

FISHING REPORT

Local Pier Anglers Pulling In Spots

BY DOUG RUTTER

Local pier anglers continued catching a mixed bag of fish last week, but the good spring spot fishing was creating more excitement than anything.

"It's going great," Ed Kayler of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier said Monday. "The spots really hit big Saturday and Sunday. They've been catching bunches of them."

Kayler said fishermen also caught Spanish mackerel, bluefish, whiting, drum and flounder last week.

At Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier, manager Milton Williams said fishermen have been pulling in spots, flounder, speckled trout, blues, Spanish, whiting and sheepshead.

"Fishing's been pretty good. The spots have been biting real good," Williams said Monday.

"It's been real good for the last eight to 10 days. We're hoping it continues. The weather's getting better. We're getting some sunshine."

Fishermen also found a good supply of spots last week at Holden Beach Fishing Pier, according to manager Gil Bass.

"The spots have picked up this week. They're doing right well. They're the small spring spots," he reported Monday.

Bass said fishermen also landed whiting, flounder, sheepshead, trout and lots of dog sharks last week.



JEFF SANDERS (left) of Charlotte hooked this 18-pound African pompano during a recent trip aboard the Sea Wolfe. Also pictured is first mate Lynn Hunt.

Ocean Isle Marina

Fishermen caught lots of king mackerel and cobia close to shore last week, according to Ken Shipley of Ocean Isle Marina.

"I don't know what it is, but the cobia have been excellent," Shipley said. "I got a feeling all this warm weather is what's doing it."

Jason King of Green Sea, S.C.,

landed a 58-pound cobia last weekend, and Steve Stirewalt of Rockwell caught a 44-pound king mackerel.

Shipley said bottom fishing has been good, and anglers have caught flounder, Spanish mackerel and sheepshead inside.

"In general for the past week it's been good. Everything's looking excellent," he said.

Tripp's Fishing Center

Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center said Monday morning she was still recovering from the weekend flounder tournament, sponsored by the Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department.

"They're still catching some flounders and spots this morning," she sighed.

Fishermen caught several dolphin Sunday near the Frying Pan Shoals Light Tower, Land said.

Inland Waterway Closed To Trawls

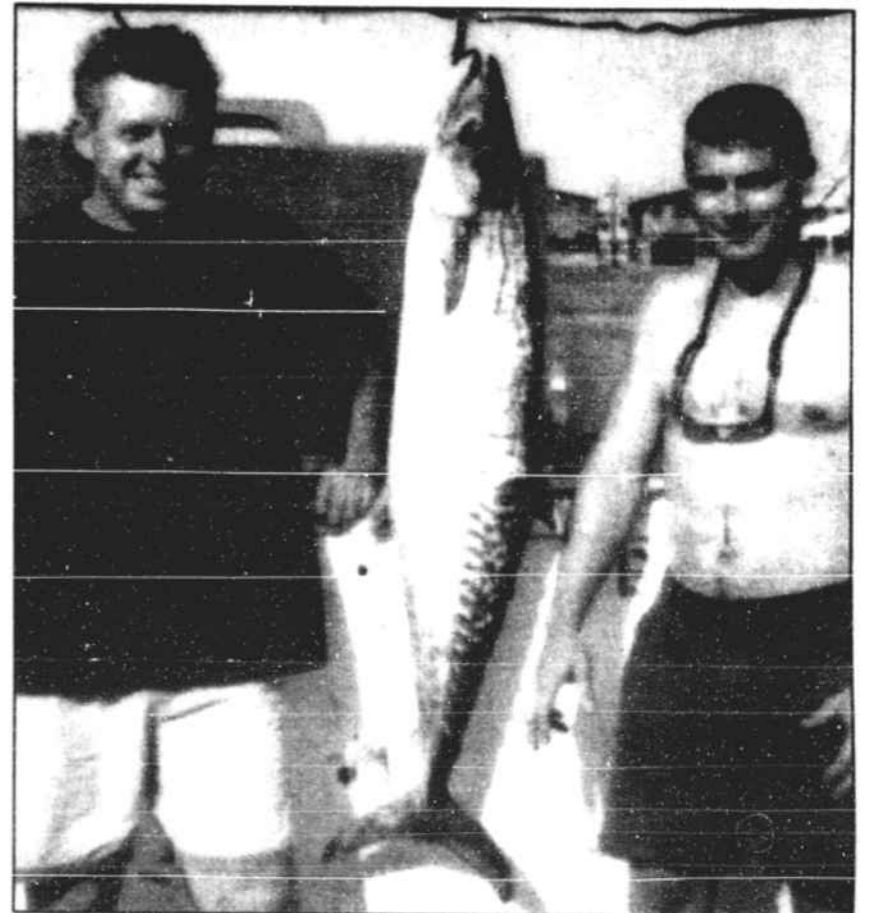
The Atlantic intracoastal Waterway from Southport to the South Carolina state line has been closed to shrimp and crab trawling in order to protect baby brown shrimp.

