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Reel Women

Fly Fishing Adventures



Life on the Fly By Lori-Ann Murphy

"And the road goes on forever and the party never ends." The words from Robert Earl Keen's song keeping the connections strong. Visiting Secret Beach the other day, Panga and I felt the sea and sky almost as one. It was quiet without the normal party fare. No booming speakers just a

distant fish splash and some new song birds who are returning to the island chirping with discovery. Schools of bonefish passed Panga in the shallow flats as she searched for crabs - a favorite pastime for her. We don't have bird hunting on the island so she is forced to find other lines of work. A Caribbean Setter in certain seasons - adapting to new hunts. We missed our Montana season and look forward to next year when we can play in the rivers and bird hunt in the field. Meanwhile, life in the tropics is pretty nice. For all of us, a new season is upon us as summertime comes to a close. And what a season.

I'm happy to report that our Yellowstone Couples Trip is now a new wonderful memory for our fishing friends. Spectacular weather, cooperative fish and a full house compliment to Biz, our Chef, putting out amazing food. Looking at their pictures had me wanting to cut into a thick red steak real bad. A big shout out to Chloe - the trips fishing director, and our fabulous guide friends. And thank you to the group for being adventurous anglers and sharing your beautiful selves with new friends. It takes great communication especially in these times of new standards for safety, new ways of guiding and hosting trips - to make it happen.

I look forward to flexing some flyrods over fish in the very near future. Quarantine restrictions have been lifted in San Pedro and now we are allowed to fish. I can't tell you how many beautiful fish I have seen - and only to observe, get's old. I'm so excited to greet Mr. Permit and hopefully Ms. Tarpon tomorrow! I look forward to letting my whole body and soul connect to my fish hunt. I'm not sure what will come to hand, but I know I'll have seen something that keeps me coming back to the party. Grateful. L-A

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Visiting Belize?

Learn about our traveller classifications and entry requirements when travel resumes on October 1, 2020

	Belizeans and Residents <small>Including: Permanent Residents, valid Work Permits, and Belizean Diaspora</small>	Persons with business concerns in Belize (non-work permits)	Foreign second home owners, Qualified Retired Persons (QRPs), and long stay non-nationals	Foreign Tourists
PRIOR TO ARRIVAL	Apply through existing controlled repatriation process Download Belize Health App and complete required information 	Apply to visit during this phase; must submit proof of investments in Belize and provide an itinerary for duration of visit Download Belize Health App and complete required information Book your stay at an approved Gold Standard hotel or provide proof of owned property	Apply to visit during this phase; must submit proof of home ownership/lease in Belize or QRP ID card Download Belize Health App and complete required information 	Download Belize Health App and complete required information Book your stay at an approved Gold Standard Hotel Take a PCR test within 72 hours of boarding flight as a negative result will provide a 'fast track' arrival process. Depending on your health screening results, you may be randomly selected for secondary testing
UPON ENTRY	Mandatory PCR test at traveler's expense; US\$50.00	Mandatory PCR test at traveler's expense; US\$50.00	Mandatory PCR test at traveler's expense; US\$50.00	Take double rapid test if necessary, at traveler's expense; US\$50.00

Belize Airport Opens October 1, 2020

The Prime Minister has published the new Gold Standards as well as information on how the airports will operate. Visitors who have had a PCR test showing negative within 72 hours of

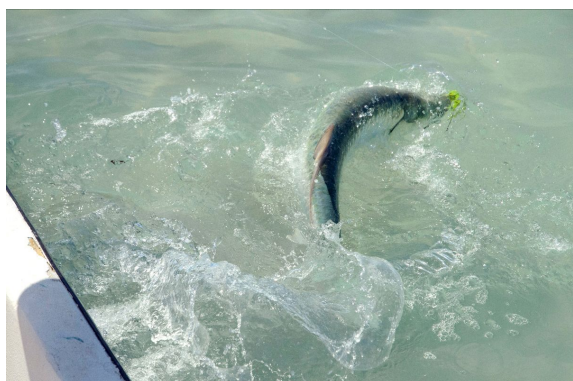
arrival will 'fast track' through the airport. You can review complete details [here](#).

American Airlines has flights five days a week and United is finalizing flight plans for several days per week. Delta will be announcing flights in November. San Pedro has taken many precautions and we've all spent a considerable portion of the last six months under restricted conditions -the locals couldn't even fish! So, the fish have not seen pressure from those outside of Belize since February and those who return this season will be in for a treat!

The world has changed and is now changing again as countries reopen their borders. Guatemala and the Bahamas are also opening soon. The CDC provides great resources on many FAQ surrounding Covid-19

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>.

We'll keep you posted on how things go in Belize this fall as we're excited to have everyone back down here!



Tarpon Quest

May 15-22, 2021

We're excited to host our First Annual Women's Tarpon Quest. The trip is planned at the beginning of the migratory tarpon season in Belize. Resident Tarpon (pictured above) range from 20-60 lbs and the migratory tarpon include some big girls over 100 lbs. It's a great mix for this creature that is over 100 million years old! Fly fishing for tarpon is one of the most exciting light tackle fishing experience for any angler. From the cast to the "bow to the king!" - your body and soul will thank you. Of course Permit, Bonefish and more also await from the pristine flats that surround Ambergris Caye, Belize. The complete package includes luxury lodging, fabulous food and sea full of fish. Casting clinics from Lori-Ann and the Reel Belize guide team. Yo betta Belize It!

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Casting Tips.... by Lori-Ann Murphy

The only way to become a proficient caster is to practice. We all make mistakes but the important thing is how to correct them. Here are some additional Cause/Correction scenarios to help:

Snapping Off the Fly:

Cause- Snapping off flies and popping the line on the back cast are caused either by starting the forward cast too soon before the back cast has time to straighten, or else by failure to use sufficient force in the back cast. In this case, it would never straighten, no matter how long you waited.

Correction- Watch the back cast and start the forward cast when line and leader are out straight behind. Use sufficient force in making the back cast so they will straighten.

Slapping Water:

Cause- Splashing the line, leader and fly down on the water sometimes hard enough to sink a dry fly, is caused by aiming the forward cast too low.

Correction - Tilt the arc of power application backward a little so the forward cast straightens out two or three feet above the water, then settles gently. In other words aim your forward cast higher.

Line Won't Go Out

Cause- When the line won't go out and straighten, even 30 feet of it, both of two casting faults committed by all beginners are nearly always to blame. First, waving the rod through a great wide arc instead of pushing it briskly through a narrow arc. Second, permitting line to slip through the guides during the application of power.

Correction - Have somebody watch to make sure you keep the rod traveling in a small arc - push the entire rod ahead with arm movement to lengthen your power application if necessary, but keep the arc small. Accelerate rod rapidly -make it bend- and tip it ahead last. Make sure you stop power application on the backcast (upcast), then let rod drift back to straighten cast.

Never let line slip out through the guides while applying power. Instead pull in a foot or so on both the back and forward casts. Release line only when you stop the rod -either on your backcast or forward cast.

Ugly Cast

Cause - You probably picked up more line than you can control.

Correction - Pull in the line until there is about 30 feet out of the tip top, or where the head of the fly line begins (the thick part of the fly line). Remember it is better to pull in

the amount of line you can control and shoot line, rather than pick up more than you can control and having your cast fall apart.

When you are learning advanced techniques..... always go back to the basic cast. Smooth it out, breathe and smile!



Couples Salt Trip to Ambergris Caye, Belize 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 / double occupancy**

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!

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 - **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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