weather was great and the outpost camps were a real treat. The Silvers had not started to run until the day before we stayed at one of the outpost camps. The night before there was a hard blow and rain and that brought them in. We had fish on continuously. We also caught several 25 inch Rainbows.”



Terry: “The fishing was great! There was one day in particular that the silvers were in large numbers, and on that day it was a matter of how many fish did you want to catch. We wade fished with two other guys on that day and several times three of us had fish on at the same time. Both outpost camps were very remote, but were very nice and better than expected. There were many special moments..... a river full of sockeye salmon spawning, eagles, bear, and mountains. Truly an amazing place.”

Most Alaska lodges have a policy that they will smoke or clean/prepare up to five salmon for you to take home. Even though they are “catch and release” destinations, the salmon, due to the incredible numbers that enter the rivers to

spawn, fall into a different category. That explains the photo at right in the collection below from John with the “take home quota” for six anglers. From left: grayling, spawning sockeye salmon, rainbow.



Ken and Sean had similar experiences to the Landis brothers, except the silvers were a little late and they missed the beginning of the run. That’s Papa Ken on the left below with Sean and a double header of two Arctic Char.

From Sean on his first fly fishing trip: “It was my first official fly fishing trip, and what I enjoyed most about the trip was being able to spend the time with my Dad, doing something we both love to do in a place that was spectacular and epic in every way. Weather was good with little clouds and no rain or wind for 90 percent of our time on the water. There was a feeling of true hospitality and expertise from their pleasant and friendly staff. What I enjoyed most about the overall fly fishing experience was the amount of improvement I achieved and the amount I learned about technique from the guides. Also, the number of fish we were able hook, and the scenery, with all the wildlife, was so majestic. The most exciting aspect for me about the trip was the size, number, and different types of fish we caught, and seeing the salmon in the wild, returning to their birthplace with no electronics. The overall experience was the one of the top three greatest times of my life, from a vacation aspect. The wildlife and scenery combined with the excellent staff, awesome fishing, and beautiful weather, made the entire trip a ten out of ten.”



Ken: “My son, Sean, and I had a very memorable fly fishing experience in Alaska. The rainbow, dolly, char and grayling fishing was phenomenal with nothing under 20 inches some days. We had a blast dry fly fishing for dollies and grayling. I’ll never forget seeing the wakes of huge dollies and grayling getting ready to eat our dry flies. I managed to stick a 28” Leopard Rainbow and Sean caught one huge arctic char - close to 7 pounds. Guides and service were wonderful.”

(L to R below: Ken, landing a silver, and Sean)



**EARLY SEASON: NEW ZEALAND AND SEYCHELLES REPORTS**

Both NZ and the Seychelles, although 1000’s of miles apart, begin their seasons in October. From mid October, these were the catch results for the first eight rods fishing the protected Alphonse and St. Francois Atolls in the Seychelles – in order, species, total number of fish, and largest:

- Bonefish – 585 – 7#
- Giant Trevally – 9 – 85# (at right)
- Bluefin Trevally – 106 – 4#
- Milkfish – 1 – 25#
- Lemon Shark – 4 – 30#
- Permit – 1 – 10#



## Misc – Giant Trigger, Grouper, snappers, Emperor – 67

From New Zealand comes these reports from one of our favorite independent guides: “Our rivers are open & the fishing has been sweet. We fished that stream where Scott hooked the big brown on your trip in March and released five fish that weighed 6, 6, 8, 7, 9 pounds and lost a couple more. Also, went up the Rangitata River Valley last week and the first brown we took was over 10 pounds with several other nice fat browns & bows. With some clients this week - landed 15 the first day and 11 the next, up to 7 pounds.”



## BELIZE MOTHERSHIPS – 2012 AVAILABILITY

For first timers, getting space on the Belize motherships can be a challenge. Repeat clients get the first opportunity to rebook their same (or similar dates) for the next year before any dates are opened up. And, they only do three trips a month on each boat which makes it very limiting. Plus, it remains the best value in the realm of saltwater fly fishing. The calendar is in a constant state of fluctuation, but as of today, these are the open weeks on both boats for 2012:

Rising Tide: 1/22 - 29; 3/24 - 31; 4/29 - 5/6; 6/11 - 18; 7/5 - 12; 8/3 - 10

Meca: 1/11 - 18; 2/20 - 27; 3/8 - 15; 4/9 - 16; 4/29 - 5/6; 5/10 - 17; 5/31 - 6/7; 6/21 - 28; 7/5 - 12; 7/25 - 8/1; 8/15 - 22

