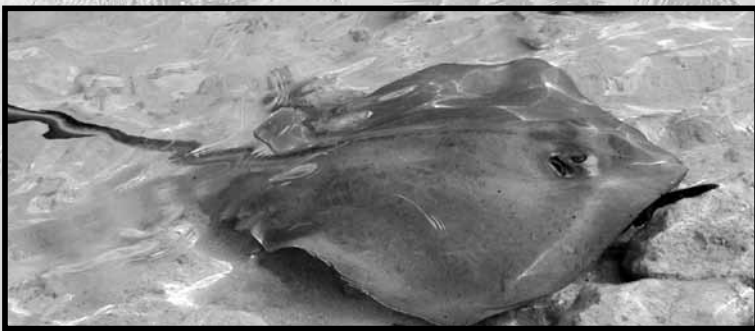


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Everglades National Park to Hold Public Meetings . . .

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 - 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 (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 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 for more information. 🐦



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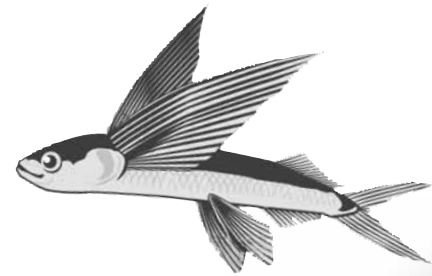


I'm sure everyone had a great Easter and if you ventured offshore this past weekend you probably saw better weather then previous days, especially with the wind. Fishing offshore has really settled into a nice bite of Dolphin (MAHI). We are seeing good size fish right up to 40 pounds and these fish are traveling in packs for the most part. Bird activity has remained to be the key and bait rich areas where you find tons of flying fish are a perfect place to start. This last full moon did seem to affect the bite a little and with little cloud cover at night it made hunting rather easy for these Dolphin. Most of the action has come by way of trolling rigged bally hoo on mono rigs although we have been able to pitch some big chunks of fresh cut Bonito and flying fish too. When all else fails, you can chuck a live pilchard at them and I'm sure they will eat it. The Wahoo bite has been steady recently. Fish from 18

to 40 pounds have been common and if you work at it, you can probably see a handful of shots while on the troll. Black and red, or blue and white with a bally hoo trailer have been deadly for the hoo's. The key is to cover ground and run your baits far enough back that they stay in the water so your baits swim.

The mighty black fin is another fish we are seeing daily. Although these fish aren't giant by any standards, they are up to 20 pounds and will readily eat a trolled bally hoo or small cedar plug fished out of the rigger way back. Unless you are fishing around the humps, you may not see much in the way of bird activity unless you get further offshore where the skip jacks are pouring through. Find the tuna and you could find a bill fish. Blue marlin are here now and normally hang around food sources, so keep your eyes peeled when you do locate a mahi school and are engaged in catching schoolies. Amber jacks are thick on the spots out deep and reef fishing is getting better every day. So get out there and have some fun.

Capt. George Clark Jr. 



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The early week drop in water temperatures back into the mid 60's coupled with the full moon, put a dampening on the snook bite. The 3 days before and after a full moon is great for nighttime fishing but slow the daytime bite. Don't worry; the great thing about the Florida Keys is the diversity of species available to anglers. You just need to alter your targeted species and be versatile on the water. Speckled trout are one of my favorite species to target because they don't seem to mind the colder temperatures or full moons yet provide a fun day of fishing for just about anyone. All you need is some medium action rods with light line (6-10 lb.) and cajun thunder popping corks along with an 1/8 oz HookUp Lure and Berkley Gulp baits. I've had the best results with the Berkley swimming mullet and shrimp for catching the bigger trout. This past week

we've caught several trout in the 3-4 pound range. These larger trout are all females preparing for their annual spring spawning cycle. If you don't know of any good trout spots all you have to do is drift one of the many mullet muds from Key Largo to Flamingo. In the northeast portions of the bay we have been most productive in grass lined bays with 3-6 foot depths. Just about any of the grass bays and channels surrounding Flamingo will have trout. Not all of them will hold trout but just give it a few casts and move along to the next one until you find them.

The snook bite is steadily improving as water temperatures are back to the high 70's. This past week we found snook in some of the creeks and channels. As always, I pay close attention to the presence of mullet in the area. If there's no sign of mullet there probably aren't any snook so move on if you don't get a bite within the first 10-20 minutes. When rigging for snook I use 10 lb braided line with 30 lb fluorocarbon leader and a 2/0 live bait hook or circle hook. I prefer using live bait when snook fishing on anchor in the channels. The best technique is to pitch baits up-current along the mangroves letting the baits sweep down current staying in the most productive zones. Pay close attention to any eddys or current breaks as these are great ambush spots. Snook will stack in areas of low current so they do not need to expend a lot of energy as they wait for the water to sweep the bait to them. As always, handle the snook with care and spend a minute to revive the fish before letting them go.

