



DOWN EAST GUIDE SERVICE, Inc.



Featuring Capt. George Beckwith, Capt. Gary Dubiel, Capt. Travis Hardison, Capt. Brian Harrington, Capt. Mark Hoff, Capt. Ray Massengill, Capt. Lee Parsons, Capt. Joe Shute, Capt. James Smith, Capt. Joe Ward, and other top-notch guides. Patient, knowledgeable and fully equipped with the best and newest equipment.

[Home](#)

[Pamlico Sound](#)

[Roanoke River](#)

[Cape Lookout/ Crystal Coast](#)

[Costa Rica](#)

[Argentina](#)

[Fishing Reports](#)

Fishing Reports/Photos

Tuesday, August 29, 2006

Room for a single in Costa Rica

I have 1, maybe 2 openings available for a revenge trip to Silver King Lodge Oct. 13-18.

Also, I just spoke with Capt. Brian Horsley who is hosting a fly fishing school/trip with his wife Capt. Sarah Gardner. They have 1 space available on their Pacific Sailfish trip to Costa Rica on March 4-10.

We are finalizing dates and details for the Jan.-March Costa Rica trips. Things are going to be very busy. Let me know if you have an interest in any of these trips.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:11 PM

speks, sight casting, bad weather, good fishing

I've been returning favors to Greg the past few days, catching the big ones pretty good, that is until yesterday. Greg outfished me 10 to 1 on 2-3 pound speks. The worst part is that the boats were tied together.

He later gave me a demonstration on sight casting the big drum. Conditions were perfect and like a dummy, I went looking for silver. Should've stayed with the drum.

This "tropical low" from the south should turn the drum bite on fire. If you can stand up in the boat, we're fishing.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:19 AM

Sunday, August 27, 2006

burning the candle at both ends

Fishing has been very, very good and consistent. We've been averaging double digit catches of citation drum, all before dark. Mornings and afternoons have both been very good. Openings for the next two weeks: Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, 5, 6. full or half days available.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:40 PM

Wednesday, August 23, 2006

Thanks Morehead Marine....Greg is beating up on me

A big thanks to Richard, Kim, Herb and all of the gang at Morehead Marine. They got Greg's boat running in record time. I felt like I was dealing with a professional NASCAR pit crew.

It's been a great week of drumming. I've been a little slack, chasing silver, meanwhile Greg has been beating up on me. I've caught 50+ citations in the past 7 days, Greg has easily doubled that.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:34 PM

Monday, August 21, 2006

more pics

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:13 AM

photos from this week, tarpon are still here

The tarpon made another appearance this week and Capt. Phil didn't waste anytime putting one in the air. Congrats to Donald Willis of Custom Marine who caught him on 20 pound test.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:46 AM

Friday, August 18, 2006

good fishing, bad luck

Greg had an unforeseen day off today, he found some Neuse River hard bottom yesterday, probably an old sunken trawler in 10 feet of water near Lighthouse Shoal. The result is that we are overnighing a new lower unit to Morehead Marine. They should have the boat running by mid-week. In the meantime, he'll be running the "Tag-A-Long", a 23 Parker. No trip cancellations, all is on go.

Meanwhile, Ray and I caught 8 big ones each and some pups today. I hope to post some pics next week. Fishing is very good and consistent.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:22 PM

Thursday, August 17, 2006

daylight drummies

Don't get confused into thinking that the only time to catch the big drum is during the afternoons and at night. Greg is working on them pretty good right now and it's just 10:30 am. I'm signing out of the office to go give him some help.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:46 AM

consistent bite

Ray and Greg have been getting the big ones pretty good this week, catching 2-6 every afternoon, returning to Oriental in time for dinner.

It's a little frustrating when other boats see the tower and assume that they can catch fish if they just get close to it. Tuesday afternoon I had a pontoon boat get within 150 yards of me, fortunately, it was before the bite. He watched us catch two double headers before he got frustrated, picked up the anchor, made a big circle around us and went to another spot. Needless to say, he was clueless and killed the bite for us.

