

# Fishing Reports/Photos

**Sunday, January 27, 2008**  
**on the home front, t-shirts, 2008 bookings**

On the home front, Capt. Lee and Capt. Ray finished up duck season just as the ducks arrived. Everyone limited out on the last day. Here is a picture of the huge flocks of

bluebills, redheads and canvasback, estimated 20,000 ducks.

Capt. Bryan Goodwin is still getting the pups if anyone has cabin fever.

For those who want t-shirts of the Dragin Fly, e mail Anna at [anna@pamlicoguide.com](mailto:anna@pamlicoguide.com) . Off the boat we will be selling them for \$15 or we'll mail them to you for \$20.

Important: If you have reservations for 2008, please e mail me to reconfirm those reservations. Like an idiot, I drove away with the booking calendar on the roof of the van yesterday. I'm going through the old e mails, but please reconfirm with me or Anna.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 1:39 PM*

**my new favorite thing and our first grand slam**

There have been A LOT of schools of tuna over the past couple of weeks, mostly mixed schools of 20-50 pounders with 100+ pounders mixed in. They are traveling with hundreds of spinner dolphins, traveling and feeding together on flying fish and anything else that can't get out of the way.

My new favorite thing is casting poppers on spinning tackle at these schools of tuna. Almost every cast draws strikes and the misses which are just as cool. The really big tuna usually just hit live bait (large bonito or false albacore/Why doesn't anyone livebait these for bluefin?)

Two days ago we caught 16 of the 20-40 pounders on poppers and missed at least that many more, including one of those 100+ tuna that crashed the popper and a sailfish that

tried to eat it and a wahoo which finally took my favorite popper away from us. In addition to 8 sails, we managed to catch our first official grand slam on the Dragin Fly yesterday. We've had two other days which we caught 2 marlin and sailfish, but they were both blues. Here's a picture of the 2nd black marlin caught on the boat:

.....and here is the blue marlin that we caught next.

Check out the sore caused by the remora that has been hitching a ride.

Note that the dorsal fin is a little shorter on the black, above, and the pecs remain locked out at all times. Blacks can't retract the pec fins, but blue marlin do retract them.

Another cool shot of the blue. ....and the croc tour for those not fishing.....  
*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:07 AM*

**Wednesday, January 23, 2008**  
**first black marlin, ducks and puppy drum**

All is going well down here. The full moon has resulted in some slow mornings, but hot afternoons with the Fly boats averaging 8 sails daily and an occasional marlin.

We caught our first black marlin on the Dragin Fly two days ago. As usual, the 400 pounder hit the light rod and ended up getting tail wrapped. The leader was touched, but she ended up breaking us off on one of the runs late in the game.

Slow day yesterday, but we managed to find a school of tuna and caught a dozen 30-40 pounders on spinning tackle and poppers. Would've been perfect on the fly.

Capt. Ray had a great day hunting yesterday, with a limit of 10 bluebills.

I also got a report from Down East Capt. Bryan Goodwin: "Half Day sessions are producing up to 3 dozen fish in the 18~30 inch class. The larger fish are hitting topwater lures very consistently. The cold water is not slowing them down. Lot's of sight-casting and fly-fishing opportunities."

Sounds like Capt. Bryan has found the pups. Drop us a line and we can set something up.  
*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:10 PM*

**Thursday, January 17, 2008**  
**Pics**

Our first marlin      One second marlin

Jimmy with HIS yellowfin, caught on 30# and a sailfish rod.

The crew with Jimmy's tuna, Capt. James, Alberto and Pepe. How big was this tuna? At least three 5 gallon buckets full of meat.....

