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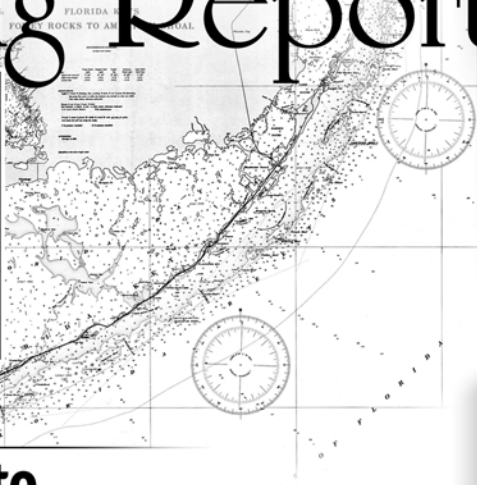
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Capt. Tom Aiuto Duck Key

Capt. Tom at HAWKS CAY RESORT & MARINA reports the waters around Duck Key are famous this time of year, for the first showing of exceptionally large, 150 lb plus Tarpon.

The timing couldn't be better. Hawks Cay is hosting their second Redbone Celebrity, Sunrise/Sunset Tarpon Tournament to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. It will run April 24th through the 26th. Sail fishing has been fantastic with record catches, now common place. Sailfish news, on April 9th, five days before the 2009 World Sailfish Championship Tim Mattock from Pompano Beach and his crew caught and released 50 sailfish off of Key West while scouting its waters for the up coming Tournament. The 50 catch and releases in a single day is a new Florida Keys record.

Also congratulations are in order to GET LIT on an incredible 22 sailfish catch and release, winning over 340,000 dollars and becoming the 2009 World Sailfish Champions. Capt. Tom Sailing from the Light' N Up said that the Tarpon fishing has become so hot lately that Tarpon has become his primary target. The night bite has been a little better than the morning; scoring up to five fish a day using live bait, (pilchards, crabs, mullet) as well as D.O.A. shad baits to 150 lbs.

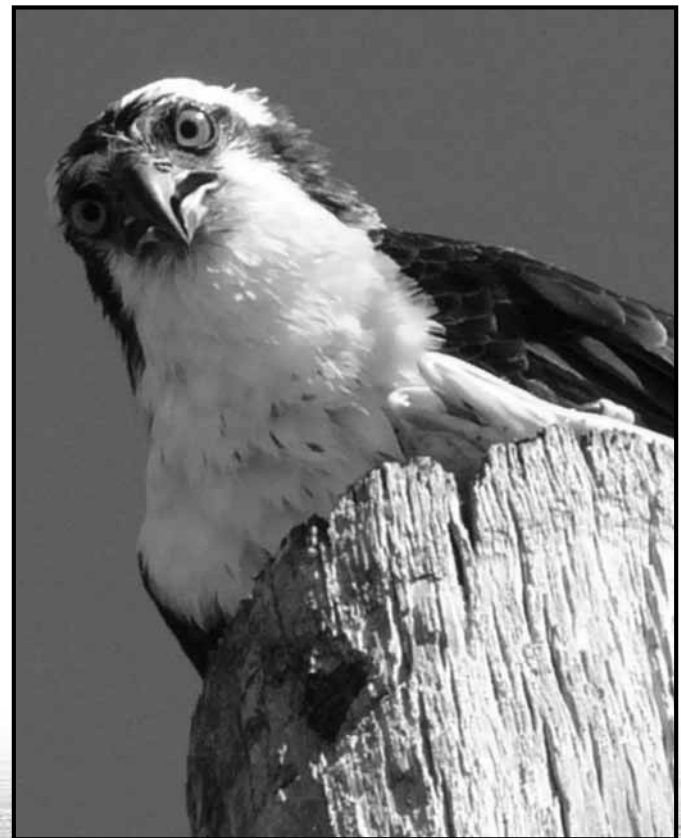
Capt. Jim Griffith has been targeting Snook, scoring 6 to 8 fish a day using live (pilchards) to 15 lbs. Capt. Scott Meyer from TV's Saltwater Experience crew reported that the winds change from day to day from 5 to 25 knots, and the water temp is about 77 degrees.

The reef is supplying good action with good size Snappers, such as Cubera to 30 lbs., Mutton to 14 lbs., and Mangrove to 18 lbs. The Yellowtail and lane snappers as well as porgies and grunts are keeping rods bent most of the week.

