

Vidal... Here we come

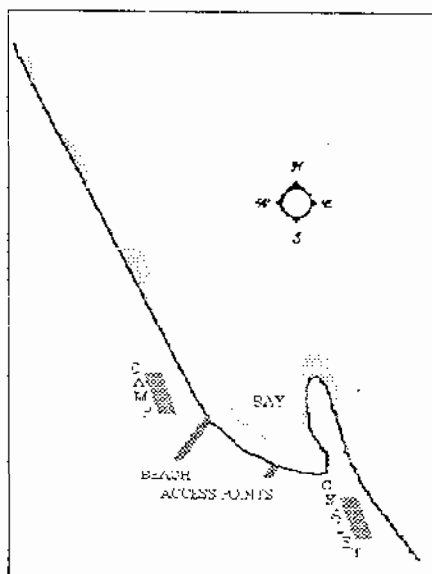
Yes, the long awaited trip to Cape Vidal is finally almost here. I would like to convey special thanks on behalf of all club members, to Howard Abrahams for co-ordinating and organising the trip. **THANKS HOWARD.** All indications are that it is going to be a fantastic trip, with a little over thirty members going.

For many, the trip to Vidal will be their first and also, for many it will be their first attempt at saltwater flyfishing. Many members will also know and associate the names Allen 'O Connor (D.A.D. and not S.A.L.T.) and Steve Lang with that of Cape Vidal. In true Allen style, he has given a complete concise guide to Vidal and general fishing prospects there.

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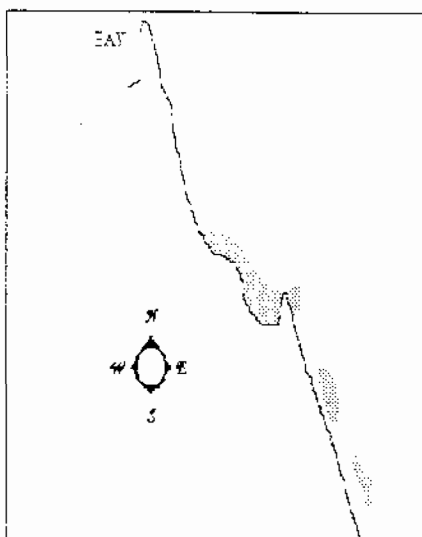
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Fishing Area:



North of the bay is sandy, with bays and rock ledges. The BAY itself is big and protected from the elements, with lots of baitfish and good fish.

The south area is a big long flat rock ledge, broken up in a few places. The fishing in this area can be very good. These sections are deep with some sections devoid of rocks.



Tackle Requirements:

- * Any size rod, depending on the species targeted on.
- * Any reel (if targeting gamefish, the reel must have a rim, be balanced and have 250m of backing)
- * Intermediate line
- * Quick sinking line
- * Stripping basket
- * Rock shoes
- * Light shock tippet (8lb)
- * Heavy shock tippet (30lb)
- * Flies - Big deceiver, shrimps, sealice, poppers, minnows, squid, halfbeaks, clousers

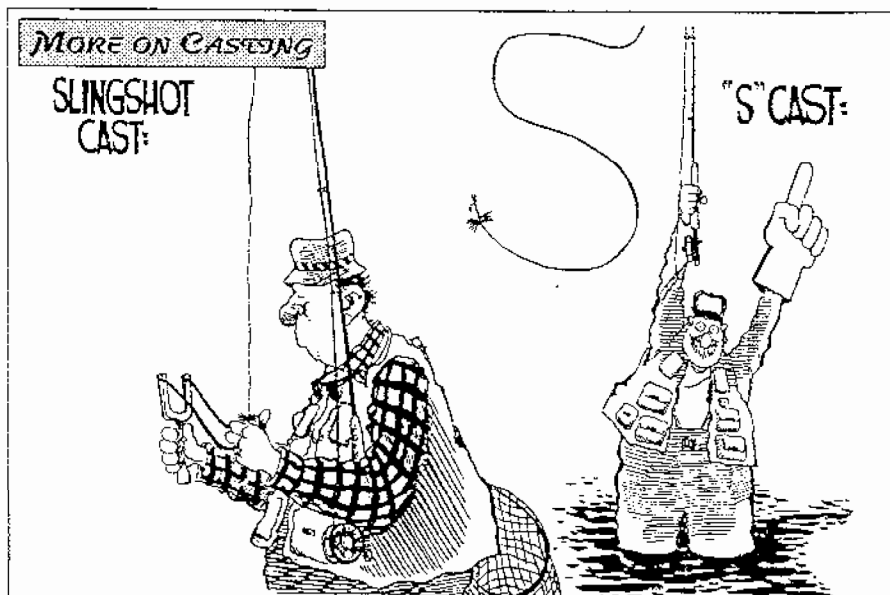
Targeted Species: Kingfish, shad, queenfish, halfbeak, stonebream, blacktail, threadfin mirrorfish, wave garrrick, smelt, queen mackerel, bonefish???, pompano???, garrrick.

