

The Weather Was Perfect; Fishing Fast And Furious

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN

Wow! What a weekend of fishing. The weather was absolutely perfect for offshore fishing and plenty of boats took full advantage of it. Skipper Brummett and I fished my boat, the *Caribbean Soul*, on a rocky bottom 54 miles off Shallotte Inlet. The water was crystal clear and there were excellent weed lines to troll on. It was perfect! We had a great catch of kings and dolphin. The dolphin were really putting on aerial displays. They are truly a great game fish to catch and, in my opinion, the most beautiful thing in the ocean. The fishing for us was fast and furious.

CAPTAIN JAMIE'S OFFSHORE FISHING REPORT

We were not the only ones who experienced a great day offshore. David Rourk and Al McLaurin caught their limit of kings and literally loaded the boat with red snapper and grouper. Dave Wilson and Don Pfefferle, fishing the *Sea Lark*, caught their limit of dolphin and kings.

My fishing friends from Atlanta were in town and there is no safe place for fish when they are here. I'm talking about that *Mako Mac* crew of Rube McMullan and his sons. This time Rube brought Henry Bishop and Henry's boat, the *Procrastinator*, up from Atlanta. Henry had several bull dolphin that weighed in at over 35 pounds each. Rube had his share of bulls and a 41-pound wahoo to fill his fish box with. Now this wahoo did not take kindly to the fact that he was boated and in the blink of an eye he bit Bryant McMullan, resulting in a nasty bite above the ankle. Thanks To Dr. Suh and the sewing needle they put him back together.

Here is the fish tip. Practically all of our dolphin and even the wahoo were caught on a new lure called the Boat-o-matic. It is awesome! Stop by my place in Shallotte and I'll show you how it works.

The big kings caught this weekend were a 29-pounder by Boyce Brown on the *Queen Bee III* and a 32-pounder caught by Tommy Norris and Jim Suggs on the *Tom Boy*.

What a great weekend. Let's hope the 4th will be pretty so we can get on them again! Until next time, tight lines, bent rods and good fishin'.

Anglers See Mixed Results

BY TONIA TREST

Fishing varied from place to place this past week, according to reports from most local fishing centers.

Seas were too rough several days for boats to go outside, reported Captain Pete's Marina at Holden Beach.

When boats went out, Jesse Hayes said that their catches varied from king, American red, and grouper to dolphin, whiting and spots. Several large sea bass were caught, which he said "is very unusual for this time of year."

Inside, fishermen landed flounder. "I just hope the wind doesn't blow this week," Hayes said.

Allison Hughes of Hughes Marina at Shallotte Point cited a bad week also. She reported catches of flounder, sheepshead and drum. Spanish and black bass were landed outside, but no kings were caught.

"There was no abundance of anything," she said.

FISHING REPORT

At Sea Mist Camping Resort, fishing was great. Mary Roscoe said campers Jimmy, Richard, and Robert LeVan landed mangrove snappers and black bass.

Luke Taylor, 12, caught spots and sheepshead.

Spots were hitting in the waterway, she said.

Pier Fishing

Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier reported catches of spots, blues, flounder and spanish.

"They caught them everyday," said Curtis Williamson. "It was the same thing every day."

Holden Beach Fishing Pier and Sunset Beach Fishing Pier managers were not available for comment Monday morning.



JAMIE HESTER of Bladenboro fishes off the Ocean Isle Fishing Pier Friday morning. The young angler said he was catching a variety of fish, including spots and croakers.

Brunswick Waters Open To Trawlers

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries opened some Brunswick County waters to shrimp and crab trawling Tuesday.

Waters open include sections of Calabash River, Bonaparte Creek, Jinks Creek, Eastern Channel, Shallotte River, Davis Creek, Carolina Power and Light Bypass Channel, Bay Creek, Cape Creek and Baldhead Creek.

The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway between Southport and the South Carolina state line also has been opened to trawlers, according to a Marine Fisheries proclamation.

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This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Wednesday	3	12:12	12:45	6:43	6:59
Thursday	4	12:55	1:36	7:28	7:54
Friday	5	1:49	2:37	8:18	9:00
Saturday	6	2:47	3:41	9:18	10:10
Sunday	7	3:55	4:46	10:18	11:18
Monday	8	5:03	5:49	11:22	-----
Tuesday	9	6:09	6:49	12:20	12:23
Wednesday	10	7:13	7:47	1:17	1:21

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.

Marina Will Hold Marlin Tournament

Southport Marina will hold its first blue marlin tournament later this month with \$5,000 in prize money up for grabs.

Registration will be Thursday, July 18, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the marina office. A captain's meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., said spokesperson Pam Lombardi.

Fishing will be Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The angler with the largest blue marlin will win \$3,500. Prizes of \$500 each will be awarded for the biggest tuna, wahoo and dolphin.

The entry fee is \$250. For more information, call Southport Marina at 457-9900.

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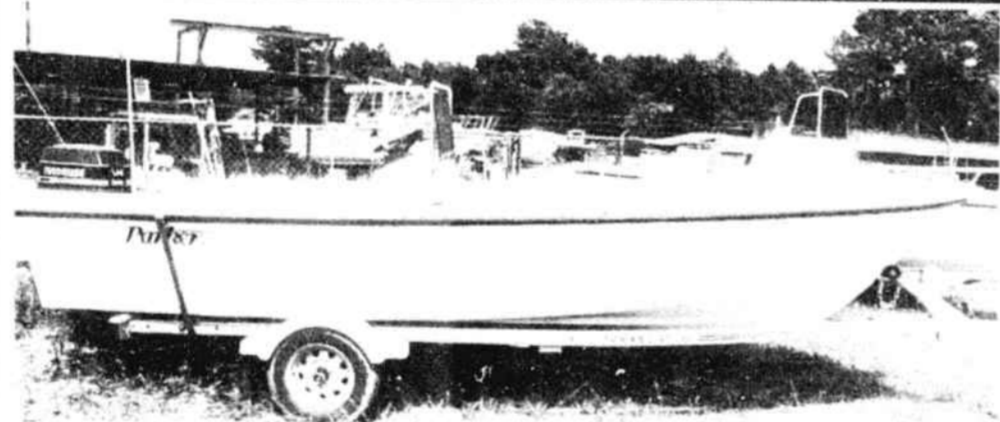
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