

Fishing Report 01/04/2012 – Capt. Terry Frankford

Anglers aboard the Reelin and Chillin enjoyed action from several species despite the windy conditions on Sarasota Bay. On the grass flats pompano and trout made for some great light tackle action. Around docks sheepshead, and redfish were cruising the barnacle covered pilings for dinner - a live select shrimp was hard to resist. At the near shore reefs sheepshead are showing up along with King and Spanish mackerel.

As always there are plenty of species for the kids to enjoy, from the fast swimming/jumping ladyfish to the weird looking lizard fish they always have a blast fishing in the Sarasota area.

Captain's Tip - Keep it Moving

My clients and I head out to what I believe is going to be the best spot for fast action, after all that's my job. Unfortunately the fish don't always understand this; my technique is "keep moving". I have heard that ten percent of the fisherman catch ninety percent of the fish - maybe so. However, I also believe that ninety percent of the fish are in ten percent of the water. This is why I believe in moving if the bite isn't on in the spot I'm fishing.

My rule of thumb is: Around structure, if it's been hot recently maybe give it twenty minutes. If it's a spot that hasn't been so hot in the recent past, only ten/fifteen minutes - if no bite is on move. If it's a grass flat I'm drifting, one or two passes across the grass - no bite move. Often it seems like nothing is going to happen, a small fish here and

there - then the worst thing for me to hear from a customer "it's just nice being out here on the water" Ahhhh! I want to hear "my wrist hurts". More times than often if you keep moving around sooner or later you will hit feeding fish. A grass flat holding pompano or trout - a dock or rocky edge holding redfish, sheephead, or snapper ends up darkening the live well and wrists are hurting.

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