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BONEFISHING STAYING AHEAD OF THE PACK

NORTH BIGHT, ANDROS ISLAND

In early May, Angling Destinations was invited to fish in a bonefish tournament using two lodges out of Cargill Creek on North Andros. After years of fishing on more remote islands away from the main stream, we were shocked to see how things had changed since our last visit. Here is our report:

"The bonefish are still here, big fish, lots of fish. But they are also educated. They know the sound of the fly hitting the water and often spook when the line begins its arc. If they don't leave and if you make a perfect cast, they often simply inspect the fly, determine whether it is a 4 or a 6, then, as if to irritate you, move on. You may get 20 shots in a day and not have one fish pick up your fly. These places are well advertised and well marketed and if you were a neophyte bonefisherman, you might think this is just the way it is.

There are at least 6 lodges each sending out up to 8 boats every day in the general area of the North Bight of Andros.

With all these lodges and all these boats pounding the flats each day, an interesting subculture has developed. The guides don't want to motor to the more remote flats (or are told not to) where the fish are less educated, and they stick to a rather leisurely schedule. They want to be in at 3:30 p.m. and seem to be disinterested in whether or not you have had a successful day. They seem conditioned to expect meager results. They do their job in a workmanlike fashion. That is about the best you can expect.

I was actually pulled off a flat at 3:15 p.m. while I was surrounded by tailing fish. On one flat, I counted 9 other boats and that included a boat that pulled in 100 yards ahead of us to pole down the same shoreline.

I asked our guide 'is this the way you guys bonefish' and he said 'Yes, sometimes you can see 16 boats here and there are days when over 25 boats leave the creek.'

No wonder the fish are so sophisticated. Americans make it worse with big tips paid regardless of where they are taken. There is no cause and effect here. Abominable behavior is still rewarded. If this is your introduction to bonefishing, it is a

wonder anyone ever comes back to the sport.

On the second day, at our insistence, we motored to a flat that I had fished many years before. The guide reluctantly burned the gas. Here at least, the fish were catchable. But you still had to spot them a long way off, lay out a long cast well ahead of the lead fish and wait for them to swim over your fly. A subtle twitch brought three big fish for the day, each over 8 pounds. Our guide showed a glimmer of excitement and got quite talkative - maybe he too was just bored by too many fishermen stalking too many smart fish." *SSH Journal, May, 1998*

What's the solution? As saltwater fishing becomes more popular, more resorts will ignore the carrying capacity of their local waters and opt for short term gain over long term conservation. The in-the-know angler can only come up with two solutions: get better and stay ahead of the pack. There are still plenty of destinations that are protecting their fishing by limiting the number of anglers they take per week. These same resorts are not only willing to motor to the more remote areas, but are insisting on this as a way to not only please their clients, but also to rotate their flats.

It is our job to find these spots; what follows are two new bonefishing destinations.

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TWO CHOICES FOR THE ADVENTURESOME ANGLER

ACKLINS ISLAND

A BONEFISHERMAN'S "TOP CHOICE"

For three years, we booked the "Commander", a live-aboard catamaran, that explored the extensive flats that comprise the leeward side of Acklins Island. I think everyone who took these charters would agree they were the finest bonefishing trips they ever experienced in the Bahamas. Twenty fish days were the norm, and 50, even 60 fish days were not out of reach. The record bonefish was 13 lbs. with fish over 8 lbs. routinely taken. After three years, citing logistical problems and simple loneliness, Robin and Dave decided to call it quits. Dave sold his skiffs and, despite all of our attempts to talk him back into chartering his catamaran in the Acklins, he left Acklins and returned to Key West.

Now a year later, two of Dave's enthusiastic guides (James and Douglas) and his boats are operating out of a new four room air-conditioned lodge strategically located between Snug Corner and the south end. The rooms are clean, near the water and have plenty of hot water for showers. The meals are prepared by Bernice Deleveaux, and for those who have sampled her cooking, you know how great an experience that is.

This is a top flight opportunity to experience the remote and legendary bonefish flats of southern Acklins. The lodge will take 4 anglers for fall of 1998, and 6 in the spring of 1999. Don't miss this!