Until next week, tight lines and light winds! 

Gulf Red Snapper Season On Hold Until June 1 . . .

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds anglers that the recreational harvest season for red snapper in Gulf of Mexico waters has changed. The open season now takes place from June 1 through Sept. 30.

Previously, the recreational red snapper harvest season opened on April 15 in Gulf state waters, and the season in Gulf federal waters opened on April 21. Now, the recreational harvest season for red snapper in all Gulf waters off Florida does not open until June 1.

Researchers consider Gulf red snapper to be overfished (in the past) and undergoing more overfishing now. A shorter fishing season will reduce the harvest of Gulf red snapper and help rebuild the fishery's population.

More information regarding the management of Gulf red snapper is available at www.MyFWC.com/RULESANDREGS/Saltwater_Regulations_RedSnapperIndex.htm.

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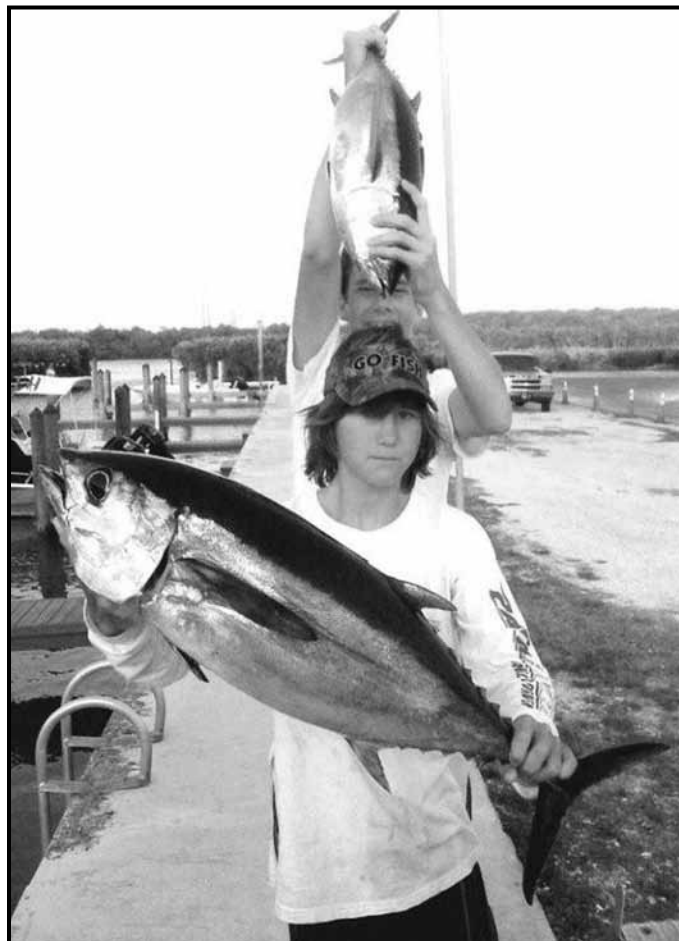


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Capt. Chris Lembo Key West Offshore




The wind is still pounding us down here in Key West. Another week and a couple more lost charters. Some don't mind the wind while others want no part of getting seasick. The economy is holding things back enough but this lousy weather is the topper. Water temps cooled a degree with this last front but should warm right back up to the 76.2 offshore and 73 inshore we were seeing the past few weeks. 2 days of light winds this past weekend should settle things down a little and we should see a very nice color change for a while. A nice color change is great for your game plan but usually attracts so many boats and gets worked over hard leaving you to come up with a plan B. For me that was moving a little farther offshore looking for a second current break and debris and weeds.


Offshore has been spectacular for Dolphin and Sailfish. The WSC tournament is on and waves of Sails are pouring through, so we should

see record numbers of fish caught and released. The bait situation has been OK but not great and the huge number of boats fishing the tournament will make the bait situation tough for a couple of weeks to come. Dolphin have been along the color change and all over the deep wrecks and any other structure causing rips and any current up-welling.

Look for Frigate Birds for direct signs of fish below. If you don't find birds look for bait sprays, rips, weeds, debris. I found some smaller fish picking off the small baits that hang under the Man-Of-War that are out there in big numbers. I worked close to every Man-Of-War I saw and found a bunch of small fish in between the bigger ones under the birds. Sails can be found anywhere the bait is showing up. Work either side of the color change with live baits on a kite or slow trolling live Ballyhoo. Dead trolled Ballyhoo will work as well but not quite as good as the live ones. Wahoo should make a good showing with the full moon so keep a deep trolled bait out there. A YoZuri Bonito in the dolphin color back to just where your prop wash ends will get attention from Wahoo.