Dolphin (mahi mahi) are holding their own with most fishermen limiting out (10 fish per day) on schoolies 12 to 15 lbs. Tuna on the Marathon hump has been red hot. Capt. Walker on the Tailwalker and Capt. Perry on Final Final are coming back to the dock low in the water with Blackfin tuna to 30 lbs.

Sharks are everywhere, This week 18 different species were sighted. Most of the action was with Lemons to 150 lbs, Black Noses to 80 lbs. and Bulls to 300 lbs.

Tight Lines to All, Capt. Tom. 



Artificial Reefs of the Keys is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group in Key West, Florida, working to bring the decommissioned Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg to our waters to become an artificial reef.

On April 12 at 12:15 the Vandenberg departed Norfolk, Virginia for the long tow to her new home in Key West, Florida. More than a decade of work by a dedicated core of volunteers will finally come to fruition. After leaving the shipyard dock, Vandenberg will pass under the Elizabeth River bridge and pass the Hampton Roads bridge-tunnel, the Chesapeake Bay bridge-tunnel, come around the point at the Cape Henry lighthouse and head south. Smith Maritime, of Green Cove Springs, Florida is undertaking the tow with the deep sea tug, Elsbeth III.

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

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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.

Snook Season Closes May 1 in Gulf, Everglades and Monroe County Waters

The recreational harvest season for snook will close beginning May 1 in all of Florida's Gulf of Mexico, Everglades National Park and Monroe County coastal and inland waters. The harvest season for snook will remain closed until Sept. 1 in these areas.

Seasonal harvest closures protect Florida's valuable snook populations and help sustain and improve the fishery for the future.

The recreational harvest season for snook will remain open until June 1 in Florida's Atlantic coastal and inland waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River. Anglers may keep one snook between 28-32 inches total length per day from these waters.



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Lines in will be at 8:00 AM and lines out will be 3:00 PM both days. Weigh-in is at the Cudjoe Gardens Marina from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM daily. Registration can be done on-line or forms can be downloaded at www.piratewellnesscenter.com.

For additional information call Walt Drabinski, (305) 394-0784 (cell), or e-mail: Waltd@piratewellnesscenter.com. Information can also be picked up at the Pirate Wellness Center, 21460 Overseas Hwy., or you can call them at (305) 744-3348.



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Capt. Andrew Tipler Lower Keys



This was a bit of a crazy week for me. The winds came up over the weekend and kept most boats off the water. We spent a few days hiding from the wind at Bahia Honda state park bridge fishing for big tarpon. There were a few tarpon at the bridge but the sunken boat outweighed the fishing.


Bahia Honda can be a dangerous place to fish under great conditions but throw in a strong wind and things can get down right dangerous. As we tied up to the bridge my customers noticed something bobbing just above the surface a few pilings down. We moved over to find a boat just under the surface with nobody around. After calling FWC it turned out that nobody knew who the boat belonged to. Tow Boat US came out and recovered the boat while the Coast Guard began searching. I will keep my fingers crossed that the people on the boat made it out ok.

Offshore fishing was a little bumpy by the end of the week but the fishing was fairly good. The current slowed up making for tough sail fishing but the dolphin bite picked up. There were some nice fish moving through if you could stomach the seas. Look for the biggest fish to be found under the birds. It sometime takes a while to get a bait in front of the fish so be patient and remember the hooks are behind the boat, don't run over the fish.

Reef fishing was very good when conditions allowed you to get out to the reef. The yellowtail bite was very good but the sharks were tough. It was a good bite but most of the big fish got picked off before we got them to the boat. The grouper bite was a little bit slower but we managed a few nice fish.

The current slowed up giving us a shot at fishing some of the local deep water wrecks. AJ's were so thick that you could hardly get a bait to the bottom. Amberjack are not much for table fare but a lot of fun to pull on. I always hesitate to mention the amberjack showing up on the wrecks because there are a few commercial fishermen that wipe them out every time they show up. They get a buck or so a pound for depleting a fishery. It reminds me a lot of the gillnetters that almost wiped out the gulf coast redfish. Not only are they hurting our local fishery but often there is no regard for other boats fishing the area. Put a few fish back and enjoy your time on the water; there will be more fish to catch if we send a few home.

Flats fishing was a little tough. Live baiting tarpon was a good bet with the fish willing to eat. Sight fishing tarpon was a little tough due to high winds and low light. Capt. Bob of Double Haul Charters found some bonefish that were willing to eat a fly. Once the winds lay down a bit the tarpon should bite should take off.

