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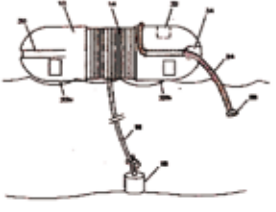

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Fishing Report

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Capt. Ron Wagner From the Skiff



There is no better time to be in the keys then right now for some of the best times in the land of sport fishing. And the fish are waiting for the many who make yearly pilgrimages to what is truly paradise. I think from now to the middle of July will bring the best catches from Tarpon, Permit, Bonefish, Snook and many others.

Lets start with Snook fishing and that has been phenomenal. Over the last 2 weeks, I have had my anglers in to what I call giants, those over 20 lbs. They were days you could not put a bait in the water without an immediate gulp from old linesides. I use 10 lb. outfits and a Snook of that size gets a fair battle with that light an outfit. I never use braids or heavier tests as I love the stretch of Ande Mono. Its more forgiving when the battle gets close, no ripping out a hook on a quick surge. Yes, that's for me and why should this old guide change now. Besides, I probably have many thousands under my belt. Right now for those seeking Mr. Snook, get yourself out back and try your hand. This has always been one of my favorites.

Permit, there everywhere I have been fishing. Biggest last week was a 35 pounder caught by Kelly Creegan from Buffalo, N. Y. He caught


it on again a 10lb. Spin outfit and it took him, 1 Hr. 45 minutes to boat it. A quick photo and release and a very happy fisherman. That day we seen so many, we really did not know which one to toss a crab at next. He also caught 3 good Snook, and a big Goliath Grouper . Over the week, we would land 14 Permit from 15 to 35 lbs. Now that's what I call amazing Permit fishing.

Tarpon are here from way out back to the area bridges. And catching them has been a no-brainer. Live mullet has been first choice at this time of year with goggle eyes and big pilchards next. At night , drifting crabs back to the bridge pilings has been awesome. Give me an outgoing tide at the bridges and hang on, you will be hooked up in no time. I use circle hooks, size 8/0 and find them perfect for me. Others go smaller, that's okay too. This fishing calls for stout gear, I like 30 or 40 lb. outfits, 7ft. Pool stick like rods and leaders around 80 lb. mono. A quality swivel and the smallest of corks to float the bait back. Drags locked pretty darn tight and just hang on and watch the show. Please don't take them out of the water. Get a nice photo by the boat and kiss him goodbye. Pulling one in the boat and taking hero pictures does not cut it anymore. I remember a well known bass angler doing that a number of years ago and I set him straight about this as he discarded a dead tarpon over the sides after keeping it a good 10 minutes out of the water. What a waste and that inconsiderate bum doesn't come near me anymore. There's a lot of people in the keys that know that story. I was right, he was way wrong.

Bonefish are also hitting their peak times and the best times are those early and late incoming tides on the backside flats. There were a couple of 14 pounders caught and that's mighty big. Throwing a small crab is still tops for the big ones. And those throwing flies find April and May the best.

So if that's not an exciting invitation to fish the Florida keys, you must be a golfer. If you live here you know what I'm talking about and find it difficult to go to work. So I look forward to seeing you on the waters in what will be the best the Islands here offer.

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The National Weather Service, Key West will be providing daily updates on position and weather conditions.

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Capt. Luke Kelly Lower Keys



This past week's weather has been like a rollercoaster, windy days followed by warm calm conditions, and then the cool wind again. Such inconsistent conditions seem to be frustrating our tarpon as well as our flat's guides. I have yet to see any epic spring tarpon fishing like I have during this time in past years. I think this year's late cold fronts and these inconsistent conditions are to blame. One can only hope and imagine that we will receive a tarpon explosion when things begin to lay out. Good news is we still have plenty of juvenile tarpon, not quite the thrill their older siblings provide, but still available for an aerial show.

On a lighter note, the bone fishing is absolutely great. Despite the windy conditions I have been watching reels lose their entire line capacity to fatty bonefish. While the calm days have seemingly brought

them all out to play. My best day on bonefish during this past week was seven bones caught, much more than I can say about tarpon. Thank the flats gods for these fish, I feel like I may be lost without them some days.

