

Wolfmouth fishing report, January 2012

Fantastic is the word I keep hearing from my clients when I ask them how they would characterize their experience with Wolfmouth Charters. It's not that I'm all that great, though I am pretty good at finding hungry fish and at the people part of the charter biz in general, it's that there's just so many excellent fishing opportunities at large around here that you can't go wrong. It's all about matching the clients up to a fishing situation that will test their skills, teach them a few new ones and keep the fun coming until the end of the day.

For example, last week we had a chilly start to a couple of mornings with air temps hovering around 45 degrees at daybreak. We delayed the AM charter until 9 AM. By then it was light jacket weather, with a bright burning sun warming the air until we were wearing tee shirts by noon. I adjusted our tactics to fit the conditions and we exploited red drum, spotted sea trout, snook, black drum and flounder, which were feasting in the deeper, wind protected canals and mangrove retreats. The fishing was incredible. We used live baits and soft body jigs, lots of big fish were caught on light tackle, we were comfortable and everyone from ages 9 to 76 had the time of their lives. Later in the afternoon when the gulf seas calmed, I took other folks out a few miles offshore and we caught limits of grouper, snapper, shark and amberjack that really tested our strength and endurance by using moderate to heavy tackle.

I expect to be able to find great fishing in Sarasota Bay or in the gulf throughout the seasonal variations in the weather known as winter up north and known as real nice down here. The key point is to follow the daily migration patterns of the bait the fish are feeding on and to plan on those changes during the days and weeks ahead. I'll be targeting big sheepshead porgy in the bay, along with spotted sea trout, big drums, catch and release snook, gag grouper and tasty flounder. Out in the gulf I'll be after big hogfish, grouper, shark, snapper, blue fish, mackerel and skate. It's all out there now, waiting for your bait with hungry mouths. Let's not keep them waiting. To see for yourself just what the fishing is like, click on this video of reef fishing action.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0HDrGB-FR4>

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Enjoy!

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