ANDROS ISLAND

WEST SIDE AND JOULTER CAYS

A few weeks ago "Fly Fishing in Saltwaters" magazine called to ask us what we knew about the north end of Andros and the Joulter Cays (which lie a few miles off the north shore). They, like us, had always dreamed of exploring this remote area that has avoided the overcrowding problems associated with the island's midsection. We told the magazine staff that we were working on exploring this area and were attempting to establish a bonefishing operation. They asked if they could send

E-Z Bone Shrimp



Hook:	Mustad 34007 Size 6
Thread:	Color of body
Wing:	Polar fiber or craft fur
Underwing:	Fluoro-fiber
Body:	E-Z body
Tail:	Polar fiber or craft fur
Antennae:	Moose mane
Eyes:	Lead eye
Rear Eyes:	Burnt mono
Mouth:	Fluoro-fiber

1. Tie in mono eyes and two pieces of moose mane for antennae.
2. Tie in a pinch of hot pink or orange fluoro-fiber for mouth parts.
3. Tie in small piece of plain mono E-Z body over eyes, mane and fluoro-fiber. Tie off part way up bend and remove the thread.
4. Push the E-Z body back towards the hook to create a bend or "belly", tie off at eye and wrap back towards bend to create an area for lead eyes.
5. Tie in eyes on top side so hook runs up.
6. Tie in underwing of fluoro-fiber in tan; leave tag for tail.
7. Tie in polar fiber or craft fur for wing; leave tag for tail.
8. Trim some off each tag to create the tail.
9. Whip finish and glue.
10. Bar wing with permanent color pen.

This fly was invented by Gil Berke, an Orvis Endorsed Guide for Outermost Charters of Massachusetts: 508-435-7147

All the material can be obtained through Orvis Framingham: 508-872-7711.

This pattern has proven to be very successful for big bones on Great Abaco Island and Acklins Island.

The rumor is this fly is so great, Umpqua Feather Merchants is picking up the pattern and it will be available from them next year. Tie a few and you'll have it before anybody else.

a team to explore the area. We said yes and they did. And, as they write their article, we are now presenting what is called, with typical Bahamian understatement, the **Andros Bonefishing Resort**. The name certainly won't catch anybody's attention, but the fishing will. In addition to fishing the east coast of north Andros, this lodge will fish the west side and the Joulter Cays. Yes, the west side and the Joulter Cays. If this means nothing to you, it certainly did to "Fly Fishing in Saltwaters" magazine. Enough to send a team to the Bahamas to explore the possibilities presented by this new lodge.

"Fly Fishing in Saltwaters" contributing staff member, Hanson Carroll, who shot the photos for the story appearing in the January issue, said "This was a great trip. There was no fishing pressure where we went. The guides were great and the meals and accommodations were fine, not fancy, but more than adequate."

This lodge fishes the contiguous flats of hardpacked coral sand from Lowe Sound to the Joulter Cays to Conch Sound. We are limiting the number of anglers per week to four this fall, and six in the spring.

Call now for more details.

INTUITION

"90% of this game is half mental"

- Yogi Berra

Yogi had it right... fishing is a mental game. All seasoned anglers have had the experience of standing on a flat or rounding the bend of a new river and thinking "there should be fish here." Let's call this feeling intuition. This intuitive moment may be triggered by nothing more than a riffle that reminds you of another river where you had success with a particular attractor fly. Or, for the saltwater angler, it might be a flat that has the same configuration as a flat on another island where school after school of bonefish streamed through one afternoon.

But more often than not, this intuition and your sense of how the conditions feel, are based on a more complicated process than simply similar circumstances. Perhaps you don't even know why you have this feeling. Maybe there are no apparent clues, but the subconscious mind of the experienced fisherman is always sorting data

and analyzing subtle clues and unrecognized observations.

The wind, its direction, the water, its temperature and level, the weather, the hour of the day, the behavior of birds, sharks or baitfish may all be subtle clues that lead you to walk in a different direction, try a different fly, fish deeper or more shallow, or to leave an area entirely.

