



## Life on the Fly .... By Lori-Ann Murphy

Are you ready? The "ready position is a full time job." That's it. A lot of people ask me about the difference between fly fishing in the salt and fresh water. One of the reasons I found fly fishing was because it was so rare that I could just shut out everything else and become mono focused on my presentation with a dry fly - through all seasons in freshwater. December midges during wintery cold, and then when everything is perfect a baetis hatch becomes a welcomed present. Springtime we see caddis in the west - the Yellowstone River's Mother's Day caddis hatch is real. I only had it happen once so far, but it is an excuse to halt all other plans. And then our summer hatches all over North America winding down in the fall with hopper heaven. What's not to love about that year?

Many are fine to stick with what they love and then there are those of us who just have to wander a bit further. The opportunity to fish the saltwater flats is a discovery about a whole new platform of fly fishing. It's a game changer for many. Quick casts, longs casts, backcasts - it's a hunting game. Find your fish, figure out what it will take and then make it happen! If you do want to drift off, make sure you are not on the bow of the boat. Jumping up on the bow when a guide is on the poling platform is teamwork, and so it demands our full attention. The reward comes from all that intent for our fish. The journey then becomes bigger than we ever thought possible. That's our connection. One with our environment finding a way as we pursue new horizons.

Fly fishing is experiencing a huge surge of interest and the tribe is growing. People will be asking you about your fly fishing and what it means to you. You might want to show a cast you learned to an eager friend. Maybe some new equipment is in the picture. How wonderful that something like fly fishing can become a skill and then a passion. I think that's what people notice about fly fishing people - a passion is celebrated as we tell our story about our fishing day.

What I'm noticing is our open door is allowing so many to make time for themselves. Ahh! What a gift! Thank you for participating with me as we cast out. L-A



## Saltwater Slam March 6-10, 2021

Our November Permit Quest group showed us how travel to Belize is still pretty easy!

Ambergris Caye in Belize offers the adventurous fly fisher the opportunity to fly fish for bonefish, permit, tarpon, jacks and barracuda. The occasional cobia and snook are also targeted. The conservation efforts over the last ten years have produced very healthy population numbers for the fishery. We're seeing some huge bonefish cruising the flats in addition to the plentiful schools of 2-4 lb fish. Permit and tarpon schools continue to increase and plenty of tails abound! Our guide team is ready to show you all the specialness of Isla Bonita! Come cast your fly in the beautiful Caribbean. Belize is open and travelers are showing up. We look forward to providing you the very best.

Join us for six nights of Saltwater Slam. 4 days of guided fishing and one free day to explore San Pedro. Our english speaking guides will take you to all the great spots so you can slam! On your day off choose from snorkling, paddle boards, zip lines, Mayan tours, biking or just relax on the beach. If there is something else you'd like to see or do, just let us know and we'll make it happen! Casting clinics with Lori-Ann Murphy and the Reel Belize Team.\$3,295 Single Occupancy or \$2,995 Double Occupancy

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## The Snake River Southeast Idaho & Jackson Hole, WY August 8-12, 2021

We're so excited about this one! Putting in at Conant (between Idaho Falls and Swan Valley, Idaho) we'll fish an amazing strech of river for two days and do some luxury camping in between. Then we head to Jackson Hole, WY -another all time favorite -to float in the Bridger-Teton section south of town and the Grand Teton National Park!

The South Fork of the Snake river has a population of well over 4,000 fish per mile, wild cutthroats averaging 14"-16" as well as rainbows and hybrids. Then there are the Browns that

average much larger -occasionally more than 10 pounds. The idano State record brown trout weighed in at 26 pounds! In addition its exciting to watch the Moose, Elk, Deer, Eagles, Falcons and other wildlife in the canyon.

There is no place like Jackson Hole, and you'll get to experience it all. If you have not floated these sections of the Snake, there is nothing like the fresh air and pine trees surrounding you as you pull those fish in the boat. And, yes, our Grand Finale is a day fishing under the Grand Teton! The views of the Teton's and wildlife are amazing, and we'll warn you, it's tempting to stop fishing and just take it all in! Well over 95 percent of the trout on this river are native Snake River Fine-Spotted Cutthroat trout and Yellowstone Cutthroat trout.

This incredible package includes 5 nights and 4 days of world class fishing on the Snake River. Incredible food and lodging. Cast to this Dream Vacation today! \$3,295 Single Occupancy or \$3,595 Double Occupancy

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## 2021 Schools

### Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics Jackson Hole, Wyoming Limited to eight women. 1 spot left! June 26-28

**Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics** Ennis, Montana Limited to ten women. <u>5 spots left!</u> July 17-20

Women's Guide School Limited to ten women. July 3-9, 2021, 2 Spaces Open July 24-30, 2021 2 Spaces Open

Ladies on the Mend! Henry's Fork -Idaho New Limited to ten women, -3 spaces left. August 5-8







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#### 2021 Belize Trips 5th Annual Permit Quest

Limited to eight women each week. Feb 12-18 - 2 Spaces Open Feb 19-25 - 3 Spaces Open

Couples Saltwater Trip Ambergris Caye, Belize Limited to four couples. 2 couples spaces left! Feb 27- March 4

Saltwater Slam! Ambergris Caye, Belize Limited to six women. March 6-10

### Womens Tarpon Quest

Limited to eight women. May 15-22 2 Spaces Left!

## 2021 US Trips

The Green River -Wyoming July 20-22 Limited to 8 women -5 Spaces Left!

Masterclass with Lori-Ann Murphy & Patty Rielly Henry's Fork -Idaho Limited to ten women, 3 Spaces Open! August 5-8

Snake River -Idaho & Jackson Hole Limited to 8 women- 7 spaces open! August 9-12

Deschutes River Women's Steelhead Camp Trip Sold out! August 25-29

Women's Yellowstone River Trip Limited to four women. <u>3 Spaces Left</u> September 18-22

Yellowstone River Couples Trip

Limited to four couples. September 25-30

### **2022 Trips**

Women's Madison River Trip Limited to ten women. July 9-15

Masterclass with Lori-Ann Murphy & Patty Reilly -Henry's Fork, ID August 4-7

> Women's Yellowstone Trip September 17-21

Couples Yellowstone River Trip September 24-28

**Request Details** 

Being in the travel business has been tough this year! We started a GoFundme account in an effort to help these amazing ladies through the hard times. <u>Please click here if you can</u> <u>contribute!</u> Happy Holidays!



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