



LUTHER LOCKLEAR of Lumberton was enjoying the sunshine last Wednesday at the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier, but not catching many fish. He threw this small whiting back into a sea almost as smooth as glass, but dotted with jellyfish floating south. "The spots are supposed to be biting good with the weather like this, but not with the jellyfish out there," he said. "There's something about jellyfish they just cannot stand."

FISHING REPORT

Anglers Pull In Speckled Trout

BY DOUG RUTTER

Fishermen hooked lots of speckled trout and king mackerel in waters off the South Brunswick Islands last week for the second week in a row.

Trout were pulled from area rivers and streams and the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, while most of the kings were caught about 20 miles offshore.

"The fish are jumping in the boat," John Sheffield of Sheffield's at Ocean Isle Beach said Monday. "They caught more speckled trout here than you can shake a stick at."

Anglers caught trout in the canals at Ocean Isle, Saucepan Creek and Shallotte River. Sheffield said the trout apparently were drawn inshore to feed on shrimp in the waterway. "Even the people who don't usually fish for trout were catching them."

Sheffield said people fishing offshore last week ran into king mackerel anywhere between 18 and 27 miles offshore. Most of the fish were small, he said, but anglers brought in kings over the weekend that weighed 44 and 28 pounds.

Tripp's Fishing Center

Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point said speckled trout and king mackerel are the best things going right now for local fishermen.

David Hobbs and Leo Todd, both of Shallotte Point, pulled in two flounder and 60 trout last week. Fishermen aboard the *Sea Turtle* caught their limit in kings Saturday.

"Right now the speckled trout are doing real good and the spottailed drum," Ms. Land said. "They're catching a few spots in the gill nets, but nothing on the hook and line."

Pier Fishing

While boaters were pulling in trout and kings, there were reports



PAT COX of Charlotte, center, caught this 57 1/2-pound amberjack during a recent fishing trip aboard the *Salty II* out of Holden Beach. Also pictured are Terry Huffstetler, left, and Chip Huffstetler, both of Charlotte.

of spots and whiting at all three area fishing piers last week.

"It's not really been heavy runs of spots, but it's a lot better than it has been," Dewayne Whitley of Holden Beach Fishing Pier said Monday.

Todd Lassiter of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier said the spots started biting in the middle of last week and were still biting Monday.

One fisherman pulled in 86 spots in three hours Sunday, he said.

Independent Seafood

Fishermen caught lots of black bass, king mackerel and trout last week, according to Sue Fury of Independent Seafood at Holden Beach.

She said anglers pulled in a few flounder, but spots and croakers were scarce. "We need some cold weather," she said.

Children To Ride Point Fire Truck

Children will once again be featured on the Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department truck when it appears in the Shallotte Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 1.

Meeting Nov. 19, the fire department chose Travis Wilson as its Junior Fire Chief. He is the son of Johnny and Carla Wilson of Shallotte Point.

Selected as Little Fire Queen was Sissy Hall, daughter of Michael and Kay Smith, also of Shallotte Point.

Spokesman Joyce Land said other children from the department will also get to ride on the fire truck as junior firefighters.

"They're all going to get in on the act," said Ms. Land.



J.L. LOCKLEAR of Laurinburg caught this 7-pound, 4-ounce triggerfish Nov. 16 aboard the *Salty I* out of Holden Beach.

This Week's Tide Table

NOVEMBER		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	29	4:40	5:02	11:09	11:18
Friday	30	5:39	6:00	—	12:05
DECEMBER		HIGH		LOW	
Saturday	1	6:35	6:57	12:12	1:00
Sunday	2	7:30	7:53	1:06	1:53
Monday	3	8:25	8:48	1:58	2:45
Tuesday	4	9:20	9:45	2:51	3:38
Wednesday	5	10:13	10:42	3:43	4:30
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.					
LITTLE RIVER—add 7 min. high tide, add 7 min. low tide.					

RECREATION BRIEFS

Youths Can Make Holiday Crafts Closing Restrooms

Youths ages 8 to 12 can try their hand at making holiday crafts as part of the afterschool crafts program offered by the department Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 5 and 6 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the recreation center.

For more information, contact the department at 278-5518.

Learn To Dribble

Registration and practice for the Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Department's youth basketball program will be held every Saturday at 9 a.m. starting Dec. 8 and running through the end of the year.

Practice will be held at Shallotte Middle School. The program is open to children ages 5 through 15, and the cost is \$10 per child.

For more information, call Joe Rosselli, county athletic coordinator, at 253-4357.

Long Beach Cabana restrooms will be locked and winterized starting Dec. 1.

However, Long Beach Parks and Recreation Director Kellie Beeson said parking and access to the beach will not be affected.

The cabana restrooms will be reopened to the public on March 1, 1991.

Sign Up To Wrestle

Registration and practice for the Brunswick County Youth Wrestling League will be held every Thursday through the end of December from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the West Brunswick High School cafeteria.

The registration fee is \$10. For more information, call Joe Rosselli, county athletic coordinator, at 253-4357.

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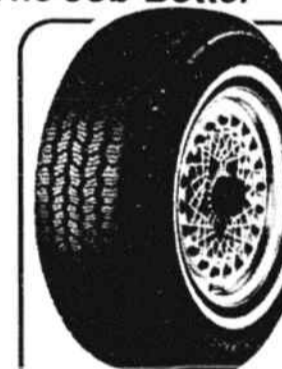


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