

Fishing Reports/Photos

Wednesday, July 30, 2008 **tarpon and two foot trout**

Lots of shrimp = lots of fish. We had everything from sheepshead to trout today, including 7 trout 22-25 inches plus a dozen very nice keepers trout, black drum, flounder and pups.....oh, and the tarpon, they're here also, but I'm having a little trouble staying connected. 1 for the last 5 jumps.

We still have a few half day mornings available, a great mixed bag and shots at tarpon and the big drum. Our afternoons are almost completely booked through September.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:08 PM

Monday, July 28, 2008 **Tarpon Tourney Report**

We are champions again.....of the "pancake tarpon" award, 42 sting ray releases in two days. Although we had literally hundreds, if not thousands of tarpon around the boat for both days, we couldn't get but 4 bites and only landed one. Gene Wooster of Mobile East Marine beat us all pretty bad on Saturday by catching 6 for 9 tarpon. Jimmy Goodman and Derek Jordan were 2 and 3rd with 3 releases, Phil Ambler with two along with the rest of the "locals".

There are as many tarpon as I have ever seen in the sound and the river. Today, we found plenty of fish up the river as far as New Bern. We were really in the meat and had just jumped off a MONSTER when the old drum started busting on top of the water. Although we had a lot of shots, we only caught one big one and had to leave them biting and rolling around the boat. By the time I returned with the afternoon trip, the party was over.

Congratulations to Gene Wooster, now a two-time winner of the Tarpon Tournament. Also great thanks and a job well done to the Oriental Rotary Club. They ran an excellent tournament and the entire event was a lot of fun.....even the tracking collar that Skibo put on my boat. That was too funny.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:53 PM

Wednesday, July 23, 2008 **skiff trip tarpon**



Yesterday I had skiff trips, catching some nice stripers, flounder, black drum, pups.....and running accross some tarpon. We caught 1 for 1 out of the skiff yesterday afternoon. Here is a pic that was sent to me of one of the ones we caught last week. Gearing up for the tourney, maybe we can repeat as Pancake Tarpon Champions....
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:02 PM

Tuesday, July 22, 2008
Epic fishing in Cristobol

About the time that the storm was making landfall, we were having some epic fishing. We started the morning off with 15-20 nice pups and yearlings, a nice trout and a nice flounder and a surprise old drum. The puppy drum bite showed no signs of slowing down, but after catching the 46 incher, we headed to Cedar Island to try for some more big ones. No bites, so we poked our nose a little further in the sounds and ran into a school of old drum, landing 7 more big ones.....and hooking a pair of tarpon, landing one of them.

Yesterday, the day after the storm, all was quiet, including the bite. It sucked.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:19 AM

Friday, July 18, 2008
full moon tarpon

Thanks for the call Kelly.





posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:46 PM

Thursday, July 17, 2008
Down East Action Alert: Bombing Range Expansions

Friends of Down East,

The Navy is moving towards expanding it's bombing ranges at Brant Island and Rattan Bay. This expansion is being done very quietly.

The below link has some of the details and an opportunity to voice your opposition. I implore you to do so.

Some of the best giant red drum fishing shoals would be off limits,
Deep drop offs for tarpon fishing would be off limits
Miles of prime puppy drum, trout and flounder shoreline would be off limits,
Protective sand bars which allow safe passage to Cedar Island and Pamlico Sound would be off limits.

I encourage all of you to be aware of this issue and express your opposition to any expansion of these bombing areas.

It would essentially eliminate fishing in the areas that many of you have fished over the years and cripple our business out of Oriental.

I support the military and love the USA, but with the military technology of today, I don't understand why bombing areas which have existed for 40+ years need to be expanded.

<http://capwiz.com/ncwf/issues/alert/?alertid=11587046>

Many thanks,

George

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:59 PM

very mixed bag

We struck out on the poons on Tuesday on a half day trip. Just as the guys needed to get back to the dock, the wind laid down and things got very pretty. Wish we had a couple more hours, but that's the way it goes.

Yesterday Anna and I filmed an upcoming episode of Carolina Outdoor Journal and today I ran a "skiff trip". Really good live bait fishing, we brought home:

2 speks, 1 pup, 8 very nice keeper flounder and 16 black drum. Plenty of throw-back pups and flounder. Back out after the poons tomorrow and Saturday, open on Sunday in case anyone wants to wet a line.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:46 PM

Monday, July 14, 2008
open Thursday

Just had a cancellation in case anyone wants a shot at silver.....

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:24 PM

Sunday, July 13, 2008
I had to work today

Thanks to the Down East crew for the harrasing phone calls. I was baiting hooks and beating banks up the river. Lots of little flounder with a half dozen nice flounder for each of the

"skiff trips" that I ran today. Plenty of little pups and a few trout.

The best that I can tell from the reports:

Tag A Long Dan 1-1

Capt. Extreme 2-2

Mobile East Gene 1-2

Capt. Greg 1-2

I would have loved to have been there.....

.....meanwhile in Costa Rica. The guys on the Dragin Fly are doing some excellent tuna fishing, also a pair of blue marlin on July 7.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:22 PM

Saturday, July 12, 2008
come and get 'em

NC tarpon, 4 for 8 on our first day out this week.





0 for 1, but busted the pups and yearlings on the way home, one/minute every 6 minutes for an hour and a half. You do the math.





It's hard to take pictures and wire fish.



2 for 3.....maybe 4 today, we had one big unidentified splash over one of the lines when we had our back turned.



.....and a limit of pups and this nice surprise.....for those who doubt if there are any around.



I've caught more tarpon this week than either of the last two years.

I am currently open on Monday and Wednesday, 252-671-3474. Give Anna a ring.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:56 PM

Wednesday, July 09, 2008
Anna stole my computer

Hi guys and gals this is Anna. I have George's computer and am sending out a newsletter...pop us an email if you would like to receive it. George is in Oriental and he had a spectacular day with the tarpon on Monday. He put 8 in the air and brought 4 to the boat. I will be fishing with him on Friday....it's been a while and I am due ;-). He had light tackle trips yesterday and today and crushed the puppy drum (26 - 30 in drum). He will have his computer back tomorrow.

;-)

Anna

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:27 PM

Wednesday, July 02, 2008
They're here.



The word is that a few tarpon have been seen scattered all over with a big body of fish out in the sound. I'm dying to go and hopefully will be out there this weekend. Got a couple of trips out of MHC to get out of the way.

In Costa Rica, the tuna fishing on the Dragin Fly has been really good. Some of the guys are packing coolers and bringing them home, perfectly legal.

June 25: 14 tuna (six 80-120 pounders)

1 sailfish

June 26: 8 tuna (six 50-80 pounders)

1 wahoo, 6 dorado, 1 sailfish

The weather has been good, but with showers every other day.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 3:53 PM