

**FISHING REPORT**

**Anglers Filling Up**

**BY DOUG RUTTER**

Offshore fishing conditions have been sporadic in recent weeks because of the wind, but fishermen who spend their time inshore have been catching an abundance of flounder.

"The fishing's been good," Nellie Harrell of Sea Mist Camping Resort at Brick Landing said Monday. "Things have really been good here the last couple of weeks."

She said most of the visiting anglers last week caught flounder in the Intracoastal Waterway, fishermen also landed drum, trout and spots.

Harrell said campers David Chavis and Braxton Ward caught a hammerhead shark last week that measured 7½-feet long and weighed approximately 125 pounds.

**Sheffield's Store**

Along with flounder inshore, John Sheffield of Sheffield's Seafood & Grocery at Ocean Isle Beach reported catches of king mackerel, dolphin, barracuda, amberjack and Spanish mackerel offshore last week.

"It's hasn't been nothing spectacular but there's enough to keep the interest up," Sheffield said. "It's pretty good. There was quite a few people here."

Sheffield said the main problem with offshore fishing lately has been the wind causing choppy seas. When the weather's been calm, the fishing's been good, he said.

Sheffield said he expects king mackerel fishing to improve over the next few weeks and peak next month when several major king mackerel tournaments are planned.

"It should pick up gradually," he said. "September's one of your better months for king fishing."

**Captain Pete's Seafood**

The fishing was slow inshore and offshore last week, according to Travis Elliott of Captain Pete's Seafood at Holden Beach.

Fishermen caught snapper, bass and a few king mackerel offshore and spots, pinfish and flounder inside, Elliott said.

He reported the catch of a 39-pound cobia, and said another angler landed a 9-pound flounder early last week.

"It's slowed down a lot," Elliott said.

**Pier Fishing**

Fishermen may have seen the first signs of fall last weekend at Holden



**MORRIS CURRIE** of Laurinburg (left) landed this 28-pound barracuda during a recent fishing trip on the Sea Wolfe. Also pictured is son, Morris Jr.

**Swag II Snags A Sailfish Despite Summer Dog Days**

**BY JAMIE MILLIKEN**

I'm afraid the dog days of summer have hit us. The fishing has taken a nosedive in recent days as the water temperature has reached the mid-80s. But we all knew it would happen, and now it is just a matter of days before we begin our cool-down for fall.

The king mackerel fishing has gotten real spotty. Most avid king fishermen are logging seven hours a trip just to catch one fish. Most of the nicer-sized fish are still coming from the inlets.

The bait has gotten equally as hard to find as the kings. I talked with several anglers this past weekend who had to travel as far as 20 miles up or down the beachfront in order to find pogies. Friends, it's tough when you have to work that hard before you even put the first line in the water.

The offshore bluewater trolling has also slowed. However, the fish have not completed shut down. This past Saturday, Capt. Ron Arvidson, Ed Parbst and Ray Jackson did a little offshore trolling aboard the SWAG II. Capt. Ron charters out of Holden Beach.

Their game plan was to work the 30-fathom break between the 400 line and the Steeples. It wasn't long after Ed had deployed the baits that they had their first billfish strike. Unfortunately, the fish was on for less than 30 seconds.

"Oh, well—missed that one but maybe the fishing will be good today," was the crew's thought. Their optimism paid off. It wasn't long before they boated a 55-pound yellowfin and followed that with another 26-pounder.

Soon after, the yellowfin had to be boated when the center-rigger snapped free and Penn 30TW fired to life. Billfish on! The sailfish put on a spectacular show before being brought along boatside for measuring and releasing.

The tale of the tape proved she was a big 'un. From the lower jaw to the fork of the tail she measured 67 inches with a girth of 29 inches. Nice sail, guys, and congratulations on a successful release.

Until next time, good fishin' and good luck, "Jolly Mon!"

**Boating Course Begins Sept. 2**

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The squadron conducts the United States Power Squadron Boating Course twice a year as a public service.