Good luck and good fishing. 

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Capt. Dave Schugar Marathon

They're back! The dolphin came back this week with a vengeance. At the beginning of the week the dolphin were out from 700 feet all the way into 600 feet of water. There were scattered weeds and many pieces of debris, which were holding lots of fish from 8-20 pounds. We got a few in the thirties but not too many big fish. The tripletails were all over the place with some in the 15-pound class. As the week went on the dolphin have steadily moved into the shallower water. We got three wahoo this week, which we targeted while high speed trolling with drails and large artificial lures. At the end of this great week the dolphin were in close. We got plenty from 450-250 feet of water.

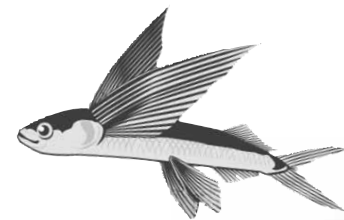
The sails are still biting on the reef with some great tailing conditions available, if you're willing to rough out the wild waters. We deep

dropped a bit and caught some nice tilefish and three 15-20 pound yellow edge grouper. They are similar to snowys but with a fine yellow outline on the fins. The barrels didn't cooperate, but the rosefish are always willing to eat some squid. It was pretty rough out there, 12-14 foot seas on Sunday. Sporty couldn't even describe the conditions.

The yellowtails have been very consistent and some nice black grouper and goliaths to be had as well. Cobias have been visiting the reef along the color edge and in Hawks Channel. For those of you who love to catch the permit spawn out on the wrecks, well, they have arrived and are willing to take a crab or shrimp. I like to use long leaders for the permit when the seas pick up, because you can control your depth with much more accuracy. I tend to have one flat line, one on a jig and one on a long leader to cover all the areas of the water column, which they patrol for food.

The hump still has plenty of tuna, but the predators are starting to show back up again, so bring plenty of jigs. The amberjacks are plentiful here too. I like to target the biggest ones by using a whole tuna for bait. Sometimes the sharks are bad so don't use wire or you will be tied up for quite some time with the man in the gray suit.

That's pretty much it, short and sweet, or might I say Sweet E' Nuf. Good luck and be safe out there. 🐟



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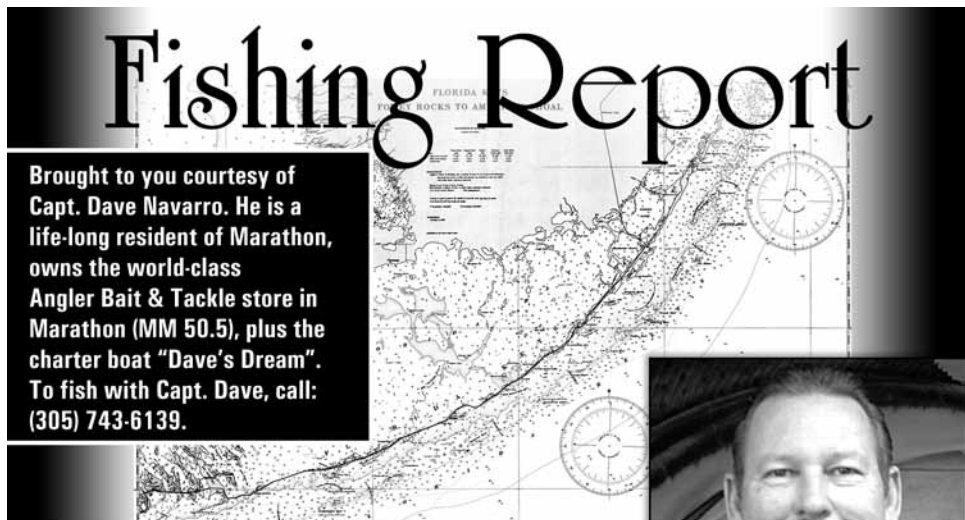


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Capt. Dave Navarro Marathon

It's Tarpon Time! They are everywhere and eating heavily throughout the day & evenings according to all of the reports that I have received as well as witnessed in the past few days. The flats are covered up with them as well as most all of the area bridge channels. Darn, what a great time to have a tournament!

Now that I've mentioned it, there just happens to be a couple of them coming up real soon.

