

## North Carolina's Coastal Fishing Season Underway: Many Game Fish

RALEIGH — North Carolina's coastal fishing grounds—extending along a 320-mile front—offer a wide variety of sport. Game fish await the angler in the Gulf Stream, in the surf along the many beaches, off piers, in the inlets cutting the famous Outer Banks, in fresh, brackish, or salt sounds or in fresh-water lakes and streams near the coast.

Among the most highly prized catches for coastal fishermen are channel bass (red drum), caught from boats, in the surf, and from piers; sailfin out of the Gulf Stream, along with amberjack, dolphin, bonito, and barracuda; king mackerel (cero), cabio (cobia), and bluefish, along with many other variety, closer in to shore; and striped bass (rockfish) in the sounds and tidal rivers and creeks.

For fresh-water fishermen, it's not far to famous spots where largemouth bass are found. On the Outer Banks, there are places where the surcaster, fresh-water angler, and fishermen in the sounds can enjoy their specialties almost within sight of each other.

**Channel Bass Run**  
North Carolina's long salt-water fishing season gets rolling in

April, when channel bass are schooling up around Oregon Inlet, Hatteras, and Ocracoke on the Outer Banks. The spring run usually starts around early April, and when the signal comes, thousands of anglers rush to fishing centers like Nags Head and Manteo and take boats to troll for the copper-colored scappers.

Surf fishing for the bass also begins in April, and within a few weeks of their appearance on the north central coast, they are being caught to the southward. Favored spots for surfcasters, besides Oregon Inlet, Hatteras, and Ocracoke, include Portsmouth, below Ocracoke; Cape Lookout and Drum; Bear, Bogue, and Brown Inlets near Morehead City and Beaufort; Queen, and Masonboro Inlets near Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach; and Smith (Baldhead) Island off Southport. Channel bass are taken in the surf from April to December, with one of the best periods coming in late September and October.

**Bluefish, Mackerel**  
Not far behind the spring arrival of channel bass on the Outer Banks, appearance of schools of bluefish and mackerel on the southeastern coast marks the be-

ginning of another big round of fishing. Bluefish show up off Southport during April, and generally about the first of May are bringing back catches that run as high as 300 or more fish per party.

Behind the bluefish come the big king mackerel in early May, and late in May the smaller Spanish mackerel arrive.

From Southport, the schools of blues and mackerel spread northward. A few days after they are caught in the Frying Pan Shoals area off Southport, they are being landed off Wrightsville Beach, then off Snead's Ferry and Swansboro. They show up next at Morehead City and Beaufort, and then at Hatteras and Oregon Inlets. The blues usually reach Oregon Inlet in mid-May, when the channel bass trolling is falling off.

Best catches of blues and king mackerel usually are made in the spring and autumn all along the coast, although some are taken throughout the summer. Spanish mackerel generally stay along the coast from June to September, slacking off about the time the kings begin their autumn run.

**Gulf Stream**  
Gulf Stream fishing begins simultaneously at all fishing centers along the coast, from Southport to Oregon Inlet. Charter boats begin pushing out to the blue water in late April, and the fishing continues into November. Study boats are available at Shallotte,



"MR. DIXIE"—Grady Cole is shown receiving the first issue of the current Collier's magazine from C. R. Temple (right) of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Co. This week's issue features a story on Grady entitled "Mr. Dixie." The article tells of the fabulous 22 years that Grady has spent broadcasting to listeners throughout the Carolinas. The presentation was made last night over WBTB, sister station of WBT, Charlotte.

Southport, Wrightsville, Carolina Beach, Morehead City, Beaufort, Harkers Island, Hatteras, Manteo and Nags Head (Oregon Inlet). Principal catches are dolphin, a flashy top-water fighter, and amberjack. In addition, deep-sea parties also catch king mackerel, red snapper, barracuda, bonito, wahoo, and others. Autumn is salifishing time; August brings the blue-and-silver sails to North Carolina, and fishing for them continues into October. They are taken in the Gulf Stream between Oregon Inlet and Cape Fear.

