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

"Saving my love for you!" We're hunkered down in San Pedro and thankful for our health and happy island lifestyle. Everyone misses our visitors so expect to be treated

like royalty when you do return to Belize. Our borders closed three days after the Reel Belize crew filmed the video aired today for Anchored Outdoors. The clip has an ominous feel to it - like the tides were telling us something big was going to happen. Well, that happened! And also what happened is this magnificent opportunity to work with April on her latest project, Anchored Outdoors. Gathering amazing stories from people who are passionate about what they bring to the outdoor community, April continues to delve and explore. And it's really fun working with her. The shared emails seeing our project working together into action has been from three women in three different countries! Australia, Belize and the USA all represented linking Reel Women Fly Fishing Adventures to the amazing community with Anchored Outdoors. Find out more as you read in this weeks connection with you. Meanwhile, for our USA fly fishers, we wish you a very special Memorial Day weekend. Our growing connections will not only keep us feeling better, but thriving. Tropical hugs, L-A



### **A Reel Woman Flyfishing Focus**

Over the next few weeks, as we may be working from home or transitioning back to a new normal, we'd like to share some of your stories. How have Lori-Ann and her clinics and trips helped you "Cast to Your Dreams"? How has fly-fishing or travel broadened broadened your horizons? Changed your perspective? Inspired you to find a new favorite place in the world? **Lets stand together and continue to inspire each other!**

### **April Vokey**

Lori Ann's ability to keep us grounded and moving toward our dreams and goals weaves its way into the fabric of Reel Women Adventures. *Cast to Your Dreams....* Coming home from the river or the salt flats, a feeling of inspiration takes thoughts and concepts from 'dreams' to action. In the weeks and months that follow.... It isn't always easy.

We sat down with April Vokey who has pioneered influential podcasts, TV shows and her newest

Anchored Outdoors subscriptions to share her version of inspiration to action.

April guided for many years before landing Shorelines on the World Fishing Network. As she worked on episodes each week she found amazing stories and people she wanted the fly-fishing world to know; but the restrictions of the network and production made that difficult. April Vokey's podcast concept was born and today includes a long list of influential people and their stories available on her website.

When we asked April how some of these stories and adventures have influenced her, she replied. "They all influence me. Its humbling to sit down with people in their 80's and 90's and hear about their stories. Crawling across the grass on your belly to escape a concentration camp, leaving your family. I am so young, and have so much to learn."

April's podcasts share the spirit of what so many of us enjoy in the flyfishing world. These characters and stories change us, influence our lives. So many walks of life are melded into a days outing and adventure that you didn't know existed that morning.



Then there is the travel. "I never came back the same from any trip." April will tell you that being around different people will change you. "Seeing poverty made me reflect on how much we have and how fortunate I am."

All of these steps and turns in the journey have enabled April to share the stories many of us wouldn't have the chance to hear. An outsider with their own dreams might look at April and all she has achieved with intimidation. Her advice, "You don't know if you don't try. You won't evolve. You have to take the first step." Her ideas have certainly evolved into an influential offering for our hearts to grow and dream from.

Cast to Your Dreams.....

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## Permit Quest 2021

**February 12-18 and 19-25, 2021**

Permit Quest is always the favorite -and always sells out first amongst all Reel Women Trips. In 2021



we're going to add to the great fishing with local flavor!  
Its the opening of Lobster season and carnival!

Show up and chase Permit, meet other fanatical fly fishing women and enjoy all the greatness of San Pedro. Daily clinics with Lori-Ann and her Reel Belize team. 6 nights single occupancy lodging at Pelican Reef Villas, 5 days guided fishing shared with one angler,



and a boat load of fun pursuing "Palameta!" Of course this trip is open to all levels of experience. Our first year our "newbie" landed three tarpon in one day! Bonefish, permit and tarpon live full time around the waters that surround Ambergris Caye, Belize. We call this our "Permit Quest," but of course all species are here for you.



