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Reel Women

Fly Fishing Adventures



Life on the Fly By Lori-Ann Murphy

Autumn greetings from the island. I hope all of you are doing well as we all stretch our creative selves, re-discovering ways to pursue happiness. I realize that I'm living in a very special time here in Belize. I'm so excited to see everyone - and yet I want to capture this quiet fishy place in a bottle. So, field notes!

Field Notes: Ambergris Caye September 2020. When I look at the extended forecast, little wind is expected. Our normal east wind has taken a break as the wind moves around the clock. We see cruising tarpon with a north wind along the beach. And as of last week we are allowed to fish again. We had four weeks off with the latest lockdown. I had two good shots this week walking the sea wall on the South Island where I live, but the tarpon was not interested in my permit fly. So now I'm walking the beach with a tarpon rig. The permit and bones are always beachside but not always fishable in strong winds. My picture from my morning walks with Panga reveal bonefish traveling with little regard to my setter as she turns her attention to crabs. No people. Empty houses and villas. Yet Isla Bonita still has a buzz of fun life as we go to town for household supplies - waving from golf carts with a variety of fun masks to comment on. For a town that likes to party, people have found new ways to be entertained. People are doing their very best to take care of one another and it's been refreshing to see humanity in daily acts of kindness. I have put myself on a fishing schedule, taking notes on fish behavior with wind and tides. Some of my earlier thinking has proven wrong, which keeps me in discovery. I'll keep you posted.

My dear friend Paul Bruun has been writing stories for his weekly Jackson Hole Outdoors - almost short stories, for decades. I'm always learning something new from his inquisitive mind, soul and adventures. This week he featured one of my dear friends, The Snake River Fine Spotted Cutthroat. Read on and get a good dose of PB's reaction to when an anglers says, "but cutthroat don't jump." Ha! My sentiments exactly. L-A



Travel Insurance -What Covid Related Items it Covers

We partnered with Global Rescue to offer our clients both medical evacuation memberships and travel insurance. Below is a message from our Global Rescue contact Dan Chomko.

In these uncertain times travel insurance has been pushed to the forefront. Global Rescue alongside our provider IMG has created a cancel for any reason travel insurance policy that can protect clients both prior and during their trip. The cancel for any reason policy comes with all the standard covered reasons like death in the family, illness or injury, weather and work related cancellations which are covered at 100% of the insured cost. It also allows clients to cancel due to border closures, travel bans, travel advisories and any other reason which are all covered at

75% of the insured cost. The policy also includes \$100,000 in emergency medical bill coverage which some countries are requiring upon entry.

In addition, if someone were to be quarantined due to Covid related circumstances, some of the associated expenses would be covered. A travel insurance policy will cover \$250 a day and has a \$1,000 limit for trip interruption. If there are medical bills associated with testing positive then those are covered up to \$100,000. IMG has explained to us that the quarantine facilities are not considered medical bills. The traveler would have to have Covid bad enough to end up in a clinic or hospital to have those costs covered.

As far as the cost of rebooking the flights that covers up to a \$300 change fee. So they would use the credit from the flight that they couldn't take and be reimbursed for the fee.

Below are the requirements related to purchasing and using cancel for any reason:

- Cancel for any reason must be purchased within 20 days of the initial trip deposit (if costs are added along the way additional cost must be insured within 20 days of being added)
- All non-refundable trip costs must be insured
- If cancelling for a non-covered reason a claim can be made for 75%
- If cancelling for a non-covered reason the trip operator must be alerted 48 hours prior to trip departure

Please feel free to contact me at dchomko@globalrescue.com or 617-830-2802.



Permit Quest

February 12-18 & 19-25, 2021

This is our most popular salt water trip every year and 2021 is very close to sold out! There are a couple of spots left and we hope you'll grab one and enjoy the start of lobster season with us. Five days of guided fishing and six nights single occupancy will introduce you to other fly-fishing fanatical women who love the sport. We'll be casting to the Permit of your dreams....and having a blast with a really fun group. \$3,295 Single Occupancy, \$2,999 Double occupancy

We know saltwater travel involves a lot of unknowns right now so we're sharing all of the information we have to let you make the most informed decision. While every travel insurance policy quote can vary due to the travelers age, travel dates and other differences we are showing some examples for different age ranges during Permit Quest to give you an idea of what it might look like.

