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**ROFFS FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS**

**FOR THE BOCA GRANDE INSHORE AREA (LORAN)**

**UPDATED ON FRIDAY \*DATE\* FOR FRIDAY P.M. AND SAT. FISHING ONLY**

Based on a multiple factor analysis, the black dots (hot 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.

We were able to see the ocean conditions in this area relatively clearly tonight after the clouds that had covered the area for the past four days cleared. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE HAVE HAD REPORTS OF HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF RED TIDE IN THE AREA OFFSHORE OF SANIBEL ISLAND SOUTHWARD TO CAPE ROMANO ABOUT A WEEK AGO. ALTHOUGH SOME CONDITIONS MAY APPEAR FAVORABLE IN THESE AREAS, FISHING ACTION IS LIKELY TO BE SLOW OVERALL IN THESE AREAS DUE TO THE CONCENTRATION OF RED TIDE.

South/southwest of Cape Romano/Everglades City (south of the chart area) we observed a large pool of relatively warmer (sst° 71.0°F) water that is likely to increase your overall chances for kingfish action along its edges where it meets the cooler (sst° 69.6°F) water. North/northwest of Cape Romano/Marco Island we observed a mixing of the cooler (sst° 67.4°F-68.4°F) green water due to the relatively strong winds we have seen over the past week. This has resulted in no strong ocean features seen and a large pool of cooler (sst° 67.4°F) green water over the 5-20 fathom depths offshore of Sanibel Island suggesting that fishing action is likely to be slow and scattered overall in these areas. North of Boca Grande, although the water is somewhat cooler (sst° 65.2°F-67.4°F), we observed a relatively strong 2.2°F (sst° 65.2°F-66.2°F-67.4°F) double water mass boundary that is likely to provide relatively good chances for kingfish action where it occurs over the 10 fathom depths and good bottom.

Offshore of Marco Island, increased chances for kingfish action occur where the relatively warmer (sst° 69.6°F) meets the cooler (sst° 68.4°F) water over the 10 fathom depths (43845 & 14030) and good bottom topography (43850 & 14022). Northward, offshore of Naples, additional increased chances for fishing action may also occur along the western edge of the same (sst° 69.6°F) warmer water where it occurs over the 5 fathom depths (near 43805-25 & 14085-90). Similar chances for action occur along the same 2.2°F (sst° 69.6°F-67.4°F) warmer to cooler water mass boundary that extends up the west coast of Florida to Sanibel Island where it occurs over the 5 fathom depths (43855 & 14105). Westward, additional chances for kingfish action may also occur into the cooler (sst° 68.4°F-67.4°F) green water that occurs over the 10 fathom depths near 43930 & 14037. Offshore, we observed a pool of warmer (sst° 68.0°F) water that occurs over the 20 fathom depths (44200 & 13975 and 44270 & 13977) that is likely to provide some increased chances for kingfish action.

Northwest of Boca Grande, although the water is cooler (sst° 65.2°F-67.4°F), relatively good chances for kingfish action are likely to occur along the relatively strong 2.2°F (sst° 65.2°F-66.2°F-67.4°F) double cooler to warmer water mass boundary where it occurs over the 10 fathom depths and good bottom topography (from 44250 & 14100 to 44350 & 14117). If fishing action is not satisfactory in these areas, some increased chances for kingfish action may also occur where the cooler (sst° 66.2°F-67.4°F) green water meets the relatively warmer (sst° 68.4°F) blue-green water over the 20 fathom depths (near 44510 & 14048).

**Winter Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. We will stay open later based on demand and workload.** RELEASE THE SMALL FISH, SAVE THEM FOR NEXT YEAR. THE FUTURE MUST BE SAVED. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THIS COPY WITH OTHER NON-PAYING FISHERMAN. WE SURVIVE ON YOUR HONESTY.