On the reef the water is nice and cloudy making the fish less wary. Muttons should be moving in for the spawn and we will be seeing plenty of fish in the next week or two along with competing views on the best way to deal with the issue of catching these spawning fish. I would guess that there will be some discussion this year about regulation changes on spawning muttons. Grouper have been biting pretty good. Live pinfish always attract some nice Grouper and dead baits work good as well. A whole dead squid has been catching more Grouper than anything else for me lately.

Shark fishing in the backcountry channels has been great. Fish usually move into the shallows in the spring and I love to hang a 1-2 pound Bluefish on a kite and wait for a big Bull or Blacktip to get a fix on the struggling bait. 



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Capt. Andrew Tipler Lower Keys



Sailfish Sailfish Sailfish. This was one of those weeks that make me love being a Lower Keys guide. The bite was on with the exception of Saturday. We found loads of fish tailing down sea and if you had live baits a sailfish was all but guaranteed. This week is the World Sailfish Championship. The best sailfish angler from all over the globe are showing up to try to take home the cash. All the big sport fishers have been showing up to do a little pre fishing. As the tournament kicks off be sure to give the tournament boats a lot of room, they have thousands tied up in this tournament and the potential to take home \$100,000.


Reef fishing was fair despite the very strong current. We found yellowtail at just about every stop. The bottom bite was good but most of the fish were on the small side. I am sure there were some big fish to be

found out deeper but the water was moving so fast that I did not fish my deep spots.

The patch reefs in Hawk Channel were fishing well. When we stopped to get live ballyhoo we were able to find some legal yellowtails and a couple of legal muttons. The ballyhoo that were coming up were very large. We put a few dozen in the brine for dolphin fishing.

The flats fishing slowed quite a bit after the cold front. Conditions are improving and the tarpon are starting to show up. Look for fewer and fewer permit to be around as we shift full force into tarpon season. If you are going to find good numbers of permit then it will likely be schools of fish out in deeper water. Look for big schools of fish to be floating at the surface all along the gulf edge. The bonefish have also been around giving you a shot at the coveted grand slam.

Permit have started showing up on the patch reefs and gulf wrecks meaning that they are leaving the flats. It would be a good idea to have a crab or two in the live well just in case you run across a few.

Good luck and good fishing. 

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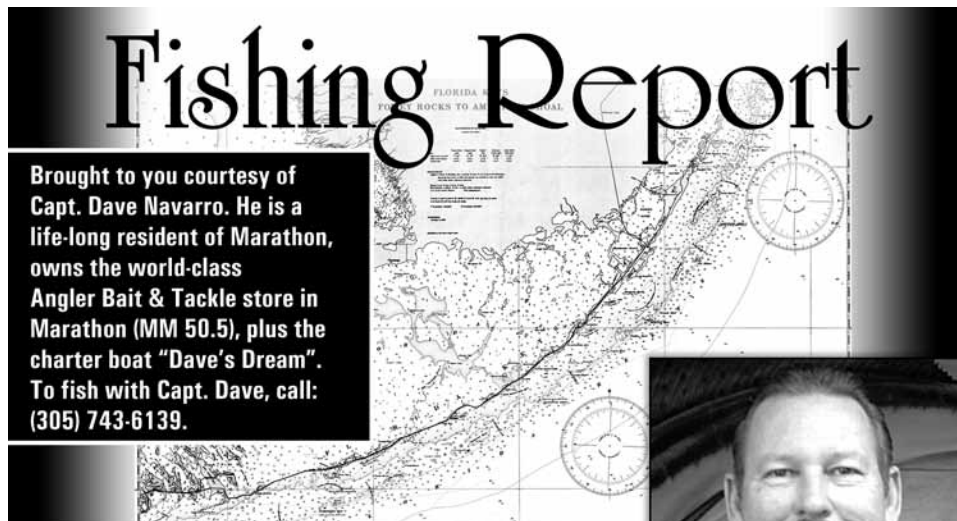
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Capt. Dave Navarro Marathon

Here we are in the middle of April with the dolphin just starting in good as well as the tarpon. It is hard to decide which way to go for big fish. The thing is, you may not have the best luck going after big fish but rather the smaller ones for the best catch to cook. This is the time that the snapper are moving from the bay waters towards the reef to spawn as well as a good influx of large yellowtail along the reef line doing the same. The worst thing about this time of year is to decide what you will be going for when you leave the dock.

Here is some help in this matter. If you are anything like me, do it all!!! There is a way to do this, it all depends on your stamina. After growing up here and fishing in these waters all of my life, it would be simple to say that I was tired of it. There is nothing farther from the truth! I love to fish and anyone that knows me is aware of that. The biggest problem with me is knowing when to quit. I have been known to fish 'til I drop, literally (a 20-hour fishing day is common with me)!