A trip out to the Gulf Stream will cost a party from \$60 to \$85 a day, depending on which sport fishing center you put out from. Generally, the price quoted is for parties up to five or six persons, with all over that number paying extra. A party of five can get in a full day of fishing at a cost ranging from \$12 to \$20 per fisherman. Prices vary because accommodations vary. The higher-priced boats generally provide sleeping accommodations and tackle, while on others there are no sleeping accommodations and fishermen furnish their own tackle. Usually bait and lunches are extra.

Rates for "inside" (sounds and inlets) fishing run generally from \$35 to \$40 for parties of five or six. Besides the fishing centers listed above, inshore boats may be chartered at Swansboro, Snead's Ferry, New Topsail Beach, and Ocracoke.

**Pier Fishing**  
Pier fishing is popular with many visitors to the North Carolina coast, and most beaches have piers. There are ocean piers at Nags Head, Wrightsville, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, and Port Fisher. There are piers in the sounds at Morehead City and New Topsail Beach.

**Fresh-Water Fishing**  
Fresh-water fishing hits its peak in April and May. These are good months for catching largemouth bass in the Currituck Sound area, at Colington near Nags Head and Kitty Hawk; in streams around Morehead City, Beaufort, Belhaven and Washington, N. C., and the Southport area. Lake Mattamuskeet, famous for waterfowl, and nearby Lake Phelps also are favored for bass. Guides from Manns Harbor take fishermen out to South Lake for bass. Flyrodding for bluegill, bream and other panfish is popular in fresh waters along the coast.

In autumn, when the water begins to cool in September and October, bass fishing reaches another peak.

**Rockfish**  
A big spring fishing spectacle in North Carolina is the spawning run of the rockfish (striped bass) up the Roanoke River. The run begins usually about mid-April and lasts four weeks, during which period the town of Weldon becomes a fishing capital. Natives generally fish for rock with huge dip-nets, although they are taken also by trolling and still-fishing.

Rockfish begin schooling up in coastal waters with the arrival of cool weather in autumn, and they make for good fishing in Croatan and Albemarle Sounds and adjacent waters in the northeast, especially around the mouth of the Alligator and Scuppernon Rivers. There also is good sport in the Pungo, Pamlico, and Neuse Rivers along the central coast, and in streams and inlets around Wilmington and Southport. Catches of rock have been made in the southeastern area throughout the winter. They are taken by trolling.

**Contests**  
Two salt water fishing contests are fixtures in North Carolina. From July 1 through October 31, thousands of fishermen compete for awards in the annual Fishing Rodeo of the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association. In waters extending from Swansboro to Shallotte. The contest offers awards for surf, pier, and boat catches in men's, women's, and children's divisions.

From June 1 through October 31, the Morehead City Boatmen's Association sponsors a Sport Fish Round-Up, offering trophies for top catches among a dozen species.

No license is required for salt-water sports fishing.

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A case against Fred W. Bridges, charged with illegal possession of non-tax-paid whiskey, was dismissed.

Bobby Gene Bell, charged with failure to dim lights, was taxed with the costs.

Five defendants were found guilty of public drunkenness and

four paid the costs of court. The fifth was an AWOL soldier who was released to military officials.

James B. Grahl, charged with abandonment and non-support, failed to appear in court to answer charges of non-compliance with above charges and Judge Harrill ordered a Sci-Fa citation issued.

Cases continued included: Woodrow Kimbrell, charged with assault.

Henry Ellis, charged with assault on a female, and bond was increased to \$100.

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Only three cases other than those involving public drunkenness were completed in the hour and half session.

Frank Cooke, charged with being drunk and disorderly, received a 30-day sentence, suspended on the condition that he not enter Cleveland county, except on court

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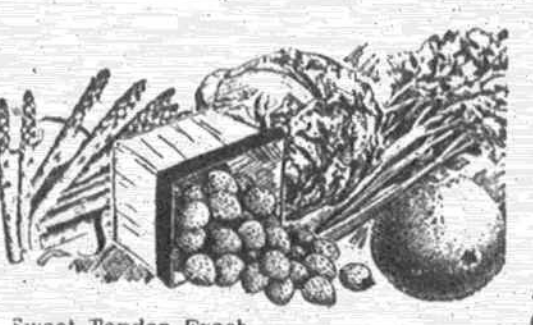
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