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**ROFFS™ FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS**  
**FOR THE TAMPA INSHORE AREA (LAT./LONG.)**  
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Based on a multiple factor analysis, the symbols (hot spot dots) 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. (1 fathom = approximately 6 feet).

We were able to see this area clearly today for the second consecutive day to increase your chances for kingfish action. Please keep in mind that your better chances for kingfish action are likely to occur where you locate either the SST and/or the ocean color (greener to bluer) water mass boundaries especially over good bottom structure. We have been able to follow the ocean conditions in this area today using infrared (sst) and ocean color (chlorophyll+CDOM). When making a decision on where to fish please keep in mind that the favorable conditions with that intermediate water clarity and chlorophyll +CDOM (blue-green to blended blue water) are likely MORE favorable than the green turbid inshore waters based on research. The winds are out of the south and west only 9-12knots, so water mass boundaries should remain relatively stable for the next 12-24 hours.

With all this in mind the better conditions for fishing action will occur along the green to blue-green water mass boundary where it has been favorable for two days now (76.0°F – 76.9°F) roughly over the 10 fathom ledges offshore of Clearwater near 83°06-07'W & 27°53'N extending south along the 10 fathom ledges all the way to offshore of Tampa Bay near 83°01-02'W & 27°30-37'N then extending southeast to offshore of Sarasota near 82°54'W & 27°19'N. Equally as favorable conditions (mostly for two days now) will occur for kingfish action along the immediate inshore water mass boundary (green, 77.9°F – 76.9°F) roughly over the five fathom ledges starting in the north offshore of Aripeka near 83°01-01'W & 28°23-38'N extending south to over the 5 fathom ledges offshore of Wall Springs then southwest over the Hard Bottom and Ledges and Reefs offshore of Clearwater near 83°02-05'W & 27°50-56'W & 28°02'N. Continuing south along this same water mass boundary you will increase your chances for kingfish action near the Grouper Spot and south offshore of Longboat Pass near 82°53-56'W & 27°27-34-39'N and continuing southeast along this same water mass boundary and roughly the five fathom ledges to over the Wreck between the 5-10 fathom ledges near 82°33'W & 27°03'N and further offshore over the M10 Reef. Additional favorable conditions for fishing action will occur in the north (favorable for two days) along the 10 fathom ledges and Wrecks along the 75.2°F – 76.0°F – 76.9°F near 83°18-19'W & 28°15-20'N and inshore near 83°12-15'W & 28°09-15-20'N. Offshore of Tampa Bay good kingfish conditions occur for two days over the Sulphur Barge Wreck near 83°13'W & 27°35'N. Good conditions also occur along the blue-green to bluer 75.2°F – 76.0°F water mass boundary over the Reefs and Good Bottom area and 20 fathom ledges between offshore of Tampa Bay and Sarasota as indicated. Good offshore kingfish action will also occur along the bluer water mass boundary near the 20 fathom ledges along the 76.0°F – 76.9°F water mass boundary well offshore of Casey Key near 83°11-14'W & 27°05-10'N.

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.** Spring office hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Sometimes later during tournaments). We will be open until 9:00pm starting Tues. May 13th. Saturday office hours are 9:00 AM -5:00 PM (sometimes earlier depending on demand, weather, and cloud cover). Requests for analyses should be called in by Noon on Saturdays during May/June and 1:00 PM during June -August so we can schedule our staff's hours.