If this is not for you, try this to cover it all:

A) If you are an early riser; head to the bridge with either some mullet that you have acquired or some pinfish and hit the tarpon action @ sunrise, then head offshore for the early dolphin action. If that is successful or it is apparent that there is not much going on in this venue, head to the reef for some mangrove or yellowtail fishing. Don't pass up the late action just off the reef for dolphin or wahoo if the birds are working.

B) If you don't like to get going early, head offshore first, (say around 10am or so,) see what the dolphin are doing and if not, come back to the reef or Hawk Channel for some almost guaranteed dinner fish and then head to your favorite bridge channel for the tarpon action with a quick

stop at your dock for a mullet delivery from your favorite supplier. (This can all be arranged by phone, either the day in advance or even by cell phone on the water that day.)

C) Fish the bridge channels for tarpon when you get out for an hour or two, head into the bay for some snapper and grouper action, load up on pinfish while you are there and return to the bridge channels in the afternoon for the late bite of tarpon. (You can do the same thing by going to the reef except for finding the pinfish. If you work the reef, it is advisable to have mullet or pinfish ordered for your evening tarpon fishing).

Add on to any of these plans the evening fishing on the reef for the really good snapper bite and you will have to do some serious explaining to any 'non-fishing' spouse! But, what the heck? This is why you are fishing this time of year anyway. (After all, this is why congress passed the "Daylight Savings Time" anyway. So we could fish longer, right?) It is all available this time of year and it is a sin not to take advantage of all of the opportunities available to us.

The thing that I am attempting to get across to you is that just about everything is available right now and if you don't take advantage of at least most of it, you will be missing out! If you don't think I'm telling the truth, just try to get some service work from a technician that owns a boat! Odds are, they may be delayed on 'another job.' (They didn't say that that other job was on the water did they?) The locals know and it's time you should learn that you can not catch what you dream about at the dock, in a local watering hole or at home. You have to go out and 'go for it!' Don't just talk about it, do it!

PS, Both the Ladies and International Tarpon Tournament are coming soon. 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. (Don't just hear the rumors from these events, be one!). 🐟



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April 14-18: World Sailfish Championship. Key West. With a guaranteed top prize of \$100,000, the championship benefits the Don Shula Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, Camp Boggy Creek for youngsters with chronic and life-threatening illnesses, and other national and local charities. Contact (305) 395-3474 or (727) 631-0072, e-mail lemmole@worldsailfish.com, visit www.worldsailfish.com.

April 23-25: Big Boys Off-Shore Charity Fishing Tournament. Key Largo. Anglers pursue dolphin fish, one of the most beautiful and plentiful fish of the offshore waters of the Keys. Contact Kevin Clark at (305) 852-9337, e-mail clark@crittercontrol.com, or visit: www.bigboysoffshore.com.

April 24-25: Inaugural 7 Mile Marina Marathon Sharkathon. Marathon. This all release tournament boasts \$25,000 in cash awards, and will benefit Grace Jones Day Care Center and the Marathon Affiliate of the Disabled American Veterans. This is a team tournament with points awarded based on the type of sharks caught and released. The winning team with the most points will receive a grand prize of \$15,000 cash.

April 24-26: Redbone at Large Hawks Cay Sunrise / Sunset Tarpon Celebrity Tournament. Marathon. The event is one of approximately 30 Redbone Celebrity tournaments that are held each year, with all proceeds benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Contact Gary Ellis at (305) 664-2002, e-mail redboneinc@aol.com, visit www.redbone.org.

April 26-29: 22nd Annual Faro Blanco Invitational Tarpon Tournament. Marathon. Anglers tangle with silver kings in an event named for a famous Marathon resort. The tournament is a fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House charities' Summer Camp Program. Contact Robert Traa at (609) 645-1840, ext. 115, or e-mail: Bobtraa@mindspring.com.

April 30-May 2: 43rd Annual Marathon International Tarpon Tournament. Marathon. This all-release event is one of the longest-running tournaments targeting the mighty silver king. Contact Dave Navarro at (305) 743-6139, e-mail worldclassan@comcast.net.

May 3-7: Tarponian Tournament. Marathon. Anglers target tarpon and vie for prizes in this high-energy event. Contact David Breznicky at (215) 542-1492, e-mail dbreznicky@breznickyassociates.com.

May 16: 13th Annual St. Lucie Co. Chamber of Commerce FISHING FRENZY. Port St. Lucie. (Fort Pierce Marina). \$225 Boat Entry for this Dolphin-only competition held in Fort Pierce. Cash Prizes are \$10,000 for 1st place, \$3,000 for 2nd, \$2,000 for 3rd and \$1,000 for 4th. Captain's Party with Free Dinner is May 15th at the Community Center, just North of the Marina from 5 to 6pm. Bring the whole family for the 3pm weigh-in on Saturday for raffles, refreshments, awards and a DJ. For more info contact: info@StLucieChamber.org, or visit www.StLucieChamber.org.



