



ROURK

ROSALYN McDOWELL

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MATHIS

LOVETT

SEALY

YOUNG

# Rourk Wins Three Fishing Club Awards

David Rourk of Shallotte picked up three awards Saturday night when the Brunswick County Fishing Club presented prizes to the winners of its year-long fishing contest.

Rourk, one of two multiple award winners, took first place in the annual fishing tournament with a 6-pound black sea bass, 13-pound false albacore and 50-pound wahoo.

All adult winners received new Penn reels, while each child winner received a rod and reel combination.

Other local adult winners included Rosalyn McDowell of Sunset Harbor with a 21-pound, 12-ounce barracuda; Ruby McDowell of Sunset Harbor with an 8-pound Spanish mackerel; and Rachel Wilson of Bolivia with an 8-ounce spot.

Arthur Maxwell of Fayetteville won two awards. He caught a 7-pound, 15-ounce, black drum and a 6-pound, 12-ounce, sheepshead.

Also winning awards were Thomas Johnson, Clayton, 8-pound, 1/2-ounce, bluefish; Charles Smith, Fayetteville, 4-pound, 4-ounce, speckled trout; Lettie Smith, Fayetteville, 2-pound, 4-ounce, gray trout; Melba Crane, Charlotte, 4-pound, 2-ounce, silver snapper.

Tony Mathis, Charlotte, 9-pound, 12-ounce, red drum; Marvin Lovett, Lumberton, 22-pound dolphin; Roy Wilson, Hope Mills, 7-pound, 6-ounce, flounder; and Paula Coleman, 37-pound, 12-ounce, sailfish.

Children's contest winners included Kelly Hewett of Shallotte with an 8 1/2-ounce spot.

Other youth winners were Bryan Sealy, Lumberton, 27.5-pound king mackerel; Justin McBride, Concord, 8-ounce pig fish; and Jamison Culver, Lexington, 2-pound flounder.

Betty Young of Bolivia won the Membership Award for signing up the most members during the year.

Ruby McDowell received the Dale Speicher Memorial Trophy, given annually in honor of one of the fishing club's founders.

Lifetime memberships were presented to Herbert Smith, Leonard Edge and Miles Edge for their years of service to the club.

## This Week's Tide Table

		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	21	1:06	1:46	7:06	7:54
Friday	22	2:05	2:45	8:05	8:51
Saturday	23	3:05	3:41	9:08	9:47
Sunday	24	4:03	4:33	10:08	10:41
Monday	25	4:58	5:24	11:03	11:28
Tuesday	26	5:45	6:10	11:54	-----
Wednesday	27	6:30	6:52	12:12	12:41

**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.

## FISHING REPORT

# Pier Anglers Still Hooking Spots

BY DOUG RUTTER

Fall spot fishing at the local piers hit a snag early last week, but it picked up again in time for another great weekend of fishing in the South Brunswick Islands.

The yellow-belly spots that arrived two weeks ago stopped biting early last week, but they started running again Thursday and Friday and bit all weekend.

"The fish are biting. We had a real good weekend," Ed Kayler of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier reported Monday morning. "We're back to counting by the coolerful."

Kayler said a few flounder were caught last week. "Most of the people fishing now are fishing for spots," he said.

"Tides and winds don't seem to make any difference," Kayler added. "They've been biting all day. They may slack off for an hour or so then they'll pick right back up."

Curtis Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier said fishermen caught spots by the dozen over the weekend.

"They caught all they wanted. They're picking up some out there now," Williamson said Monday.

"I think it's going to be a good week. We're hoping it'll be good every day now. It looks like it's going to be a good fishing year," Williamson said.

"It's sporadic but they're still biting," said Gil Bass of Holden Beach



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**RICK FAIN** of Greensboro caught and released this 45-pound amberjack during a recent fishing trip on the Adam's Apple out of Ocean Isle Beach.

Fishing Pier. "Mostly they're catching spots and doing right well at it."

Two weeks ago, Bass reported that spots were jumping on the pier and anglers didn't even need bait on their hooks.

"This week you had to put a little bait on your hook," he said Monday. "They're jumping about halfway up the pier this week."

Bass said Jim Hartman of Holden Beach landed a 6-pound flounder last week. "I think we'll have about three or four more weeks of spots," he said.

### Sheffield's

Anglers caught spots, trout, drum and bluefish last week, according to John Sheffield of Sheffield's store at Ocean Isle Beach.

"Everybody's enjoying the spot fishing," he said. "They're doing good in between the gill nets. If a spot makes it through all the nets from Southport to the South Carolina line they ought to give it an award."

Sheffield said George Wray of Shelby and some friends were king fishing last week off Tubbs Inlet when they had two strikes at once.

They brought the lines in and found two croaker on the hooks.

"The menhaden were totally gone," Sheffield said. "The croaker were there on the hook just like they had eaten the menhaden. It was the strangest fish tale I've ever heard."

### Tripp's Fishing Center

Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point said Monday that the fishing was good inshore and offshore last week.

"They were catching spots on the hook and line Saturday," she said. "They picked up some in the gill net Saturday and Sunday."

Anglers also caught flounder and spottailed drum over the weekend. King and Spanish mackerel were caught in the ocean.

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