

# Acute Angling - Exotic Fishing Trips



## FISHING NEWS

### Acute Angling's Fall '2006 Newsletter

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Fall 2006

#### .... Fall Notes ....

● **Where's the summer issue?** - Sorry about that. It's been a busy summer semester and I had to make some choices; opt to do well in my 'Experimental Design' and 'Biostatistics' classes or get the summer issue out. Since final exams wait for no one, and since, mercifully, we have no publisher deadlines, the choice made itself. Happily, the fall issue is here and we can get back on our unofficial schedule.

● **Remaining openings** - Although many of our 2006/2007 trips have sold out, we still have some available openings in many of our trip categories. See our schedule on page 8 for more information.

● **Fishing Tournament** - We're going to try something new and different in 2007. Our first ever Acute Angling fishing tournament. See the article on page 4

#### Fishing Shows

We've made a change for 2007. This year we'll be exhibiting at the **NJ Fly Fishing Show**, Somerset, NJ - Jan. 26, 27, 28 at Garden State Exhibit Center.

We'll also present **Amazon Fishing Seminars** at selected fishing shows. Don't miss these interesting sessions.

**Suffern, New York** - This will be our third year at the Northeast's most popular show. Be sure to visit us.

**Toronto, Canada** - We'll visit with our fish-loving Canadian friends again this year, Mar. 14 through 18.

**Book a trip** at any of our shows and receive a special show discount...PR

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## They Have Peacocks in Florida Now, Why Go All the Way to the Amazon ?

Well, for the same reason it's worth traveling 10 miles down the road to a river full of smallmouth bass instead of fishing for rock bass in the creek behind your house. The term bass is a catchall for several related but quite dissimilar fishes. They are very different animals in a very different environment. The peacock bass imported to Florida are related to the Amazon giants in much the same way rock bass are related to smallmouths. They are very different animals in a very different environment.

The venerable smallmouth, highly regarded as one of North America's most sporting gamefish belongs to the family *Centrarchidae*, as does its smaller, meeker cousin, the rockbass. Although they are from the same branch of their family (let's call them cousins) and they are both called bass, they are very different in form and have very different behaviors. (Perhaps you have a first cousin named, well, lets say "Morty", whose hobby is collecting back issues of

Home and Garden; See what I mean?)

The same analogy holds true for peacock bass. All of them belong to the family Cichlidae; Five closely related species comprise the genus *Cichla* and all of them are called peacock bass. *Cichla ocellaris*, also known in Florida as the butterfly peacock (lets think of them as rock bass, or maybe "Morty", for the moment) were transplanted from waters of the Guyana shield region, north of the Amazon into South Florida canals some 20 years ago. A strong, efficient predator for their size, they flourished in the region. Their native environment in cooler waters outside the lowlands Amazon basin made

#### Amazon Peacock Bass

*Cichla temensis* - These are the huge sportfish made famous by their incredible surface explosions



## What are the Differences Between the Species?

#### Florida Peacock Bass

*Cichla ocellaris* - A smaller, subsurface feeder. (This specimen looks very similar to another small, temperature tolerant species, *C. monoculus*)



Photo from Google Images

them temperature tolerant enough to survive the cold spells common in subtropical Florida. They have been a good addition to south Florida's freshwater fish population and they offer a nice alternative to the resident largemouths. But from a fisherman's point of view, they are no comparison to the beasts found in the Amazon.

Lets compare them point by point in some of the more important parameters;

**1. Size;** No comparison here. Although Florida peacocks (*Cichla ocellaris*) can attain up to 10 lbs. in weight, a far more typical

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# Peacock Bass - Florida vs. Amazonia ... Continued

size is a pound or two. Their Amazon cousins (*Cichla temensis*) are beasts of a different magnitude, averaging 5 lbs. or more (depending on the river) with 15 lb. trophies common and with hulking monsters over 25 lbs. lurking in the waters. (see page 3).

**2. Feeding Behavior;** Although not as obvious as the size differences, feeding behavior is what characterizes a gamefish and is probably the most significant indicator of fishing quality from the point of view of a sportfisherman. Florida peacocks tend to be subsurface feeders and can be extremely selective. Anglers find it takes a live shiner to get their interest much of the time.

