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ROFFS™ FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

FOR THE FREEPORT/LUCAYA OFFSHORE 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 using a combination of satellite imagery from this morning and this afternoon. Overall, we continue to follow a large counter-clockwise rotating eddy feature (centered south of Grand Bahama Island near 78°05'W & 26°10'N) that appears to be circulating a combination of green/turbid (86.3°F) water from the Bahama Banks and blue blended (85.9°F) water from the Gulf Stream around its core. Northward, north of the Walker's Cay area we observed a large mass of clean blue "Bahamas" blue marlin water originating from the area east of Abaco circulating in a southeastward direction towards Walker's Cay due to the influence of a counter-clockwise rotating eddy feature located northeast of the chart area. Please be advised that due to continuing challenges with haze, high levels of atmospheric moisture, and afternoon differential heating of the water masses that we continue to have a challenging time calibrating our sst°. With this in mind, please remember to look for relative rather than absolute sst° while out on the water.

With this in mind, relatively good chances for fishing action with a combination of tuna, wahoo, dolphin, and marlin occur west/northwest of the West End area where we observed the eastern edge of the blue (85.1°F) blended Gulf Stream water for two days now pushing in a favorable inshore direction over the 100-250 fathom ledge from 79°03-04'W & 26°42'N to 79°09'W & 27°03-04'N with some increased chances for action occurring southward over the Tuna City and the 250 fathom ledge where we observed the western edge of the green/turbid (86.3°F) water for the first time today from 79°00'W & 26°30'N to 78°58'W & 26°20'N. Further westward, additional chances for action occur into the relatively warmer (85.6°F) Gulf Stream water from the Tuna City area (near 79°11'W & 26°32'N), towards the Suburbs area (near 79°16'W & 26°42'N and 79°17'W & 26°51'N), and then inshore (northeastward) towards the 250 fathom ledge east of Casey's Canyons (near 79°14'W & 27°09-10'N and 79°12'W & 27°18'N). Northeastward, north of the Walker's Cay area your better chances for marlin action occur where we have observed the south/southeastern edge of the clean (85.5°F) "Bahamas" blue water for two days now over the 400-500 fathom depths northwest and east of the Northeast Humps from 78°32'W & 27°37'N to 78°07'W & 27°23'N to 77°52'W & 27°18'N. If fishing action is not satisfactory in these areas, some increased chances for marlin action also occur further eastward into the warmer (86.3°F) "Bahamas" blue water over the 500-800 fathom depths and towards the tip of the Great Abaco Canyon.

Southwest of the Freeport area, some good chances for a combination of tuna, wahoo, dolphin, and billfish action occur towards the Four Tops area and towards the 10-100 fathom ledge north of the Little Issac where we have observed favorable ocean conditions for two days now from 79°03'W & 26°11'N to 78°50'W & 26°00'N. Westward, some scattered action is also likely to happen over the 10-100 fathom ledges towards the "Corner" area where we observed favorable conditions for the first time today. Northwest of the North Bimini area, good chances for fishing action also occur where we have observed the northeastern edge of the relatively warmer (85.6°F) Gulf Stream water pushing in a favorable inshore direction for two days now over the Bimini Blue Marlin Grounds from 79°21-22'W & 25°45'N to 79°19-20'W & 26°00'N.

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