

**FISHING REPORT**

**Conditions Vary Across Brunswick Islands**

BY DOUG RUTTER

Depending on who you talked to, fishing conditions across the South Brunswick Islands varied greatly last week. Some claimed it was "real slow" and others said "right good."

Jesse Hayes of Captain Pete's Seafood at Holden Beach said the fishing was "fair" as far as he could tell. Anglers caught king mackerel and dolphin offshore and spots and croaker inshore.

Hayes said fishermen caught kings in the 30-pound range and dolphin weighing 16 to 25 pounds.

"There have been more dolphin this year than I've ever seen," he said Monday morning. "Everybody that goes out who has never caught them before is tearing them up."

Anglers also caught snapper, grouper and black bass in the ocean. "All in all it's been a fair week of fishing," Hayes said.

**Ocean Isle Marina**

Ken Shipley of Ocean Isle Marina said fishermen continued to catch lot of king mackerel last week from 5 to 18 miles offshore.

Anglers also caught a few Spanish mackerel. In the waterway, fishermen have been pulling in trout and bluefish.

"It's kind of slow," Shipley said. "I believe the hot weather has slowed it down and made the fish go to deeper water."

**Sea Mist Camping Resort**

"The fishing has been real slow," said Baker Harrell of Sea Mist Camping Resort at Brick Landing.

Fishermen caught spottailed drum and Spanish mackerel in the ocean and flounder, spots, speckled trout and finfish in the waterway.

**Pier Fishing**

Pier fishing wasn't as good last week as it was a few weeks ago, but pier managers are still pleased with the catches and surprised by the unusually large number of spots.

"Fishing's been right good," said Curtis Williamson of Ocean Isle Beach Fishing Pier. "It's been a pretty good week I would say."

Williamson said anglers pulled in mostly spots and trout last week. "We have a lot of people fishing today and they're catching fish," he reported Monday.

At Sunset Beach Fishing Pier, anglers have been catching spots, whiting, flounder and spottailed drum.

"The spots are still biting," said pier manager Ed Kayler. "I don't understand why or how but they're still biting."

Kayler said fishing has been pretty good "for the amount of people we've had and the heat."

Gil Bass of Holden Beach Pier said fishing is slower than it has been in last few weeks, but it's still better than normal for the season.

"They're catching a few flounder and still catching some spots," Bass said. "I'm a little surprised by the spots."

Bass said fishermen are catching trout early in the morning. Surf fishermen are starting to catch spots.

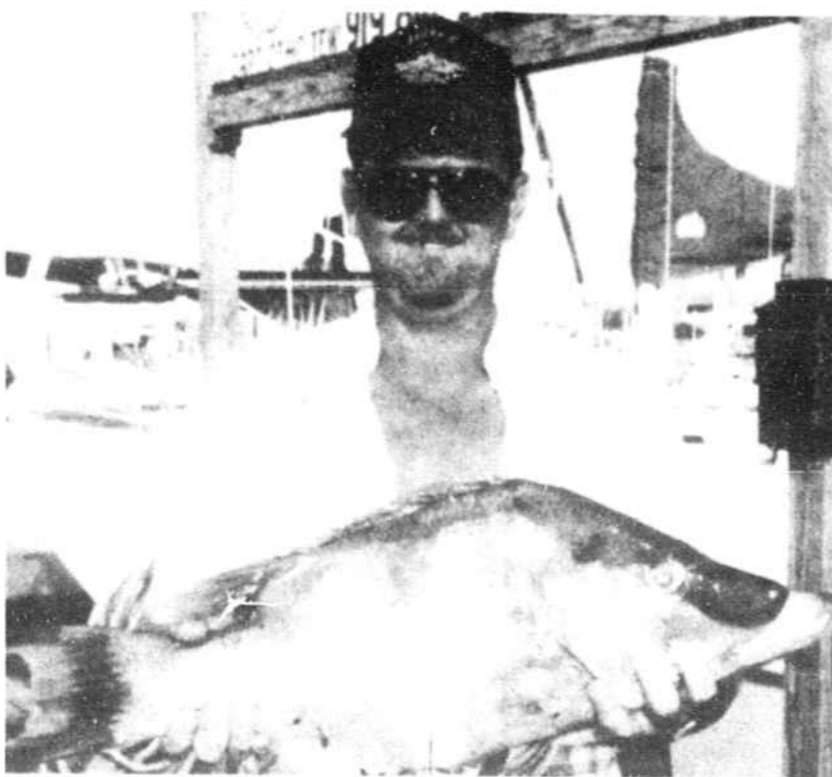


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**B.J. JOHNSON** of Lillington landed this nice hog snapper recently aboard the *Alice E* out of Holden Beach.



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**SHANNON CAMPBELL** of Fayetteville shows off an 8-pound red snapper caught on the *Mega Flite*.