I'm gonna go ahead and say it, the permit are gone to spawn for spring. Two weeks ago you would have thought their wasn't another fish on the flats in the lower Florida Keys. And then like turning off a light switch they are all gone, what an awesome fish. I think I saw some of the best permit fishing I have ever seen during this year. All the way up to our most recent full moon, I was hooked on that black sickle tail. Is there a permit rehab? I think it is called tarpon season. Does anyone know where that place is? I need to know. I'll be out ocean side looking for it these weeks to come.

Fly-fishing these windy conditions has been quite the challenge, I would be lying if I said I didn't have a spin rod on the boat most days this week. Once again, thank those bonefish during the wind. They always find a leeward spot to live somewhere in the backcountry. Throwing a shrimp fly tucked behind the mangroves works every time.

Thanks for reading . . . 

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Capt. Tom Aiuto Duck Key

Capt. Tom at Hawks Cay Resort & Marina reports the waters are a perfect 81 degrees, with winds from 5 to 10 mph one day and 20 to 30 mph, the next.

The 2009 World Sailfish Championship, started this week in Key West Florida, and on the very first day of the tournament 225 Sailfish were caught and released. As you may have guessed Sailfishing is at its peak. Catches of 15 to 20 Sails a day are not uncommon. Captains from all over the Keys are scoring big catches, giving their clients the thrill of a lifetime.


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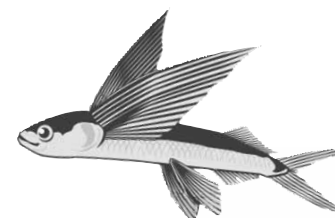
There are lots of large schools of Dolphin (mahi-mahi) with fish to 15 lbs. But some monster mahi-mahi are being taken by fishing under swimming sea turtles to 40 lbs.

Capt. Scott Meyer from TV's Saltwater Experience crew reported the bonefish hunting is still doing well - there are pods of bones all over the flats. When the wind lay down, there were some excellent days with catches of up to 13 fish a day to 10 lbs.

Also on the flats and backcountry, schools of 15 to 40 lb. juvenile Tarpon are supplying great action taking shrimp, crabs, and pilchards, but D.O.A C.A.L shad and jerk baits are accounting for most of the damage. Big Tarpon are hot and hungry taking mullet, Storm wildeye jigs and big shad plugs under the bridges to 150 lbs.

Cobia made a decent showing with fish to 50 lbs. The reef is holding its own with good numbers of yellowtail snappers 2 to 4 lbs., mutton snapper to 14 lbs. and the occasional keeper Grouper.

There are plenty of grunts, porgies, lane and mangrove snappers to keep everyone happy. 



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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Capt. Chris Lembo Key West Offshore




Once again we had windy conditions here in Key West. The water temp outside the reef is about 77 and a little warmer inside the reef. The current was moving pretty good to the east and there was a slight color change stacking up bait and fish.

Offshore the Dolphin bite was OK. It was not as good as the previous week but we managed to find some fish along the color change that was meandering between 170 and 250 feet deep. There was not much bird activity and most of the fish we found were singles. Sailfishing was excellent this week due to the rough conditions. Fish were filtering in anywhere from 100 feet to 150 feet. I had a number of fish in that depth and a couple in deeper water that was holding more Dolphin. One Wahoo hit peeled off some line and then dropped the bait. We should see the next wave of Wahoo around the next full moon.

Reef fishing was OK this week. Yellowtail was the most reliable target and a few nice Grouper and Muttons hit the tables at Murray Marine. Most of the fish are in 90-120 feet. Live Pinfish, Pilchards as well as dead Squid and Bonito strips are the best baits. Look for the reef fishing to start to peak in the next few weeks with Muttons, Mangrove and Yellowtail becoming thick as spawning season is here.

Gulf fishing was pretty good during the south wind. I found Cobia, Kingfish, Cero, Spanish, gag and Red Grouper along with Mangrove, Yellowtail and Lane Snapper. The Cobias were on the small side as they are now migrating north.

We should see the Vandenberg this week and everyone is anticipating the arrival of the first new artificial wreck in the Key West area in a long time. It seems like every county in Florida gets many new reefs every year except for Monroe County. With the fishing pressure we receive in the Keys we should be adding many more new reefs to our waters. 