Amazon peacocks, on the other hand are exclusively piscivorous feeders and are pursuit hunters. That means their target is fish and once they decide something is food, they'll run it down

able physical changes during these cycles. Most importantly, from a fisherman's point of view, they become highly concentrated, aggressive, accessible and hungry during the falling water period. This creates optimal conditions for anglers and coincides, of course, with our fishing season.

These conditions aren't found outside of the Amazon, so Florida understandably provides a more homogeneous fishing environment, without the extraordinary seasonal productivity associated with low water in the Amazon.

**5. Price;** Surely I'm kidding, right? There can't be any comparison, can there? Well, believe it or not, fishing for peacocks in the Amazon can cost less per day than the same length of excursion in Florida. Our Brazil trips provide about 6½ days of fishing and start in price from \$2,950, or about \$455 per day. That includes everything (except tipping); sumptuous meals, open bar 24/7, dedicated personal service, one of the world's last great wildernesses and an unequalled fishing experience.

What about Florida? You can expect a professional guide to ask for \$325 to \$450 per day (and sometimes you'll pay extra for gas, lunch and bait as well). Let's be economical and just call it \$375. Now add in a motel, at least \$50 a night, dinner and breakfast, if you eat cheap you can manage on \$30, (and if you enjoy a cocktail in the evenings you'd better figure that in as well). We're at \$455 per day already, without even a cold beer, and you've got to admit you're not quite getting the same ambiance for your money. Compare that to our trips. Go ahead, you do the math!

There are many other points open for analysis, but I think that by now its become clear that we're not talking about the same type of fish or the same type of experience.

halfway across a lagoon if they have to. And, unlike the Florida species, they aggressively strike lures on the surface, violently and with abandon, hence Larry Larsen's famous description of "Peacock Bass Explosions". This is probably the most exciting predatory attack of any sportfish in the world. No comparison here either. Frankly, no other fish compares, anywhere.

**3. Habitat;** Amazon peacocks are found in the most pristine and exotic habitats on earth. Jungle lined-blackwater rivers, hidden lagoons and white-sand scalloped beaches are just some of the spectacular settings in their native environment. The alien-appearing, isolated still waters lend a counterpoint to their sudden, violent and explosive attacks. And, there are lots of other fish, ranging from acrobatic aruana to hulking giant catfish. Even if there were no fish at all, the Amazon environment alone creates a hauntingly beautiful experience.

Florida's peacocks live in a wide range of water bodies, ranging from canals surrounding Miami airport, to residential development ponds, to the infield at Homestead race track. We might consider these to be exotic also, but in a very, very different way.

**4. Environmental conditions;** The central Amazon basin experiences a yearly water level pulsation, akin to a gigantic tide. With water levels rising and falling from 30 to 40 feet during each year, these fisheries undergo astounding changes. Amazon peacocks have evolved behaviorally in response to these unique conditions. They feed, spawn and undergo remark-



If fly fishing is your passion, no other freshwater fish will excite your emotions like a big Amazon peacock on the fly.

Typical weekly catch statistics for Amazon Peacock Bass - Trips vary by type, river and region - Catch statistics shown represent the average results in each of 3 trip categories.			
Trip Type	Yacht trip - Rio Madeira Basin	Floating Bungalows - Rio Negro	Lodge or Camp - Rio Branco Basin
Fish/group	1400	600	900
Fish/angler/week	117	75	112
Fish/angler/day	20	12	15
# Anglers/group	12	8	8
# Trophies/group	20	50	30
Typical Largest	18-20 pounds	20-25 pounds	19-22 pounds



When you haven't got your hands full battling big peacocks, you can often encounter giant Amazon catfish, like this huge red-tail.

All of this being said, I wouldn't disparage the Florida peacock in any way. It's a great fish in its own right. Pound for pound all peacocks are great fighters, displaying an unparalleled power and tenacity on rod and reel. Florida peacocks are no exception. They're great fish taken in context, they're just not in the same league with the Amazon peacocks.

