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TWENTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR ADVENTURE SPORTFISHING!

In 2010 Adventure Sportfishing will have been in business for 20 years. Thanks to all our wonderful customers who put their faith in our services!

As many of you know or have read in my new book "True Adventure Sportfishing Stories", I started my Costa Rica business by hosting/guiding group fishing trips in the early 1980's, back when, believe it or not, people were afraid to go to Costa Rica by themselves.

So, in honor of our 20 year anniversary I'm going back to my roots and personally hosting two special limited group trips to my favorite fishing spots on the planet, Quepos Costa Rica with J.P. Sportfishing Tours and the Tropic Star Lodge in Panama. I'm really hoping you will join me for a great time and incredible fishing in either Costa Rica or Panama. The details of the trips are listed in the "Sharpen the Hook" section of the newsletter.

Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to hearing from you soon... and seeing you in Costa Rica or Panama!

Tight lines,

Fred Stephens



Fishy Business

PANAMA... Marlin! Marlin! Marlin! This was the shout from the flybridge all week. His majesty the Black Marlin showed up in massive numbers on the reef, and talk about phenomenal fishing: our guests released an incredible 95 Marlin this week alone, a new Tropic Star Lodge record. These fish were big too, many in the 600-700 lb range. It was absolute mayhem on the Zane Grey and I had to see it for my myself. It was indeed a sight to see 6 boats all hooked up at the same time, backing down on jumping fish. Late January report from Tropic Star Dockmaster Albert Battoo.

CABO SAN LUCAS... The March marlin madness continues right into the middle of the month and the anglers are loving it. Usually, March is in the doldrums in Cabo, but perhaps the global warming theories are coming to the area and having some effect? We'll take it and we like it. The high boat for this week was again, "GAVIOTA VIII", skippered by Captain Juan Dominquez, with 25 stripers for 7 days fished, with all but one released. The "FISH CABO", skippered by Captain Gil Marquez, reflected 14 stripers released for 2 fishing days. Overall combined fish counts for the boats for a total of 57 days fished reflected 156 stripers, (146 released) and 48 dorado. Just a banner week for March.

COSTA RICA... The offshore fishing has been incredible throughout the southern and central west coast of Costa Rica. Quepos has had a solid sailfish bite for well over a month and the blue marlin are still making appearances. Roosterfish, snook, cubera snapper, grouper and a variety of jacks have rounded out the inshore bite.

Fred - Thanks to your organizational skills we had the trip of a lifetime with many of those "Bucket List" experiences. Although there were many pieces of the trip that were truly physically breathtaking, we did survive and have many hours of conversations ahead of us to retell the stories. Unless we import Rudy Guzman to the US, there is no one to "tone down" the adventure. Within a minimum of ten years I suspect our grandchildren will be telling the story of how Papa killed a Crocodile with his bare hands after fighting off a pack of Howler Monkeys in Punta Arenas. It was truly a wonderful and eye opening trip. It was also seamless, thanks to you and your team of professionals.

Yours truly,
Elva Godwin



Elva and Pitt Godwin double on sails



Ned Godwin enjoys "PURA VIDA" in Costa Rica



Nora Godwin battling a acrobatic sailfish



Joe Matzinger took a rifle-shot with a one-day charter with the Gaviota Fleet in Cabo San Lucas in early March and went 5 releases for 10 hook-ups that day aboard the 33' Crystaliner Sportfisher "Gaviota VIII" skippered by Captain Juan Dominguez.



Joe Matzinger hooked-up in Cabo



Joe's striped marlin ready for release

John Abbott, Ed Ackerman, Chris Clanton and Ramsey Hajj made their first trip to Costa Rica in February and landed in the middle of a red-hot sailfish bite. A wild sailfish also landed in the middle of John's boat see his video here: [SAILFISH VIDEO](#)

Fortunately both John and the sailfish were released without permanent damage!



John Abbott enjoys C.R. offshore fishing



Ramsey Hajj's nice Dorado



Ed Ackerman with a nice Costa Rican Snook

Hi Fred,

I've been meaning to send you a thank you note for hooking us up with such a class operation. Janet, Carlos and La Mariposa staff all went above and beyond the call of duty to make our stay in Quepos an enjoyable one. When our flight home was cancelled due to the winter storm; Carlos was "Johnnie on the spot", he took care of rescheduling with Nature Air, arranging a driver to and from the airport in SJ, making sure La Mariposa could accommodate us for another night in Quepos and advising us to a nice and reasonably priced hotel in SJ. Capt. Eric and his mate Gabriel were great, friendly guys that were very knowledgeable of their fishery and the techniques needed to take advantage of it. I think it is a safe bet that we will return to Costa Rica or possibly a hot Marlin destination that you'd recommend.