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Capt. Andrew Tipler Lower Keys




It was a busy week here in the Lower Keys. We had the World Sailfish Tournament going on out of Key West. This tournament brings down the best sailfish anglers from all over to compete for big cash. As usual the tournament was a huge success and went smoothly. Congratulations to the Get Lit team who caught 22 fish in three days for the win. The tournament distributed 1.13 million in prize money this year and to date the tournament has contributed 1.8million to charity. Make your plans to take part next year.

A good sailfish bite ran through most of the week. The fish are passing through and when conditions are right you can spot the fish tailing to the west. Toss live baits in front of cruising fish and you will be off to the races. If you see a few fish then there are likely more in the area. When the winds are strong out of the east it is time to get out and catch a few.

Dolphin fishing was fair last week. There were some nice fish caught and some boats caught the numbers but all in all it was a little inconsistent. This is the time of year that the big dolphin start showing up so any day could produce a trophy fish. Each week the dolphin fishing should get better and better. Troll rigged ballyhoo along color changes or weed lines. If you find something floating it will likely be a gold mine of fish. Frigate birds were marking a lot of big fish this past week so keep an eye out for the birds working.

Reef fishing was good towards the end of the week. The yellowtail bite was very good. We did not find many flag tails but a limit was pretty easy to come by. Float a piece of cut bait back in the chum slick and expect a quick bite. We were using 20lb fluorocarbon and a 1/8oz jig head with ballyhoo and bonito chunks. The bottom bite was fair but most of the fish were on the small size. Put a legal yellowtail down on the bottom just in case there is a big grouper around. There are some cobia moving down the reef line so have a rod ready to throw if one happens by. If they are going to show up it will likely be shortly after you get set up.

The two things that were a little slow this past week were the flats and the gulf fishing. We made a trip out into the gulf and found good action with a variety of fish. The cobia fishing was not what I was expecting. It could have been that we were just at the wrong place at the wrong time. Water temperatures dropped a good bit and slowed down the tarpon bite. The permit have started to move off to spawn leaving tarpon on the forefront of shallow water anglers' minds. As things continue to warm up the tarpon fishing should heat up.

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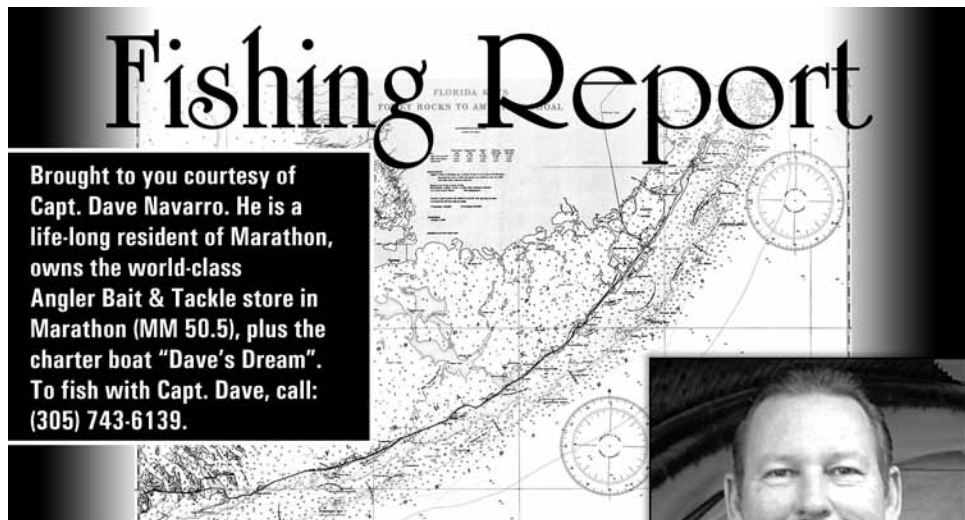
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Capt. Dave Navarro Marathon

It is that time of year that we are getting into the D.T.'s. Yep, that's right. Now is when just about all I am asked about is the D.T.'s from anglers either in the store or calling from far away places on the phone. "Are they there yet? Can I get them now or should I wait another week or so? What should I use to get them?" Now before you think that I am working for AA or referring to another drinking problem, let me explain. Late April is the time for two species in particular to highlight almost every fisherman's tongue; Dolphin and Tarpon. (Had you wondering, didn't I?)

