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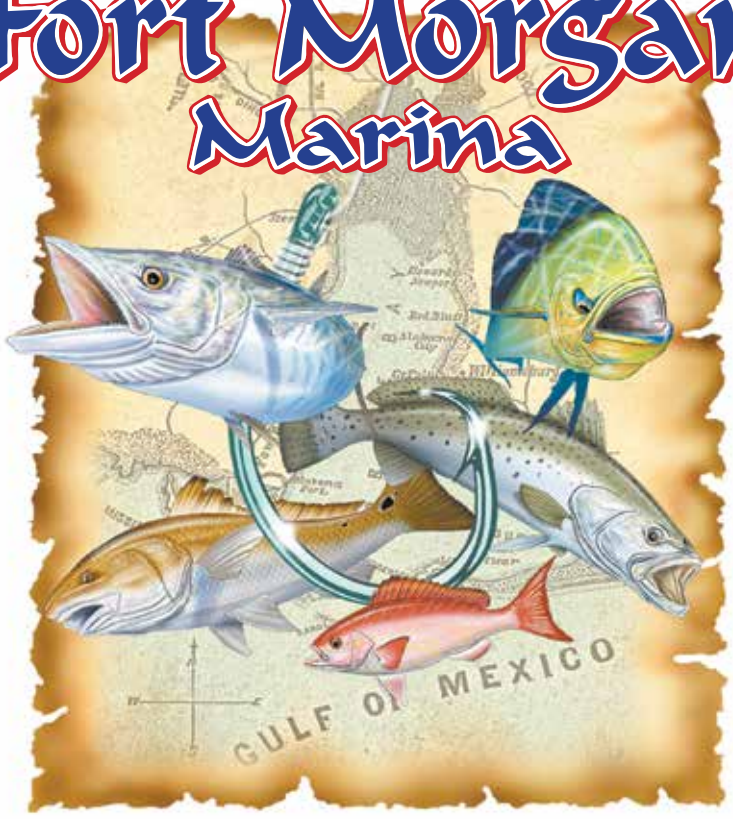

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President's Welcome

Welcome to the Alabama Gulf Coast. By selecting a boat from the Alabama Charter Fishing Association you are assuring yourself a trip with a dedicated professional Captain. All member vessels of the Alabama Charter Fishing Association are independently owned and operated. The boats in our association are experienced full-time charter boat operators. Our members not only work to ensure you a fun productive day on the water, but they are also committed to the long-term sustainable health of the fisheries and protecting the public's access to the fisheries.

Please feel free to contact any of our listed boats to get information on availability and pricing. We have a variety of charter vessels that can provide anything from a peaceful back bay experience to an overnight blue water adventure. Our directory will give you easy access to some of the best charter operators on the Gulf Coast. Our directory is divided into sections to make your search for the perfect boat easier. Just pick the section for your type of trip and the number of passengers in your group. We have Back Bay - Near Shore Boats, Six Pack Boats, and Multi-Passenger Boats. The Back Bay and Six Pack Boats will be limited to a maximum of 6 passengers. Our Multi-Passengers boats are all custom built to Coast Guard Regulations and are passenger rated according to the design specs.

On behalf of the Alabama Charter Fishing Association, I hope you have a great time here at the Alabama Gulf Coast. Enjoy the beautiful beaches, friendly people and make some fishing memories that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

