

# Angling Results Mixed As Fishermen Await Fall Spots

BY SUSAN USHER

While continuing their wait for cooler seawater temperatures and the start of the real fall season, area fishermen are managing some decent end-of-summer catches.

An autumn nip in the air over the weekend brought anglers out in larger numbers, but only a few of the anxiously-awaited yellow-bellied spots.

## Captain Pete's

"It seems to be picking up a little bit," was the prognosis by Travis Elliott at Captain Pete's Marina at Holden Beach.

He said surf anglers were catching some blue fish, with some spots and whiting showing up in the Intracoastal Waterway.

This past weekend, he said not too many people made it offshore, but those who did brought in black bass, as well as three kings.

"With this cool weather, when the water temperature drops, the spots will move in," he said. "We had a promising sight of them this weekend."

## Sea Mist Camping Resort

Spots were also showing up in the catches at Sea Mist Camping Resort on the waterway at Brick Landing, along with some mullet and a smattering of other fish, reported Nellie Harrell.

"It's looking better," she said.

## Ocean Isle Marina

Ken Shipley at Ocean Isle Marina said one woman caught a 32-pound king off the Ocean Isle Beach Pier this past weekend—one week too late after fishing in the South Brunswick Islands King Classic without success.

Flounder, spots and sea trout are "showing up good," Shipley said, with some 8- and 9-pound flounder caught in the waterway. For two consecutive days anglers reported good catches of sea trout and drum.

"Everybody seems to be enjoying it," he said.

## Pier Fishing

Lingering high seawater temperatures are also influencing local pier fishing.

However, Ann Bright at Holden Beach Pier said anglers over the weekend caught a mix of blues, whiting, spots, Spanish and king mackerel. Dave Bowser of Holden Beach caught a 16 3/4-pound king.

On Monday, a few blues were hitting.

At Ocean Isle Beach, Curtis Williamson said anglers "have been catching a few all along," including spots and blues.

"The trouble with the fishing," he said, "is that the water temperature is still 84 degrees. What we need is cooler weather. I believe it will start picking up around the 15th or 20th. But we had a lot of people out here trying Saturday."

## WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



LYNN JOURDAN of Fayetteville caught this 74-inch sailfish Sept. 6 while fishing at the 18 Mile Rock.



DAVID BOWSER landed this 16-pound king mackerel last Saturday at Holden Beach Fishing Pier.

## King Tourney Next Weekend

Local sportfishermen have one more week to sign up for the 11th Annual Wrightsville Beach King Mackerel Tournament, scheduled Sept. 23-26 out of Atlantic Marine.

Fishermen will compete for more than \$220,000 in prizes, including the top prize of \$20,000 for the largest king mackerel. Bonuses include \$50,000 for a new state record and \$10,000 for a tournament record.

Anglers will be permitted to pay the \$295 entry fee as late as 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23. A captain's meeting will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. at tournament headquarters, Atlantic Marine.

Fishing days will be Friday and Saturday, Sept. 24 and 25, from 6:30

a.m. until 5 p.m. Boats may check out at the Southport City Dock, Shinn's Creek, Snow's Cut and Topsail Marina.

King mackerel will be weighed in from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. each day at Bridge Tender Marina, located on Airline Road across the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from the tournament headquarters.

The Wrightsville Beach King Mackerel Tournament gives anglers more than 100 ways to win \$500 or more. Awards will be presented Sunday, Sept. 26, at 1 p.m. Atlantic Marine.

For more information, call Atlantic Marine at 256-9911 or Bridge Tender Marina at 256-6550.

## Baptist Tourney Draws 76

Seventy-six Baptists representing churches throughout Brunswick County were on hand Labor Day for the Men and Boys Fishing Tournament at the N.C. Baptist Assembly.

During this third annual tournament, 56 anglers registered in the men's (14 and up) and boys' (5 to 13) categories. The tournament ran from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. all along the shoreline and on the river pier at the assembly. Foxy Howard of Southport served as tournament judge.

Christopher Sillings, 8, of South-

port caught the winning fish in the boys' category, a 4 pound, 4 ounce flounder. He was awarded a \$50 savings bond donated by the Lions Club and a rod and reel.

Chris Gore, 11, of Winnabow was second-place winner. Other winners included Chris Morse, Chris Garner and Lucky Ross.

First place in the men's category was claimed by Rocky Gregory, who was awarded a rod and reel. Other winners were Arrel Holden, Grady Sillings and Wilton Sellers.

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## Seats Still Open In Boating Class

Shallotte Flotilla 10-08 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is still accepting students for its boating skills and seamanship course being offered at the Senior Citizens Center in Shallotte.

Classes began Monday, but late registrations are being accepted. The class is held every Monday and Thursday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The fee is \$15 per person, or \$20 per couple, which covers the cost of the instruction book.

For more information, call Bernard Hanke at 842-3212 or Ken Roberts at 579-9776.

## This Week's Tide Table

SEPTEMBER					
Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	16	8:40	8:59	2:25	2:51
Friday	17	9:32	9:48	3:12	3:43
Saturday	18	10:24	10:40	4:00	4:35
Sunday	19	11:18	11:33	4:49	5:29
Monday	20	12:14	12:14	5:39	6:24
Tuesday	21	12:29	1:12	6:33	7:22
Wednesday	22	1:28	2:15	7:33	8:22

ADJUSTMENTS  
 SHALLLOTTE 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.

## Boating Classes Begins Tuesday

There is still time to sign up for the Shallotte River Power Squadron boating course which begins Tuesday, 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 of Shallotte. There is no charge for the course, but a nominal charge is made for materials.

The course will teach boat handling, elementary seamanship, registration, equipment regulations, safe operation, charts and aids to navigation, basic navigation, trailer boating and more.

For more information or to register contact Richard Danz, education officer, at 579-1206, or Rev. John Richardson, assistant education officer, at 579-8270.

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