The fishing report

By Jim Harper

Trout hitting from one end of Oak Island to the other turned the weekend into a small-game festival

Larger (cobia and kings) and more erous (spots) fish were biting. too, but it was speckled trout that held everyone's attention at the Lockwood Folly point and on all three piers.

Meanwhile, bluewater anglers continued to do well with dolphin. wahoo and tuna.

On Oak Island the standard trout bait was live shrimp, though there were some fish caught with cut bait on bottom rigs, and a few on artificials. But there was more than one standard live shrimp rig.

The favorite, of course, was the bobber, with a shrimp floating about two feet below it on a treble hook. The variation on the theme was a

bottom rig with the live shrimp fished on a dropper about eight feet above the bottom.

The message was what every trout fisherman knows -- you have to find the fish, and their depth, before you

also said that his customers had around Pfizer Dock.

that trout and spots "big enough to Folly inlets. fillet" were abundant.

were biting well for specialists.

day aboard the Trophy Hunter with taken on lures, tossed or trolled. Capt. Ski Sherfinski, landed a wahoo weighing 69.2 pounds.

Donna Helms reported that Capt. Jerry Helms on the Kingfisher had Matthews second good luck with tuna, wahoo and reef fish on a Thursday charter, and Capt. Robbie Helms reported an excellent bottom-fish catch with an

overnight charter on the weekend. At Sure Catch Tackle, Steve Smith said that the bluewater action was coming between 35 and 44 miles offshore, while bottom fishermen



The crew of the Bald Head boat Kimberly Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo with a varied catch whooped it up Saturday after winning the second of bluewater species.

From Long Beach Pier Dave Bec- were doing well near Frying Pan. kner called Tuesday afternoon to Tower. He also reported that the report a 53-pound cobia just decked center of inshore trolling action had by new resident Keith Bowman. shifted to the Lighthouse Rock Bowman was fishing for kings with chain. There live-baiters were finda live bluefish for bait, Beckner ing kings, though Spanish were generally being "finicky."

He also said that over a dozen Flounder fishermen were doing kings had been taken at his pier over well using live bait around shoreside the past week, but none in the lunker structure in the Cape Fear River, as well as in the Jaybird Rip, Smith At Yaupon Pier, Billy West said, and black drummers and reported the good trout news, but sheepsheaders were catching fish

good catches of spots. One angler For the weekend, offshore anglers had caught three nice black drum can still expect to find good action while fishing for trout, and another with the mid-weight "big three". landed a tripletail weighing five Closer in, live-baiters will find good action on Lighthouse Rock. Spanish Carl Collins at Ocean Crest Pier mackerel will likely be on Frying said his pierenders had experienced Pan Shoals and at the sea buoys for limited king and cobia action, but both the Cape Fear and Lockwood

On Oak Island piers trout and Collins also said that sheepshead flounder -- which also love live shrimp -- will be good bets, and in Offshore anglers found excellent the rivers live bait will work well for action with big tuna and dolphin, trout and flounder, while trout and and Rodney McAdoo, fishing Satur- drum and some flounder will also be

Harold Matthews on the Sundance took second place in the weekend Scotts Hill King Mackerel Tournament with a 27.9-pound fish.

Matthey's placed 12th in the San Fun king mackerel tournament, headquartered in Myrtle Beach S.



Chris Walker, skipper of the Amanda Kay, caught this 45-inch, 37.8pound squid last week while long-lining for swordfish about 100 miles



Rodney McAdoo of Mebane hefts a 69-pound wahoo he caught Saturday aboard the Trophy Hunter. The fish took a fast-trolled bait as the party was en route to offshore grounds.

U. S. Coast Guard

 About 3:45 p.m. last Wednesday, Coast Guard Station Oak Islandi received a call from a pleasure craft stating it was disabled and adrift in the Cape Fear River at Buoy #9. The crew did not have an anchor and the boat was starting to drift toward the beach. Since this would have created an emergency situation, the Coast Guard launched its 21-foot rescue boat to assist. Coast Guard personnel towed the

pleasure cruft to Southport Marina. The operator of the motor vessel Mega Flite called the Coast Guard Thursday about 11:50 p.m. and said he was disabled in the Lockwood Folly Inlet due to a loose rudder, and that his anchor was not holding. There were 32 people abourd.

The Coast Guard launched its 41-foot rescue boat to assist, and Holden Beach
Marine Services also launched a vessel to assist. The marine services vessel amiwed first and towed the Mega Flite to deeper water, but due to the size of the rescue boat was not able to tow the vessel back to port. The 41-footer arrived a short time

later and took the Mega Flite in tow back to the Holden Beach Manina.

About 8 p.m. Saturday, the Oak Island station received a call from Group Fort. Macon reporting an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) transmitting near Holden Beach. The station dispatched a crew with a mobile receiving unit to ascertain a more exact location of the call. Upon investigation, the crew picked up some signals off Yaupon Beach Pier and Bald Head Island Marina. However, the signals stopped a short time later and the crew was unable to pick them up with the mobile gear. The Coast Guard has suspended any further action on the case, unless the satellite picks up additional signals.

Kimberly wins island event

The crew of the Kimberly, out of Bald Head Island, won the second annual Bald Head Island Fishing Rodeo over the weekend with 164.5 points based on a point per pound of tuna, wahoo and dol-

Top prize was \$7,500.

Second place and a prize of \$3,750 was taken by the Bald Head boat Rascal Fair. Third prize of \$2,000 was won by the Slow Poke from Morehead City.

Fourth place boat was Miss Sarah from Holden Beach and fifth place boat was the Reel Thing out of Bald Head.



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Pets of week

A spayed and declawed female cat named "Jasmine" is now available for adoption at the Brunswick County Animal Control Center. Formerly a family pet, "lasmine" is said to be very playful and affectionate. She has black and tan stripes, with an orange tint. The adoption fee is \$21 and the fee for a rabies vaccination is \$7.

An assortment of "adorable" kittens are also available. The adoption fee is \$2 each, and the fee for a rabies vaccination is \$7.

Two ten-week-old Doberman mix puppies are also up for adoption. One is black and tan and the other is chocolate and tan. Both are said to be "frisky and lovable."

For move information, persons can call the animal control center at 754-8204 or will-free 1-800-233-2169.



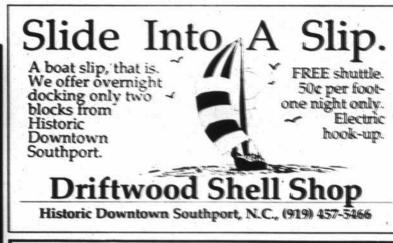


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