

454-Pound Tiger Shark Wins Poor Boys Tourney

BY TERRY POPE
Charlie Wilson of Yaupon Beach captured first place and \$2,000 in

cash for his 454-pound tiger shark that outweighed three days of competition in the fourth-annual Poor

Boys Shark Tournament at Shallotte Point last week.

Wilson's catch, caught aboard the Early Times, was weighed early Friday morning, but fishermen were not able to hook a larger shark before the Saturday afternoon deadline. Boats leaving Hughes' Marina at Shallotte Point in search of the "big ones" had to maneuver around rough seas, winds and rain before the sun popped out late Friday evening.

Taking second place and \$1,250 with their 333½-pound tiger shark were Ronnie Cheers and Linwood Robinson of Shallotte. In addition to the second-largest shark, the team, along with Capt. Homer Garrett of the Miss Mary from Wilmington, also caught a 162-pounder on Thursday and a 235-pounder Friday.

Rob Austin of Long Beach took third place and \$750 in cash for landing a 258-pound tiger shark that was weighed around 11 a.m. Saturday. Austin also technically caught the smallest shark in the tournament, but fishermen are not allowed to claim two top prizes.

Austin chose not to enter his 27 pound sand shark, but to take third place instead. That allowed Dirk Parson of Sunset Beach to win the 14-foot Jon boat, motor and trailer for catching the smallest shark, a .33-pounder that barely tipped the scales Friday evening.

Taking fourth place with a 248½-pound tiger shark weighed Friday afternoon was the crew of David Smith and David Hoyle of Whiteville. They received several gift certificates from the Morton Trap Company of Varnumtown.

Individual daily prizes of \$100 each for catching the largest three sharks each day went to Pat Barber on Thursday, Gary Westmoreland of Monroe on Friday and Skip Flowers of Wrightsville Beach on Saturday.

The tournament's only hammerhead shark was caught Saturday by Sam Sewall of the Reel Hooker.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Brunswick County Artificial Fishing Reef Committee to help fund reef projects off the Brunswick coast. Allison Hughes of Hughes' Marina said Tuesday that until the receipts are totaled, it is not known how much money was raised for the project.

She said close to 2,000 pounds of shark were caught during the three-day tournament, down considerably from previous years.

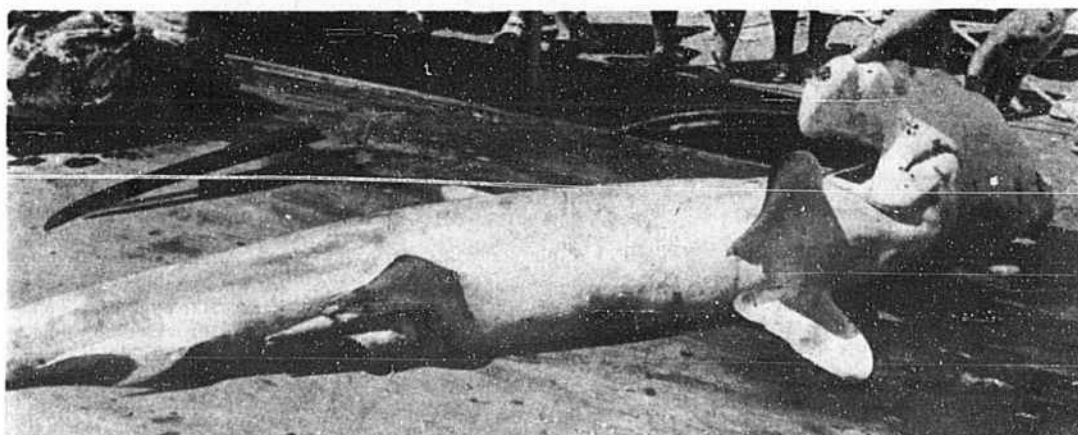


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FOURTH place went to Dave Smith and David Hoyle of Whiteville aboard the Mama Jayne. Their 248½-pound tiger shark was caught Friday evening.



BILL LEGGETT of Shallotte looks over his Thursday catch, a row of sand sharks, with tournament chairman John Watkins.



