

FISHING REPORT

Anglers Seeing Early Signs Of Fall With Spot Catches

BY DOUG RUTTER

Local fishermen are starting to see early signs of fall. "I think the spots are here," said John Sheffield of Sheffield's store at Ocean Isle Beach. "Fishing has been pretty good."

Sheffield said a reliable source told him about some large spots caught in a net last week in one of Ocean Isle's concrete canals.

Dale Hewett, an N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries enforcement officer, told Sheffield he saw spots measuring 11 1/2 inches long.

"That was no hearsay," Sheffield reported Monday morning. "A Marine Fisheries officer seen it himself."

Sheffield said anglers also caught gray trout, flounder and drum last week, as well as king mackerel offshore.

"It's been pretty good fishing now that the people are leaving," Sheffield said. "It's looking like it'll be a good fall right now. That cooler weather is getting everybody in the spirit."

Tripp's Fishing Center

Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point also reported an increase in large spots last week.

Anglers are catching lots of yellow-belly spots in gill nets and a few



CHRIS SHANK of Morehead City caught this 28-pound wahoo aboard the *Alice E* on Aug. 18.

on the hook and line. "The yellow fall spot is moving in earlier than usual," Land said Monday morning. "It's looking up right now."

She said fishermen also caught large flounder, speckled trout, black drum and spottailed drum last week.

Offshore, Land said fishermen pulled in king and Spanish mackerel. "Spanish fishing is picking up," she said.

The crew of the *Rockin' Robin* landed a 39-pound king Sunday. Spanish were caught aboard the *Honey* over the weekend.

Pier Fishing

Anglers caught spots and whiting last week at Holden Beach Fishing Pier, where fishing has been best at night.

"There's been a handful of trout and flounder," said spokesman Forrest Whitley. "For the time of year it hasn't been bad. It's August so it's slow."

Ed Kayler of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier said fishermen caught pompano, whiting, trout and a few spots last week.

"The weekend was kind of slow," Kayler said.

Anglers didn't have much luck last week at Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier, according to manager Curtis Williamson.

"Ain't a whole lot of fishing going on," he said Monday. "They caught a few spots on the weekend."

Williamson said the 82-degree ocean water temperature needs to cool down before fishing will improve.

"That water temperature is still hot. I think that's the biggest problem," he said. "As soon as that cools down I think the fish will start biting."

This Week's Tide Table

		AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	26	3:52	4:41	9:59	10:52
Friday	27	4:55	5:40	11:00	11:46
Saturday	28	5:51	6:30	11:57	—
Sunday	29	6:42	7:18	12:36	12:46
Monday	30	7:28	8:00	1:21	1:31
Tuesday	31	8:10	8:37	2:00	2:14

		SEPTEMBER	
		ADJUSTMENTS	
Wednesday	1	8:49	9:14 2:40 2:53
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.			



MARILYNN WILLIS of Asheboro caught this 11-pound scamp grouper last week aboard the *Alice E* out of Holden Beach.

Boating Classes Begin Sept. 21

The Shallotte River Power Squadron will offer its boating course beginning Sept. 21 for those who want to learn to skipper a boat with confidence.

The Shallotte River Power Squadron conducts the United States Power Squadron Boating Course twice a year as a public service.

Classes will be held for eight consecutive Tuesdays at 7 P.M. at the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation office, Hwy. 130 west

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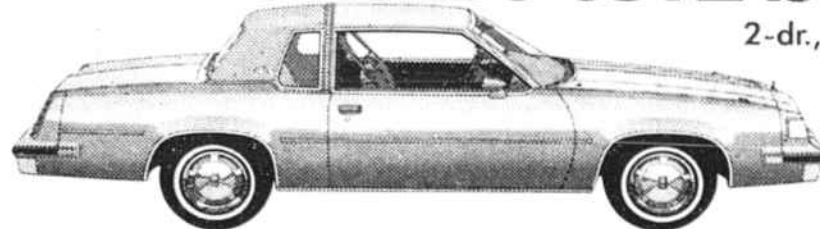
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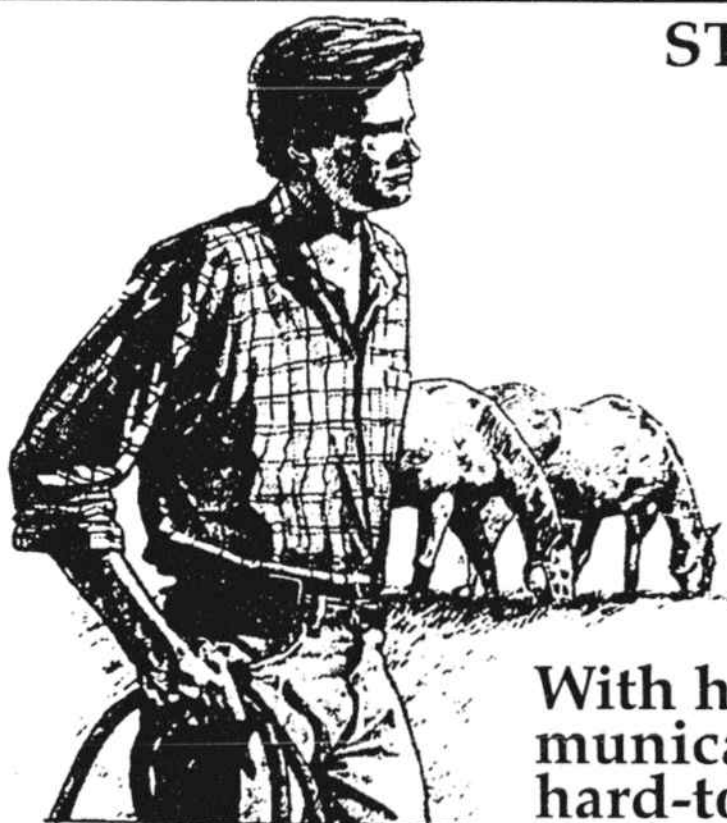
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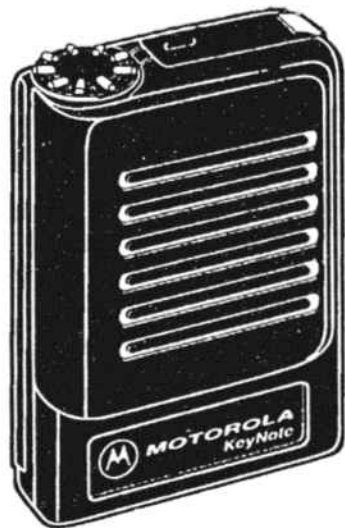


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