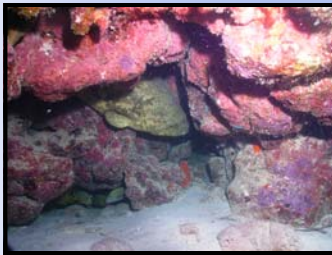




*Come see the Reef Less Travelled!
Alligator Reef, Cheeca Rocks and
other secrets ...*

Islamorada is known as the Sportfishing Capital of the World. But did you know how great the snorkeling and diving can be? The shallow coral patch reefs and Alligator Reef host abundant coral, fish and sea life. Because it is not a highly visited reef, the colors and life is extra vibrant. The Happy Cat will take you four times a day to see these beautiful reefs. Our first trip is 9am. What a great way to start your day! Then we have trips at 12pm, 3pm and a gorgeous sunset/snorkel at 6pm. Please see coupon below for our 9am tour.



Grouper in Rocks

Captain's Corner With Capt Brian (BJ)

Check out my weekly report on www.robbies.com. My report is updated every Tuesday.

Well, the annual snapper spawn has definitely reached and passed its peak. The fishing is still quite productive, but it has slowed down dramatically from last week. The day time mangrove bite has all but ended. We are still finding a few fish here and there, but I wouldn't get too excited about targeting grovers in the day time right now. As for the night time the fish are still biting but we haven't caught our limit in about a week. If you have been reading the past few weeks you remember that we have been catching our limit and coming home a few minutes early every night. This week that's changed, unfortunately. That's not to say that you can't still catch fish out there, it's just not what it was around the new moon.

The Fishin' Pole out of Robbie's brought in a handful of really nice mutton snappers mainly from night trips. Capt. Arek has been hitting structures in the 120 to 230 foot depths with ballyhoo, pilchards, cigar minnows and pinfish to hook his customers into muttons from 5 to 16 pounds lately. The current has been incredibly strong lately which makes it tough to fish these depths, but it also seems to turn the fish on and make them bite.

Kingfish have been coming back to the dock in surprisingly large numbers as of late too. You don't usually think of kings this time of year, but they sure are chompin' out there on the edge of the reef and any wreck over 100 feet! Most of the fish are in the 4 to 10 pound range, but I have seen a few "smokers" hanging on hooks too. The hottest bait has been a live cigar minnow, but ballyhoo are working as well as pilchards. While targeting kingfish on Saturday the Islamorada Lady II had an opportunity to cash in on a sailfish. Capt. Jeff Everson said the fish ate a live cigar minnow on a 20-pound spinning rod. Just like the kings, you don't normally expect to catch a sail on the reef this time of year, but when you're out there you have to be prepared for anything at anytime. That fish came out of 90 feet of water just off the edge of the reef.

Once that full moon shines in the sky the mangrove snapper bite is going to pretty much turn off, so get on out there and catch 'em while you can!!!



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The ROBBIE'S crew win the Junior Dolphin Derby - Carlie Stanley, William & Sara and Anna & Robbie Reckwerdt on the Islamorada Lady



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Happy Cat

9 am

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Two stops with 45 minutes at each stop!

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Islamorada Sportfishing Festival
September 26,27 and 28th
Robbie's Marina
Mile Marker 77.5

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Staying up Late with Captain Ron Howell



The yellowtails are still pretty consistent on the night trips right now. Capt. Ron from the Capt. Michael likes to fish for the bigger 'tails on wrecks off the edge of the reef as opposed to the 12 and 13 inch fish you mainly catch on the reef at night. He has been catching fish of high quality and decent numbers. The numbers of yellowtails coming back to the dock are lower than normal, but that's only because the boat is only targeting 'tails for an hour or so before heading to where the mangroves spawn. You catch a few yellowtails amongst the grovers, but most of the fish brought on board are the toothy mangroves. Out of the last 11 nights of fishing we (Capt. Michael Party Boat) have limited out on mangrove snappers 9 times! One of the two nights that we didn't we still had over 100 fish in the box. We are catching the fish on every kind of bait you can name. They are being caught on the bottom, on the top of the water, and suspended.



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