

Fishing Reports/Photos

Wednesday, April 30, 2008
the best and the worse

This morning and yesterday afternoon it wasn't a matter of how many fish we caught, it was a matter of how many consecutive casts that you could catch a fish, simply incredible. I guess they didn't want us catching any more keepers on the last day, because starting at about 10 am, they started messing with the water levels, rising through the day, then falling in the afternoon. The bite died.

From a 100+ fish morning to a dead slow afternoon of scraping up only a couple dozen.

Things will stabilize, the crowds will be gone tomorrow and the bite will return. No spawning action yet, so they aren't going anywhere for several more weeks.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:37 PM

Sunday, April 27, 2008
even womens can do it.....

.....an inside joke, women make the best fishermen, they don't know it all, no egos and they listen to instruction.

They're starting to hit topwater a little bit, fishing is still good and is only going to get better. Although there were 200 boats on the river the last couple of days, we have only seen 3 boats where we were fishing. Next week will be phenomenal fly fishing, especially after the keeper season.

Although we can get you a good guide for the river anytime, Down East openings are April 30 pm, May 1, 2, 3 1/2 pm, 4, 5 1/2 am, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

We'll be heading to the coast to intercept the big migration of cobia after May 10, but with current river level forecasts, the fishing on the Roanoke should be spectacular through the end of the month. Some great guides will still be working the river and if you want to get out there, we can make it happen. www.pamlicoguide.com

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:18 PM

Saturday, April 26, 2008
That's a little more like it.

If you plan on coming up to the Roanoke on your own.....unless you like being in Wal Mart at Christmas time or you want to take a chance in losing a lower unit, wait until May 1, when the keeper season is over. The fishing is good until the crowds descend upon the river, then things get a little crazy. There were probably 150+ boats on the river today. I may lose a lower unit, but we only saw 3 other boats and caught plenty of fish this morning.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:57 PM

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
OK, now they're here.

...nice long drifts, catching them the whole way.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:59 PM

the latest from the river

Water levels dropped over the weekend and the weather sucked. We expected tough fishing and brought plenty of bait. All went well, catching 25-50 fish on a half day. A tough day on the Roanoke is a great day in most other places.

I've been fishing up river and getting away from the crowds, looking for a big fish. Although we've caught some nice slot fish, we haven't had any really big ones, hopefully I'll have some pics this week.

Meanwhile, down the river, Capt. Ray has been catching plenty of fish. Water levels stabilized yesterday and the fishing improved. Yesterday afternoon was very, very good with just a few boats on the river. It seems like all of this rain has triggered another push of fish to head upstream.

Capt. Lee and Capt. David Haddock are getting ready to roll, still a few openings for the keeper season which ends May 1. Half days are \$400.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 1:57 PM

Saturday, April 19, 2008
Roanoke report

The water dropped a couple of feet last night and that made things a little tough, we still caught plenty of fish, 40-60 fish half days and a lot of bites on the fly. Things should stabilize and get straightened out by tomorrow, we'll let you know.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:50 PM

Friday, April 18, 2008
now this is springtime.....

Before joining me up here on the Roanoke, Capt. Ray introduced the spring with a Pamlico

County bang.

Starting out on the Roanoke with a bang also...

...meanwhile in Costa Rica, they're still crushing the sails, 18 sails and a marlin and a dolphin for dinner yesterday.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:54 AM

Tuesday, April 15, 2008
good jig fishing

A good jig fisherman could have no problem catching 100 fish, mostly small, but plenty of them.....in places.....still a little scattered, but when you are in them, it's pretty good.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 4:01 PM

Sunday, April 13, 2008
Great water conditions

Great water conditions and levels on the river should lead to a great year. The early reports are really good, I'm heading up tomorrow to find out for myself. We've got a few scattered openings, including this week. Drop me a line if you can break away.....

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:23 PM

Tuesday, April 08, 2008
epic sailfish bite continues

For all of you guys that are stuck with the idea that the sailfishing is only good in January/February, you might want to consider April and May. Last year's billfishing was fantastic in May, especially the marlin. Today, the Dragin Fly raised 74 sails, had 61 bites and caught 34. I've got to hand it to the customers, they hooked all their own fish.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:25 PM

Sunday, April 06, 2008
Spring has sprung?

Sorry for the lack of reports, Anna and I have been on a west coast R and D trip, Russian River steelhead and Sanoma County wine tasting.....we hit the wine tasting just right, but were a little late for the steelhead.

Meanwhile in NC, just before the torrential downpour there was some spectacular trout fishing reports from Upper Broad Creek on the Neuse and Bath Creek on the Pamlico. It looks like the mild winter is going to result in an unbelievable season for the speks.

On the Roanoke River, I got a report from a fly fishing buddy who spanked the stripers, catching 45 in 3 hours on the fly, including 19 releases on 19 casts. Most of them were small ones, with several keepers and several in the slot. It looks like things should be on fire later next week.

Capt. James and the crew of the Dragin Fly had a couple of days off, but when they got back on the water, the bite was on. In the last two days they had 50 sailfish and 3 marlin bites. The customers were hooking all of their own fish and didn't do bad, releasing 18 sails, 1 marlin and a couple of dolphin for dinner.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:15 PM