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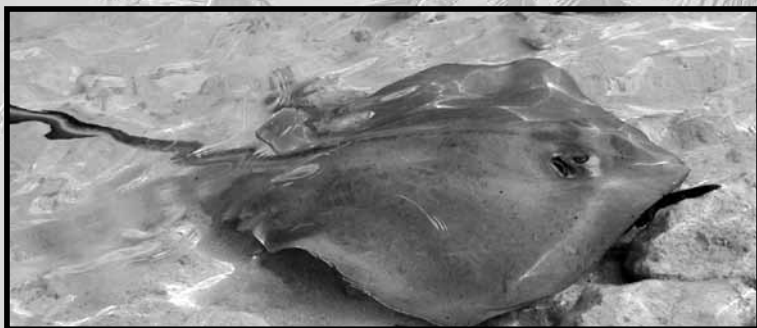
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## Everglades National Park to Hold Public Meetings . . .

Everglades National Park Superintendent Dan B. Kimball is pleased to announce a series of public meetings to present revised preliminary alternatives for the park's marine areas as part of an update to its General Management Plan (GMP). The alternatives are described in Newsletter #5: Revised Preliminary Alternatives for the Marine Waters available on the park website ([www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever) - follow links to GMP). The public comment period runs through May 15, 2009.

Seven public meetings are scheduled throughout south Florida. Each meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Informal discussions among the public and park staff start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a 6:00 p.m. presentation by the National Park Service followed by a public comment period. Following the comment period, park staff will be available to meet with the public until 8:30 p.m. A schedule of these public meetings is included below.

"Throughout the GMP process, the involvement by thousands and the thoughtful comments from so many, with constructive feedback and ideas, are proof of the public's deep interest in and concern for Everglades National Park," Kimball said. Based on strong concerns by many in 2007, it was decided that in order for the GMP to be a valuable long-term blueprint for decision making, it was necessary to re-examine the options for the marine areas based on a thorough analysis of public input and gathering important science and visitor use data."

More specifically, two reports, Patterns of Propeller Scarring of Seagrass in Florida Bay: Associations with Visitor Use Factors and Implications for Natural Resource Management and Aerial Survey of Boater Use in Everglades National Park Marine Waters Florida Bay and Ten-thousand Islands, have been completed and can be found at [www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever) (following "General Management Plan" and "GMP Documents" links). "These studies show clearly that boat use in the Florida Bay area of the park has grown exponentially and has had negative impacts on the resources we are charged with protecting. These scientific studies on boat use in the park and patterns of propeller scarring on Florida Bay seagrasses will provide a foundation for development of a balanced approach to protecting park resources and providing access to the public," Kimball said recently.

Superintendent Kimball stressed that "Public involvement has been instrumental so far in the GMP effort we certainly hope there will be continued public involvement throughout the planning process. We sincerely value the public's ideas on how to best protect the park's unique resources and provide high-quality experiences for park visitors. This phase of the GMP is a critical one and your insights will play an important role in the next steps of the planning process - analyzing the impacts of the alternatives, developing a preferred alternative and preparing the draft GMP and accompanying environmental impact statement."

Kimball emphasized that "No decisions have been made with respect to selecting a preferred alternative that will occur in the next step of the planning process. As such, we need your feedback and best thinking in regard to the preliminary alternatives described in Newsletter #5."

### ***Public Meeting Dates and Locations:***

1. Monday, March 30, 2009, Key Largo Grande Hotel, 97000 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037
2. Tuesday, March 31, 2009, Everglades City School, 415 School Drive, Everglades City, FL 34139
3. Wednesday, April 1, 2009, South Dade Regional Public Library, 10750 SW 211th Street, Miami, FL 33189
4. Monday, April 13\*, 2009, Key Largo Holiday Inn, 99701 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037
5. Tuesday, April 14, 2009, Campbell Agricultural Center, 18710 SW 288th Street, Homestead, FL 33030
6. Wednesday, April 15, 2009, Edison College, Bldg J, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, Florida 34113
7. Thursday, April 16, 2009, IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, 300 Gulfstream Way, Dania Beach, FL 33004

\*Webcast - The April 13th meeting will be webcast starting at 6 p.m.

To access the webcast, go to the park's website: [www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever) and click the "General Management Plan" link.

To request a copy of Newsletter #5: Call Everglades National Park at 305-242-7700. If prompted by voice mail, press "2" at the first prompt, and "5" at the second prompt; leaving mailing information and a request for the newsletter.

Please contact Fred Herling, Park Planner, at 305-242-7704 or: [fred\\_herling@nps.gov](mailto:fred_herling@nps.gov) for more information. 🐟



Grant shows off his sailfish caught on a recent fishing trip off Marathon with Capt. Jason Long.



Bonefish caught while fishing with Capt. Kelly.

# Fishing Report

Brought to you by Capt. George Clark, Jr. of RODEO CHARTERS and the 43' "Gotta Mon" sportfishing charter boat located at Key Largo Fisheries docks, 99.5 Oceanside. Capt. George can be reached at (305) 522-2638 & his website [www.rodeochararters.com](http://www.rodeochararters.com).