Age	0-39	40-49	50-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-85
Standard	\$101	\$118	\$159	\$202	\$231	\$260	\$295	\$307
Cancel for any Reason	\$199.85	\$226.74	\$261.15	\$294.26	\$316.67	\$339.08	\$367.49	\$359.72

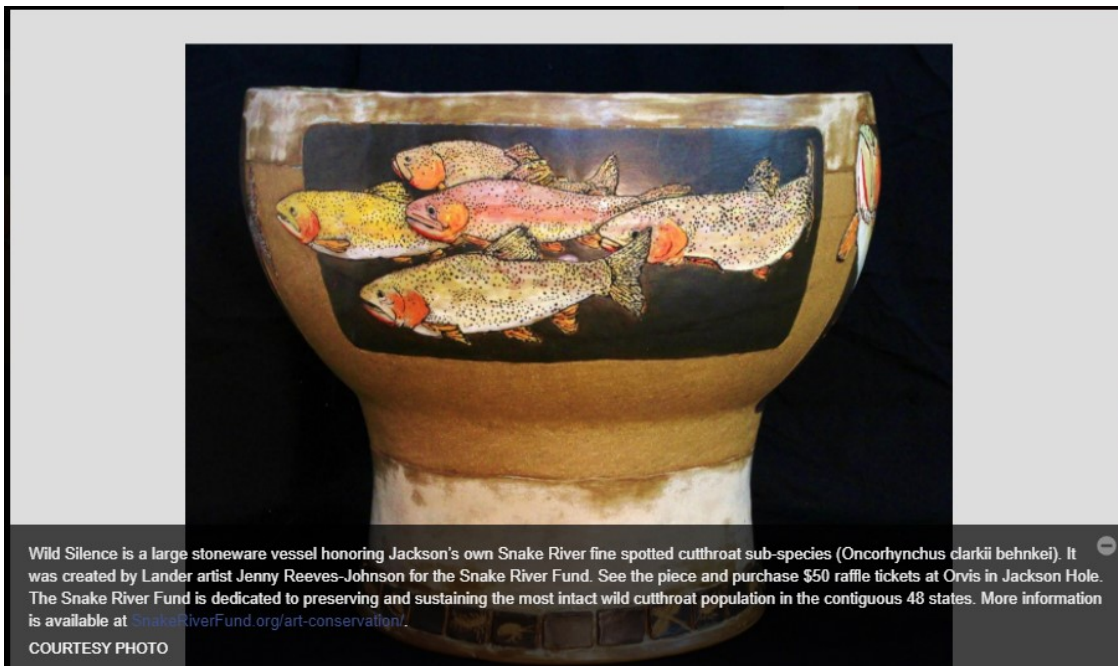
,If you are interested in travel policies, [Daniel Chomko](#) at Global Rescue is a great resource! Reach out to him for quotes with your specific circumstances and questions on coverage.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in San Pedro this year!

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Taken from Paul Brunns' Outdoors from Jackson Hole News and Guide

Wet resources resonate from wild trout art. Too frequently the cutthroat trout species of the western United States receive tarnished ratings, particularly at the hands of attitudinal long rodders. I fume when hearing these "experts" uttering: "Cutthroats are dumb. They don't jump and fight like other trout. Anybody can catch a cutthroat."

Fortunately more experienced and studied anglers and biologists have discovered and elaborated the inside stories behind the 14 acknowledged surviving subspecies of the magical and rugged trout native to the Pacific, Rocky Mountain and Great Basin regions. In our lifetime the Snake River cutthroat trout has been elevated to a subspecies category all its own, *Oncorhynchus clarkii behnkei*, and is officially known since 1995 as the Snake River fine-spotted cutthroat.

I've tangled with half of the surviving cutthroat gang, including even Lahontan giants in their mystic Pyramid Lake surroundings and belligerent sea-run coastals in Seattle's adjoining brine. My observation of Jackson's cutthroat began in September 1969 when I landed my first on a Silver Doctor in Upper Flat Creek. My rental car and I were directed there by Rod N' Reel Shop owner Dick Boyer. The rental's performance suffered after that drive.

