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WELCOME TO OUR SECOND ANNUAL FISHING GUIDE

Welcome to the Outer Banks first vacation guide totally devoted to fishing! The idea of this guide has been kicking around in my head for a few years now. Capt. Marty and I have talked about it off and on too and we both saw the need for this type of publication. Our great staff at Max Radio of the Carolinas got busy putting the word out about the possibility of this guide and the response was overwhelming. It seems many others saw the need for such a guide and all agreed that Capt. Marty was the perfect man for the job.

This is one guide that is great for both vacationers and locals. So many people come to the Outer Banks to fish. But many others are drawn to fishing after they get here and see how much fun everyone is having. Whether you fish the surf, the sound, from the pier, in-shore, near-shore or off-shore, I hope you find the Capt. Marty's Fishing guide useful and enjoyable. Send us a picture when you catch that big one! And don't forget to tune in to Beach 104 and 94.5 WCMS for the latest fishing information.

Mike Smith
Regional Vice President
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Capt. Marty is well known on the Outer Banks as a charter boat captain, a retail store owner and for the last nine years as the most listened to Fishing reports on the air. His reports are heard exclusively on our radio stations, Beach 104 and 94.5 Water country WCMS.

Putting together this publication took lots of dedication and hard work from our staff. Eileen Riddick did an outstanding job of managing this project. Our entire staff contributed and a big thank you goes out to Mike Smith, Lynn Capogrossi, Todd Duncan, Jody O'Donnell, Piper, Ray Turner, Sharon Martin, Tim Boze and Don Upchurch.

Enjoy this guide. Let us know if there is anything else you would like to see in it. Here's to tight lines and great fishing from your friends at Max Radio of the Carolinas.

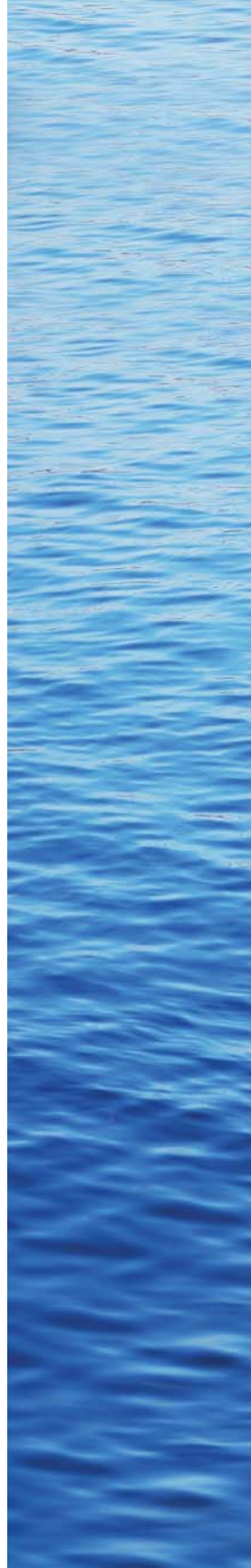
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WELCOME BACK

A year has passed and here we are again, with a brand new fishing season at hand and a brand new edition of Capt. Marty's Outer Banks Fishing Guide. This guide is bigger and better and I hope it will be a tool that you'll use many times this year to make the most of the fishing opportunities we have here on the North Carolina coast.

This year, I've added new recipes and stories and included tips on avoiding sea-sickness. The team at Max Radio of the Carolinas, whose opinion I value, suggested running a few of the how-to articles from the first issue. From the responses we received, we knew that anglers appreciated the info on getting started and with that in mind, we have repeated a few of the most useful articles.

This is going to be a great year to fish, however we must be mindful that some of the fishing freedoms we have always had are now being scrutinized in a court of law. So be sure to take care of the beaches and waterways. Pick up your litter, and above all, drive responsibly on the beach. This year we are in the public eye as decisions are made that will affect locals and visitors alike. And don't forget to visit our sponsors while you enjoy the Outer Banks. You'll find them to be anxious to help you in every possible way. Without them, this free guide would not be possible.



God Bless and Good Fishing!

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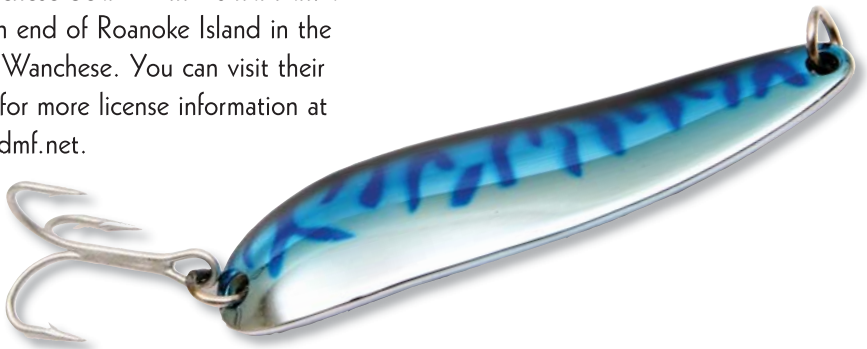
NORTH CAROLINA SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE

So you've come to the Outer Banks to do some fishing like you always have. You've got your bait and tackle, a cooler full of refreshments and a big straw hat. But do you have your fishing license? In case you haven't heard, the state of North Carolina now requires a coastal recreational fishing license more commonly called a 'saltwater' license. North Carolina is one of the last states to require this license and its implementation has been an emotionally charged issue. But because it is now law, you may want to be sure that you are familiar with these requirements.

You may purchase the license at most tackle shops and also at Wal-mart and K-mart. You may also purchase the license before you arrive, by going on-line to www.ncwildlife.org or by phone at 1-888-248-6834. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries offices throughout the state also carry them. The local NCDMF office is located in the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park at the south end of Roanoke Island in the town of Wanchese. You can visit their website for more license information at www.ncdmf.net.

There are several variations of the license. The Annual License will cost NC residents \$15.00 per year and non-residents will pay \$30.00 for a one year license. The 10-day license will cost state residents \$5.00 and non-residents \$10.00. Children under 16 years of age are not required to have a license. Various other unified licenses are available that include hunting and fishing combinations. You can contact your nearest license agent or going on-line.

Keep in mind that most piers and charter boats have purchased blanket licenses. These licenses allow you to fish on these piers and boats without having to purchase a license yourself. Whether you are for or against the license, it is now the law. So be sure to take the time to pick up a license before you head out fishing on the Outer Banks this year.



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FISHING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE OUTER BANKS



So you want to go fishing while you visit the Outer Banks? Maybe it wasn't in your original travel plans, but it's hard not to notice all the fishing opportunities when you are surrounded by water.

On the Outer Banks there are fishing opportunities that can cost as little as \$10.00 or as much as \$2000.00. You can enjoy the solitude of fishing alone on a quiet beach or you and a group of friends can visit the Gulf Stream on a million dollar sport fishing yacht!

Let's start with the less expensive end of Outer Banks Fishing. There are countless places where you can fish the surf or sound from public beaches. Surf fishing is one of the most popular pastimes on the Outer Banks. All it takes is a saltwater fishing license, a lightweight surf combo rod and reel and some fresh bait. If you didn't bring a rod and reel, you can pick up a good combo for well under \$50.00 at any local tackle shop and they will be more than happy to show you how to rig up and what to use for bait.

You could also visit any of the local piers, which offer daily, weekly and yearly passes. Many of the

piers offer a blanket saltwater fishing license, which covers you at no additional cost while you fish from the pier. The piers also have rod and reel rentals at very affordable prices. This way, you can try it out, and if you like it, you can purchase one of your own!