The seasoned angler indulges this inner voice. He has come to trust himself and knows that these feelings are useful and purposeful. This is not some psychic, new age, mumbo-jumbo. It is a feeling based on some unrecognized set of circumstances or conditions that your mind has fortuitously processed. Some will call this intuition an evolutionary, adaptive holdover from our hunter/gatherer days when skills like these were an absolute survival necessity. And let's face it, fishing is a form of hunting. More often than not, recognizing and using this intuition will make you a more productive fisherman.

If you are anything short of an expert, it is important to consciously attempt to collect and sort the data you are experiencing. The mental cataloging of this information will help you make these intuitive leaps in the future. Notice the temperature of the water and its depth, the type of flat or riffle you are fishing and where the fish are and where they are not. Open your eyes, watch the birds and the weather, notice the time of day, the tide level and the wind direction. The list goes on and on and applies to trout in Chile, salmon in Alaska, or bonefish in the Bahamas. As you collect this data, correlate it to what is happening to the fishing at that moment. This intellectual process is the stuff of future intuition and is ultimately the difference between a good fisherman and a great fisherman. Then you'll know why that fisherman you always admired for his uncanny ability to locate fish says "I think I'll try over here."

Top 12 Tips for Nymph Fishing

1. Use longer leaders and less weight.
2. Vary your weight rather than moving your indicator or changing your fly.
3. **Cast-mend-strip.** Cast upstream, mend as soon as the line hits the water, and strip to gain control of your slack.
4. After you mend and gain control of your slack, hold the rod high while your line passes in front of you, then follow your line downriver while you lower the rod and follow the line with the rod tip.
5. Stack your mends as line passes in front of you. Throw several mends behind the indicator for a good drag-free float. Never have any of your line down-



stream of your indicator. Be ready for the strike.

6. When using an indicator, watch for the slightest movement. Don't wait for it to dunk under or run away.
7. Don't wade too deep. Old timers would say the only reason they wore hip waders was so they would know when they were fishing too deep.
8. Cover more water only after you have quartered all the water in front of you, then search different areas of that water.

9. The key to good mending is: the higher the rod tip goes in the air on the mend, the further the mend will travel across the water.
10. When setting the hook for a strike, use the same motion and energy that you would to pick it up and cast it.
11. Clean your fly line everyday - this allows you to pick up your line easily and mend completely through your strike indicator.
12. Notice how many times we have mentioned mending in this list and you'll have the real secret to being a great nymph fisherman.

BIGHORN RIVER

A WAY FOR DOCTORS, LAWYERS, AND DENTISTS TO GET CREDIT FOR FISHING

Doctors, lawyers, and dentists. . . here's a way to get your continuing education credits on Montana's Bighorn River instead of in the big cities. Angling Destinations and Classic Sports International offers the 1998 Medical-Dental-Legal Update at a number of choice fishing destinations.

The seminar is approved for 20 hours of CME Category-1 credits, has extensive CLE and CDE accreditation and meets IRS requirements for tax-deductibility. Dozens of our physician, attorney and dentist clients have found the seminars to be a compelling way to enjoy the best of both worlds.

Here is a report from our seminars held in May and June on the Bighorn this year:

"Just a few hundred yards downstream from the 3-mile access, the Bighorn River splits into several channels and forms a large area of shallow runs and riffles. Every evening for 4 days in May, after beautiful, sunny days filled with great nymph fishing, many of us would meet at this area in the evening to wait for "it" to happen.

The birds' excited songs gave the first sign and by the time we became aware of this increased activity, small, barely detectable, dimpling rises began to dot the Bighorn's surface. These subtle rises were quickly abandoned by the feeding trout and, in short order, large noses were pok-

ing up into the warm evening air. "It" was happening again - a blanket midge hatch.

The next two hours were the stuff of a dry fly fisherman's dream. This prolific hatch offered all of us numerous opportunities to join the 20/20 club (a twenty plus inch trout caught on a size 20 fly). We all estimated that on these warm evenings in May, we each caught over 20 fish in these two hours before dusk. Sated, we always quit before dark to return to wonderful meals and the camaraderie that only a day like this can generate."

