

Florida - South Indian River 8/4/08

August 1, 2008 INSHORE: Continued hot and muggy weather around the Treasure Coast this week has brought thunderstorms and rain around the area most afternoons. Fishing early or late in the day will give you the best opportunities out on the river. It's hot out there, so drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. Redfish was our main target all week. Earlier in the week, the schools continued to feed on the shallow flats and we had some great success. The schools left the flats by the end of the week, but should appear any day again. Soft plastics, like DOA TerrorEyz or shrimp work best if fished along the bottoms slowly on the flats. Live pinfish work when nothing else will get them to eat. Gary Cruz was out with me earlier in the week with son, Devin, and nephew, Shane Murphy. They guys combined for a total of seven redfish in the 27" to 30" range. By midweek, the schools had left the shallows for deeper waters. Joe Vennarini and Debbie Stange each caught a snook this week. Debbie also caught a huge ladyfish that day. Joe broke in his new rod and reel with a big jack crevalle. Bob Bergen and Charlie Norburn joined me to seek out some redfish. It was a fun week on the river, even if the reds had moved out of the flats. We will get them next trip! There are still lots of snook around the inlet, docks and bridges of the inlet. Night fishing and fishing the tides has been good with live baits. There are a few Spanish mackerel around the river and I have seen some bonito in the turning basin. Not the frenzy of a few weeks ago, but you can still find some out there feeding. Trout fishing was slower this week. Your best chance is at first light with top water lures. There are so many pinfish and pigfish out there, it's hard to tempt one with anything else right now. Some of the best action has been for snapper around the channel edges and structure. The sizes have been decent and make a great meal. Surf fishing has been mostly some whiting along the beaches. Tip of the Week: There are a number of things to remember with fishing this time of year. Fluids, sunscreen, sunglasses and hats are all important to keeping safe in the hot temperatures and high sunlight you face out there. Prepare before you get on the water and continue taking in fluids and using sunscreen throughout the day. It can make your day enjoyable and reduce the risks of too much sun. As always, remember, fishing is not just another hobby....it's an ADVENTURE!! Good Fishing and Be Safe,

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