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We are in the sixteenth 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.

**TWO VERSIONS OF BELIZE – VARIETY AND DEDICATED PERMIT TRIPS**



Tarpon (at left), bonefish, snook, permit, ‘cuda, jacks – basically, all the salt water species are available in various areas of Belize. Certain areas of the shallow inshore fishery (inside the barrier reef) have greater populations of various fish, and, therefore, more opportunity to take specific species. The Rising Tide floating lodge – at right pictured motoring in the early morning to a new area – has two different pre-planned routes for her trips.



One route is focused on the variety of species and the other is the dedicated permit trip which goes south and covers arguably the finest permit flats on the globe.

**THE VARIETY TRIP:**

On a recent Rising Tide variety trip, Nicolas Garza was joined by Miguel Garza, Margarita Perez, Miguel Garza Jr., and Ivan Gonzalez, who provided the outstanding photos in this article. Nicolas provided this report on their trip: “Our week on the Rising Tide was one to remember. We had a lot of opportunities for permit all throughout the week. We managed to get three eats, however, only one was released. We also jumped 3 tarpon casting along channels in the afternoons. A 70-pound and a 110 pound fish were caught and put up an amazing fight that went on well after dark. We had many shots to bonefish and snook during the week and managed to get several bonefish and a 10# snook. Our trip made for great fishing, combined with an excellent service.”

Below, l to r: poling a flat; Miguel w/bone; Nicolas with 70# tarpon and Captain Dean; marine wildlife abounds in Belize – dolphin in the air and a gentle manatee.

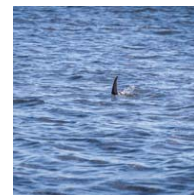


Below, l to r: nice snook; large tarpon finally at the panga; evening casting; 70# tarpon in the air.



### THE DEDICATED PERMIT TRIP:

The Rising Tide's route for this trip covers flats that provide more shots at permit than anywhere on the globe. And, as a bonus, seldom is another angler encountered. However, this is not for everyone. If you are new to salt water fly fishing or have not experienced the frustration (and excitement) of pursuing permit, most likely, this is not the place for you to learn. The most challenging fly rod stalking experience is pursuing the tailing permit (photo at left).

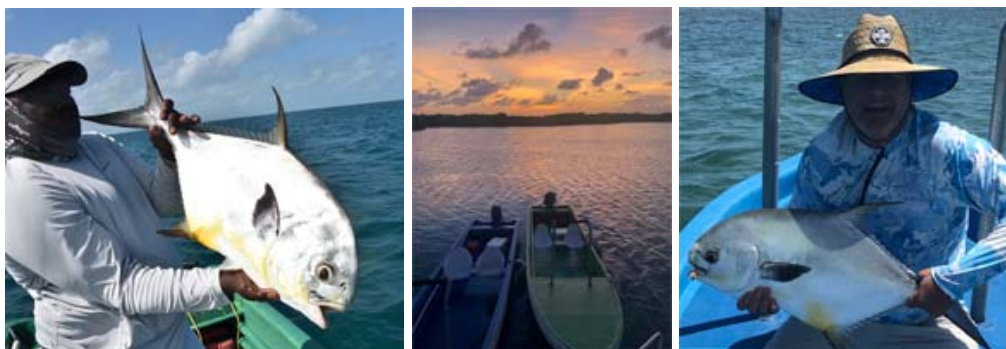


Last month, joined by Mike Freeman and Grey York, I did my second dedicated Rising Tide permit trip this year. The raw numbers from this trip included:

- Over 740 permit seen – this includes singles, pairs, threesomes, pods of fish and a few giant schools.
- All the dedicated permit trips this year (except one weather challenged trip) encountered over 500 fish.
- Average of more than ten shots per day.....a shot being defined as a cast with a chance to get an eat.

If you'd like to see a day-by-day diary of this trip in PDF format, just hit reply and ask.

Highlights of our trip: Captain Dean with our largest fish, 18#; spectacular sunsets were common; Mike Freeman with his 3<sup>rd</sup> permit, a solid 14#.



