

TALES FROM

Draggin' Fly



Spring 2011

Urban Adventures

The 2010 season was as good as Captain Bill can remember. While many waters south of Boston complained of slow fishing conditions, Boston fished well for most of the season...the reason being the availability of bait. This year there was an unprecedented run of mackerel that lasted right into August! During the summer, there were plenty of juvenile herring and drop-backs adding to the bait supply, which continued to attract bass. At times, it was a full fledge surface bite, and other times, live lining tinker mackerel worked well. Light tackle anglers and fly fishers had good luck in terms of numbers and size of fish.

In early May, large schools of herring made their way to their spawning grounds in the Harbor's rivers, and by the second week in May, big schools of bass were right behind the herring. When the weather cooperated, the Draggin' Fly had some outstanding trips. By the end of the month, the weather broke and the Draggin' Fly got out almost every day in early June. Schools of bass continued to move into the Harbor through the month of June. This bite and the nice weather lasted right through the summer.

Schools of bass moved inside Nantasket Roads during the first week in July and took up residence in Quincy Bay. At times, much of the Inner Harbor held bass. Surprisingly, there was an excellent surface bite throughout the month, both inside the Harbor and off-shore.



By mid-July, pogies made their appearance. While the numbers of pogies were certainly better than last season, this year's run did not measure up to 2008. For the third consecutive season, juvenile pogies, known as peanut bunker were found in ever diminishing numbers along much of the East Coast. Without new generations of fingerlings, the numbers of mature pogies will continue to decrease.

For the first three weeks in August, fishing was incredible. During the first week in the month, it was schools of big bass and bruiser blues in the approach channels. Then Hull and Hingham loaded up with bait attracting huge schools of bass. Big blues were scattered inside but were bunched up off-shore. The best bite was from Boston Light to Graves. Later in the month, spike mackerel invaded Harbor waters, something that had not been seen in local waters for more than a decade and then only in the fall.

After a summer of great weather and strong fishing, the weather turned against us at the end of August. A major Nor'easter sat on Boston and the surrounding waters for days. Even when it cleared, the fishing never fully recovered. There was a bite offshore but it was mostly bluefish. While several clients took huge bass on pogies, the fall surface bite never materialized. September proved to be a challenging month, both wind-wise and fish-wise. A decent run of sea bass was a real bonus.

The weather in early October also worked against the Draggin' Fly. It seemed when it was not raining it was windy. When the stripers know it's time to go, they do so in a hurry. The Draggin' Fly finished the season before Columbus Day, earlier than most years. It was time for Captain Bill to store tackle, clean the boat, and make plans for a winter season of skiing.

This past season was a complete sellout so be sure to book early for 2011. Don't miss out on what is sure to be another exciting season.

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Lure of Fishing the Historical
Waters of Boston Harbor.**

Commitment to Service

Captain Bill has been fishing the waters around Boston for as long as any other skipper, and he continues to be recognized as one of the Northeast's **Top Skippers**.

Here's what our guests have to say:

(A Draggin' Fly regular) "You've gotta go striper fishing with Captain Bill. He is personable, knowledgeable, and entertaining. Bill not only knows where the key spots are but instructs you on the best possible way to turn fishing into catching! His light tackle trips are the best kind of fishing in my opinion."
Bob M.

(A new guest) "Thanks for a great trip. We hope to fish with you again next year - boy did we learn a lot about striper fishing in just one morning with you- and we caught BIG fish."
Jeff J.

(A corporate client) "Fishing in Boston is truly amazing. My clients and I had another great time. From the start, the whole day was a blast. Draggin' Fly Charters is a cut above the rest. Thanks Captain Bill!" Sam B.

(A visitor to Boston) "The morning's charter was the best part of our trip to Boston. My family and I caught plenty of nice bass and some monstrous blues. Capt. Bill is a first class guy with loads of personality and fishing knowledge. We'll be back soon." Larry W.

Draggin' Fly Charters remains committed to providing the best personalized service to each of our guests. And our **industry leading** re-booking rate proves it!

- ✓ Unforgettable fishing adventures
- ✓ Great light tackle and fly fishing at competitive rates
- ✓ The knowledge to catch fish throughout the season
- ✓ All equipment provided
- ✓ Real opportunities for trophy fish
- ✓ All inclusive trips-lodging and transportation assistance available