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Annan, Brian	20, 31	251-981-3119	251-747-7777
Annan, Donald	20	251-981-3119	251-747-7777
Annan, Kendall		251-747-7777	
Annan, Phil		251-981-3119	
Ard, Tom	18, 26, 28	251-979-2682	
Bell, Landon	22, 39	205-901-4858	
Broughton, Kathy	37	251-747-7375	
Brown, David	35	251-981-6246	251-942-4037
Bryant, Gary	23	251-540-6982	
Burdette, Gordon	17	205-587-2195	251-981-0933
Callaway, Chris	20	251-752-0235	
Chambliss, Jeffrey	35	251-979-1209	251-981-2463
Choron, Michael	34	850-384-9059	850-492-6377
Clark, Scott	37	251-752-8009	
Daniels, Brian	30	850-516-9760	
Davis, Mike	38	251-979-4850	
Davis, Mitchell	36	251-714-3474	
Davis, Perry	22, 38	251-223-6736	
Day, Chip	18	251-981-1943	251-952-8247
Dunnam, David	32, 33	251-981-4000	800-793-4044
Fill, Peter	26	251-981-4510	
Ford, Frank	34	251-981-4796	
Frady, Troy	19	251-975-8111	
Garris, Joe	36	251-213-6680	
Goodwin, Gary	20	251-942-2020	
Goram, Bonita	37	251-747-4600	
Greene, Johnny	29	251-747-2872	
Griffin, Sara	26	251-213-6087	
Hanna, Jeff	23	251-223-3502	
Harbour, Rick	36	251-504-8976	
Hartleroad, Seth	33	251-980-8410	
Hudson, Michael	39	318-464-9824	
Jenkins, Bill	39	512-658-9775	
Jones, Johnny	18	251-979-9189	

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Lynch, Bryan	29	251-747-0217	251-979-0337
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McNeil, Walter	21	251-213-0023	
McPherson, Don	21	251-752-0235	
Mizell, Dustin	35, 37	251-504-4709	251-747-4600
Nash, Joseph	28	251-979-1812	
Newton, Chase	32	251-752-1535	
Osborne, Chase	22	251-978-9918	
Peek, Mike	38	251-223-1461	
Prell, Mandy	29	251 942-2020	
Price, Doug	28	251-213-5000	
Rowell, Mike	27	251-981-2081	
Russell Jr., Brett	30	334-202-9761	251-979-2682
Shaver, Brent	35	251-747-0220	251-974-5714
Staff, Bill	30	251-979-3631	
Stone, Ron	38	251-269-2154	
Subert, Igor	23	251-747-1324	
Thompson, Eddie	18	251-979-1167	251-975-7654
Treigle, Jr., Dennis	36	850-221-7732	850-384-0761
Vicars, Jason	27	251-979-9189	
Walker, Bobby	31	251-981-6159	251-747-3575
Walter, David	40	251-979-2200	
Wilson, Seth	29	251-981-1500	251-543-6291
Woodruff, Dale	19, 28	251-974-5911	251-391-0935

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deckhands, first mates and second captains

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Annan, Olivia	251-747-7777	251-981-3119
Annan, Phillip	251-747-7777	251-981-3119
Ard, Samual	850-879-0595	
Blanchard, Eric		
Boland, Ryan	251-284-3039	
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Brannon, David		
Collier, Eric		
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Gallagher, James		
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membership requirements

Life membership requirements were established by the Board of Directors in 1994.
They are as follows:
(1) Must be at least 60 years old.
(2) Minimum experience of 10 years.
(3) Active in the organization.

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Passenger Trip Suggestions & Etiquette

Contributed by Captain Iris G. Ethridge

1. **Dress for comfort. Bring sunscreen, a camera, sunglasses and wear shoes with soft light colored soles.**
2. **Avoid rich food and excessive alcohol the night before. Eat a light breakfast and if taking motion sickness medication please follow directions.**
3. **Bring an ample supply of eats and drinks. It is customary to bring eats and drinks for your captain and crew.**
4. **Please respect the boat and equipment. Your captain and crew have a lot of pride in their vessels and equipment can be costly to you if damaged or lost overboard.**
5. **Deckhands work hard for you and have pride in your catch. Their day starts several hours before your trip and extends hours after you are gone. We recommend a 15% to 20% tip over and above a fish cleaning fee.**
6. **Make sure you choose a trip that suits you. Our fleet offers 4 hour trips all the way up to 3 day trips. Your Captain can assist you in choosing the appropriate trip to meet your needs.**
7. **Always inquire about payment method, cancellation and bad weather policies.**

Alabama State Waters Regulation Size and Creel Limits

All fishing regulations are subject to change. Before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division (Gulf Shores 251.968.7576, Dauphin Island 251.861.2882). Your OBFA Member Captain is also a knowledgeable informed resource.