It would be hard not to notice the many charter boat marinas up and down the banks. These professionally guided boats offer a chance to go to sea with some of the world's best skippers. They begin with backcountry fishing on open boats. These guides fish for stripers, red drum, trout and flounder to name a few. The boats are similar to boats that guide the flats in the Florida Keys. The costs average about \$350.00 for a half-day with two or three anglers.

In addition to the back country boats, there are also inshore and near shore boats. These boats are mostly six passenger charter boats equipped with marine toilets, sun protection and enclosed

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cabins. Most also provide a professional mate to assist with the fishing. They fish for everything including ocean stripers, cobia, mackerel and bluefish. They also fish wrecks and reefs for tilefish, sea bass, grouper and tautog. A half-day trip on these boats averages about \$425.00. All-day trips are available for about \$800.00

Finally, there are the offshore or gulfstream boats that fish the canyons 30 to 50 miles out. These are large custom-built sportfishing yachts. They have a rich history of record fish and are world class locally built boats. They are available for all-day only fishing trips for groups of one to six persons. The cost averages around \$1400 for these sleek and fast fishing machines. They fish for marlin, tuna, wahoo, king mackerel and dolphin (the fish, not the porpoise). They have caught marlin as big as 1142 lbs. and tuna over 800 pounds.



Whichever type of fishing you choose to do, remember to purchase the new saltwater fishing license at any local tackle shop. Most charter boats have blanket licenses that will cover you while onboard. Other costs such as tips and fish cleaning can be expected. All major marinas offer professional booking services and if you don't have enough people for a full charter, the marinas will arrange a make-up charter for you. A make up charter puts you with other like-minded anglers so that you can charter a boat as a group. Or, you might consider an inshore or offshore headboat.

Even if you didn't plan to go fishing when you arrived on the Outer Banks, you wouldn't be the first person to wet a line on a whim. Many who did, like angler Jack Herrington from Pennsylvania, went home with a whale of a tale. He actually caught the world record 1142 lb. blue marlin while fishing on a make-up charter in 1974 with Capt. Harry Baum. Maybe you'll have a fish story of your own when this vacation ends!



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If you are one of those people who have come to the Outer Banks to relax and lay out in the sun, BUT you couldn't help notice all those people fishing from the surf and piers, this article is for you.

Perhaps you thought that it would be too complicated or expensive to rig up. Could it be that you were intimidated by learning to cast or tie a fisherman's knot? Maybe you don't even own a fishing pole. Maybe you are full of excuses or maybe not. Maybe you

are the person that has always wanted to wet a line and now all you need is to know how to begin. It is simpler than you think!

The Outer Banks is probably one of the easiest and cheapest places to learn to fish in the whole world. And right on the beach or on one of the many piers is a great place to start. Here's how.

First visit any of your local tackle shops or pier houses to purchase a medium weight spinning reel combo. These combos can be bought from \$29.00 to \$39.00 for a good entry-level rod and reel. Most of these combos come equipped with line already on the reel.

Next, you will need a simple two hooked bottom rig called a 1040 rig. These are available in every tackle shop as they are a mainstay of surf and pier fishing. Your tackle shop pro will recommend the hooks to put on them, depending on the time of year and conditions.

You will need to select bait and this is one area where you need to be particular. If you are going to use shrimp, make sure they are fresh (eating quality) shrimp. A half-pound of shrimp will last you all day. You might try peeling the shrimp to give you an extra advantage. Sand fleas are another great bait and you can dig them yourself from the surf. Mullet and menhaden are the other two favorites but once again; make sure they are fresh, not frozen.

Finally you will need to pick up the new North Carolina Saltwater Fishing License. It is available at most local tackle shops, sporting good stores and at the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Office in Wanchese. The cost is \$15.00 for residents and \$30 for nonresidents for an annual license. You may also purchase a 10-day license, which is \$5.00 for residents and \$10.00 for nonresidents. Children under sixteen years of age are not required to have a fishing license.

Now that you have the rod, reel, bait and license, it's up to you to wet your line. Your tackle shop will be happy to show you how to use your equipment. Be sure to keep it out of the sand and saltwater and remember to wash it off after each use with fresh water. And finally be sure to pick up a regulation sheet when you buy your tackle. This will explain size and bag limits and keep you free from the long arm of the law. Now that you have no more excuses, go out and have a great time catching your own seafood!



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The proper handling of fresh caught seafood is one of the most misunderstood aspects of fishing. Poor planning in this area will lead to disappointment at the dinner table or worse. However, if you follow the following simple steps you will minimize waste and maximize the wonderful taste of fresh North Carolina seafood.

Rule number one is to make sure that your catch is properly refrigerated from the time it leaves the water to the time it hits the skillet or freezer. The volumes of fish that are caught might be as much as 500 pounds or more on an offshore boat. In this case, the fish must be chilled throughout and enough ice must be provided to keep the fish cold all day. Many boats fill the fishbox with saltwater and keep enough ice in it to chill the fish in a saltwater brine. For smaller amounts of fish just make

sure the fish is kept well iced in a cooler chest. In this case, the ice will last longer if you keep the water drained off it.

Rule number two requires you to keep the fish out of the heat and the sun as much as possible during the unloading process. Move through your picture taking process quickly and get the fish to the cleaning station without delay. This brings up an important point. Either you will clean your own fish or you will have them professionally cleaned. Most of the marinas offer cleaning services in

sanitary cleaning stations. You must remember that if you use a professional cleaner you will need to budget accordingly with your group. Fish cleaning averages 35 to 45 cents a pound for bulk weight. If you have 500 pounds of tuna...well you do the math! And don't forget that bulk cleaning returns your fish to you in ten pound bags so be prepared to break this down into serving size portions before you freeze it.

If you clean your own fish, be prepared to keep the fish cool while cleaning and also have a plan for discarding the carcasses. Whatever you do, don't throw them in cottage dumpsters or garbage cans. Whether you choose to clean your own fish or have someone clean them for you, there is something else to remember. Be sure not to allow fillets, loins, steaks or

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fish hard frozen before you leave. This way you can pack it fully into a dry (yes that's right...no ice at all) cooler. Make sure that your blocks of fish are fully frozen and they will act as their own ice. Fill any open air space with newspaper and tape the lid shut. It will stay hard frozen for 36 hours. The secret here is to make sure you use no ice, which will only cause your fish to thaw out. If your cooler is full of frozen fish and the lid is taped tightly shut, it will

any other kind of dressed seafood to soak in water. Keep your cooler drain open and make sure your seafood is protected from the ice in plastic bags. Allowing fish to soak in water just blanches the taste right out of it.

Now for rule three...the most important of all fish handling rules. Make sure that if you are going to freeze fish, you freeze it properly. Air is the big enemy in freezing, so make plans to vacuum pack your fish, or find other methods to get the air out of the freezer bags. Freeze in each bag only what your family will eat in a meal. I have seen too many people take their ten-pound bags of bulk tuna home and because they were too tired to mess with it, throw it in the freezer. Unfortunately that tuna was unfit for consumption when thawed. Seafood that is not going to be eaten fresh must be frozen as soon as possible. If you are here for a week try to allow time to get your

be fine for the trip home. Dry Ice may be used to transport fish if you can find it.

I hope these simple ideas will help you to enjoy your seafood as much at home as you do here on the Outer Banks. Planning what to



do with your catch is every bit as important as planning how to catch it!



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The Pamlico Sound and all of its neighboring waters are home to one of the largest populations of blue crabs on the east coast. Blue crabs are sold by the thousands at local restaurants and seafood markets, but did you know that you could also catch your own? And the good part is you don't need a license to do it if you keep it simple.