## Capt. George Clark, Jr. Key Largo Offshore



The winds this week have been horrible blowing strong from the South East making the sea big. We managed to take our time getting out there just simply putting and keeping the bow into the sea. Luckily the swells were spread out enough to ride up and over them without beating ourselves up too much and fishing has really been great. If you haven't heard big dolphin are showing up here in the upper keys already and you don't have to go far to be in the hunt. Since there has been plenty of flying fish and bally hoo just off the edge of the reef, the dolphin have been chasing bait fish around as close as 100 feet or less. Frigate bird activity has been plentiful. Capt. George Clark Sr. has landed good numbers of dolphin this week up to 35 pounds either on the troll or pitching baits to fish under these black birds. Along with these bigger dolphin have been some good Wahoo too! The color of the week has

been black and blue with a bally hoo behind it. The Wahoo have been good size and several fish tipped the scale at 40 pounds. These fat fish have been fattening up on small bonito so find the tuna schools and you should get some Wahoo bites. Tuna have been scattered around out there and our best bite has been from 200 to 300 feet of water. Any small lure that smokes a bit and resembles a flying fish in color will get bit. Even dark cedar plugs that swim erratic have been dynamite for the black fins and skip jack tuna. Make sure you fish these baits back a good ways and for best results make sure you troll at least one or two rigged bally hoo also. King fish are chewing steady out side the reef and this week we have landed some good ones. Sail fish are moving thru too and although most fishermen are targeting other species, sails are here and you may get a shot or two on the troll. Yellow tail snapper are biting very well from 60 to 100 feet and since the water temperature has jumped up a little the past few weeks these fish are fired up and schooling. Heavy doses of block chum will create a feeding frenzy with these brilliant snapper and by drifting baits back on light tackle will ensure you get some action. So lighter winds will make it possible to get out further this week and I'm sure some very nice fish will get fooled. Get out there and good luck.

Capt. George Clark Jr. 

# Fishing Report

This Key West Flats report is brought to you by Capt. Sandy Horn. If you would like to fish with Capt. Sandy, please call: (305) 393-6913, or e-mail: [shorn2979@yahoo.com](mailto:shorn2979@yahoo.com) and make your reservation today!

## Capt. Sandy Horn Key West Flats




Hope everyone is enjoying all the great weather down here in the lower Florida Keys. We had a couple of windy days this week but overall the fishing has been spectacular for all the the flats game fish. You could argue the fact that bonefishing hasn't been all that spectacular but I have seen plenty of bonefish on the flats to catch one. Since there aren't that many bonefish around, chumming can be a real effective way to catch one. All you need to do is get a three inch PVC and cap it off at each end. Make the piece of three inch about eighteen inches long. You can glue one side shut and leave the other side open so you can put shrimp inside of it. Next drill holes in the PVC so the shrimp sent can leak out through all the holes. Then get a couple of eight ounce weights and drop them in with about four dozen shrimp. Cap off the other end and shake the weight up so that they crush the shrimp inside. I like to have the

chum tube a short way from the boat, so attach a piece of string to the tube and pitch it about ten feet behind the boat. The easiest way to catch a fish chumming is to set a couple of spin rods out in the "chum slick" and just wait. If you're fly fishing for them just keep a keen eye out in the slick and try and get your shots that way. To tell you the truth you are probably better off just poling the flat than chumming if you are fly fishing but it is a very effective way to catch them on a spinning rod.

The permit and tarpon fishing have been outstanding this week besides the couple of days of heavy wind. It certainly didn't affect the permit but some of the tarpon areas were blown out and when it gets real windy they just head for deeper water. This is when I really love to fish for tarpon in the channels early in the morning. You don't have to wake up at the crack of dawn, but try and leave the dock a little before sunrise when channel tarpon fishing. As we all know, tarpon are far more active early in the morning and this holds even more true for tarpon in the channels.

Even though sight fishing is the preferred way to fish for tarpon on fly, a sinking line in a channel is a nice way to start the day before the sun gets high enough to see them in the water. A good tip is to wait for a fish to roll in casting range instead of of just casting the whole time you're in the channel. That is just a good way to tire yourself out. I also like to strip real slow because the current will also move the fly along for you. The permit have really moved onto the flats and are a wonderful fish to fish for this time of year. This is also the time right before they go offshore and spawn and this week could be a killer time to fish for permit. Right before they leave you will often see huge schools of permit on the flats getting ready to leave. It is a lot easier to catch a permit when they are in giant schools than when you are just fishing for one fish. We have a full moon coming up so this could be the moon they spawn off, but it is still a little early.

Hope everyone has tight lines and fish boat side - until next week . . . 



## 'Python Patrol' Targets Giant Snakes of South Florida

Juan Lopez reads meters with one eye and looks for snakes with the other. Lopez is a member of the "Python Patrol," a team of utility workers, wildlife officials, park rangers and police trying to keep Burmese pythons from gaining a foothold in the Florida Keys.

Officials say the pythons -- which can grow to 20 feet long and eat large animals whole -- are being ditched by pet owners in the Florida Everglades, threatening the region's endangered species and its ecosystem. "Right now, we have our fingers crossed that they haven't come this far yet, but if they do, we are prepared," Lopez said.

Burmese Pythons are rarely seen in the middle Florida Keys, where Lopez works. The Nature Conservancy wants to keep it that way. The Python Patrol program was started by Alison Higgins, the Nature Conservancy's Florida Keys conservation manager. She describes it as an "early detection, rapid response" program made up of professionals who work outside.

### Eight Burmese pythons have been found in the Keys

"If we can keep them from spreading and breeding, then we're that much more ahead of the problem," Higgins said. Utility workers, wildlife officials and police officers recently attended a three-hour class about capturing the enormously large snakes. Lt. Jeffrey L. Fobb of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Venom Response Unit taught the participants how to capture pythons.

"There's no immutable laws of snake catching. It's whatever works," Fobb said as he demonstrated catching a snake with hooks, bags, blankets and his hands.