Pepe' with a baby sail, not all of them are 100 pounders....      Scott and the first roosterfish on the Dragin Fly, we had an inshore day yesterday      Anyone know what kind

of snapper? I did catch a triggerfish on my butterfly jig before I lost it on the bottom

Alberto with our first grouper.....tasty.....gonna do a little more of that.... Chicken anyone? From the crocodile tour

First 3 days offshore: 4 marlin (yes we caught 2 more), 11 sails, a mountain of dolphin and a 100+ yellowfin

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:46 AM*

**Sunday, January 13, 2008**  
**she raises fish**

We took the Dragin Fly on the first offshore trip today. The first fish that we raised was a 300 pound blue marlin. Thirty minutes after that release, we cut lose a 150 pound blue marlin. The day ended with a double header sailfish. It's nice to know that she'll raise fish. 2-2 marlin, 4-7 sails.

The other Mavericks swept the Los Suenos Tournament. Our boat is hull # 5.

The Bite (Maverick hull #2) won the tournament  
The Super Fly(Maverick hull #3) was 2nd and  
The Hook (Maverick hull # 4) came in 3rd place.  
The Spanish Fly (Maverick hull # 1) was just out of it in 6th place  
*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:22 PM*

**Saturday, January 12, 2008**  
**whale watching, cubera snapper, marlin and more**

Anna, Shamrock and I are pretty settled in now and things are starting to get crazy with 4 groups arriving today. Shamrock (and I) have been invited to shoot teal, but for now, he'll have to stay facinated with the tucans. Here's what's going on and some pics...

Tuna on poppers and spinning tackle

Red hot marlin bite. Six marlin and 2 sailfish releases in one day vaulted The Super Fly into first place yesterday in the first leg of the Los Suenos tournament. Today is the last day, let's see if they can hold up that kind of pace. There have been over 100 marlin releases by 45 boats in the first two days of the tournament.

A shake down whale watching cruise on the Dragin Fly which included humpbacks.....  
..... and this nice cubera snapper.

One of last weeks sails on the Barbarosa

Meanwhile, in NC, Capt. Gary has headed up to the outer banks to get into some of the ocean stripers that have showed up. Capt. Lee and Capt. Ray are busy with the duck hunting.

Drop us a line anytime, although it takes all day to upload pictures, we're staying in touch with the world via e mail and checking the phone every day or so.....

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:21 PM*

**Wednesday, January 09, 2008**  
**tuna poppers**

big poppers, braided line, spinning rods + 40 pound yellowfin= lots of fun and lots of sushi  
*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:01 PM*

**Monday, January 07, 2008**  
**CR report**

Shamrock and I are just settling into our apartment next to the beach (Ruby is hanging out with Capt. Lee). I haven't had a chance to go fishing yet, but am scheduled to get out there on Wednesday.. The marlin bite is still really good, The Barbarosa has caught 6 of 15 marlin in the last 3 days. The Super Fly found the sailfish yesterday and caught 17 sails. Plenty of dorado and tuna for dinner.

The Drag'n Fly looks fantastic and is almost ready to fish, just finishing up on the paperwork this week. The first group is fishing on Sunday (but Anna and I may sneak out there before).

Photos to follow...

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:12 PM*

**Thursday, January 03, 2008**  
**last hunt of the year...Costa Rica contact info**

It was my last day out there today.

Steady NW, 50 degrees when we launched. It was below freezing when we pulled out at 9 am.

We saw only 1 bluebill, 4 gadwalls and a couple hundred bufflehead and ruddys, in large flocks and traveling. It looks like our birds have blown away. Maybe Lee and Ray will get another push with this cold.

My next report will be from the tropics, but Anna and I will be in touch with the world. We are now booking for the 2008 season, including our trips to Costa Rica, Silver King Lodge and Argentina. Space is limited, so please contact us now.

E mail will probably be best way to contact us: [info@pamlicoquote.com](mailto:info@pamlicoquote.com)

We will be checking voice mail in the states, 252-671-3474

Our direct line in Costa Rica is 011-506-371-5350

For duck hunting info, drop me an e mail or give the guides a call at 252-249-3101

All the best in the New Year

George and Anna

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:44 AM*