

Fishing

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

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12/4 Calm weather brought out the Kino sport fishing fleet in earnest, and all had a great day fishing. PERRYDIZE fished the Turner area, trolling to catch 13 yellowtail, one sea bass, one bonito (all in the smaller 8-12 pound class) and a nice batch of bottom fish. DAKOTA trolled Turner for seven yellowtail (also small class) before stopping to jig and bottom fish and catching five white sea bass and limits of large goldies and rockies in deeper water. GATOR BAIT arrived early that morning to catch five white sea bass (same size as rest: 10 to 15 pound) closer in to the south end of Turner, in addition to 3 yellowtail and a limit of bottom fish. Ron reported sea surface temperatures of around 68-69 at Turner. OVERCAST pulled up three white sea bass from 10 to 15 pounds on the south end of Turner as well. ROSIE boat went over to Isla Esteban and caught limits of big yellowtail to 25 pounds



and a 46 pound rooster fish. The rooster was caught in 30 feet of water on a silver X-Rap30. I heard that SHARIA (spelling?) also did well at Esteban on the yellowtail.

12/10 Another beautiful, calm day on the water, and only a week since the last one. We may get spoiled, but I doubt it. So, there was another invasion of sport fishers from Kino and they took advantage of the conditions. GATOR BAIT, SAND DOLLAR, PERRYDIZE, DAKOTA, SI SENOR, OVERCAST all eventually made it out to the south end of Turner and Dead Man. Most of the action was at the south reef but early on some, including DAKOTA who ended up with 13 yellowtail including some nicer sized ones, all caught trolling. GATOR BAIT got a mixed bag of bottom fish, 3 white sea bass (around 200 feet down), 7 yellowtail and a hook-up with a sailfish. SAND DOLLAR got 3 yellowtail and a big mess of rockies and goldies. PERRYDIZE trolled for quite a while but was kept occupied by an over one hour battle with a billfish. They also got some yellowtail and nice goldies. LA JEFA



did hook and land the only billfish that day (see photo) after a 45 minute fight. SI SENOR landed a nice sardinera, yellowtail, lots of bottom fish and had a hook-up on a marlin that escaped as did most that day. OVERCAST arrived a little later in the day and ended up hooking 4 white sea bass and landing 2 in the 20+ pound range in 150-200 feet of water. NIGHTWINGS tried Colorado Point for a few hours for limits of bottom fish and 3 yellowtail to 13 pounds in 100 to 150 feet of water, all

jigging. We also tried Deep Reef and Dead Man and only saw bottom fish, then moved on to Turner to try jigging there. We eventually did land one 25 pound yellowtail and a 29 pound white sea bass in 140-150 feet of water. HILLBILLY YACHT went to San Esteban two days in a row and got limits of yellowtail to 25 pounds trolling the northwest (larger fish there) and northeast corners.

12/13 SAND DOLLAR went to the Turner area on a cool but surprisingly calm start to the day and scored big trolling for limits of yellowtail in less than two hours.

12/14 JAYHAWKER, EL SUENO, PERRYDIZE, PANDEMONIUM all fished the Turner to Deadman area. Fishing was tough over the south reef at Turner due to strong currents and swells but Dead Man produced big time for the yellows. EL SUENO caught limits of bottom fish and a sierra and one yellowtail. JAYHAWKER had numerous double hook-ups and was well on the way to limits before they had to head in. NIGHTWINGS decided to shore fish Christmas Tree again and only had two halibut on in three hours but they were nice, one just

stuck with the sea bass effort at Turner and it paid off, landing four from 18 to 27 pounds.

12/22 DAKOTA successfully trolled around Deadman for 10 yellowtail, got a great catch of big goldies at the south end of Turner and they landed a 55 pound white sea bass jigging there. HILLBILLY YACHT went to San Esteban to troll, where they caught limits of nice yellowtail again. NIGHTWINGS and SAND DOLLAR tried Christmas Tree shore fishing, but only caught a couple of baby flatfish and a few rockies on a slow day there.

12/23 SEA SHELL, SAND DOLLAR and NIGHTWINGS tried to get out and fish towards 14 Mile and Turner but rougher than expected seas and engine problems cut the day short. SAND DOLLAR did land a couple of yellowtail trolling, but it was too rough to jig.



under 6Kg (13 pounds). I included a picture of it with some of our favorite halibut lures (since I am often asked about that). PERRYDIZE caught limits of big goldies and more yellowtail.

12/19 TZIGINE, JAYHAWKER, JUST ME, NIGHTWINGS, and OVERCAST all fished the south end of Turner/lighthouse reef and Deadman. Trollers picked up small to medium yellowtail both locations and jiggers were blessed/cursed by swarms of bottom fish that kept them from getting near any sea bass or yellowtail. There were marlin swimming around again, and my jig was picked up on the sink by something big and fast that nearly spooled me before breaking off (50# test on a locked down drag). It was exciting for less than a minute. ROSIE boat trolled at San Esteban and caught limits of yellowtail with some going to 25 pounds. OVERCAST