Over 50 subsequent years since that initial cutthroat introduction, I've had the opportunity to observe the strength, resilience and survivability of Mr. Fine Spot in the Snake and other waters, including Utah's Green River, Cody's Shoshone River, the Wind River at Thermopolis, Sublette County's Green and several Arkansas-White River tributary tailwaters.

I've also watched amusedly as some expert selective troutists have been utterly and completely bested by "those dumb cutthroats" during their super challenging, dandruff-sized flysipping habits. I feel it unfortunate that our river plays host to exploding numbers of boaters chasing their brightly hued strike indicators downstream. Such methodology denies beginner and accomplished fishermen alike the unsurpassed September thrill of seeing a golden-hued *Oncharincus* ascending in slow motion toward the surface to either take or more often reject their floating morsel. No fish swimming is more expert at "looking off" an angler, than a cutthroat's endless, slo-mo rise that takes for-ever.

A final fine-spotted redemption comes when watching smug fly rodders who claim elaborate salt and freshwater piscatorial achievements but having their butts adroitly paddled by a 15-inch Bar BC-strain Snake River cutthroat. These diminutive welterweights regularly pull posers and \$1,500 fly outfits into knots.

So if you're the slightest fan of *Oncorhynchus clarkii behnkei*, as Jake from State Farm would say, "Here's the deal." Outstanding Lander naturalist, artist and conservationist Jenny Reeves-Johnson has created an opulent stoneware vessel, Wild Silence, as a tribute to the Snake River finespotted cutthroat. Through coordination between Orvis Jackson Hole manager Maggie Heumann and Snake River Fund head wrangler Jared Baecker, proceeds from the sale of a Wild Silence raffle (\$50 each, 200 ticket maximum) will benefit Snake River Fund wildlife projects.

According to Becker, in addition to being a two decade champion of the Snake River watershed habitat, natural resources and native species by encouraging and according protections afforded

by Wild and Scenic designations, Snake River Fund is dedicated to preserving the most intact and self-sustaining wild cutthroat population in the 48 contiguous states.

See the artwork and buy tickets in person at Orvis in Jackson Hole. Additional purchase information at tinyurl.com/y2j7xd2t.



Reel Women Guide School July 3-9, 2021 Ennis, MT

Two Spots Left!

We have been teaching this course since 1998. It's one of our all-time favorite things to do... share our heart and soul for the love of rivers! A fly-fishing intensive that will take you to your fly fishing and rowing ambitions. Some women want to become guides, some women want to row their friends, family and themselves! This course is open to women anglers who have a desire to learn to row a drift boat safely and become better anglers.

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!

Visit our website for more details and testimonials from previous participants. <https://reelwomenflyfishing.com/reel-women-guide-school/>
Contact us on Facebook or at fish@reelwomenflyfishing.com

Email us for School Info

2021 Schools

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Jackson Hole, Wyoming
 Limited to eight women.
 June 26-28

Women's Fly Fishing School: Back To Basics

Ennis, Montana
 Limited to ten women.
 July 17-20

Women's Guide School

Limited to ten women. **2 spaces left!**
 July 3-9, 2021
 July 24-30, Sold Out

Ladies on the Mend!

Henry's Fork -Idaho New
 Limited to ten women, eight spaces left.
 August 5-8

**2020 Trips****4th Annual Women's Permit Quest**

November 14-20, 2020

1 Space Open!

**2021 Trips****5th Annual Permit Quest**

Limited to six women each week.

Feb 12-18 - **1 Space Open**

Feb 19-25 - **2 Spaces Open**

Couples Saltwater Trip Ambergris Caye, Belize

Limited to four couples.

2 couples spaces left!

Feb 27- March 4

Maiden Voyage on the Flats! Ambergris Caye, Belize

Limited to six women.

March 6-10 **New!**

Womens Tarpon Quest

Limited to six women.

May 15-22 **4 Spaces Left!**

Women's Madison River Trip

July 10-17 -Sold out.

Ladies on the Mend!

Henry's Fork -Idaho

Limited to ten women, **7 Spaces Open!**

August 5-8

Deschutes River Women's Steelhead Camp Trip

Sold out!

August 25-29, 2021

Women's Yellowstone River Trip

Limited to four women.

2 Spaces Left

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

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