Ed Ackerman



Ramsey's Dorado & Ed's Snook... a little later



John Abbott, Gabriel and another sailfish agree to a glory photo on a picture-perfect day off Quepos Costa Rica on the Sea Lady



John's reminder of his sailfish encounter



Chris Clanton and a nice Snook off Quepos



In mid February Keith Harrison captured these great shots of the Sea Lady backing down on a blue marlin off Quepos Costa Rica on a oil-slick-glassy day. We are not exactly sure which day it was, perhaps somebody recognizes themselves in the photos? If so, we can put you in touch with Kieth.



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Inside every TRUE ADVENTURE SPORTFISHING STORIES book, that is purchased for \$19.95 from our on-line store, is a \$100.00 BOOK-BUCKS COUPON good toward your next purchase of a travel package. That is a net savings of \$80.00 when one is purchasing a trip and these days everybody is trying to save!

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Mike Trusty captures the colors of this Dorado he caught in Panama in February

SHARPEN THE HOOK

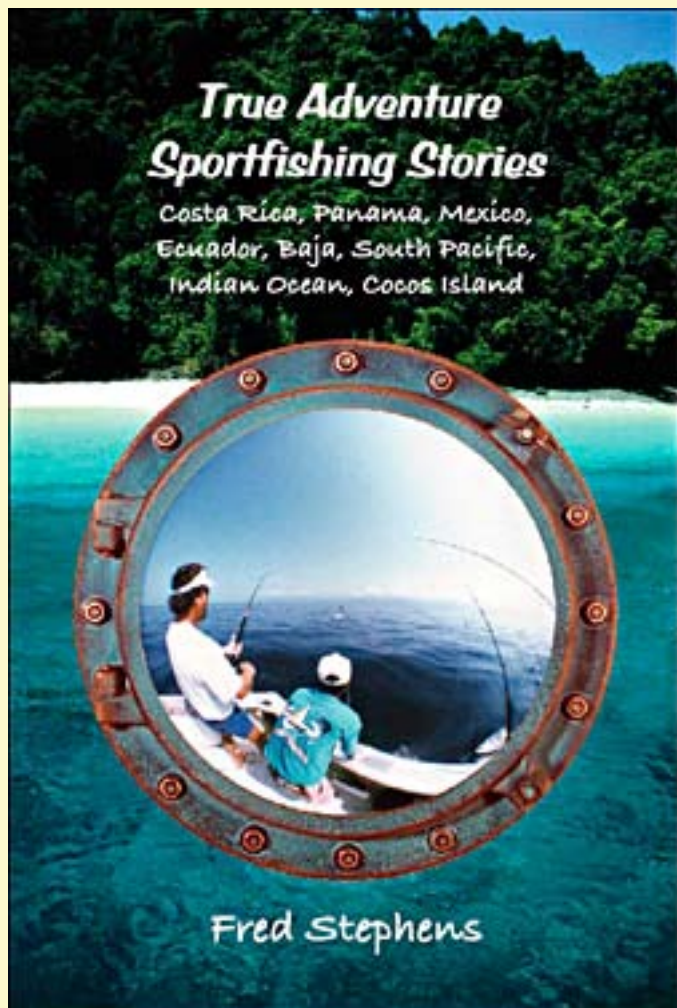
The "Sharpen the Hook" section is about showcasing new options that offer great savings and may be of special interest, that are not published on the Adventure Sportfishing website.

J.P. Sportfishing Tours is offering an unbelievable SUPER SUMMER SAVINGS

SPECIAL PKG. for April, May and June of 2009:

Package Includes:

- First night in San Jose: Hotel Del Rey, 2 Doubles (room & taxes only).
- Three nights in Quepos: Villas Mymosa Hotel, 2 Spring Villas (continental breakfast & taxes included).
- SANSА Airlines, 4 tickets, round trip, SJO-Quepos-SJO
- 3 Full Days fishing aboard any of our two boats, the 34ft. Sea Lady or the 34ft. Wild Lady only. Charters include: lunch, beer, snacks, fruits, water & sodas. Captain & mate on board.
- All van transfers in San Jose & Quepos.
- Not Included: fishing licenses (\$24p.p) and boat crew gratuities.
- Package based on 4 Anglers. \$1,090 per angler.



SHARPEN THE HOOK

TROPIC STAR LODGE PANAMA GROUP

Hosted by Fred Stephens February 2010

Join me for a fishing trip of a lifetime to the world famous Tropic Star Lodge in Panama! Adventure Sportfishing has booked the Palace, pool rooms and beach rooms for this special 20 year anniversary trip for Adventure Sportfishing.

We'll fish the Zane Grey reef for giant black marlin, tuna, blue marlin, dorado, striped marlin and sailfish just like the original owner and builder Ray Smith, back in 1961 with his buddies John Wayne, Lee Marvin and many more. And when we come in from an exciting day on the water, we'll take the cable-car up through the jungle to the palace for an afternoon cocktail party and Dorado Fingers on Ray's covered patio overlooking Pinas Bay.

