



WTF Issue # 24

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So, WTF ... Where's the Fish

Headline: What's done is done!

The 2020 season has ended and here is the final edition of WTF.

Not surprisingly the past two weeks has been rather slow with the holidays amongst us. That said a few club members have fished Those results are reported below

Remember the Chuck Jackson Leaderboard Derby has ended (December 26th) and Hiroki and I will be announcing the Derby winners and awards during next week. So, watch your emails for a constant contact communication on the results.



Angler: Bob Timson, Bob Zuzzolo, Greg Wojtowicz

Species: Assorted bottom fish – Sea Bass, Vermillion, Porgies, etc.

Location: Frying Pan Tower area

Captain: Hiroki Toma (Matias)





Report: December 19, 2020 – fishing Frying Pan tower area - good selection of bottom fish. Water temps are getting cooler - larger Sea Bass are starting to come back to the area. Usual bottom baits – squidd wings and cut bait. Nice Parrott fish caught by Greg – see unusual caught at end of this document

Angler: Ron Smith, Bob Pearsall, Jerry Hrabica and Duncan Sillars

Species: Redfish

Location: Seven miles outside Cape Fear towards lighthouse Rock

Captain: Duncan Sillars

First Mate: Bob Pearsall

Bob Pearsall







Duncan Sillars

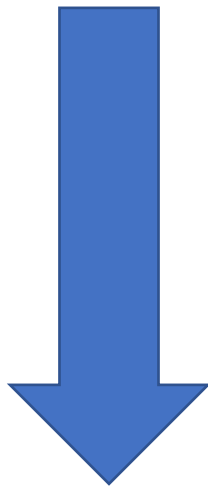


Report: December 2020 – Bottom fished with mxd baits and squidd – caught 12 redfish all over the slot size. Water Temos 52 degrees.

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**Future Anglers- Kids Corner**

**None this period**





# UNUSUAL CATCHES

## Bob Timson – Squirrel Fish



Squirrelfish is a silvery red, sea fish with orange-gold body stripes. One of about 150 species of squirrelfish, their most distinguishing characteristics are their large eyes and the long third spine of the anal fin. It is often included in public aquarium displays. Squirrelfish is edible and harvested on a small scale.



## Craig Thompson – Creole Fish



Scientific Name: ***Paranthias furcifer***

Family: ***Serranidae***

Subfamily: ***Epinephelinae***

Category: **Groupers**

Size: **4 to 8 in. (10 to 20 cm)**

Depth: **20-160 ft. (6-50 m)**

Distribution: **Caribbean, Bahamas, Florida, Bermuda, Gulf of Mexico, Brazil**



## Nick Svastano – Parrot Fish



### Parrotfish

Animal

Parrotfishes are a group of marine species found in relatively shallow tropical and subtropical oceans around the world. With about 95 species, this group displays its largest species richness in the Indo-Pacific. They are found in coral reefs, rocky coasts, and seagrass beds, and can play a significant role in bioerosion.



## Kevin Oakley – Parrot Fish



## Greg Wojtowicz – Parrot Fish



## Wende McCarthy – Puddingwife



### Puddingwife Wrasse



The puddingwife wrasse, *Halichoeres radiatus*, is a species of wrasse native to the western Atlantic Ocean from North Carolina to Bermuda, through the West Indies and Gulf of Mexico, to offshore islands of Brazil, being absent from Brazilian coastal water... +



## Brian Bronski – Goat Fish



### Goatfish



The goatfishes are perciform fish of the family Mullidae. The family is also sometimes referred to as the red mullets, which also refers more narrowly to the genus *Mullus*. The family name and the English common name "mullet" derived from Latin *mullus*, the red mullet; but other than the red mullet and the striped red mullet or surmullet, the English word mullet generally refers to a different family of fish, the Mugilidae or gray mullets.



## Hiroki Toma – Yellowcheek Wrasse



Scientific Name:  
*Halichoeres cyanocephalus*  
Category: **Wrasses**  
Size: 3 to 6 in. (7 to 15 cm)  
Depth: 20-100 ft. (6-30 m)  
Distribution: **South Florida,  
Caribbean, Brazil**

Check out this rather unusual critter caught by Hiroki Toma

