

From the Roanoke, Greg caught over 100 shad and a handful of small stripers at Weldon.

If you want to get in on the action, drop us a line or an e mail.

Take care,

George

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 4:56 PM

Saturday, March 25, 2006

Rooster on a popper

Another good day offshore, The Spanish Fly and The Bite each raised over 20 fish, but the hook up ratio dropped a bit and they landed only 9 each.

Here's a before photo of a roosterfish hot on a popper....

.....and the after photo.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:27 PM

Packing my bags as the fishing fires off

Yesterday The Bite caught 10 for 17 sails, 1 big dorado and a 150 pound yellowfin tuna. Awesome sushi night for everyone at Tsunami Sushi.

The Spanish Fly was 12 for 17 on the sails. It looks like that big body of fish way offshore has moved inshore.

I'm packing my bags today and am going to try to get on the boat one last time tomorrow. I'm heading back to NC on Monday.

Maria and Jimmy Wiggins with a nice cubera snapper.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:12 AM

Thursday, March 23, 2006

Costa Rica report and openings on the Roanoke

The internet is a bit slow and I can't post but one at a time. Here's a nice Cubera that Jimmy Wiggins caught.....if it makes it through cyberspace.

Sailfishing is steady but a bit slow, still averaging 5 sails on conventional. The fly fishing has been tough, but Tommy Bennett and Chuck Laughridge both caught sails on the fly. Tommy also had a huge whahoo cut him off.

I'll be heading back to the states in a few days and will be gearing up for the Roanoke. The second southern skimmer will be ready in another week for Capt. Greg. Capt. Lee will be running the 21 skimmer that we ran last year. Capt. Ray Massengill will also be running a

boat from time to time.

The fishing should be good by April 15. Our current openings are:

April 18, 19, 20, 21 1/2 am, 22, 23, 24 1/2 am, 26, 27 1/2 am, 28, 29, 30 and May 1, 2 1/2 am, 3 1/2 am, 3 1/2 pm, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 1/2 pm, 13, 14

If none of these days will work, let us know when you can fish and I'll try to make something happen.

Tight lines, calm seas and God Bless,

George

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:56 AM

Roosters, roosters, roosters

The sailfish bite has been steady, but still not red hot. The Tank Commander, Jay Blount, had two groups here for the past 6 days.

Jim Rauland's Group caught 15 sailfish, 1 blue marlin and 4 dorado Mike Gulledge's Group caught 15 sailfish, 1 200+ striped marlin, 4 dorado and 30 pounds of sushi yellowfin.

Meanwhile on The Spanish Fly, we've been mixing it up, inshore, offshore and fly fishing. We had a couple of slow days with Webb Trask, then shifted to some inshore fishing.

Maria and Jimmy Wiggins caught a mixed bag of sails, jacks, roosters, dolphin, wahoo and a nice cubera snapper over two days of fishing, one offshore, one inshore.

Chuck Laughridge caught a nice sail on the fly, his partner, Tommy Bennett has had a couple of shots, but the sails haven't been red hot. He did get a very cool shot at a huge wahoo on the fly, but got cut off.

Today on The Bite I dragged the guys inshore and we caught 25 roosterfish. Absolutely red hot roosterfishing. Most of them were studs. We had quadruple headers 2 different times and lots of doubles.

Enclosed are some pics of the week.....

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:06 AM

Friday, March 17, 2006

Fun in the sun

The last few days have been a real treat. Iâ€[™]ve been getting a flyfishing lesson from some of the best, Capt. Sarah Gardner, Capt. Brian Horsley and Capt. Rob Pasfield. The first day it was just Brian and Rob and it pretty much sucked, we only raised 2 on The Bite. On Day 2 we talked Sarah off the surfboard and on to the boat to change our luck.

We saw about a dozen fish, including two double headers. The boys kept screwing things

up, Sarah caught her sailfish…..on the fly….to the boat….in about 5 minutes. Thanks for the lesson Sarah.

If you want a hands-on lesson on flyfishing for billfish, look into their fully hosted trips to Golfito Sailfish Rancho. You can check out Sarah and Brian's page at <u>www.outerbanksflyfishing.com</u>

Meanwhile…The Vinnie and Race Alaska Boys adjusted to the tropics and had a blast. Mixing the offshore, the inshore and plenty of cold beer, their grand total for 4 days was:

26 sailfish 6 roosterfish

4 dorado

1 rainbow runner

1 jack creval and according to Race, 28 sardines.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:21 PM

Wednesday, March 15, 2006

sails, shad, stripers and trout

The Alaska boys fishing with Race and Vinnie are fishing their last day today, they've caught 23 sails in 3 days. They've had steady fishing with some double and triple headers thrown in the pot. Also plenty of dolphin for dinner.