We have our Chef's come in and cook up mouth watering local Belizean style dinners. Delcia and Norma are a big reason so many of our anglers return for Permit Quest! We'll make sure some lobster and local San Pedro flavor are experienced after landing fish all day! Plan to escape next years winter on our warm sunny beaches and flats with Reel Women Adventures.

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[Email us for trip details!](#)

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### **The Reel Answers**

During this time at home, we will bring you some things to think about, practice or consider as you dream of those upcoming sunny days on the water. Subjects you'd like us to address??? Shoot them over and we will do our best. Stay safe!

### **Casting Tips...Cast Away! .....By Lori-Ann Murphy**

Warming temperatures and longer days are sure welcomed as summer approaches. The family's fly fishing pursuits can be shared during this time at home and as we venture outside. Like the robins singing about big fat worms you'll be so proud to see fly lines reaching new limits. What age can we start teaching? As soon as they show an interest but the real learning seems to happen when the child can

keep focused for fifteen minutes. And focused on fun things, like - "Let's hit the target!" And introducing how to land a fish by keeping the rod tip up or guess what? The line breaks and the lunker fish is gone. It's nice to find rods that are shorter - 7 or 8 feet long as opposed to a nine foot rod. You can have the child use two hands on the rod grip, one with the thumb on top and second at the very end of the grip - both thumbs aligned. This way they get to feel the rod bend with the stops and get that "sling shot" action that is so much fun. Teaching the child about target is a great way to keep them focused and also rewarded. All casts are great but some are FANTASTIC! Keep the fancy words for later years and use simple words like "slow-fast," "snappy stop." Who gets to be the fish? Keep those fly lines cleaned after all the fun and then it's time for a field trip to the water. Have fun!

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## Global Rescue and Travel Insurance

Travel plans in the near future have been put on hold for many of us. However if you are considering a trip for next winter or that special occasion in ~~2021-2022~~ let Global Rescue answer questions about different types of travel insurance that are available.

<https://globalrescue.com/reelwomenflyfishingadventures/>



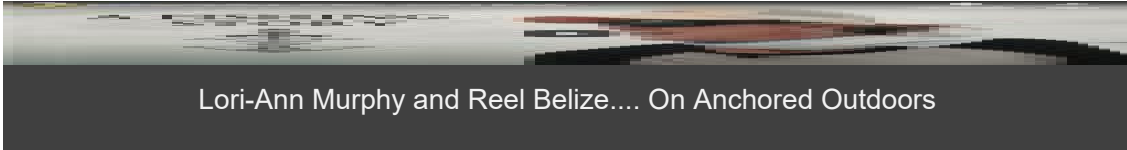
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## Anchored Outdoors

Anchored Outdoors is home to some great podcasts, films and April's Shorelines episodes! She's also be debuting Masterclasses in the near future! We'll be offering a special rate of \$47 for an annual membership. That membership gets you access to all of the current locked content on the site, access to the new Masterclasses, and you'll be entered to win some great prizes - like Patagonia waders or a Yeti trailhead chair! The special price starts Friday; we'll be posting on social media as well as including more details in next weeks newsletter! Email us now and we'll send you the link to sign-up first thing Friday!

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[Email us for more details!](#)



Lori-Ann Murphy and Reel Belize.... On Anchored Outdoors

## **Reel Belize**

We're pretty excited to see Lori-Ann's new film on Reel Belize going live with April Vokey on Anchored Outdoors this week! This piece was filmed right before the Covid lockdowns started; perhaps the weather was cluing us in on things to come.

Many of you have been a part of the Reel Women Family and enjoyed womens trips for years. Those will always continue but you've asked for couples and family style trips too. Reel Belize is here to serve and our English speaking guides, trained by Lori-Ann, will ensure your day on the flats is everything you want it to be!