Junior angler Cole Panko (Lee's Summit, MO) had the time of his life with Capt. Chris Johnson and SeaSquared Charters. Cole's impressive sea legs (in rather choppy conditions) resulted in various snapper, grouper and this yummy hogfish. Thanks to Denis and Karen Wyssbrod for treating!



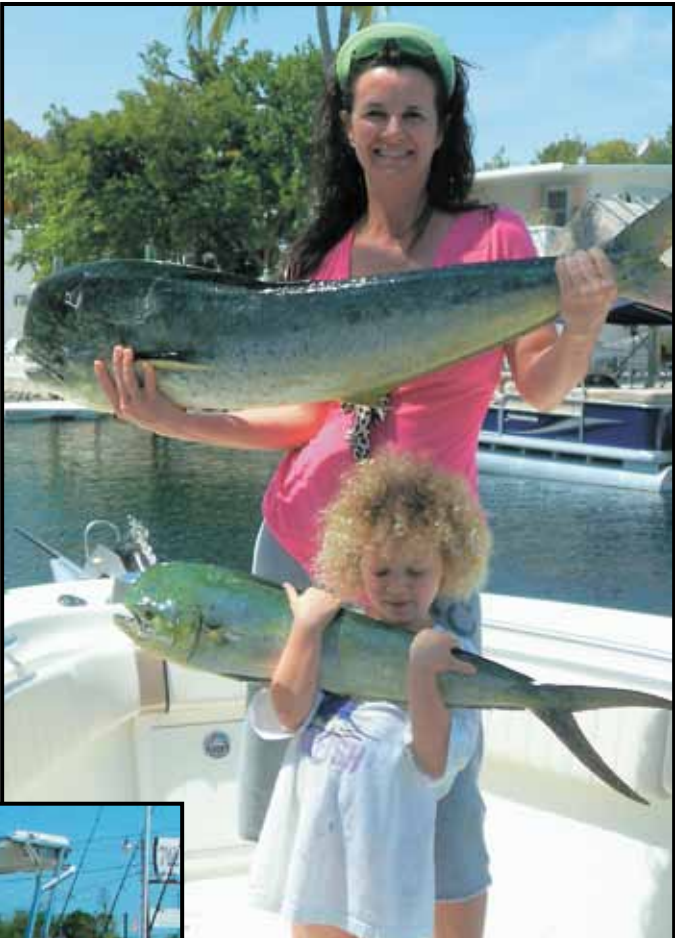
Peter and Kenny Lucht from Flamingo Island had a great day fishing on the Miss Molly out of Sister creek. It was Peter's first sail fish and it gave a great fight, both fish were released to fight again.



Bahamas double header blue marlin. The're here.



James Gilbank enjoyed a couple of nice days fishing with Capt. George Clark Jr. aboard the Gotta Mon out of Key Largo Fisheries.



▲ Linda and Morghan Bailey of San Diego with a nice catch of mahi on board Fishy-Wipt in Islamorada.

Johnny Mulkins from Louisville KY, Aaron, Debi and Dale Dougherty from Corydon IN. show off the spoils of a day of fishing with Capt. Chris Johnson off Marathon.



Lindsay Hemphill with a dolphin caught Easter morning.



Robert Bailey (left) and Mikey g with a couple nice April slammers, caught on board Fishy-Wipt off islamorada Easter sunday.

April Lecture & Social

Matecumbe Historical Trust

Historian & Archaeologist – Irving Eyster

Long Key Fishing Club

The Matecumbe Historical Trust will host this month's lecture on Monday, April 20th, at the Islamorada Public Library (MM 82 across from the Hurricane Monument) at 6:30 P.M.



Irving Eyster, historian and archaeologist will share a slide show presentation of The Long Key Fishing Club, featuring several of the many celebrities who enjoyed fishing there such as Zane Grey, Herbert Hoover, FDR, Ted Williams and of course, Del Layton.

The slide show will include the building of the railway, damage from the 1935 Hurricane, the WPA camp in Lower Matecumbe, the building of the highway and Craig Key.

Let us take you back in time once again for another evening of Florida Keys history.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information please contact Irving or Jeane Eyster at (305) 664-9504.



Adam Campbell was using 10 lb. test on a light tackle Shimano spinning reel. It took one hour and 20 min to tire out this wahoo. He said it was definitely the most memorable catch ever, due to the light tackle and great fighting power of this wahoo. "It was a GREAT WAHOOOO!"