Website for the Rising Tide trip is [www.flyfishbelize.com](http://www.flyfishbelize.com)

### NEW ZEALAND: THE "PART REPORT"



(This report is written by John Part. For the past 20 years, John has been a twice-a-year visitor to New Zealand. He is an outstanding trout angler who has a passion for stalking brown trout in NZ. John has achieved a degree of notoriety by releasing 71 NZ brown trout that weighed in excess of ten pounds. John celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and still does not need to be coddled by his longtime guide/friend as he continues trekking around NZ.)

"April 2019: unseasonably fine weather, low water, but as completely usual, obstinate brown trout. Highlights: a sixteen fish day with six on dry flies right at the end of the season; a twelve fish day, only one below 5lbs and the best over 7lbs (where else in the world can you find this sort of fly fishing for wild brown trout on public water?). And, there was a last gasp 10lber (weighed before release) on an otherwise blank day in the beautiful high country. But please don't imagine it was all like this....."

This link will take you to the entire Part Report: [THE PART REPORT](#)

## THE QUEEN AND KING OF COMBO TRIPS



Defining a “combo trip” – using the time and expense needed to travel to a certain area of the globe to include visiting two different places in that general area. Ideally, during that same trip, two different environments would be included, making for an interesting contrast. Examples would be combo trips that include:

- The Seychelles and an African Safari experience (and/or the African Tiger Fish)
- New Zealand and Fiji/Australia/Borneo
- The Amazon and Patagonia

Since their marriage in Italy in 2017, Dana Altum and John Landis, within the next seven months, will have completed all three of these combo trips. This earns them, for now, the very unofficial title of the Queen and King of combo trips!

In the course of their travels, they have become very accomplished outdoor photographers as well as seasoned fly fishers (fly fishing was new to Dana). Many of their photos have been featured in our newsletter over the years, including outstanding collections from Africa, Seychelles, New Zealand, and Patagonia. Earlier this year, they did New Zealand in conjunction with Borneo. At left, John

and Dana are pictured with a Borneo wildlife guide.

Dana described the attraction of Borneo: “From bugs to birds, nocturnal mammals to the array of monkeys and the highlighted Orangutans, Borneo is one of the last primary forests that offer such a diversity of plant and wildlife. It was amazing to learn that Orangutans share 96% of the same DNA as humans. Observing them in their native environment was a highlight.”

Below, l to r: Orangutans; many attractive species of tropical birds are present; John snaps a photo from suspended bridge.



Below, l to r: “We saw 3 species of monkeys - the proboscis monkey (fondly referred to as the Jimmy Durante monkey), the long tailed macaques, and the red leafed monkey, The sanctuaries allowed us to be up-close and observe their everyday behavior without having any barriers and to see them in their true natural settings. It was also amazing to see how the little ones hang onto their moms as they jump from tree to tree.”



Below, l to r: the giant lizard is an 8 foot long Monitor; sunrise over the Danum Valley; Boa digesting a baby monkey; Dana in full National Geographic gear.



**“20 YEARS FROM NOW” .....MARK TWAIN AND A MAD DOG**



With only a quick glance to measure with, would you believe the guy at left? Maybe not, but Jim “Mad Dog” Hine is always right about one thing – he reminds me about the famous Mark Twain quote that comes to mind whenever there is a decision to be made. At 75 years old, there is a limit to the exciting decisions remaining to me and I always consider Mr. Twain’s famous comment.....

*“TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW, YOU’LL BE MORE DISAPPOINTED BY THE THINGS YOU DIDN’T DO THAN THE THINGS YOU DID DO. SAIL AWAY FROM THE SAFE HARBOR.....CATCH THE TRADE WINDS IN YOUR SAILS AND CHASE YOUR DREAMS.”*

**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](#)

**JUNE MEMORY PHOTO**



Clem Booth and one of the large rainbows of Jurassic Lake. What’s new at Jurassic Lake and it’s only tributary, the Barrancoso River? Our favorite lodge has opened access to the northern part of the lake, previously not accessible. Clem took this giant rainbow there.

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