Thursday April 30th is the start of the oldest tarpon tournament in the area; the 43rd Annual Marathon International, which runs for three evenings of fishing. The kick off is 2pm on Thursday @ the store with late sign up available. This event is open to everyone and usually hosts a wide field of anglers challenging the 'Silver King.' We've been known to have a little fun in this event over the years as well! In fact, for the Ladies, your very own event starts Saturday, May 9th. It is the 33rd Annual Ladies Tarpon Tournament. Both events feature the 'Committee Boat', which has to be seen to be believed. For any information on either event, call 743-6139 or just stop by the store @ 3740 Overseas Highway.


If you are going to be fishing in the tournaments or not, you should take advantage of the tarpon fishing right now. It is hot! Live mullet, live

pinfish, live shrimp, live crabs and many types of plugs are all working for these hungry fish. The tournaments use 12 or 30 pound line classes to catch the fish but if you are on your own, 20 to 30 is the normal line class used on wither spin or conventional tackle. Use at least a 6-foot leader of 60-pound test up to 125-pound test and have your way. Remember, the big tarpon don't come to the boat, the boat comes to them.

The offshore report has been interesting this past week with the high winds, which did not allow to many to partake in fishing in the area. For those that did numerous fish were reported with a mix of sizes. Most have spoken about quite a few real big fish. What has been common is fish in the 8 to 15 pound range. Most have been a bit offshore of the reef but there has been some large fish taken inside of 400 feet as well, but not too consistent. The key has been the seas.

The reef report has been fairly good with a decent bite on the yellowtail and nice muttons. Here again, the winds have determined the ability to fish. A few big grouper were hooked but won the battle with the angler. When the waters have been so gin clear that the use of a fluorocarbon leader has been almost a must. It has been common for anglers to have balls of fish right behind the boat yet can not get any of them to hit a thing. This can be frustrating at times although with the right mix of techniques, you should be able to work out your differences.

Inside along the inner edge of Hawk Channel, some nice catches of snapper have been put together as well as a few traveling cobia. The snapper bite has continued into the bridge channels as well. Many of the tarpon fishermen using live pinfish, shrimp & even crabs have found more than a few snapper. A few big black grouper have been taken along here as well.

Bay fishing has been the choice of most smaller boaters using the islands, shoals and banks for some relief. Decent snapper catches along with a few grouper were reported using live shrimp and pinfish. Cut fresh ballyhoo has also been a good bet. Not too much word on cobia this week due to the lack of anglers venturing out to the good grounds that are not protected from the winds we have had. Mackerel reports have really slimmed down lately but I am not sure if it is just a lack of fish or anglers in the right place to find them, which is in the more open areas of the bay. 

It's Lights Out For Sea Turtle Nesting Season

Sea turtle nesting season has begun on Florida's beaches, which means beach residents and visitors need to follow a few precautions to ensure a successful season.

Lights along the beach should be managed to prevent disorienting a female that comes ashore at night, according to biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). To do this, lights that are needed for human safety should be shielded so they are not visible from the beach or turned off when not needed. The instincts of the ancient sea creature tell her to proceed toward the brighter horizon over the ocean. Bright lights on the landward side of the beach can confuse the nesting sea turtle and the hatchlings that emerge from the nest. Lights on the beach can lead them away from the ocean.

"Just one light can kill thousands of turtles over several years," said Dr. Robbin Trindell, a biologist with the FWC. "Many lights burn all night without contributing to human safety."

Five species of sea turtles nest on Florida beaches, with the loggerhead showing up in the largest numbers. Green and leatherback sea turtles also nest in the Sunshine State. Two other species, Kemp's Ridley and hawksbill sea turtles, nest infrequently in Florida but inhabit Florida waters. The FWC lists the loggerhead as a threatened species; the other four are listed as endangered.

Nearly 90 percent of the loggerhead population that nests in the southeastern United States does so on Florida's beaches. This population is one of only two large loggerhead nesting populations worldwide. Sea turtles are air-breathing reptiles well-suited for sea life with a hydrodynamic-shaped shell and large, powerful front flippers. These physical characteristics enable them to dive deep into the ocean and to swim long distances.

Female loggerhead turtles begin coming ashore in the spring, with peak months for laying eggs in June and July. The nesting female digs a hole with her hind flippers and then lays approximately 115 eggs. After covering the nest with sand, the massive creature, weighing from 150 to 300 pounds, makes her way back to the ocean. A female might come ashore two to five times during the nesting season. Amazingly, females come back to the same beach where they hatched decades earlier. The males, once they make the long crawl after hatching out of the egg, never return to land.