Phil Johnson Esq. from Denver, CO made these comments about his trip:

"My first trip to the Bighorn River in May won't be my last. The quality of the fishing experience eclipsed even the stunning beauty of the river. We caught dozens of 16-22" browns and rainbows on nymphs and dries every day, capped by an evening midge hatch that had to be seen to be believed. Success in following that size 22 midge in the purple and orange reflection of the sunset paid off in a battle nearly every cast."

"In June, things were a bit different. The warm days of May had given way to the cool, wet days of June. But fortunately for us, the fishing was equally spectacular. The midges of May had given way to the Baetis mayflies of June. No evening hatches now. In June, the gluttony began at midday. When we weren't catching fish on dry

flies, the fishing with midge pupae and pheasant tail nymphs was truly excellent. Many of this year's participants thought that this was the best trout fishing trip they had ever experienced. I don't know how it could have been any better. The cool, overcast days were perfect conditions for the emergence of the Baetis mayflies. It was an awesome experience to stand at the bottom of a shallow slick and watch it all happen. The hatch would build until the only sound was the slurping of trout and the excited tittering of the swallows; these poor mayflies were being attacked from above and below. This was a true feeding frenzy. Evenings were spent with pleasant memories, fine wine, and excellent meals."

Bruce Pistocco M.D. an anesthesiologist from Amarillo, TX, sent us this evaluation:

"The flyfishing on the Bighorn River was in a word, OUTSTANDING! The Baetis hatch was of the kind that one always reads about and dreams to experience. The size and numbers of the fish were truly amazing and the guides were the best. The San Juan River pales in comparison to the Bighorn River! Too bad this fabulous river is so far from Texas, but that will not stop me from returning soon!"

Give us a call - experience incredible fishing and get credit too!

Days of the Full Moon, 1998/1999

October 5

March 2 & 31

July 28

November 23

November 4

April 30

August 26

December 22

December 3

May 30

September 25

January 21, 2000

January 2 & 31, 1999

June 28

October 24

February 19

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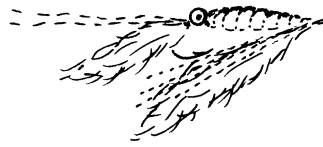
BELIZE RIVER LODGE LIVE-ABOARD

"The first two days were great - clear skies, lots of bonefish, a few permit, some tarpon on the flats - we had even gotten into a school of jack crevalle before breakfast on the first morning. We had spotted them feeding under some frigate birds at dawn. But today was different and El Nino had caught up with the "Blue Yonder", our live-aboard yacht out of **Belize River Lodge**. High winds, clouds and a bit of rain had all conspired to ruin the visibility. Since the weather change, we had seen no permit, only a few bones, and all of the tarpon were spooked before we ever saw them. Because it was impossible to see into the gunmetal-grey, wind-scuffed water, we were now reduced to searching for bonefish tails. If we did manage to spot a bonefish tail on the far side of a mangrove bush, we casted to it. We had long ago abandoned hopes for landing fish. Now, we just wanted some action. So when a glassy tail broke the water's dark surface, I casted 50 feet across a small bush fully expecting to lose my fly. The smallish fish charged my fly and I stripped until the fly was within a few feet of the bush. He tailed again. I set the hook and the bonefish took off running right, pulling my fly line clear of the bush. Brad and I just looked at each other and laughed. We may have been out of luck with the weather, but we obviously had a little luck left. Hopefully, we hadn't spent it all on this little bonefish....

What a difference a day makes! Today Jeff Stine and I spent the day up Black Creek with the iguanas and howler monkeys chasing hundreds of baby tarpon who were feeding on the surface. They were everywhere! We had good action in the morning and as the temperatures rose, the fishing tapered off. This was not true for Brad and Shane who had had great bonefishing in bright sunlight on the outside flats of Hick's Cay with their guide Leroy. Later, while sipping a cold beer on the veranda of the lodge, we agreed that today was a great way to end the trip and vowed to return to Belize and Belize River Lodge." *SSH Journal, March, 1998*

Our March trip was excellent. The "Blue Yonder" live-aboard proved to be an excellent, moveable lodge. Although our weather certainly could have been better, I don't know what I would have changed in the way of meals or accommodations aboard the "Blue Yonder". This is a great trip and, whether from one of their three live-aboards or based at the lodge, we strongly urge you to try Belize River Lodge. Please call for us complete information and a trip report.