Both dolphin and tarpon are species that provide anglers with some of the best fighting available and both come into local waters in such numbers that everyone has a shot at catching them. It is not like going out for a marlin and hoping that you get to hook one but rather you expect to hook and catch more than a few. Dolphin in particular give you the shot at catching a big bull, (Male) or cow, (Female) while trolling and then enjoying the opportunity of catching numerous 'schoolies' that can accompany them as your work your prize to the boat. (PS, dolphin and cattle are about the only times you can call a female a cow in mixed company and remain standing during the conversation!)


We are just at the start of the big push of dolphin into local waters and as of late, the inside edge of the Gulfstream has remained fairly close to the reef line which has allowed many of the smaller boaters to venture into the areas where plenty of fish have been working through. As we get well into summer, the normal range for good action is 18 to 30 miles

beyond the reef but for now, the action has been quite good within 10 miles of the edge of the reef with a few days of exceptional action only 3 miles out.

Of course, ballyhoo being trolled has remained the hottest item for capturing these nice fish and when I say nice fish, I am talking about a good number of dolphin brought in recently in the 20+ pound range. Several well over 40 were taken just last week. There are few species with this size that most any angler can target and expect to catch on a regular basis. What other species of fish can you get plenty of when the babies, (schoolies,) can be 4+ pounds? This provides you with an excellent species to target on light tackle and have a blast. We have a custom bead chain rig that makes rigging ballyhoo simple and easy while also getting the hook completely back in the bait which prevents any chance of a 'cut off' on the bait. It also gives you protection of being cut off by toothy critters such as wahoo or very large dolphin while giving you the flexibility of handling sailfish.

Oh the inshore front and being the 'T' of the D.T.'s, it is getting to be prime time for tarpon fishing throughout most of the Keys waters. Literally hundreds of tarpon have arrived in the past week or so around area bridge channels to go along with the numerous fish that are stalking the flats daily. At the channels, mornings and evenings are still the best time to get action while flats provide a good bet during the midday hours. Live mullet, live shrimp and live crabs are by far the best bait although plenty are taken on artificial lures. Understand that most small tarpon are 35+ pounds and the average this time of year is 80+ pounds. I don't care where you are from, that is a big fish!

We have a couple of tarpon tournaments coming up that might interest you as well. The 43rd Annual Marathon International Tarpon Tournament will kick off for three evenings of fishing on April 30th 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!)

The best thing about the D.T.'s is that you can do both in the same day. You can hit your favorite bridge channel in the early morning and then head out offshore for the dolphin and / or return after a day offshore to work for some tarpon in the evening. Either way, you cannot find too many places on this earth where you could go for big fish this close to home and actually expect to catch them on a daily basis. Just think, two big dolphin and two big tarpon and you have caught roughly over 200 pounds of fish in a day. Trust me that just kicks the 'B' out of bass! 

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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.

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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.

June 7-12: Treasure Cay Billfish CBT. Abaco, Bahamas. Announcing its first-ever guaranteed cash payout, ranging from \$10,000 for a minimum of ten boats and up to \$50,000 for participation of 50 boats. There is also a 10% dockage discount during the tournament. The TCBT is a modified release tournament offering four days of fishing, social parties, dinners and fun competitions.

FWC Proposes Gulf Grouper Rule Changes

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on Thursday proposed new rules for the recreational and commercial harvest of grouper in Gulf of Mexico state waters. The proposed rules follow up on interim measures taken earlier this year and will generally match state grouper rules with pending federal regulations. The goal of the new rules will be to improve populations of gag grouper so that quality fishing for this important species can continue into the future.

A recent series of federal and state actions addresses overfishing of gag grouper in the Gulf by reducing fishing pressure. These actions are designed to achieve gag grouper harvest reductions of 41-42 percent for the commercial fishery and 26 percent for the recreational fishery through a combination of fishing season and area closures, annual harvest quota and bag limit adjustments and other measures.

The FWC's proposed new rules would establish a Feb. 1 through March 31 closed spawning season for all recreational and commercial harvest of shallow-water groupers (gag, black, red, yellowfin, scamp, yellowmouth, rock hind and red hind) in all Gulf state waters. This proposed two-month closure in Gulf state waters would extend a current one-month commercial closed season for gag, red and black grouper.

The intent of this closure to all harvest of shallow-water grouper species in Gulf state waters is to limit the unintended catch (and possible mortality) of gag grouper by closing harvest to all similar shallow-water grouper species during the spawning season.