Fishing Report

Capt. Joe Trainor fishes multiple locations (NJ, MD, NC, FL & the Bahamas) via five boats & Over Under Adventures. If you would like to engage Capt. Trainor, please visit www.overunderadventures.com joe@overunderadventures.com.

Capt. Joe Trainor The Bahamas

The Changeover Has Occurred . . .

Well we have officially put the wire and cable away and are now strictly trolling mono. We thought we were going to have one last good haul of wahoo this week, but the strong front that ripped through the states packed little punch once it got here. We fished right after the front and only found a water temp drop from 77 to 76.5, barely what we needed. We did manage a couple of hoos this week but working the edge produced few bites.

It seems signs of the spring summer fishery is now here as there are blackfin tuna littered all over the edge. If you put out a cedar plug they can get annoying as 30 or 40 bites can be expected. However we are seeing some yellowfin start to mix in as we had a couple this week near

30 lbs. Although not a lot of yellowfins it seems they are starting to show. All this adds up to the start of dolphin, tuna and billfish season. We did manage some of our nicer dolphin this season closing in on the 40 lb range. Finding the frigates has been key for finding these fish.

Inshore fishing remains very constant as we are easily catching the yellowtails to 4 lbs. On some days we nearly limit out in 10 to 15 minutes. It has been great but the feisty yellowtails are not allowing us to catch anything else as they are eating live ballyhoo, speedos and everything else we put down there. I am not complaining though!

We have gotten some reports from around the Bahamas this week. First off in Chub it seems the billfish bite has been pretty good for over a month now with blues, sails and whites. It seems putting your time in on a daily basis will get you at least one shot a day if not many more. The dolphin bite also remains very good in Chub. Congrats to Out of Bounds, a friend of ours in Chub this week getting a double header blue just a few days ago. Nice job guys!!!

We also got word in Cat that the dolphin are also there. They are seeing some nice fish over the 50 lb mark hit the scales. They are expecting the dolphin bite to continue and billfish are just right around the corner.

This week I am expecting fishing to drastically improve as we are finally on the backside of the moon . . . Thank God!!!! We have had some slow fishing as usual around the full. I expect the dolphin bite to start getting pretty good as well as starting to get some billfish shots. We are done pounding the edge for the year as the water is now over 77 degrees and the wahoo bite is finally tapering off. Overall, we were very happy with the wahoo fishing in the Abacos this year, although no monster fish there was plenty of 20 to 50's around. Tight lines and should be a great week here in the Bahamas!!!

Fishing Report

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Capt. Nick Borraccino Marathon



If you've been waiting for the ideal time to take your fishing trip, wait no longer! The weather is great and the fishing is red hot all over. There are numerous species to target, and many can be done in the same day.

The tarpon have started to arrive in good numbers, and anglers are having some great bites at the Long Key and Duck Key bridges, and there are a few fish around the seven mile bridge. The next few weeks should prove better and better for the seven mile bridge and Bahia Honda. Early morning and late afternoon/evening are the best times. Live mullet is probably your best bet, but silver kings can also be taken on crabs, shrimp, pinfish, and pilchards. If you're heading out without live bait, try throwing bomber plugs, dark bucktail jigs, and soft plastics. I know some guys who swear by them.

Out in the ocean the sailfish bite has been absolutely spectacular, by far the best of the year. Release flags are flying all over town, with many boats normally displaying double digits, and some upwards of 20 and 30! Find the color change and you'll be in the zone. Live ballyhoo, pilchards and threadfin hearing would be the bait of choice for sight fishing sails while they're up riding the waves down sea. Trolling fresh rigged ballyhoo can also get you a sniff so as long as they look good.

Mixed in with the sailfish in the same area have been impressive numbers of nice dolphin. Often times found just on the blue side of the color change, many packs of fish in the 20-30 pound range are being found, as are plenty of large gaffer size fish. They are less picky than the sails and will usually take a live pinfish, dead ballyhoo, or your favorite trolling lure. Also keep an eye out in that green water, as some large cobia are still passing through, and will come up to the surface and tail just like a sailfish. A well placed live pinfish should have you tight.

Bottom fishing on the deep wrecks out front has been very difficult due to the current moving so fast to the east. This coupled with the fact that the dolphin and sail fishing is so good means that hardly anyone has been doing it! I did hear of a few nice black grouper being taken last week, but that was a while ago now. As soon as the current lightens up a bit and allows for dropping, I would expect the mutton snapper bite to turn on as they start to think about spawning.

Another option now is permit fishing. They are both up on the flats and out on the usually breeding spots outside the reef. They can be enticed with a live crab or shrimp, and are a spectacular sport fish, putting up an incredible fight on light tackle. Most are released unharmed, so long as the sharks don't get them! If you've never caught a permit I would definitely put it high on your list.

