

FISHING REPORT

Wind Spoils Weekend For Anglers

BY DOUG RUTTER
When strong winds finally subside this week, don't be surprised if a tidal wave of local fishermen take to the ocean.

Offshore fishing action was virtually shut down from last Thursday through Monday because of stiff winds and rough seas.

"It's really been a bad weekend," Ken Shipley of Ocean Isle Marina said Monday. "It's been very slim with this weather."

Shipley said fishermen caught Spanish mackerel and black sea bass close to the beach last week and spots, flounder and sheepshead in the waterway.

Shipley said he's hoping for better weather this week, especially with the Fourth of July weekend coming up.

"Hopefully we'll have a nice turnout," he said. "The temperature's going to be warm so it ought to be nice fishing this week."

Holden Beach Marina
"It's been hard fishing," Gary Carr of Holden Beach Marina said Monday when asked about the weekend weather.

Heading into last week, offshore fishing has been good with many recent catches of king mackerel, dolphin, tuna and wahoo.

"When the weather's good the fish are biting good," Carr said. "The people that do fish are catching some fish, but they can't get offshore."

Tripp's Fishing Center
"It was good last week and over the weekend when they could get out," said Joyce Land of Tripp's Fishing Center at Shallotte Point.

"They're still catching a lot of flounders, spots and croakers and a few spottailed drum," she said. "In the ocean they're picking up Spanish and blues next to the sea buoy."

Land said the king mackerel have been hitting about 18 miles offshore. Tuna, dolphin and wahoo are 40 to 60 miles out.

Pier Fishing
The wind was gusting so high at times over the weekend that fishermen were driven from local piers.

Anglers landed mostly spots, whiting, trout, flounder and bluefish last week at Holden Beach and



ADMIRING THEIR CATCH of 25 king mackerel and 14 dolphin are Jerry Faile, Jerry Faile Jr., Ron Brown, Tony Roberts and Larry Davis. The fish were caught aboard the Sea Wolfe.

Sunset Beach fishing piers. "It's fairly good," Gil Bass of Holden Beach Fishing Pier reported Monday. "It's picked up since we've had this rough weather."

Bass said Dave Bowser of Holden Beach landed a 25-pound king mackerel and a 31-pound cobia last week. Gay Lawrence pulled in a 6 1/2-pound drum.

At Sunset Beach Pier, Ed Kayler said an 18-pound king mackerel has been landed in the past week.

"It's been real good for spring-time," Kayler said. "When the wind doesn't blow so hard and run the

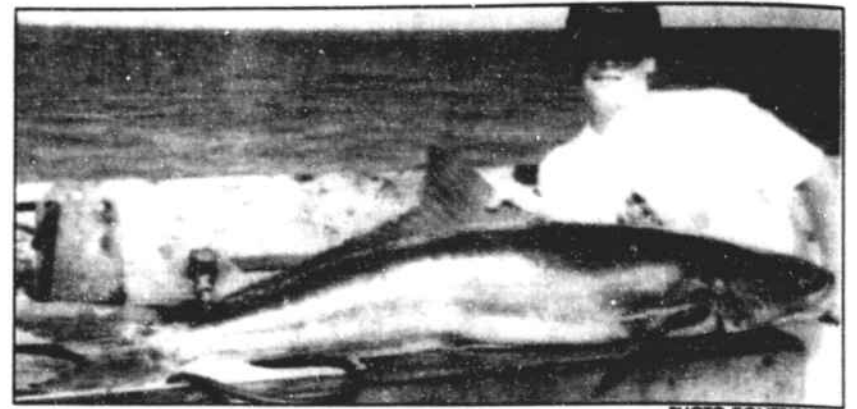
people off they're doing pretty well."

Waters Closed To Shellfishing

Coastal waters between the Sunset Beach bridge and South Carolina state line have been closed to shellfish harvesting following a 10-day temporary opening.

The area was opened June 15 and closed last Friday. Waters between the Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach bridges south of the Intra-coastal Waterway remain open to shellfishing on a temporary basis.