All you need to go crabbing is a crab dip net which is available almost everywhere on the Outer Banks, a piece of crab cord and a chicken neck. Crab cord is similar to clothesline cord and you simply tie the chicken neck or other bait to the cord and toss it out around any of our local docks and piers. You can also use them in calm water areas around the soundside beaches and inlet areas.

Let them soak for about ten minutes and then slowly retrieve them. If a crab is hanging on to the bait, gently slip the dip net under him and scoop him up!



Make sure the crab is at least five inches from point to point which makes him a legal catch. You can keep 50 crabs per person per day. If you are using a boat this amount cannot exceed 100 crabs per vessel per day.

You can also use a collapsible crab trap as long as it meets NCDMF regulations. To use more traditional crab pots you must purchase a recreational commercial gear license from the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries Office in Wanchese. It will cost \$35.00 for state residents and \$250.00 for nonresidents. This allows you to fish up to five traps but they must meet strict legal requirements. These requirements and other information are available at the NCDMF office or on line at www.ncdmf.net.



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4-SUN	7:19 AM	1:39 AM	7:56 PM	1:13 PM
5-MON	8:11 AM	2:36 AM	8:45 PM	2:03 PM
6-TUES	9:02 AM	3:33 AM	9:35 PM	2:54 PM
7-WED	9:53 AM	4:31 AM	10:27 PM	3:48 PM
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9-FRI	11:48 AM	6:28 AM	-	5:47 PM
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2-MON	6:56 AM	1:24 AM	7:38 PM	12:48 PM
3-TUES	7:50 AM	2:25 AM	8:30 PM	1:44 PM
4-WED	8:44 AM	3:24 AM	9:22 PM	2:40 PM
5-THUR	9:38 AM	4:20 AM	10:13 PM	3:36 PM
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29-FRI	7:15 AM	1:34 AM	7:42 PM	1:28 PM
30-SAT	8:05 AM	2:19 AM	8:27 PM	2:21 PM
31-SUN	8:52 AM	3:01 AM	9:11 PM	3:11 PM

First Quarter - 10th • Last Quarter - 26th
New Moon - 3rd • Full Moon - 18th

First Quarter - 8th • Last Quarter - 23rd
New Moon - 1st & 30th • Full Moon - 16th

2008 OREGON INLET TIDES

SEPTEMBER 2008

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1-MON	9:36 AM	3:41 AM	9:55 PM	3:58 PM
2-TUES	10:18 AM	4:21 AM	10:37 PM	4:42 PM
3-WED	11:00 AM	5:00 AM	11:20 PM	5:24 PM
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28-SUN	7:47 AM	1:45 AM	8:07 PM	2:13 PM
29-MON	8:28 AM	2:25 AM	8:50 PM	2:58 PM
30-TUES	9:08 AM	3:03 AM	9:32 PM	3:39 PM

First Quarter - 7th • Last Quarter - 22nd
New Moon - 29th • Full Moon - 15th

NOVEMBER 2008

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1-SAT	10:31 AM	4:05 AM	11:00 PM	5:15 PM
2-SUN	10:08 AM	3:38 AM	10:41 PM	5:00 PM
3-MON	10:47 AM	4:16 AM	11:28 PM	5:48 PM
4-TUES	11:29 AM	5:02 AM	-	6:36 PM
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29-SAT	8:30 AM	2:01 AM	8:59 PM	3:20 PM
30-SUN	9:03 AM	2:29 AM	9:36 PM	3:59 PM

First Quarter - 5th • Last Quarter - 19th
New Moon - 27th • Full Moon - 13th

OCTOBER 2008

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1-WED	9:46 AM	3:39 AM	10:12 PM	4:18 PM
2-THUR	10:24 AM	4:16 AM	10:51 PM	4:55 PM
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30-THUR	9:19 AM	3:03 AM	9:46 PM	3:57 PM
31-FRI	9:55 AM	3:35 AM	10:23 PM	4:35 PM

First Quarter - 7th • Last Quarter - 21st
New Moon - 28th • Full Moon - 14th

DECEMBER 2008

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
1-MON	9:37 AM	3:01 AM	10:15 PM	4:38 PM
2-TUES	10:12 AM	3:40 AM	10:58 PM	5:16 PM
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First Quarter - 5th • Last Quarter - 19th
New Moon - 27th • Full Moon - 12th

FISHING & THE MOON

Here is a handy guideline to help you plan the best times to fish on the Outer Banks. Keep in mind that there are exceptions to every rule but here is a good rule of thumb. When planning a fishing trip, try to go on the back side of the full moon. Why? It's simply because fish tend to feed at night on the full moon. Usually, daytime fishing is slower during these periods. This is generally true for all types of fishing from offshore to inshore to surf and pier. Here are the dates of the full moons and the periods of no moon. Plan your trip as close to the dark of the moon as possible for best results!



FULL MOON

May 19th

June 18th

July 18th

August 16th

September 15th

October 14th

November 13th

December 12th

NEW MOON

May 5th

June 3rd

July 2nd

August 1st

August 30th

September 29th

October 28th

November 27th

December 27th

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Release Rules: Angler or mate must touch the fish or the leader. Application must be completed with exception of length and weight (amberjack, bluefin tuna, cobia, king mackerel, striped bass and red drum must have the length recorded). A witness must sign the application.

SPECIES LIST	MINIMUM WEIGHT	SPECIES LIST	MINIMUM WEIGHT
Albacore, False	Release Only	Mullet, Sea	1 ½ lbs
Amberjack	50 lbs ^C	Porgy (Silver Snapper)	4 lbs
Atlantic Bonita	8 lbs ^B	Sailfish	Release Only ^A
Barracuda	Release Only ^G	Shark	150 lbs
Bass, Black Sea	4 lbs	Sheepshead	8 lbs
Bluefish	15 lbs	Snapper, Red	10 lbs
Cobia	40 lbs ^D	Spot	1 lb
Croaker	3 lbs	Striped Bass	35 lbs ^G
Dolphin	35 lbs	Tarpon	Release Only ^A
Drum, Black	35 lbs ^F	Tilefish	10 lbs
Drum, Red	Release Only ^F	Triggerfish	5 lbs
Flounder	5 lbs	Trout, Gray	5 lbs ^B
Grouper	20 lbs	Trout, Speckled	5 lbs ^B
Jack, Crevalle	Release Only ^C	Tuna, Bigeye	100 lbs
Mackerel, King	30 lbs ^G	Tuna, Blackfin	20 lbs
Mackerel, Spanish	6 lbs	Tuna, Bluefin	80 lbs ^A
Marlin, Blue	400 lbs ^A	Tuna, Yellowfin	70 lbs
Marlin, White	Release Only ^A	Wahoo	400 lbs