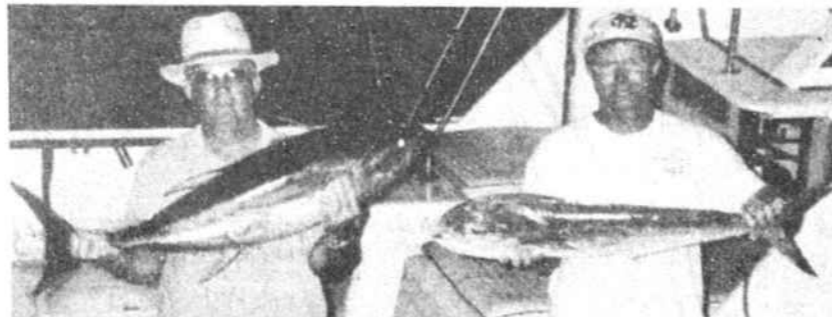


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**HOLDEN BEACH RESIDENTS** Bob Kirby (left) and Mark Saunders show off two of the fish they caught last Saturday on the *Sundowner*. Kirby landed a 40-pound tuna and Saunders caught a nice dolphin.

**Hearing Set On Fishing Rule**

The N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission may adopt a rule that would allow the state fisheries director to regulate all kinds of fishing gear along the coast at certain times of the year.

Under a controversial rule that took effect July 1, Fisheries Director William Hogarth can issue proclamations restricting the use of commercial gear within one half mile of the beach, public fishing piers and marinas.

If adopted, the new rule would allow Hogarth to regulate recreational gear as well. It would apply each year from the Friday before Easter through Dec. 31, just like the current rule.

Commercial fishermen have requested the rule change. A public hearing on the proposal will be held Tuesday, July 27, in the New Hanover County Courthouse (Court Room 302) at 7 p.m.

The Marine Fisheries Commission is expected to decide on the proposal at its next business meeting, Aug. 6 and 7 in Beaufort. If the rule is approved, it's expected to take effect Oct. 1.

People who can't attend the hearing are invited to send written comments to the Marine Fisheries Commission, P.O. Box 769, Morehead City, N.C. 28557. Comments will be accepted through Aug. 2.

**This Week's Tide Table**

Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	22	11:04	11:18	4:49	5:07
Friday	23	11:57	-----	5:36	6:00
Saturday	24	12:08	12:53	6:27	6:59
Sunday	25	1:04	1:54	7:19	7:59
Monday	26	2:01	2:54	8:17	9:05
Tuesday	27	3:03	3:57	9:17	10:09
Wednesday	28	4:06	5:00	10:18	11:11

**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—subtract 11 min. high tide, add 18 min. low tide.

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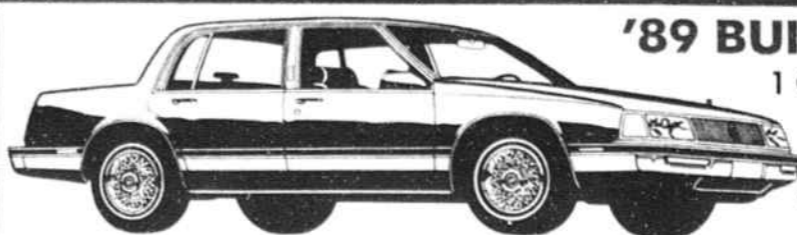
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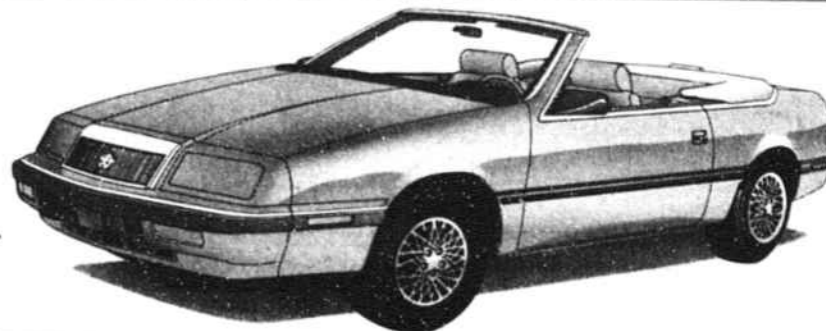
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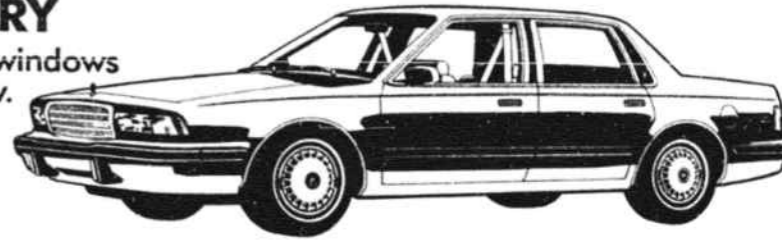
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