Skypole Shrimp



Hook: TMC 8115 or Mustad 34007 Size 4-6
Thread: Color of body
Eyes: Small bead chain
Mouth: Egg yarn
Antennae: Krystal Flash
Body: Egg yarn segmented with Krystal Flash
Wing: Egg yarn with several pieces of Krystal Flash

1. Tie in appropriate size bead chain eyes (or lead eyes if heavier fly is desired) on top of hook.

2. Tie in two pieces of dark brown Krystal Flash for antennae.

3. Tie in approximately 1/3 diameter piece of pink egg yarn 3-4" long trimmed to a point. Point should be about 2/3 the length of the shank. Tie in in front and in back of the eyes.

4. Tie in desired material for body rib. Wire, Larvae Lace or Krystal Flash - your choice.

5. Build up conical shape to body, twisting egg yarn as you wrap (much the way you wrap dubbing). Tie off when desired shape is achieved. Don't cut off yarn- it will be tied back for the wing.

6. Wrap back towards eye with body rib- tie off, then trim.

7. Tie in at eye several pieces of pink or olive Comes Alive or Krystal Flash as an underwing.

8. Fold back egg yarn tag over underwing and tie back. Trim to a point to match up with first tag behind eyes.

9. Whip finish and glue.

This is another highly effective Gil Berke pattern. It is incredibly easy to tie and bonefish love it. Try it in pink and tan and substitute materials as needed. Gil can be reached at 508-872-7711.

BAIR BAHAMAS NEWS FLASH

For three years we've been saying that the **Bair Bahamas Guesthouse** on South Andros has the best guides in all of Andros. Now we have proof. In June, Leslie Johnson won the Andros Island competition for guides and will now be going to Freeport to compete with the winners from the other islands. We congratulate Leslie and this just gives you another reason to sample the wonderful fishing on South Andros with Bair Bahamas.

A GREAT LITTLE PRODUCT

We met Charlie Shedd while bonefishing on Acklins Island in May. He has invented a neat little tool that allows you to wind your line and backing on an oak spool that can be removed from its pedestal for easy cleaning in a bathtub or sink. This is a great way to remove salt from your line and backing - simply dunk the spool, let it dry, and wind it back on your reel. It also doubles as a way to put a measured amount of backing on your reel. Two turns equals one yard of backing. For more information call "Crazy Charlie" at 307-436-8913.

BAHAMAS UPDATE

The fishing in the Bahamas this year was feast or famine. If the weather was good, the fishing was generally excellent. If El Nino terrorized the neighborhood, the fishing was much tougher. It is a testament to the quality of fishermen traveling with Angling Destinations that the tough fishing brought on by El Nino was taken in stride.

What follows is a synopsis of the season at various Bahamian locations.

SANDY POINT

GREAT ABACO ISLAND

This area on the southern tip of Great Abaco Island fished incredibly well this winter. Lots of fish and lots of big fish were caught during spells of good weather.

Steven Greenleaf of Natick, MA writes: *"I began to wade along the shoreline and within 5 minutes I came across a tailing fish. On my first cast, I dropped my crazy charlie right in front of a fish, he took the fly almost immediately and, within a blink of an eye, was deep into my backing. After an incredible battle, I landed my first Bahamian bone which weighed in at around 8 lbs.- by far the biggest bonefish I had ever caught! You would think that that is the end of the story, but it is truly just the beginning. Over the next 4 hours, I proceeded to hook and land 7 more bonefish. The smallest was 6 lbs. and the largest (and last fish of the day) was a true monster which took almost all of my line and 275 yards of backing. When the battle was over, I landed a fish that I measured at 33"-34" and was estimated to weight between 12 and 14 pounds!!! The only thing that kept my brother and me from each catching 15-20 fish (with many over 7 pounds sighted) that day was the increasing wind that made casting behind us impossible. Never have I seen so many huge*

fish on what we considered to be a pretty small flat. If you have the opportunity to go to Sandy Point, try Gorda Cay- you might just catch a fish of a lifetime there, I did!!!"