The new rules would also decrease the daily recreational aggregate bag limit for all shallow-water groupers from five fish to four fish per person. The current daily recreational bag limit for Gulf gag grouper is two fish per person within the aggregate limit.

In addition, the proposed rules would reduce the commercial minimum size limit for Gulf red grouper, and for all importation and sale of red grouper, from 20 inches to 18 inches total length. This will significantly reduce the number of 18- to 20-inch fish that do not survive upon release.

A final public hearing on these rule proposals will take place during the next FWC public meeting in Crystal River in June.

More information regarding the proposed grouper regulation changes and recent federal and state actions is available online at MyFWC.com/docs/CommissionMeetings/2009/2009_Apr_10B_GulfRedandGagGrouper_Final_Update2B.pdf.

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Tarpon season has started in the Keys. Here's a nice Tarpon release from Dream Catcher Charters, Key West.



▲ The Bahamas were yielding some nice wahoo!

Brent Major visiting from Michigan shows off a king fish, caught while fishing with Captain Frank Piku. ►



Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament June 7-12 - Photo of last year's winning team Ohana, releasing a Marlin.



Bonefish wrestlin' with Capt. Luke Kelly.

Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament Offers Guaranteed Money . . .

Held in Abaco, Bahamas, the 26th Annual Treasure Cay Billfish CBT, June 7-12, 2009, announces its first-ever guaranteed cash payout, ranging from \$10,000 for a minimum of ten boats and up to \$50,000 for participation of 50 boats. There is also a 10% dockage discount during the tournament. The TCBT is a modified release tournament offering four days of fishing, social parties, dinners and fun competitions.

Open to the public, the tournament format consists of multiple awards for billfish, plus awards for tuna, dolphin and wahoo. Release point standings are verified by the participant's own digital and/or video camera with an image that can verify the time and date the photo was taken.

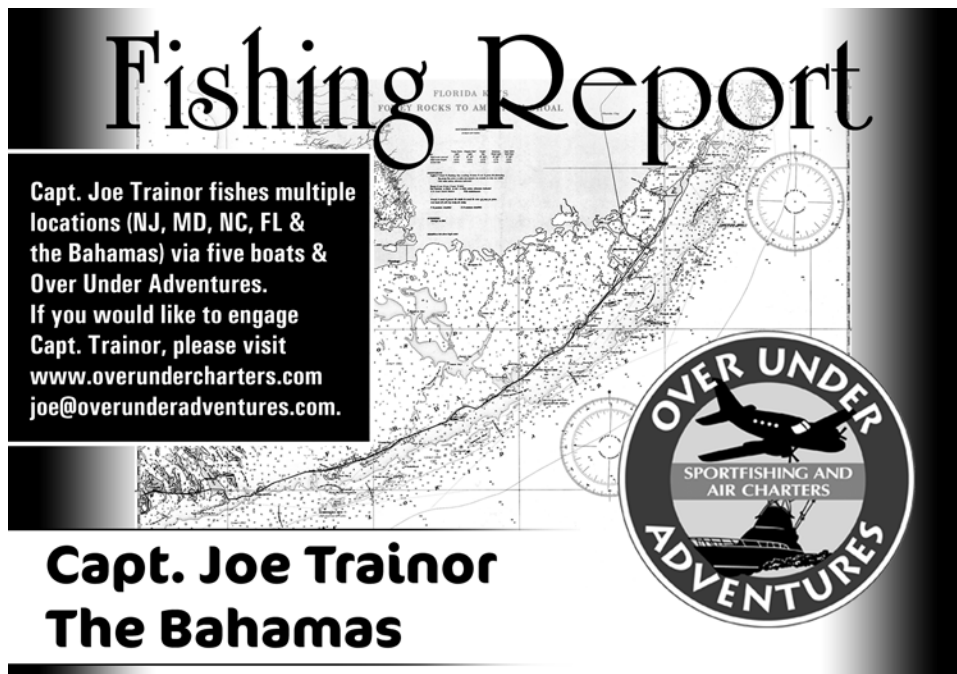
Registration, including boat entry, four dinners and four cocktail parties for up to six team members, team goody bag with t-shirts & hats and room discounts is \$2,950 per team.

