

**FISHING REPORT**

# Anglers Catching Lots Of Kings Offshore

BY DOUG RUTTER

Fishermen caught tons of king mackerel offshore last week, while inshore anglers pulled in some spots and drum.

"The kings are plentiful," Ken Shipley of Ocean Isle Marina said Monday. "Everyone is coming in with their limit every day it seems."

Marcus Stanley of Gause Landing, fishing on the *Sea Wolf*, landed three citation kings in two days last week. The fish weighed between 30 and 36 pounds each.

Shipley said fishing was decent closer to shore as well. Fishermen caught spots, croaker, sheephead and flounder in the Atlantic Intra-coastal Waterway.

"We've had a nice bunch of spotted drum and black drum being caught in the surf," he added.

**Captain Pete's Seafood**

The fishing wasn't so hot out of Captain Pete's Seafood at Holden Beach. Jesse Hayes said windy conditions limited offshore fishing over the weekend.

Anglers caught king mackerel and dolphin about 20 miles outside, but Hayes said the ocean was too rough for bottom fishing.

Inshore, Hayes said anglers caught a few spottailed drum but flounder fishing was slow. "The mullet have started showing up this week. That right there will help the flounder fishing a little bit."

Hayes, like everyone, is ready for the season to change. "We're waiting on the fall and a little bit cooler weather," he said.

**Pier Fishing**

Pier fishing has slowed down across the South Brunswick Islands, but anglers are still picking up spots, whiting and trout.



PEGGY WILLIAMS of Moore, Okla., caught this nice barracuda last week aboard the *Alice E* out of Holden Beach.



STEVE CARTER (left) of Fayetteville shows off a 29-pound king landed recently on the *Alice E*. Also pictured is Dean Rivenbark.

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"It's kind of slow but they caught some," said Curtis Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier. "It's not as good as I'd like it to be."

Williamson said anglers have been catching spots and Spanish mackerel early in the morning and late in the evening.

"I'm looking for it to pick up," he

added. "I think that water is too hot. I think that's your problem. I think if the weather gets a little cooler people will get more interested in it."

At Holden Beach Fishing Pier, anglers caught spots, speckled trout and a couple flounder last week.

"It's slowed down," pier manager Gil Bass said. "Not a whole lot to report. There hasn't been much activity. They're picking up a few here and there."

Ed Kayler of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier said fishing continues to be pretty good for this time of year.

"We're still hanging in there with a few spots and whiting," he said Monday. "In spurts it's been better than a few."

Kayler said anglers caught a few pompano last week, while trout and flounder fishing was slow.

## Weekend Conditions Right For Mackerel To The Limit

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN

Beautiful sunny skies and a slick ocean greeted anglers this past weekend. With conditions as they were, fishermen had little problem landing their limit of Spanish and king mackerel.

Marcus and Larry Stanley limited out Friday on the kings. According to Larry, they were fishing in 60 feet of water depth and trolling frozen cigar minnows for bait. Their catch included two citation-size 30-pounders. Larry was all smiles about his day on the water!



CAPTAIN JAMIE'S OFFSHORE FISHING REPORT

The crew of the *Sin-Sation*, Charles and Linda Walters, also located the kings. I understand they fished offshore in the 30-mile range and successfully landed a 35-pound king. Fish that fish

are certainly no stranger to that boat; the *Sin-Sation* is a strong producer of trophy-size kingfish.

The Gulf Stream fishing has held up well considering the extremely high water temperature. I'm talking water temperature as high as 89 degrees. The good thing about that is that your fish is already cooked when you catch him!

As I mentioned earlier, the weekend weather was great; however, this past Wednesday was another story. A strong southwest wind of 20 knots had built our seas to 5-7 feet. However, Capt. Don Kinlaw and crew of the brand-new 32-foot Express Albemarle *Lady Kaye* did not let that cancel their trip to the blue water. This sheer determination is not only a tribute to the desire of the captain and crew, but also a tribute to the boat!

