

JOHN BROADNAX of Holden Beach caught this 18-pound bull dolphin last week aboard the Seahorse.

South Columbus Stallions Top South Brunswick Cougars, 11-2 At Tabor City

South Columbus scored six runs in the sixth inning and went on to take an 11-2 victory over South Brunswick in a high school baseball game last Thursday at Tabor City.

Brian Ricker had two hits and one RBI for the Cougars, who fell to 1-3 in the Waccamaw Conference and 6-8 overall.

South Brunswick won its first conference game of the season last Tuesday as Ricker went the distance in an 11-5 win at Pender.

Eric McMahan drove in three

runs and Kyle Sellers went 3-for-4 with two RBI to lead the Cougars.

South Brunswick trailed 2-1 after three innings but scored three runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth to pull away.

Ricker, a junior right-hander, yielded 10 hits while striking out 11 batters and walking three.

South Brunswick was scheduled to host West Brunswick Tuesday. The Cougars also have a home game scheduled Thursday night against Wilmington Hoggard.

Kings, Spanish Among Early Spring Catches

BY DOUG RUTTER
One month into the spring fishing season, local anglers are catching king mackerel and black bass offshore and Spanish mackerel and bluefish inshore.

"Spring's started off real well. It should be a good year of fishing," Jesse Hayes of Captain Pete's Seafood at Holden Beach said Monday.

"Things are going pretty good. You have to go out 35 miles to get into some real good fishing for kings," Hayes reported.

"We've seen a lot of good-size kings for this time of year. Usually we have nothing but snake kings this early, but we've already seen some in the 20- to 24-pound range."

Hayes also said fishermen are catching a lot of large black bass, red and pink snapper and grouper offshore. Anglers are finding tuna about 60 miles outside.

Inshore, Hayes said the Spanish mackerel have already started showing up. "Last year there was none so maybe that's a good sign," he said.

Fishermen also are catching spots and croaker inside. Hayes said he doesn't expect the flounder to seriously start hitting until mid-May.

Ocean Isle Marina
Inshore fishermen have been catching spots and flounder in the waterway, sea trout and Spanish mackerel in the surf, according to Ken Shipley of Ocean Isle Marina.

FISHING REPORT



RED LAFFON of Holden Beach landed this 16 1/2-inch Spanish mackerel, the first one caught this year out of Holden Beach Marina. Laffon was bottom fishing with deer meat.

Shipley said black sea bass and "snake" kings are the most common catches outside. "Going offshore they're doing pretty good on the tuna," he said.

Shipley said he expects the fishing to improve closer to shore as the water temperature rises.

The seawater temperature Monday was in the high 60s. It should increase this week with the weather forecast calling for highs in the 80s all week.

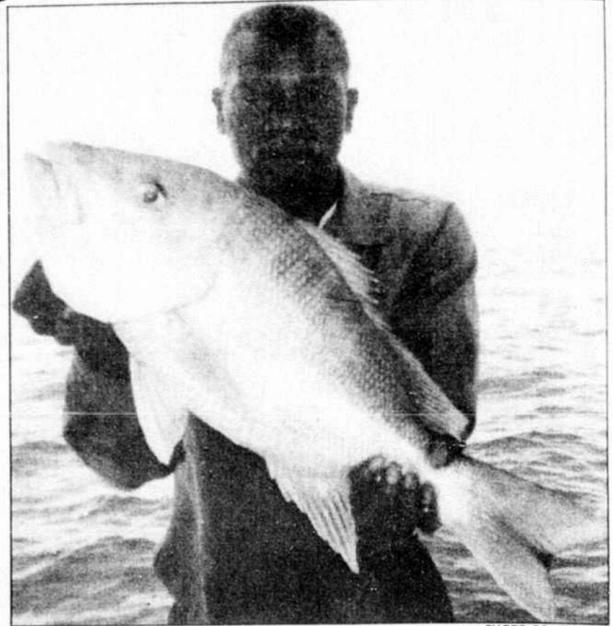
Sea Mist Camping Resort
A recent dredging project in the waterway near Brick Landing has cut down on the inshore fishing out of Sea Mist Camping Resort.

"It should be picking up," campground manager Baker Harrell said Monday after the two-week dredging project came to an end.

Harrell said most of the fish are still offshore. Anglers have landed some small spots and speckled trout in recent weeks.

Pier Fishing
Spots, whiting, blues and Spanish mackerel have been the most popular catches at local fishing piers so far this spring.

"There's some activity and it's beginning to pick up. Thus far it's been a pretty good spring," said Gil Bass, manager of Holden Beach Fishing Pier.



HAROLD HENRY of Charlotte landed this 15-pound, citation American red snapper during a recent fishing trip on the Seahorse out of Holden Beach.

Fishermen have landed spots, whiting, blues and a couple of flounder. "They had one run of Spanish mackerel," Bass said.

Albert Furr of Holden Beach landed the first king of the season at the pier last Tuesday, a 12-pounder.

Milton Williams, the new manager of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier, said anglers have been pulling in blues, flounder, spots and croaker.

"It's slow fishing right now. We're hoping it'll get going for us,"

Williams said Monday.

John Mills reported that one or two kings have already been landed at Sunset Beach Fishing Pier.

"They've been catching some blues and Spanish mackerel and a few spots here and there and some whiting too," Mills added.

This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	28	10:53	11:27	4:47	4:54
Friday	29	11:49	-----	5:40	5:47
Saturday	30	12:22	12:46	6:34	6:44
MAY					
Sunday	1	1:19	1:45	7:30	7:43
Monday	2	2:16	2:45	8:26	8:45
Tuesday	3	3:13	3:43	9:22	9:46
Wednesday	4	4:09	4:38	10:15	10:44
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.					

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