Elective participation will be provided for the fun fish division of tuna, dolphin and wahoo, rewarding anglers with a payout that has rivaled top prizes of U.S. based tournaments. In addition to the cash prizes, winners receive beautiful trophies and have their name engraved in a statuesque Perpetual Trophy showcased in the resort's Spinnaker restaurant, one of the largest air conditioned out-island restaurant facilities available for events.

To involve the family, a special presentation will be made to Top Lady Angler and Top Junior Angler. Hatchet marlin, a species of white marlin that seems to be on the grow in the Bahamas, have been added to the rules. LMR Tackle, 1495 SE 17th St., Suite E, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316, phone 954-525-2592, has been designated as the "go to" point for information and several tackle dealers and marine businesses will soon have registration forms on-site.

The TCBT is renowned for its great food and camaraderie, with social events families can enjoy. Also new to the social events is a lay day "Hell's Kitchen" Dock Party Cookoff, with prizes for the most innovative dishes. An average of 275 anglers and guests attend each tournament, from many states in the U.S. as well as other countries. Information and photos from the 2008 event, won by Edward Burr and the Ohana fishing team, Jacksonville, FL, are available on www.treasurecayfishing.com.

The TCBT raises much-needed funds for the children of the Treasure Cay Primary School and has contributed to Abaco fire rescue equipment, marine rescue efforts and several billfish conservation organizations. 🐟



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.overundercharters.com joe@overunderadventures.com.

Capt. Joe Trainor
The Bahamas

OVER UNDER ADVENTURES
SPORTFISHING AND AIR CHARTERS

Man fishing has been tough over here lately as it usually is around the full moon. We have managed a couple fish every day but it has been a struggle for the past week or so. There has been a nice mix of yellowfin, wahoo, and dolphin. It is around this time that we begin our annual transition from cable and wire to mono. Well, with the last cold front we decided it was about that time to make the change.

We started this morning fishing off the edge looking for dolphin, tuna and a early season bill. After pounded it out offshore, I decided to head back in to the edge. Shortly after getting back inside we had a nice bite on our long rigger. We have been working with Joe Schute and he sent us a care package of lures to try out here in the Bahamas. Well that's what he ate 3 oz. red head with silver. Joes lures have been working

great for us over here and this monster late season hoo fell for it. We have been using Joes lures with a ballyhoo which can be fished from either your riggers or on the deep rod. I love the lures because they are heavy enough to use on rough days such as today. We had a great junior angler fighting the monster hoo today as he was only 10 years old. The hoo weighed in at 91 lbs. We were hoping for 100 but still a lunker. Our biggest of the season!!!!

Well I guess I was wrong, as I have been before. It seems there are still some nice size hoos if you pound it out on the edge. As I have said before it is usually in April that we do catch our biggest wahoo of the season as is the case once again.

We did get offshore a few more times this week as it seems the dolphin migration is now in full effect. Finding the frigates birds has been the key. There's seems to be a good bit of em underneath each. A nice surprise this week while out for just a short time was boating a 57lb yellowfin while fishing just off of the edge.

We expect billfishing to start as well as the increased dolphin and yellowfin bites. We are pretty busy over the next week so look forward to next weeks report!!! 🐟

Fishing Report

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Dirty water was the key out there this week. The wind blew most of the time and it came from all different directions which stirred the water up to a pea soup green. This did a lot of good for the yellowtailing. I can't quite say that we had any amazing days, but we were able to come up with the 'tails on every trip. I fish a lot of deep water (over 100 but under 250) on the boat but I haven't been out there in over three weeks because the reef action has been so good. Another reason for that is because the current has been extremely strong due to the full moon. There has been times this week that 45 feet of water was too deep due to the current.

Another sign that summer is right around the corner other than the 'tails starting to bite is the fact that the barracudas are showing up all over the reef. In the warmer months of the summer they spread out to

different areas of the reef to feed on different fish. Mostly they like yellowtails and mangrove snappers, but they also love a few fish that we don't target like blue tangs (doctor fish), wrasses, parrot fish and blue runners. The barracudas are a lot of fun because they put up a nice fight and they make great pictures and mounts! The best way to catch them is to use the same thing they are there to eat such as a yellowtail or blue runner. Just remember that the 'tails you use for bait must be a legal fish which is over 12 inches.

