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Newsletter #1

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Greetings and Happy New Year from Fred Stephens and Adventure Sportfishing!

I've decided to take a bold step in 2009 to write an Adventure Sportfishing newsletter. If you don't want to receive future newsletters, please let me know and I will delete your email from our newsletter list.

My goal with the newsletter is to provide current fishing information regarding our most frequently visited destinations using both customer feedback and operator reports. At the same time pass along valuable information on current available space, new operations and discounts while creating a fun platform for our customers to share their fish stories, photos and videos. I look forward to your feedback and I encourage everyone to be part of the fun!

Thanks for your time and thanks again for your continued support over the years, I look forward to hearing from you in 2009.

Tight lines,

Fred Stephens



Fishy Business

So far the fishing during the 2008/09 season has been something for the record books in some places and unusual conditions in others. Cabo San Lucas had the best Striped Marlin run in many years with boats posting double digit releases on stripers daily starting in November and still running strong today. The following is a late November fish report from Larry Edwards which nicely encapsulates the fishing for this season:

The annual striper migration is unquestionably in full swing and not even the full moon had much of an effect, as the fish just went right on biting. High billfish boat for this report was the "Gaviota VIII", skippered by Captain Juan Dominguez, reflecting 42 billfish for 9 fishing days. Several boats were in the challenge for high boat but fell a couple fish short of Captain Dominguez' production.

Overall catches for the Gaviota Fleet and Fish Cabo Fleet, reporting for 109 days fished, reflected 296 stripers, (275 released) 2 sailfish released, 137 dorado, 13 yellowfin tuna, 5 red snapper, 1 wahoo and 9 Humbolt squid. What an incredible fishing period this has been and it is likely to continue right on through December, which is normal for the peak of the striper season. If an angler ever wanted to catch a billfish, now is the time to go.

PANAMA and the TROPIC STAR LODGE have been on fire since December with incredible grand slam catching the rule, not the exception. This season has seen a lot more large Blue Marlin in the mix with the Blacks than in recent years. With the peak of the Marlin season still to come, this season promises not to disappoint.

COSTA RICA had a slow start on Sailfish that has continued into the core season with a much higher quantity of large Dorado around which in turn has brought a much higher than normal Blue Marlin count. The quality of fishing has been good for some and great for others.



Pete Roberson

Barbara and Pete Roberson and their two daughters, Meagn and Breanna, booked a big combo package with a trip up to Arenal with Rudy Guzman and stayed at Tabacon Resort for 3 days, then a week stay down at LOS SUEÑOS in an ocean view condo. They fished from Los Suenos aboard the 42' Superfly.



Pete Roberson

Dear Fred,

I Just wanted to thank you for our flawless vacation. We changed locations two times and it was perfect! We really enjoyed Rudy and his wealth of information! We traveled with 2 children and Rudy was great with them. He was always on time and recommended the best places to eat. La Paz was amazing, we enjoyed the waterfall gardens! Tabacon was also amazing. The Hot Springs were fun and beautiful! We rode horses there and the scenery was amazing. We enjoyed Los Suenos and fishing with Super Fly! They were professional and friendly! We look forward to traveling with your company and Rudy in the future!

Thank you!
The Roberson Family



Megan Roberson



The Roberson Family on the Arenal Trail

Adventure Sportfishing also arranged a big Costa Rica combo package for Todd Jurgens and Janice Whiseant from Colorado. In mid January they stayed 3 days at the Arenal Volcano with Rudy Guzman from Fiesta Tours, and stayed at Tabacon Resort and a week down in Quepos at the Si Como No Hotel. A true vacation with only one day of fishing booked, but it only takes one day like this one:

Todd and Janice fished aboard the 35' Custom "Frenzy" skippered by Captain Jose Hernandez with his mate Marcos from Quepos, Costa Rica on Jan. 23, 2009. Todd had fished Quepos numerous times with great success and last year went 18 and 20 Sailfish releases on two days fishing on the "Sea Lady".

Todd's attitude on this charter was just wanting to see Janice catch a Sailfish. Janice caught one, then Todd caught one, Janice again, then Todd again, and they repeated that up to 6 Sailfish. After they released the 7th Sailfish, Todd told the captain now they needed a Dorado for dinner. Shortly thereafter they hooked and Todd battled a 6' 50LB plus Dorado for 20 minutes before landing it.

Once that was done, Todd again told the Captain that now they needed a Marlin, and again, shortly they had a blind strike by a 12' 500LB Black Marlin. Be careful what you ask for is the moral of this story... Todd spent 3 hours on 50lb stand-up tackle before they were able to leader the fish and release it at the boat just before sunset.

