

Anglers Enjoy Run Of Spots Saturday

BY DOUG RUTTER

Pier fishermen enjoyed a nice run of spots Saturday—the kind of run they usually don't see until the fall. "We had a fantastic weekend," Forrest Whitley of Holden Beach Fishing Pier said Monday morning. "They were catching spots by the bucketful Saturday and early Sunday."

The spots also found their way to Sunset Beach Fishing Pier, where anglers were tearing them up, according to spokesman John Mills.

"They've really been catching the spots," Mills said. "They were real good Saturday and Sunday and off and on last week."

John and Lorene Rhymer of Charlotte filled more than a five-gallon bucket with spots Saturday at Holden Beach Pier.

Asked how many fish they had

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caught, Lorene replied, "We don't catch them by the fish. We catch them by the bucket."

"They've been catching them two and three at a time," added Doug Southards of High Point, who was cleaning fish along side the Rhymer's.

Besides spots, pier fishermen also caught good-sized whiting last week, some weighing as much as a pound.

Holden Beach Pier also reported catches of Spanish mackerel, flounder and the first sheephead of the year.

Don Plattenberger of Washington state landed the second king mackerel of the season at Holden Beach Pier last Thursday. It weighed 12 pounds.

Mills said anglers at Sunset Beach Pier also caught trout and bluefish. Fishermen caught two blues last week that weighed more than 10 pounds each.

The fishing wasn't so hot at Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier, according to manager Curtis Williamson. Fishermen caught a few spots and Spanish last week, but the weekend was pretty slow.

Captain Pete's Marina

Jesse Hayes of Captain's Pete's Marina at Holden Beach said the spots were caught just about everywhere inshore over the weekend.

"It was a pretty good run of them," he said. "It was almost like the fall out there for a while."

Hayes said offshore fishing was decent last week when the weather wasn't nasty. Showers and wind made fishing a tough task for most of the week.



DOUG SOUTHARDS of High Point (right) cleans spots Saturday at Holden Beach Fishing Pier along with John and Lorene Rhymer of Charlotte.

"When the wind wasn't blowing fishing was good, but they only had a few chances to go," he said.

Fishermen caught black bass, bottom fish and king and Spanish mackerel when they were able to get offshore.

Hughes' Marina

Allison Hughes of Hughes' Mar-

ina at Shallotte Point didn't have any good fishing news to report Monday morning.

She said the strong winds and rain kept people from fishing most of last week.

"It was white-capping in the river Friday and Saturday," she said.

"The water was too rough this week for them. Maybe if the wind stops blowing it'll be better next week."

This Week's Tide Table

		MAY		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	14	6:49	7:26	12:46	12:54		
Friday	15	7:39	8:13	1:37	1:41		
Saturday	16	8:27	9:00	2:24	2:26		
Sunday	17	9:09	9:41	3:09	3:08		
Monday	18	9:54	10:25	3:53	3:50		
Tuesday	19	10:36	11:05	4:36	4:32		
Wednesday	20	11:18	11:46	5:18	5:14		
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.							

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BETTY HENRY of Gastonia won two trophies and \$3,805 in the North Myrtle Beach Rotary King Mackerel Tournament. Also pictured is tournament chairman John Schwab.

Tourney Winner Had Special Mother's Day

BY DOUG RUTTER

Mother's Day was extra special for Betty Henry of Gastonia. She not only got to spend Sunday with family, but caught a fish worth \$3,805 to boot.

"It was a good Mother's Day," Mrs. Henry said after winning first place in the North Myrtle Beach Rotary King Mackerel Tournament.

Fishing with her husband and one of her five sons, Mrs. Henry celebrated the holiday by catching an 18.96-pound king.

The fish was landed about 65 miles offshore Sunday, the second day of the two-day tournament out of Harbourgate Marina.

It wasn't a big winner as far as king tournaments go, but it was two pounds heavier than anything else brought to the scales.

Mrs. Henry's cash award of \$3,805 included money from the Calcutta and the Lady Angler Award, which added \$125 to the check.