The shad are spawning hard on the Roanoke, the bite should pick up after the fish get something other than love on their mind.

I got an e mail from Capt. Greg Voliva, he caught over 100 speckled trout in just a couple of hours yesterday. Details to come...

Report from the Roanoke is that the stripers are piling up in the sound, but haven't hit the river yet.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:22 AM

Sunday, March 12, 2006

Next report will be from the tropics, shad for now

I'm in the airport in Atlanta, waiting to get on the plane. Next report from Costa Rica. I fished with Capt. Ray yesterday and the shad bite was a bit slow on the Neuse. Capt. Greg and Capt. Dan Roberts reported from the Roanoke River and things are red hot. According to Chuck Laughridge the shad fishing should be really good for the next two weeks. The stripers usually show up in good enough numbers that you can catch 100/day by April 15. I think that they'll be a little bit early this year. Low water and warm temps should get things going early.

All the best,

George

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:45 PM

Tuesday, March 07, 2006

Dave Cambell email

George,

Not sure if anyone followed up with you about our trip last week but it was excellent! We caught 20 sails in our 3 days there. We also did some inshore fishing for 2 mornings to see if we could hook some snook. We did take some huge Rooster fish right there at the marina. Danny did his usual excellent job and Carlos and Coco were excellent. We were particularly impressed with how Coco has progressed since we first fished with him 3 years ago.

We took care of your other party around town although the skill level of the crew on the Red Baron was average. They enjoyed their trip and I believe they are going to book another trip with you on the Fly for next year. Iâ€[™]m sure that John has worked out our usual date for 07. We were all totally impressed with the Hotel Tangeri! That is the way to fly. It was great having the grand villa to stretch out in.

Looking forward to seeing you on the Roanoke on April 22nd.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:18 AM

Monday, March 06, 2006

Spanish Fly wins Los Suenos Tournament

I just got word that the Spanish Fly finished in 4th place in the second half of the Los Suenos tournament series. This gave them enough points to win the overall championship and the \$50,000 bonus.

Congradulations Danny!

Because of all the positive PR, it is essential to book now for 2007. There are very few openings available. Contact me as soon as possible to reserve your trip.

info@pamlicoguide.com

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:40 PM

sails and shad

Reports are still good from Costa Rica, the Spanish Fly has been averaging 10 a day. Capt. Greg and Capt. Dan Roberts caught about 30 shad in a couple of hours Saturday afternoon. Apparantly, Dan took a little while to "find his retrieve". He came on strong at the end, but rumor has it that Greg had 8 in the boat before Dan connected.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:01 AM

Saturday, March 04, 2006

Wanna catch 50 fish in an afternoon?

No, there are never guarantees, but there aren't guarantees that you'll just catch 50 fish, you might catch 150.

No, they aren't speckled trout, although with the huge numbers of trout that we saw last fall, this spring and summer will produce many 50 fish days.

No, not stripers, not yet. You can start catching 50-100 stiped bass/day starting around the second week of April.

Yesterday, Capt. Greg Voliva got a fly fishing lesson from Chuck Laughridge, from Roanoke Rapids and Tommy Bennett, from Morehead City. Greg took Chuck and Tommy to an "unnamed" tributary off of the Neuse River yesterday afternoon. Greg knew that the fish were there, but had not fished for them with a fly rod.

According to Chuck, they caught around 50 hickory shad on the fly during the short, afternoon trip. **Hickory shad** aren't good to eat, unless you like the roe. They don't even make very good bait, but they are a hoot to catch on light tackle. Just like **miniature tarpon**.

If you decide to try the roe:

Wrap the roe in a piece of bacon. Wrap the roe and bacon in wax paper. Fry the roe/wax paper "burrito" in a "dry" frying pan (no grease). When the wax paper browns, the roe and bacon are done. No mess in the pan from popping eggs.

For a hickory shad trip, drop us an e mail or call Greg at 252-671-5857. Long half days are \$300.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:47 AM

Friday, March 03, 2006

Shame on the CCA !!!!!

It looks like they successfully lobbied the Wildlife Commission to put a moratorium on the harvest of river herring. This action will not help the depressed river herring stocks, does not address the real problems with river herring and does nothing but penalize recreational fishermen.

Now that they've pissed in my cabbage patch, they need not ask me for contributions this year.

Capt. George Beckwith

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:08 AM

Wednesday, March 01, 2006

fishing report from home

A friend of Greg's tried the hickory shad at an "unnamed" tributary of the Neuse River on Monday, he caught over 150. Greg went yesterday afternoon to investigate and caught 22 nice hickory shad in less than two hours. Sounds like fishable numbers have arrived. If you want some of the early springtime action, drop us an e mail at <u>info@pamlicoguide.com</u> posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:18 AM

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