"We're doing it in the Florida Keys because we have a lot to protect," Higgins said. "The Burmese pythons that are coming out of the Everglades are eating a lot of our endangered species and other creatures, and we want to make sure they don't breed here."

The snakes are breeding just north of the Keys in Everglades National Park. An estimated 30,000 Burmese pythons live in the park. The Everglades, known as the "River of Grass," is a vast area with a climate perfect for these pythons to hide and breed. And breed they do: the largest clutches of eggs found in the Everglades have numbered up to 83.

The snakes grow like they're on steroids. With a life span of 30 years, these pythons can weigh as much as 200 pounds. And the larger the snake, the bigger the prey. Biologists have found endangered wood rats, birds, bobcats and other animals in their stomachs. Two 5-foot-long alligators were found in the stomachs of Burmese pythons that were caught and necropsied, officials say. Officials also say Burmese pythons can travel 1.6 miles a day by land, and they can swim to reach areas outside the Everglades.


This nonvenomous species was brought into the United States from Southeast Asia. Everglades National Park spokeswoman Linda Friar says biologists believe that well-intended pet owners are to blame for their introduction into the Everglades. "These pets were released by owners that do not understand the threat to the ecosystem," she said.

Higgins says 99,000 of the popular pets were brought into the United States from 1996 to 2006, the most recent data available. She says they are an easy species to breed, and you can buy a hatchling for as little as \$20. The problem with these pets, Friar says, is that they get too big for their owners to handle. Making the owner aware of what to expect when the animal becomes full-grown is a priority.

"The pet trade is pretty supportive in educating people," Friar said. She hopes a "Don't let it loose" message campaign makes an impact on pet owners. Florida Sen. Bill Nelson, a supporter of restoring the Everglades, has introduced a bill that would ban importing the python species into the United States. The senator saw the need after learning about the effect these snakes were having on the park.

"Finding out many endangered species are being found in the stomach of the python," Nelson spokeswoman Susie Quinn said, "we need to do a better job at protecting the resources."

In the meantime, Lopez and the Python Patrol will continue to protect the Florida Keys by capturing the snakes and turning them over to biologists to perform necropsies. The Nature Conservancy plans to expand the program to all the areas that surround the Everglades, making these predators their prey.

"I would like to find them and get rid of them," Lopez said. 





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## Capt. Lain Goodwin Key Largo Backcountry

Batten down the hatches because Mother Nature has been sending some strong winds down to the Keys. I keep taping my computer monitor because 15-20 knots seems to be burning into the screen. This is not a good month for the ultra light poling skiff owners. But the trend in the backcountry seems to be larger flats boats and the latest breed of skinny water bay boats. Although many of the larger flats and bay boats do offer poling platforms, this is really not a viable option unless the conditions are perfect. But this time of year the fish aren't hanging in the ultra skinny water allowing the use of a trolling motor along deeper shorelines and channels. The additional room and comfort of a bay boat makes it a great choice for those anglers who aren't interested in poling. And, this time of year it can be tough task poling with the strong winds. But, that doesn't mean you can't sight-fish, a properly handled trolling motor will get you within casting range of most species. When using the trolling motor in shallow water you first need to adjust the height of the motor. You will need at least 15 inches of water to keep the prop from making contact with the bottom but not blowing out above the surface. I will let everyone assume their fishing positions before fine

tuning the height adjustment. Once you start moving keep the speed adjustment SLOW and STEADY as you work the flat. Bay boats are not for everyone since they do have larger engines which can do substantial damage to the sea bottom if you are not familiar with the backcountry. There are plenty of good bay boats on the market made by reputable companies but 2 of my favorites are Shearwater and Ranger. If you're interested in checking one out head over to Performance Marine in Key Largo or Islamorada Boat Center.

The warmer water temperatures have really fired-up the snook in the backcountry. This week's snook bite brought back memories of last spring and summer when the snook were plentiful and willing to eat. We had several days this week where we caught 20-30 snook pitching pilchards along the mangroves. As always, the key to finding those snook feeding stations is by finding a good supply of finger mullet moving along the shoreline or through the creeks. Most of the snook have been in the 18-24 inch range with a few keepers mixed-in. Thanks to stricter regulations and more people practicing catch and release, the snook population is booming in Florida Bay. The trout bite has not been that great with the heavy winds, but as soon as it lays down I expect the big females to start biting more consistently. The islands are full of sharks meandering around in search of their next meal. We've been having plenty of fun sight fishing for bonnethead and lemon sharks on light tackle. All you need is about 8 inches of wire with a HookUp Lure jighead and some live shrimp. Sharks do not have very good eyesight so cast your baits past the shark and work it right across their nose. Sharks are a blast on light tackle and can run as hard as any other shallow water species.

If you haven't already done so, make sure to view the General Management Plan alternatives from Everglades National Park. You can find the 4 alternatives as well as meeting dates at their website, [www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever). If you cannot make one of the public meetings, there's an online comment form on the website. The GMP will outline the management of the Everglades for the next 25-30 years so make sure to voice your opinion before it's too late!!!

Until next week, tight lines and light winds! 

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## Capt. Chris Lembo Key West Offshore




We had another week of windy weather here in Key West. The forecasts called for 5-10 a couple of the days but it turned out to be more like 15-20 on those. The wind has kept the water churned up pretty good from shore out to a little past the reef. Once you get into deeper water a nice color change lingered all week. The water temp was 76.2 and the current moving to the east at a good clip.