A = Award for live release of fish, regardless of size

B = Award for live release of fish, 24 inches or longer

C = Award for live release of fish, 32 inches or longer

D = Award for live release of fish, 33 inches or longer

E = Award for live release of fish, 34 inches or longer

F = Award for live release of fish, 40 inches or longer

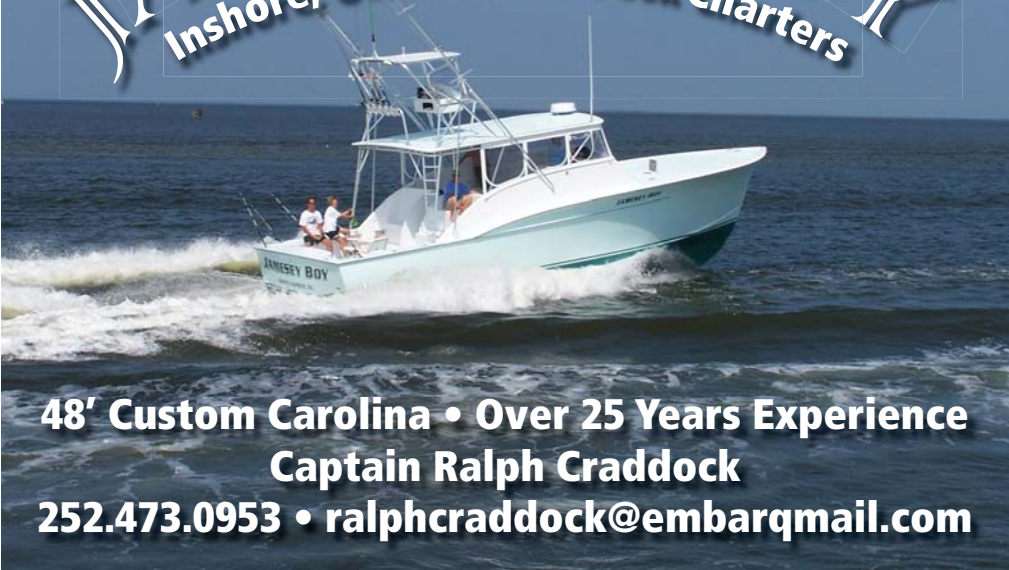
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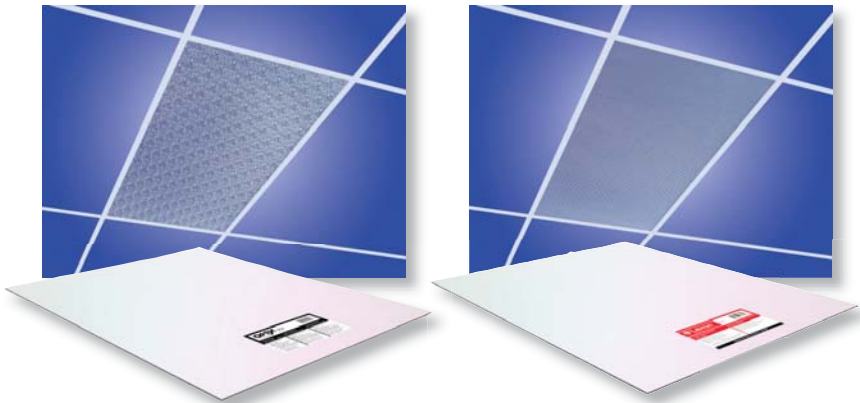
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CROAKER				F	G
CLAMS	F	F	F	F	G
BLUE MARLIN					F
BLUEFIN TUNA				F	F
BLUEFISH			F	F	F
COBIA					F
DOLPHIN				F	F
FLOUNDER					
GRAY TROUT					F
KING MACKEREL				F	F
SEA MULLET				F	G
RED DRUM (Surf)			F	G	P
SEA BASS		F	F	F	F
SHEEPSHEAD					F
RED DRUM (Sound)				F	G
SPANISH MACKEREL					F
SPECKLED TROUT				F	G
SPOT				F	G
STRIPED BASS	F	F	F	F	F
TILEFISH	G	G	G	F	F
WAHOO				F	F
WHITE MARLIN					
YELLOWFIN TUNA			F	G	P

F = Fair G = Good P = Peak (Where Applicable)

FISHING CALENDAR

JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
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Chart reflects seasonal availability not legal availability.

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STATE COASTAL WATERS (INTERNAL & 0-3 MILES)

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Finfish Species (Note Symbols)	Minimum Length	Bag Limit (per person)
Greater Amberjack	28" FL	1/Day
Bluefish		15/Day, only 5 greater than 24" TL
Cobia	33" FL	2/Day
Wahoo		2/Day
Dolphin (B)		10/Day
King Mackerel (J)	24" FL	3/Day
Spanish Mackerel (J)	12" FL	15/Day
Tuna; Yellowfin, Bluefin & Bigeye (J) (H)		
Sharks (J) (excluding spiny & smooth dogfish)	(L)	
Sharks Atlantic Sharpnose & Bonnethead (J, F)	(L)	
Blue Marlin (H)	99" LJFL	1 Vessel/Trip, Either Blue or White
White Marlin (H)	66" LJFL	1 Vessel/Trip, Either Blue or White
Sailfish (H)	63" LJFL	1/Day
Red Drum (Channel Bass, Puppy Drum)	18 - 27" TL (D)	1/Day
Flounder (Internal)	14" TL Western Albemarle & Pamlico sounds & rivers south of Browns's Inlet. 15½" TL Eastern	8/Day
Flounder (Ocean)	15½" TL North of Browns's Inlet 14" TL North of Brown's Inlet (P)	8/Day
Spotted Seatrout (Speckled)	12" TL	10/Day
Weakfish (Gray Trout)	12" TL	6/Day
Mullet (Striped & White)		200/Day (Species Combined)
Tarpon		1/Day
Striped Bass	(A)	(A)

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American & Hickory Shad (M)		10/Day
Alewife & Blueback Herring (M)		No Harvest
American Eel	6" TL	50/Day
Scup (North of Cape Hatteras)	8" TL	50/Day
Black Sea Bass (North of Cape Hatteras) (C)	12 TL"	25/Day
Black Sea Bass (South of Cape Hatteras)	12 TL"	15/Day
Grouper (K & J)		See Below
Red, Scamp, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth Grouper	20" TL	5/Day (All groupers combined; includes only 1 warsaw, 1 speckled hind, 1 golden tilefish, 1 snowy, & no more than 2 black or gag grouper, individual or combined) (K)
Black or Gag Groupers	24" FL	2/Day (See Above)
Speckled Hind (Kitty Mitchell)		1 Vessel/Trip (See Above)
Warsaw Grouper		1 Vessel/Trip (See Above)
Red Porgy (Silver Snapper, Pinky)	14" TL	3/Day
Dog, Gray, Cubera, Mahogany, Queen, Schoolmaster & Yellowtail Snappers		10/Day (Species combined; includes up to 2 Red Snappers)
Mutton Snapper		See Above
Silk & Blackfin Snapper	12" TL	See Above
Red Snapper	20" TL	2/Day (See Above)
Vermillion Snapper	12" TL	10/Day
Reef Complex Species Includes: Sheepshead, Spadefish, Gray Triggerfish, White Grunt, Knobbed Porgy & More (See Pg. 35) (I) (J)		20/Day

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Wahoo		2/Day
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King Mackerel (J)	24" FL	3/Day
Spanish Mackerel (J)	12" FL	15/Day
Tuna; Yellowfin, Bluefin & Bigeye (J) (H)	27" CFL	Yellowfin Tuna Bag Limit 3 per Person per Day
Sharks (J) (excluding spiny & smooth dogfish)	54" FL (F, H)	1/Vessel/Day
Sharks Atlantic Sharpnose & Bonnethead (J, F)	(F, H)	1/Day
Blue Marlin (H)	99" LJFL	
White Marlin (H)	66" LJFL	
Sailfish (H)	63" LJFL	
Red Drum (Channel Bass, Puppy Drum)		UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS
Flounder (Internal)		
Flounder (Ocean)	15½" TL North of Brown's Inlet 14" TL North of Brown's Inlet (P)	8/Day
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Mullet (Striped & White)		
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Grouper (K & J)		See Below
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Black or Gag Groupers	24" FL	2/Day (See Above)
Speckled Hind (Kitty Mitchell)		1 Vessel/Trip (See Above)
Warsaw Grouper		1 Vessel/Trip (See Above)
Red Porgy (Silver Snapper, Pinky)	14" TL	3/Day
Dog, Gray, Cubera, Mahogany, Queen, Schoolmaster & Yellowtail Snappers	12" TL	10/Day (Species Combined; Includes 2 Red Snappers)
Mutton Snapper	16" TL	See Above
Silk & Blackfin Snapper	12" TL	See Above
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TOTAL LENGTH (TL) is measured from tip of snout with mouth closed to top of compressed tail.