I'm not a purist, I just love to fish. I'm a pragmatic fisherman. When all that's available to me are rock bass, I'm not proud, my bait will be in the water. As Steven Stills so famously and perhaps a little bit callously sang, "Love the one you're with". If I can't be in Brazil, I'll happily fish for Florida peacocks and if I can't get to Florida, I'll happily fish for one pound largemouths in my backyard pond or even rock-bass in the creek, just as long as I'm fishing. But given the choice and the chance, count me in for the world's greatest freshwater fighting fish, the Amazon peacock bass.

# Fall '2007 Images - Amazon Angel Trip Photos



Ed Giltner, 21lbs (↑) - Springfield, MO.

Al Williams (↑) - of NJ , his guide, Branco (↑) and fishing partner, Charles (↑)

Rumbarger of MD, heft beautiful Rio Tupana trophies



Jack Goldsmith - TN, is in photos so often, we no longer have to change the captions.

Bruce Manalio (↑) - NJ, and Mike Quinn, PA (→) show off an amazing brace of 21 pounders.



Jim Daily (↑) with an 18 pounder, and Dave Logston and Craig Surby (↑), all from Springfield, MO



Florida fishing partners, Pete Gouveia, (far left), Rick Persson, with their guide Altemar, center (and also above) show off their trophies, caught on this fall's Amazon Angel yacht trips.

# Acute Angling's First Fishing Tournament

## Catch Lots of Big Tarpon - Win a FREE Trip to Parismina Lodge, Costa Rica

**May 22, 2007** - Set the date aside for the most exciting angling event of the year. Acute Angling is holding its first ever fishing tournament. Enjoy an awesome fishing experience with the added opportunity to win a free trip back.

Every one of our trips is populated with fishermen who are dedicated to their sport, although often in very different ways. Some are so intense that they won't take a minute away from fishing to look around, while others love the mixture of the environment, the ambiance and the fishing. Let's face it, whichever approach makes a fisherman enjoy his or her trip is what's best for them. But, despite these differences, just about all of them have one characteristic in common. They all want to have the greatest trip possible and catch the most, best and biggest fish imaginable. No matter how you view it, its called competitiveness, even if it's with yourself.

**Competition and fun** - Sure, most of us might hesitate to admit being competitive in today's PC world, but who wouldn't agree that it's an awfully satisfying feeling to come in at the end of the day with the day's best fish story. How much fun is it to shrug your shoulders and say, "Aw shucks, catching that monster was nothing, I just got lucky"; or "Yeah, my shoulders are a little tired but that's to be expected when you have to land 8 big fish by noon". Of course it's not normally polite to gloat, so we've come up with a way to enjoy the competition and have it be socially acceptable as well. Acute Angling's first ever fishing tournament!

Our goal is to make it fun and exciting for both the die-hard water pounder and for those of us who love the surroundings and variety just

as much as the hard-core fishing. So, we've created two prize-winning categories with two very different ways to win.

**Category one** - Catch the most tarpon: The total number of tarpon landed over the 4 tournament days will determine the winner.

**Category two** - Catch the most different species: Parismina has marine, inshore and freshwater fisheries with a wide array of species. The angler catching the most different species on rod and reel over the 4 day tournament will be the winner.

**Prizes** - The first place winner in each category will win a free trip back to Rio Parismina Lodge. Second place winners will receive a top quality fishing outfit from [www.Tackle-Box.net](http://www.Tackle-Box.net).

**Great Fishing and much, much more** - The tournament will be hosted by Paul Reiss and, like most of our Costa Rica trips, offers a flexible schedule with lots of additional fishing or tourism opportunities. The tournament will run from May 22nd through May 25th. Come a few days early if you like or stay a few days later. Fish the Pacific coast for sails, tuna, marlin and roosters or visit Costa Rica's incredible national parks, or do it all. We'll be happy to arrange all aspects of your trip.

Acute Angling's clientele is a remarkably mixed group of anglers. They run the gamut in professions, preferences and politics and our fishing groups always spark fascinating conversations and eye-opening perspectives. Here's a chance to meet some old friends and gain new ones in what we plan to make a fun, festive, yearly event .... and of course, you don't have to compete, just have fun. Call and reserve your place now. Openings are limited. .... PR



Angler Lee Mitchell with a big silver king

# April '07 - Argentina Golden Dorado Exploratory Trip



Whether on fly or conventional tackle, the dorado is a world-class sporting adversary.

none that fully satisfy them all. In accordance with our philosophy of fishing travel, that just isn't good enough.

