

FISHING REPORT

Pier Angler Lands 30-Pound King At Sunset

BY DOUG RUTTER
A wide variety of species are showing up at fishing piers across the South Brunswick Islands these days, including king mackerel.

On Sunday, Kyle Eaton of Ohio landed the first king of the year at Sunset Beach Fishing Pier.

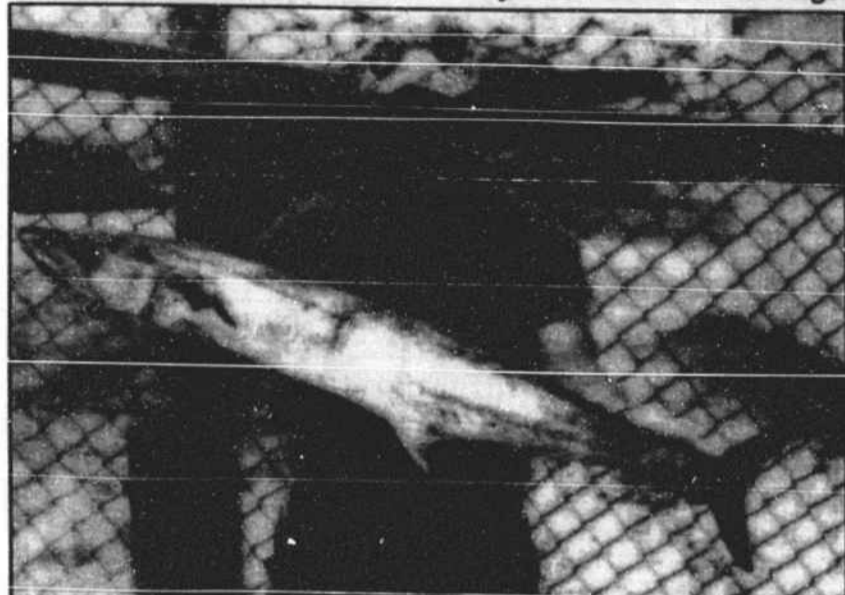
Pier manager Ed Kayler the long-awaited fish weighed 30 pounds. "Kyle comes down every year and catches one. This year he caught the first one," Kayler said.

At Holden Beach Fishing Pier, manager Gil Bass said two fishermen landed kings over the weekend.

Dave Bowser of Holden Beach landed a 14-pounder Saturday, and Roddy Tate pulled in another 14-pounder on Sunday.

Bass said anglers also hooked sheepshead, spots, whiting, flounder, bluefish and Spanish mackerel last week.

At Sunset Beach, Kayler said fishermen caught spots, blues, whiting, trout, Spanish and flounder. "They caught several real nice drum Saturday," Kayler added.



DAVE BOWSER of Holden Beach landed this 14-pound king mackerel Saturday at Holden Beach Fishing Pier.

Evelyn Williams of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier reported catches of spots, black drum, flounder and whiting.

"It's just sort of been a variety of fish," she said Monday. "The spots are biting good for this time of year."

Captain Pete's Seafood

Jesse Hayes of Captain Pete's Seafood at Holden Beach said the wind died down somewhat last week and fishing improved.

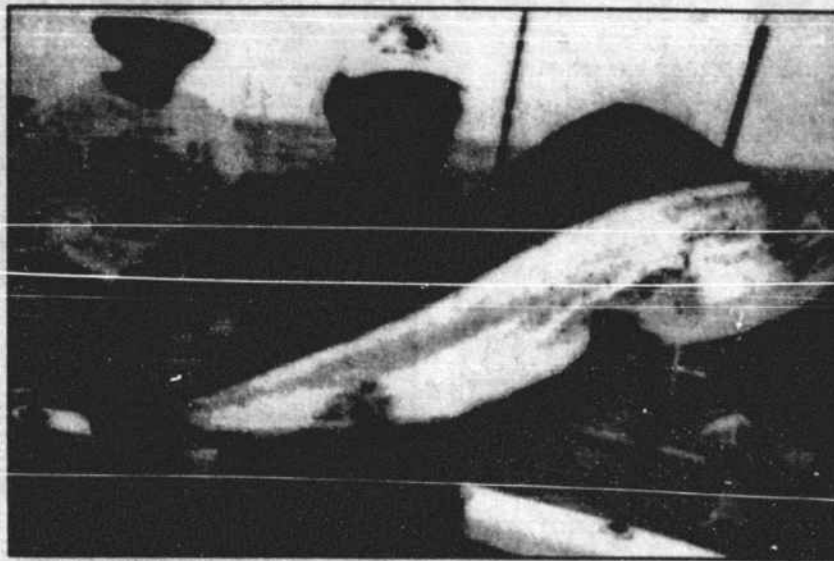
"The wind finally broke and some people got out. It was a better weekend than the past three," Hayes said Monday.

