

Fishing

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Reporting

Period: October 23 to November 23, 2014

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:

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>> **10/23** PERRYDIZE first went to fish the Isla Pedro area trolling, but only big ferocious triggerfish were hitting the Rap30s. The triggers have been especially large so far this season. They then went on south to the “weed patch” and hooked up three small dorado and landed one. Finally they hit Turner for limits of nice goldies. GATOR BAIT fished Turner, trolling for a few small yellowtail, some bonito, and bottom fish including more large triggerfish.

>> **10/26** GATOR BAIT, 13-0-13, and EL SUENO all went out to troll the areas between Turner, Esteban, and Eagle’s Nest. GATOR BAIT got a few sierra, a couple of yellowtail and bonito while fishing up to Eagle’s Nest. 13-0-13 tried both Turner and Esteban for two yellowtail, three bonito, and six or seven sierra. EL SUENO caught four sierra and a couple of decent yellowtail trolling around Turner, saying the bite was pretty well over by 10:30. All returned by 1:00pm.

>> **10/31** GATOR BAIT trolled around Isla Turner and Dead Man for 10-12 yellowtail, limits of sierra, and one aggressive triggerfish. They reported that the lobos (sea lions) were also pretty annoying around Dead Man after a while. ROSIE started at Turner also but eventually left towards Esteban. No report on how they did there yet.

>> **11/01** RED ROVER fished Dead Man for limits of yellowtail “and seals”.

>> **11/2** RED ROVER fished from Dead Man to Eagle’s Nest for half a dozen nice yellowtail, some sierra and ten more “brownies”.

>> **11/8-9** CASTALINE/GIZMO fished west side of Tiburon north for a nice catch of sardinera/brownies(from what I saw in the fish station.)

>> **11/10** GATORBAIT, BOMBERO and SAND DOLLAR went out to the Turner area and fished the south end and Dead Man. Unfortunately, the boat ebola virus struck and hampered their efforts. It sounds like there was a good bite early in the morning for yellowtail and sierra, but then things dropped off suddenly after the tide change. TZIGANE took his inflatable with a crew to Christmas tree and tried trolling and casting but could not get a bite after

working the area all of the way to the point of the estuary.

>> **11/12** QUE LINDA and SEA BASS were out fishing but no firm information available.

>> **11/13** SANDDOLLAR fished Dead Man, trolling up limits of nice yellowtail! A nice day on the water.

>> **11/14** GATOR BAIT, DAKOTA, SEABASS, BOMBEROS, TSIGANE, DON JUAN, and NIGHTWINGS all hit the south end of Turner and Dead Man, but most of the action was around Dead Man trolling the usual silvery and spotted minnow Rapalas for a great day on yellowtail and some sierra. Nearly everyone got limits or near limits of yellowtail of varied size. Yellowtail kept things interesting thrashing the surface after bait. There were also a lot of rockies, triggerfish, even a few barracuda in the boxes. Nightwings jigged the whole time for limits of yellowtail, and assorted other fish and even had a long tug of war with a big bull lobo that just about spooled the reel before finally breaking off. It was a fun day.

>> **11/15** GATOR BAIT, EL SUENO, ROSIE and LULU were back at it again, thrashing the water with their best trolling efforts around Dead Man but the yellowtail were either wiped out or moved on to a safer feeding ground. GATOR and EL SUENO moved over to try Isla Esteban but were met with some rough fishing conditions and even tried bottom fishing the SE corner for a few. Apparently the lighthouse did not survive the last tropical storm and is completely knocked over. From there some retried Dead Man but it was living up to its name, muerto. EL SUENO finished with bottom fish in the area and sierra from around Cactus. GATOR caught a big sierra, and one decent dorado (south of Esteban) along with a mix of other species.

EL BOMBEROS jigged the reef at Turner off the lighthouse for a couple of cabicucho or white sea bass to 35lb, but a couple of the larger caliber pulled off the hook. They also had a good catch of yellowtail and goldies.

>> **11/20** TZIGANE, ROSIE, SEA BASS, DAKOTA, GATOR BAIT and JAYHAWKER all went to try the Turner/Dead Man area trolling. A few yellowtail were picked up near the Pyramids by TZIGANE, SEA BASS, and ROSIE, but the real bite was wide open at Dead Man. So the Indians were circling and picking up decent to very nice yellowtail, with all getting limits. A couple of skipjack were in the mix and GATOR also got some nice sierra somewhere in the area and one nice sardinera. ROSIE and GATOR headed off towards the north for points unknown and TZIGANE went to the reef south of Turner to try for white sea bass where BOMBERO had been drifting and jigging for the WSB, landing one and some yellowtail. A

couple of other boats came over eventually after TZIGANE picked up a yellowtail and a white sea bass. SEA BASS, DAKOTA, OVERCAST joined in the drift-jigging and trolling there, with SEA BASS picking up a couple more yellowtail before moving off for more YT near the pyramids and north. All in all TZIGANE landed three white sea bass from 22.5 to 32lb. and lost another. None of them were hooked very securely (do not try to horse them in!) and all were caught with jigs or diamond jigs with a plastic skirt.

Water temperatures were between 73.5 and 76 degrees F.

>>11/21 EL SUENO, PANDEMONIUM (PANGAMONIUM?) and PERRYDIZE all headed out to the Turner-Dead Man area. It turned into a warm nice day after a slightly choppy start. EL SUENO trolled for 8 each of sierra and yellowtail plus one rare bonito. PANDEMONIUM trolled the south end of Turner for a good catch of sierra before moving on to Dead Man for limits of yellowtail. PERRYDIZE got limits of yellowtail

to 12lb and half a dozen bonito.

>>11/22 GIZMO/CAST A LINE left for an overnighter.

>>11/23 FLASH! THE BONITO ARE BACK!.

GATOR BAIT, DAKOTA, PERRYDIZE, LOS COMPADRES, and JAYHAWKER all headed back to the Turner-Dead Man area for more trolling for yellowtail and finally, bonito. GATOR BAIT and JAYHAWKER did land 4-5 bonito each along with good catches of yellowtail. OVERCAST landed a 40+ pound white sea bass at the south end of Turner. PERRYDIZE got limits of yellowtail, two sierra and two "pumpkin-sized (?) bonito. LOS COMPADRES caught five yellowtail and a batch of cabrilla, GIZMO/CAST-A-LINE returned from their overnighter around Tiburon with limits of sardineria. NIGHTWINGS had engine problems so tried Red Rock Beach for halibut with no sign seen, but the water is cooling and clear and they may show anytime.



WHITE SEA BASS from TZiGANE on 11/20 (20.5 to 32lb)