

## “The Best of Times”

Do you dream of catching the big ones? But, you don't know where and how to find them?

And you are not overly thrilled to bait the hook? Or taking the fish off the hook? Or, can't seem to hit the right spot with a long cast?

Perhaps the price of a nice boat, expensive motors, multiple rods and reels and an assortment of lures are a bit beyond reason (or at least your budget).

There is an easier way.

Imagine a perfect day, blue skies, light cooling wind, and a warm sun. Maybe even, dark shapes just below a rippled, silvery surface, just looking for the right bait.

Perhaps a few low mangrove covered islands in the distance, the bottom just visible in the clear water, when your rod suddenly bends sharply, and line peels off your reel with a loud whine.

You know you are in the Florida Keys.

But, being in the best fishing spot arguably in the USA, still doesn't solve where and how, and how to avoid the less romantic hassles of bait, handling fish, and paying for expensive boats, motors, and gear.

Let me tell you of October 28, 2013.

It was just such a day. The sun was warm, the wind gently rippling the surface, and the dark shapes in the water were hungry.

Our guide had taken us to Florida Bay, an idyllic spot with shallow, crystal clear waters, where the waves were never large enough to cause sea-sickness.

We spent four hours in such a place. The results were spectacular!

The largest snook we had ever seen (35-36 inches long), a large redfish, a giant jack (12 pounds), a large trout that managed to get off the hook, and an assortment of mangrove snappers graced the day.

The fish were treated kindly and gently and released into the water.

Now they wait for you.

If you would like to catch them, Captain Chris Hanson knows exactly where they are.

Call 305-522-3772 or email him at [hansonfishin@yahoo.com](mailto:hansonfishin@yahoo.com). He will take you to the right spot, even bait your hook, handle your fish, and will even clean them for you to keep and eat.

We will be back. Will you?

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