TL=Total Length • FL=Fork Length • CFL=Curved Fork Length

SPECIES	BEST TIME TO CATCH	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Amberjack, Greater ****	Year-Round	34" Min FL	1 per person
Amberjack, Lesser	Year-Round	14"-22" FL	No Creel Limit
Bull Redfish (Red Drum)	Early Fall to Early Spring	16" Min TL	
26" Max TL	3 per person		
1 oversized fish allowed			
Cobia (Ling)	Early Spring	33" Min TL	2 per person
Flounder	Late Spring to Early Fall	12" Min TL	10 per person
Groupers	Year-Round		
•Grouper, Black ** ****	Year-Round	22" Min TL	4 per person **
•Grouper, Gag ** *****	Year-Round	22" Min TL	0 per person ******
•Grouper, Red ** ****	Year-Round	20" Min TL	2 per person **
•Grouper, Scamp ** ****	Year-Round	16" Min TL	2 per person **
•Grouper, Yellowfin ** ****	Year-Round	20" Min TL	2 per person **
Marlin, Blue	Late Spring to Early Fall		
Marlin, White	Early Fall		
Mackerel, King	Late Spring to Fall	24" Min TL	2 per person
Mackerel, Spanish	Early Spring to Late Fall	None	15 per person
Pompano, Florida	Late Spring to Early Fall	12" Min TL	3 per person
Sailfish	Late Spring to Late Summer		
Sharks	Year-Round		
•Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead	Year-Round	None	1 per person per day
•All Other Shark Species	Year-Round	54" Min TL (30" Dressed)	1 per person per day
Spotted Seatrout (Speckled Trout)	Late Spring to Early Fall	14" Min TL	10 per person
Sheepshead	Year-Round		
Snappers	Year-Round		
•Red ****	Year-Round	16" Min TL	2 per person
•Gray (Mangrove, Black)	Year-Round	12" Min TL	10 per person
•Lane	Year-Round	8" Min TL	***
•Vermilion	Year-Round	10" Min TL	10 per person***
Tarpon	Late Spring to Early Fall	60" Min TL	$50.00 Tag
Required to harvest each Tarpon			
Triggerfish, Gray	Year-Round	14" Min TL	***
Tripletail (Blackfish)	Mid-Spring to Fall	18" Min TL	3 per person
Tuna, Bigeye	Year-Round	27" Min CFL	No Creel Limit
Tuna, Yellowfin	Year-Round	27" Min CFL	No Creel Limit
Wahoo	Late Spring to Fall (Off the Rigs)		
White Trout	Late Spring to Early Fall		

*** Only two Striped Bass per person are allowed within MRD Jurisdiction. 16" minimum**

**** Mixed species aggregate creel limit | 4 per person (only 2 Red Grouper may be included in Grouper aggregate)**

***** Reef Fish Aggregate: There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species (Example: Grunts, Porgies, Gray Triggerfish, Lane Snapper, etc.) for which there is no other creek limit. (Only 10 Vermilion Snapper are allowed in the 20-fish aggregate).**

****** Alabama State Waters open and close with Federal Regulations.**

NO FISH FILLETS OF ANY SPECIES ARE ALLOWED ON ANY VESSEL.

Prohibited Species: Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Atlantic Angel Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Galapogos Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Sevengill Shark, Sixgill Shark, Dusky Shark, Longin Mako, Sand Tiger, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, White Shark, Nurse Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smalltooth Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, Spotted Eagle Ray, Atlantic Manta.

Six Passenger "Six Pack" Deep Sea Fishing

A six (6) passenger offshore charter boat is also known as a "Six Pack" boat. These boats can carry 1 to 6 passengers at a time. Many trips are taken with 2 to 3 people.