### **The History of Reel Belize**

While Lori-Ann was at El Pescador, in Belize, she was featured on Buccaneer's and Bones for two seasons and the lodge received the Orvis International Lodge of the year. In 2015 the Orvis company awarded Lori-Ann and Reel Women with the prestigious "Breaking Barriers Award". By 2017 she had a trade license and began using the great relationships she has with the local guide community to offer world class fly fishing in San Pedro. In 2018 Reel Belize became official Tour operator. We are now booking custom trips for all levels of anglers that match their abilities and fishing desires. For those that have asked, we can help balance the trip requirements of your significant other or family too!

### **Destination Overview**

Reel Belize is about the custom experience. Your days on the salt flats are limited each year and we want them to be everything you've been dreaming of. Our residents include Permit, Tarpon, Bonefish, Snook, Jacks, Snapper, Barracuda and more. In May the larger migratory Tarpon come to San Pedro, staying until October. During this time it's easy to "Bow to the King" ...or Queens over 100lbs.

Depending on what you want to fish for, we put you in the closest lodging option -matching your flyfishing desires, accommodation requests and budget. San Pedro is a small but growing town

with some great island culture, activities and people. You'll get to experience the 'local feel' and wonderful people after landing your catch!

Balance – Like other flyfishing options, we have the standard 6 night / 5 day packages available for you to chase those fish and hit it hard. We're also located on the Great Belize Barrier Reef and warm Caribbean Ocean and our partners can get you and your family into some of the best snorkeling and diving in the world. Other activities include Bote stand-up paddle boards, kayaking, day trips to the Hol Chan Marine Reserve or in the Tres Cocos area where marine life abounds. We can help your family find Spa options, Mayan Ruins, cave tubing, a trip to "The Great Blue Hole", snorkeling, sealife and more.



### ***The Fishing***

Belize was the first country to introduce "Catch and Release" practices for bonefish, permit and tarpon. From over ten years of protection, we now see the results. An increase in size of individual fish as well as a healthy population throughout the growth phase. The flats of Belize are healthy and continue to produce additional opportunity.

### **Permit**

Belize is known as the Permit Capital of the world! Most of our fishing is done from a skiff and you'll see schools of permit swimming by or singles tailing on shallow flats. We've had many anglers find their first Permit here in Belize -and many anglers who make regular trips to Belize for the thrill of landing elusive Permit.

### **Tarpon**

Our year round resident Tarpon range from the baby Tarpon up to 80 pounds. The large migratory Tarpon arrive in May and stay until mid-October. These fish average 100-180 pounds and we've seen some bigger fish come through over the years.



### **Bonefish**

All year long, these fish are plentiful and fun on our flats. Over the last 10 years Belize has implemented catch and release programs which have really helped our fish population. We now



have very large bonefish residents that rival Christmas Island or Hawaiian bonefish.

You can also find shots at Snook, Barracuda, Jacks, Ladyfish, Snapper, Cobia and Triggerfish. Watching a Barracuda get aggressive and slam your fly on the salt flats is an adrenaline rush you won't forget!



Reel Belize is all about helping you build the custom experience for your group to target the species they'd like, the number of days you can stay and bring non-fishing family or friends for a fun vacation for all. Book a custom trip with us before year end (for this year or next) and only 25% down is required. The balance will be due 90 days before your arrival in Belize!

## Cast to Your Dreams!

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 want to see you back on the water, casting to your dreams!

### 2020 Trips

Permit Quest  
November 14-20, 2020  
**Space for 1 more**

Yellowstone River Couples Trip  
September 12-17, 2020  
**Space for 1 more couple**

Reel Women Yellowstone River  
(Montana Get Away)  
September 19-23 **2 Spaces Left!**

### 2021 Trips

Permit Quest  
Feb 12-18 & Feb 19-25

Tarpon Quest  
May 15-22

Back To Basics Jackson Hole  
June 25-28

Reel Women Madison River  
July 10-17, 2021

Reel Women Guide School  
July 24-30

## 2022 Trips

Reel Women Madison Rier  
July 9-15

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## The Reel Women Store.....

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