FISHING REPORT

Spots And Trout Hitting At Piers

Pier fishermen had one of their best weeks of 1993 as spots and trout showed up in big numbers last week and did everything short of clean themselves for the grill.

"I don't know how it could have been any better," Curtis Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier said Monday. "They toted them off by the coolerful this week."

Good-sized spots and trout weighing as much as 4 1/2 pounds

This Week's Tide Table

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		HIGH		LOW	
Day	Date	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	1	6:22	7:08		12:31
Friday	2	7:18	7:59		1:23
Saturday	3	8:11	8:46	2:09	2:12
Sunday	4	8:58	9:32		2:56
Monday	5	9:43	10:12		
Tuesday	6	10:27	10:51	4:20	
Wednesday	7	11:09	11:29		
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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-subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide

each were common at Ocean Isle. "We had a great week," he said. "People toted them of: and went back to get more.'

"I've never seen them catch trout like they have this past week," said Williamson, who was looking forward to a profitable Fourth of July weekend and an enjoyable one for the fishermen.

The fishing was just as good at Sunset Beach and Holden Beach piers, where anglers pulled in a few bluefish and flounder in addition to spots and trout.

"Fishing is great," Ed Kayler of Sunset Beach Fishing Pier said Monday morning. "They caught spots all day yesterday up until midnight when I left."

Gil Bass of Holden Beach Fishing Pier reported several good runs of spots last week. "They've been catching lots of trout early in the morning," he added.

Pier managers were confused by the early summer run of spots-usually a spring and fall fish-but they weren't complaining.

"It was late getting started. Maybe they have their calendar messed up or something," Kayler said. "I thought it was kind of warm, but they've really been biting.

Added Bass: "It's kind of surprising for this time of year. We generally have a few spots come through but nothing like this.'



MARK SMITH of Zanesville, Ohio, caught this 45-pound tuna recently aboard the Super Salty I out of Holden Beach.

At Sunset Pier, Kayler said the er Sunday spear-fishing near the spots were biting on every tide Sunday. "People were pulling them out two and three at a time."

Williamson said fishing at Ocean Isle was better last week than it was last October, when spots are usually abundant. "I believe they caught more fish this week than they have all the time I've been open," he said.

Tripp's Fishing Center

Fishermen caught spots, croaker and flounder inside last week, according to Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point.

"They're still picking up some flounders, but the majority has to be thrown back" due to their small size, Land said.

In the ocean, anglers caught Spanish mackerel near the sea buoy. 'About 40 miles out they're loading up with kings, dolphin and yellowfin tuna," Land said.

The crew of the Rockin' Robin

Frying Pan Shoals Light Tower. Sheffield's

Fishermen loaded up on trout last week and caught king mackerel within 12 miles of the beach, said John Sheffield of Sheffield's store at Ocean Isle Beach.

'The trout have been real usual for this time of year," Sheffield said. "It's been unbelievable. I've seen people catch as many as 40 trout off the pier over here.'

Hughes' Marina "They seem of to be catching

more than they were," Allison Hughes of Hughes' Marina at Shallotte Point said Monday. "They're catching more flounder in the river."

Outside, Barry Grainger of Chadbourn and his crew caught their quota in king and Spanish mackerel and dolphin over the weekend.

Anglers have been catching spots in the river, and a 9-pound sheepshead was landed last week, reported

'Mother Nature's Smile' Makes For A Saltwater Angler's Dream

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN

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REPORT

Mother Nature continued her "faith weather smile" on the South Brunswick Islands this past week. The weather that has pumped into our little corner of the world over the past two months (excluding Sun-Fun weekend) has been a saltwater angler's

Work and prior commitments kept the engine block cool on the Caribbean Soul, but scores of boats were greeted by flat seas.

Capt. Jimmy Suggs absolutely tore up the kings. Not only did Jimmy catch his limit, but had a couple of "gators" mixed in. World had it around the dock that a 30 and several in the mid-20s were in the catch.

Believe me, friends, I know what's going on. You see, Jimmy and Phil Brinsfield teamed together to win the first annual Captain Jamie King Tournament last year. With the tournament just two weeks away, Jimmy is serving notice that he again will be one of the ones to beat. Could be inter-

Speaking of kingfish, anglers had little trouble locating them this week. They have finally begun to show up in decent numbers. Kingfishermen were treated to extra excitement this week as well. Several nice weed lines pushed their way inshore from the Gulf Stream.

Capt. Jerry Lewis and son Scott not only were treated to some fine kingfishing but also landed some nice dolphins to round out a great day on

That's the great part about fishing off the South Brunswick Islands this time of year. Whether or not you call yourself kingfishing, you are subject to do battle with kings, dolphin, cobia, blackfin tuna, amberjack, shark and, of course, barracuda. It is the latter two that can be a challenge to catch and a challenge to prevent from ruining your catch.

My old buddy "Cow" was fishing this weekend when a nice kingfish made the mistake of slicing through his bait. "Fish on!" Then "Fish eaten!" It just serves as a reminder of life in the food chain.

The Bad Habit, fishing out of Calabash, continued his hot streak in the Gulf Stream waters. Capt. Bill and crew were trolling the bluewater and had been having steady action of wahoo and yellowfin when suddenly the "man dressed in blue" made his appearance behind one of their baits. As the marlin proceeded to knock the bait out of the outrigger, all hearts aboard were in the tops of each man's throat.

Angler Doug Simmons of Calabash listened closely to the crew's instruction. "Count. Count out loud to 7." Once Doug reached 7, the mate then threw the Penn International in gear. Boom! The line snapped tight and the blue tai! walked across the water. The Bad Habit was hooked up.

Capt. Bill fortunately had a video recorder on board and captured the whole thing on tape. Congratulations, Bad Habit. Doug was able to bring the fish along boatside and the crew successfully released it unharmed.

Fishing friends, fishing just can't get any better than it is right now. I have been to two World's Fairs and one goat rodeo, and I have never seen anything that can top this!

Good fishin' and good luck, "Jolly Mon."



CINDY WALKER of Catawba, S.C., shows off an 18-pound grouper landed Saturday on the Sea Wolfe.



GERRY SNIFFEN of Matthews and his daughter, Adrienne, show off a yellowfin tuna and dolphin they caught last Sunday off Ocean Isle Beach aboard the Sea Dragon. The Father's Day catch also included barracuda and a sailfish.

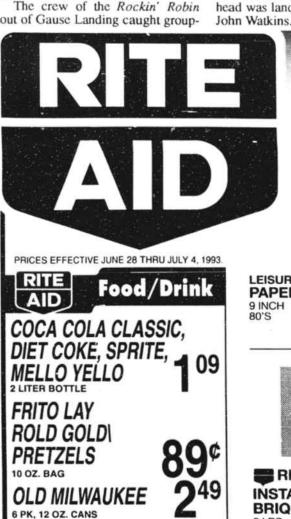
Tri-Beach VFD Will Sell Fish

Tri-Beach Volunteer Fire Department will serve fish dinners Saturday, July 3, starting at 11 a.m.

Dinners will be sold on Holden Beach Road (N.C. 130) just north of the intersection with Seashore Road.

Plates costing \$4 each will include fish, cole slaw, French fries and

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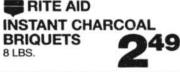
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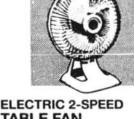
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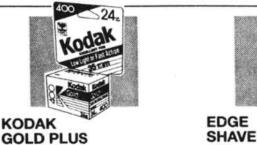
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