



### Reporting Period: October 12-November 24, 2018

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 If you can send reports by the 24th of the month, they have a better chance of being added in for the next report.

Also, **please** feel free to send **photos** of large, interesting or different catches!

**6/07** HILL BILLY YACHT fished north of Willard for six great grouper.

**10/12-13** (GATOR BAIT/EL PATO?)

Day 1: At Turner, mix bonito, Sierra, and yellowtail, all trolling, no limits.

Day 2: Turner, Sierra only.

**10/21** ESCAPE, EL PATO, and GATOR BAIT, all at Turner reports of wide open yellowtail bite plus four bonito

**10/22** PERRYDIZE with limits of yellowtail at Turner. ESCAPE went to Pedro Matir for a few yellowtail and "brownies"/cabrilla/sardinera.

**10/24** GATOR BAIT went to Turner for limits of yellowtail trolling.

**10/28** GATOR BAIT and SAND DOLLAR trolled Turner and Dead Man for limits of yellowtail and bonito, HILL BILLY YACHT went to San Esteban with similar reports of large fish and bonito.

**10/29** SAND DOLLAR and JAYHAWKER caught limits of yellowtail at Turner and Dead Man, with JAYHAWKER also getting one limit of bonito. GATOR BAIT fished Turner for yellowtail and Esteban for bonito. DOUBLE EAGLE caught limits of yellowtail and bonito at Esteban. HILL BILLY YACHT got limits of bonito at Esteban.

**10/30** TORO GRANDE got limits of yellowtail at an unknown location. HILL BILLY YACHT got limits of bonito at Esteban.

**11/01** GATOR BAIT caught limits of yellowtail and bonito at Turner and Dead Man, again. Whew!

**11/04** JAYHAWKER went to Dead Man and Turner for a baker's dozen yellowtail (and lost more) plus three bonito, all trolling. Most YT and bonito were caught on X-Rap 30 "ghosts". Three nice "pinta cabrilla" from 5 to 9.5 pounds were also jigged up at Dead Man by JH. SAND DOLLAR fished Esteban for some big yellowtail and limits of bonito. GATOR BAIT, PERRYDIZE, and HANNAH RYAN also fished Esteban, mainly at the NW corner for limits of yellowtail and bonito. HILL BILLY YACHT went to Esteban for bonito limits.

**11/07** JAYHAWKER fished Dead Man but it was dead, so went to the reef for a dozen yellowtail in rough conditions. HANNAH RYAN caught limits of bonito at Esteban.

**11/08** HILL BILLY YACHT to Turner for nice sized yellowtail.

**11/11** SAND DOLLAR, GATOR BAIT, OFF SEASON, PERRYDIZE, and NIGHTWINGS (after a long absence) fished Dead Man and the reef at Turner. Early on, the trollers were getting yellowtail at Dead Man but the bite slowed way down so the focus shifted to the reef after a report of yellowtail from GATOR BAIT came in. The fish there were hitting X-Rap 20s this time, especially in red head white and spotted minnow, fishing slowed there also after a number of boats got there. (GATOR BAIT was nice enough to share that information with the rest of the Pescadores.) Nightwings stayed at Dead Man to hook one nice yellowtail and a bonito in addition to one nice "pinta cabrilla" (or pinto bass) while jigging. Lots of bottom fish were caught as trollers began to target those species, including really nice triggerfish. Nightwings returned to DM to jig up three more pintas in about 15 minutes. The sizes of the total four pinto bass were 4.5, 12, 12.5, and 13 pounds. Those were fun to catch on jig sticks.

Also heard rumors of OVERCAST jigging at the reef and eventually getting approximately 35 pound White Sea bass and 84+ pound Black Sea bass, which he was sporting enough to release. Those big ones are important to reproduction for the species and not as tasty to eat either, so catch and release is an excellent idea.

**11/16** GATOR BAIT, HANNAH RYAN, and JAYHAWKER were all at Turner and Dead Man but DM was literally "dead". The south end of Turner produced yellowtail and a few decent bonito for the trollers, with White Ghosts, Red Heads and Spotted Minnows doing best. JAYHAWKER tried drift jigging for sea bass for two hours there but with only bottom fish bites. ROSIE boat went to Esteban to find 68 degree water, for five yellowtail and limits of bonito.

Later on, JH moved to Deep Reef for only a couple of goldies, but we did manage to adopt a homeless "lobo". El Lobo Marino proceeded to tail us all of the way to Dead Man, then to the south reef on Turner, where he snagged two yellowtail and my X-Rap. The second yellowtail he nailed escaped (or maybe he was playing with us) twice. The first

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time the yellowtail was out of the water coming aboard when Lobo leaped up to grab the hapless "jurel", and then race about forty yards, before dropping it again. This second "YT release" resulted in a merry chase before he caught up with it and ripped the fish loose throwing the lure fifty feet through the air. The hapless lure was not done however, as a sea gull dropped down on it to get hooked in the beak, wing and foot. This resulted in more fun for us as "la gaviota" was not pleased with its "dinner" catch, much less being manhandled by two large angry humans. Sorry, but I digress.

**11/17** JAYHAWKER, PERRYDIZE, and NIGHTWINGS tried the south reef at Turner, and early on trollers had fair success with yellowtail but no bonito. The Red Heads and White ghosts caught most of the fish. Dead Man continued to be a fish-free (as in zero) zone except for triggerfish. NIGHTWINGS also tried Risco Colorado but sonar showed nada there and some brief jigging on the two marks went unanswered. PERRYDIZE and DOUBLE EAGLE went to Esteban, after a try at Turner where more and larger yellowtail, a few bonito and a sardinera of about 9 pounds were caught off the NW corner. GIZMO/CASTALINE went out on an overnigher for a nice catch of sardinera, a big grouper, and a couple of yellowtail up the northwest of Tiburon.

**11/18** HANNAH RYAN went to Turner and got a nice variety of bottom fish. NORTHSTAR went to Turner for limits of Goldies and one yellowtail.

**11/21** HILLBILLY YACHT fished Willard and points north for 17 yellowtail and 17 browns (sardinera) including a 30 pounder and two in the 20s.

– **Matt Curtis**, *Fishery Biologist*



HILLBILLY YACHT north of Willard @6/07/18



Toro Grande with grouper from 2016



Pictures of "pintas" from DM, 11/11/18