

Fishing Reports/Photos

Sunday, August 31, 2008
told ya we were gonna get 'em today



awesome kiddie pics from yesterday on the way.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:20 PM

Pics from this week

Every day seems to be different and we never know what we're going to run into until we get out there. With this approaching nor'easter and cooling temps, all that is going to change. With a northeast wind, we're going to bust the drummies.

The weather this summer has been fantastic, a lot of really calm days which makes looking for tarpon great, but it can be kind of tough for "beating the banks" for the typical mixed bag. The big drum definitely bunch up and bite better with a little wind, the harder the blow, the better they bite. For those of you fishing later this week, buy a rainsuit and get ready, we're fishing.

Citation sheepshead and company:



A big, big mama drum. This gal was gorging on schools of peanut menhaden below New Bern. The tarpon and drum had the menhaden balled in less than 2 feet of water. The school was so tight that they suffocated, causing a small fish kill.





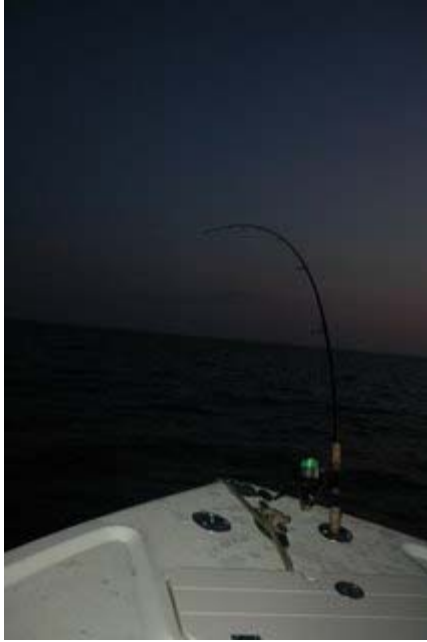
We don't call him Lucky Larry for nothing. This is one of his two giant tarpon, also 5 big drum and a mixed bag of stripers, pups, flounder and black drum:



Check out the rod in the background:



Yeah, yeah, you've got enough line, just keep a bend in the rod, she'll come around:



waiting on you Larry:
That's the way to get them hooked:





posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 1:51 PM

**Thursday, August 28, 2008
off and on**

One day we're a hero, one day, well not a zero, but just getting enough. I think that this crazy weather has had as much to do with the sporadic bite as anything. Things seem to have stabilized.

Today was definitely a hero day,
The morning started with 2 tarpon, both of them of the extra large variety.
While my single angler recovered, we shifted to light tackle and 20 puppy drum
10 stripers up to 8 pounds and a black drum,
After a constant double header and landing 5 big drum at sunset, we were back at the dock
by dark.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:26 PM

**Monday, August 25, 2008
Run off from Turnigan Bay by the Navy**





This was NOT any of the Down East Guides, but this is an e mail that I received today.

"Fished Turnigan Bay in Neuse River yesterday evening. After catching bait for 1.5hrs we started fishing @ 6pm and after anchored for 15 minutes we had our first big drum on. You can see in the background that we had company coming as we landed our first fish. Navy boats said they would be blasting nearby target ship (we were outside prohibited zone) and told us they were clearing a 3 mile perimeter. They politely asked us to move.

What are you going to say? We moved across river, 5 miles away. Caught 3 more and stopped fishing @ 10:30pm. In consolation, we did get to see an after dark light show from gun boats etc!"

From Down East:

I've got no problem working with the Navy in situations like this, but permanent closures are out of the question. We have to fight this one hard guys. They are being very sneaky on the process for condemning land/water that belongs to North Carolinians. Apparently a very weak Environmental Assessment will be released in October as well as a revised "fact sheet" and another opportunity for public comment.

The last public comment period ended before anyone knew about the closure. Raccoon Island, major nesting area and outside the range has already been posted as part of the bombing range.

Governor Easley is a joke, he says that this is a federal issue and he has nothing to do with it. Makes sense since he vetoed the trailering law, he is no friend of outdoorsman.

I hope that Beverly will give us more support on these issues, I've sent her my contribution. She is easy to talk to and picks up the phone when it rings. She has learned a lot about recreational fishing and it's importance to North Carolina over the past few years.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:03 PM

Sunday, August 24, 2008

pics and report

Fishing has been good, but some days have been better than others. All in all, we're getting ours, are you getting yours? If not, give us a ring to set up a trip before it all ends, usually by mid-October.



