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ROFFS FISHERIES OCEANOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS  
FOR THE BOCA GRANDE INSHORE AREA (LAT./LONG.)  
UPDATED ON MONDAY 09 MARCH 2009 FOR MONDAY P.M. & TUESDAY FISHING ONLY**

Based on a multiple factor analysis, the symbols (hot spot dots) mark the areas where bait concentrations are expected and where fishing action are 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. Bottom depths in fathoms (1 fathom = approximately 6 feet).

We were able to see this area clearly today 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 such as wrecks, reefs and fish havens. Research has shown that kingfish prefer the habitat of blue-green and blended blue water masses as opposed to green water masses. The main Loop Current related water is not in this charted area and further west of this charted area.

The better chances for kingfish action appear to occur over the 10 fathom ledges along the 64.0°F – 65.5°F water mass boundary and blue-green to blended blue water mass boundary west of Captiva to Charlotte Harbor near 82°27-28'W & 26°26-32'N (favorable for two days). Further north good conditions for fishing action occurs over the 10 fathom ledges along the 62.4°F – 64.0°F water mass boundaries near 82°34-36'W & 26°51-57'N (favorable for two days). Northwest there will be favorable conditions along the blue-green to blended blue water mass boundaries and strong SST° (65.5°F – 62.4°F) water mass boundaries west of Sarasota to Casey Key where conditions have also been favorable for two days near 82°56-58'W & 27°04-10'N. Inshore along the 10 fathom ledges conditions are favorable for fishing action but may be a little too cool for good kingfish action along the 61.5°F – 62.4°F blue-green to green water mass boundary near 82°41'W & 27°05'N extending northwest to near 82°50'W & 27°10-12'N (favorable for two days).

Further offshore you may find better conditions for kingfish action where the water is blended blue and warmer (67.48F – 65.5°F) along the 20-22 fathom depths and 20 fathom ledges. These conditions are best 40-45 miles west of Boca Grande where it has been favorable for two days near 83°01-03'W & 26°33-40-46'N and further northwest along the 67.5°F water mass boundary near 83°12-19'W & 26°50-55'N.

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