Their determination was well-rewarded as they returned to the docks with two yellowfin tuna, six dolphin and a release of an estimated 300-pound blue marlin. Way to go, Dan. I must say that you are breaking her in right!

My good friend Gene Parker, along with his son Whit and wife Missy (all great fishermen have wives named Missy) made a blue water trip Saturday aboard their new boat *Tossin' & Turnin'*. Capt. Gene successfully landed a 60-pound yellowfin and a 40-pound wahoo. Gene is a newcomer in Gulf Stream fishing, but it sure looks like he caught on fast. Congratulations, guys. Great catch!

Aug. 12-15 will be the dates for a brand new tournament in our area. The Bill Spencer Myrtle Beach Open will have its inaugural event. I spoke with Donnie Griffin, organizer, and they are expected roughly 150 boats to participate. They captains' meeting will be held Thursday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. at Marlin Quay Marina on Surfside Beach, S.C. Fishing days are Friday and Saturday. For more information, call Donnie at (803)238-0485.

Well, that just about brings us up to date. Oh...the bait is still showing up in strong numbers along the beach as well as in the waterway. So until next time, good fishin' and good luck, "Jolly Mon."

## King Tourney Is Next Week

The Southport City Dock will be one of four check-out stations for the Bill Spencer-Myrtle Beach Open King Mackerel Tournament scheduled Aug. 12-15 out of Murrells Inlet.

The Open is a 1993 Southern Kingfish Association tournament trail event and is being sanctioned by the King Masters Association.

Cash prizes will be based on the number of entries. Top prizes would be \$7,500 for first place, \$3,750 for second and \$3,000 for third based on 150 boats.

Awards will be presented for the 15 largest kings. Guaranteed prizes include \$6,300 in aggregate weight awards, a \$1,000 Lady Angler Award and \$1,000 Youth Angler Award.

At least one person from each boat must attend a captain's meeting Thursday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. at Marlin Quay Marina in Murrells Inlet.

Fishermen may sign up for the tournament within a tournament at that time.

Fishing days will be Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13 and 14, starting at 7 a.m. Fish will be weighed in from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days.

Awards will be presented Sunday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. at Marlin Quay Marina. Entertainment and food service will start at 11 a.m.

The entry fee is \$300 per boat. Fishermen may check out at the Southport City Dock, Little River Inlet, Murrells Inlet and Georgetown Inlet.

Weigh-in stations will be set up at HarbourGate Marina in Little River, Marlin Quay Marina and Voyager's View Marina in Murrells Inlet and Georgetown Landing Marina.

For more information, contact tournament chairman Donnie Griffin at 803-238-0485.

## Bassmasters Plan Annual Tournament

Brunswick County Bassmasters are gearing up for their Third Annual Open Team Bass Tournament scheduled Saturday, Aug. 14, on the Northeast Cape Fear River.

The event is open to two-person teams. The entry fee will be \$50 per boat in advance and \$60 the day of the tournament.

Fishermen will check in at 4:30 a.m. and start fishing at 6 a.m. The weigh-in deadline will be 3 p.m.

The tournament will pay back 80 percent of the entry fees after expenses. The winner will receive 30 percent and a trophy. Other prizes will be 20 percent for second, 15 for third, 10 for fourth and 5 for fifth.

For more information, call tournament committee chairman Doug Hewett at 754-6528 or Jerry Saikley at 842-5358.

## This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	5	10:34	10:51	4:25	4:36
Friday	6	11:10	11:26	5:02	5:15
Saturday	7	11:47	11:58	5:39	5:55
Sunday	8	-----	12:27	6:17	6:40
Monday	9	12:35	1:12	6:59	7:28
Tuesday	10	1:19	2:05	7:45	8:27
Wednesday	11	2:13	3:03	8:40	9:31

**ADJUSTMENTS**  
 SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.  
 LOCKWOOD FOLLY—subtract 22 min. high tide, subtract 8 min. low tide.  
 BALD HEAD ISLAND—subtract 10 min. high tide, subtract 7 min. low tide.  
 SOUTHPORT—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.  
 LITTLE RIVER—subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide.

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