FORK LENGTH (FL) is measure from tip of snout to middle of fork in tail.

LOWER JAW FORK LENGTH (LJFL) is measured from lower jaw to middle of fork in tail.

CURVED FORK LENGTH (CFL) is the measurement of the length taken in a line tracing the contour of the body from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail.

Anglers cannot catch both a federal and state bag limit for the same species on the same trip.

PROHIBITED FINFISH SPECIES

COASTAL WATERS (*Internal Waters & Atlantic Ocean 3 Miles Out*):

Sharks; (whale, basking, white, sand tiger, bigeye sand tiger, Atlantic angel shark, bigeye sixgill, bigeye thresher, bignose, Caribbean reef, Caribbean sharpnose, dusky, Galapagos, longfin mako, narrowtooth, night, sevengill, sixgill, and smalltail), sturgeon, Nassau grouper, goliath grouper (jewfish), and spearfish

EEZ (*Atlantic Ocean More Than 3 Miles*):

Sharks; (whale, basking, white, sand tiger, bigeye sand tiger, Atlantic angel shark, bigeye sixgill, bigeye thresher, bignose, Caribbean reef, Caribbean sharpnose, dusky, Galapagos, longfin mako, narrowtooth, night, sevengill, sixgill, and smalltail) red drum, striped bass, sturgeon, Nassau grouper, Goliath grouper (jewfish), and spearfish.

STATE COASTAL AND EEZ WATERS (INTERNAL & 0-200 MILES)

Shellfish	Minimum Length	Bag Limits (per person)
Blue Crab (N)	5" Carapace Width (Minimum) 6¾" Carapace Width (Maximum) (G)	50 Crabs/Day Not to Exceed 100 Crabs/Vessel/Day
Hard Clam	1" Think	100 Clams/Day Not to Exceed 200 Clams/Vessel/Day
Oyster (O)	3" Shell Length	1 Bushel/Day Not to Exceed 2 Bushels/Vessel/Day
Bay Scallop		UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS
Conchs & Whelks		10/Day Not to Exceed 20/Vessel/Day
Mussels		100/Day Not to Exceed 200/Vessel/Day
Shrimp (Cast Net Only)		Closed Shrimping Area - 100 Shrimp/Person/Day Open Shrimping Area - Unlimited

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

- (A) Albemarle Sound Management Area: contact DMF for seasons, areas or other limits; Atlantic Ocean year-round: 2 per person per day at 28" TL minimum; Other coastal areas (excluding Inland Waters-regulations set by Wildlife Resources Commission) year-round: 3 per person per day at 18" TL minimum. 2 per person per day at 18" TL minimum and unlawful to possess between 22" – 27" TL in Joint waters effective July 1, 2008. Moratorium in Cape Fear River system effective July 1, 2008. (More information about striped bass areas.)
- (B) Charter vessel (licensed by Coast Guard and holding NMFS Charter Vessel Coastal Migratory Pelagic Permit) limit of 60/trip
- (C) Open season through December 31, 2007.
- (D) Unlawful to possess red drum greater than 27 inches total length. Unlawful to gig, spear, or gaff red drum.
- (E) North of Cape Hatteras Scup recreational season is September 18 – November 30 in the EEZ.
- (F) See prohibited species list above; Legal sharks include: sandbar, silky, tiger, blacktip, spinner, lemon, bull, nurse, smooth and scalloped and great hammerhead, blacknose, finetooth, bonnethead, shortfin mako, blue, thresher, porbeagle, and oceanic whitetip. One (1) Atlantic sharpnose (no minimum size) and one bonnethead (no minimum size) per person per day may be landed in addition to allowable bag limits for other sharks.
- (G) Mature female crabs are exempt from minimum size. Maximum size is effective September through April and applies to mature females only.
- (H) In state or federal waters, federal permit required for Highly Migratory Species, excluding Atlantic bonito, little tunny (albacore), and blackfin tuna: (978) 281-9370 or hmspermits.noaa.gov. Prior to removal from vessel, all billfishes, swordfish and bluefin tuna must be reported at NC HMS reporting stations. DMF website for more details.

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EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS CONT.

- I) Reef complex species: whitebone porgy, jolthead porgy, knobbed porgy, longspine porgy, sheepshead, gray triggerfish, queen triggerfish, yellow jack, crevalle jacks, bar jack, almaco jack, lesser amberjack, banded rudderfish, white grunt, margates, spadefish, scup, and hogfish, 20 per person per day in combination.
- J) For seasons, bag limits, size limits or closures for tunas, billfishes, and sharks contact NMFS Highly Migratory Species Division (1-800-894-5528 or hmspermits.noaa.gov or www.nmfs.noaa.gov). For snapper, grouper, and mackerels contact the South Atlantic Council (1-843-571-4366 or www.safmc.net).
- (K) Groupers in the management unit include: red, yellowfin, yellowmouth, black warsaw, snowy, yellowedge, and misty grouper; gag, scamp, speckled hind, red hind, rock hind, graysby, and coney. The five (5) grouper bag limit in the EEZ also includes blueline, golden, and sand tilefish. No possession of Nassau and Goliath grouper.
- (L) It is unlawful to possess Large Coastal sharks less than 54 inches (Fork Length).
- (M) Season, areas, or other limits may be set by DMF.
- (N) One crab pot may be used from private property or private pier, without a license - Reference 15A NCAC 3J.0302.
- (O) Contact DMF for seasons, areas, or other restrictions.
- (P) The line dividing Pamlico Sound runs from Pt. of Marsh in Carteret County northeasterly to Bluff Pt. In Hyde County. The line dividing Albemarle Sound runs from the western shore of the mouth of the Alligator River northeasterly to the western shore of the mouth of North River at Camden Pt. Browns Inlet is located in Onslow County and the line runs through the northeast side of the Inlet. These descriptions are general and Proclamation FF-25-2008, dated February 26, 2008, has the specific coordinates of the line locations.



MANAGING MOTION SICKNESS

There are a lot of things that go into preparing for a day of deepsea fishing. There's the proper clothing and the right deck shoes. You probably packed a cooler full of drinks and maybe a picnic basket full of fried chicken and potato salad. You saved your money all year for this big adventure and you have everything planned from A to Z. But have you thought about the one thing that can ruin the best-laid plans of any offshore fisherman?



Motion sickness is usually the last thing people think about in the excitement of planning a trip to the bluewater. But the wise have learned from experience that it is better to learn to manage motion sickness than to let it manage you. Here are a few tips that will help you enjoy your trip. A few are preventative maintenance tips and I'll also recommend what to do if you do become ill.

Let's talk about preventative maintenance first. There are three things that cause people to become more easily prone to seasickness. The first of these is lack of sleep. It's a given that you are going to have

to be up early because most offshore boats leave the dock at around 5:00 a.m. And most people stay up late making sandwiches and getting ready. Some choose to sample the many opportunities of night-life offered on the Outer Banks, and some are just too excited to sleep well.

The moral of that story is to do whatever you can to get a good nights rest. My experience has been that fatigue is a leading cause of motion sickness. It also may cause you to fall asleep on board which in some cases causes a person to become a little unbalanced and disoriented. This is because different people have varying levels of resistance to motion sickness. And drowsiness is one thing that people who already know they may be prone to seasickness need to watch carefully.