The waterway was closed to trawling Sunday night, as was Bonaparte Creek from Waterway Marker No. 111 to Little River Inlet and part of the Cape Fear River, according to an N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries proclamation.

This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	16	1:21	2:12	7:50	8:24
Friday	17	2:20	3:15	8:47	9:31
Saturday	18	3:23	4:19	9:48	10:38
Sunday	19	4:27	5:22	10:49	11:41
Monday	20	5:32	6:22	11:49	—
Tuesday	21	6:34	7:20	12:41	12:47
Wednesday	22	7:34	8:15	1:37	1:41

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.
 SOUTHFOKI—add 7 min. high tide, add 15 min. low tide.
 LITTLE RIVER—subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide.



STEVE STIREWALT (left) and Monty Lovette of Rockwell landed this 44-pound king mackerel last weekend.

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PAUL MAYNOR of Coats (left) landed a king mackerel last Friday aboard the Alice E. Also pictured are Justin Carter of Hope Mills (center) with a 31-pound amberjack and Ernest Carter of Fayetteville with a hog snapper and 17-pound dolphin.



MIKE MAHER of Valdese landed this 15-pound red grouper while fishing on the Sea Wolfe.

13-1 Emanuel Outreach Is Still Leading Division

Emanuel Outreach has won three games in the past week to maintain its stranglehold on first place in the A Division of the Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League.

Emanuel Outreach posted a 14-6 win over Zion Baptist on Monday to improve its league-best record to 13-1. Last week, Emanuel beat Eastside Fellowship 17-2 and Old Shallotte 23-2.

Supply Baptist entered Tuesday night's play second in the A Division with a record of 12-2. In its only game last week, Supply narrowly avoided an upset with an 8-7 win over Zion Baptist.

Mt. Olive, coming off a 20-5 win over Old Shallotte on Monday, sits third in the A Division with a 12-3 mark. Mt. Olive also posted wins last week over Dixon Chapel, 23-1, and Zion Baptist, 12-7.

Camp Methodist, currently last in the B Division, picked up its first win of the season last Thursday, a 17-9 beating of Letties Grove.

In other games last week, Friendship Baptist topped Soldier Bay 18-7, Jennies Branch defeated Eastside Fellowship 9-7 and Ocean View nipped Soldier Bay 11-10.

Brunswick County Men's Church Softball League Standings Through June 13

A DIVISION		
TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
Emanuel Outreach	13	1
Supply Baptist	12	2
Mount Olive	12	3
Friendship Baptist	11	3
Jennies Branch	10	2
Ocean View	8	5
Shallotte First	8	5
Letties Grove	4	9

B DIVISION		
TEAM	WINS	LOSSES
New Britton	8	5
Zion Baptist	6	9
Seaside Methodist	5	8
Soldier Bay	3	11
Old Shallotte	3	11
Eastside Fellowship	3	11
Dixon Chapel	2	12
Camp Methodist	1	12

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