Depending on the length of the trip you have chosen, you may either stay nearshore or go further offshore. There is usually a direct correlation between the length of the charter trip and the distance you can go offshore. Weather and sea conditions are also factors as well as the fish you want to target.

Boat Sizes - Boats range from 30' to 50' in size. One thing the boats have in common is that they are designed to operate in a nearshore to offshore environment and provide a safe and comfortable ride.

Rates, Pricing and Fees - Most boats offer private fishing charters. This means the fees paid are for the entire group, 1 to 6 people and for an agreed number of hours. Some six pack boats do offer shared expense trips. Fish cleaning is generally .30¢ per pound (whole fish estimated weight). Customary gratuity for your deckhand is 15% to 20% of the trip price.

Characteristics of a Six Passenger "Six Pack" Deep Sea Fishing Boat:

- Ideal for people who want to go deep sea fishing in small groups of up to 6 people maximum.
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Alabama's artificial reef building program started in 1953 when the Orange Beach Charter Fishing Association asked the authority to place 250 car bodies off Baldwin County, Alabama. This proved to be very successful and in the years since, many different types of materials have been placed offshore of Alabama. These have included additional car bodies, culverts, bridge rubble, barges, boats and planes. In 1974-75, in an excellent example of State/Federal cooperation, several "ghost-fleeted" liberty ships were sunk in five locations off Mobile and Baldwin Counties in 80 to 93 feet of water.

In 1987, a general permit was issued by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers creating specific areas offshore of Alabama for the creation of artificial reefs. These were created in order to provide areas for these materials in order to coordinate with other users of the offshore area. In 1987 the areas encompassed almost 800 square miles.

REEF - EX is the program name associated with the concept of deploying obsolete military combat tanks in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean as artificial reefs. The initial deployment under this program was on June 1, 1994 with the initial deployment of six tanks. With the successful completion of this deployment, the mechanisms were in place for the deployment of hundreds of tanks in the future.