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The second common mistake that can be easily prevented is the consumption of alcohol on the eve of your offshore trip. OK, I know some of you have proven that alcohol doesn't bother you at all, on land or sea, but for the first timer or for those that are prone...skip the alcohol the night prior to your trip. Why? Because my observations over the years have made me convinced that you can multiply your alcohol intake by four, as far as how the physical effects will make you feel on the high seas. So if you have one beer, you may feel like you had four as you cross the bar (the one at the inlet) the next morning, and if you have had four beers...well...you do the math. So my advice is to skip the alcohol prior to the trip. If you get to the fishing grounds and you feel fine, then by all means enjoy a libation

if you wish.

Finally there is the most obvious of taboos. I was always amazed at what people put in their stomach **ON THE MORNING** of the trip. So here again, if you are going for the first time **OR** are prone to seasickness **DO NOT** eat the common breakfast foods

like eggs, bacon or sausage and hash browns. As a matter of fact, don't eat anything except a piece of toast or a cracker until you get offshore. Then, if you have an appetite, start nibbling on some real food. One thing I have found, is that you can't have an appetite **AND** be seasick at the same time. So if you get to the bluewater, and you feel OK, then go for it. Oh, by the way, skip the normal breakfast fluids too, like orange juice, milk and coffee. All three of those are tough on your stomach. Instead just drink a little ginger ale or soda or a small amount of water. Your stomach and your fishing buddies will thank you later.

That pretty much covers what to do before you go out to sea. Now let's

take a look at what you can do once you are onboard. Try to stay out of enclosed areas until you get a feel for your sea legs. Most charter boats have several chairs in the cockpit so you can sit on the aft deck and relax while maintaining a good view of the horizon. There may be some backdraft of exhaust fumes and you want to be sure to avoid them too. One of the best seats in the house is on the step from the cockpit (fishing area) to the salon (cabin). Of course you don't want to be in the way but you can scoot to one side or the other. Probably the worst place to go on board is to the head (marine toilet). Go there sparingly and be sure to get back on the open decks as soon as possible.

Now, even if you do all of the above, you may still have some episodes of motion sickness. And if that were to happen, don't let it ruin your entire day. And try not to worry yourself sick. If you take these preventative steps you shouldn't have much to worry about. If you are wondering about why I haven't recommended a motion sickness pill or medicine, there is a good reason for that. First of all, I am not a doctor and secondly I have never really used them myself. Some of my clients have had varying levels of success with over the

counter and prescription medicines but be aware of the side effects which usually include drowsiness. Ask your doctor or others who have more experience at sea, what they recommend.

Even if you do get physically sick, it's not like being on an airplane. You have the whole ocean to chum in and once you get it off your chest (literally) you will always feel better. Be sure to learn the difference between upwind and downwind and ask the mate which side is the leeward side of the boat. And if you do feel sick, don't fight it, stay out of the cabin and the head and keep a bucket handy or just hang over the side. You won't be the first and you won't be the last and you will generally find the captain and mate to be both helpful and sympathetic....as long as you don't ralph in the head!





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THE BIG FISH AND THE MAIDEN VOYAGE

The year was 1972 and Capt. Sam Stokes was busy preparing his new charter boat, the 'Fight-n-Lady' for the upcoming season at the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center. Young Capt. Stokes was still working feverishly to finish outfitting the brand new vessel, which he had custom built on Roanoke Island by Sheldon Midgett. Sheldon, or 'Papa Shel' as he was known to most had delivered the boat to Sam with everything pretty much ready to go. However, when a boat builder turns the finished vessel over to the skipper or owner, the boat still has to be outfitted to fish.

This is how Capt. Sam found himself, down at the dock on the first day of May, feverishly trying to install outriggers, and fighting chairs, working on all the new tackle and otherwise working to finish the outfitting in time for his first charter coming up in just a few days.

He had only one outrigger on the boat and no fighting chairs when a group of men walked up to the stern of the Fight-n-Lady and asked Sam if he would take them fishing the next day. Sam tried to explain that the boat wasn't really ready to go fishing but the men had heard that Sam was the best in the business and they insisted that they didn't mind if everything was completely ready to go. So Sam agreed to take them the next morning and quickly set about trying to beg, borrow or steal enough stuff to go to the bluewater.

The next morning found them pulling away from the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center before dawn. They had mustered enough stuff to go fishing, including a couple of portable folding fighting chairs and all the tackle from Sam's garage where it had been sitting all winter. They cleared the sea bouy and set a course of about 150 degrees. Their plan was to go fish the rocks southeast of the Diamond Shoals light tower some 50 miles away.

When they got to the gulfstream they found conditions to be good. The sea was calm and there were birds and all kinds of marine life to be found. Soon they began catching blackfin tuna and continued to do so all through the morning and into the afternoon. By all accounts this maiden voyage was a successful one, but the real action was yet to come!

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Around 1:00 pm, a huge dark shadow showed up behind one of the big baits they were now trolling. It was their goal to seek something bigger than the blackfin tuna that now filled the fishbox and they weren't going to be disappointed. The shadow soon cleared the surface and showed itself to be a huge blue marlin. The hungry fish inhaled the bait and the fight was on.



Sam Stokes has always been one of the fleet's best marlin skippers and he knew that his crew had their work cut out for them. The fish was one of his biggest ever and from the looks of things it was also going to be a tough one. His mate, Craig Brothers, along with the angler, and for that matter everyone else, played a role in the battle. Marlin fishing is definitely a team sport and thanks to the efforts of all on board the fish was brought boatside after a two hour long fight. They tied him to the cleats with the flying gaff ropes and took a moment to rest, which was a good idea, since unfortunately the work was just beginning.

In the rush to get the new boat finished, Sam had opted to skip putting a tuna door in the stern of the vessel. It was one of those things that he could get to later. A tuna door or transom door is a two foot by three foot swinging door cut into the stern to allow a big fish to be drug aboard at water level.

They were originally designed for big bluefin tuna but they are now used more often for dragging a big blue marlin aboard. And it was dawning on Capt. Sam that with no door in the stern, they were going to have a real problem getting this fish in the boat.

For over two hours they drifted along in the current and tried every method imaginable to hoist the fish over the side. Keep in mind that this fish was nearly 14 feet long and well over 500 pounds from what they could tell. They heaved. They hoed. They tied ropes to the flying bridge. They ran a rope down into the bilge, wrapping it around the propeller shaft and tried to use the turning shaft to winch it up. Nothing worked and it was getting late in the day. Towing the fish all the way back to Oregon Inlet was a saddening thought.

Finally Sam and his crew, tied the fish off to the stern as best they could and began to head for shore. Then Sam came up with a great idea. Eleven miles away was the Diamond Shoals light tower. At the time, the Diamond tower was a manned tower about 17 miles straight out from the point of Cape Hatteras. It was attached to the sea floor right at the tip of the treacherous Diamond Shoals. The platform was a four-legged tower similar to the oil rigs used in the Gulf of Mexico. A lighthouse rose from its roof. The living quarters for the crew was located about 50 feet above the surface of the sea. Maybe, thought Capt. Sam, the light crew could help them get this monster marlin in the boat.

After towing the fish those eleven miles and to the surprise of the crew aboard the tower, Sam pulled the charter boat underneath the catwalk. One of the crewman came out, and obviously not understanding how rare such a big marlin was, hollered down to the Fight-n-Lady. "Hey, is that your biggest one today?". Obviously he thought Sam just wanted to show off the big fish. But Sam hollered up that they needed help getting him aboard.

