



Long Tall Sally

by Lori-Ann Murphy

We were out tarpon fishing the other day and I said, "OK, let's call it." Tomas said, "Lori-Ann, what happened to you? You used to want to stay out until dark when we fished." "I'm not patient anymore Tomas."

Tomas and I have been fishing together since I moved to San Pedro in 2009. A native of San Pedro - his thirty-five years guiding around Ambergris Caye has taught him a lot about the tarpon fishery here. Over the years we have shared some flat-out amazing moments out on the flats fishing for tarpon. So, when he made this comment, I had to go home and think about it. He was right, but what changed?

The honest answer is my guiding pushed me to become "results" oriented. I knew my anglers had limited time on the flats and I wanted to make the most of each day - with results = fish landed. Well, I'm not guiding anymore. Not an easy transition I might add, but this time has allowed me to reflect upon my own fishing.

One of the most special seducers for me has always been, *"You don't know til you go!"* Showing up and taking part in the day is a lot right there. I have always cared about the place and the people and fishes and all the creatures of the place - because that's what keeps my curious nature alive.

Hours spent on the water, staring, sometimes talking sometimes not, breathing, eating, drinking, staying as astute as a Great Blue Heron ready to pounce upon its prey - ready to make a cast to a fish that is really in touch with her surroundings. Ready with skill when needed. This is about as Zen as I get!

Tomas proposes to me at least once a month - it used to be once a week, but I'm OK with once a month. And I'm OK getting called out so I can return to a place that provides a great deal of solace for me. Because that's what keeps me *"Still alive!"*

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