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CATCHING KING MACKEREL during a recent offshore trip were (from left) Ronnie Butler, Lane Hughes and Leon Messer, all of Holden Beach. Hughes landed a 36-pounder. They were fishing on Jeff Lee's boat.

Fall Spots Still Running Strong

BY DOUG RUTTER
Fishermen continued catching
yellow-belly spots by the coolerful
last week, and there's no end in

"Everything's still spots. The whole world is spots," said Jesse Hayes of Captain's Pete Seafood at Holden Beach.

"They were catching them really well last week on the hook and in the gill nets," Hayes said Monday. "Over the past two weeks we've packed over 20,000 pounds. That already exceeds last year's catch."

Hayes said he hopes the fall spots hang around for at least another month. That would keep the local fishermen happy and the seafood houses plenty busy.

Other than spots, Hayes said fishermen caught flounder and puppy drum last week. Mack Foster of Holden Beach landed a 7-pound drum and 8-pound flounder the same day.

Hayes said offshore fishing was a little slow last week, although some king mackerel were landed. "The biggest concentration of kings were out about 25 miles. They should be closer than that."

Ocean Isle Marina

"The spots are biting real good," said Ken Shipley of Ocean Isle Marina. "They've finally come in. They're catching a lot of them."

Shipley said anglers also caught a few trout last week as well as king mackerel and bottom fish. "The last I heard the kings were 23 miles out," he said Monday.

Pier Fishing

"It's going good. They're catching a lot of fish. The fish are biting out there now," Curtis Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach Pier said Monday.

Williamson said Saturday was the best day of the year for spots. "It was one of the heaviest days we've had. We had over 400 people on the pier. People were lining up to get on the pier."

"Everybody's happy and catching fish," Williamson added. "We had a great week and a busy week."

Ed Kayler of Sunset Beach Pier said Monday he has never seen the spot fishing better than it was last week.

"They're catching coolerfuls," he reported. "I can stick my head out

LILLIE MERCER of Supply shows a nice flounder she caught

LILLIE MERCER of Supply shows a nice flounder she caught from the Varnamtown docks Oct. 21. Mercer and her sister, Jannie Bryant of Supply, are fishing partners known for using cane poles and a dip net. Bryant helped land the flounder.

over the pier and see 10 at a time on the line"

Kayler said Sunday was the best day this fall. "It's still going strong even this morning. I'm just hoping it'll continue for a while. It's great right now." Williamson said he thinks the good spot fishing will continue for several weeks. "I hope it goes to November. I got a feeling the fish are late and it could last to December. I think November's going to be a good month."

Seven Graduate Boating Course

Seven Brunswick County residents graduated Monday night from the boating skills and seamanship course sponsored by Flotilla 10-08 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Passing the course were Bob Benjamin, John Czap, Maxine Gabennesch, Walter Gabennesch, James Galvin, Frank Lepisco and Tommy Lewis.

The purpose of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to promote safe boating through education, courtesy marine

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People interested in joining the auxiliary must first pass the boating safety course or a similar class sponsored by the United States Power Squadron or another boating safety organization.

This Week's Tide Table OCTOBER LOW

| Day | Date | HIGH | | LOW | |
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| | | A.M. | P.M. | A.M. | P.M. |
| Thursday | 28 | 7:10 | 7:31 | 12:54 | 1:23 |
| Friday | 29 | 7:50 | 8:09 | 1:34 | 2:03 |
| Saturday | 30 | 8:26 | 8:45 | | |
| Sunday | 31 | 8:01 | 8:20 | | 2:23 |
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NOVEMBER

Monday 1 8:38 8:53 2:26 3:01

Tuesday 2 9:15 9:29 3:04 3:40

Wednesday 3 9:53 10:07 3:43 4:20
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.

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.



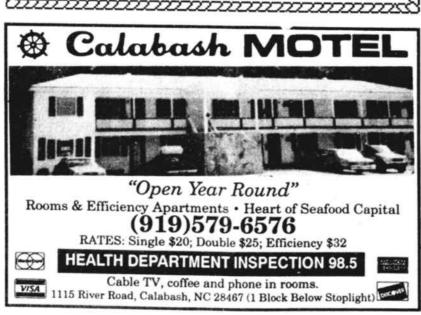
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