Before long Sam maneuvered the single engine boat carefully between the legs of the tower. The sea was calm but there was a bit of swell picking the boat up and down. The man on the tower, now joined by several other curious crewmembers, let down a cable from their cargo winch. Soon they had the big marlin lifted far enough into the air that Sam was able to back the boat underneath the fish. The crew on the tower then dropped the fish right smack dab into the

THE BIG FISH AND THE MAIDEN VOYAGE *CONT. FROM PAGE 42*

cockpit of the Fight-n-Lady. With that, Sam shouted a heartfelt thank-you and turned the boat for Oregon Inlet, some 42 miles away.

When the tired crew finally arrived back at the Fishing Center just before dark, they found that there were still complications to be dealt with. At that time there was no weight scale at the marina large enough to weigh such a fish. So they headed by boat over to the commercial fishing community of Wanchese at the southern end of Roanoke Island, to weigh the big marlin on a flat shipping scale that was normally used for packing fish and crabs at Griggs Crabhouse. When it was finally figured out how to weigh the fish on the scale, it topped out at a whopping 725 pounds and at the time it was the largest marlin ever caught from Oregon Inlet. Capt. Sam, who later went on to boat a blue marlin that topped the scales at 1020 pounds said, that by all accounts, the scales in Wanchese that day under weighed the fish.

It was pretty near midnight before Sam and the Fight-n-Lady returned to their slip at the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center. There were still tuna to filet and a boat to clean up but nobody was complaining. The Fight-n-Lady had started her fishing career off with one of the best maiden voyages ever. She went on to become just one of a line of boats with the Fight-n-Lady name, but Sam will probably always remember that maiden voyage as one of the most unforgettable days of his career, which continues to this day at the very same dock where it all began, the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center. If you get a chance, stop by the Fight-n-Lady and get him to tell you the story himself!



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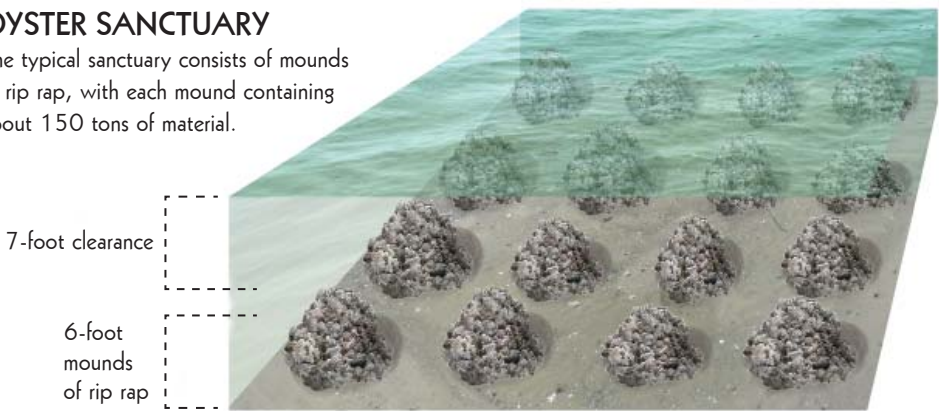
NORTH CAROLINA'S OYSTER SANCTUARY PROGRAM

Sanctuaries are created by building reefs on previously viable oyster producing sites. Reefs are constructed with a combination of natural oyster shell and/or Class B rip-rap marl. These reefs attract native oyster larvae, as well as clams, juvenile finfish, crabs and marine organisms, which in turn attract larger fish, enhancing hook-and-line fishing. Harvest of oysters and the use of bottom disturbing gear are prohibited in the sanctuaries, allowing a brood stock of oysters to develop.

Each oyster produces millions of eggs annually that are carried by currents and tides to surrounding areas. By developing and protecting a brood stock, the availability of robust native oysters in adjacent waters increases. Because bottom disturbing gear is prohibited on sanctuaries, the Division of Marine Fisheries seeks input on the best area to locate a site to minimize interactions with trawls, while maximizing the benefits of the site to oystermen and recreational fishermen. Currently, there are nine existing oyster sanctuaries located in estuarine waters from Dare to Carteret counties, and two in the planning stages.

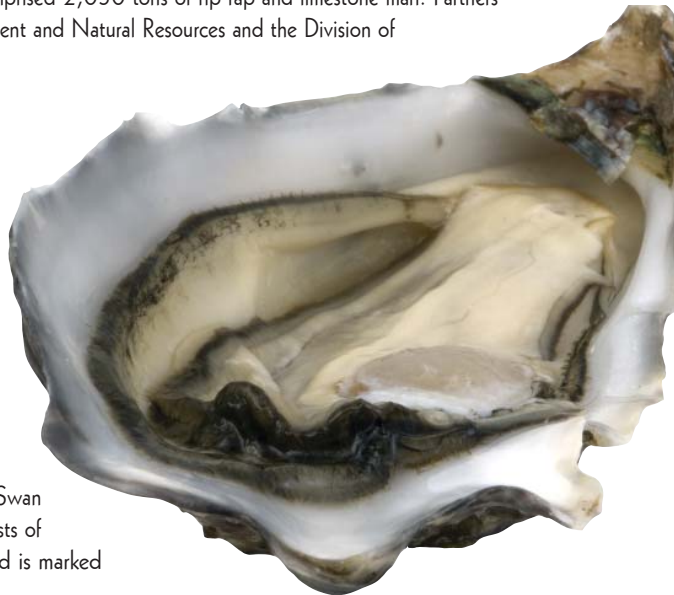
OYSTER SANCTUARY

The typical sanctuary consists of mounds of rip rap, with each mound containing about 150 tons of material.



NORTH CAROLINA'S CURRENT OYSTER SANCTUARY LOCATIONS

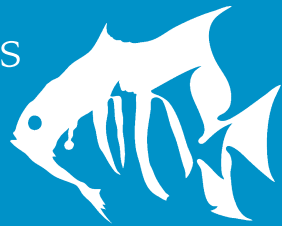
- 1. CROATAN SOUND** *Latitude - 35° 48.240' N Longitude - 75° 38.401' W*
Established in 1996, this sanctuary is comprised 1,800 tons of rip rap, oyster shells surf clam shells and limestone marl. Partners include the Division of Marine Fisheries and NOAA Fisheries.
- 2. DEEP BAY** *Latitude - 35° 22.857' N Longitude - 76° 22.260' W*
Established in 1996, this sanctuary is comprised 1,200 tons of rip rap, oyster shells surf clam shells and limestone marl. Partners include the Division of Marine Fisheries and NOAA Fisheries.
- 3. WEST BAY** *Latitude - 34° 58.814' N Longitude - 76° 21.413' W*
Established in 1996, this sanctuary is comprised 1,600 tons of rip rap, oyster shells surf clam shells and limestone marl. Partners include the Division of Marine Fisheries and NOAA Fisheries.
- 4. CLAM SHOAL** *Latitude - 35° 17.341' N Longitude - 75° 37.349' W*
Established in 1996, this sanctuary is comprised 1,800 tons of rip rap. Partners include the Division of Marine Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries and the Nature Conservancy. An additional 2,300 tons of rip rap was added to this site in 2005.
- 5. CRAB HOLE** *Latitude - 35° 43.595' N Longitude - 75° 40.628' W*
Established in 2003, this sanctuary is comprised 3,600 tons of rip rap. Partners include the Division of Marine Fisheries, Division of Coastal Management, N.C. Department of Transportation, and the Nature Conservancy.
- 6. OCRACOKE** *Latitude - 35° 10.727' N Longitude - 75° 59.744' W*
Established in 2004, this sanctuary is comprised 2,900 tons of rip rap. Partners include the Division of Marine Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries and the Nature Conservancy.
- 7. MIDDLE BAY** *Latitude - 35° 14.138' N Longitude - 75° 30.182' W*
Established in 2004, this sanctuary is comprised 2,050 tons of rip rap and limestone marl. Partners include the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Division of Marine Fisheries.
- 8. NEUSE RIVER**
Latitude - 35° 00.420' N
Longitude - 76° 32.000' W
This sanctuary is located on the south shore between South River and Turnagain Bay, just east of Brown's Creek and currently has 15 - 150 ton mounds.
- 9. WEST BLUFF**
Latitude - 35° 18.200' N
Longitude - 75° 10.300' W
This sanctuary is located south of Bluff Point and east of Great Island between Swan Quarter Bay and Wysocking Bay. It consists of approximately 36 - 150 ton mounds and is marked with four similar white can buoys.