We have been picking up a few king mackerels on the reef lately too. They have been coming into the boat thanks to whole ballyhoos on three hook rigs. This is our default king rig and it tends to be quite productive. There are certainly other ways to catch them, but our simple technique sure seems to do the job. It's pretty much the normal king rig on all party boats in south Florida to my understanding.

There has also been a lot of cero mackerels around as well. In fact the "Fishin' Pole" out of Robbie's came in with one of the biggest ones I have ever seen the other day. It had to be in the 12 to 13 pound range. For a cero that's a monster!!! If you want to target them look for the dirty water on the reef and preferable have ballyhoos back in your chum slick. They will find those chummed up 'hoos from a mile away!

One thing I haven't been seeing too many of is the muttons. We did get about a 10 pounder last Thursday night on ballyhoo plug in 25 feet of water, but that's the only keeper I've brought back to the dock in a while. The good mutton bite should start next month around the full moon. They will be starting their spawning patterns then and will be congregating on wrecks, rock piles and reefs.

Thanks for reading!

Capt. Brian 



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		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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
Apr 23	Thu		01:42 AM / 0.24 ft	07:44 AM / 2.42 ft	01:57 PM / -0.29 ft	08:20 PM / 2.70 ft
Apr 24	Fri		02:26 AM / 0.12 ft	08:28 AM / 2.51 ft	02:39 PM / -0.51 ft	09:06 PM / 2.81 ft
Apr 25	Sat		03:09 AM / 0.04 ft	09:12 AM / 2.57 ft	03:23 PM / -0.66 ft	09:52 PM / 2.87 ft
Apr 26	Sun		03:54 AM / 0.02 ft	09:58 AM / 2.60 ft	04:09 PM / -0.71 ft	10:40 PM / 2.87 ft
Apr 27	Mon		04:41 AM / 0.06 ft	10:45 AM / 2.60 ft	04:58 PM / -0.67 ft	11:29 PM / 2.81 ft
Apr 28	Tue		05:31 AM / 0.14 ft	11:36 AM / 2.56 ft	05:52 PM / -0.53 ft	
Apr 29	Wed	12:22 AM / 2.72 ft	06:26 AM / 0.24 ft	12:31 PM / 2.50 ft	06:50 PM / -0.34 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 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
Apr 23	Thu		04:34 AM / 0.14 ft	09:27 AM / 0.89 ft	05:22 PM / -0.11 ft	10:37 PM / 0.72 ft
Apr 24	Fri		05:05 AM / 0.15 ft	09:59 AM / 0.96 ft	06:05 PM / -0.19 ft	11:24 PM / 0.68 ft
Apr 25	Sat		05:38 AM / 0.15 ft	10:34 AM / 1.03 ft	06:50 PM / -0.25 ft	
Apr 26	Sun	12:11 AM / 0.64 ft	06:14 AM / 0.15 ft	11:13 AM / 1.07 ft	07:38 PM / -0.27 ft	
Apr 27	Mon	01:00 AM / 0.58 ft	06:52 AM / 0.15 ft	11:56 AM / 1.08 ft	08:29 PM / -0.25 ft	
Apr 28	Tue	01:51 AM / 0.52 ft	07:34 AM / 0.16 ft	12:44 PM / 1.07 ft	09:25 PM / -0.21 ft	
Apr 29	Wed	02:47 AM / 0.48 ft	08:23 AM / 0.18 ft	01:40 PM / 1.03 ft	10:26 PM / -0.14 ft	

ISLAMORADA (Whale Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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
Apr 23	Thu		02:28 AM / 0.11 ft	08:10 AM / 1.39 ft	02:43 PM / -0.14 ft	08:46 PM / 1.54 ft
Apr 24	Fri		03:12 AM / 0.06 ft	08:54 AM / 1.44 ft	03:25 PM / -0.24 ft	09:32 PM / 1.61 ft
Apr 25	Sat		03:55 AM / 0.02 ft	09:38 AM / 1.47 ft	04:09 PM / -0.31 ft	10:18 PM / 1.64 ft
Apr 26	Sun		04:40 AM / 0.01 ft	10:24 AM / 1.49 ft	04:55 PM / -0.34 ft	11:06 PM / 1.64 ft
Apr 27	Mon		05:27 AM / 0.03 ft	11:11 AM / 1.49 ft	05:44 PM / -0.32 ft	11:55 PM / 1.61 ft
Apr 28	Tue		06:17 AM / 0.07 ft	12:02 PM / 1.47 ft	06:38 PM / -0.25 ft	
Apr 29	Wed	12:48 AM / 1.56 ft	07:12 AM / 0.11 ft	12:57 PM / 1.43 ft	07:36 PM / -0.16 ft	