Anglers caught king mackerel and dolphin offshore.

"A lot of cobia showed up inshore this week. We had four or five brought in. I think the biggest one tipped the scales at 40 pounds," Hayes said.

Brenda Phillips of Sunset Harbor landed a 36-pound cobia near the Lockwood Folly sea buoy.

Hayes said fishermen also caught



BILLY GRAVELLY of Ringgold, Va., caught this 24-pound dolphin Sunday aboard the Intimidator out of Holden Beach.

pompano weighing up to 1 1/2 pounds and flounder at both ends of Holden Beach using mud minnows for bait.

"If the weather will cooperate I believe we'll jump back in there with good fishing," he said.

Sea Mist Camping Resort

Fishermen caught trout, flounder and lots of pinfish last week, said Nellie Harrell of Sea Mist Camping Resort at Brick Landing.

"The men that did the fishing said the trout and flounder were really nice," she said. "Things are getting better."

Harrell noted that Diane Garrett of Greensboro caught a toad fish last week.

Sheffield's

The combination of wind and a lack of fish close to shore put a damper on fishing last week, according to John Sheffield of Sheffield's store at Ocean Isle Beach.

"There was a lot of people down here fishing but not that many fish

caught," Sheffield said Monday. "Fishing hasn't been that good. We've had a lot of windy days."

Anglers landed dolphin offshore and flounder inshore last week, but the Spanish mackerel were not biting.

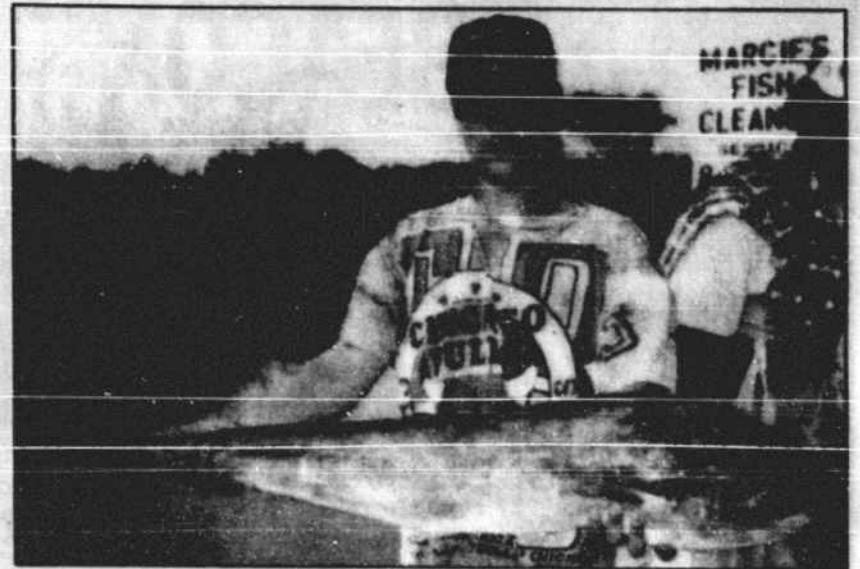
"We've sold a lot of bait but haven't weighed in a whole lot of fish," Sheffield added. "It's just kind of lacking. The catches have been lacking."

Anderson Wins Rotary Tournery

Rene Anderson landed a 26.4-pound king mackerel to take the top prize in the fifth annual North Myrtle Beach Rotary King Mackerel Tournament last month.

Anderson fished aboard the Heather Rose, captained by Larry Fowler of Little River, S.C.

The \$2,000 proceeds from the tournament will go to the North Myrtle Beach Rotary High School Scholarship Fund.