**We're off again** on our never-ending quest for the perfect dorado destination. We've fished the Ibera, we've fished the Pantanal, we've fished the Securé. We've wandered through Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia and we're still not satisfied. What exactly are we looking for, you might ask? Well, its not complicated. What we want is a dorado fishery that compares favorably with our peacock bass and payara destinations; productive, with plenty of trophy fish; scenic and physically attractive without loads of boat traffic; comfortable yet affordable; flexible, so we can optimize conditions; and logistically attainable, that's all! We've found several locations that satisfy some of these parameters, yet

So here we go again. Hopefully, this time we'll find the holy grail. It certainly looks like we've got a great opportunity. We're

going to a scenic and private location right on one of Argentina's premier dorado rivers, with the added flexibility of easy local access to other great fisheries. We should encounter plenty of fish as hungry, post-spawn dorado resume their feeding activity. The river's clear waters will allow productive casting as well as excellent fly-fishing opportunities for South America's famous, maniacal, scaled leaper. As far as logistically attainable and affordable, well, that's one of the things we do best, so we'll make it happen. We'll operate this trip as a true exploratory with prices to match. Only seven spaces are available, one week only - March 24th, 2007. Join us for only \$3250!



Treat yourself to the aerial acrobatics of one of the world's best gamefish.

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# The New Amazon Angel II - Special Offer

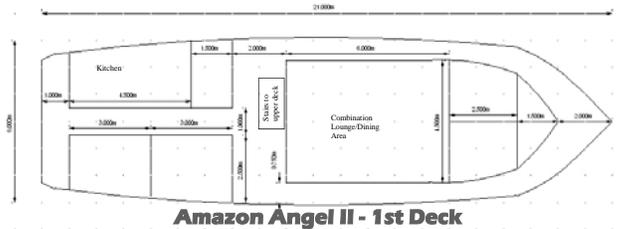
We've had an absolutely terrific fall on the venerable old Amazon Angel this year. Anglers caught an amazing number of trophy peacocks, enjoyed excellent conditions and had great fishing all around. Once again, our yacht trips have proven to be the best value in the Amazon. Now, you can make it an even better deal. Enjoy this same level of quality fishing and dedicated service next fall, but add in the brand new Amazon Angel II, with its more spacious and luxurious accommodations, for the very same price.



We are pleased to announce that next fall's fishing schedule will feature the debut of our new luxury fishing yacht. We want to share the excitement and celebrate her maiden voyages with a special offer. If you'd like to fish during the first five weeks of the new yacht's operation (September or October '2007) and you can book your trip by Dec. 31, 2006, then now is the time to act! You'll pay only \$2950 - that's the '2006 price on the old Amazon Angel! Although the old yacht has served us well and will take a decade of

memories with her, it's become time for an upgrade. You'll love the improved efficiency of the new boat's design, and the roominess and comfort it will provide. With great big cabins, private bathrooms and spacious community areas, this will be one of the nicest yachts in the Amazon. Plus, her shallower draft and wider beam will allow us to traverse sandbars and fast water to access regions others just can't reach.

The faltering exchange rate of the dollar means prices will continue to increase. This is your opportunity to lock in next year's preferred dates at last year's rates. Although some spaces have already been reserved, plenty of room remains. See our new schedule on page 8.



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## Rio Urariquera News - New Location New Access, New Itineraries - New Record Opportunities

Change is a fact of life. We age, our children grow, our neighborhoods change—and our make-up lets us deal with all of that. We handle those kinds of slow, one-at-a-time, changes as part of our daily existence. But people rarely opt for wholesale changes all at once. Try changing jobs, moving to a new city, swapping wives and perhaps adding a new baby all at once. You wouldn't do it—at least not by choice.

This year however, fate has dealt us a full deck of changes - all at once. The good news is that they have combined to give us an entirely new and much improved way of accessing the Urariquera; Loyd AeroBoliviano is gone from the Manaus route, TAM is now our carrier. As the flight schedules have changed, so have our itineraries, making our access to Brazil's northern Roraima region much easier and eliminating many logistical problems.

