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Wednesday, November 29, 2006

stripers on the shoals.....

.....Lattimore Shoals that is. This is cuz Henry with a 40 pounder. We are visiting Capt. Jack up on the Bay.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:28 PM

Monday, November 27, 2006

Costa Rica and awesome trout bite

Below are some dates on several group packages that are planned to the Pacific Coast of Costa Rica this year. These are groups of 12. Each group has had 2 recent cancellations, so there is room for a single or pair on each group. Packages include all hotels, ground transportation, fishing AND tips.

Couples Group 1 Jan. 13-18 fishing 2 days, 2 tours included \$1750/person Group 1 Jan. 21-27 fishing 3 days \$1975/person Group 2 Feb. 4-10 fishing 3 days \$1975/person

We also have a few dates which have just opened up and are available for a custom trip for 4 people, fishing 3 days, \$1650/person.

Drop me a line at info@pamlicoguide.com for a word document with details.

Capt. Ray smoked the trout at the jetty on Saturday, catching 80 with 12 over 4 pounds, but I guess that is no secret.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:38 AM

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

News, newsletter, Costa Rica openings and Argentina

I'm heading to Miami and leaving the lap top at home. I'll be back on Saturday. If you need to get in touch with me, 252-249-3101. Greg will also be out of town, but Ray will be around at 252-229-5229 if you want to know what is going on.

When I get back, I'll be mailing our newsletter which usually generates a lot of bookings for next year. If you want the peak dates for 2007, I strongly encourage you to book NOW.

I'm finalizing transportation schedules for our Costa Rica trips, if you have your airline information, send it to me.

We have had some last minute cancellations, opening up some spaces on our group trips and several dates on "the good boats".

We have room for singles or pairs on group trips in January, February and March. There is also room for new or customized trips

Fishing Dates: Feb. 10, 11, 12, 13 OR Feb. 26, 27, 28 & March 1.

We are also finalizing our Argentina duck hunting dates for late June/July of next year. If you are interested in this trip of a lifetime, let me know so I can get you some info.

252-249-3101

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:03 AM

Sunday, November 19, 2006

good friends and meteor showers

Thanks to King Ruddy Duck and Tiderunner for the invite to spend the night at the Cape. Anna and I loved the Penthouse at the Point. The meteor showers were a bit cold, about 1/minute, but the stars were great.

Ray caught the puppies pretty good today in the sound, there are also a few ducks around.

Anna and I will be in Miami through next weekend, I'll have my phone, but will probably be away from the computer.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:07 PM

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

albie turned red

Today on the East side.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:23 PM

Monday, November 13, 2006

you don't know unless you go

Capt. Ray and I had high hopes after the good albie fishing last week. After the mid-week blow, weather was absolutely gorgeous for Friday and Saturday. The plan was simple, charge out to the East side and find big schools of albies, bait balls, busting fish and birds. On the way home we would stop in the marsh and have plenty of trout for dinner.

On Friday, we ended up journeying about 130 miles in search of the elusive little tuny. From Atlantic Beach to Drum Inlet to the Atlas Tanker. On the Atlas, there were plenty of kings, small amberjacks and even some albies, but they weren't eating the fly. (Capt. Brian Hosley got them good on the fly early the following morning, big flies and 550 + sinking lines)

Capt. Ray did hook a dozen or more with spinning tackle and sting silvers, dropping the sting silver to the bottom, then rapidly reeling, imitating a baitfish running for the surface. The problem is that we had not brought heavy enough tackle for wreck fishing and we lost a lot of fish. The ride in from the Tanker was spectacular, it was slick calm, perfect conditions for spotting albies. I never saw a fish.

On Saturday, the forecast was the same, slick calm, but the fishing was very different. It's frustrating to ride for hours under ideal conditions and never see a fish. Honestly, that's what I was fearing would happen for Saturday. I was very blunt with the parties and set expectations low.

Instead of rushing out there at day light, we left the dock at 7 and headed East. We stopped at caught some 6 inch bluefish around some "picking" birds. The day before we saw a few albies that were scattered along the breakers on the East side and we picked up to head that way.

With identical conditions, I felt like we would at least get a shot at some fish.

Capt. Lee and Capt. Donovan were already on the East side and reportedly seeing something several miles in the distance. When they got there, they said we needed to be there. As we approached we saw clusters of boats and clusters of birds on the horizon. On the horizon, a mile past the scattered boats, there were a couple of places huddled together on the water.

There is something special about pelicans huddled together on the water.

The albies will ball together a school of anchovies, forcing it to the surface where the seagulls dart and dive, picking at the fleeing baitfish. The pelicans arrive and the bait is attacked from above and below, tightening and tightening the ball.

When a pelican splashes into the ball, the bait gathers around it's legs and body to get away from the albies. The pelicans soon huddle together on top of the bait ball, just sitting there scooping up mouth fulls of bait until they are so fat that they can't fly away.

We approached a tight flock of about 20 pelians, forcing them to half fly, half paddle away from the bait ball. The albies underneath erupted in from beneath, boiling and thrashing through the bait in a freenzy. Immediate double header.

I then positioned the boat on top of the bait, replacing the pelicans and we became the bait ball.

All the difference a day makes, you just don't know unless you go.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 7:53 AM

Thursday, November 09, 2006

bait balls and big waves

We've had some pretty hot albie fishing on Monday and Tuesday.....if you could stand up. The big blow kept us in the marshes, really good speckled trout bite this afternoon. Capt. Ray whacked the puppies and the trout on the lower Neuse. We're going hard at the albies for the next few days and the weather looks just right.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:58 PM

Monday, November 06, 2006

rough ride on the east side

but it was worth it, kind of hairy crossing the shoals, very rough over there, but plenty of fish. Nice ride home.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:04 PM

Thursday, November 02, 2006

citations 2006, Now Boooking 2007

Most of the citation applications for this year are in the mail or I have contacted you and am waiting additional information. If you have not received your application or if you have not been contacted by me regarding your citation catch, please contact me immediately at info@pamlicoguide.com

We are now taking reservations for 2007, no deposits until March, but if you want to be guaranteed a day in the peak season, BOOK NOW

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:34 AM

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

grand slam on the fly, kings, speks, flounder gigging, sight casting drum and the albies

Thanks to Ms. Sharon for the afternoon trout trip out of Oriental. I was there this morning working on the upcoming newsletter and Ms. Sharon invited me on the water for a couple of hours. We kept a nice limit of trout, most of them caught on the long rod, along with a puppy and a flounder, the inshore grand slam.

Capt. Ray has been doing good with the flounder, gigging 24 two nights ago. Plenty of kings on the nearshore wrecks and sight casting puppies and yearlings from the tower boat along the beach. The albies also made a good showing today along the rock jetty which has been loaded with speks. The upcoming cold front should really get everything going.

A pretty full week next week, but we do have a scattered opening.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 4:53 PM

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