Offshore was all about Dolphin this week. The fish were not huge but there were plenty of gaffers mixed in with the big schools of smaller fish. It was nice not to have to run far offshore but the conditions were rough. Frigate birds were out in force giving up positions of the larger fish. There were also plenty of boats chasing after them but I picked up plenty of nice fish even though I was the second or third boat to work past a hovering bird. I had numerous occasions when a boat closer to a

frigate picked up a few small fish and after we past the bird we would hook into a 12-15 pound fish. They are still in close and I worked water from 120-250 feet all week. Sailfish reports were pretty good as well though I only had 1 fish come up into the spread and rob me of a ballyhoo. There were a few reports of Wahoo and a monster Mako caught close into Sand Key. Look for the Dolphin bite to improve. Larger fish should start to move in and the key is to fish those very rough days. Once the run of big fish slows the bite will move further offshore.

On the reef the fishing has been good as well. Mutton Snapper are biting good. We are getting near the spawn and the usual pillaging of the spawning stocks will soon begin. This is a controversial subject and will surely result in a regulation restriction in the near future. I am surprised that the Grouper issue came up first. Yellowtail has been OK. Find some current and there will be plenty.

The Gulf fished OK this week and we should find Cobia, Kingfish and Grouper along with Mutton and Mangrove Snapper on all the wrecks and rock-piles. As with the Atlantic side ....keep the chum flowing and you will have the bite gradually turn up and attract different species the longer you chum. 

# Fishing Report

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## Capt. Luke Kelly Lower Keys



What a great week for the flats, permit are everywhere, tarpon are laying up, and bonefish are feeding hard. While we have had inconsistent wind speeds, the fish have yet to skip a beat. Despite the few gusty days we received the water remained gin clear in the areas that mattered, seeing that lets you know everything is working as it should. The calm days allowed for epic fishing, spring is here and it is currently a great time for the inshore flats slam.

Permit love the warming trend we have received, and the groups of threes and fives I am seeing tell me they are continuing their pre spawn flats activity. It is tough to say when they will all move out to spawn this year, but I see no sign of them deciding to yet. I would say we still have some great permit sight fishing to be had for a bit more to come. They are currently crushing blue crabs right now, and if you are throwing fly,

look for those head on shots because they all seem to be moving fast.

Many have spotted tarpon in our backcountry basins, while most are still sticking to some of the more overlooked channels. I have found the more explosive bite to be on our windier days. While the calmer days allowed for them to be a bit more selective. It appears that the tarpon migration has started; I have certainly seen an increase in the amount of adult tarpon this week. My permit addiction has kept me away from the western half of the Lower Keys and I have yet to hear any reports from the Marquesas. I am sure it is crawling with tarpon out there by now.

Bonefish are happy on the flats right now and I have found many of them feeding in isolated areas, in large numbers. Thank the heavens for the shrimp when it comes to these guys. This week I witnessed a spooked bonefish turn around for a well placed bait, they sometimes just can't pass that shrimp up. Bonefish are great, they provide plenty of action between the tarpon and permit during this time of year.

You can be sure there will be plenty of good flats fishing in the Lower Keys for months to come, it's a sure bet.

'Til net week - tight lines . . .

Capt. Luke 



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## Capt. Andrew Tipler Lower Keys



We finally had a taste of good weather / fishing. Early in the week a color change formed offshore reminding me of why this is my favorite time of year. It looks like we have one more front on the way through. Let's hope it makes for good sailfishing but does not affect the tarpon fishing.

Tarpon season started off slow but this past week brought it into full swing. Some big fish were out back and the few schools started roaming Oceanside flats. The only thing I don't like about tarpon fishing is that it seems flats boats come out of the woodwork. If everyone would practice a little etiquette and not push the fish too hard then we will all catch more. Tarpon get grumpy in a hurry so if you have your shot and it is a no go let the fish move on. Chasing a tarpon down will make them not

want to eat for the next angler. There are still good numbers of permit around getting ready to head out into the gulf, get one while you can. A few bonefish were making a showing giving a shot at the coveted grand slam. Let's hope this cold front won't drop the water temps down too much, things were just starting to take off.

Reef fishing was ok this week. The water was very dirty which slowed things down a bit. It seems that the water went from too clean to too dirty instantly. It is a good thing to have a little bit of cloudiness to the water, this helps keep the fish from seeing your terminal tackle, but if it is too dirty the bite will drop off a bit. There were some jacks, blue runners, and a few big yellowtails to be caught. Sharks were taking more than their share on Saturday. There were big jacks wandering the reef gobbling up every pinfish we sent to the bottom. My anglers finally stopped fishing a bottom rod after they had had enough.

There was a very defined color change in 200-300 ft of water for the majority of the week. Early in the week brought good dolphin fishing as well as a few wahoo and tuna. By the end of the week the bite had slowed dramatically. A few sailfish were spotted and a couple were raised on the downrigger by Capt. Charley on Squid Roe. The current was flowing strong and if we get the brisk east winds they are calling for sailfish should pop up all along the color change. Good luck and good fishing.

