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FOR THE TAMPA OFFSHORE AREA (LORAN)

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Based on a multiple factor analysis, the symbols (hot spot spots) mark the areas where bait concentrations are expected and where fishing action is expected to be better compared with other (non-marked) areas. These are not based on dock rumors or hearsay fishing reports. Fishing reports are stated as such. You should start fishing where you recognize other signs of good fishing conditions near these marked areas. It is very important to use your sea surface temperature (sst°) gauge to locate the boundaries of the water masses, which are outlined. Rather than trying to find water based on the absolute temperature values shown on the map, search for the relative change in sst where the water mass boundaries occur. Arrows indicate the main current direction. Numbers inside of the dots indicate the number of consecutive days that we have seen favorable conditions in that location.

Although we are having minor problems associated with haze and atmospheric moisture in this area, we are able to provide this update of the ocean conditions using a combination of infrared and MODIS chlorophyll satellite data from this morning and early this afternoon. Overall, we continue to observe the eastern edge of the main body of the Loop Current (83.5°F) pushing even further inshore over the 40-50 fathom ledges south of 26°30'N since yesterday improving your chances for fishing action with tuna, dolphin, wahoo and billfish. North of the main body of the Loop Current, we continue to observe a large counter clockwise rotation of blended blue 84.5°F water that is pulling a finger of blue 83.9°F water inshore and northward along the 40 fathom ledge also providing a continuation of good fishing action where the inshore edge of this finger of water has remained stable over good bottom areas for multiple days.

With this in mind, the ocean conditions out of Tampa suggest good chances for fishing action with tuna, dolphin, wahoo and billfish will occur along the inshore edge of the band of blue 83.9°F water where it continues to occur over good bottom areas along and inshore of 40 fathoms for the past two days from near 44800 & 13900 to 44910 & 13920 to 45150 & 13977 and over the 30 fathom ledge near 45340 & 14000. As you continue offshore, increased chances for action is also likely to occur along the cooler to warmer 83.9°F-84.5°F boundary zone where it lies just offshore of 50 fathoms from near 13890 & 45150 northward to near 13910 & 45290. Additional offshore chances for action is also likely to occur along the northern edges of the blue and dark blue Loop Current water (83.5°F-83.9°F) where favorable conditions have remained for the past 48 hours over the good bottom of the Steps from near 13667 & 45110 to 13627 & 45150, as well as, near 13630 & 45035.

South of 26°30'N, the eastern edge of the main body of the Loop Current continues to push eastward inshore over the 40-50 fathom ledges providing increased chances for fishing action where it lies from near 13900 & 44650 southward to near 13805 & 44500 and over the 50 fathom ledge where favorable conditions have remained for up to three days near 13755 & 44452.

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 09:00 PM. Saturday from 9:00 AM -6:00 PM (sometimes earlier depending on demand, weather, and cloud cover). Please remember to call us while fishing (between 10:30 a.m. and noon) so we can provide a free verbal update. **Thank you for not sharing this analysis with non-paying fishermen. We survive on your honesty.**