I've booked the trip during the best moon phase at the height of the season, February 19-28, 2010, THIS IS A SPECIAL OPEN-PARTY GROUP TRIP, you can book into it as a single or any number of persons, the package is based on 2 per room willing to share and 3 per boat, using the 31' bertrams.



Package information:

Trip dates: February 19-28, 2010

Feb. 19, Upon arrival in Panama City, airport pick-up and transfer to the Sheraton Hotel for check-in for Sgl. room or Dbl. willing to share for one night stay.

Feb. 20, Early AM hotel pick-up and transfer to the airport for charter flight to Pinas Bay to begin Seven Day Tropic Star Lodge package based on using the Palace, pool rooms and beach rooms , 2 per room, and 31' Bertram Sportfishers 3 per boat. All meals are included at Tropic Star Lodge. Balance of day at leisure.

Feb. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, Are six full days fishing while staying at Tropic Star Lodge based on 3 per boat.

Feb. 27, Approx. 9:00 AM depart the lodge for the charter flight back to Panama City, upon arrival airport pick-up and transfer to the Sheraton Hotel for check-in for one Sgl. room or Dbl. willing to share for one night stay.

Feb. 28, Three hours prior to your International flight departure, hotel pick-up and transfer to the International terminal for check-in for departure.

Package Cost: \$5,600.00 per person

Separately, the Tropic Express transfer pkg. is \$500.00 per person and paid for separate from the pkg. with a credit card on the Tropic Express form. Also, the Sheraton Hotel in Panama City is also separate and is held with a credit card number on the Hotel information form. The Sheraton is Approx. \$210.00 per night, per room, plus tax.

International airfare, meals and drinks in Panama City, anything of a personal nature, gratuities for staff and boat crews are not included.

We're gonna have a blast! So don't miss this ultra special trip.



Special QUEPOS COSTA RICA Group

Hosted by Fred Stephens, December 2009

Join me in Costa Rica for a truly classic offshore fishing adventure with all our favorite operators that I have used for the past 20 years. Jeannette Perez and Carlos Rojas from J.P. Sportfishing Tours will handle all the on-site arrangements and boats and Rudy Guzman from Fiesta Tours will be in charge of our in-country travel along with a healthy helping of his original Rudy-humor! We'll stay at the famous La Mariposa Hotel overlooking the beautiful Manuel Antonio National Park and the ocean.

Costa Rica in December offers many levels of "Pura Vida" along with flawless weather, water and wide open offshore fishing for sailfish, dorado, tuna and the occasional blue or black marlin. Inshore fishing for roosterfish, cubera snapper, snook, grouper and jacks are always a must to round-out the Costa Rica Fishing experience.

I've booked this trip during the best moon phase on the early part of the high season for perfect weather and fishing to try and hit the first big surge of fish into the area. December 5-11, 2009, THIS IS A SPECIAL OPEN-PARTY GROUP TRIP, you can book into it as a single or any number of persons up to 16 total for the group, the package is based on 2 per room willing to share and 4 per boat, using the 34' J.P. Sportfishing Tours boats.

Package information:

Trip dates: December 5 - 11, 2009

Dec. 5, Upon arrival in San Jose on Mid-day flight airport pick-up from Fiesta Tours with private bus for ground transfer to Quepos, upon arrival in Quepos check-in at the La Mariposa Hotel for check-in for Std. Dbl. rooms for 6 nights stay of Dec. 5,6,7,8,9,10, checking out on Dec. 11th. Hotel tax and breakfast is included at the hotel each day.

Dec. 6,7 & 9,10 are four full days fishing on four 31' to 34' boats each day, the charters include: boats, crew, fuel, tax, bait & tackle, food & beverages. Licenses and crew gratuities are not included. Upon return to the pier each day at approx. 4:30 PM, pier pick-up and transfer to the La Mariposa Hotel only after an optional stop-off at the "El Gran Escape" to have a cold beverage and swap stories!

Dec. 8, Day at leisure and adventure, a special group BBQ dinner and drinks are scheduled for that night.

Dec. 11, AM hotel pick-up for transfer to the airport for private charter flight to San Jose, upon arrival airport pick-up and transfer to the International terminal or to your hotel in San Jose (booked separately).

Package Cost: \$2,500.00 per person

The option to separately book a hotel night in San Jose on either end of the trip is optional and not included in the pkg. cost. In many cases International flight times require an overnight in San Jose on either end of the trip. I will be happy to make the arrangements as needed.

International airfare, meals and drinks in San Jose, anything of a personal nature, gratuities for staff and boat crews are not included.

Let's retrace the steps of what makes Quepos Costa Rica a world class fishing destination!



Overlooking Manuel Antonio National Park from the La Mariposa Hotel

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