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## Capt. Dave Schugar Marathon



This week is the week that the dolphin showed up in full force. Between my own experience out there and some of the other Captains which whom I talk with on a regular basis, its true, the dolphin are here. I have been hearing a lot about the dolphin action starting to pick up. I didn't know first hand because of the snapper trips I have been running. I got out there this past Saturday and we crushed them. We could have caught sixty fish but we had only three people. We probably caught over sixty fish but only kept the ones that I didn't have to measure. We still ended up with 25 fish, which was more than we needed. We found the fish scattered in-between the weeds which most of the time didn't have any pattern to them. It was like scattered windrows from 600-800 feet. There were some birds out there, which had plenty of fish under them and plenty of fish just cruising up and down the weeds. We found fish moving in all directions. Usually dolphin will all move in the same direction depending on the wind direction. We went to the hump and

jigged for tuna, which was very productive. We found that the fish were busting all in front of the hump and the bigger ones were mixed in with the small ones. We normally will keep some of the small ones for shark and swordfish baits. I got my freezer loaded now. We ended up hitting the hump later in the day and on our last drift we filled the box with two slammers, which weighed 24.9 and 26.6 pounds. They were circling the boat while we were busy jigging. We hooked both and they didn't fight at all. Usually it takes a bit to get slammers boat-side, but these fish just stayed close and I gaffed them both within five minutes up the hookups. After those two fish the box was full and blasted home.

Earlier in the week the patch fishing was absolutely awesome. The yellowtails were chewing at the bag. The ballyhoo were very easy to get. Every spot I stopped at there were plenty of ballyhoo to be had. Every trip I have been getting my limit of ballyhoo in one or two cast of the net. If you don't know, there is a limit on Ballyhoo. You are only allowed to keep a five-gallon buck full. Any more than that and you are in violation and can get fine or something. I have been going to the bayside for some red-hot mangrove action. We have been catching our limit of three to two pound mangroves and plenty of goliaths and gags too. The gags have all been short but they pull nice on fifteen-pound test. I like to go to the light tackle when I'm in the backcountry. We do lose some nice fish but we haven't had any problem filling the cooler. There have been tons of small kings mixed with some Spanish mackerel out back too. Don't mistake the small kings for the mackerel. That could be very bad. The best way to determine if the fish in question is a Spanish or a kingfish is really easy. Look at their lateral line and if it has a drastic downward turn on it about one third down the fish it is a kingfish. If it is a gradual downward turn it is a Spanish. Make sure you check those fish really carefully. They can look a lot alike.

For those of you who love to sportfish this week was very good for the sailfish and as well for the tarpon too. The sailfish action has been really good from 30-100 feet of water. Those captains who have a tower

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Capt. Kelly holds a very well-shaped permit caught this past week.



Mikey G. and Lauren with a nice bull and cow caught in 800 feet off of Islamorada, onboard the Fishy-Wipt.



# Fishing Report

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## Capt. Dave Navarro Marathon



Nice weather overall has given anglers an opportunity to try most any venue this past week and reports have been quite good for the most part. There were a few that did not have the best catches but the opportunity was there. Quite a few species have made their appearance in good numbers in the past week or so with the good news being they seem to be hungry from their trip. We have also seen a decrease in the winter species throughout most of the local waters with kingfish and mackerel being the most obvious. Their numbers and frequency of biting has waned substantially with the exception of some of the reef spots where they still seem to be quite aggressive around some of the yellowtail fishermen.

Several of the species that have shown up are dolphin, permit and tarpon. While the dolphin are still not red hot as of yet, some nice ones have been taken lately. The nice weather conditions that we had on several days allowed anglers to venture well offshore to locate some nice fish. Most of the larger fish were found around floating debris rather than just on weed lines. Some very big tripletail were also taken in these areas. Several boats reported multiple wahoo working diving plugs near these floating debris. I talked with a couple of anglers that ventured 25+ miles out and were lucky enough to come across a passing school of yellowfin tuna and hook up with a few. The schools were moving quite fast and after spending a good amount of time with the fight, they were unable to relocate the school.

Permit have been quite active around area flats as well as most of the bridge channels with live crabs being the bait of choice for them. Some of the fish have been well into the 15+ pound range, which provides a fantastic fight, particularly on light tackle. Working a live crab around the bridges has provided anglers with the option of a permit or some of the tarpon that have just arrived. I have seen as well as heard of anglers offshore and on the reef spotting huge schools of traveling tarpon coming in. It is an awesome sight to see over an acre of fish in a tight

school rolling and traveling with a purpose. I have never gotten one to eat when they are moving like that but it is still something to see. From what I have heard, there seems to have been several dozen of these big schools working into the Middle Keys this past week. This bodes well for anglers that are looking for a few rounds with the 'Silver King.'

On April 30th, the 43rd Annual Marathon International Tarpon Tournament will kick off for three evenings of fishing and the Ladies will have their turn on May 9th & 10th with the 33rd Annual Ladies Tarpon Tournament. Both events are fishing for tarpon on 12 & 30 pound test line and open to everyone. We have information on both events at the store or by calling 305-743-6139.

Other action that has been quite good has been flats fishing and areas in the bay with snapper and a few grouper. Mostly near the back islands in shallower waters is where good reports of nice sized fish have been taken. 16+ inch snappers have been the norm for many. Live shrimp and cut fresh ballyhoo have been the baits of choice along with small live pinfish. Some nice snapper have also been taken around the area bridge channels as of late. Hawk channel has had good reports of nice lane snapper and a few big muttons.

On some of the nicer days, a few anglers venture well into the gulf to the big wrecks and structures that are out there. They were rewarded with some very nice cobia, as well as a good mix of other species. So basically, it is all out there for the taking. The only thing holding you up from having a nice fresh fish dinner is you not going to get them. 🐟



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Erdman, who began work with the Florida Marine Patrol in 1997, made 29 impaired boater arrests last year. It is the seventh straight year Erdman has received the MADD award, chalking up a total of 355 impaired-boat-operator arrests.


The MADD life-saving award is open to any FWC law enforcement officer or federal, state or county law enforcement officer who is involved in patrolling Florida's waterways.

