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FOR THE JACKSONVILLE TO SMYRNA 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.

We are able to observe the ocean conditions in this area clearly today using imagery from late this morning through to this afternoon. The morning estimated sst of the main body of the Gulf Stream is 83.6°F and is located offshore of the 100 fathom ledge throughout most of this chart area. The offshore location of the Gulf Stream is due to a series of small eddy features moving northward through this area along the western edge of the Gulf Stream over 50-100 fathom depths. As these eddies move northward overnight, each eddy feature is pulling a finger of blue 81.3-°F-82.2°F water inshore over 20-50 fathoms and southward providing increased chances for fishing action with a combination of tuna, dolphin, wahoo and sailfish.

JACKSONVILLE: With this in mind, the ocean conditions offshore of Jacksonville suggests increased chances for fishing action will occur along the inshore edge of a finger of blue 82.2°F water as it continues to get pulled inshore over the good bottom areas just inshore of the 50 fathom ledge near 61200 & 45027 southward to near 61373 & 44970, inshore of the Triple Seamounts near 61448 & 44930 and 61485 & 44900. If you find that the fishing action is not as productive as you would like inshore of 50 fathoms, we suggest you run further offshore and fish the western edge of the main body of the Gulf Stream (83.6°F) where it is likely to push inshore over the 100 fathom ledge from near 61172 & 44975 to 61270 & 44950 to over the Triple Seamounts near 61410 & 44885 and southward along the 50 fathom ledge to near 61450 & 44848. On your way out to the filament of blue 82.2°F water, do not overlook the inshore edge of the blue green 80.6°F water as it may also provide increased chances for dolphin, tuna and saifish action where it lies over the 20 fathom ledge near 61350 & 45100, 61430 & 45080, and from near 61570 & 44880 to 61700 & 44850.

ST. AUGUSTINE and NEW SMYRNA: The ocean conditions offshore of St. Augustine suggest increased chances for tuna, dolphin, and sailfish action will occur along the inshore southern edge of the finger of blue 81.3°F water where it continues to be located inshore of 20 fathoms where it lies from near 61700 & 44830 to 61738 & 44750 to near 61780 & 44620. Additional chances for fishing action is also likely to occur along the western edge of the main body of the Gulf Stream (83.6°F) as it continues to push inshore over the 50 fathom ledge from near 61580 & 44710 to 61700 & 44575 to near 61725 & 44500. If you are interested in fishing the eastern side of the Gulf Stream, we suggest you run offshore of the 100 fathom ledge until you reach the 83.6°F-81.0°F boundary zone near 61500 & 44470 to 61550 & 44320.

Fall office hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 05:00 PM. Not open Saturday or Sunday until April 2009. If you are planning to fish on Sunday or Monday we will provide an analysis on Friday. If for some reason that Friday analysis is not useful for you, then call our office by Monday 5:00 PM to ask for a credit.

