

Fishing Report

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There are still some **tripletail** around. Look around the channel markers in the Harbor or blind cast to a crab trap line. **Spanish mackerel** have been phenomenal with 4-6 pound Spanish and huge kings all spring long and now into summer.

The **permit** are still abundant at the offshore reefs with really nice fish, upwards of 35 pounds, caught on feelined crabs or shrimp.

Lemon Bay: Jim at Fishermen's Edge, Englewood: 697-7595

Mostly down here guys are still targeting **tarpon** Up in the Harbor they are fishing with D.O.A.s or live threadfins. There has been a lot of action on the moon tides.

The **snook** fishing on the beach, at Stump Pass and close to the trestle has been good.

There are some **whiting** and some scattered **pompano** and **black drum** on the beach. Those fish are in the spring to summer mode. Some have fallen back to the close in 2-to 4-mile reefs. **Snapper**, down by the pass now, should provide a lot of action for the next month or two. A lot of guys are using shrimp on a jig head or a worm weight so it doesn't get hung up so easy. The fishing has been good offshore with **grouper** and **snapper** 5-to 7 miles out and **AJ** and **jack crevalle** mixed with **Spanish mackerel** just past them.

Way offshore has been good into the further out haunts of the **dolphin** and a variety of other blue water species. It might only get better if more fish are pushed this way.

The BIG-4 Fish to expect in June



SNAPPER should be thick at Captiva and Boca Grande



SHARK are in the deeper channels



TARPON ARE In the deeper holes



SPANISH MACKEREL it's a banner year for these guys



Tarpon still eat when it is raining.

Photo Capt. Angel Torres



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CALENDAR

- July 4 **Peace River Swim** from the base of the US 41 Southbound bridge to Fishermen's Village
- July 6 **On-Board Weather Forecasting** seminar by Peace River Sail & Power Squadron from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Bayfront/YMCA Center, 750 West Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. For more information and to register, leave a message by July 5th at: 941-637-0766.
- July 23-24 **David Lee Root Jr, Memorial Tournament** \$50per angler, D&D Matlacha Bait and Tackle <http://www.davidleerootmemorial.com>

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The shoreline fishing license for Florida residents to catch saltwater fish from shore or a structure affixed to shore cost \$9 last year, but this year, it's free beginning July 1.

The Florida Legislature repealed the shoreline license fee during the past session. However, legislators retained the license requirement to prevent a more-costly federal registration fee from taking effect in Florida.

Resident anglers who obtain the shoreline license over the phone or Internet still will have to pay a convenience fee to the vendor. The convenience fee is \$2.31 for Internet sales at www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com or \$3.33 for phone sales at 888-FISH FLORIDA (888-347-4356).

Only Florida residents qualify for a no-cost shoreline license, and the license does not cover fishing from a boat or from land or a structure accessible only by boat. That requires a regular saltwater fishing license: \$17 for residents; for non-residents the cost is \$17 for three days, \$30 for seven days or \$47 per year.

There are some exemptions for license requirements. More information is available at MyFWC.com/License.

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