How about this for a double header? 22 and 48 inches



and a two foot trout on a drum rig





A huge double header, a pair of 52 inchers, two of our biggest this year



posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:53 PM

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008
pics and report**





After a few "epic" days, then a few not so great days, things seem to have stabilized and fishing is good and steady. Here are some pics from the last few days.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:49 AM

Sunday, August 17, 2008
calm seas and full moons

I'm glad that I didn't post the big numbers that we were getting a few days ago. Everyone is still getting their citation paperwork, but the bite seemed to slow a bit. Should get cranked up again when the big drum get love off of their mind. We have had a couple of great morning skiff trips.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:32 PM

Friday, August 15, 2008
How's the fishing?

Epic. For those of you who don't know what that means, you might want to check it out. Mornings, afternoons, it doesn't seem to matter.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:55 PM

Wednesday, August 13, 2008
Quit your whining, get a rain suit and go fishing



We're not going to put anyone into a dangerous situation, but a little rain and wind just makes the drummies bite. This nor'easter and the filling moon have turned things on. Thankfully we convinced all of the customers to show up today and everyone caught fish.

I'm not going to start a precedent of posting the big numbers that we consistently put in the boat, there are too many people out there that just don't get it and think that we shouldn't be catching any of these big fish; others aren't capable of catching the numbers that we routinely catch. In reality, if everyone on the boat catches a citation drum, it's a successful day. We want to keep expectations realistic, but sometimes those expectations are shattered.

Capt. Brian Harrington shattered some expectations today.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:14 PM

I love poon

Congrats Gayle on your tarpon, bet you didn't expect that out of an afternoon drum trip?



Tarpon should be around into September, mixed bag fishing is decent. Afternoon trips can target trout/pups then the big drum, or we can do a tarpon/big drum combo. The morning fishing has been really good for all of the above, but openings are limited. Give us a ring and we'll find you a guide who can get the job done.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:43 AM

Saturday, August 09, 2008

big drum, pups and the Navy burning oyster catcher nests



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posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:35 PM

Friday, August 08, 2008
drum trip turned silver

It was slick calm and the boys were in the meat out there in the sound so our afternoon drum trip turned silver, catching 2 of 3 tarpon and I think we had another couple tarpon bites that didn't connect.

Meanwhile, Capt. Extreme Brian was catching the drum, all three of his anglers caught at least 2 each this afternoon. His morning trip was loaded with pups, trout, very nice flounder, black drum and sheepshead.

"Kill'n Time" was out there this morning after the big drum and caught a dozen.

Great fishing, mornings or afternoons.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:26 PM

Big day for the Barbarosa

I've got to brag a little on the boys on the Barbarosa, a 38 Topaz that we book in Costa Rica. This past week they had 9 marlin bites in one day, catching 6 marlin. Also wahoo and tuna for dinner.

In NC, I had a couple of fun days with Sam Talerico and some new friends. 1 for 1 on the

tarpon, big drum, two foot trout, black drum, pups, flounder and more. Nothing red hot, but good fun and good fishing.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:33 AM

Monday, August 04, 2008
Silver King

....heading out this afternoon for the drummies, but I imagine that we'll make a stop in a tarpon hole before it gets time for the big drum.

Tarpon fishing is still good, with a lot of fish close to home which makes tarpon fishing on a half day possible. Some of the guys have some morning half days available over the next few weeks.

We also have up to 2-4 openings available on the trip that I am hosting to Silver King Lodge Oct. 1-5. This is a super trip, but I need to know NOW if any of you have an interest or questions. Including air, 3 days fishing, tips, accommodations, meals, drinks and the details, around \$3000/person.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:39 PM

Sunday, August 03, 2008
new pics 1 for 1 today, congrats Tom Cat



posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:23 PM

Saturday, August 02, 2008
I hate trout

Went back the next day with a livewell brimming with live shrimp, no trout, well a few, but not what we were expecting. Few pups, few flounder, not bad fishing, just not the big day we had hope for. Anna has given me a day or two around the computer and I'll be back out on the water tomorrow, posting some pics of this last week.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:20 PM