

GARYBULLA

SALTWATER FLYFISHING ADVENTURES

BAJA KAYAKING TACKLE & GEAR

Rods, Reels, Lines and Flies

9, and/or 10 weight rod

Saltwater reel with intermediate & 300-350 grain sink tip (thirty foot) or shooting head

Neoprene reel cover for reel protection while kayaking.

The Leaders

Leaders: Spools of 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 pound (fluorocarbon is best). We build leaders of 40-30 -25-20. 30-pound mono for shock (bite) tippet in case the broomtail groupers are on a rampage.

Suggested Flies

See the e-store on my site. Amigos (2/0 and 2) in olive and tan, Papa Gallos, Baja Minnows, Tuxes, Sardinas, Clousers. Tres generaciones, with sharp strong hooks (size 1 to 2/0 is most common) are the best for fish we will encounter. If I had only one fly I could bring, it would be a size 2/0 chartreuse or olive and white clouser with pearl flash and red eyes. See the "Amigo" fly on my site "fly gallery". Flies tied with ocean hair last longer than flies tied with buck tail, as do flies with epoxied heads. Bright flashy flies work well 3-4". A few smaller surf or bonefish flies can be a nice addition for smaller fish.

I can provide a great selection of proven flies for this area.

My *Baja Box* of 20 big game flies is \$150 plus tax if applicable. Ask me to tweak it towards kayak fishing.

I can also bring extra lines (for sale) and rods (for rent). Please contact me.

Colors and Basic Styles

Black & white with pearl or silver flash

Chartreuse & white with pearl or silver flash

Turquoise blue & white with pearl or silver flash

White with peacock herl on top or peacock angel hair size 2 to 2/0

Flashy flies work well in the mangroves

Other Equipment

Long nose pliers for hook removal and knot tightening and testing

Stripping basket (foldable) for surf fishing the other side of the island for halibut, corbina, and corvina

Line nipper on a "zinger" to pin on your shirt or PFD, or make a necklace with some old fly line

Mangrove Gloves or other fingerless lightweight fishing gloves for paddling and some fish spine protection

Hook sharpener *Hook files (I like the diamond type)*

Fanny/belly pack or chest pack -waterproof fishing type is best for protection from sand also. Patagonia Simms and others make great ones.

Marlwalkers, Texas, **flats boots** or similar for wade fishing

Polarized **sunglasses** with keepers

Head lamp with extra batteries

Lightweight fleece top with **windbreaker** or kayaking top to wear early and late

Lanyards or some cord to attach tools to your kayak

Insect Repellent

Inflatable **butt pad** for extra comfort in kayaks (I provide the best kayak seats-but extra padding is very helpful)

Sport Chalet has one for five dollars. Southwind has a more expensive model. Other companies have similar items-Thermorest has a 12" x12" pad that works great.

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Small but good quality **dry bag** to hold camera, film, snacks, jacket, head lamp

Optional Items

Small tool kit for reel cleaning

Stripping basket for wade fishing

Fish stringer (for dinner guests) "Safety Pin" type used by spear fishers available at any dive shop is excellent

Boga grip or similar tool

Extra lines and heads -Gary will have some on hand also

Small gaff

Finger protection tape

Extra polarized sunglasses

Small tying kit & vise

Used Most Often

Fluorocarbon leader spools for tapered leaders and shock, bring 20, 25, 30, test spools of 25 yds.

Scissors and pocket comb for grooming flies and adjusting fly lengths, etc.

Conventional Gear

Obviously, not everyone has kayak saltwater fly fishing experience. The kayaks are very stable and we are in shallow warm water most of the time. I will be teaching all aspects of fly fishing for in-shore fish. Please ask for help! Please inquire about equipment rentals if you don't want to purchase at this time.

If you have no fly fishing experience, then bring conventional gear:

Small, strong casting rod (or spinning rod) with level wind reel and 200 yards, or 15-20 lb. test and 4" rapalas

Lures: Lead heads with various rubber bodies, especially clear with glitter and purple spinner.

Extra rod & reel or spools and lines

Skill Preparation

Above all else, to increase your fishing success (i.e. enjoyment) learn to **double haul** a shooting head. Scientific Anglers, Streamer Express, Airflow Depth Finders or other integrated shooting headlines are the lines of choice.

Knots to know

Blood Knot

Double Surgeon's,

Perfection Loop

Captain's Knot -I'll teach you this one.

Clothing Notes & More

I usually fish barefoot, but I bring Tevas or Crocs for the beach and stash them under my seat immediately. Mangrove Socks are also great for sun protection. I wear (depending on the season) nylon fishing shorts (like Patagonia Baja Shorts) or full length tropical fishing pants. Zip off legs work great also. Long or short sleeve tropical fishing shirts. I bring a light waterproof jacket for windy wet days and a hat that shields my face and ears. Put sun screen on in the morning before leaving your tent and apply it liberally throughout the day. Insect repellent is optional-we rarely have biting bugs at Bahia Magdalena. I always wear Mangrove sun gloves or similar and bring stripping tape or guards and band aids. Drink lots of water! Beer will dehydrate you if taken alone. If you like, bring dried fruit and venison, turkey (they will often seize dried beef at customs), pistachios, trail mix and or a few other favorite snacks.