ERIC HARRIS of Purlear landed this dolphin Sunday while fishing aboard the Alice E out of Holden Beach.



CHARLOTTE ANGLERS (from left) Carl Alexander, Andrea McCloud and Terry Keels hold a snapper, grouper and king mackerel caught Friday on the Intimidator.

Yaupon Pier To Host Kids

The Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a youth fishing derby Thursday, June 16, at the Yaupon Beach Pier.

The "Hook a Kid on Fishing" is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 16. Participants should meet at the pier at 9 a.m.

Each child must bring their own rod and be accompanied by a parent. The recreation department will provide bait.

Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish, smallest fish and the most fish caught between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call special events coordinator Emma T. McGraw at 253-4357 or 1-800-222-4790.

'Miss Sarah' Wins Fishing Rodeo

Capt. Rodney Cline of Shallotte guided a local crew aboard the *Miss Sarah* to a first-place finish in the Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo last weekend.

Cline and the nine-person crew landed more than 400 pounds of dolphin, tuna and wahoo during the two-day fishing tournament, which drew 21 participants.

The top cash prize was \$7,500. A 34-pound dolphin and 51 1/2-pound tuna were among the top catches Saturday, and each fish earned an additional \$500 for the winning team.

Crew members were George Wilson, Jeep Wilson, Hoyt Harrington, Marty Fulford, Jaris Hewett, Tommy Bradshaw, Ricky Daaford and Rusty Roland, all of Holden Beach, and Jimmy Davis of High Rock Lake.

The third annual tournament was held Friday and Saturday out of Bald Head Island Harbour. A fish fry and awards ceremony for participating fishermen and their families concluded the final day's events.

The *Salty Dog*, captained by Mike Helms of Long Beach, won \$3,550 for second place with a two-day catch of 281 pounds. The team included Dick Atkinson, Tom Harbin, Brad Lee and Dale Sarjeant, all of Charlotte.

Another Long Beach angler, Jerry Helms, captained the *Kingfisher* to a third-place finish and a cash prize of \$2,000 with 273 pounds.

Team members were Allen Kinsey and Jerry Helms Jr., both of Long Beach, Jeff Peoples of

Southport and Matthew DeCeilio of Wilmington.

The *Kingfisher* team also won \$500 for bringing in Friday's top wahoo, which weighed 68 1/2 pounds.

A \$500 award for Saturday's best wahoo went to the crew of the *Kimberly*, headed by Drew Dixon of Southport.

"We're extremely pleased with the turnout for the rodeo this year," said organizer Meg Hooper, activities director for Bald Head Island Management Inc.

"This is the third year Bald Head Island has hosted this event, and it has grown steadily. We believe that as the word gets out, this will become one of the major tournaments in the area," she added.

COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Mt. Olive Stays Unbeaten With Victory Overy Supply

Mt. Olive ran its season record to 11-0 with 16-0 victory over Supply last Tuesday in a Brunswick Baptist Association Coed Softball League game at Lockwood Folly Park.

Mt. Olive entered this week with a 2 1/2-game lead over Faith "A" and Gospel Center, which are tied for second place in the league standings with records of 8-2.

In its only game last week, Faith "A" knocked off Southport "C" by a score of 18-13. The game between Faith "A" and Gospel Center was rained out last Tuesday, along with two other contests.

Southport "B" won three games last week to raise its fourth-place record to 8-3. Southport "B" posted wins over Shell Point (11-7), Faith "B" (17-10) and Calvary (12-11).

In other games last week, Bolivia topped Brunswick Islands 11-6, Calvary blasted Lebanon 24-4, Mill Creek edged Lebanon 13-12, Shell Point dumped Supply 7-0 and Bethel-Oak Island-Beach Road defeated Lebanon 18-0.

Brunswick Baptist Assn. Coed Softball League Standings Through June 5

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Mt. Olive	11	0
Faith "A"	8	2
Gospel Center	8	2
Southport "B"	8	3
Southport "A"	5	2
Bolivia	7	4
Faith "B"	5	4
Mt. Pisgah	5	4
Calvary	6	5
Bethel-Oak Bch Road	6	7
Shell Point	3	8
Supply	3	8
Mill Creek	2	7
Brunswick Islands	2	8
Southport "C"	2	8
Lebanon	1	9

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