Late in the summer, after an incubation of 55 to 70 days, the hatchlings begin breaking out of their shells. Up to 100 hatchlings wait below the sand surface until darkness, when they emerge together and crawl out of the nest. Instinct tells the 1- to 2-inch hatchling to head toward the brightest horizon and away from dark silhouettes. In days long gone in Florida, the brightest horizon shone over the ocean, and the hatchlings

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June 19-21: Annual Cudjoe Garden's Dolphin Tournament. Cudjoe Key. Pirate Wellness Center is the lead sponsor, with Cudjoe Gardens Marina, Buon Appetito Ristorante and Mad Dawg Barbecue Joint providing support.

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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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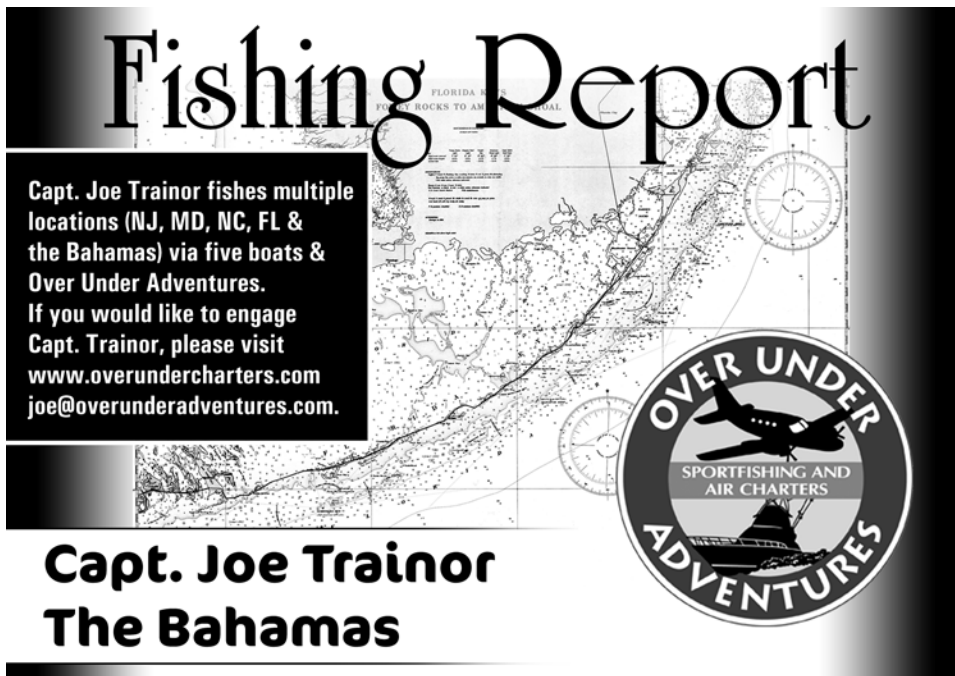


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Capt. Joe Trainor
The Bahamas



Great Spring Fishing

Well spring is here and so are the fish! This is always my favorite time to fish in the Bahamas. Usually from April 15th to May 25th or so fishing always is pretty constant. From wahoo to dolphin and yellowfin to billfish..... they're all here.


This week we pretty much fished every day out there. We have been pretty much fishing off the edge in the deeper contours off of the Abacos. We have hit various spots such as Little Abaco Canyon, the twin dips, the flattop and hole in the wall. We have started to see billfish now on a regular basis and had a chance a catching a slam for the week. We have seen more whites as usual for this time of year but we did have a shot at a blue before jumping him off. An unexpected bite this week from a

billfish turned out to be a shortbill spearfish. If you have never seen one before they are the coolest looking fish. We did manage to catch a white also this week.

As usual the dolphin are here in full force as we are getting plenty every day. Top fish of the week turned out to be 53 lbs. Also one day it was slow offshore so we came back into the edge off of Guana Cay and boated a nice hoo at 60 lbs. So your options are endless for this time of year!!!!

Trip To Hole In The Wall

Well if you have never fished there it is well worth the trip. Hole in the Wall lies on the southern point of the Abacos and has some of the best structure in the Bahamas. The Southeast point here goes out about 4 miles to the tip. Every time I have been here it has been awesome, and needless to say we had another great time there. There are no marinas within 30 miles of here and typically have the whole place to yourself. As soon as we got there setting out the spread we had a double header of nice dolphin. Shortly after that we had a white marlin on our long rigger which we did manage to catch. We continued to have over 80 bites fishing down there releasing in upwards of 40 dolphin to about 35 lbs. Simply unbelievable and one of the MUST FISH destinations for anybody out there. We also did have one more white marlin bite which we did miss. All in all an awesome day and well worth the trip!!!

