



**Red Snapper Caught**  
 Johnny Eidson of Dallas, N.C., shows off two red snapper caught last weekend aboard the Intimidator. The larger of the two snapper weighed 14 pounds

## Seminar On Fishing Set

When will the king mackerel come inshore? How about 5-pound flounder at the jetties? Can we expect 40-pound cobia this May?

Saltwater spring fishing along the Carolina coast will be the focus of an upcoming seminar scheduled Saturday, April 23, at Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The fourth Just Angling Seminar of 1994 will include a presentation by charter boat skipper Chip Berry, designer of the Maps Unique series of offshore fishing maps.

Berry's program will include information on updating maps with locations on reefs, wrecks and hard bottoms.

Jim Godfrey, fishing columnist for The Sun News in Myrtle Beach, will present a class on live-bait fishing for king mackerel. He says slow trolling with freshly caught live baits is the secret to winning tournaments or just catching more fish.

Godfrey also will lead a session on flounder and trout fishing and demonstrate net-throwing techniques.

Billfish, wahoo, dolphin, channel bass (spottails), spadefish and sheepshead also will be covered, along with pier and surf fishing.

Don Millus, author of two books and numerous articles on saltwater fishing, will present a one-hour color slide show survey that will help people new to fishing the Carolina coast.

Seminar sessions will run from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. The fee is \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children age 16 and under.

Reservations are required. To sign up or for more information, call 803-357-1411.



**Cobia Landed**  
 Billy Houston (left) of Charlotte shows off a 38-pound, 2-ounce cobia landed April 2 at the "Tower." Also pictured is his father, Capt. Bill Houston.

## This Week's Tide Table

**APRIL**

Day	Date	High	Low
Thursday	14	10:46	4:50
Friday	15	11:20	5:28
Saturday	16	12:00	6:10
Sunday	17	12:24	6:56
Monday	18	1:16	7:49
Tuesday	19	2:14	8:48
Wednesday	20	3:17	9:49

**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.

## Commission Trying New Registration System

Instantaneous renewal of boat registrations may be possible 24 hours a day, seven days a week if an experiment by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission proves successful.

The commission has installed computer equipment to handle the new procedure a spokesman says will make the renewal process simpler and faster.

Four thousand of the 15,000 North Carolina boat owners whose registrations expire in May may renew by using their telephone and a Mastercard or VISA card.

The program is limited to boaters who wish to register their boats for three years.

The new system is cheaper than purchasing one-year registrations. A three-year registration costs \$20, and three one-year renewals cost \$24.

Registration calls usually take three to four minutes, according to a Wildlife Resources Commission news release. When the credit card company accepts the transaction and the call is completed, the registration is valid and in the commission's computer system. The valid decal and registration card will be mailed to the boat owner on the next working day.

Commission officials say they will evaluate the results of the May registration experiment. If it is considered successful, the program could be fully implemented by June or July.

## Eight Pass Seamanship Examination

All eight students who recently completed the United States Power Squadron Seamanship Course passed the examination, it was announced this week.

Seamanship is one of the advanced boating courses offered members by the Shallotte River Power Squadron. Rev. John Richardson was in charge of the course, assisted by several instructors.

Sporting the new Seaman designation are John Warring and Jack Ziefel of Sunset Beach, Al Granzow of Calabash, Eddie Sweatt of Holden Beach, Glen White of Ocean Isle and Rockingham, Henry Smith Rowan of Nakina, and Bob and Carol Bennett of Gibsonville and Ocean Isle.

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