Better yet, after four years of work, we finally have the ability to reach the river directly by air, using either amphibious or wheeled aircraft. As a result, we are moving our camp to an exciting, isolated new location giving us access to as-yet-unfished new



waters, in a region not visited by 'outsiders' since 1925.

The final result of all these changes should be even better fishing opportunities than what we've already experienced on this incredible river. Our first explorations in this new, upriver region have shown an enormous population of monster catfish. Not only are giant, 100+ pound Jau plentiful here, but it has been rumored that these waters may hold the largest

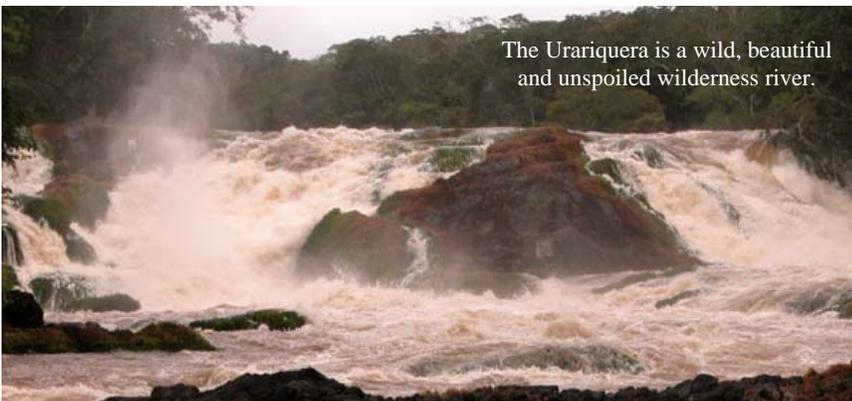
piraiba ever encountered, with possibilities of 300+ pound behemoths. The Amazon's best variety trip gets even better.

These more isolated waters also hold better protected populations of trophy payara and should provide superb access to resident pirapitinga. We expect some long-standing world-records to fall here as we better explore this vast and untouched region.

Our early explorations upriver have been performed with the invaluable assistance of a remarkable indigenous Indian, named simply, Luis. Besides knowing this wild river and its complex braids and pathways better than perhaps anyone alive, Luis is a fisherman at heart. He has regaled us with tales of meter-long payara leaping up waterfalls and catfish longer than 2 meters nosing around his boat. We have no doubt that Luis knows whereof he speaks and so, this season he will be retained as Urariquera River Camp's resident special advisor and source of native knowledge.

We are more excited than ever about this upcoming fishing season and we're greatly pleased at the improved access logistics. We have every reason to believe that this will be our most successful season ever on Brazil's most unique and unspoiled river. Although most spots have been filled, there is still an attractive selection of available vacancies for this one-of-a-kind adventure.

The Urariquera is a wild, beautiful and unspoiled wilderness river.



# Anglers, Sportfishing & Science

## Powerful Partners for Conservation

**Anglers are one of the world's strongest potential forces for aquatic conservation.** Sportfishermen love their pastime and they are learning that if they aren't proactive, the sport they revere will steadily diminish. Habitats are disappearing, pollution is encroaching and commercial harvesting is threatening even the most remote sport fishing destinations worldwide. Fishermen have "outdoors" vision and it's well-enough attuned so that they can't fail to see the looming threats. Thus, anglers are becoming better informed about the environmental concerns affecting the objects of their passion. They want their sport to be protected and they have the prospective ability to make sure that something is done about it. They just need to coordinate the power of their voices, their votes and their pocketbooks.

But, like the myriad species they pursue, anglers are diverse and not organized into a cohesive whole. They fish in different places, use different tackle and techniques and belong to a wide range of small clubs and groups. Although many groups have been effective in local efforts to protect their interests, the global conservation power of the sportfishing community is diffuse and dilute, and not yet able to realize its full potential for the common good of the sport.