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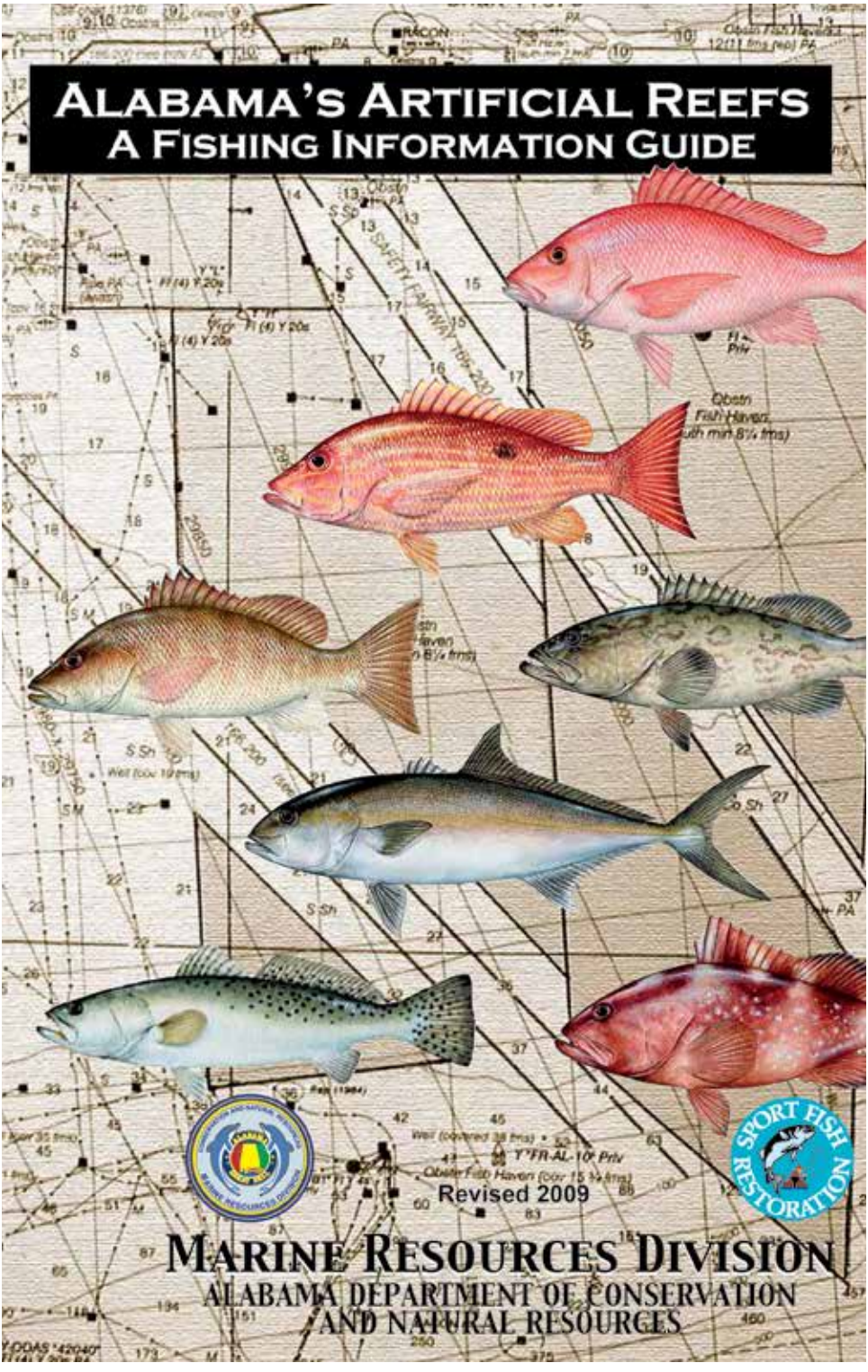
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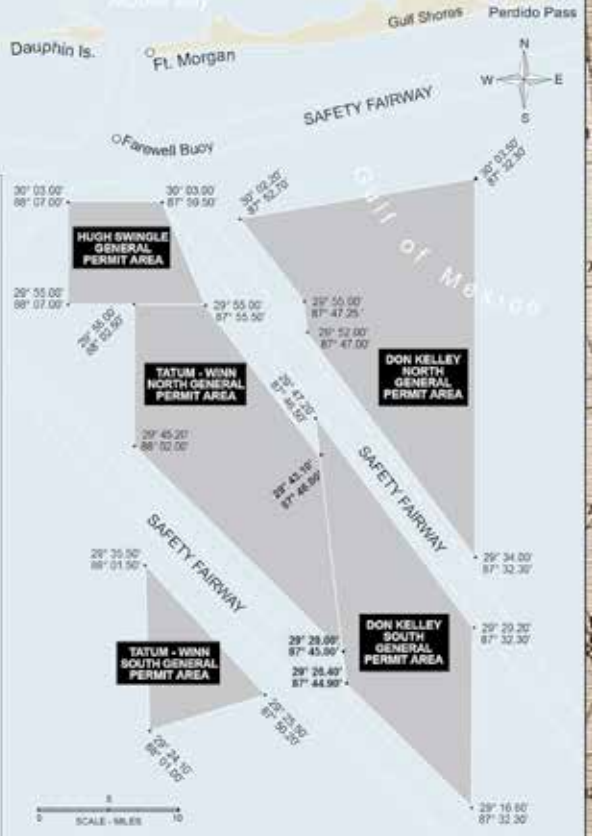

ALABAMA'S ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

Alabama has one of the largest artificial reef programs in the world. The natural bottom of offshore Alabama is a predominately flat sand/mud type bottom. This bottom type attracts very few fish that are either commercially or recreationally valuable. However, it has long been known that if vertical relief is created on this bottom, many reef fish such as snappers and groupers will be produced. In fact, artificial reefs can be created that over time will appear as natural reefs with similar communities of encrusting organisms and bait fish. As various encrusting organisms such as corals and sponges cover the artificial reef material, small animals take up residence. On-going research within Alabama's artificial reef general permit areas indicates that juvenile red snapper recruit to new, uninhabited artificial reefs, aging with the reef, and recruiting to the fishery at an appropriate size. At that point the artificial reef functions as a natural reef.

