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Fletcher's rental season has come to an end; we have now closed the books on business for 2012.

It appeared that for the first time in anyone's memory, an entire season would pass without a flood event at the cove. Then... along came Sandy! A laborious dock move and quick boat extraction was organized and that was that. Now the river is back within its banks and the park is re-opened -- visitors can again visit the woodlands and towpath, and access the Capital Crescent Trail.

Before the wind, rain and muddy water, fishing had perked up. Smallmouth bass and big blue catfish were caught by some of our regular anglers.



A big blue catfish, caught and released
by Chris Lutz on Sept. 26th*
(photo by Chris Lutz)

Matt Murtha and Quinn "the golfer" squeezed in a few last-chance hours of angling; both talented fishers scored on some respectable smallmouth bass.

In late September, Chris Lutz sent me a photo of a large (30lb-plus) blue cat he caught on a red and white Daredevil spoon. These cats are quickly growing in size and it is my personal opinion that these big predators may impact the ecology of the river more than the infamous snakehead. I will not be surprised to see a blue of 75 pounds-plus at Fletcher's next year.

when the elements come together and spring is finally in the air to stay.



Used and renewed, prep for the 2013 season
(photo by Dan Ward)

Fletcher's will re-open in March, 2013,

It's time to thank all those who made 2012 a great season at the headwaters of the tidal Potomac. We had a fantastic crew of employees at the cove this season. Our staff worked through many a hectic spring day of fishing as well as day upon day of torrid summer heat. Our wonderful regular customers also deserve recognition... we really appreciate you! Thanks also go to our friends in the National Park Service, specifically the good folks of the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Thanks to our companions at Guest Services, Inc., The U.S. Park Police, The D.C. Harbor Police, The Metropolitan Police, The D.C. Fire Department and the D.C. Fisheries Office.

Have a great winter. If you are an angler, don't forget how early good fishing can develop at Fletcher's. Check things out in mid-March to see



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The Pre-Sandy Potomac at Fletcher's, late October
(photo by Dan Ward)

if the hickory shad and white perch have arrived in our neck of the woods.

Thanks for reading, we'll be in touch...

Dan



Sandy pushes the Potomac into the picnic area
(photo by Dan Ward)

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