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Key West Professional Fishing Guide

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Fishing Report Outdoor Florida

The Rest of the Country is either under a blanket of ice, snow or freezing rain. Not the case here in Key West Florida this week. Being a Native of South Florida its hard for me to imagine the life of living in the snow. I guess it's easy to understand why so many move here from up north to become fishing guides.

As my opening suggested the weather here is unseasonably warm. We have been in the low 80's for the last two weeks and maybe longer. The fishing has been very interesting on the inshore waters here in Key West. I do mean interesting. With the water temps up in the high seventies that leaves many of our fall and summer species laying around the flats late in the year offering our anglers many surprises in their December fishing.

On the flats we have been finding bonefish. Yes, Bonefish in December, pretty cool. It's been fun to add to an anglers already mixed bag a nice shallow water sport fish such as a bone. Permit have been a plenty as well. With the east and south east breezes put on our islands from a high located off the Florida East Coast, the fishing reminded me of early spring. Bigger fish cruising the deeper sides of the flats and looking for table fare. The last week or so has produced lower than normal tides and the fish have had a hard time getting up on top for some classic tailing action but left them on the sides in large numbers ready to eat.

In the channels our tarpon fishing has not slowed. The catching has. We are seeing plenty of fish but were having some tough times getting them to eat. Fishing every day this month has given us the chance to try out some different ideas to get these fish to feed and we came up with a plan that is working great. We just had to re-evaluate what we were throwing at them. Come to Key West and fish with us and we will share our findings.

Fun fishing has been stellar. We are catching Trout, Redfish, Flounder, Ladyfish, Jacks, Catfish, and Pompano with the occasional Cobia thrown in the mix. The Cobia we are seeing are not quite legal but fun none the less on fly and light tackle. It's a blast for those that want a full throttle high catch ratio fishing adventure that includes many of our species all in one day.

The Forecast is for us to experience a cold front this coming Sunday Dec 16th. This front may be the first big chill in many weeks. Looks like it will be the tail end of the North Easter that is going to hit the North east. WE NEED IT. Let's get on with winter. Get the temps down in the water, send the bonefish to their winter homes and bring on the Huge Barracudas, Sharks, Monster Jacks and Bluefish that make up our cooler water fishery inshore. I don't expect to lose our permit in the cooler waters however our tarpon will head out to the Gulf till the South East Winds Return after the front has pushed our temps down. This is a good thing..

January expect much of the same. Trending to be cooler and moderate with cold fronts every 4 – 7 days it keeps the cycle going. Booking a charter you can expect a surprise when you wake up to what ever the weather is doing. Just go with it and allow your fishing guide to do his thing to show you a great time on the water.

Here at Dream Catcher Charters in Key West we are rolling along very well. My self and two of my colleagues are fishing about every day so we are in the loop. This is important this time of the year to make sure the guide you book has his head in it for best results. This time of the year we offer our Yellowfin 24 bay boats as our flats fishing machines for more comfort and safety on the water while the winds are blowing 15 – 20. This offers our guest a great day of fishing without the pounding or wet ride of a flats boat. Our schedule still has some holes in it but not very many, We are almost sold out for Christmas Week and into January, however we do know of many skilled colleagues we can suggest for you, so give our Office a call we are happy to help you Live the Dream.....

When you all get a chance this Christmas season lets think about our men and women overseas doing their thing in uniform.

Have a Merry Christmas

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