CUDJOE KEY (Pirates Cove)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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
Apr 23	Thu		01:18 AM / 1.08 ft	05:36 AM / 0.27 ft	12:56 PM / 1.32 ft	06:24 PM / -0.21 ft
Apr 24	Fri		02:06 AM / 1.06 ft	06:07 AM / 0.27 ft	01:28 PM / 1.43 ft	07:07 PM / -0.36 ft
Apr 25	Sat		02:53 AM / 1.01 ft	06:40 AM / 0.28 ft	02:03 PM / 1.52 ft	07:52 PM / -0.46 ft
Apr 26	Sun		03:40 AM / 0.94 ft	07:16 AM / 0.28 ft	02:42 PM / 1.58 ft	08:40 PM / -0.50 ft
Apr 27	Mon		04:29 AM / 0.86 ft	07:54 AM / 0.28 ft	03:25 PM / 1.60 ft	09:31 PM / -0.47 ft
Apr 28	Tue		05:20 AM / 0.77 ft	08:36 AM / 0.30 ft	04:13 PM / 1.59 ft	10:27 PM / -0.39 ft
Apr 29	Wed		06:16 AM / 0.71 ft	09:25 AM / 0.33 ft	05:09 PM / 1.52 ft	11:28 PM / -0.26 ft

MARATHON (Boot Key Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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
Apr 23	Thu		02:01 AM / 0.34 ft	08:07 AM / 1.90 ft	02:50 PM / -0.29 ft	09:15 PM / 1.49 ft
Apr 24	Fri		02:30 AM / 0.39 ft	08:41 AM / 2.10 ft	03:32 PM / -0.48 ft	10:02 PM / 1.45 ft
Apr 25	Sat		03:00 AM / 0.43 ft	09:17 AM / 2.27 ft	04:16 PM / -0.59 ft	10:48 PM / 1.37 ft
Apr 26	Sun		03:33 AM / 0.46 ft	09:56 AM / 2.39 ft	05:04 PM / -0.63 ft	11:36 PM / 1.26 ft
Apr 27	Mon		04:08 AM / 0.48 ft	10:39 AM / 2.44 ft	05:55 PM / -0.58 ft	
Apr 28	Tue	12:25 AM / 1.15 ft	04:47 AM / 0.51 ft	11:27 AM / 2.41 ft	06:51 PM / -0.46 ft	
Apr 29	Wed	01:19 AM / 1.05 ft	05:34 AM / 0.56 ft	12:19 PM / 2.30 ft	07:54 PM / -0.32 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 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
Apr 23	Thu		02:12 AM / 0.31 ft	08:14 AM / 1.83 ft	03:00 PM / -0.25 ft	09:24 PM / 1.47 ft
Apr 24	Fri		02:43 AM / 0.32 ft	08:46 AM / 1.98 ft	03:43 PM / -0.42 ft	10:11 PM / 1.41 ft
Apr 25	Sat		03:16 AM / 0.32 ft	09:21 AM / 2.11 ft	04:28 PM / -0.54 ft	10:58 PM / 1.31 ft
Apr 26	Sun		03:52 AM / 0.32 ft	10:00 AM / 2.20 ft	05:16 PM / -0.59 ft	11:47 PM / 1.19 ft
Apr 27	Mon		04:30 AM / 0.33 ft	10:43 AM / 2.23 ft	06:07 PM / -0.55 ft	
Apr 28	Tue	12:38 AM / 1.07 ft	05:12 AM / 0.35 ft	11:31 AM / 2.20 ft	07:03 PM / -0.45 ft	
Apr 29	Wed	01:34 AM / 0.99 ft	06:01 AM / 0.39 ft	12:27 PM / 2.11 ft	08:04 PM / -0.31 ft	

Moon Phases

New: 04/24/09 • First Quarter: 05/01/09

Full: 05/09/09 • Last Quarter: 05/17/09

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