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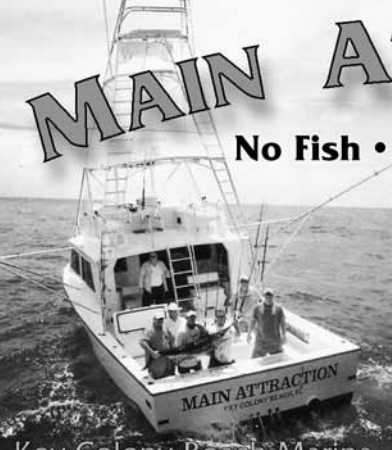
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The reef fishing has been good for the most part. I'm hearing of some real nice yellowtail and mangrove snapper bites in 30-60 foot, but as usual, it all depends on the current. What might be good one day can be dead the next if the current dies, or decides to go into the wind. So my advice is to have a backup plan... dolphin fishing anyone?

Get out there and experience what the Keys has to offer NOW, because it doesn't get much better than this. Man I love this time of year . . . 🐬



Viking Yachts Says Layoff Phase Finished . . .

Since last year, the New Gretna, N.J., builder has laid off about 550 people, bringing its workforce down to about 800, spokesman Peter Frederiksen told Soundings Trade Only this morning.

"We're confident that we're done with layoffs and we've got our production at a manageable level," Frederiksen said.

Layoffs were done in "dribs and drabs," he said. As boats were finished, a certain number of people would be let go. Workers will be brought back into the company in the same way, as the work allows for it, he said.

"You don't want to bring back more people than there is work for them to do," Frederiksen said.

Last week, the company delivered its first 82-footer - a demo boat from the Miami show. Viking also has sold a new 46-footer, which premiered in Miami. It will be delivered in June.

"There are things happening," Frederiksen said. "There are people out there that want to buy." 🐬

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		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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	
Apr 16	Thu	01:42 AM / 2.10 ft	08:02 AM / 0.94 ft	01:48 PM / 1.97 ft	08:23 PM / 0.60 ft	
Apr 17	Fri	02:34 AM / 2.02 ft	09:02 AM / 0.99 ft	02:46 PM / 1.91 ft	09:24 PM / 0.70 ft	
Apr 18	Sat	03:31 AM / 2.00 ft	10:03 AM / 0.93 ft	03:51 PM / 1.92 ft	10:25 PM / 0.71 ft	
Apr 19	Sun	04:28 AM / 2.03 ft	10:59 AM / 0.77 ft	04:54 PM / 2.01 ft	11:21 PM / 0.65 ft	
Apr 20	Mon	05:23 AM / 2.11 ft	11:48 AM / 0.54 ft	05:53 PM / 2.16 ft		
Apr 21	Tue		12:12 AM / 0.53 ft	06:13 AM / 2.21 ft	12:33 PM / 0.26 ft	06:45 PM / 2.35 ft
Apr 22	Wed		12:58 AM / 0.38 ft	06:59 AM / 2.32 ft	01:15 PM / -0.02 ft	07:34 PM / 2.53 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 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	
Apr 16	Thu	04:18 AM / 0.41 ft	09:46 AM / 0.25 ft	03:12 PM / 0.77 ft		
Apr 17	Fri		12:28 AM / 0.05 ft	05:37 AM / 0.42 ft	11:04 AM / 0.28 ft	04:22 PM / 0.73 ft
Apr 18	Sat		01:31 AM / 0.08 ft	06:43 AM / 0.48 ft	12:44 PM / 0.28 ft	05:42 PM / 0.71 ft
Apr 19	Sun		02:23 AM / 0.10 ft	07:26 AM / 0.55 ft	02:05 PM / 0.24 ft	06:59 PM / 0.71 ft
Apr 20	Mon		03:02 AM / 0.11 ft	07:59 AM / 0.63 ft	03:06 PM / 0.17 ft	08:04 PM / 0.72 ft
Apr 21	Tue		03:34 AM / 0.13 ft	08:28 AM / 0.72 ft	03:56 PM / 0.08 ft	08:59 PM / 0.73 ft
Apr 22	Wed		04:04 AM / 0.14 ft	08:57 AM / 0.81 ft	04:40 PM / -0.02 ft	09:49 PM / 0.73 ft