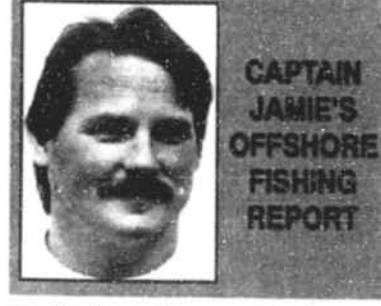
"This partial closure is due to management criteria being exceeded in a portion of the area in Brunswick County that was temporarily opened," according to an N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries proclamation.



BILLY GREEN of Supply landed this 68-pound cobia last Sunday at Holden Beach Fishing Pier. The 13-year-old also hooked a 24-pound jack crevalle that day.

Tying King Rigs, Waiting For The Weather To Break

BY JAMIE MILLIKEN
With rain dripping through the roof and a steady 35-knot wind bowing the trees, I'm faced with writing another offshore fishing story. That can prove very difficult when the fact is that it has been blowing like this for the past week!



We are now paying the price for the calm days that we recorded earlier, with local anglers heading offshore day in and day out, pounding the tuna and dolphin. Boys, it's been a blow!

I didn't have to think long about what to write, however. It's July, and I can tell you some stories about how good the king mackerel fishing gets in our area during July. A quick check through the old memory treasure chest

recalls York Pharr and other members of his family live bait-fishing 20 miles off Holden Beach when they landed ten king mackerel with the largest one weighing in at 49.75 pounds.

That was followed the same week with a member of Capt. Adam Sanders' chartered crew landing an identical 49.75-pound kind aboard the Job Site. All of this in July, mind you.

Capt. Jimmy Suggs, fishing the Reel Hooked last year, landed scores of mid-30-pound-class kings. Capt. Buster Gillis was also a major player in trophy-size kings in recent July outings. Buster always has them "dialed in" this time of year, and he always brings big king mackerel to the weigh scales.