Erdman received the award March 16 at the annual MADD banquet in Tallahassee. Don Murray, MADD Florida state executive director, and Lt. Governor Jeffrey Kottkamp presented the award.

Under Florida law, any boater operating a vessel while impaired because of the use of alcohol or drugs is subject to arrest. Adult vessel operators are considered impaired if their blood alcohol content is .08 or higher; for people under the age of 21 the threshold is .02. Florida law requires that impaired boat operators be arrested and taken to jail where they must remain at least eight hours.

"This is all about safety. The way I look at it, I, and all the officers are there to make sure people can go out on the water and not have to worry about someone who is impaired or drunk running into them or causing



an accident," Erdman said. "Not only that, people who are intoxicated on the water will be intoxicated on the highway when they get behind the wheel of a vehicle and drive home."

Erdman said part of his motivation for watching out for impaired boaters is the human toll on those involved in accidents. "These are not victimless crimes. Impaired boaters who injure or kill themselves or others affect other families – children, mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandparents and on and on," he said. Erdman said in 88 of the arrest incidents children were on board vessels. Despite the arrest numbers, Erdman wishes he never had to write another boating-under-the-influence ticket. "I'd be happier if everyone left alcohol or drugs behind, but unfortunately that's not reality," he said. 



# Fishing Report


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## Capt. Joe Trainor The Bahamas

the edge and take the weights out. We like to also follow the water temp as you can see the temps raise from 72 to 75 as we have had this week. When it was 72 to 73 this week we wahoo fished and when it warmed up we started venturing off the edge. I like to usually go with a gut feeling for the day and decide what to fish for. By April 15th or so we typically put all the wahoo lures and tackle away. This remains one of my favorite times to fish as you never know what you may catch.

This week was very tough as we did get offshore twice this week. We did a little of edge fishing as well as venturing offshore for one of the first times of the year. Needless to say it was a tough week this week as we had a very unusual west wind most of the week. West winds are very unusual at any time of the year and are usually accompanied by very slow fishing. We did manage to boat a nice late season hoo being 65 lbs. That fish ate a deep rod with a blue black Yozuri plug. We also ventured out to the Abaco Canyon this week after a morning of slow fishing on the edge. When we got out there we saw nice blue water and the water temp was around 77 degrees. We were hoping for an early season billfish but managed to get 3 nice dolphin in the 20 to 30 lb range.

We are expecting a strong late season cold front this week and expect one last hurrah for our wahoo bite. It seems we will keep the wahoo weights in the water for another 5 or 6 days until the wind changes from the NE. We are hoping to get our usual late season monster hoos at the end of this front so stay tuned!!!! 

Starting the Spring Change here in the Bahamas

March through April remains to be one of my favorite times to fish in the Bahamas and sometimes the hardest. We consistently say April 1 st is nearing the end of the wahoo season and start of the dolphin, yellowfin and billfish season. However it is usually in April that we catch some of our biggest hoos. This makes it a tough decision on a daily basis over here. This time of year you must follow the wind direction, current and tides. It is a constant battle for about 2 weeks over here to decide weather to put the wahoo weights in or out. For this I usually say follow the wind. If you just had a cold front pass and the wind is from the NE I usually stay on the edge and put the wire out. However if you have had a strong Southeasterly flow and it almost feels like summer then go off

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## Capt. Nick Borraccino Marathon



### It's tailing season!!!


Local fisherman and charter boat captains welcomed this week what we know as tailing conditions. South of Marathon this week you'll find at least two color changes in the water. It seems to go from blueish-green, to green, then sharply to deep blue. Throw into the mix an eastbound current and some easterly sort of wind, and you have textbook tailing conditions. This is when sailfish, dolphin, and cobia come up to the surface, put their face into the current, and surf down the waves looking for forage. The main bait out there is flying fish, and there are plenty of them. Get into the zone and troll some lures or ballyhoo of plastics and sure to hook up with some dolphin, and even sailfish. This time of year, there are smaller packs of dolphin, but they are bigger fish, with multiple fish in the 20 to 30 pound range being common. Sight



casting to them is always productive too (especially if you have a tower). They usually will not turn down a live ballyhoo, pilchard, or pinfish. That's what's real hot right now, but the great thing about this time of year is that everything is hot!

The big yellowtails are biting hard all over and reports are coming in of some very impressive catches up and down the middle Keys. Keep a bait on the bottom while reef fishing, as the mutton snappers are starting to wake up too. They'll happily take a pinfish, large shrimp, crab, ballyhoo, or even a small grunt. Forty to eighty foot reef has been the key.

Everything is good right now from the Gulf (which is loaded with mangrove snapper and cobia) to offshore, where sailfish, tuna, and dolphin are biting like crazy. Don't miss out on some the best fishing of the year and book your trip soon... many captains' calendars are getting quite full!

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21' Walk Around**

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**2002 19.5 Lifetimer**

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**2004 Pro Line 23' Sport**

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**2001 Grady White 28'  
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e-mail: [mwalexander@cox.net](mailto:mwalexander@cox.net) \$28,500. Located in Cudjoe.

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**1994 18' Action Craft**

130 Yamaha, trailer, push pole, VHF, stereo, and new cushions. This boat is in excellent condition, with very little use. Asking \$7,700 obo. Located in Key Largo.

