

Fishing Report and Forecast

“What a great time to go fishing!”

June 2014

It's Tarpon Time



Fly of the Month

Gibby's D. T. Variation

As tied by Steve Gibson/Mike Hodge

Materials: Mustad 34007 No. 1 to No. 4, white and red flat-waxed Denier, four white neck hackle (two on each side) facing (not splayed), pearl krystal flash, white neck hackle, 3D prism stick-on, Devcon 2-Ton epoxy.

Instructions

1. Mash the barb down on a standard size 2 hook. Attach thread at the rear of the hook shank just ahead of the bend with a half hitch.
2. Select four white neck hackles and make two pairs with the curve facing inward. Measure the feathers against the hook shank. Secure with tight wraps.
4. Select two or three strands of pearl krystal flash. Secure them to the hook shank in front of the feathers equally on both sides.
5. Tie in a white neck hackle. Palmer with five, six wraps. Try to get the fibers to lay back.
6. Build a head. Tie off. Attach the 3D prism eyes.
7. Re-attach red thread and wrap a band of thread about 1/8th of an inch to create the tip of the head.
8. Coat the head, eyes and red band with Devcon 2-ton.

What's hot: Get out at daybreak with an easterly wind and calm water to take advantage of great tarpon action. They haven't been beat up by hordes of fishermen yet and are in pre-spawn mode, making them more likely to grab a well-presented fly. Position your boat close to shore with the sun at your back. Good polarized glasses will allow you to see their flash as they lazily roll on the surface close to shore, occasionally inside swim markers.

Technique: Eleven-weight fly rods with a floating or sink tip line are required. Have your fly at the fish's depth. A 40- to 60-weight



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fluorocarbon shock tippet tied to a 1/0 to 2/0 Keys type or toad pattern in dark colors has been successful. Minimize boat movement by using a push pole in shallow water. The ideal cast is having the fish come straight to you then placing the offering in its path.

Tips: Figure out the movement pattern and set up so they come to you. If you haven't been using heavier rods, practice before getting on the water. Use your body, not your arms, to fight the fish. If anchored, a floating marker buoy with a quick disconnect allows you to chase hooked fish then return to your spot.

Members' reports/catches: After the last cold front passed in mid May, it appears summer is here to stay, which means beach snook should be consistently catchable. For reds, fish the evening negative lows. On the late-night full moon, tailers are available.

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