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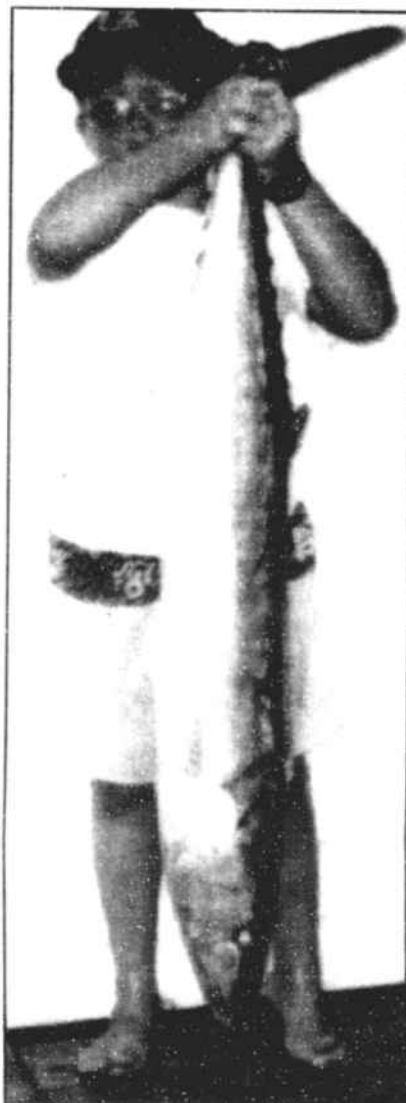
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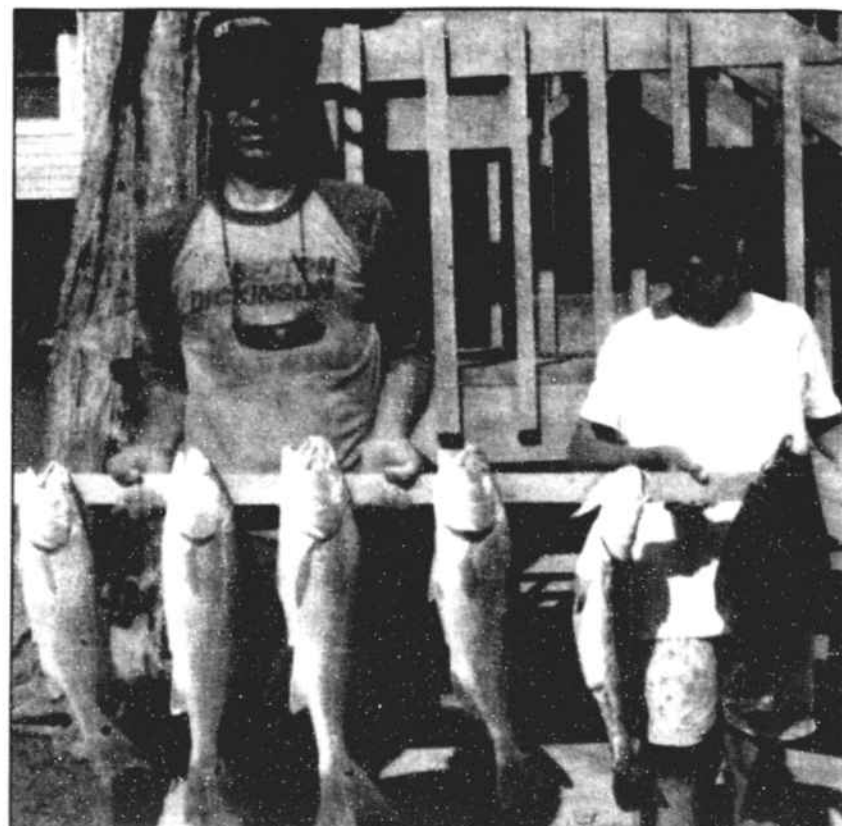
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**BRYAN SEALEY** caught this 28-pound wahoo last Saturday aboard the Shelby II.



**DAVID MONTGOMERY** of Cary (left) and his son, Eric, caught these speckled trout, red drum and flounder recently off the Little River Jetties. Two red drum had to be thrown back because they were over the legal limit.

"The spots kind of slowed down Saturday and Sunday," Kayler said. "I don't think anybody's getting skunked, but they're not leaving here with coolers full either."

The fishing was slow last week at Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier, where anglers caught mostly spots and whiting.

**This Week's Tide Table**  
**AUGUST**

Day	Date	HIGH A.M.	LOW P.M.	HIGH A.M.	LOW P.M.
Thursday	18	6:10	6:52	12:08	12:18
Friday	19	7:06	7:42	1:01	1:11
Saturday	20	7:57	8:28	1:48	2:00
Sunday	21	8:44	9:11	2:33	2:46
Monday	22	9:27	9:51	3:14	3:29
Tuesday	23	10:08	10:29	3:54	4:10
Wednesday	24	10:47	11:05	4:32	4:51

**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.  
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