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04 / 29

**2002 STRIKE 29 CENTER CONSOLE**

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**2002 23' Hydra Sport**

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have been finding tons of fish in the shallows early in the morning. The cobias are also being found in the shallows as well as in the Gulf too. I talked to Capt Mike Biffle on The Big Dawg and he said he has been going forty miles but the fishing has been great. I also talked to Capt Chris Moran on the Walk About and he caught a bunch of cobia in Hawks Channel, but only kept the four biggest ones. His fish were in the 20-30 pound class. He also has been doing very well with the muttons. I believe said he had six or eight the same day that he caught the cobias. The tarpon have been pretty thick at the bridges and the channels between the flats on the bayside. Capt Jeff Knapp said he has been producing lots of tarpon bite in and around the Seven Mile Bridge. He operates his boat out of Porky's Bayside. 



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KEY LARGO (Ocean Reef)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
Apr 8	Wed		02:11 AM / -0.21 ft	08:16 AM / 2.66 ft	02:29 PM / -0.60 ft	08:48 PM / 2.83 ft
Apr 9	Thu		02:56 AM / -0.19 ft	08:58 AM / 2.66 ft	03:12 PM / -0.64 ft	09:31 PM / 2.83 ft
Apr 10	Fri		03:39 AM / -0.11 ft	09:39 AM / 2.61 ft	03:54 PM / -0.58 ft	10:12 PM / 2.76 ft
Apr 11	Sat		04:20 AM / 0.02 ft	10:18 AM / 2.53 ft	04:34 PM / -0.45 ft	10:52 PM / 2.65 ft
Apr 12	Sun		05:00 AM / 0.20 ft	10:56 AM / 2.42 ft	05:15 PM / -0.25 ft	11:31 PM / 2.51 ft
Apr 13	Mon		05:41 AM / 0.40 ft	11:34 AM / 2.30 ft	05:56 PM / -0.02 ft	
Apr 14	Tue	12:12 AM / 2.36 ft	06:23 AM / 0.61 ft	12:14 PM / 2.18 ft	06:40 PM / 0.21 ft	
Apr 15	Wed	12:55 AM / 2.21 ft	07:09 AM / 0.80 ft	12:58 PM / 2.06 ft	07:28 PM / 0.43 ft	

BIG PINE (West Side - Pine Channel)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
Apr 8	Wed		05:05 AM / 0.07 ft	10:06 AM / 0.90 ft	05:45 PM / -0.11 ft	10:58 PM / 0.76 ft
Apr 9	Thu		05:38 AM / 0.09 ft	10:37 AM / 0.95 ft	06:30 PM / -0.15 ft	11:40 PM / 0.70 ft
Apr 10	Fri		06:11 AM / 0.10 ft	11:07 AM / 0.98 ft	07:13 PM / -0.17 ft	
Apr 11	Sat	12:20 AM / 0.64 ft	06:44 AM / 0.12 ft	11:38 AM / 0.98 ft	07:55 PM / -0.16 ft	
Apr 12	Sun	12:59 AM / 0.58 ft	07:17 AM / 0.13 ft	12:11 PM / 0.95 ft	08:39 PM / -0.13 ft	
Apr 13	Mon	01:39 AM / 0.52 ft	07:49 AM / 0.16 ft	12:47 PM / 0.91 ft	09:26 PM / -0.09 ft	
Apr 14	Tue	02:22 AM / 0.46 ft	08:23 AM / 0.18 ft	01:28 PM / 0.86 ft	10:18 PM / -0.04 ft	
Apr 15	Wed	03:13 AM / 0.42 ft	08:59 AM / 0.22 ft	02:15 PM / 0.81 ft	11:20 PM / 0.01 ft	

ISLAMORADA (Whale Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
Apr 8	Wed		02:57 AM / -0.10 ft	08:42 AM / 1.52 ft	03:15 PM / -0.28 ft	09:14 PM / 1.62 ft
Apr 9	Thu		03:42 AM / -0.09 ft	09:24 AM / 1.52 ft	03:58 PM / -0.30 ft	09:57 PM / 1.62 ft
Apr 10	Fri		04:25 AM / -0.05 ft	10:05 AM / 1.50 ft	04:40 PM / -0.28 ft	10:38 PM / 1.58 ft
Apr 11	Sat		05:06 AM / 0.01 ft	10:44 AM / 1.45 ft	05:20 PM / -0.21 ft	11:18 PM / 1.52 ft
Apr 12	Sun		05:46 AM / 0.09 ft	11:22 AM / 1.39 ft	06:01 PM / -0.12 ft	11:57 PM / 1.44 ft
Apr 13	Mon		06:27 AM / 0.19 ft	12:00 PM / 1.32 ft	06:42 PM / -0.01 ft	
Apr 14	Tue	12:38 AM / 1.35 ft	07:09 AM / 0.29 ft	12:40 PM / 1.25 ft	07:26 PM / 0.10 ft	
Apr 15	Wed	01:21 AM / 1.27 ft	07:55 AM / 0.38 ft	01:24 PM / 1.18 ft	08:14 PM / 0.20 ft	

CUDJOE KEY (Pirates Cove)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
Apr 8	Wed	01:40 AM / 1.19 ft	06:07 AM / 0.13 ft	01:35 PM / 1.33 ft	06:47 PM / -0.21 ft	
Apr 9	Thu	02:27 AM / 1.13 ft	06:40 AM / 0.16 ft	02:06 PM / 1.41 ft	07:32 PM / -0.29 ft	
Apr 10	Fri	03:09 AM / 1.04 ft	07:13 AM / 0.19 ft	02:36 PM / 1.45 ft	08:15 PM / -0.32 ft	
Apr 11	Sat	03:49 AM / 0.95 ft	07:46 AM / 0.22 ft	03:07 PM / 1.44 ft	08:57 PM / -0.31 ft	
Apr 12	Sun	04:28 AM / 0.85 ft	08:19 AM / 0.25 ft	03:40 PM / 1.41 ft	09:41 PM / -0.25 ft	
Apr 13	Mon	05:08 AM / 0.76 ft	08:51 AM / 0.30 ft	04:16 PM / 1.35 ft	10:28 PM / -0.17 ft	
Apr 14	Tue	05:51 AM / 0.68 ft	09:25 AM / 0.35 ft	04:57 PM / 1.28 ft	11:20 PM / -0.07 ft	
Apr 15	Wed	06:42 AM / 0.63 ft	10:01 AM / 0.41 ft	05:44 PM / 1.20 ft		

