

Anglers See Mixed Results Across Area

BY DOUG RUTTER
Anglers saw mixed results across the South Brunswick Islands last week as the fishing was good in some spots and poor in others.

Fishermen out of Sea Mist Camping Resort at Brick Landing were among the fortunate ones.

They reeled in spots, croaker, flounder and Spanish mackerel last week, reported Mary Roscoe.

"The campers are enjoying it a lot right now," she said Monday morning. "They've been doing pretty good."

Mrs. Roscoe said spots caught in the past week have been bigger than the ones landed earlier this spring.

"Folks have been catching some nice-sized spots and some bigger flounder too," she said.

Sheffield's
Fishing was good Sunday after the wind spoiled offshore action Friday and Saturday, said John Sheffield of Sheffield's at Ocean Isle Beach said.

Sportfishermen landed a lot of king mackerel Sunday, including one weighing 31 1/2 pounds.

Sheffield said anglers also caught a lot of flounder last week and some

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Spanish mackerel.

Hughes' Marina

Fishermen out of Hughes' Marina at Shallotte Point didn't have much luck last week, said Junior Hughes.

"Lord have mercy. We need to import some fish," Hughes said Monday morning. "They're not too enthused over how much is out there."

Spanish mackerel weren't biting last week, he said, but anglers did catch some blues, flounder and spots inshore.

Pier Fishing

Pier fishing was excellent in some places and just decent in others, but crowds of pre-holiday vacationers were everywhere.

"We had plenty of fish this weekend," Curtis Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier said Monday.

"Everybody did good," he continued. "I'm not saying they caught all they wanted, but it's better than it has been."

Williamson said anglers reeled in spots, Spanish mackerel and kings last week. Fishermen have landed 14 kings so far this year at Ocean Isle Pier.

Down the road at Sunset Beach Fishing Pier, anglers caught another six king mackerel last week.

Spokesman Ed Kayler said the spots were running, and anglers also caught croaker, whiting and a few flounder.

"All in all, I'd say fishing was good all week," Kayler said. "We had an excellent crowd as the weather permitted."

The fishing wasn't so hot at Holden Beach Fishing Pier last week, but Gil Bass said it was good enough to keep people interested.

"They've still been picking up a few spots and some trout, flounder, whiting and pompano," he said. "The pompano have done right well."

This Week's Tide Table

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	2	10:18	10:38	4:09	4:18
Friday	3	11:13	11:29	4:58	5:10
Saturday	4	-----	12:08	5:47	6:06
Sunday	5	12:23	1:05	6:39	7:04
Monday	6	1:17	2:04	7:31	8:05
Tuesday	7	2:12	3:03	8:25	9:08
Wednesday	8	3:09	4:02	9:23	10:10

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.



BILLY WHITESIDE of Charlotte landed this 42-pound king mackerel last week off Lockwood Folly Inlet. He was fishing aboard his boat *Sitesear*.

Bald Head Angler Wins Fish Rodeo

Tom Hollinshead of Bald Head Island was the big winner at the Fourth Annual Fishing Rodeo held last weekend at Bald Head Island.

Hollinshead won \$5,000 for heading up the overall top boat. He racked up 299 points in the rodeo, where points were awarded per pound of fish.

Other local winners in the June 17-20 tournament were Mike Helms of Southport, who won \$2,500 for

second place in the large boat category.

John Gorman of Southport took third in that division and won \$1,000. Helms had 179.5 points and Gorman had 86 points.

Gorman weighed in the largest wahoo of the tournament, which weighed 68.5 pounds. Hollinshead weighed in a 48.15-pound tuna.

Anglers weighed in wahoo, tuna, sailfish and dolphin.



DAVIN JACKSON casts his line into the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Monday under the watchful eye of Wayne Markham. The Denton residents are visiting Holden Beach this week.

Coast Guard Plans To Inspect Vessels

Officials with the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office in Wilmington will conduct voluntary inspections of commercial fishing boats starting next week in the Calabash area.

The dockside boardings are being conducted to educate fishermen on safety and other regulations, said spokesman Larry Walt.

No violations will be cited, he said. A safety decal will be issued upon successful completion of the inspection.

Commercial fishermen interested in having their boat inspected should call Walt for an appointment at 919-343-4750.

Fishing Festival For Seniors Only

Brunswick County Parks and Recreation will hold its first seniors fishing festival Thursday, July 16, at Ocean Crest Pier at Long Beach.

Prizes will be awarded to men and women for the largest, smallest and ugliest fish landed.

Seniors need to bring a fishing pole and cooler to hold the fish. Rental rods will be available.

The festival will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and all participants need to register by 8 a.m.

For more information, contact Tina Pritchard at the parks and recreation office, 253-4357.

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Strong Winds Cause 'King Mack Attack' Tourney Postponement

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN

Well, weather was the big story this past weekend. Friday's 25-to-35-knot southwest wind forced the postponement of Harbourgate's Captain Poo's King Mack Attack Tournament. That tournament is now rescheduled for July 17-19.



CAPTAIN JAMIE'S OFFSHORE FISHING REPORT

Speaking of Harbourgate Marina, they have issued a formal challenge to the kingfishermen of Marlin Quay Marina. The issue of who has the best king mackerel fishermen will be settled on Sunday, July 5. I understand that a trophy will go to the marina whose team wins with the largest king.

This trophy may end up being passed back and forth each year. Kind of sounds like the America's Cup. We'll call this the King Cup!

I like that idea. Maybe some of our marinas could do the same. A little friendly competition never hurt anyone. What do you say?

Sunday morning was really the only decent fishing conditions we had all weekend. Several area boats made it offshore for some king fishing. Penny McLaurin, fishing the boat the Penn Cat, landed five kings. Penny was working an area 10 miles out. I also heard reports of several kinds in the 30-pound class being landed.

Full moon is July 4. If tradition holds true, there will be some big fish caught inshore. Let's watch and see if a 40-pounder is caught right off the beach that week.

Strong winds kept the "Mosquito Fleet" from making their planned trip to the Gulf Stream this week. Well, we'll try again.

The week of July 4 is now upon us. This is always a very busy time on our waterways. Please take extra care and watch your wake. Let's make this a safe holiday on the water.

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

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