For September through December, there are just a few bookings as of now so there is lots of flexibility in the fall. For descriptions of the boats, pricing, trip reports, magazine articles, etc, see the website [www.flyfishbelize.com](http://www.flyfishbelize.com)

## JUST IN – BELIZE PERMIT TRIP NETS 10 FISH RELEASED

Just received a report from a mid- November dedicated permit trip on the Rising Tide. Art Hinckley, Dennis Banks, and Don Wilkerson (on their second Belize permit trip this year) released ten fish. These three gents now have collectively released over 100 permit, great majority from Belize waters. Ask if you want more details.

## LOOKING FOR FLY FISHING TRAVEL PARTNERS

This column appears occasionally in our newsletter and is for the purpose of letting our readers know of traveling fly fishers who are interested in visiting a certain destination and are looking for others who may have that same destination on their “bucket list.” If you may have interest in joining up with another angler on one of these adventures, let us know and we’ll get both of you together for further discussion.

**KAMCHATKA:** With the renewed proposed flight from Anchorage to Kamchatka, there is a lot of interest perking up again on this destination. There is a globe hopping fly fisher who is booked as a single for two weeks in Kamchatka – one week on a float trip and the second week at a stationary lodge. He would have interest in finding someone(s) to join him for either of the two weeks or both weeks.

**SEYCHELLES:** One of the most pristine saltwater environments on the globe. Prime time November week in 2012. Can be coupled with Africa stop.



**ALASKA FLOAT TRIP:** Six adventurers have a prime time mid-August float trip booked on the famous Kanektok River. This is a hardy group and this trip has a bit of “roughing it.” Primary focus is rainbows and silvers. Can take two more to fill the trip.

**AFRICA:** The Lower Zambezi National Park in Zambia offers the finest combination of tigerfishing and safari style game viewing. Prime time October week is booked by a single who would consider a partner to join him.

**BELIZE:** Mothership trips are difficult to do alone since the price is the same for either one or two (and is less per person with three or four). We have singles who are interested in finding partners for either the regular variety trip (tarpon, bonefish, permit, and snook) or the dedicated permit trip.

## **NEW EVACUATION INSURANCE - GLOBAL RESCUE**



There are basically two types of travel insurance: one that protects you from losing your investment should you have to cancel your trip due to certain types of emergencies and the second which provides emergency evacuation from some distant and isolated destination should an emergency arise. We are not in the insurance business, but as a convenience for our clients who prefer to be on the safe side, we have links to both types of insurance on the home page of our website, [www.flyfishingadventures.org](http://www.flyfishingadventures.org) We recently switched to a different evacuation company who has a better protection package than the old carrier we listed on our website. I personally own the family package with this new company, Global Rescue. Some of their benefits include:

1. **Field Rescue:** Global Rescue’s commitment begins at the initial point of illness or injury, no matter how remote.
2. **Personal Assistance:** Global Rescue’s operations center is staffed by critical care paramedics, physicians, and military special force veterans. They can begin triaging a member’s symptoms immediately.
3. **Medical Consultation:** Through their exclusive partnership with Johns Hopkins Medicine, Global Rescue offers premier consultative advice and provides recommendations for clinics, doctors, medications and medical triage for issues that may not be serious enough to warrant an evacuation.
4. **Evacuation to the home country hospital of choice:** We empower our members to choose where they are transported in their home country if they require hospitalization. Their services ultimately last until a member is home safely in his or her bed.
5. **Security Extractions:** If you are trapped in a threatening environment or situation due to civil unrest, natural disaster or terrorism, Global Rescue’s team of special operations veterans will extract you and get you to safety.

If you want further information, go to their link on our home page..

## **NOVEMBER MEMORY PHOTO**

From the good ole USA, it takes four hands to hold onto this 9# rainbow. That’s Gary Butts on the right trying to hog some of the glory (and help keep this fish from releasing itself too early), but the fish belongs to Emily, his daughter-in-law, on the left. The relatively small stream in the background, which flows across several private ranches in Wyoming, has been home to several big fish for the Butt’s family throughout the years. Fabulous fish that will be the subject of many happy family discussions over the years – may actually get to be 15 pounds by 2020!!!!

**PHOTO CREDITS:** Alaska – first six photos, John Landis.....next four photos, Ken Yabusaki

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