



Life on the Fly.....by Lori-Ann Murphy

White Thunder, Eddie and Old Blue were the chosen rods for vb's first Women's Permit Quest in San Pedro, Belize. They served her well this week as she landed several bonefish and actually a very large crab! Her fishing partner and friend Christy said they had a 50 fish day! But vb quickly corrected that number by half. I get to hear the story from the dock when they return and then as time goes on special moments are recapped. They got their flies to the bucket mouth of tarpon, had follows, but no eats. The permit were a bit elusive - most of the shots were for tarpon and bones throughout the week. Each day vb made a deliberate rod choice for the day. "Old Blue is staying behind today." This is her 8 wt rod which she determined is worthless and not helping with quickly loading casts. She

job done. "And Bertha is a bitch!" "Now Bubba - he's a good fish, but Bertha, she's a bitch." Then Aroldo - their new favorite guide and friend said, "what about Big Mike?" Big Mike is just that - a giant fish that presents itself to vb's cast.

I have always named my trucks. Trucks are a big part of a fly fishing guide's life. Talking trucks is a very natural conversation in parking lots rigging up for the day. My F250 was Dotty, for damn outrageous truck and Goldie was my 1974 Ford Custom classic. Not sure what the new one will be! But how fun to listen to the day with all these added personalities from favorite fly fishing rods to general personality patterns from fish. It was not an easy morning saying goodbye. I know I will see these women on the river and also back here fishing the flats. I know new friends were made this week. I watched and listened to another group of amazing women who showed up to play and fish. I'm not kidding - this is the coolest thing! Seeing so many strong women anglers out there now is just flat-out fabulous. My heart is full. Thank you! L-A



Permit Quest -Week Two

San Pedro, Belize

The weather gods were not as generous this week. Three and a half days of solid rain made seeing the fish a little tough. This amazing group persevered! We slayed the Bones, had a Permit eat, hooked Tarpon, and landed Snook, Jacks, Snapper and even a crab! When the sun came out we hit the Tarpon and Permit hard.

The thing about Permit Quest..... even when you have a tough time with the weather, it is still an amazing week. New friendships with great women. Lobster or shrimp dinner shared over conversations targeting fly-fishing and life in general. Lori-Ann shares casting tips, answers questions on geography, gear, future trips and her fly-fishing life. Flyfishing in Belize is always great but this experience is something you don't want to miss.

missed Permit Quest, come down in March. We've got a few spots left for our Saltwater Slam, the couples trip or a custom trip! The Gold Standards are keeping people safe and San Pedro has a very large fine for anyone not wearing a mask



Guide School

July 24-30, 2021

We have one spot left in our Reel Women Flyfishing Adventures Guide School. If you want to learn to guide or just improve your rowing and flyfishing skills, this is your chance!

The school will be held in Ennis, Montana -just west of Bozeman, MT on the Madison River. Your participation will provide a solid platform for expanding your fly fishing life. You have been warned!

We'll spend the first day discussing the following topics: successful professional guide outfitter relationships, angler/guide communications strategies, entomology, guide etiquette, wade fishing strategies, river rescue and safety workshops, how to back up a trailer and of course rowing the drift boat! The next two days are spent rowing and fishing; two ladies with a guide in each boat. Day 4 we add to the mix while floating and fishing; topics on how to teach anglers while guiding are brought on board. On day 5, we put you to the test as a guide with other group members as clients!

More info on Guide School!



Kate's Real Food

If you follow us on social media you may have noticed we are featuring Kate's Reebars in some of our shots. We are featuring their product during Permit Quest and are exploring future opportunities with them. If you have not tried this all-natural, nutrient-rich product -check it out! [Kate's Real Food](#) Use the code **ReelWomen15** to purchase your first order with our discount!



The Gold Standards require all visitors to have a negative Covid test within 72 hours of entry to Belize. Tour Operators are also monitoring visitors and guides. In our case all anglers and guides had their temperature taken each morning before they hit the water.

Dinner was catered in each night and the condos were very safe and clean. For perspective, the entire country of Belize is reporting a total of 166 cases of Covid-19.

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2021 Schools

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Limited to eight women. **2 Spots Open!**
June 25-27

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Ennis, Montana
Limited to ten women. **4 Spots Left!**
July 17-20

Women's Guide School

Limited to ten women.
July 3-9, 2021, **Sold out!**
July 24-30, 2021 **1 Spot Left!**

Henry's Fork Masterclass

Henry's Fork -Idaho New
Limited to ten women,
-Sold out!
August 5-8



2022 Schools

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Jackson Hole, Wyoming
Limited to eight women.
June 24-26

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Ennis, Montana
Limited to twelve women.
July 29- August 1

Women's Guide School

Limited to six women.
July 16-22, 2022



Limited to ten women,
August 4-7, 2022

2021 Belize Trips

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

Tarpon Quest

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

2022 Belize Trips

6th Annual Permit Quest

Limited to eight women each week.
Feb 12-18
Feb 19-25

Couples Saltwater Trip Ambergris Caye, Belize

Limited to four couples.
Feb 26- March 3

Tarpon Quest

Limited to eight women.
May 14-20

2021 US Trips

The Green River -Wyoming

July 20-22
Limited to 8 women **-Sold Out!**

The Missouri River

July 17-22
Limited to 6 women **-2 Spots Left!**

Masterclass with Lori-Ann Murphy & Patty Rielly

Henry's Fork -Idaho
Limited to ten women, **Sold out!**
August 5-8

Deschutes River Women's Steelhead Camp Trip

Sold out!
August 25-29

Women's Yellowstone River Trip

Limited to four women.
1 Spot Left!
September 18-22

Yellowstone River Couples Trip

Limited to four couples.
September 25-30

2022 US 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

Limited to six **-2 Spots Open!**
September 17-21

Couples Yellowstone River Trip

September 24-28



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