

SW FLORIDA FISHING

Spring fishing is here

BY CAPT. SANDY MELVIN

The past week a long Easter holiday weekend and spring breaks from school brought lots of families out on the water.

Some pretty stiff winds most days kept the offshore guys at the docks, but the winds, along with some good high tides, actually helped out the backcountry fishing.

We saw a good week of catching redfish, snook and speckled trout around the mangrove island and shallow grass flats.

There are plenty of tarpon around, but the weather just hasn't settled down long enough to really start catching them consistently. Look for tarpon season to blast off soon.

Enjoy our great fishing!

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Jeff Koziol with a nice redfish.



Elliott Koziol also with a nice redfish.



Dad Jack Koziol with daughter Ella and her redfish.

Photos provided by Capt. Melvin



Grandpa Jeff with grandson Oliver, each with a small snook.



Elliott and Oliver, both with small snooks.



But Ella's snook is much bigger!

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TIDES & SKIES

April 5-11

Boca Grande Tides

5 FRI New Moon	Low 5:12 am High 12:03 pm Low 4:40 pm High 11:11 pm	7 SUN	High 12:14 am Low 6:21 am High 12:35 pm Low 6:40 pm	10 WED	High 1:15 pm Low 8:26 pm High 3:29 am Low 7:29 am
6 SAT	Low 5:49 am High 12:17 pm Low 5:42 pm	8 MON	High 1:16 am Low 6:49 am High 12:55 pm Low 7:34 pm	11 THU	High 4:46 am Low 7:32 am High 2:00 pm Low 10:14 am
		9 TUE	High 2:20 am Low 7:12 am		

LUNAR CALENDAR

- New Moon**
Apr 8 - 2:21 p.m., TSE
- First Quarter**
Apr 15 - 3:13 p.m.
- Full Moon**
Apr 23 - 7:49 p.m.
- Last Quarter**
May 1 - 7:27 a.m.

SUNRISE	SUNSET
Friday, Apr. 5 - 7:14 a.m.	Friday, Apr. 5 - 7:48 p.m.
Saturday, Apr. 6 - 7:13 a.m.	Saturday, Apr. 6 - 7:48 p.m.
Sunday, Apr. 7 - 7:12 a.m.	Sunday, Apr. 7 - 7:49 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 8 - 7:11 a.m.	Monday, Apr. 8 - 7:49 p.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 9 - 7:10 a.m.	Tuesday, Apr. 9 - 7:50 p.m.
Wednesday, Apr. 10 - 7:09 a.m.	Wednesday, Apr. 10 - 7:50 p.m.
Thursday, Apr. 11 - 7:08 a.m.	Thursday, Apr. 11 - 7:51 p.m.