



JODY HUNT of Matthews landed this 37-pound wahoo during a recent trip on the *Super Salty I*.

Locals Place In Sun Fun Natural Light King Tourney

Seven Brunswick County anglers were among the money winners in the Sun Fun Natural Light King Mackerel Tournament over the weekend.

Jim Holt of Holden Beach, fishing aboard *Total Package*, placed eighth overall with a 19.65-pound king.

He won \$750 for eighth and picked up another \$500 for entering the largest fish caught on a boat powered by a Johnson Outboards motor.

David Rourk of Shallotte won \$500 for the 45th-largest king and another \$500 for the biggest fish caught by a Brunswick County Fishing Club member. He was fishing on the *Hot Water* and landed a 12.15-pounder.

Randy Way of Yaupon Beach also won \$1,000, including \$500 for the largest king caught by a member of the Oak Island Fishing Club. He placed 42nd overall with a 12.25-pound fish caught aboard *Blondie II*.

Other local fishermen winning \$500 each included Sammy Session of Ocean Isle Beach, who placed 26th with a 13.95-pound king. Finishing 29th with a 13.40-pounder was Mike Cain of Calabash.

William Godfrey and Al Fulford, both of Supply, each won \$500 boat manufacturer awards. Godfrey won

the Parker boats award with an 11.25-pounder, and Fulford won the Robalo prize with an 11.55-pound king.

All of the local winners fished out of Lockwood Folly Inlet, where the tournament-winning fish was caught.

Charles Hammonds of Kure Beach landed the 43.55-pounder worth \$10,000. It was weighed in at Holden Beach Marina.

This Week's Tide Table

JUNE					
Day	Date	A.M. HIGH	P.M. LOW	A.M. P.M. ----	
Thursday	11	5:59	6:15	11:38	----
Friday	12	6:25	7:07	12:27	12:30
Saturday	13	7:16	7:53	1:16	1:16
Sunday	14	8:02	8:38	2:04	2:02
Monday	15	8:48	9:20	2:48	2:45
Tuesday	16	9:29	9:58	3:29	3:27
Wednesday	17	10:09	10:37	4:10	4:06

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.

Reports Vary On Weekend Success

BY DOUG RUTTER
 Fishermen had good luck in some spots and no luck in others last week, according to reports from area fishing centers.

"We had a great weekend of fishing," Jesse Hayes of Captain Pete's Marina at Holden Beach said Monday morning.

Allison Hughes of Hughes' Marina at Shallotte Point had a different story to tell. "This hasn't been a good week for our fishermen," she said.

Hayes said anglers caught a wide variety of fish in the waters off Holden Beach over the weekend.

Anglers reeled in spots, bluefish, Spanish mackerel and cobia close to the beach. Hayes said he saw some Spanish weighing 6 pounds and 7 pounds, and some big cobia caught within three miles of shore.

Farther offshore, common catches included grouper, snapper, kings and dolphin. Hayes said anglers landed grouper in the 8- to 10-pound range and the first good-sized dolphin of the year.

Off Shallotte Point, Mrs. Hughes

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said the only fish caught last week were Spanish mackerel and some large sea bass.

"The fishermen said the fish just weren't biting," she said, adding that all of the rain last weekend may have affected fishing in Shallotte River.

Pier Fishing

At local fishing piers, warmer weather and ocean water has resulted in fewer catches.

"It has slowed down a little bit, but they're still picking up some," Gil Bass of Holden Beach Fishing Pier said Monday.

Bass said fishermen caught blues, flounder, whiting, spots and a few Spanish mackerel last week.

Joyce Gurley of China Grove had the catch of the week, a 7 1/2-pound flounder landed Sunday.

Fishermen at Sunset Beach Pier had a good week catching spots, flounder, blues and whiting.

"It's fairly good, but not like it was a month ago," said Phil Clarke. "Basically, it's enough to keep you



JAMES LAMBERT JR. of Purlear (right) caught this African pompano Sunday on the *Alice E*. Also pictured is Donnie Simmons.

interested." Fishermen caught a lot of spots Sunday, he said, and reeled in blues last week measuring 14 to 18 inches long.