**Sportfishing is probably best represented** in a cohesive fashion by the International Game Fish Association. They are a not for profit, non-governmental organization committed to the conservation of game fish and the promotion of responsible, ethical angling practices through science, education, rule making and record keeping. IGFA's objectives are founded on the beliefs that game fish species and their habitats are natural assets which must be maintained, wisely used and perpetuated. They believe that the sport of angling is an important recreational, economic, and social activity which must be pursued in a manner consistent with sound sporting and conservation practices. What better mechanism to bring the potential power of anglers into focus for the protection of the sport?

**Science can provide the tools** that anglers and organizations must wield to ensure that sportfisheries worldwide are protected from encroaching environmental damage and economic exploitation. A thorough understanding of species' life histories, migratory patterns and ecosystem requirements must be used to forge effective rules, laws and patterns of behavior that will stem the tide of degradation of our aquatic biological resources. This is why fisheries research is an invaluable aid for furthering the interests of the sportfishing public and the organizations that represent them. Supporting sportfishing research is one of the best ways that each of us as anglers can work to ensure that we have a place to take our children and grandchildren fishing.

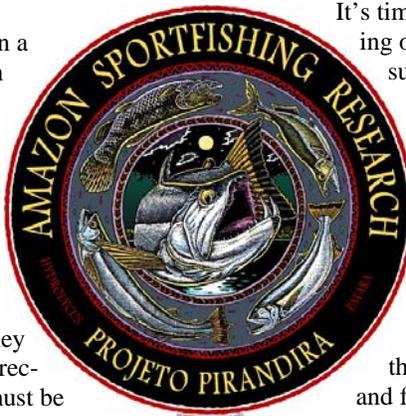
**Projeto Pirandira is a sportfishing research project** focused on the fishes of the Amazon. With the cooperation and collaboration of scientists from the University of Amazonas, Rutgers University and INPA, (a Brazilian government research agency) and with the administrative support of IGFA, Projeto Pirandira has already made meaningful inroads into unraveling some of the mysteries of the Amazon's wonderful gamefish. Recent projects have helped to elucidate the population genetics and demographic distribution of Amazon peacock bass, to clarify life cycle changes and classification questions and to identify practical methods for better Amazon fisheries management.

Additional studies on the horizon will investigate the migratory habits of the payara (the project's namesake) and how it can be protected from destruction as by-catch in commercial netting operations and on the life history of several species of giant Amazon catfish. This is the type of information needed to develop successful conservation strategies for these unique and fragile species.

**Anglers, Scientists and Non-Governmental Organizations** must combine their resources and increase their power as a force for the conservation of sportfish and the ecosystems they require.

It's time for anglers to get involved and help sportfishing organizations such as IGFA and research projects such as Projeto Pirandira to work for anglers interests. Sure, money will help and we encourage you to make contributions (for information contact Paul or Garry Reiss at 866 832-2987), but more than just money is needed. Anglers must take global conservation to heart and develop a sense of mission, or better yet, create the groundswell for a movement. We need an international movement combining the "power of anglers", "the tools of science" and the "ability of organizations" to put it all together and focus in on global sportfishing conservation. If you love peacock bass fishing and the magical environment in which it occurs, just imagine how much louder our voices could be if we were all singing in harmony.

**What can we do?** We probably should get started, even if it must be slowly at first. Take conservation to heart. Use your voice, your vote and your pocketbook to make others aware of our mission. Join IGFA, contribute to Projeto Pirandira, make sportfishing synonymous with sportfish conservation. Let's make Amazon governments aware that sportfishing is a sustainable tool for conservation. Let's make conservation organizations our allies. Do you make contributions to WWF or Conservation International? Let them know its coming from an angler and why. Let them know that sportfishermen are a strong force for conservation. There are thousands of us that love these creatures and we have the means to start a movement. Let's get going. ... PR



**If you would like to contribute or just discuss what can be done, please call us at Acute Angling, anytime ... 866-832-2987**

# AMAZON TIDBITS - NEWS FROM THE RIVER

**Even more amazing than the amazing fishes of the Amazon, is the amount of rumor and gossip generated about it. This column will appear from time to time in an effort to report actual news before it evolves into wildly inexplicable fiction.**

**Amazon Fishing conditions** - After the wild fluctuations of last season, it's a pleasure to say that conditions in the basin appear to be boringly normal. Levels in southern tributaries of the Rio Madeira have been on the low side, but well within normal parameters, while Rio Negro and Rio Branco effluents are at seasonally perfect levels. We are looking forward to a great season ahead.

