

## Fishing Reports/Photos

**Wednesday, May 28, 2008**

This is what they look like. We'll get the big ones soon enough, so far the 6 that we've caught over the past few days have been keepers and the best size for eating.



Here are some pics from this week. The cobia fishing is really firing off with good bait fishing and more and more being seen on top. Most of the cobias have been small, although I've seen two in the 60 pound range and a 70 and 80 pounder were caught on bait yesterday.

Yesterday we bait fished for two hours and caught two cobia, then left to chase a phantom school of tarpon that were reported just about a mile away. We didn't find the tarpon, but got on to some very cool sight casting at big bluefish on the flats.

The sight casting for the cobias seems to be better in the afternoons.

Openings next week: June 1, 2 afternoon, 5, 6, 8.



On the calm days we can slip out to some of the nearshore wrecks. There are plenty of amberjacks like this one if you want something to tug.



You never know what you are going to see, turtles, including the big leatherbacks, dolphins or maybe even a whale. This is one of the rarest whales in the world, a Right Whale.



Plenty of small kings on the reefs. Great for light tackle and good to eat.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:43 AM*

**Monday, May 26, 2008**  
**The Grouper Godfather**

Capt. Ray has been working on the bottom fishing the last 3 days, plenty of snappers, daily limits of grouper and several gaffer dolphin.

I was looking at some different water today for the cobia, we only saw one on the shoals and two in the inlet. We did get some pretty good "pullege" with some amberjacks on a wreck. Back out after the cobia in the morning.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:36 PM*

**kings and cobes**

Got the kings in the morning, light tackle spinning tackle. With the afternoon crowd, the intention was a sight seeing tour of the lighthouse and Cape Lookout. It turned into a sight casting lesson. On the way to the Cape, we saw 3 and caught two of them, both keepers, but not giants.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 6:09 AM*

**Saturday, May 24, 2008**  
**fuel surcharges**

Price at the marina \$4.50/gallon - DE budget price \$3.50 = \$1/gallon gas surcharge.

2 miles/gallon = 50 cents/GPS mile

Average trip is about 60 miles total = \$30 gas surcharge

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:03 AM*

**if confidence could kill a cobia.....**

.....we would have had a cooler full yesterday. Plenty of bluefish and Spanish, lots of little sharks and a big sting ray, which did have a cobia following it, the only problem is that that cobia was about 18 inches long. The highlight of the day was catching some really nice sharks behind a shrimp trawler, 50-150 pounders on spinning tackle.

Offshore, it was a different story, lots of dolphin, a few wahoo and the "godfather of grouper" Capt. Ray had a good day of bottom fishing.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:49 AM*

**Thursday, May 22, 2008**  
**Cobia are here and snapping.**

Here are a couple of pics from Capt. Gary, he's getting the nice speks and pups/yearlings around Oriental.

I was over in that part of the world today with Phil Ambler, looking for cobia bait for my trip tomorrow. Bait has been very scarce. We found the menhaden in the Neuse and headed back to the beach for a little R and D. After loooking around for about an hour, I missed a huge cobia on a bucktail, then the wind picked up so we anchored up and within an hour caught a keeper cobia. Not bad, two hours and two cobia opportunities.

Heading back out tomorrow with a charter and hopefully will remember my camera, catch some fish and have some cobia pictures.

There was a 70 and 80 pounder caught this morning where we caught the keeper and the two boats that I spoke with who were sight casting them also caught cobia. They are here and the fishing is good. I have openings on Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:42 PM*

**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**  
**fishing still hot on the Roanoke**

There were only 3 boats at the landing yesterday afternoon, two of them guides and they were burning up the stripers. Capt. Bryan DeHart "easily caught over 120" stripers during the day, most on topwater early in the morning, then on bait during the middle of the day. Capt. Ponytail also blistered them on bait throughout the day.

Heading out after the cobia again tomorrow.....

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 1:03 PM*

**Monday, May 19, 2008**  
**cobes are here, the bait is not**

Well, for those who can scratch up some fresh bait, primarily bluefish, there are some cobia to be caught. Several nice fish were caught at Beaufort Inlet on Saturday. We went looking the wrong direction and did not find one until we came back to the inlet.

Things are shaping up if the wind will ever quit blowing and the menhaden arrive.

Meanwhile in Costa Rica, the Dragin Fly is back in the water and back to catching fish. 5 sails and a nice dolphin on a half day trip yesterday.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:51 AM*

**Thursday, May 15, 2008**  
**anybody wanna go fishin?**

That cold snap and wind earlier in the week forced me down to Costa Rica for a few days.....actually I'm down here lining up some reservations for next year. The weather has been beautiful, no rain over the past three days until a pretty good shower tonight. After some touch up bottom paint and a marine inspection The Dragin Fly is back in the water so I should have some reports from the tropics soon.

I'm heading back to NC on Friday and will be out hunting down the cobias over the weekend. I would rather be fishing for the cobia out of Morehead, BUT, the topwater bite is still pretty good up on the Roanoke . Depending on the weather, I'm willing to head either direction to get some pull on the end of the line.

Being in Costa Rica and not being able to fish is driving me crazy.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:56 PM*

**Sunday, May 11, 2008**  
**changing gears**



Here are a couple of pics from yesterday on the Roanoke, the fishing is still really good, especially early in the mornings and late in the evenings. There are several guides who will be working up here for the next couple of weeks, drop us a line if you want to get out for a half day. Capt. Bryan DeHart has this Thursday open and Capt. Ponytail and the Haddocks have openings for bait trips.

The cobia showed up in Beaufort Inlet/Cape Lookout this past weekend and I'm scrambling to get the boat together and get out after them. We have a few openings next week for sight casting cobia. Water temps are set up for a great season.

Last chance for Argentina, we have a couple more spots that need to be filled asap.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:45 AM*

**Wednesday, May 07, 2008**

even some flounder fishing up here on the Roanoke



In reality, we usually catch 1 or 2/year. This was the first of the year.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:22 PM*

**.salt spray and....a long ways from being over.....**



Now that's more like it.....but this one is a nice NC blue marlin caught by the Run Off and Capt. Brian. Sounds like things are cranking up on the coast and I'm ready for some salt spray and the cobia.

There are still a huge amount of fish up on the Roanoke, but with cool nights, rising water and "love in the air", they can be a little tough during the middle of the day.

The best way to catch them right now is with a fly rod. For light tackle fishing, we're having to resort to bait, each boat caught 50-70 yesterday afternoon on bait. This morning, that many on the fly.

I may be staying another week up here in order to get some of the topwater action. This is a long ways from being over....

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:34 AM*

**Monday, May 05, 2008**  
**rising water, rising temps, lots of fish**

The water is rising a bit, they're letting more through the dam to let levels down in Kerr Lake. So far, all is good, they are doing it slowly and is having a positive effect on the fishing. A lot of fish are coming up the river. On Saturday afternoon, the spawning action was incredible, not so much yesterday, but it looks like its coming together again today.

Top water, zara spooks, have been good early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Watch your depth finder, they'll be hard to miss. ZOOM Fluke in white/chartuse/pink or any combination works great, either fished on a 1/2 oz. jig head or rigged with a 5/0 Gamagatsu offset j-hook.

As those who have fished with me know, you need to "snap", "pop" and "zip". .

There are A LOT of fish in the river and A LOT more downstream. Water levels are ideal and the fishing should remain excellent through the end of May.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:12 PM*

**Friday, May 02, 2008**  
**just when you get tired of catching stripers.....**

.....they start hitting topwater.....and that is going to be VERY soon.

*posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 10:50 PM*