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Friday, April 27, 2007

They are here!!!!

That wall of fish that was due to arrive anytime has just arrived. Capt. Ray found them down river and called in me, Greg and Lee. In a couple of hours we each easily caught 50+ fish. All were on live/dead shad, but for the first time I was marking large schools of stripers on the depth finder. Next week is going to be awesome, the keeper season is still in if you want to keep some fish and we do have some openings.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:42 PM

Thursday, April 26, 2007

no report, no fish, no photos

No report: We're running a bit ragged....catching bait....morning trip....clean fish....afternoon trip....clean fish.....eat.....sleep.....do it again. It reminds me of the movie "Groundhog Day".

No fish: We're getting our limit, a few "slot" fish and a lot of little ones. Average of 25/half day. In short, they ain't here yet.

No photos: Although I did forget and leave my camera in Morehead, we haven't seen a lot of big fish.....make that any big fish.

I still believe that it's going to get good and it is going to happen any day now. Lee, Greg and Ray have got a few openings through May.

I'm fishing tomorrow, then getting away from the crowds for a couple of days, back on the water on Monday.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:37 PM

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

getting better, extended keeper season

Consistently getting limits of decent fish with flurries of activity. For a few minutes things are like its supposed to be.....and some very slow stretches in between .

No herring, no consistent catches of big fish. Bait shad have been easy to catch for the 2-5 pounders and there are plenty of them.

Water levels are going to be perfect for fly fishing.

According to Capt. Jack, as of yesterday, the "keeper" season has been extended 6 days. Due to slow early catches, the last day to keep fish in May 6.

Things are really going to fire off next week, with 100 plus fish half days.

Between Greg, Ray, Lee, Gary and myself, we can get you on the water.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:18 AM

Monday, April 23, 2007

getting better.....

We had a slow morning, but things picked up in the afternoon. It is getting MUCH better by the hour. Fish are on the move and coming this way. On the afternoon trip we found a little lump of them and caught 8 keepers in about 45 minutes, then things slowed. We managed to beat down about 30 fish. Should be on fire in the next day or two.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:15 PM

Sunday, April 22, 2007

cold water, tough fishing

With the high water levels and low water temps on the Roanoke, we headed to the coast, but fishing was just as tough. Water temps never got into the high 50's, making the trout, puppy drum and flounder bite very, very slow. I thought for sure that we'd be able to beat out some good days, but we barely scraped up enough for dinner.

We're heading back up to the Roanoke today. This warm weather is going to fire things off. Keep an eye on the page and I'll let you know when it starts happening. This May should be extremely good through the end of the month. I'm going to be chasing the cobia, but Ray and Greg should have some openings up on the river. Stay tuned...

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:29 PM

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Changing gears, Argentina duck hunt

We're giving the Roanoke a few days to settle down and will be chasing the pups and speks this weekend. Heading back to the Roanoke on Sunday morning.

I just had 4 cancellations for our Argentina duck hunt July 5-11. If you ever wanted to go, drop me a line, there may be an opportunity to play....."let's make a deal".

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:45 AM

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Roanoke Report

Year in and year out, regardless of water temps or water levels, the week of April 15 is when those 100 fish days start.....usually.

Yesterday was our first day on the river and things looked very promising. Water levels were ideal, but after a nasty cold front and 40 mph winds and a 30 degree temp drop, things were tough. We managed to catch about 20 fish, but the bite completely shut down at mid day.....as the water started rising.

This morning the water had come up almost 10 feet, raising from 6000 cfs(cubic feet/second) to 20,000 cfs. The good news is that this increase in water is going to trigger the migration and there is a huge push of fish on the way. The bad news is that its going to take a couple of days for things to stablize and get the fishing back to normal. Ray and I are taking a couple of days off and will return on Thursday.

A couple of web sites to monitor water levels and forecasts are: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nc/nwis/uv/?site_no=02080500&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060
<http://www.dom.com/about/companies/ncpower/flow.jsp>

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:55 AM

Friday, April 13, 2007

Grand slam, long travel day, Roanoke River

The guys on the Super Fly caught a grand slam yesterday, 1 blue marlin, 1 striped marlin, 2 sails.

Meanwhile, I was stuck in airports returning from a few days overseas, 26 hours of travel by boat, train, car and planes. Got back in town about 5 this morning.

Recovering from jet lag today and will be at the NC Aquarium tomorrow at 1 for a drum seminar.

Off to the Roanoke with Capt. Ray on Sunday and will give a report. We are cranking up wide open on Monday through mid-May. I am booking for several guides and can still get you on the water, but you better sign up now.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:59 PM

Thursday, April 05, 2007

forecast

I forecast that I'm going to be unavailable for about a week. Anna and I are heading on a little vacation and will be back around April 12.

I'm giving a seminar at the NC Aquarium in Pine Knoll Shores on April 14 at 1:00 pm.

Heading to the Roanoke that afternoon, the striper fishing should be in full swing when me and the guys start on Monday.

If anyone has a wild hair, there is room at Silver King Lodge for some tarpon fishing May 11-14.

Also only 2 spots left for our duck hunt in Argentina July 5-10.

Costa Rica 2008 is almost sold out for January and February, still plenty of room in late March and April.

I will not be answering phones and rarely checking e mails until April 12, so drop me a line when I get back.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:56 AM

Monday, April 02, 2007

Thanks for making my day.

George Beckwith in an e mail April 2 to Jeremy Jackson who returned from Costa Rica on April 1:

Jeremy,
Sorry that I couldn't be there for your trip, drop me a line and let me know how things went, I hear that the fishing picked up a bit.
George

Jeremy Jackson's Response:

Pick up "a little"? Serious understatement!
Total of 60 Sailfish, 2 Blues, several dolphin and 1 Wahoo.
Incredible trip. Thanks.
I'll call you later in the week when I get caught up w/ work.

Thanks again,
Jeremy C Jackson

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:06 PM

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