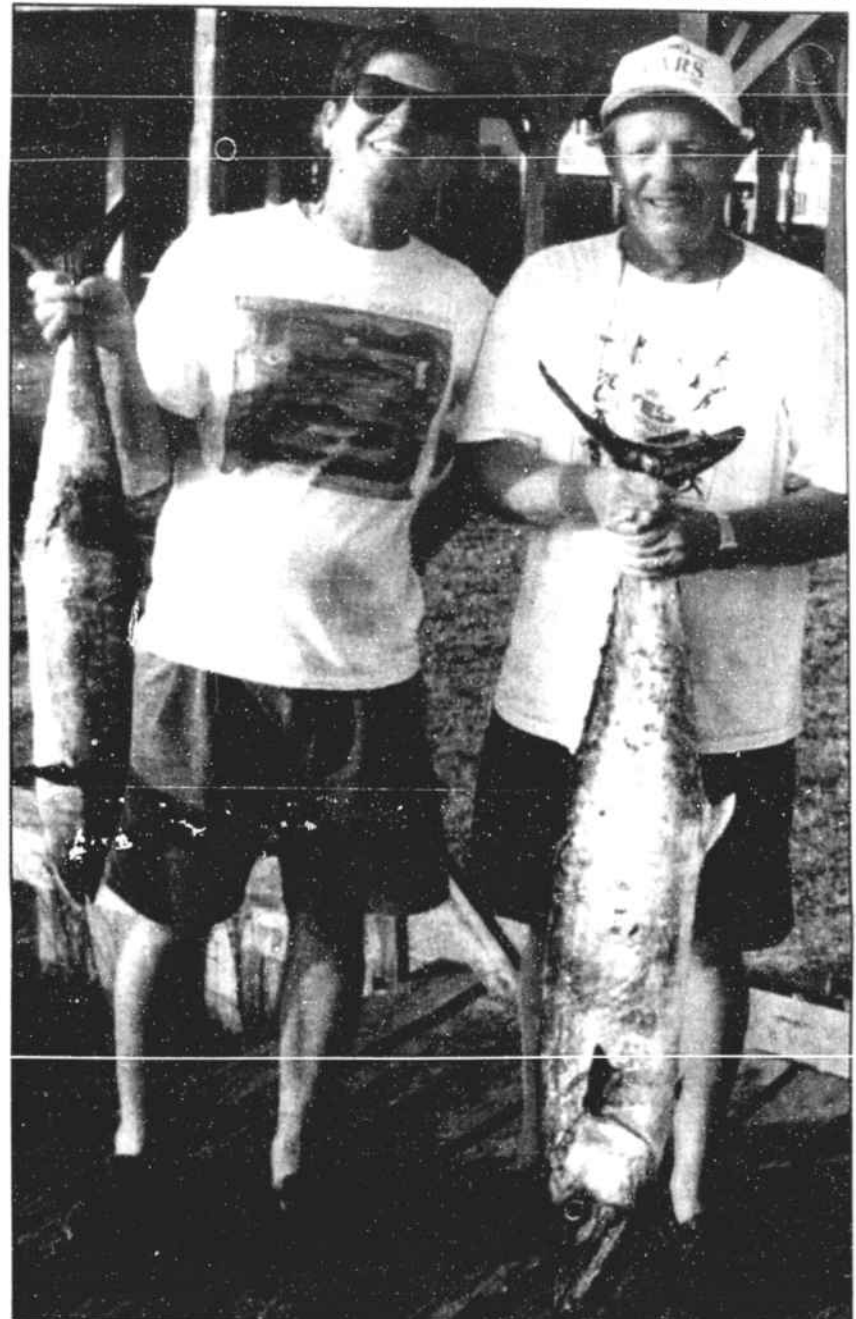
My favorite big king story for July is the one about the 52.6-pound king that Chip Maree, Kyle White and myself landed in July 1992 to win the "Got-Em-On" King Classic out of Carolina Beach. This fish was bigger than life, and it left a mark in all of our lives that can never be erased.

I've said it before, but it is the memories that you have at the end of your life that make the difference. At that point, the things we worry about—jobs, money, government or next week's schedule—don't seem important at all. But the memories make the difference.

I guess I have driven home the point that July is consistently our big king month. I'll take it over October any day of the week—not to say that October has anything to be ashamed of.

The offshore fishing will remain steady, at most, during the month. The desired species of tuna, wahoo and dolphin will be available for those of you who go after them.

So with all the excitement about July's fishing I bet you are doing the same thing I've been steadily doing—tying king rigs and praying for the weather to break. So until next time, good fishin' and good luck, "Jolly Mon."



BARRY MARTIN (left) and **Jimmy Winburn** show off a 10-pound and 34-pound king mackerel landed 18 miles offshore. Winburn lives in Ringgold, Ga., and owns a home at Ocean Isle Beach.

This Week's Tide Table

JUNE					
Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Thursday	30	1:51	2:24	8:00	8:28

JULY					
Day	Date	HIGH		LOW	
		A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Friday	1	2:39	3:15	8:49	9:24
Saturday	2	3:30	4:06	9:39	10:21
Sunday	3	4:21	4:57	10:30	11:15
Monday	4	5:13	5:46	11:21	—
Tuesday	5	6:04	6:33	12:07	12:09
Wednesday	6	6:51	7:18	12:55	12:55

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.

First Aid And CPR Class Registration Ends July 29

A first aid and CPR course set Aug. 25 and 26 at the Brunswick County Department of Social Services will be open to the public.

The class will be taught by Jean and Alex Mearns through the American Heart Foundation, said spokesman Tammy Johnson.

A \$5 registration fee must be prepaid no later than July 29. Checks

payable to the department should be sent to Brenda B. Simmons, Brunswick County Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 219, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.

The class will meet one of the certification requirements for day-care providers.

Anyone with questions about the class is asked to call Johnson at 253-4391.

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