

3.98 Pound Flounder Takes First In Point Tournament

BY TERRY POPE
Despite the weekend's rainy weather, flounder fishermen once again gathered at Shallotte Point for an informal flounder tournament held at Hughes' Marina.

Betty Baker of Greensboro captured first place with her 3.98-pound catch, reported marina operator Allison Hughes. Tommy Johnson and David Hobbs of Shallotte Point won the cash prize for catching the most flounder in the tournament.

"There were right many flounder caught," Ms. Hughes said.

Flounder were also biting from the piers over the weekend, area pier operators reported. Here are the reports from area piers and marinas:

Holden Beach Pier
Before the rains came, fishermen at Holden Beach Pier were having a "fairly good week," reported Gil Bass.

"They're getting a good start today," Bass said Monday morning. Flounder, spots and whiting were caught from the pier last week.

There were no large fish, drum, blues or king mackerel caught from the pier last week, Bass reported.

Sunset Beach Pier
"It was a fair week, nothing spectacular," Johnny Hill of the Sunset Beach Pier reported.

Hill did weigh several large catches last week including the following: a nine-pound sheepshead; a three-fourths pound pompano and a half-pound whiting.

Fishermen were also catching spots last week, Hill said.

Inlet View Marina
"I just don't have anything good to say," reported Joe Furr at Inlet View Marina at Ocean Isle.

Very few boats were able to go outside last week because of the winds and rains, Furr said.



Wins Lady's Prize

Thirteen-year-old Amy Williams of Shallotte won a wristwatch for this 2.82-pound flounder caught during the Shallotte Point Volunteer Flounder Tournament, the largest fish caught by a woman during the June 7-8 event at Shallotte Point. In an oversight, her photograph was not included with those of other winners in last week's tournament coverage.

"It started blowing Tuesday and lasted all week," Furr said of the strong winds. Before the winds picked up, fishermen were catching plenty of Spanish mackerel offshore, he added.

Ocean Isle Marina
"Fishing has been plum poor," said George Crisp of Ocean Isle Marina. "They did catch some little fellows in the surf."

Spots and flounder made up the "little fellows" inshore, Crisp said, but offshore fishing was halted by poor weather.

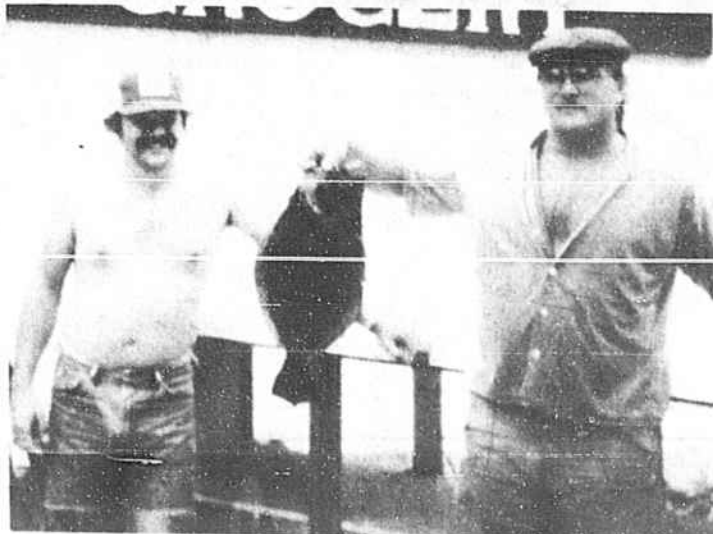
By Monday morning, the winds had already shifted and the water had calmed down, Crisp said. It should be a good week, he added.

Tripp's Fishing Center
Joyce Land at Tripp's Fishing Center said the fish were "not biting like they were," over the weekend, but it was still fair.

Spots and flounder are still biting, she said, along with a few croakers. No one was able to make it outside because of the rough weather.

Capt. Pete's Marina
"The way the weekend was, fishing was kind of bad," said Travis Elliot of Capt. Pete's Marina on Holden Beach.

Inshore fishermen did catch a few spots and some flounder, Elliot reported. On Friday, the party boats brought back snapper and black bass, he said.



JAY REGISTER, right, of Shallotte Point, caught this five-pound flounder in the Intracoastal Waterway Sunday while fishing out from Tripp's Fishing Center.

This Week's Tide Table

Day/Date	JUNE HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday 20	10:02	10:22	4:12	4:05
Friday 21	10:44	11:07	4:53	4:48
Saturday 22	11:31	11:51	5:36	5:36
Sunday 23	—	12:26	6:21	6:29
Monday 24	12:40	1:22	7:09	7:28
Tuesday 25	1:36	2:23	8:02	8:33
Wednesday 26	2:32	3:26	8:58	9:40

ADJUSTMENTS
SHALLOTTE INLET (Bowen Point)—add 10 min. high tide, add 28 min. low tide.
TUBBS INLET—subtract 19 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.
LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 29 min. high tide, subtract 12 min. low tide.
LITTLE RIVER—add 3 min. low tide.
BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 17 min. high tide, subtract 11 min. low tide.

Ocean Area Closed To All Shrimping

Waters of the Atlantic Ocean from Bogue Inlet south and west to Cape Fear (Bald Head Island) extending to a point three nautical miles offshore have been closed temporarily to shrimping and shrimp trawling as of June 15.

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries said the action was taken to protect small brown shrimp in the area.

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