

## Florida - South Indian River 9/11/08

Take a minute today and remember all the loved ones who gave their lives on 9/11.    September 11, 2008    INSHORE: As Ike decided to stay south of us, the weather was fantastic for outdoor activities over the past weekend and looks the one approaching will be just as nice.    The fishing really on Saturday and Sunday, even though Ike decided to throw some winds at us the past several days to make it harder to get out there.    If the forecast is correct, get out some top water lures and head out for a weekend of fishing!    I was delighted to get the opportunity to take out the grandkids this weekend.    Grandma Eva and mom, Dena, met me at the ramp with 3 year old, Chloe, and 6 month old, Brody for an adventure on the water.    Just remember that pinfish isn't always just for bait.    Chloe excitedly reeled in pinfish after pinfish and even caught a catfish in the process.    Of course, being a three year old, she was determined to reel every fish in herself and did it like a seasoned angler.    There's nothing as rewarding than watching children enjoy a day on the water!    Snook fishing has remained good for those fishing around the inlets, bridges and docks.    Some overslots were reported along with shorts and several elusive slots.    Live mullet and pinfish has been the bait of choice, but diving plugs and jigs have also worked well around the jetties.    Some big snook are out there in the shallows as well.    DOA's Big Fish Lure has worked great this time of year.    It looks and swims like a mullet and presents an easy target on the flats for many species.    A "snook exploded on it in three feet of water.    I was able to fish south of Fort Pierce and the water is showing good signs of clearing up soon.    Big schools of jacks have moved into the river to wreak havoc on the bait schools.    They are easy to spot on calm days and are great fun to catch and release.    Some are in the 15 - 20 pound range.    The bluefish have also been crashing the bait.    There are still some snapper along the channel edges.    The trout bite has remained slow for now, but should pick up again soon.    Redfish have begun showing back up on the flats as the water begins the slow process of clearing up.    Most have been north of Fort Pierce on the flats from Queen's Cove to the Moorings.    The surf report has been spotty with all the windy weather lately.    Offshore has also been pretty quiet of late.    It's a great time of year to be living and fishing around the Treasure Coast.    Tip of the Week:    Once in while, I manage to get one of those days to just get out and enjoy the weather and water.    Not so much concentration on fishing as relaxing and watching everything around you.    The many birds and fish provide a natural serenade of sights and sounds to help soothe your soul and mind.    It brings back the memories of many fishing adventures on the water.    There's a lot going on in this world we live in, so once in a while it's good to get out on the water to ease the tensions.    It might not change a lot, but it gives you a break from the news, TV and routine.    Plan on getting out soon!    As always, remember, fishing is not just another hobby....it's an ADVENTURE!!    Good Fishing and Be Safe,

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