We are continuing to see a good bit of white marlin move in throughout the Bahamas. The blues are just behind them as we just need the water temps to come up a bit. We are still hovering around the 76 degree range here in the Abacos. I expect dolphin fishing to remain insane and we should continue seeing at least 1 billfish per day. Tight Lines!!! 

Treasure Cay Billfish Tournament Offers Guaranteed Money . . .

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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

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Capt. Nick Borraccino Marathon



Well it's officially Spring, and the usual springtime players are in town. I admittedly have less to offer this week with respect to first hand knowledge as I usually do, due to the fact that the Best Bet has been out of the water for a re-power for over a week. None the less, I still know what's going on out there!


It seems someone has turned on the dolphin switch, as usually happens around the first of May. Some great dolphin fishing is to be had inshore and offshore alike. Unfortunately, the wind started blowing on Thursday of this week, and hasn't let up. It's more than average wind too (especially for this time of year), with velocities consistently over 20 knots. I haven't fished in the rough stuff yet this week, but I'm willing to bet it has had no ill effect on the dolphin moving through. I expect

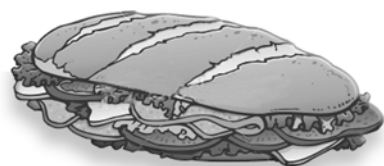
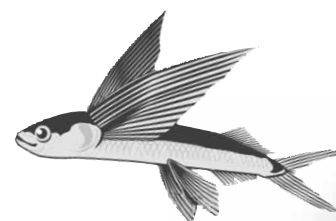
the next nice weather day to lend itself to some great dolphin hunting. I have also heard that the tuna bite offshore has been pretty steady with some nice fish coming in.

Staying inshore is a good bet as well, with big yellowtails biting great on deep reefs. The fish last week were less finicky than usual, and could be taken on heavier tackle, and in great numbers. Expect this trend to continue with sustained warmer water temps.

Also very fishable for the first time in a while were the deep wrecks this week. The current eased up a bit making for some good dropping conditions. Spring is the time to catch big mutton snappers and black grouper off deep wrecks, so long as you're up to the task.

The spawning Permit were biting great this week out front, giving anglers a heck of a fight, and quite a trophy to brag about. As usual, live crabs and shrimp are a must. This time of year allows for a lot of fishing opportunities in the same area, and in short time. On the beautiful Thursday afternoon of this past week, we boated 20 great flag yellowtails, some huge amberjacks, 4 permit, and a nice black grouper, all in a few short hours of fishing. A half day like this coupled with a successful morning of tarpon fishing (which is also red hot around the bridges) and you could have yourself one fantastic day of Keys fishing.

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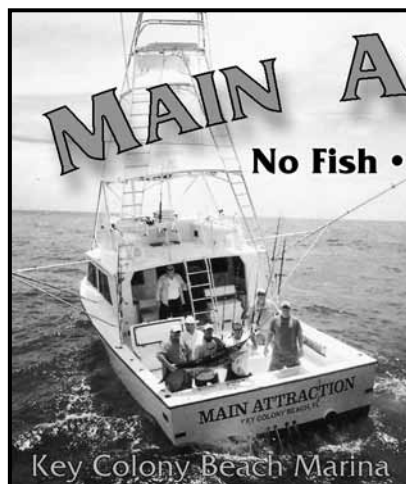
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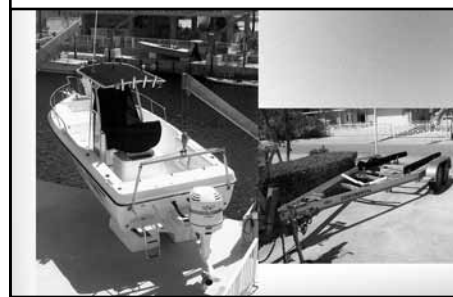
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Developer Buys Two Keys Marinas

Summit Development, a diversified real estate development company with offices in North Palm Beach, FL, acquired two marina properties in the Florida Keys - Mangrove Marina in Tavernier and Sombrero Resort and Marina in Marathon. Summit, which is planning extensive renovations to the properties, acquired the two sites from Sun Vest Communities, the successor to Cay Clubs. No purchase price was announced, but Orion Bank is providing financing for the acquisition and renovation of the two properties, the company said.

