

I have to say, we're a lucky bunch of fishing folks down here. We're blessed with great opportunities to fish for grouper, snapper, sharks, cobia and king mackerel when the conditions in the Gulf are right. And if the sea conditions are not cooperative, we head our twin engine power catamaran the other direction and enjoy the fishing spots close to home that we share with the manatees, eagles and dolphin that roam these mysterious backwaters.

The seasonal light tackle fishing on the calm channels and bayous of beautiful Sarasota bay is getting off to a very solid start. Lots of big red drum, flounder, pompano, snook, sheephead porgy and black drum are stacking up in these places and they're on the bite. I've been using 12 LB test line, 17 LB test leaders and small circle hooks to land drum fish in the 15-LB class. And there's some very big snook that are ambushing us when we cast live pinfish and jumbo shrimp into some of the shore structures. This is great fishing, with lots of action and occasional mayhem; perfect for families and small groups. The last few weeks have also been very good in the gulf for catching big red grouper, gag grouper and snapper on the reefs just a few miles from the beach. This video, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0HDrGB-FR4> will pretty much tell the whole story about our gulf fishing. Enjoy it and start planning your next vacation around your next fishing trip.

Happy Holidays!

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