**Amazon Inflation Continues** - We've reported about the dollar's precipitous drop against the Brazilian Real in past issues. Things haven't gotten any better but we're adjusting and thankfully the fish don't seem to care about currency fluctuations. They are as fierce as ever. Our guides, however, don't have the same luxury. Unfortunately for them, they get their tips in U.S. dollars, which are now devalued US dollars for a Brazilian. A typical hundred dollar tip used to mean over 300 Reais for our hardworking guides. Today, it's only 200. Please keep that in mind when its time to show your appreciation for their extraordinary service. We now recommend a baseline tip of \$150 per angler per week for guides and for the camp staff. Its still a tip, of course, and therefore fully voluntary, so you can adjust up or down from there as per your judgment and your experience. We find, however, that most folks appreciate a guideline for a good place to start.

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**Payara** - Acute angling offers the two best payara destinations in the world. The first is our own Rio Urariquera River Camp, home to huge payara, pirapitinga, giant catfish and more. The second is world famous Uraima Falls, source of almost all world record payara. The payara is a sorely underrated but incredibly over-performing sport fish that all international anglers should experience. If you like peacock bass and you're wondering where do I go from here, then payara is your next fish. Powerful, athletic and big, these fantastic sportfish perform as extraordinarily as they look. Call us to find out how to give them a try.



## BACKLASHES - Our Readers Speak

Letters from our readers.

**We'll do our best to present letters of interest and we'll try to focus on useful or interesting content rather than flattery (although we love those a lot, too). Please feel free to write or email us (webmaster@AcuteAngling.com) with your contributions.**

**This note came a client who enjoyed his first trip so much, he brought along a group full of his friends the next time.**

Dear Garry,

Feel free to use this in your "Backlashes" column.

Your trips define the adage "under promise and over deliver". Although your website and newsletters detail your trips, only fishing with Acute Angling gives a true picture of just how good you and your staff really are.

I first fished with you on the Amazon Angel in November 2004, returned with nine friends for your 2005 Exploratory and have now booked all 12 slots for a 2006 Exploratory. Three of us who fished last year are returning with their sons.

I say this as a testament to just how much we enjoyed the entire experience and why many of us intend to return as long as our bodies hold up. Yes, the fishing is physically challenging, but few experiences compare to a giant peacock attacking a wood-chopper and the tug-of-war that follows.

But all this is secondary to the overall experience – from Garry's attention to detail, to Paul's management of the trip, his educational presentations and the affable companionship, to the amazing guides, to the camp staff to Brahma's chauffeuring and the other services in Manaus. What an adventure!

John Velky - Amarillo, Texas

# '2006-2007 'Featured' Trip Schedule

## Remaining Openings for Fall 2006 - Winter 2007

PEACOCK BASSES

### Exploratory Safari Camp - - Rio Papagaio - Moveable floating bungalows

10	Nov. 24, 2006	Dec. 3	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Rio Negro	\$3250	- Full -
11	Dec. 1, 2006	Dec. 10	6 full days	Leandro N.	Rio Negro	\$3250	- 2 openings
12	Dec. 8, 2006	Dec. 17	6 full days	Leandro N.	Rio Negro	\$3250	- 3 openings

Fish the headwaters of beautiful, black water tributaries of the Rio Negro, far from the reach of the growing crowd of novice peacock bass operations. Live in comfortable, movable floating bungalows with daily access to new water. These tannin-stained fisheries favor surface action and explosive topwater strikes. Good daily catch averages (5 - 20/day) and plenty of giant fish opportunities. A high proportion of huge trophies up to 26 pounds are caught in this region.

