

# SW FLORIDA FISHING

## Rain delay .. then back to fishing

BY CAPT. SANDY MELVIN

A tropical low weather system moved over us this week bringing some much needed rain in abundance, but it has also put a damper on our tarpon fishing for a few days.

When we get these low pressure systems of cloudy days along with heavy thunderstorms and lightning, tarpon take flight from the Pass and head out into the gulf until some sunny days return.

They'll be back soon enough. We still have a couple of months of tarpon fishing remaining, we'll just have to start factoring in these weather systems a lit-

tle more often.

The backcountry fishing has been really good. The snook, redfish and trout love the cooler water temperatures the rain and clouds bring. Just be careful to avoid lightning situations out there.

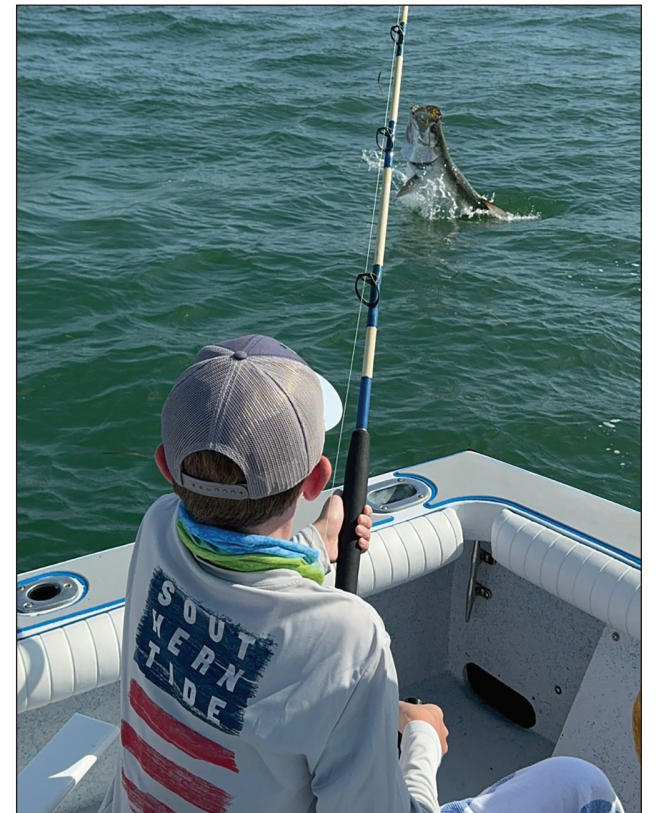
One thing that's good to see this time of year is there's a lot of families around now that school is out enjoying our tarpon fishing.

Last week the Wash family slipped away from Tampa for a trip to the Pass and caught them pretty good, including a bonus little goliath grouper. It's al-

ways fun to see families have a memorable time on the water.

Enjoy our great fishing!

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■ Capt. Sandy with William's tarpon; Laura's fight and Chase's jump.

Photos courtesy of Matt Wash.

## Boca Grande Fishing Guides

In our efforts towards preservation and restoration of our maritime fishing history we would like to share with you some captains who are helping keep these traditions alive.

Capt. Chad Bombenger	941-809-4739 - TT-S	Capt. Lamar Joiner Jr	941-307-4776 - TT-S	Capt. Nick Morris	941-999-0085 - TT-I-O
Capt. Dave Chatham	941-270-1527 - TT-I-O	Capt. Travis Joiner	941-462-9082 - TT-I-O	Capt. Fred Scott	941-628-8839 - TT-S
Capt. Blake Cheske	941-270-0377 - TT-I	Capt. Wayne Joiner	941-270-0384 - TT-I-S	Capt. Marty Scott	941-270-2179 - T-I-O
Capt. Charlie Coleman	941-809-8791 - TT-I	Capt. Brian Knight	941-626-6096 - TT	Capt. Cj Soderquist	941- 662-8730 - TT
Capt. Jesse Craddock	941-585-9772 - TT-I-O	Capt. Mark Liberman	941-809-7424 - TT-I-O-F-S	Capt. Brecken Stinnett	863-255-9881 - TT-I-F-S
Capt. Frank Davis	941-270-1364 - TT-I	Capt. Sandy Melvin	941-964-0907 - TT-I	Capt. Will Waterhouse	914-907-6628 - TT-I
Capt. Robbie Hayes	941-815-6120 - T-I-F	Capt. Waylon Mills	941-270-0291 - TT-O	Capt. Nick Wenzel	941-626-9786 - T-I-S
Capt. Nelson Italiano	941-276-6130 - TT	Capt. Willie Mills	941-270-0353 - TT	Capt. Eric White	941-234-8436 - T-I-O

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## TIDES & SKIES

June 14 - 20

### Boca Grande Tides

14 FRI First Quarter	Low 1:16 am High 8:38 am Low 2:09 pm High 8:07 pm	16 SUN	Low 2:19 am High 9:21 am Low 4:16 pm High 11:15 pm	18 TUE	High 12:29 am Low 3:04 am High 10:04 am Low 5:50 pm
15 SAT	Low 1:49 am High 9:00 am Low 3:20 pm High 9:48 pm	17 MON	Low 2:44 am High 9:43 am Low 5:05 pm	19 WED	High 10:29 am Low 6:35 pm
		20 THU		High 10:59 am Low 7:19 pm	

### LUNAR CALENDAR

- First Quarter**  
Jun 14 - 1:18 a.m.
- Full Moon**  
Jun 21 - 9:08 p.m.
- Last Quarter**  
Jun 28 - 5:53 p.m.
- New Moon**  
Jul 5 - 6:57 p.m.

### SUNRISE

Friday, June 14 - 6:35 a.m.
Saturday, June 15 - 6:35 a.m.
Sunday, June 16 - 6:35 a.m.
Monday, June 17 - 6:35 a.m.
Tuesday, June 18 - 6:35 a.m.
Wednesday, June 19 - 6:35 a.m.
Thursday, June 20 - 6:36 a.m.

### SUNSET

Friday, June 14 - 8:24 p.m.
Saturday, June 15 - 8:24 p.m.
Sunday, June 16 - 8:24 p.m.
Monday, June 17 - 8:24 p.m.
Tuesday, June 18 - 8:25 p.m.
Wednesday, June 19 - 8:25 p.m.
Thursday, June 20 - 8:25 p.m.