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FOR THE HUDSON CANYON TO THE BALTIMORE CANYON OFFSHORE

UPDATED ON THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2018 FOR THURSDAY P.M. & FRIDAY 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 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. **Numbers in the hot spot dots after the Lat/Long coordinates in () are the number of days the conditions in those areas have remained stable (favorable).**

We were able to see this entire area clearly today using mainly early afternoon imagery and follow some of the main oceanographic features all week to locate the better conditions for sharks, tuna, dolphin, marlin and swordfish action. Overall we continue to follow the large clockwise rotating eddy that has pushed a bit north and offshore since yesterday centered well east of Poor Mans in 1250-1300 fathoms. This eddy continues to push and hold warmer and bluer 74°F/75°F/76°F water into the bank specifically now directly into the Washington Canyon to southern Rockpiles area with filaments continuing to push east of Poor Mans to east Baltimore Canyon better now over the 400-500 fathom ledges and lumps between Poor Mans and Baltimore Canyons. The better of the tuna and marlin bites this week that we have heard have been in that water south of Baltimore Canyon into Poor Mans Canyon but we have to believe now the conditions and fishing may be better in the Washington Canyon and east to north toward the Rockpiles and over the 500 fathom lumps as this large eddy has pulled in some fresher Gulf Stream filament water and pushing it right into the bank between Rockpiles to Washington Canyon and south. Farther north we have heard of Hudson Canyon improving with tuna bites earlier this week but conditions again appear to be declining a bit. The conditions between Toms and Lindenkohl appear a bit better in the northern areas. We have included an ocean color/chlorophyll image from this afternoon so you get a sense of where the bluer and greener water is located (email only, white = clouds). **FULL MOON WARNING:** Many times the tuna fishing action slows during the daytime during a full moon as the fish are feeding at night. Experience suggests that the better fishing action with tuna during the full moon is at first light and last light of the day. Thus, be sure to get to the fish before first light so that you can start trolling early. The fish will bite before the human eye senses the light.



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Good conditions continue to occur along the stronger 71°F to 73°F/74°F blue-green to bluer edges from east of Poor Mans Canyon to southern or eastern Baltimore Canyon (this edge has pulled offshore by five miles from yesterday) for up to five to SEVEN days near 74°00-02'W & 37°48-52'N (7) extending northeast along the 500 fathom ledges and lumps to southeast of the Baltimore Canyon near 73°44-45'W & 38°00-04'N (5) and then east over the 500 fathom lumps near 73°35-36'W & 38°00-04'N (7) to the 1000 fathom ledges and Rusty's Spot.

Inshore, the conditions do not look great, but there are some bluer-green to greener 1°F and 2°F water mass boundaries that should hold some life over some of the traditional good bottom structure. These better conditions occur over the Hot Dog Lump and northeast to the Hot Dog Notch favorable for up to four days near 74°16-17'W & 38°06-07'N (4) and north over the Miss Arlene wreck where favorable for two days near 74°09'W & 38°19'N (2). The Hambone may also be a good place to start before heading farther offshore. Farther north we like the Elephants Trunk that also has been favorable for two to three days near 74°03-07'W & 38°30-34-35'N (3). Farther east we like the 69°F to 71°F break over the India Arrow wreck and extending south near 73°50-52'W & 38°28-33'N (3).



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Fishing farther north there are not as many great options. However the southern Toms to Carteret Canyon to Lindenkohl Canyon looks just about the best option north of Baltimore as there is bluer-green to blended blue 68°F to 69°F to 70°F filament pushing into Lindenkohl Canyon for two to three days starting near 73°00'W & 38°49-50-52'N (3) then northeast along the 50-100 fathom ledges to Carteret then Berkley Canyon and toward Toms Canyon where it has been good for up to five days near 72°48'W & 39°02'N (5) to near 72°42'W & 39°07-08'N (5). If the 100 to 200 fathom ledges in the Lindenkohl Canyon does not produce fish the 500 fathom ledges to find the warmer 71°F water also favorable for two days. The Hudson Canyon appears to be declining again with the better conditions sliding offshore you may want to start over the 100 fathom corners of Hudson Canyon and the green to bluer-green 67°F to 68°F water edges then fish southeast or south to find the warmer 69°F to 70°F blended blue water favorable for two to three days near 72°10-15'W & 39°15-20-21'N (3). Inshore, we like the Chicken Canyon to the wrecks along the green to bluer-green 68°F to 69°F water mass boundary favorable for up to four days near 72°58-59'W & 39°46-47'N (4) to near 72°51-52'W & 39°45-46'N near the Bidevind wreck and perhaps south over the Triple Wrecks.

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