



# Fishing

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## Reporting Period: October 22, to November 20, 2017

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

I have a NEW email if you can send me any fishing news or pictures: [lyncurt0@gmail.com](mailto:lyncurt0@gmail.com) If you can send reports by the 24th of the month, they have a better chance of being added in for the next report.

**10/26 EL PATO** fished the south end of Turner and Dead Man for easy limits of yellowtail and bonito with larger yellowtail to 18 pounds. The reef area was reported as rough water and bait schools were smaller than earlier on.

**10/28 DOUBLE TROUBLE** fished Turner and Dead Man for limits of yellowtail and bonito with Sierra and barracuda thrown in. The Dead Man area was really busy with fishermen, divers and even some nets.

**10/30 EL SUENO** caught limits of yellowtail at Turner. YT quality remains good.

**11/02 JAYHAWKER** had limits of yellowtail and bonito at Turner on the troll.

**11/03 NIGHTWINGS** fished Dead Man for limits of yellowtail, half trolling and half jigging. Also a 25# Gulf Grouper (Baya) in 65 feet of water on a jig.

**11/04 SAND DOLLAR** came in with limits of yellowtail and bonito at Turner.

**11/06 GATOR BAIT** and **PERRYDIZE** at Turner for



limits of (you guessed it) yellowtail and bonito.

**11/10 GATOR BAIT** caught limits of yellowtail and bonito by 9:30 at Turner and Dead Man.

**JAYHAWKER** also fished the same area for the same results.

**HILLBILLY**

**YACHT** caught limits of yellowtail and bonito trolling, releasing a number of babies.

**11/11** Ten boats in the Turner area, including **GATOR BAIT, EL SUENO, HILLBILLY YACHT, PERRYDIZE, EL PATO,** and **NIGHTWINGS.** Most

caught limits of yellowtail but few bonito appeared. Most were caught trolling at the south end and near the Pyramids in 50 to 110 feet of water. Water temperatures from 70 to 73.5 degrees F. **HILLBILLY YACHT** went to Dead Man for 12 yellowtail plus a couple of “nice spotted bass” near the rocks.

**11/13 HILLBILLY YACHT** caught limits of yellowtail plus six bonito at Turner.

**11/15** Fishing Turner still, **EL PATO** caught 7 yellowtail and 2 bonito, **ESCAPE** had a good day on yellowtail, and **GATOR BAIT** had limits of yellowtail and 2 bonito. (Starting to become scarce).

**11/16 PERRYDIZE** caught limits of yellowtail trolling at the south end of Turner and down near the pyramids, as did **NIGHTWINGS**, but we caught more jigging than trolling on the break along the east side of the reef in shallower water. **ROSIE** went to Esteban for 14 bonito and a “nice catch of sardinera” in shallow water. They reported 68 degree water there.

**11/17 ESCAPE, JAYHAWKER, and PERRYDIZE** all fished Turner but not as many large yellowtail, more small caliber YT, and no bonito.



Many people have asked about the dorado fishing in the summer but they have remained scarce and mostly small. Here is a link to a report on

the fishery in the Sea of Cortez that posted on the San Carlos forum that might be of interest to fishermen:

<https://www.bdoutdoors.com/baja-dorado-downfall/>

Also picture of typical yellowtail this Fall at Turner and a nice eating size Baya (Gulf grouper); More Photos are encouraged!