ISLAMORADA (Whale Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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	
Apr 16	Thu	02:08 AM / 1.20 ft	08:48 AM / 0.44 ft	02:14 PM / 1.13 ft	09:09 PM / 0.29 ft	
Apr 17	Fri	03:00 AM / 1.16 ft	09:48 AM / 0.47 ft	03:12 PM / 1.10 ft	10:10 PM / 0.33 ft	
Apr 18	Sat	03:57 AM / 1.14 ft	10:49 AM / 0.44 ft	04:17 PM / 1.10 ft	11:11 PM / 0.34 ft	
Apr 19	Sun	04:54 AM / 1.16 ft	11:45 AM / 0.36 ft	05:20 PM / 1.15 ft		
Apr 20	Mon		12:07 AM / 0.31 ft	05:49 AM / 1.21 ft	12:34 PM / 0.25 ft	06:19 PM / 1.24 ft
Apr 21	Tue		12:58 AM / 0.25 ft	06:39 AM / 1.26 ft	01:19 PM / 0.12 ft	07:11 PM / 1.34 ft
Apr 22	Wed		01:44 AM / 0.18 ft	07:25 AM / 1.33 ft	02:01 PM / -0.01 ft	08:00 PM / 1.45 ft

CUDJOE KEY (Pirates Cove)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
Apr 15	Wed	06:42 AM / 0.63 ft	10:01 AM / 0.41 ft	05:44 PM / 1.20 ft		
Apr 16	Thu		12:22 AM / 0.03 ft	07:47 AM / 0.60 ft	10:48 AM / 0.47 ft	06:41 PM / 1.13 ft
Apr 17	Fri		01:30 AM / 0.10 ft	09:06 AM / 0.63 ft	12:06 PM / 0.53 ft	07:51 PM / 1.08 ft
Apr 18	Sat		02:33 AM / 0.15 ft	10:12 AM / 0.70 ft	01:46 PM / 0.53 ft	09:11 PM / 1.05 ft
Apr 19	Sun		03:25 AM / 0.18 ft	10:55 AM / 0.81 ft	03:07 PM / 0.45 ft	10:28 PM / 1.06 ft
Apr 20	Mon		04:04 AM / 0.21 ft	11:28 AM / 0.93 ft	04:08 PM / 0.32 ft	11:33 PM / 1.07 ft
Apr 21	Tue		04:36 AM / 0.24 ft	11:57 AM / 1.06 ft	04:58 PM / 0.15 ft	
Apr 22	Wed	12:28 AM / 1.08 ft	05:06 AM / 0.26 ft	12:26 PM / 1.19 ft	05:42 PM / -0.03 ft	

MARATHON (Boot Key Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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	
Apr 16	Thu	02:23 AM / 0.88 ft	06:27 AM / 0.71 ft	01:48 PM / 1.71 ft	09:59 PM / 0.17 ft	
Apr 17	Fri	03:34 AM / 0.87 ft	08:19 AM / 0.78 ft	02:50 PM / 1.59 ft	11:00 PM / 0.20 ft	
Apr 18	Sat	05:00 AM / 0.94 ft	10:26 AM / 0.75 ft	04:03 PM / 1.51 ft	11:50 PM / 0.22 ft	
Apr 19	Sun	05:58 AM / 1.09 ft	11:42 AM / 0.61 ft	05:21 PM / 1.47 ft		
Apr 20	Mon		12:30 AM / 0.23 ft	06:34 AM / 1.27 ft	12:38 PM / 0.41 ft	06:33 PM / 1.47 ft
Apr 21	Tue		01:04 AM / 0.26 ft	07:05 AM / 1.47 ft	01:26 PM / 0.18 ft	07:33 PM / 1.49 ft
Apr 22	Wed		01:33 AM / 0.29 ft	07:35 AM / 1.69 ft	02:09 PM / -0.06 ft	08:26 PM / 1.50 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 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	
Apr 16	Thu	03:05 AM / 0.83 ft	07:24 AM / 0.55 ft	01:59 PM / 1.58 ft	10:06 PM / 0.12 ft	
Apr 17	Fri	04:24 AM / 0.87 ft	08:42 AM / 0.61 ft	03:09 PM / 1.50 ft	11:09 PM / 0.18 ft	
Apr 18	Sat	05:30 AM / 0.98 ft	10:22 AM / 0.61 ft	04:29 PM / 1.46 ft		
Apr 19	Sun		12:01 AM / 0.22 ft	06:13 AM / 1.13 ft	11:43 AM / 0.52 ft	05:46 PM / 1.47 ft
Apr 20	Mon		12:40 AM / 0.25 ft	06:46 AM / 1.30 ft	12:44 PM / 0.37 ft	06:51 PM / 1.49 ft
Apr 21	Tue		01:12 AM / 0.28 ft	07:15 AM / 1.48 ft	01:34 PM / 0.17 ft	07:46 PM / 1.51 ft
Apr 22	Wed		01:42 AM / 0.30 ft	07:44 AM / 1.66 ft	02:18 PM / -0.04 ft	08:36 PM / 1.50 ft

Moon Phases

Last Quarter: 04/17/09 • New: 04/24/09
First Quarter: 05/01/09 • Full: 05/09/09

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Ty Price with his Noreaster sailfish, caught with Capt. Nick Borraccino.

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