

# EVERGLADES-10,000 ISLANDS FISHING REPORT

## October's Best Bets:

# It's the perfect month for an "inside-out" fishing trip

by Capt. Charles Wright

As I sat down to write the forecast for October's "Best Bets" this month, as I always do, I began to look back over my notes, the Everglades Park catch/release records we are required to submit and (this time) some of the archived fishing reports on our ChokoloskeeCharters.com website.

What jumped out at me is how very

relaxed I have been about posting reports on the website (I have been doing it way too infrequently). But, what was equally obvious is how good, historically, the fishing actually has been in October.

October is our big transition month. We start seeing the winter species arrive, while all of the summer species are still hanging around. We can catch tarpon,



EVERGLADES KAYAK FISHING GUIDE RICH "THE RINGER" JONES lets the early-morning sun glint off the scales of a hefty snook that couldn't resist a topwater bait.



RICHARD HALL FROM SARASOTA fished the Everglades with Capt. Charles Wright of Everglades-KayakFishing.com to hook up with this nice snook.



JOHN "TOP WATER" HUTCHINSON HAS BEEN FISHING CHOKOLOSKEE for over 50 years, says Capt. Charles Wright, however, it was his son Wes who landed a big linesider this trip.

snook and redfish in the morning inside and then permit, cobia and mackerel outside late in the day. It is the perfect month for the "Inside - Out" trip.

Three things highlight October – aggressive snook, the arrival of the "brown marlin" (cobia) and the beginning of camping season. Oct. 4 is our first camping trip, and frankly, we are so excited we cannot stand ourselves!

Every Friday through Sunday this season we are doing our boat-assisted kayak fishing/camping trips. We use the transport boats to bring up to six anglers, six kayaks, all the needed camping gear and "super" coolers filled with some seriously good grub.

This is luxury camping with six-inch air mattresses, Kobe steak burgers, adult beverages...well, you get the idea.

They are, simply put, a blast! They are also the best "bang for the buck,"

with three days of guided fishing opportunities, all accommodations and provisions included.

You can fish all day and all night if you desire, but you also can spend some quality time around the campfire!

October really is a great time to fish the 'Glades. And, that is not just a forecast. It is based on archived excerpts from past fishing reports in October.

Tight lines!

Capt. Charles Wright operates ChokoloskeeCharters.com and EvergladesKayakFishing.com from the Everglades National Park, where he has fished since 1972.

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