Alabama's artificial reef building program started in 1953 when the Orange Beach Charter Boat Association asked for the authority to place 250 car bodies off Baldwin County, Alabama. This proved to be very successful and in the years since, many different types of materials have been placed offshore of Alabama. These have included additional car bodies, culverts, bridge rubble, barges, boats and planes. **In 1974,** in an excellent example of State/Federal cooperation, several "ghost-fleeted" liberty ships were sunk in five locations off Mobile and Baldwin Counties in 80-93 feet of water.

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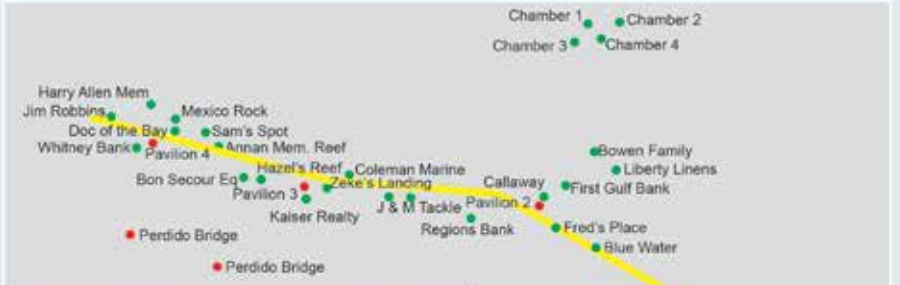
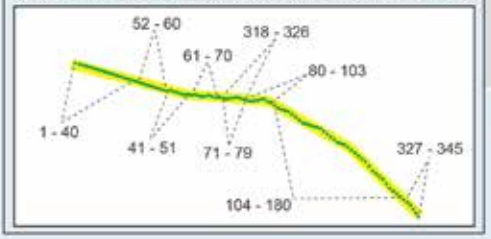
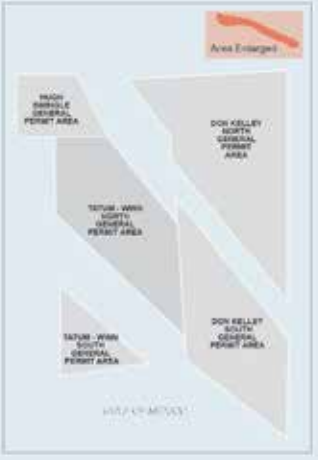
In late 1997, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers authorized an expansion of Alabama's artificial reef construction areas to allow for greater freedom in reef placement and greater variety in depth. The combined area for all reef permit zones now encompasses approximately 1260 square miles. At the same time, the protocol for reef construction was modified. This modification limited the types of materials that can be used to construct artificial reefs. Enforcement of the protocol and placement of reefs is a joint effort of the Marine Resources Enforcement Section, the Alabama Marine Police Division, and the U. S. Coast Guard.

BALDWIN COUNTY TROLLING CORRIDOR AREA



Note: A total of 208 Red Snapper World Championship (RSWC) concrete reef modules from the 2007 deployment are located in the Baldwin County Trolling Corridor General Permit Area. Module numbers 1 through 180 and 318 through 345 are located at approximately 100 foot intervals along the entire length of the corridor. **The DGPS coordinates and sponsorship information for these reefs is found on pages 11 and 12 of this brochure.**





