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

Moonbeams and hurricanes. I often think about the explorers over time and their field notes. Weather, their reaction to the weather and all the things that came into focus as events occurred. What becomes important when the weather changes? What do we notice with all of our senses? The full moon, harvest moon, corn moon, full moon fever - "What a marvelous night for a Moondance." The night has its own life. And the creatures we never see, who are they? I just learned that with a hurricane, and in this case, the one headed this way - often displace pelagic birds from far away places like the Lesser Antilles. Whoa. This means I'm going to be documenting like crazy any weird bird I see. What a wonderful way to appreciate some really nasty weather coming our way. My field notes: I made a killer lasagna last night for our dress up hurricane party we are having early before hunkering down, my house mates are securing the yard, men with chain saws cutting trees, boards being removed from the docks, Panga being weird, planning for when they turn the electricity off, what bird will show? - and then, what fish might also be mixed up in the storm. Our four week lockdown in San Pedro ends September 4th. What am I going to be casting to out there when we get to fish again?

Going with the flow has never been more challenging. Yet, it's the only way. Belize has announced the opening of the Belize International Airport on October 1, 2020. All the big airlines have committed to offering a full schedule. The new test makes traveling so much easier. The feeling on the ground is one of safety and gratitude. Belizeans have been hard hit by the tourism economy that was put on hold, yet everyone knows this population can't afford huge cases from the pandemic. Except to be treated like royalty when you return to Belize to fish and explore. Everyone is so excited to get back to their guiding and sharing. Also expect that wearing a mask is the law and social distancing is strongly enforced. You will be asked to stay close to your lodging and all lodging and tour operators will be held to the newest Gold Standard for safety.

We're all getting ready! I'll update you after the storm. We sure appreciate your prayers and yes, we can feel the love coming our way too. L-A





Couples Saltwater Trip to Ambergris Caye February 27-March 4, 2021

We've had so many requests for couples trips -ya'll want to bring your significant others with you after a fun RWFFA trip with the girls! Our first saltwater couples trip will debut in 2021 and what a great week it will be. Permit, Tarpon and Bones await. A great getaway from winter weather - chase your slam and enjoy the time together! Lori-Ann will be available in the evening to help with questions and clinics on the dock. Some fabulous folks have already signed up; come join us to chase these fish and enjoy a special Caribbean setting.

Six nights at the Pelican Reef Villas and 5 days of guided fishing on the flats. Enjoy an escape from winter with your sweetheart in San Pedro, Belize. \$2,999 Per Person

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#### Casting Tips..... by Lori-Ann Murphy

A fish worth a kiss! Damn straight. Casting to the "Ghost of the flats" is no easy thing to do. Bonefish don't stay in one place, they move and camouflage themselves in such a way that they look the bottom of the sea floor they are feeding upon. Then fins appear from the turtle grass and you need to make a cast 30 feet. Easy? One splash

the wrong way and the fish is gone and also alerted all of his buddies. A soft presentation right on head of the fish is needed with tailing bonefish. They have two eyelids, so when they are scarfing away at shrimp and crabs they don't get sand in their eyes. Great invention. Your cast needs to be practiced. So when nerves enter the game you have muscle memory. And the right kind without tailing loops. For those of you wanting to take the FFI Casting Instructor Certification - there is a skill test where you need to cast 3 times with loops equal on forward and back cast and no ticking with flies and no tailing loops. Practice this at 30 feet and 45 feet. But when you come to salt game - make it one cast for speed and the next for accuracy. Get out there and cast!

### **Email us for more details!**



### Tarpon Quest May 15-22, 2021

Stable conditions and a sea full of poons! Our resident tarpon live around Ambergris Caye all year, but then in May the migratory tarpon come in and stay until about mid October. It's seems like all the tarpon get excited with a full house. A great time to up your chances for landing this magnificent creature. This is the pinnacle for many fly anglers and a great time to make it happen.

Resident Tarpon range from 20-60 lbs and the migratory tarpon usually average up to 120 lbs but we've seen some larger fish come through. These 'big girls' are an amazing pursuit and something folks plan their travel around each year. We're excited to host a ladies event in Belize; it will be a fun time showing the world how the ladies can land the big ones. Of course Permit, Bonefish and more also await!

\$3,295 Single Occupancy or \$2,999 Double Occupancy

### Cast to Your Dreams!

Our Low Risk Policy: Book a 2020 or 2021 trip with us before the end of the year and we'll require only 25% down. The balance due 90 days before arrival. If your plans change due to Covid or any other reason you can reschedule. That means you can put your down payment toward any Reel Women Adventure trip with open space. We also offer Global Rescue's Cancel For Any Reason Trip Insurance.

We look forward to sharing fly fishing with you someplace special soon.

### 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'sPermit Quest November 14-20, 2020 Sold out!

Yellowstone River Couples Trip September 12-17, 2020 Sold out!

Womens Yellowstone River Trip September 19-23, 2020 Sold Out!



## 2021 Trips

5th Annual Permit Quest Limited to six women each week. Feb 12-18 & Feb 19-25

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

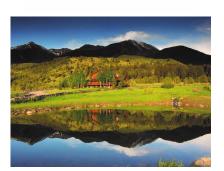
Limited to six women.

March 6-10 New!

Womens Tarpon Quest Limited to six women. May 15-22







### Women's Madison River Trip July 10-17 -Sold out.

Ladies on the Mend!

Henry's Fork -Idaho Limited to ten women, eight spaces left. 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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