Southport, CN based Summit Development said in a statement that it is actively seeking office, retail, residential, hotel and marina opportunities throughout South Florida. The company said it specializes in repositioning underperforming real estate assets. "It is obvious that the deterioration of these two properties has been a cause for concern. We are well-financed and are confident that we can accomplish a repositioning of the two sites that will once again make them the valuable component of the Keys business community that they can and should be," said Robert Charney, who oversees Summit's Florida operations.

Mangrove Marina has 130 slips as well as rack storage, boatyard

facilities, a fuel dock, launch ramp and a ship's store. It is situated on the Intracoastal Waterway and is protected on three sides by mangrove islands.

Sombrero Resort and Marina is midway between Key Largo and Key West, and includes a 54-slip marina as well as 124 one-bedroom condo-style suites and eight detached villas.

Sea Turtle Nesting . . . cont. from pg. 6

would move away from the dune shadows and begin the crawl to the sea.

In modern-day Florida, hatchlings must crawl through a battlefield of debris left by humans. Furniture discarded by lazy beachgoers can obstruct a nesting female turtle or become a trap for the hatchlings. Avoiding firework leftovers strewn along the hatchling's path can cause exhaustion and delay in getting to the water. If a hatchling is stranded on the beach when the sun rises, its chance for survival diminishes, and dehydration and sun exposure become hazards.

"We can all help sea turtles survive," Trindell said. "If we just take personal responsibility, we can go a long way to ensure the sea turtle co-exists with us for many more years to come."

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Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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	
Apr 30	Thu	01:17 AM / 2.62 ft	07:27 AM / 0.32 ft	01:32 PM / 2.43 ft	07:54 PM / -0.12 ft	
May 1	Fri	02:16 AM / 2.52 ft	08:33 AM / 0.33 ft	02:38 PM / 2.38 ft	09:01 PM / 0.05 ft	
May 2	Sat	03:18 AM / 2.46 ft	09:40 AM / 0.25 ft	03:47 PM / 2.39 ft	10:09 PM / 0.16 ft	
May 3	Sun	04:19 AM / 2.44 ft	10:43 AM / 0.10 ft	04:54 PM / 2.45 ft	11:12 PM / 0.20 ft	
May 4	Mon	05:18 AM / 2.45 ft	11:40 AM / -0.08 ft	05:56 PM / 2.54 ft		
May 5	Tue		12:09 AM / 0.20 ft	06:13 AM / 2.48 ft	12:32 PM / -0.25 ft	06:52 PM / 2.63 ft
May 6	Wed		01:01 AM / 0.18 ft	07:02 AM / 2.50 ft	01:19 PM / -0.37 ft	07:41 PM / 2.70 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 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	
Apr 30	Thu	03:50 AM / 0.47 ft	09:23 AM / 0.20 ft	02:44 PM / 0.96 ft	11:31 PM / -0.07 ft	
May 1	Fri	04:56 AM / 0.50 ft	10:41 AM / 0.22 ft	04:01 PM / 0.88 ft		
May 2	Sat		12:34 AM / -0.01 ft	05:59 AM / 0.57 ft	12:14 PM / 0.21 ft	05:29 PM / 0.80 ft
May 3	Sun		01:32 AM / 0.05 ft	06:53 AM / 0.66 ft	01:44 PM / 0.16 ft	06:56 PM / 0.75 ft
May 4	Mon		02:21 AM / 0.09 ft	07:38 AM / 0.76 ft	02:59 PM / 0.08 ft	08:11 PM / 0.71 ft
May 5	Tue		03:04 AM / 0.13 ft	08:18 AM / 0.86 ft	04:00 PM / -0.00 ft	09:13 PM / 0.68 ft
May 6	Wed		03:43 AM / 0.15 ft	08:54 AM / 0.93 ft	04:51 PM / -0.07 ft	10:05 PM / 0.65 ft