John Marlow of St. Louis, MO caught not one, but two permit in a single day and lost a third even bigger one in the mangroves. We can't believe he had the audacity to call and tell us about it. We wish we could say it was all a lie, but Patrick Roberts, his guide, called to tell us about it and his facts were generally the same as John's.

Sandy Point still continues to be a great bargain with a week (7 nights/6 days fishing) being \$1850.00 for spring of 1999.

TREASURE CAY

GREAT ABACO ISLAND

This destination continues to be a great spot for families. A beautiful beach, a lovely condominium and good bonefishing within easy reach, make for a perfect vacation spot. This is an especially good destination for fishermen who may want to fish every other day or a few times a week and not be committed to the prices at bonefish lodges.

The **Banyan Beach Bonefishing Lodge** is still under construction and their proposed July opening has been postponed to November. This is the Bahamas after all, and nothing ever happens on schedule. Until this lodge opens, we will continue to book our custom trips which, by the way, will not be effected by the lodge's opening. Treasure Cay is a beautiful spot that is easy to reach. A place where non-fishermen will be happy and you won't sacrifice anything in the way of fishing opportunities. Let us customize a trip for your family or group to Treasure Cay. Please call us for a free quote.

PELICAN BAY

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

Fishing is great! A wonderful spot for couples with the nightlife and restaurants of Freeport readily available. The excellent bonefishing of the west end of Grand Bahama Island is accessed via new and well maintained boats manned by great guides.

NORTH RIDING POINT CLUB

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

If you plan on visiting **North Riding Point Club**, plan ahead. NRPC and the Bair Bahama Guesthouse on South Andros are selling out quickly for the spring of 1999. The fishing is great, the meals superb. Everything is now in place to provide the discriminating fisherman a perfect angling vacation.

DEEP WATER CAY CLUB

GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

After a few shaky seasons, things now appear to be back to normal and **Deep Water Cay Club** once again rivals North Riding Point Club as one of the most exclusive and all inclusive bonefish lodges in the Bahamas. We, once again, give it a hearty thumbs-up and invite you to check availability with Angling Destinations.

BAIR BAHAMA GUESTHOUSE

SOUTH ANDROS ISLAND

We're not even sure we need to advertise this spot any longer. All of our business is from repeat clients. The food is wonderful, the hospitality magnificent, and combined with great guides, great boats and great fishing, it is no wonder they have earned such a wonderful reputation. Andy and Stanley Bair have created one of the top three bonefishing destinations in the Bahamas - we are already booking them for spring of 2000! Limit 6 anglers. Don't let this spot pass

you by. If you are interested in booking the **Bair Bahama Guesthouse** for 1999, call us as soon as you receive this newsletter.

DIFFERENT OF ABACO GREAT ABACO ISLAND

The fishing in the marls of Abaco can be spectacular. With much left still to explore, this area is one of the richest bonefish habitats available in the Bahamas. The fishing has remained consistently good to excellent and this resort has almost exclusive access to this incredible area.

GREY'S POINT **BONEFISH INN** ACKLINS ISLAND

Our exploratory trip to Acklins Island May 2-9, 1998 was great. On some flats, we were surrounded by large schools of medium-sized bonefish. On other flats, all we could find were a few large singles or doubles. But, after a slow period, we almost always began to run into fish again as the tide turned. Many days, after returning from either Snug Corner or Jamaica Cay, we would fish for tailing fish on the flats across from the lodge. To be able to hunt for tailing fish in the dying evening light was an added bonus. The meals that Lavonda cooked were delicious and the air-conditioned rooms were a definite improvement over last year. Oh yeah, we also caught two 10lb. bonefish within sight of the lodge!

We are limiting the number of anglers to four per week this year. This has proven to be an excellent destination for experienced fishermen who want a truly untouched ocean environment. The guides are not yet experienced enough for novice bonefishermen, but they are improving and are beginning to understand what this flyfishing thing is all about. They are now fishing Snug Cor-

ner and south to Jamaica Cay by trailering a Dolphin Superskiff. This place, most assuredly, is not for everyone, but it still offers one of the most unspoiled ocean habitats for the experienced angler.