Anglers also hooked a few king mackerel, but didn't get any of them up on the pier, Clarke said.

Curtis Williamson reported a slow week at Ocean Isle Beach Pier, with anglers landing a few spots and Spanish.

"It's been kind of slow over the weekend," he said Monday. "I think it's going to pick up, though, this week."

Brunswick Waters Closed To Shellfishing

Brunswick County waters were closed to shellfishing last week due to heavy rainfall, while other areas have been closed to shrimp and crab trawling to protect baby shrimp.

Shellfish beds between Southport and the South Carolina state line were closed to harvesting May 31 due to heavy rainfall and runoff. They remained closed as of Monday.

On Sunday, shrimp and crab trawling was closed in Bonaparte Creek and the inland waterway from Southport to the state line. The move is intended to protect small brown shrimp in those waters.



PHOTO BY NANCY O'NEAL

Anyone For Tuna?

An 85-pound yellowfin tuna and some nice dolphin were caught Sunday aboard the *Sundowner*. This crew from Holden Beach includes (from left) Larry McDowell, Capt. Tom McSwain, Mike O'Neal and Mark Saunders.



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JOYCE GURLEY of China Grove landed this 7 1/2-pound flounder Sunday at Holden Beach Pier.

Islands Produce Another Victor In Sun-Fun Tourney

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN

The South Brunswick Islands waters produced another winning fish in this year's Sun Fun King Mackerel Tournament.

Charles Hammonds of Kure Beach was fishing off Long Beach on Saturday and landed a 43.55-pound king to win first place. Charles and his crew collected \$10,000 and a share of the tournament-within-a-tournament bonus.

Jim McGregor of Murrell's Inlet, S.C., placed second with a 32.05-pound king. Third place went to Stuart Ballard of Georgetown, S.C., with a 24.15-pound king.

My good friend Captain David Hooks of Gause Landing, fishing his boat, the now-famous *Captain Hook II*, placed sixth with a king weighing 19.95 pounds. That really gives the hometown boys something to cheer about.

If there had been a "Goodie Headache Award" it surely would have been won by Robert Causey fishing his boat *Outlaw*. On Friday his fishing was cut short by an electrical problem. He had to work until 11 p.m. Friday fixing that problem.

On Saturday Robert had what probably would have been a second- or third-place fish hooked, when a barracuda ate half of the king. The half that Robert and Crew were left with weighed 18 pounds. That's a tough pill to swallow!

The *Caribbean Soul* didn't make it on the leader board. However, it was not for lack of effort. Chip, "Cow" and myself made a game plan of fishing the inshore waters on Friday and fishing offshore on Saturday. On Friday we never had a king strike, and we were plagued with sharks. I bet we caught a dozen, but we stuck with our plan. We felt that if we could find a king in close, he would be a big one.

On Saturday I put the *Caribbean Soul* 39 miles offshore. This proved to be a good decision. We had plenty of action. At the end of the day we had our limit of 15 kings in the cooler. The problem was that they were all eight to 11 pounds. We decided to weigh one in and take a chance. We missed \$500 by eight ounces. Although I was disappointed, I knew we couldn't have fished any harder. Well, that's fishing...

My old buddy Rube was back in town this weekend. He and sons fished the *Mako Mac* offshore on Sunday and had a great day. Their catch consisted of a five-pound dolphin in the 20-pound class, one wahoo in the 30-pound class and three cobia—52, 40 and 25 pounds. Their day was highlighted by the sighting of two blue marlin. Not a bad day fishing, I would say.

I was asked to mention that the ice had been broken on Dr. Khan's boat, *Mirage*. He and Gerald Brown caught the first kings aboard this new boat. They both were mighty excited that they had put some fish blood on her deck.

Well, that just about covers it this week. Good fishin' and good luck, "Jolly Mon."

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