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- 2 large potatoes
- 1 large onion
- 8 cups of water
- ¼ lb. of bacon or salt pork (fatback)
- Salt and pepper

DIRECTIONS:

- Cut bacon or salt pork into small pieces.
- Brown the bacon or salt pork in a one-gallon pot over medium heat. *DO NOT DRAIN.*
- Add eight cups of water and 1 qt. of whole oysters. Be sure to include the oyster juice.
- Cut potatoes and onions into small pieces and add to pot.
- Cook over medium heat until potatoes are done. (Approx. 30 minutes)
- Salt and pepper to taste.
- Serve with six large homemade biscuits.

TIPS:

If using fresh oysters be sure to shuck them into a bowl so that the juice can be saved and added to the stew. If using canned oysters, make sure the juice is likewise saved and added.

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INGREDIENTS:

- Potatoes, cut in chunks with skin left on
- Kielbasa or similar sausage
- Corn on the cob
- Shrimp

POEM:

Figure recipe amounts by the ratio.
Estimate by the number of people to dine.
One of each for all: corn, sausage and potato.
Whatever measure of shrimp will be just fine.

Boil potatoes until almost done
with plenty of water in a big pot.
Add Kielbasa sausage, cut them up some,
then bring all again to boiling hot.

To the kettle, add some corn on the cob.
Cut all the ears to the width of your hand.
Add butter: a little or big blob.
Cook tender once the pot boils again.

Add some shrimp and gently cook the later.
By now everything in the pot is done.
Drain off the water and serve on a platter.
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CAPT. MARTY'S PICKS FOR SEASIDE READING

For those who like to settle down with a good book while spending the day on the beach, the boat or the back porch, here are five 'can't miss' suggestions for non-fiction adventure and history on the high seas!

The first three recommendations don't have anything to do with the Outer Banks, but if you like ocean adventure, you will want to read all three.

Most of my friends in the charter and commercial fishing business have read all of author Spike Walker's books and can understand the challenges of making a living at sea. But when Walker takes us to the Bering Sea to share his experiences there as a crab fisherman, we will all appreciate those king crab legs a little more the next time.

My favorite of Walker's books is 'Working on the Edge', which is a narrative of his struggle to become a part of the Alaskan crab fleet. This is an in-depth look at the men and machinery that make up the fleet of crab boats and the risks they take on a daily basis to make this most dangerous living. In reading it, I found myself sinking a little lower into the warmth of my couch while I could almost taste the salt air in his riveting recollections.

Walker also penned 'Nights of Ice', which is a chronicle of survival at sea in those same perilous waters, and 'Coming Back Alive' which looks at survival through the eyes of the highly skilled men and women who make up the Search and Rescue teams of the United States Coast Guard and who risk their own life patrolling the Bering Sea and North Pacific. All three of Walker's books come highly recommended by our own watermen, especially if you are a fan of shows like the Discovery Channel's, 'Most Dangerous Catch'. Walker's books are found in most bookstores and I picked mine up at Manteo Booksellers in downtown Manteo.



If your looking to read about something a little closer to home, I would suggest 'Mullet Roar', the book by long time Oregon Inlet charterboat captain William K. 'Billy' Brown. This is a homespun account of life growing up on the Outer Banks and is full of short stories about hunting and fishing and growing up in the early days of the Oregon Inlet Fleet. In addition to his adventures from the inland woods to the offshore waters, Capt. Billy illustrates the book with prints of his original paintings. For more information on this book go to <http://mulletroar.com>. And if you want to meet Billy just go down to the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center some morning and ask for him. He is almost always there!

Finally, one of the newest and best books about the history of the famous sportfishing fleets of the Outer Banks is a coffee table book by Neal, John and Jim Conoley called 'Carolina Flare'. This book is full of photography and text that document the evolution of the custom boat building business here along the coast. From the days of the backyard boat builder to today's mega-yacht sportfishing machines, every step of their history is chronicled. The legendary boats and their skippers are all here with pictures and stories of monster fish and good old Outer Banks ingenuity and craftsmanship. This book is also an outstanding gift selection for anyone who loves or participates in the offshore fleet. You can find out more about this book at www.carolinaflare.com.



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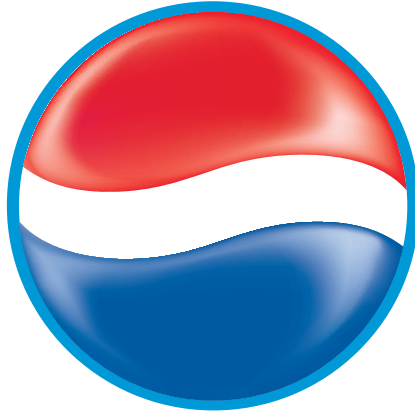
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CAPT. MARTY'S TEN THINGS TO LEAVE YOU WITH...

1. Women make better anglers than men. Why? Because they are better at listening to instructions. This is something that all the captains agree on. You see, the problem is that it is hard for any man to take orders from another man (or woman for that matter) even if it is the captain.
2. When you hold a fish out of the water for a picture before releasing it, you are not doing the fish any favors. Holding its head out of the water is like holding your head under the water. Don't do it unless you have to and then make it fast. Also, when you pull a fish aboard you remove the protective slime off its body, which leaves the fish vulnerable to infection. Nothing peeves me more than to see an angler smiling and filming at his leisure while the fish gasps for air. Billfish should never be brought aboard for pictures. It's both dangerous and unnecessary. A picture alongside the boat is both sufficient and much better for the survival of the released fish.
3. It always amazes me that people will spend more for one rod and reel to catch a fish in the winter than they will for a survival suit that could save their life.
4. I used to think that some of my charters acted wild, crazy and a little nuts when they came to the Outer Banks...until I went to a NASCAR race at Darlington with a group of my charter boat buddies.
5. Did you know that you could captain the biggest boat in the fleet without a license as long as you do not carry people for hire? Go figure!
6. Did you also know that a fathom is six feet and that the port side of the boat is the left side of the boat looking forward? One easy way to remember is that 'port' and 'left' both have four letters.
7. The best marine toilet ever made is a five-gallon bucket.
(It's also the most reliable bilge pump ever made. I wouldn't leave the dock without several of them on board.)
8. The favorite 'at sea' food of professional captains and mates worldwide is Kentucky Fried Chicken. Their least favorite food is the proverbial ham and cheese sandwich.
9. Pets and small children have no business on an offshore fishing boat.
10. Do you know why bananas are bad luck on a boat? In the early part of last century, bananas were brought to this country from the Bahamas and South America on very old and rickety sailboats and steamers. They were known as Banana Boats and many of them were lost at sea. It was considered bad luck to sail on one of them and to this day, most skippers frown on even the smallest amount of bananas!

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