MOXEY'S **BONEFISHING LODGE** MANGROVE CAY, ANDROS

This small lodge has very experienced guides who fish the South and Middle Bights of Andros Island. It is possible to follow the tides and find fish all day long in this maze of cays and cuts. This is a clean, comfortable Bahamian-owned and operated lodge that has great food and 6 air-conditioned rooms.

TRANQUILITY HILL BEHRING POINT, ANDROS

The only lodge we will book on the North Bight of Andros, this lodge is willing to go the extra mile and search out the good fishing opportunities. Ivan Neymour, with over 35 years of experience, is the head guide. The staff is attentive and friendly and the meals are wonderful. This is a newly built lodge with air-conditioned rooms, complete with television and an oceanfront view.
GREAT!

PETE AND GAY'S **GUESTHOUSE** SANDY POINT, ABACO

Pete and Gay's Guesthouse offers an economical alternative to the Oeisha Lodge at Sandy Point. Pete and Gay's employs another pool of guides that use local native boats. This lodge has recently added private baths to many of the rooms. This eliminates a major criticism of the lodge in the past. If you are on a budget, give Pete and Gay's Guesthouse a try and fish the beautiful flats of Sandy Point.

BEARTOOTH MOUNTAINS **HORSEPACK TRIP** A PERFECT TRIP FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Our July horsepack trip into Montana's Beartooth Mountains turned out to be a resounding success. We met Denny Chatlain, the owner of 7 Quarter Circle C Outfitters, in Cooke City, Montana, about 3 miles from the northeast entrance of Yellowstone Park. Steve Peskoe MD and Cindy Eggers had brought their 3 boys and my wife and I had joined them with our 12 year old son. Our party included Denny, his wife Jane, 2 wranglers, 11 mules, 12 horses and 3 dogs. Some of us were experienced riders, most were not. It took us about three hours to make it to base camp. Then, it was off to fish in the low light of a hot summer's eve.

The fishing was great. Mostly dry fly fishing for plump cutthroat trout up to 22"- the bulk being in the 12-16" range. We used Callibaetis and caddis imitations during the day. At night, the water's surface boiled as the trout fed on midges. All the kids caught fish and many of the boys caught their first trout on a fly rod. We all especially enjoyed the solitude and ease of fishing from the float tubes Denny had packed in. Our meals were superb: pork roast, fresh fish, roast beef for dinner and pancakes, french toast, eggs and ham in the morning. But looking back on the trip now, what really made this trip special was the camaraderie and laughter around the campfire at night. The kids loved sleeping in the teepee-style tents under a Montana sky with more stars than you can imagine. This is a perfect trip for families or friends.

Please call us for details and a trip brochure.





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Belize, Honduras, Mexico

Belize River Lodge
Turneffe Flats Lodge
Turneffe Island Lodge
Casa Blanca
Bayman Bay

Wyoming, Montana

Big Horn River, Private Ranches
Mountain Streams
Mountain Horsepack Trips
Five Rivers Lodge
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Lodges, Float Trips
Tent Camps
Bristol Bay, British Columbia
Northwest Territories
Bristol Bay Lodge

ANGLING DESTINATIONS IS COMMITTED TO PRESERVING BOTH THE FISHERIES WE DISCOVER AND THE FRIENDSHIPS THAT WE MAKE. THE MAJORITY OF OUR BUSINESS IS FROM REPEAT CLIENTS. WE TRY AND KEEP AN OPEN EAR TO CUSTOMER FEEDBACK AND TAILOR OUR FUTURE DIRECTION

IN A WAY TO SATISFY SUCH CRITIQUES.

WHETHER YOU ARE SEARCHING FOR BONEFISH AND PERMIT IN SALT, PIKE AND WALLEYE IN CANADA, SALMON IN ALASKA OR TROUT IN THE ROCKIES, WE CAN DRAW ON OUR COMBINED YEARS OF

FISHING THE WORLD TO MEET YOUR NEEDS. OUR DESTINATIONS ARE UNIQUE. MANY ARE EXCLUSIVE TO US ... AND WE DON'T MIND SHARING.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS. THEY REPRESENT SOME OF THE ADVENTURES WE HAVE TO OFFER.

