

Fishing Reports/Photos

Friday, June 27, 2008
Argentina report

We're on the way back from Argentina and had a great trip, here are a few pics:



Nope, they aren't blackbirds, that is all doves. The dove hunting was incredible.



Lunch



After lunch.



Congratulations to 13 year old Matt, over 1000 doves in two days.



Despite the drought, the duck hunting was very good, Matt and his dad shot their combined daily limit of 100 ducks on day 2. The other three hunts were decent, killing between 20-40 ducks/hunt.

Look for the upcoming Down East newsletter with some special offers in Argentina:

Early bird booking discounts for 2009

Kids hunt doves for FREE Oct-Jan

Special Rice Planting Duck Season Oct. 15-Dec. 15

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:11 AM

Thursday, June 19, 2008
smallmouth bass

I had forgotten how hard a 16 inch smallmouth pulls 8 pound line. Thanks dad for teaching me how to do it about 30 years ago. It was good to do it again with you this past weekend.

While I was playing in the mountains, Capt. Ray slipped away to Drum Inlet to try the flounder gigging. The winds never really laid down as forecast so conditions were not good, he only stabbed 5 nice flounder. He did say that the puppy drum fishing was red hot just before dark with 2 hours of steady pulledge.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:03 PM

Saturday, June 14, 2008
AJ's save the day again

sight casting cuda....pretty cool



After a promising weekend, I was really looking forward to busting the cobia this week.....NOT. In three hard days of looking over 350 miles of water and conversations with cobia fishermen up and down the coast, it has become clear that the bulk of the fish have passed us by offshore about 20 miles. I'll blame it on the lack of bait on the beach. Fortunately, the nearshore wrecks and reefs are covered up with amberjacks, or as we affectionately call them, "reef donkeys". They have really saved the day....a couple of times. They are the best way to wear out a 13 year old. These guys were good for 6 each, but after a little rest, they were asking for more.



While I was out looking for phantom cobia, Capts. Gary, Ray and Joe have been catching plenty of pups and speks in the river/sound. Over the next couple of weeks they will be fishing inshore mixed bag trips with the pups, speks and flounder. Capt. Ray may slip offshore to catch the groupers if the weather is nice and he just put the fan on the airboat for flounder gigging.

My next report will be from Argentina, returning just in time to chase phantom tarpon.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:39 AM

Sunday, June 08, 2008
yesterday



I hate it for the guy who didn't show up yesterday, he missed a good one. Anna and I slipped out on the water for a couple of hours and saw 4 cobia, including this one that Anna named "dinner". There were a lot more rays and big leatherback turtles.....and cobia. The water temp has jumped way up there and I'm expecting to see some serious schools of tarpon any day now.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:05 PM

Thursday, June 05, 2008
despite the rough weather...

.....we made the afternoon half day trip with a cooler full of Spanish and blues and a cobia.....we missed the big one. We saw a lot more turtles today, the water temp jumped up and despite the VERY rough conditions, when we poked our head outside the inlet, we saw several cobia, catching one and pulling the hook on the big one. It sounds like a huge push of fish came ashore north of here.

I am open on Friday afternoon and Sunday, also some scattered openings next week. The weather looks ideal for this weekend.

I'll be leaving for Argentina on Friday afternoon June 21, returning on Friday morning, June 27.

Although we have room for 4 more at the lodge, there is one prepaid position on this trip available.....if anyone wants to go, if the dates work.....make me an offer.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:38 PM

Wednesday, June 04, 2008
the last few days.....and Costa Rica

We busted the amberjacks again, it was pretty awesome, they were on a bait ball and we caught them until everyone was done. We saw a pair of 40-60 pound cobia and hooked the big one....it pulled the hook. I've fished pretty hard the past 3 days for cobia and am a bit dissapointed. Hopefully this big blow and the hot temps will warm things up.....we did catch 3 different species of sting rays, 3 giant bluefish and 15+ sharks today.

I feel like a proud daddy, this is from a group that just got back from Costa Rica. I'll try and get the pics up, but am having a little technical difficulties.

"Captain,

Just a short note to say thanks for having such a great crew! And great boat.

We really had fun. It was a wonderful gift to our Dad. We all caught at least one sail, some of them boated 3!!!

The crew was phenomenal. Polite, kind very gracious. Watching the 2 first mates was like a dance, they worked together great ..The food, was really good too! We felt very welcome on board. Our Captain was wonderful and allowed several of us to go up and sit with him as he scouted for fish! Please feel free to print these and add to your photo album on board Dragin Fly.

Our driver, now friend Kenneth made the trip complete. He is truly an asset to your company. We hope one day he will visit.

We loved the people at Hotel Cocal, all were very helpful and couldn wait to hear of our fishing each day! The third day we did the Zip line canopy tour, what a blast!!!!

Teresa Kramer"

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:17 PM

Sunday, June 01, 2008
now that's more like it



A nice 50+ that fell for a Yum on a jighead. Meanwhile.....Capt. Ray's bottom fishing trip.



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