

Anglers Pull In Kings, Spanish Mackerel

BY DOUG RUTTER
Local fishermen caught big king mackerel within a few miles of the beach last week as well as Spanish mackerel even closer to shore.

"The Spanish mackerel are biting within a half mile of the beach," said Gary Carr of Holden Beach Marina. "The kings that are being caught close to shore are real large."

Carr reported Monday that most of the big kings have moved to within 10 miles of the coast. Anglers also have been catching kings and bottom fish farther offshore.

"Inshore they're still catching a few flounder, spots and croakers," Carr said. "I'd say overall it was a good week. It was hard to get offshore because of the wind."

Ocean Isle Marina
Ken Shipley of Ocean Isle Marina said fishing was slow last week. "I think it's all the rain we've been having," he said.

He reported catches of flounder, spots and trout inshore, and sea bass, kings and Spanish offshore.

"I think it will pick up with this cool weather we've been having," Shipley said Monday. "There's plenty of fish showing up. It's up to the fishermen now to catch them."

Tripp's Fishing Center
Fishermen out of Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point caught mostly king mackerel and Spanish mackerel in the ocean last week, said spokesperson Joyce Land.

"They're picking up Spanish and kings close in. They haven't been able to go too far out," Land reported Monday.

An angler aboard the "Fine Boy," owned by George Lepper of

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Charlotte, landed a 40-pound king last Saturday.

Local fisherman Robin "Snapper" King landed an 18-pounder Sunday aboard the "Rockin Robin."

"The flounders and spots and croakers are doing pretty good inside," Land added.

Pier Fishing
Cool weather early this week—when overnight temperatures dipped into the 60s—helped lure more anglers than usual to Sunset Beach Fishing Pier.

Pier manager Ed Kayler said the fishermen were rewarded with catches of pompano, whiting, spots, croaker, flounder and a few sheepshead.

Kayler said anglers also enjoyed a run of spottailed drum over the weekend. Several fishermen landed spottails in the 4-to-6-pound range.

At the two other ocean fishing piers in the South Brunswick Islands, catches have been few and far between lately. But that's not uncommon for August.



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SCOTT WILLIAMS of High Point (left) landed a 52-pound king mackerel last weekend aboard the Seahorse out of Holden Beach. The 5-foot-11-inch fish is eligible for a state citation. Also pictured is Danny Rabon of Denton.



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VISITING ANGLERS (from left) Nader Sobhan, Mehram Majidi and Forshay Noorani were among a group that landed 30 king mackerel plus dolphin and bottom fish recently aboard the Sea Wolfe.

Big Kings Are Here, Not Too Far Offshore

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN

The big king mackerel are here. The big fish have made their way and you don't have to venture far offshore to get them.



This year's Bill Spencer-Myrtle Beach Open King Mackerel Tournament was won by Selby Lewis and Eric Gowdy fishing aboard the *Something Fishy*. Selby's fish weighed 43 pounds and knocked Deiter Caldwell and Mike Lundy's 40-pounder from the top spot on the final day's fishing.

Deiter might not have won first place, but it definitely was the hot boat. On Friday he landed a 40-, a 38- and a 36-pound king. Read that closely—that's three citation-size fish, all in the same day!

Dell Williamson, fishing with his father DeCarol and Wayne Hill, won the junior angler prize with a 33-pounder. Brunswick County native Boyce Broadwell and his son Andy gave fellow Long Beach resident Mack Aman a scare as they both weighed in a 38- and 39-pounder to capture third and fourth place. The *Caribbean Soul* crew did make it on the leader board with a 24.76-pounder.

Most of these fish were caught within three miles of the beach. Like I said in the beginning—they are here.

Several locals had great luck as well who were not in the tournament. George Lepper fishing the famous *Fine Boy*, landed a 39-pound smoker king. George has recently put a "secret weapon" bottom paint job on his boat that no doubt aided him in luring this big fish to strike. Congratulations, George!

Our first runs of mullets have begun to show up. With a chill in the air over the weekend and mullets in my live well, I knew that my favorite time of the year is just around the corner. Fall of the year is what most fishermen live for.

The Spanish, cobia and flounder continued their hot streak. Our flounder fishing is the best that it has been in years.

Well, this wraps up another exciting week of fishing along the South Brunswick Islands coastline. So until next time, good fishin' and good luck, Jolly Mon!

Brochure Describes State Oyster Population Status

A new six-page brochure published by N.C. Sea Grant describes North Carolina's plummeting oyster harvest and the issues under scrutiny. "The withering oyster industry in North Carolina is a complex problem without easy remedies," said Sea Grant spokesman Carla Burgess. "From 2 million bushels a year at the turn of the century to a feeble 50,000 annually over the past three years, the state's lagging production begs attention."

The paper outlines the results and recommendations of the N.C. Oyster Summit, coordinated by N.C. Sea Grant and the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries. As a result of the

summit, the governor appointed a blue-ribbon committee to map out a plan for boosting the state's oyster production.

Among other issues, the committee will address oyster restoration and rehabilitation; leasing and water column access; oyster seed availability; disease research; aquaculture research; improved management; and public image and marketing.

For a free copy of the brochure, write N.C. Sea Grant, Box 8605, NCSU, Raleigh NC 27695. Ask for publication number UNC-SG-94-06: "The North Carolina Oyster Summit: Summary and Recommendations."

Three Brunswick Anglers Place In King Tourney

Three Brunswick County anglers placed in the top five in the Bill Spencer-Myrtle Beach Open King Mackerel Tournament last weekend.

Boyce Broadwell of Long Beach was third with a 38.84-pound king mackerel, Mack Aman of Yaupon Beach was fourth with a 38.76-pounder and DeCarol Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach took fifth with a 33.75-pounder.

Also, Earl Clewis of Southport finished second in the aggregate

weight division. Clewis weighed in four kings during the two-day tournament with a combined weight of 79.9 pounds.

Dell Williamson of Ocean Isle, fishing with father DeCarol, won the Youth Angler Award for the 33.75-pound fish that placed fifth overall.

Richard Hobbs of Wilmington won the tournament with a king weighing 43.392 pounds. Stuart Ballard of Georgetown, S.C., was the aggregate weight winner with 109.93 pounds.

This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	11	11:45	11:54	5:25	5:55
Friday	12	—	12:40	6:13	6:51
Saturday	13	12:49	1:41	7:07	7:53
Sunday	14	1:49	2:45	8:06	8:59
Monday	15	2:55	3:51	9:11	10:06
Tuesday	16	4:02	4:55	10:17	11:10
Wednesday	17	5:08	5:56	11:20	—

ADJUSTMENTS
SHALLOTTE INLET—add 17 min. high tide, add 32 min. low tide.
LOCKWOOD POLLY—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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KENNETH BIVENS (right) shows off a 25-pound king mackerel caught recently on the Sea Wolfe. Also pictured is first mate Luke Upchurch.

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