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Fletcher's Cove Fishing Report, September 26, 2005



The crunch of leaves underfoot and the crisp chill in the morning air tells us that Fall has arrived at Fletcher's Cove. Long, hot and dry Summer days are past. Yet autumn brings us new ways to see and appreciate the beauty of our place along the Potomac Gorge.

Labor Day weekend was as perfect as one could hope for in the Nation's Capital and Fletcher's was fairly bursting with day-trippers out to enjoy the moment. Our canoes, kayaks, boats and bicycles were put to good use by our guests. A great way to cap off the season.

We continue to function with hours shortened a bit on both ends of the day. The C & O Canal and river shore are great places to view the vibrant display of leaves that graces our "city of trees". An under the canopy ride on the towpath or paddle on the water is the simplest way to soak up the color.

A dedicated angler never loses hope and much praise can be said of those who keep plugging away through the season. Fisher-people of note during the August doldrums are those who take the relaxation as reward and any fish that come their way as a gift for perseverance. A few names to note are our friends Raymond and Wolf of Pennsylvania, Frank Troiano, Duncan... and the "princess of whiskerdom", Catfish Mona. Raymond and Wolf always remind me that some anglers are successful before they even shove-off. Their positive attitude and optimistic smiles are as solid at the end of the day as at the start. Our old friend Frankie had the skill and good fortune to find a five pound Striper up in the oxygenated water above Fletcher's. Duncan is a Smallmouth specialist and proved it with a lunker he coaxed out from a favorite spot and then gently and respectfully released to fight again. And Catfish Mona e-mailed me some great photos of cats she has known and loved.

Fletcher's Cove will continue to rent canoes and kayaks until the water temp goes below 55 degrees. After that we will have rowboats (and the bikes of course). Call for current information. October should be a beautiful month!

Dan

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