MARATHON (Boot Key Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
Apr 8	Wed		02:30 AM / 0.10 ft	08:47 AM / 1.86 ft	03:09 PM / -0.38 ft	09:43 PM / 1.54 ft
Apr 9	Thu		03:04 AM / 0.18 ft	09:15 AM / 2.01 ft	03:54 PM / -0.48 ft	10:24 PM / 1.45 ft
Apr 10	Fri		03:37 AM / 0.26 ft	09:45 AM / 2.10 ft	04:38 PM / -0.50 ft	11:02 PM / 1.34 ft
Apr 11	Sat		04:09 AM / 0.34 ft	10:16 AM / 2.14 ft	05:21 PM / -0.45 ft	11:37 PM / 1.23 ft
Apr 12	Sun		04:40 AM / 0.42 ft	10:50 AM / 2.11 ft	06:06 PM / -0.33 ft	
Apr 13	Mon	12:11 AM / 1.13 ft	05:09 AM / 0.50 ft	11:27 AM / 2.05 ft	06:53 PM / -0.19 ft	
Apr 14	Tue	12:48 AM / 1.02 ft	05:36 AM / 0.57 ft	12:08 PM / 1.95 ft	07:48 PM / -0.03 ft	
Apr 15	Wed	01:30 AM / 0.93 ft	06:00 AM / 0.64 ft	12:54 PM / 1.83 ft	08:52 PM / 0.09 ft	

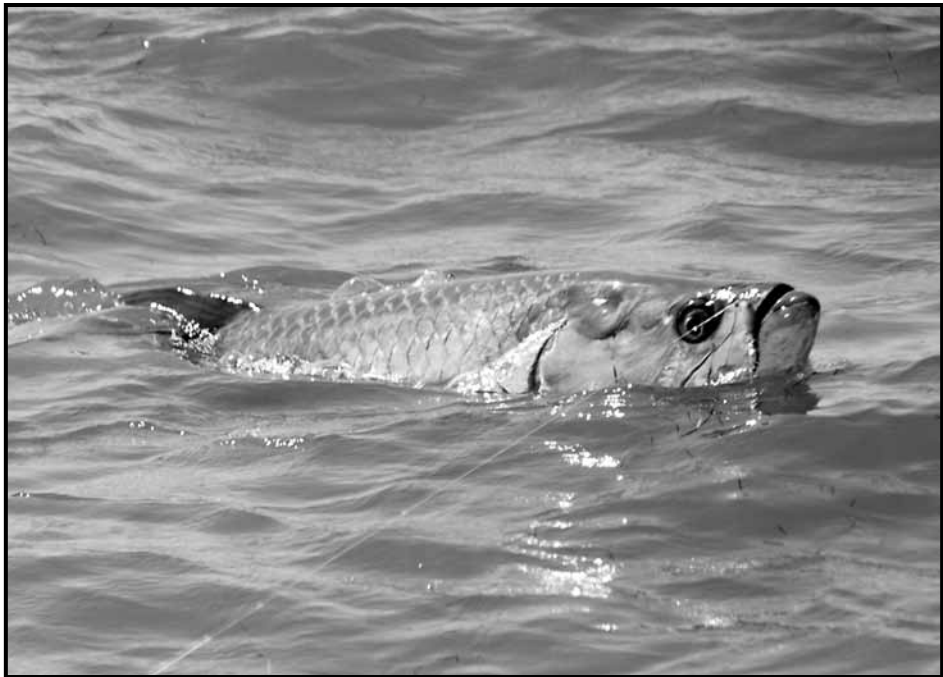
KEY WEST (South Side Hawk Channel)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
Apr 8	Wed		02:43 AM / 0.15 ft	08:53 AM / 1.85 ft	03:23 PM / -0.24 ft	09:45 PM / 1.56 ft
Apr 9	Thu		03:16 AM / 0.19 ft	09:24 AM / 1.96 ft	04:08 PM / -0.34 ft	10:27 PM / 1.45 ft
Apr 10	Fri		03:49 AM / 0.22 ft	09:54 AM / 2.01 ft	04:51 PM / -0.37 ft	11:07 PM / 1.32 ft
Apr 11	Sat		04:22 AM / 0.26 ft	10:25 AM / 2.01 ft	05:33 PM / -0.36 ft	11:46 PM / 1.18 ft
Apr 12	Sun		04:55 AM / 0.30 ft	10:58 AM / 1.95 ft	06:17 PM / -0.29 ft	
Apr 13	Mon	12:26 AM / 1.06 ft	05:27 AM / 0.34 ft	11:34 AM / 1.87 ft	07:04 PM / -0.20 ft	
Apr 14	Tue	01:09 AM / 0.95 ft	06:01 AM / 0.40 ft	12:15 PM / 1.77 ft	07:56 PM / -0.08 ft	
Apr 15	Wed	02:00 AM / 0.87 ft	06:37 AM / 0.47 ft	01:02 PM / 1.67 ft	08:58 PM / 0.03 ft	

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