The Henrys, who dock their boat at Marsh Harbour Marina in Calabash, were fishing aboard the *Mr. Magoo*.

That should be a familiar boat name to area sport fishermen. The Henry family won the South Brunswick Islands King Classic last summer aboard the craft named after the nearsighted cartoon character.

In winning the top prize, Mrs. Henry beat a local angler who was atop the standings after the first day of the tournament.

First-day leader Boyce Broadwell of Long Beach ended up finishing third with a 15.12-pounder. Fishing aboard the *NautiLady*, Broadwell won \$500.

Second-place honors and \$2,033 went to Patrick Whitesides of Chester, S.C. He caught a 16.70-pound king aboard the *Tom Cat*.

Sammy Sessions of Ocean Isle Beach, the third-place finisher a year ago, won the Sunday aggregate weight award with 32.64 pounds. Combined with a share of the Calcutta, Sessions won \$897 fishing aboard the *Shooting Star III* with Chip Marce and Brent Gore.

Mike Cain of Calabash was the only other winner from Brunswick



BOYCE BROADWELL of Long Beach won \$500 for third place in the tournament.

County. He picked up \$125 for the eighth-largest king, which weighed 9.24 pounds.

Fishermen had a decent day on Sunday after strong winds kept a lot of the 39 entries inshore Saturday, according to John Schwab, chairman of the third annual tournament.

Jack Sowders of Murrells Inlet, S.C., was the only fisherman to catch three kings Saturday. For his efforts, he won the daily aggregate weight award of \$375.

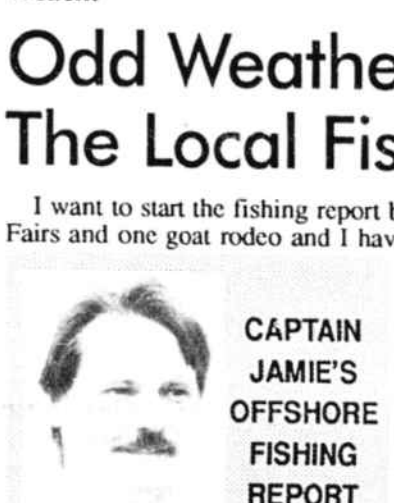
The Henrys caught just two fish on the first day but returned Sunday to land six kings, including the winner.

"We went out in that rock and roll stuff," Mrs. Henry said of Saturday's conditions. "It was just awful out there."

Other top five finishers, winning \$125 each, were Mike Abenshein of Surfside Beach, S.C., with a 13.80-pounder, and Robert McKinney of Cary with a 13.48-pounder.

Also winning \$125 were Don Mussman, Georgetown, S.C., 10.86 pounds; Ronald Elkins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 9.82; Dan Muckenfuss, Charleston, S.C., 8.64; and Richard Hobbs, Wilmington, 8.56. Doug Moore of Lake City, S.C., was awarded \$250 as the Early Bird winner.

DANNY COOK of Lincolnton caught this six-pound spiny lobster Saturday aboard the *Super Salty I* out of Holden Beach.



CAPTAIN JAMIE'S OFFSHORE FISHING REPORT

Friday wanting to go snow skiing!

Well, enough about the weather; I'm sure you get the picture.

Brunswick County fishermen dominated the North Myrtle Beach Rotary King Tournament May 9 and 10, as reported elsewhere in this issue.

Despite the weather, the tourney saw its largest boat turnout in its three-year history. Chairman John Schwab attributed the growth to the Southern Kingfish Association choosing this tournament as one of its sanctioned events.

Wednesday, May 13, was the captains' meeting for the Harbourgate Billfish Tournament, held each year at Harbourgate Marina in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

If all goes as planned, I will be aboard Capt. Dan McRainey's new Hatteras, the *Snazy Hat*. I hope that I will be able to bring you the drama of this great sporting event in your next *Beacon*. Stay tuned. You can bet I will be practicing my Marlin Dance.

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

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