On the way back to the hotel from the pier, the other guys in the transfer van just flat out didn't believe Todd and Janice's fish story, even Carlos from J.P. Tours was sticking up for them and backing them up with no luck. Todd said that he won't be needing to catch a Marlin again any time soon.

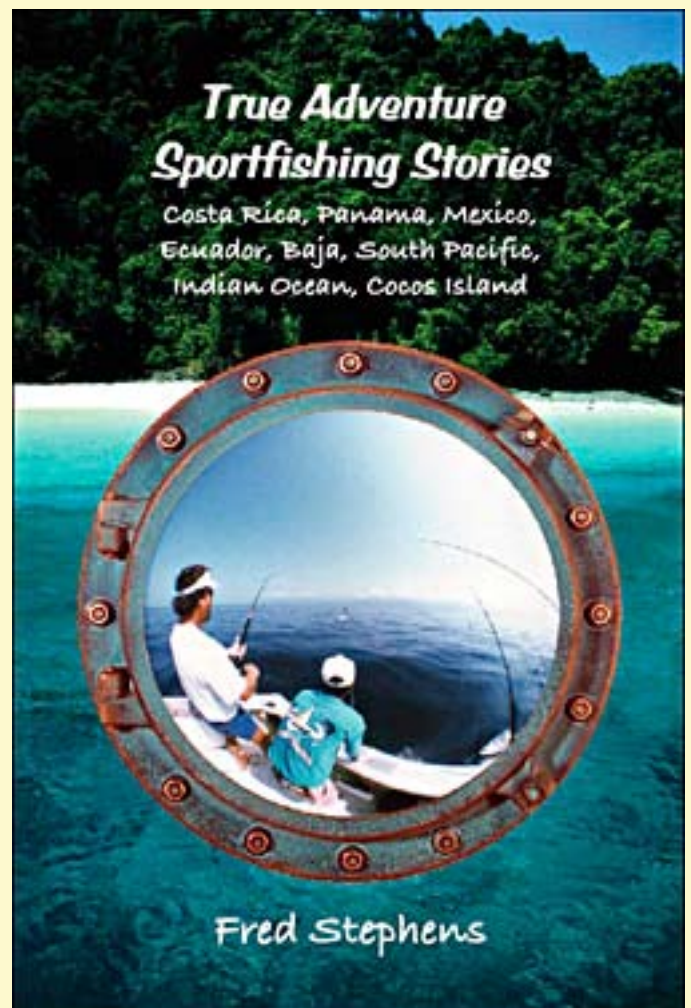
Scott Mitchell and Pam Charoux visited Costa Rica and Quepos for the first time after many Tropic Star Lodge, Panama trips booked through Adventure Sportfishing. They were not disappointed on the 34' Sea Lady, skippered by Captain Eric, with Scott's first Blue Marlin on day one and numerous

Sailfish and large Dorado too. The couple really enjoyed their hosts Jeannette Perez and Carlos Rojas from J.P. Tours, as always they go out of their way to make everyone feel right at home!

"TRUE ADVENTURE SPORTFISHING STORIES"

Was launched in October, the worst retail sales month in forty years and it still sold nicely and was very well received. Inside every TRUE ADVENTURE SPORTFISHING STORIES book that is purchased for \$19.95 on our on-line store comes 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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Sharpen the Hook

Due to the economy woes, Adventure Sportfishing has had a number of cancellations for Tropic Star Lodge space for the prime 2010 season. The following dates are now available:

January 1-10, 2010, up to 4 boats and rooms are available this week.

February 19-28, 2010, up to six boats and rooms including the palace are available this week.

The Lodge is currently SOLD-OUT during the prime 2010 season except for these two weeks that I now have available. The space will have to be returned to the Tropic Star wait-list very soon, so you will have to move quickly if you want to go to Tropic Star Lodge during prime season 2010.

Contact Fred Stephens for more information about these two particular weeks.

Coming up in Newsletter #2, I will be visiting Western Samoa in the South Pacific in late February to evaluate a new operation based out of the Salani Resort aboard the 43' Cabo Sportfisher "Southern Destiny" with Captain Chris Donato, www.samoasportfishing.com, looks like a hot new Blue Marlin operation and it has non-stop flights from LAX. And... the blow by blow prime season Panama and Costa Rica season totals and feedback should be very exciting as always!



Fred Slicing Fresh Tuna Steaks



Fred Stephens, Sean Murphy, Chris Loomis

After a long day surfing with Sean Murphy owner of Waterways Surf Travel Company and his Central American Rep. Chris Loomis off Coiba Island, Panama, Fred, Sean and Chris took a short, late-afternoon run over to the Hannibal Bank where this nice Yellowfin Tuna made an appearance that took all three, sharing the rod equally for 2 hours (without a harness) on 80lb line.

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