

FISHING REPORT

March 25, 2024 to April 25, 2024.

Note: Missing dates normally mean that the wind contributed to boats not going out to fish.

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NIGHTWINGS shore fished with Kastmasters and "Krocodiles" for three Cortez Halibut and a couple of 'Rockies' (Spotted Bay Bass), but no sign of Corvina, Pompano or Sierra yet. There was another group of fishermen casting spoons but we never saw them land anything. There were large numbers of bait fish schools cruising the shore line.

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DAKOTA boat fished to Isla Patos and Willard Point. And saw lots of birds and Yellowtail on the sonar but the bite was very slow. They did catch a few very nice ones though between Willard Point and Queen's Rock.

SEA DANCER also made the trip to Patos but fish were scarce and they did catch a bunch of Suegra (Mother in laws), one Sardinera, a couple of big Yellowtail and lost a monster grouper that broke off the 100 pound test on one run after a long battle.

NIGHTWINGS tried Isla Esteban's east side for Sardinera but only caught a couple of Goldies. It was really dead there with few birds and nothing on the sonar. We moved back over the Punto Colorado Risco where three other boats were fishing but it was slow also and the other boats did not seem to be having much luck either. As the tide change approached, the bite did pick up for some nice Goldies and Scorpion Fish but we moved over to check out Dead Man. There was not much showing on the sonar and no bird action but the drift was not bad and jigging did produce limits of Goldies in 120 to 150 feet.

KNIGHTS FISHER bottom fished in the Cross Roads for nice catch of Goldies, Salmon, and Pinto Bass in 200 feet of water. Actually I did get a general report from KNIGHTS FISHER over a number of days fishing south of Turner towards the Cross Roads for good catches of Goldies, a number of nice Pinto Bass and other bottom fish. FIRE FOX was also fishing that area but was finding fishing slow until they landed a big Leopard Grouper/Sardinera trolling between the Pyramids and the lighthouse on Turner. Generally it was a slow day for Yellowtail and the Sardinera not making much of a showing and not biting if they did appear.

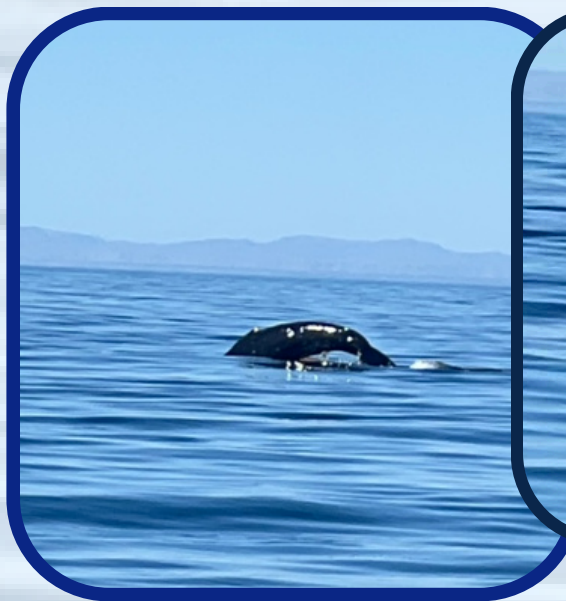
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DOS PRIMOS had a good day bottom fishing south of Turner in deep water for Goldies, a couple of 20-30 pound grouper, a Halibut, and a shark.

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NIGHTWINGS fished from shore at Windy Ridge Point in Kino Bay Estates and hooked 8 corvina, landing 6 up to 5.5-6 pounds. All were caught on a 3/4 oz chrome KastMaster. NW had seen a fisherman leaving the same spot on the day before with a nice stringer of Corvina so decided to try that spot the next day. All of the Corvina were caught in less than twenty minutes during a period of high bird activity off the shore. In other words, every cast led to a "Fish on", which was pretty exciting after futile casting for an over an hour. I suspect that the Corvina are moving along the shores following the bait schools, so watch for the birds.

Overall it has been a slow start for the Spring season but there are plenty of Yellowtail that just are not biting trolled lures possibly due to the huge schools of bait being in the area. Usually the Sardinera are being picked up a lot more by now, but other reports (DAKOTA) have not seen the spawning season bite really pick up yet in the usual hot fishing areas. With May and June approaching these species should start to bite. Most of the fish being caught have been nice sized Goldies. In late May, the Paloma Pompano should show up along the sandy beaches and at Christmas Tree, as should the Corvina and Cortez Halibut. Below is a photo of what a Paloma Pompano looks like and whale pictures from TZIGINE taken near Turner.



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