

Reporting Period: October 11 to November 24, 2016

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

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10/11-12 NIGHTWINGS trolled from the Slot to Deadman without any strikes, then jigged within a quarter of a mile of the south end of Turner. There were numerous marks on the sonar up current of the reef, mostly from the bottom to half way up in the water column, in water from 120 to 60 feet deep. Fishing was consistent drifting and jigging for yellowtail, with some sierra, bonito and skipjack also caught. Best colors were blue and white Mack, angry squid, and chrome and blue. On the 12th, same routine, but got two bonito at Deaman trolling in 90 to 100 feet, then a few sierra and bonito off the south end of Turner. Most yellowtail and bonito were caught jigging in 100 to 155 feet after finding fish marks on sonar hanging up off the bottom. Other boats were trolling the same area and up past the Pyramids without a lot of success.

10/13 EL SUENO caught 5 yellowtail and limits of bonito trolling at Turner.

10/22 EL SUENO and **HILL BILLY YACHT** went to Turner in calm weather for limits of bonito, some skipjack and sierra and up to 6 yellowtail trolling with pink and red head Rapala types.

10/24 EL SUENO returned to Turner and trolled up 4 bonito, 4 sierra, and 6 yellowtail.

10/28 EL SUENO trolled Turner for limits of bonito, 5 yellowtail, and a few sierra plus one really nice sardinera just off the rocks below the light house.

10/29 SAND DOLLAR fished Turner for limits of bonito, one yellowtail and limits of goldies and "mother-in-laws".

10/30 CAST A LINE fished from Eagles Nest up the west side of Tiburon for limits of sardinera and a few yellowtail, one of which weighed around 50 pounds (I saw it). **MANANA MAYBE** caught a rooster fish around 50# trolling near the Light House. **JAYHAWKER** caught limits of bonito, some sierra and yellowtail plus goldies, triggerfish, and rockies.

10/31 SAND DOLLAR, GATOR BAIT trolled around Turner for very slow catching. Jigging worked well for **NIGHTWINGS**, catching limits of yellowtail to 20#, and a few sierra and bonito in deeper water on the south reef of Turner.

11/7 SMART MOVE fished the south end of Turner, and caught limits of yellowtail and a few bonito and sierra jigging with the same colors mentioned above. **EL SUENO, SAND DOLLAR, GATOR BAIT** were trolling the same area for limits of yellowtail, and scattered sierra and bonito.

11/16 SAND DOLLAR fished Turner for limits of yellowtail caught fast retrieve jigging. **BOMBERO** also got limits of yellowtail at Turner, as did **DAKOTA** with 5 from jigging (plus one white sea bass, and **RENEGADE**. **PERRYDIZE** (had yellowtail and bottom fish) and **HANNAH RYAN** were also fishing in the area and probably had similar results.

11/19 COPY CABANA fished the Turner area for a nice catch of yellowtail and a 35# white sea bass, all on deep jigs.

11/20 JAYHAWKER, DAKOTA, and **SAND DOLLAR** all fished the Turner area on calm seas.

JAYHAWKER caught 2 limits of yellowtail fast retrieving jigs and four limits of bottom fish, while **DAKOTA** collected five nice yellowtail on the troll and one jigging plus 2 nice sardinera, assorted bottom fish and brought a 6 to 8 foot mako to the boat before it broke off. **SAND DOLLAR, COPY CABANA** fished the Queen's Rock area and north casting to rocky shores for limits of nice "cabrillo"/sardinera/leopard grouper. **SUZIEBELL** had a good day jigging at Turner for yellowtail.

11/21 The winds came up after a calm start and the "catching" was off quite a bit from previous days.

SUZIEBELL did get at least one yellowtail jigging at Turner. **COPY CABANA** tried Turner but had no luck there this time before the wind came up.

11/22 Started calm but winds came up strongly later in morning.

Sarda orientalis, or bonito have been a primary target so far due their limited availability and inconsistent appearances in the area in the past few years. They are a member of the tuna/mackerel family and look like a typical tuna with a dark blue back and silver sides, marked with 8-11 horizontal stripes. They are similar to the less palatable skipjack, but do not have spots between the ventral fins and have much larger teeth than the "skippies". Bonito travel in large schools, often boiling on the surface and swimming down to nearly 500 feet (not around here) after baitfish. They are usually caught by trolling with Rapala like lures in pink, spotted minnow or red headed white or with live sardines. They may be caught jigging but not as consistently as by trolling. Bonito are popular with the cannery, but also make fine sashimi or are good smoked, grilled or sautéed when fresh.