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ROFFS™ FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS FOR THE HARBOUR ISLAND AREA (LAT./LONG.)
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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.

We were able to see the ocean conditions in this area relatively clearly today using a combination of satellite imagery from this morning and this afternoon. Overall, we continue to observe the “hammerhead” circulation east of Eleuthera consisting of two eddy features with opposite flow. South of these eddy features, a sizable pool of 80.8°F Bahamas “blue marlin” water extends westward towards Eleuthera which continues to move in a favorable inshore direction against the ledges by Palmetto Point suggesting that some chances for marlin, dolphin, and tuna action are likely to occur from 76°08-09'W & 25°13'N to 76°06-07'W & 24°58'N and perhaps as far southward as near 76°08'W & 24°47-48'N. Northwestward, towards the area between James Point and Bridge Point, additional chances for action are likely to happen where we observed a finger of relatively warmer (81.3°F) blended water pushing inshore against the ledges, particularly where the ocean conditions have remained favorable for three days now near 76°37'W & 25°35'N.

North of the Bridge Point area, conditions continue to appear to be improving with the large pool of clean blue Bahamas “blue marlin” water moving towards the Dutch Bar area, good chances for action are likely to occur where we have observed favorable conditions for three days now east of the Dutch Bar near 76°32-33'W & 25°41-42'N and west/southwest of the Dutch Bar towards the Twins area from 76°58-59'W & 25°42'N to 77°12'W & 25°39'N. Southwestward, some increased chances for fishing action may happen west/southwest of Pimlico Island towards the Six Schilling area, however, better chances for action occur over the 750-1000 fathom ledge north of New Providence Island (Nassau) where we have observed favorable ocean conditions for three days now from 77°13'W & 25°12'N to 77°25'W & 25°10'N.

East of Abaco, towards the Wonderland area we were able again today to observe the warmer (80.5°F) clean Bahamas “blue marlin” water pushing over the over the 1500-2000 fathom depths suggesting that relatively good chances or action occur, particularly where the ocean conditions have remained favorable for three to six days now from 76°51'W & 26°13'N to 76°47'W & 26°35'N. Further eastward, we continue to observe a “new” pool of warmer (81.3°F) Bahamas “blue marlin” water moving westward towards the Abaco area and some increased chances for action may happen where we believe you will find its leading edge by fishing time tomorrow morning over the 2500-2600 fathom depths from 76°12'W & 26°33'N to 76°02'W & 26°15'N. South of the Berry Island the currents appeared favorable again today by Chub Cay and the Pocket area due to slightly favorable winds out of the south and southeast. Relatively good action is likely to happen from 77°56'W & 25°25'N to 78°03-04'W & 25°27'N where the ocean conditions have remained favorable for four to six days now

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