Same thing happened to Ray last night, guy sees the tower boat, pulls up within a 100 yards, drags anchor, repositions the boat, chunks the anchor out again and effectively shuts the bite down.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:58 AM

Sunday, August 13, 2006

Sat/Sun report, Tuesday opening

Greg and Ray each caught a dozen citations on Saturday by noon. Today, Greg checked out a new spot and caught 5 by himself. Our openings this week are:
Tuesday full or half, Wed. am, Thurs am, Sat. am, Sun full or half

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:27 PM

Saturday, August 12, 2006

Yearling and Old Drum Rigs

I'm pretty much over the tarpon fishing. Sure, there are still plenty around, but I'm not going too far out of my way to look for them. I fished hard on Thursday, for 14 hours. Strikeless.

I had an unexpected cancellation on Friday. Allen Robbins and I slipped out on the water for some fun fishing and hooked these two within 10 minutes of dropping the anchor. We were looking for a puppy drum for lunch, using the yearling rig described below. Just like the old drum rig, pictures attached. Both rigs work well with low incidences of deep hooking, just keep the line tight and reel.

The old drum rig: short leader, less than 6 inches, fixed 3 oz. egg sinker, 14/0 Mustad circle hook

The yearling rig: same short leader but a 7/0 Eagle Claw circle hook, 2 oz. egg sinker

P.S. I just got off the phone with Greg, he caught 7 big drum this morning.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 1:20 PM

Wednesday, August 09, 2006

puppy drum fishing bycatch

Thank God for the drum. Capt. Greg rode along with me this morning to teach me how to catch the puppies and yearlings. We caught 17 in a couple of hours. For my afternoon trip, I managed to beat down 1 puppy drum and this pig, a nice surprise. After catching a big drum, the puppies weren't the same, so we fished the sunset bite.....strikeless. I made a move and it payed off, 3 more citations and a 38 incher. Beautiful sunset and moonrise.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:56 PM

tarpon fishing bycatch

I'm glad that these jokers have showed up to help save the day. Greg had a day time drum trip yesterday and caught 25 pups and yearlings, also one of these big 'uns.

We just had a cancellation for Thursday afternoon.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:01 AM

Saturday, August 05, 2006

Drum fishing clinic by Capt. Greg and Capt. Ray

A drum fishing clinic is what I got today from Ray and Greg. I was a little hard headed and went tarpon fishing for most of the day, but Ray put it to me this afternoon.

Greg caught 3 old drum last night, 1 this morning and a mix of 25 puppies and yearlings.

Ray caught 22 puppies and yearlings right beside me this afternoon, I caught 5. We split up to go fishing for the old drum and I should have followed him. he caught 6 citations and I was strkeless.

We did have some for dinner. Speaking of dinner, Capt. Ray and his two customers gigged 16 nice flounder two nights ago.

All for now....

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:41 PM

Friday, August 04, 2006

drum, drum, drum

They're here. Well, actually they've been here, we just havent' been fishing for them. Over the weekend some of the tarpon fishermen caught them at Minnessott Beach, Greg has been sight casting a few on the Pamlico River. Good reports from a couple of other locations. It's well before dark now and Greg has already caught his first one this evening.

On the tarpon report, they are acting very much like tarpon. Since the tournament, thye have pulled a Houdini on us. The good news is that when they reappear, they'll be hungry.

Short term openings are Monday and Wednesday mornings, Aug. 7 and 9. We'll leave early and get the best of the bite.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:33 PM

Fishing Reports Archives

- [October 2008](#)
- [September 2008](#)
- [August 2008](#)
- [July 2008](#)
- [June 2008](#)
- [May 2008](#)
- [April 2008](#)
- [March 2008](#)
- [February 2008](#)
- [January 2008](#)
- [December 2007](#)

- [November 2007](#)
- [October 2007](#)
- [September 2007](#)
- [August 2007](#)
- [July 2007](#)
- [June 2007](#)
- [May 2007](#)
- [April 2007](#)
- [March 2007](#)
- [February 2007](#)
- [January 2007](#)
- [December 2006](#)
- [November 2006](#)
- [October 2006](#)
- [September 2006](#)
- [August 2006](#)
- [July 2006](#)
- [June 2006](#)
- [May 2006](#)
- [April 2006](#)
- [March 2006](#)
- [February 2006](#)
- [January 2006](#)
- [December 2005](#)

DOWN EAST GUIDE SERVICE, Inc.

1907 Paulette Road
Morehead City, NC 28557

252-671-FISH (3474)



[Home](#)

[Pamlico
Sound](#)

[Roanoke
River](#)

[Cape Lookout/
Crystal Coast](#)

[Costa Rica](#)

[Argentina](#)

[Fishing
Reports](#)