

The Great Outdoors



HAILEY SEXTON caught this tasty octopus.



HUNTER SEXTON with a huge red grouper!



JUDY DOYON and friends with a hefty cobia and a great catch of snapper and mahi mahi.

SOUTHERN
Classic
TAXIDERM
Studio

Established in 1985

850 892-5218

1022 Harrell Road
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435



JACOB WOOD caught a nice 4 pound bass at a private pond in Defuniak Springs



HAILEY SEXTON with a nice red snapper.



KENNY, HOLIT, AND MISSY BARNETT caught this fine mess of fish while fishing in the Gulf of Mexico.

Reel Faithful

Fishing Charters LLC
CAPT. STEVEN SWENDSEN
(727) 741-9592
Destin, FL

Talk about an absolute HOT Redfish bite this week! If y'all aint getting out on the water and taking advantage of this summer, then you're missing out!

The bull Redfish have arrived at the Destin Bridge and are in full swing. Along with plenty of slot Redfish on the flats and around local docks. On Tuesday (July 18) I was fishing the afternoon bite with my customers on a local flat and it was non stop action! The last hour of the trip we landed 8 Redfish, total of 10 Reds for the trip and lost 8 others; we had a couple pulled hooks and break-offs. I was using Greenies to chum the flat to get them fired up, and the hooked baits were not lasting long. We even caught 4 on a Mirrolure Top Pup, the longest that topwater lasted in the water until it got struck was 7 seconds.. 4 casts, 4 fish! Some nice Trout have also been caught this week using the same techniques. Preferred baits right now are Croackers and Spot Minnows, then the Greenies and smaller Pinfish and fishing the back half of the outgoing tide has been best.

The offshore bite is remaining consistant. Plenty of Cobia are still being caught almost every day. Many are saying the Cobia fishing is better right now than our actual Cobia run this past April! Some Mahi have been caught near shore also. I found a school of small Mahi hanging around two crab trap buoys floating 3 miles off the shore, which also had a small Tripletail on it. Anytime while offshore if you see anything floating, take some time to stop by it, wait to see if anything swims up to the boat. If it is something bigger like a log or tarp.. troll around it. A lot of Wahoo, Sailfish, Kingfish and Mahi are caught using this tactic.

Hope everyone has another great week. Remember to stay safe on the water! There has been two fatalities lately in our bay, stay alert while on a boat always! God bless!

Tight lines,
Capt. Steven Swendsen
Reel Faithful Fishing Charters LLC
7277419592



THE HEIMBURG FAMILY with a couple Redfish to take home for dinner.



DEBBIE AND ETHAN HUMPHRIES with a Cobia double.



DYLAN AND HIS FATHER, LUKE showing off a Red Snapper caught this past weekend.

Copeland's
Since 1982

Gun & Tackle

Brands You Love

Costa
G Loomis
St Croix
Lews
Shamino
Penn
Lures & Lots More

LIVE BAITS

Shrimp
Shiners
Crickets
Crappie Minnows
Wigglers
Earthworms

The best time to fish is
whenever you can!

M-F 6-5
Sat 6-4
Sunday Closed

17290 US HWY 331 S
Freeport, FL 32439

850-835-4277

Stop by Copelands and sign petition to allow fishing on Bayfill Causway.

ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS



Guns • Ammo
& Accessories

Concealed Carry Classes
UPS Shipping Outlet

475 East Nelson Ave.
DeFuniak Springs

850-892-2934