THE TOURNAMENT'S only hammerhead shark, caught Saturday by Sam Sewall, provided spectators with a close-up view of a unique creature.

Mackerel Give Fishermen Rough Time While Offshore

BY TERRY POPE

Sharks were not the only fish stirring in local waters last week. Inshore fishing steadily improved while offshore fishing has been "up and down like a windowshade," said George Crisp of Ocean Isle Marina.

Boats that did venture offshore last week were having to work hard for their catches while fishing from the surf, inlets and waterway seemed to improve with the weather, area pier and marina operators reported. Cooler weather over the weekend is believed to have helped local fishing.

At the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier, four king mackerel were reeled in last week while numerous flounder and puppydrum were caught around the jetties. But kings offshore were giving fishermen fits, Crisp said.

Here are the reports from area piers and marinas:

Sunset Beach Pier

Four king mackerel highlighted an improved weekend of fishing at the Sunset Beach Pier, reported Johnny Hill.

"As a whole, fishing was good," Hill said. "We had a pretty good weekend on pompano, whiting and croakers."

Lee Bostic of Proctorville, Ohio, caught two king mackerel, a 20-pounder and a 15-pounder, over the weekend, Hill said.

Craig Inman of Whiteville also reeled in a 23 pound king last week, while Vincent Davanzo caught a 16-pounder, Hill reported.

Ocean Isle Pier

Fishing at Ocean Isle Beach Pier was fair over the weekend, reported operator Curtis Williamson.

Some flounder and spots were caught, Williamson said, "enough to hold the crowds here." He said not much was caught from the pier Sunday, while Saturday was a good day of fishing.

Ocean Isle Marina

Those fishing offshore are "having to troll themselves to death" to get a nice catch of Spanish or king mackerel, reported George Crisp of Ocean Isle Marina.

"Everybody is bringing back from 10 to 12 Spanish or kings a piece," Crisp said, down from earlier catches when the Spanish had grouped.

Crisp said the ocean may still be stirred up from the storm, or Hurricane Bob. However, inshore fishing has improved, he said.

Flounder, spots and plenty of croakers were caught last week, he said. A few dolphins were also caught offshore.

Inlet View Marina

Fishing news from Inlet View Marina of Ocean Isle has improved, said Joe Furr Jr., from last week's report.

Fishermen are "tearing the drum and flounder up" around the jetties and waterway, Furr said. However, very few boats could make it offshore last week.

Two nice flounder weighing from

five to seven pounds each were caught around the jetty while drum averaging from seven to ten pounds each were also reeled in, Furr said.

"It's picking up," Furr said. "It's looking better."

Tripp's Fishing Center

"They're not doing much. They picked up a few flounder," said Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point.

Spanish mackerel are not schooling offshore like they have in past, she said, which could be attributed to sharks coming into shore.

Some fishermen caught some spots and croakers in gill nets over the weekend, Ms. Land said.

Capt. Pete's Marina

Party boats leaving Capt. Pete's Marina at Holden Beach were bringing back Spanish mackerel along with grouper and snapper, said Augusta Singletary.

In the waterway and inlets, fishermen were catching spots and other small fish, she said. The cooler weather should make fishing better, she added.

Holden Beach Pier

Fishing at the Holden Beach Fishing Pier picked up after cooler weather arrived, said operator Gil Bass.

Some nice whiting and spots were caught from the pier over the weekend while a large sheephead and drum were reeled in Monday morning, Bass said.

This Week's Tide Table

Day/Date	AUGUST		HIGH		LOW	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday 8	1:39	2:15	7:53	8:30		
Friday 9	2:28	3:07	8:44	9:30		
Saturday 10	3:21	4:03	9:38	10:31		
Sunday 11	4:21	5:00	10:35	11:30		
Monday 12	5:19	5:54	11:28	—		
Tuesday 13	6:12	6:45	12:23	12:21		
Wednesday 14	7:03	7:31	1:10	1:10		

ADJUSTMENTS
 SHALLOTTE INLET (Bowen Point)—add 10 min. high tide, add 20 min. low tide.
 TUBERS 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.

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