ISLAMORADA (Whale Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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	
Apr 30	Thu	01:43 AM / 1.50 ft	08:13 AM / 0.15 ft	01:58 PM / 1.39 ft	08:40 PM / -0.06 ft	
May 1	Fri	02:42 AM / 1.45 ft	09:19 AM / 0.16 ft	03:04 PM / 1.37 ft	09:47 PM / 0.02 ft	
May 2	Sat	03:44 AM / 1.41 ft	10:26 AM / 0.12 ft	04:13 PM / 1.37 ft	10:55 PM / 0.08 ft	
May 3	Sun	04:45 AM / 1.40 ft	11:29 AM / 0.05 ft	05:20 PM / 1.40 ft	11:58 PM / 0.09 ft	
May 4	Mon	05:44 AM / 1.40 ft	12:26 PM / -0.04 ft	06:22 PM / 1.46 ft		
May 5	Tue		12:55 AM / 0.09 ft	06:39 AM / 1.42 ft	01:18 PM / -0.12 ft	07:18 PM / 1.51 ft
May 6	Wed		01:47 AM / 0.09 ft	07:28 AM / 1.43 ft	02:05 PM / -0.18 ft	08:07 PM / 1.55 ft

CUDJOE KEY (Pirates Cove)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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	
Apr 30	Thu	07:19 AM / 0.69 ft	10:25 AM / 0.38 ft	06:13 PM / 1.42 ft		
May 1	Fri		12:33 AM / -0.13 ft	08:26 AM / 0.74 ft	11:43 AM / 0.41 ft	07:30 PM / 1.30 ft
May 2	Sat		01:36 AM / -0.01 ft	09:28 AM / 0.84 ft	01:16 PM / 0.40 ft	08:58 PM / 1.19 ft
May 3	Sun		02:34 AM / 0.09 ft	10:22 AM / 0.98 ft	02:46 PM / 0.30 ft	10:25 PM / 1.11 ft
May 4	Mon		03:23 AM / 0.17 ft	11:07 AM / 1.13 ft	04:01 PM / 0.15 ft	11:40 PM / 1.06 ft
May 5	Tue		04:06 AM / 0.24 ft	11:47 AM / 1.27 ft	05:02 PM / -0.00 ft	
May 6	Wed	12:42 AM / 1.01 ft	04:45 AM / 0.28 ft	12:23 PM / 1.38 ft	05:53 PM / -0.14 ft	

MARATHON (Boot Key Harbor)

		High	Low	High	Low	High
Date	Day	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height	Time / Height
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	
Apr 30	Thu	02:20 AM / 1.00 ft	06:35 AM / 0.62 ft	01:19 PM / 2.12 ft	08:59 PM / -0.17 ft	
May 1	Fri	03:30 AM / 1.04 ft	08:04 AM / 0.66 ft	02:29 PM / 1.90 ft	10:02 PM / -0.04 ft	
May 2	Sat	04:40 AM / 1.16 ft	09:47 AM / 0.60 ft	03:53 PM / 1.68 ft	10:58 PM / 0.07 ft	
May 3	Sun	05:38 AM / 1.35 ft	11:15 AM / 0.41 ft	05:29 PM / 1.53 ft	11:47 PM / 0.18 ft	
May 4	Mon	06:23 AM / 1.57 ft	12:25 PM / 0.17 ft	06:55 PM / 1.44 ft		
May 5	Tue		12:31 AM / 0.27 ft	07:01 AM / 1.78 ft	01:23 PM / -0.06 ft	08:02 PM / 1.40 ft
May 6	Wed		01:11 AM / 0.35 ft	07:35 AM / 1.96 ft	02:14 PM / -0.25 ft	08:56 PM / 1.36 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 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	
Apr 30	Thu	02:37 AM / 0.96 ft	07:01 AM / 0.44 ft	01:31 PM / 1.97 ft	09:09 PM / -0.16 ft	
May 1	Fri	03:44 AM / 1.02 ft	08:19 AM / 0.48 ft	02:48 PM / 1.80 ft	10:12 PM / -0.02 ft	
May 2	Sat	04:46 AM / 1.16 ft	09:52 AM / 0.46 ft	04:16 PM / 1.65 ft	11:10 PM / 0.10 ft	
May 3	Sun	05:40 AM / 1.36 ft	11:22 AM / 0.35 ft	05:43 PM / 1.55 ft	11:59 PM / 0.20 ft	
May 4	Mon	06:25 AM / 1.57 ft	12:37 PM / 0.18 ft	06:58 PM / 1.47 ft		
May 5	Tue		12:42 AM / 0.28 ft	07:05 AM / 1.76 ft	01:38 PM / -0.00 ft	08:00 PM / 1.40 ft
May 6	Wed		01:21 AM / 0.32 ft	07:41 AM / 1.92 ft	02:29 PM / -0.16 ft	08:52 PM / 1.34 ft

Moon Phases

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

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Capt. Larry Wren A Pirates Choice Charters	OFF	(305) 360-4900 www.apirateschoice.com
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