### Air-Conditioned Lodge

### Winter 2007 - Rio Xeriuini - Protected Clear Water Fishery in Northern Brazil

14	Nov 29, 2006		6 full days	Wellington	2 Lodges	\$3500	- 2 openings
15	Dec. 6, 2006	Dec. 16	6 full days	Wellington	2 Lodges	\$3500	- 4 openings
16	Jan. 10, 2007	Jan. 17	6 full days	Wellington	2 Lodges	\$3500	- 3 openings

Beautiful white sand beaches and clear black water provide an extraordinary setting on this comfortable, air-conditioned lodge trip. Enjoy the laid-back atmosphere while catching excellent numbers (15 -30 /day) with an unusually high percentage of medium to large fish (10 to 20 pounds). The lodge features spacious rooms, a screened dining area with panoramic river views and complete bathrooms with hot showers. Enjoy a taste of luxury in the jungle.

### Floating Bungalow Camp

### Winter 2007 - Fly-in, Rio Negro Tributaries - Giant Peacock Bass Rivers

17	January 2007	Fri-Sun	6 full days	River Plate	Rio Negro	\$3650	- open -
18	February 2007	Fri-Sun	6 full days	River Plate	Rio Negro	\$3650	- open -

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## MULTI-SPECIES VARIETY TRIPS - Winter 2007 - Urariquera River Camp

VARIETY TRIPS

#	Depart	Return	Fishing	Host	Location	Price	Availability	Description
<b>Wild &amp; Beautiful Waters - Fish for record-class payara, pirapitinga, giant catfish &amp; more</b>								
19	Jan. 3, 2007	Jan. 12	6 full days	Barbra Silva	Urariquera	\$3650	- 4 openings	The beautiful Rio Urariquera, closed to sport fishing since 1952, holds an amazing variety of gamefish. Protected by the pristine Maraca Island Bio-reserve and Yanomani Indian Reserve, this fishery has yielded 5 IGFA records with many more on the horizon. We've caught payara over 27 lbs., pirapitinga over 25 and giant catfish over 200. If you can land it on rod and reel, you can demolish world records. Live in comfortable bungalows and enjoy excellent meals in a safari style camp in the middle of a never-before-fished upper region.
20	Jan. 31, 2007	Jan. 19	6 full days	Barbra Silva	Urariquera	\$3650	- 2 openings	
21	Feb. 21, 2007	Feb. 9	6 full days	Barbra Silva	Urariquera	\$3650	- 5 openings	
27	Feb 28, 2007	Mar. 9	6 full days	Barbra Silva	Urariquera	\$3650	- open -	

### Upper Jatapu Exploratory - Pup-tent camping - Variety Fishery

29	Feb. 7, 2007	Feb. 16	6 full days	Wellington	R. Jatapu	\$2950	- 4 openings
30	Feb. 14, 2007	Feb. 23	6 full days	Paul Reiss	R. Jatapu	\$2950	- Full -
31	Feb. 21, 2007	Mar. 2	6 full days	Wellington	R. Jatapu	\$2950	- Full -

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### Tarpon Tournament - Parismina, Costa Rica - Inshore Tarpon & Freshwater Variety

32	Starting May 22, 2007		4 or 7 days	Paul Reiss	Caribbean	\$2250 <sup>from</sup>	- 18 places -
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### Dorado Exploratory - Corrientes, Argentina - Golden Freshwater Dorado

33	Mar. 24 - April 1, 2007		6 full days	Paul Reiss	Corrientes	\$3250	- 7 openings
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<b>Amazon Angel II Yacht Trip - Comfort and Mobility - Igapo Acu Reservation</b>								
1	Sept. 19, 2007	Sept. 28	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2950	- open -	Our most popular trip and a perfect introduction to peacock fishing. Explore Amazonia on the new Amazon Angel II. The big and comfortable yacht has large air-conditioned staterooms and private baths. Our mobility accesses 300+ miles of majestic waters. Excellent daily catches (15 - 50/day) with trophies in the high teens and lurking monsters over 20 pounds. Fish all day and return to fine food and drink and the secure comfort of the yacht. Enjoy jungle hikes, Indian visits, spotlighting, and more. Protected within an Indian reservation, this is an exclusive access, sportfishing-only region.
2	Sept. 26, 2007	Oct. 5	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2950	- open -	
3	Oct. 3, 2007	Oct. 12	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2950	- open -	
4	Oct. 10, 2007	Oct. 19	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2950	- 6 openings	
5	Oct. 17, 2007	Oct. 26	6 full days	Paul Reiss	Igapo Acu	\$2950	- Full -	

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