

# TEXAS<sup>FLY</sup>CASTER

**AN EXCITING FLY FISHING ADVENTURE RIGHT HERE IN NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS!**

## **2017 Rates and Information**

I began guiding from a Lagoon Boats Technical Poling Skiff in the epic carp year of 2016 full-time, and the results? The bar for success, and opportunity has been raised to unbelievable new heights when it comes to sight casting for carp with your fly rod!

Half-day trips are usually midday for carp and early or late for largemouth bass and are: 200. for **one angler** for 1/2 day, or 325. for a full day. **Two** anglers are 300. for 1/2 day, and 400. for a full day. Paid subscribers to [www.texasflycaster.com](http://www.texasflycaster.com) and get an immediate 10-percent discount on all services PLUS GPS HotSpot notifications and [www.popsflyshop.com](http://www.popsflyshop.com) discounts. A non-refundable\* deposit of 100. is due upon booking your date. If you need to reschedule, it needs to be done 72 hours in advance. Weather rescheduling calls are made 12-18 hours in advance **unless** unfavorable weather patterns are obvious further in advance. ***We won't fish unless the conditions are in our favor.*** \*Deposits remain in your favor for one season. You'll also want to be on time, as our time starts at our prearranged time whether you are there or not.

## **MAKING CONTACT**

Be sure to let me know what dates you are looking at, and if there are multiple dates that are possible. When the weather and conditions are "normal," the carp season runs from later April all the way into September, with June and July being primetime. My e mail and voice mail (text is great!) are your best ways to get a quick response. You will find the latest breaking news on conditions via twitter @texasflycaster, as well as the website [www.texasflycaster.com](http://www.texasflycaster.com).

My e mail is [texasflycaster@gmail.com](mailto:texasflycaster@gmail.com) and my phone number (for all my business) is 940-380-0408. As the time for your outing nears, be sure to take advantage of **texting to that same number**. It's the best way to keep up to date, and up to the minute.

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you very soon. See P.2 for details on what you need to bring!

## WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING

I am completely committed to your success when fly fishing with me for carp or bass. However, there are a few things that can make all the difference between your success and failure while fly fishing. Let's have a head-to-toe look:

**HEAD** - You will need a wide brimmed hat if you want good coverage from direct sunlight. Baseball caps are fine, but the sides of your face and the tip of your nose could suffer unless you wear a BUFF. Reflected light is the big enemy, and even the biggest hats don't stop rays from bouncing off the water and cooking your exposed skin. I wear a wide brimmed hat AND a BUFF for the most intense days. Buffs also cover your neck.

**EYES** - If you don't have brown, tan, rose or gold color **polarized lenses**, you will not be able to see the fish. And since we are sight fishing, sight is vital for your success.

**UPPER BODY** - Fast drying nylon fishing shirts with the highest SPF factors are the most practical and comfortable option. Colors should **match the sky**. Red and any other contrasting color will alert carp and lower your odds of getting within range of the fish.

**LOWER BODY** - Off a skiff, sky colors work best. Think in terms of lightest colors to white. Not red. Not yellow. Not dark blue. Not dark green. Not dark brown.

**FEET** - There are two distinct ways to go, and both are possibly part of your day. 1) We could be casting from the deck all day. In that case, good deck shoes or bare feet rule the day. But we could also hop off somewhere and wade. In that case you will want 2) A typical pair of lightweight (not booties) wading boots to slip on if we jump off.

**INSIDE** - You will need to be in generally good physical condition for the walking we do in the weather and surface conditions we will encounter. If you have any pre existing conditions that would prevent you from potentially working up a sweat, allergies, or other medical concerns - please let me know, and take that into your own consideration. Hydration and fuel intake are necessary before during and after a trip. I encourage you to go out of your way to **take in food and liquids before we start**.

If you're interested in taking a photography lesson while out on the water, be sure to bring your camera! I will always have mine and have prints available for order later - if you are interested. Be sure to let me know, and I will provide more details on this opportunity. We practice catch-photograph-and-release.

## **BOATING**

The primary mode of transport is a 2016 Lagoon Skiff named KoKo. Lagoon boats are made in Cocoa, Florida, and are ultra-lightweight technical poling skiffs intended to pole in extremely shallow water. KoKo does have load weight limits. Please let me know how much fly fishing you've done on a skiff. Communication between the person on the poling platform (me), and the person in front is critical, and it starts now.

## **SKILLS NEEDED**

- Intermediate to advanced casting skills are going to improve your chances at success.
- The ability to cast for accuracy more than distance.
- You will need a good sense of balance, and coordination.
- Casting lessons tailored to your outing are available!
- Keep Calm, and Fish On!

## **LINKS**

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