

# Southern Way Charters

SWC CHRONICLES

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GULFPORT VENICE CHANDELEURS BILOXI MARSH



## GREETINGS FROM SWC AND THE GULF SOUTH

### AMERICA'S THIRD COAST

Greetings from the Gulf South! While we are having a late spring with cooler than normal temperatures into April, the air and waters are starting to warm and we expect the fishing will too. The early spring Chandeleur trips have reported plenty of redfish with the trout bite a little slow, which we attribute to the weather. In the last week, Captain Brian says the speckled trout bite has turned on and should get better and better as

temperatures rise. The Chandeleur Islands are in good shape this year due to a slow hurricane season in 2013, and we expect exceptional fishing through the summer and into the fall. Prime trip dates are filling up fast and Bart says if you're interested in a summer or fall Chandeleur trip this year, now is the time to call.

The other big news this year is the SWC Sportsmans Lodge now positioned in Venice Marina in

Venice, La. If you've never been on a fishing adventure out of Venice, now is the time. Venice is the fishing mecca and deserves the title of "Fishing Capital of North America". Whether you're interested in an offshore trip for tuna, wahoo, mahi mahi or marlin, or an inshore trip for redfish or trout, the SWC Sportsmans Lodge can handle all the details. We can arrange guides, boats, and provide the best accommodations in.....p2

### Winter Schedule Announced:

Our winter schedule and adventures are being finalized. Current plans are to re-position the SWC Sportsmans Lodge to Hopedale, La., which is located about 30 miles east of New Orleans. This location is on the edge of the 210,000 acre Biloxi Marsh and our emphasis will be fly-fishing for trophy redfish as well as light tackle fishing in the marsh and surrounding bays and bayous. This location means...p2



## Winter Schedule:

that you can be fishing literally within minutes from the Lodge. Less asphalt time means more fishing time each day, all the while offering an exceptional lodging experience. We have lined up the most experienced local guides this season, all using the best technical skiffs and equipment. After a hearty breakfast, your guide will pick you up at the Lodge. We provide lunch to go and on your return you'll find fresh seafood appetizers such as raw or chargrilled oysters, as well as complimentary bar. Full dinner service is provided consisting of delicious creole and southern cuisine prepared from age-old recipes.

We will also be staging the Southern Way and Southern Cross at our private dock in the northern Biloxi Marsh this year. This location is near our 10,000 acre private waterfowl lease. The "Way" and "Cross" will serve as motherships as in past years. In addition to duck hunting, this location offers the same exceptional fishing in the Biloxi Marsh, just in a more remote location. This area is harder to get to and thus less crowded with very little pressure. Spending a few days here is a treat in itself if you truly want to "get away." Many of our guests combine fishing and hunting in one of our "Cast and Blast" trips. We are beginning to book our winter trips now, so it's not too early to put your group together for either a trip to the SWC Sportsmans Lodge or on the SouthernWay/Cross.



## GREETINGS FROM SWC.....

South Louisiana. The 5,000 square foot lodge features a large great room, commercial kitchen with our own chef to prepare delicious southern cuisine, an outdoor sitting area and a game/meeting room. A stay on the Lodge includes a full breakfast, lunch to go on the boats and full course dinner along with a complimentary bar in the evening. There are 7 comfortable bedrooms upstairs with various sleeping arrangements that can accommodate small or large groups. We are equipped for and specialize in large groups and corporate trips. Our full time staff, Captain Smiley Wiltbank and Chef Naomi Landry, will make your stay on the SWC Sportsman's Lodge special. This spring the offshore fishing has been on fire. Great catches of tuna and wahoo have



been brought to the docks by our offshore captains, and great catches of redfish have been the rule in inshore waters. As the weather warms we expect the spring and early summer trout action will improve. Call Bart to book your Venice fishing adventure as soon as possible as dates also are beginning to fill fast. In late October, the Lodge will be re-positioned to Hopedale, La., 30 miles east of New Orleans where the emphasis will be on fly fishing for trophy redfish as well as inshore light tackle fishing.

We also plan to stage the Southern Way and Southern Cross at our marsh dock again this winter for our popular 'Cast and Blast' trips. See the section "Winter Schedule" above for details. Finally, check out our new and updated website page [www.southernwaycharters.com](http://www.southernwaycharters.com) which provides more details on all our trips and pricing, as well as new photographs from the deep south.

Until next time, we'll keep living life the...SOUTHERNWAY!

Bart Haddad, Bob Wilkins, Raymond Whitehead



## SWC Sportsman's Lodge

### Offshore Fishing

When positioned in Venice La. at the Venice Marina, the Sportsmans Lodge offers some of the finest offshore fishing in the Gulf South. Our captains target trophy-sized tuna, wahoo, marlin, tarpon, snapper and grouper.

### Light Tackle Coastal Fishing

When positioned in either location, the Sportsmans Lodge offers the best in light tackle fishing, targeting redfish, trout, triple-tail, flounder, cobia and black tip shark. Both locations are surrounded by vast marshlands and fishing is literally minutes from the Lodge. Louisiana offers very liberal fish limits.

### Fly Fishing

In the fall and winter, large redfish move into the outer Biloxi Marsh. The secret is out and fishermen from across the globe now trek here for a chance at world-class redfish on the fly. We can handle all the details, the best guides, boats, and now first-class accommodations.

### Coastal Waterfowl Hunting

Within the Biloxi Marsh is our 10,000 acre privately managed lease where coastal gunning for waterfowl takes place just minutes from the lodge and private dock.



## Fly Fishing with Southernway Charters

We offer multiple trips and fly fishing options at SWC. In the spring and summer day trips out of Shell Beach and Hopedale Louisiana can be arranged. This time of year offers excellent chances at trophy redfish. Another option is our Expedition trips to the Chandeluers and outer marsh. These multi-day trips allow for more time on the water and an opportunity to cover more areas thus increased odds at catching the big one. Finally, a fly trip to the Biloxi Marsh in the fall and winter offer chances at trophy reds from a remote marsh location now with first class accommodations in the Sportsman's Lodge. Whichever option works for you, you'll be guided by local fly guides in well maintained flats boats using the best equipment. Our guides find fish! Let us design a trip for you or your group today.

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