

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! Summer has been busy for the boats of Southern Way Charters. While our spring lasted almost through June with mild temperatures and a late trout bite, once the summer patterns became established the fishing picked up at the Chandeleur Islands. Captain Brian and the crew reported good catches throughout the summer and now into the fall when the weather cooperates. Windy conditions at the Chandeleur

Islands can be a challenge. Fall fishing at the Chandeleurs can be one of the most pleasant and productive times of the year due to cooler temperatures, less competition and plenty of fish. We can accommodate any size group with either or both the Southern Way and Southern Cross, providing clean and comfortable accommodations, southern cuisine, and an experienced and helpful crew. While this is the first year of

operation, the SWC Sportsmans Lodge, located in Venice Louisiana, has been a tremendous success. This 5,000 square foot floating lodge offers luxurious accommodations for up to 18 guests. All-inclusive pricing includes chef-prepared breakfast and dinner featuring southern cuisine and boxed lunches to go along on your fishing trip. As an extra service, we can take care of all fishing arrangements ...contd p.2

BILOXI MARSH FALL and WINTER SCHEDULE:

Our fall/winter schedule and adventures are being finalized. Current plans are to position the 72' Southern Way and 54' Southern Cross at our private marsh dock. This location is in the middle of the 210,000 acre Biloxi Marsh and our emphasis will be fly-fishing for trophy redfish, light tackle fishing in the marsh and surrounding bays and bayous for redfish and trout, and coastal waterfowlp2



Winter Schedule:

hunting. From this location you can literally be fishing in minutes from the dock. Less asphalt time means more fishing and hunting time each day. Whether you choose to fish on your own in one of our small skiffs or prefer a local experienced guide using the best technical skiffs and equipment, we can take care of all the arrangements. We provide a hearty southern style breakfast, lunch to go, and on your return you'll find fresh seafood appetizers such as raw or chargrilled oysters and a full dinner service consisting of delicious creole and southern cuisine prepared from age-old recipes.

This location is on our 10,000-acre private waterfowl lease. The "Way" and "Cross" will serve as motherships for our duck hunting operation as in past years. 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. The Louisiana duck hunting dates were pushed back a week which unexpectedly opened up some excellent dates. These dates won't last long so call Capt. Bart as soon as possible to book a fall fishing or hunting adventure in the Biloxi Marsh. Our guests will be shuttled to our Biloxi Marsh dock from Shell Beach, La., which is just a 45 minute ride on the comfortable 36 ft. catamaran deck boat, the "Guardian".



GREETINGS FROM SWC.....

whether that be chasing redfish and trout in the surrounding coastal marshes and bays, or an offshore trip for tuna, wahoo or billfish. The offshore fishing this spring and summer has been phenomenal. According to Captains Trey Pique and Rimmer Covington, the tuna bite in September and October and even into November can be the best of the whole year with some of the biggest tuna of the year caught during these months. Our Captains are the most experienced in Venice, use the best tackle, have some of the finest boats, and are ready to take your group on a trip of a lifetime. Also, for all you Venice waterfowl hunters, a late decision has been made to keep the SWC Sportsman's Lodge stationed in Venice Marina for the entire year. We can arrange guided duck



trips in the surrounding marshes just a short boat ride from the Lodge. Why not combine hunting and fishing in a “Cajun Cast and Blast” trip. Just step onto the Lodge and let us take care of the rest. Kyle and Brittney have the Lodge humming along.

Since the SWC Sportsman’s Lodge will stay in Venice year round, we currently have under contract to purchase an additional floating Lodge which we plan to position in the Shell Beach/Hopedale Louisiana area year round. If all goes as planned we should be up

and running in the next 30 to 60 days. Stay tuned for more details as a short duration at a Cat Island, MS. may be in the cards during summer. Finally, the Southern Way and Southern Cross will be positioned at our Biloxi Marsh dock location for the winter, supporting fall marsh fishing trips and our duck hunting trips (see “Winter Schedule” section). We hope to hear from you soon.....until then.... We’ll keep living life.....the Southern Way.

Bart Haddad

Bob Wilkins

Raymond Whitehead



SWC Sportsmans Lodge

Offshore Fishing

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

Light Tackle Coastal Fishing

The SWC Sportsman’s Lodge offers the best in light tackle fishing, targeting redfish, trout, triple-tail, flounder, cobia and black tip shark. Venice is 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

Venice is surrounded by vast coastal marshes where gunning for waterfowl takes place just minutes from the Lodge. Duck season runs from Nov. 15 – Dec. 7 and from Dec. 20 – Jan 25th.



Fly Fishing with Southern Way 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 Chandeleurs 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 and can be combined with a waterfowl hunt as well. 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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