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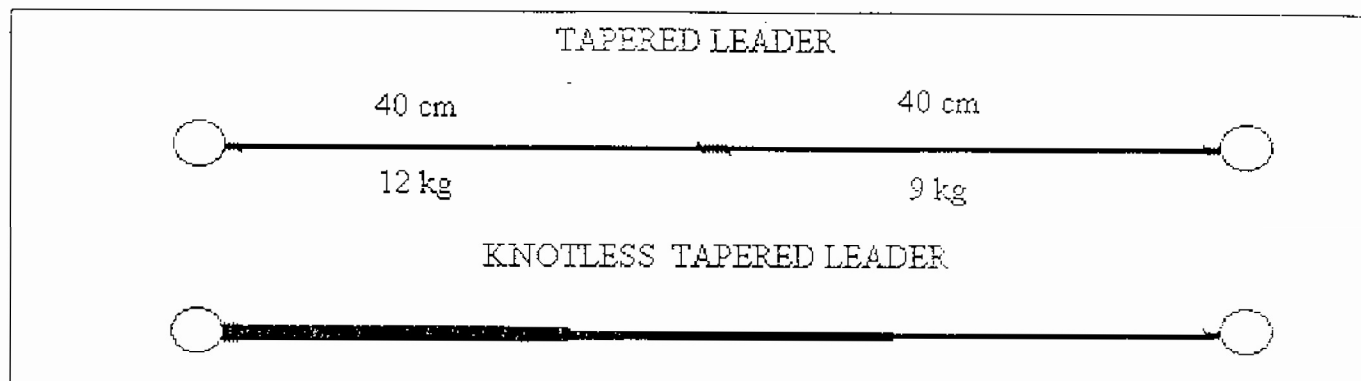
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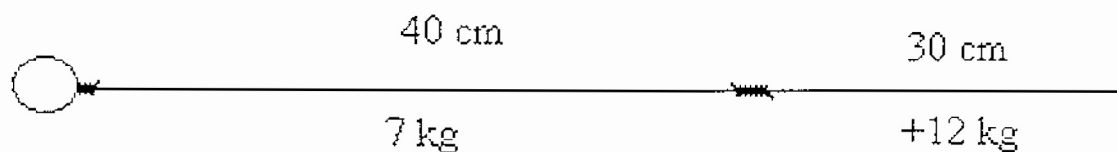
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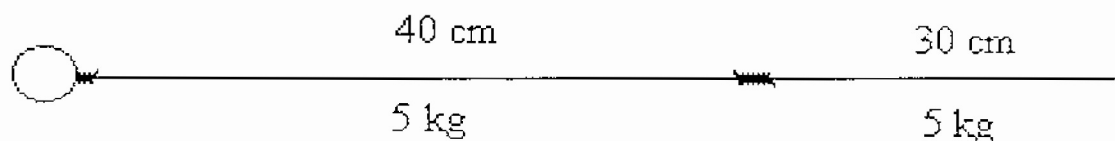


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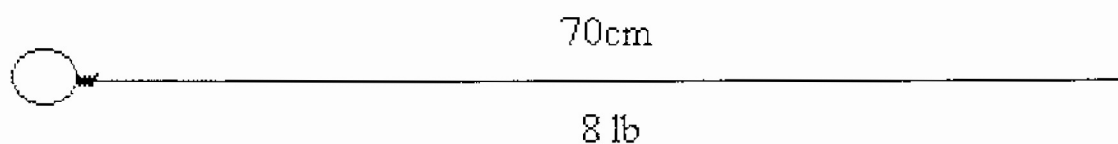
Gamefish



"Bottom" fish



Funfish



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General:

The winds should be North eastly, hopefully not very strong. As can be seen from the rough drawing, there is plenty of places to fish. If the South West blows, no problem as there is plenty of places to fish.

In order to fish Cape Vidal effectively one has to be able to cast at least 10 meters. If you cant cast this far then I do not know, sit with Steve and watch others catch the fish.

Rock Fishing:

Normally done about 3 hours after high tide to about 4 hours before high. This is when fly anglers can fish into some good deep water for Kingfish, Shad, Garrick, Queen mackerel and Queen fish. Here we use intermediate type lines and Big flies, such as Big Deceivers, Poppers, Minnows Halfbeaks and Clousers.

Beach Fishing:

Here we can wade the banks of the bays casting into the surf zone using sinking lines and small flies such as Shrimps, Sealice and Squid. Main fish targeted is Smelt, Wave garrick, Threadfin mullet, BONEFISH & POMFANO.

Funfishing:

Here we target Stonebream, Kitefish, Blacktail & Halfbeaks. Fishing around rocks and into gullies, using floating and intermediate lines. Flies are small Shrimps, Sealice, Squid and Minnows.

If there are any queries about fishing this area, contact me (ALLEN) on 031 372444.

If there are any problems regarding the bookings and other logistics, please feel free to contact Howard on 524847.

Vidal must have the most potential for big fish, as well as bunches of different species.

Don't forget to carry plenty food stuffs and bread as the shop there does not provide too well. Also, don't rely on catching fish for food, because if the wind is blowing too hard, then you will starve. The facilities in the camp are comfortable, with hot and cold water showers, flushable toilets and plenty running water. As a last note, remember that the gates open at 6h00 and close at 21h00 (get confirmation of this from Howard). See you there and

GOOD LUCK!!

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Some more fishinitions:

Action: What you don't get after fishing all day with your new R1000 flyfishing outfit.

Attractor fly: A fly that attracts so much attention that it scares the bejesus out of the fish.

Backing: As in financial backing, which is what you need when you begin flyfishing.

Bank: Where you get your financial backing when you begin flyfishing.

Bar: Where you go when you have busted off 31 flies in two hours.

Barb: A women you dated in cloocege that you were thinking about when you missed the umteenth strike for the day.

Action: Trash fish sought out by guys in floating Pontiac Firebirds.

Bassholes: Guys who fish for bass.

Cast: What you wear on your leg or arm after you have fallen on slimy boulders on the bottom of the stream.

Catch and Release: What game wardens do, when you have 61 fish in your cooler and your limit is 5.

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