Allen Reef	30°07.635	87°31.790
Perdido Pass Bridge	30°08.446	87°33.956
Perdido Pass Bridge	30°08.565	87°34.270
Gulf State Park Pavilion 1	30°07.737	87°32.059
Gulf State Park Pavilion 2	30°08.701	87°32.814
Gulf State Park Pavilion 3	30°08.749	87°33.633
Gulf State Park Pavilion 4	30°08.897	87°34.323
Chamber 1	30°13.729	87°32.928
Chamber 2	30°13.760	87°32.918
Chamber 3	30°13.733	87°32.941
Chamber 4	30°13.768	87°32.946
Jim Robbins	30°08.981	87°34.341
Whitney Bank	30°08.878	87°34.256
Harry Allen Memorial	30°09.002	87°34.196
Doc of the Bay	30°08.951	87°34.119
Mexico Rock	30°08.976	87°34.113
Sam's Spot	30°08.906	87°34.001
Armand Annan Memorial	30°08.897	87°33.972
Bon Secour Equipment	30°08.768	87°33.852
Hazel's Reef	30°08.767	87°33.802
Kaiser Realty	30°08.732	87°33.638
Coleman Marine	30°08.781	87°33.478
J & M Tackle	30°08.708	87°33.338
Outcast Charter Docks	30°08.700	87°33.261
Regions Bank	30°08.640	87°33.036
Blue Water	30°08.519	87°32.853
Fred's Place	30°08.592	87°32.726
Callaway	30°08.706	87°32.774
First Gulf Bank	30°08.752	87°32.692
Bowen Family	30°08.867	87°32.592
Liberty Linens	30°08.758	87°32.503
Plantation Resort	30°08.207	87°32.376
SouthTrust Bank	30°08.006	87°32.341
Flora-Bama	30°07.775	87°32.154
Bottom Line	30°07.934	87°32.104
E.M.C	30°07.860	87°31.978
Ray Callaway Memorial	30°07.908	87°31.913
Zeke's Landing Marina	30°08.732	87°33.560

RSWC* (Red Snapper World Championship)
Visit: www.redsnapperworldchampionship.com

INSHORE FISHING REEFS

Mobile Bay's ample surface area – about 450 square miles – and its shallow waters... coupled with the influx of copious amounts of freshwater and nutrients from rivers and tributaries, produce some of the very best saltwater gamefish populations to be found anywhere. Speckled trout and white trout, redfish and black drum, sheepshead and flounder all abound in local waters. Head to one of Alabama's 21 inshore artificial fishing reefs and there you will find an inshore fishing experience that is second to none on the Gulf Coast.

Prior to the construction of formal fish attractors in Mobile Bay, knowledgeable local fishermen understood and appreciated the community relationship between the Bay's prolific oyster reefs and exploitable fish populations. First, there's something structurally different about an oyster reef from the surrounding sand and mud bottoms. Oyster reefs are usually raised ever so slightly above the surrounding aquatic terrain, providing linear habitat and home range anchors for schools of predatory fish. This reef structure would attract schools of fish even if devoid of biological activity. But an oyster reef is anything but devoid of life. In addition to the oysters, dozens of types of aquatic invertebrates call the "nooks and crannies" of the oyster reef home, filling each biological niche. Barnacles, mussels, worms and bryozoans, along with a variety of crabs and shrimp abound, taking advantage of the large variety of available food supported by the oyster reef ecosystem. And where such abundant food is available, you find gamefish...and lots of them!

In past geologic history, when the sea stretched much farther inland than today, oyster and marine fish populations thrived in areas which are now human habitat. As the seas retreated, so did the oysters and fish, slowly moving southward out of what is now the Mobile Delta. Good oyster habitat, hard bottom and medium salinity, continued to move southward as sea level fell and river discharge increased. This progression of natural events created a chain of oyster reefs all the way down both sides of the Bay, and left behind vast deposits of shell. Many of these old reefs continued to support marginal populations of oysters, but typically only enough for very localized harvest and marketing strategies. Man's agricultural activities upstate dumped heavy loads of sediment into the waters of the Bay, and rapid human encroachment into the Bay area coupled with dredging and channelization changed the flow patterns of the Bay, impacting most of the middle bay and particularly the eastern shore reefs, including the once prolific reefs in Bon Secour Bay.

For the Alabama Marine Resources Division, enhancement of these relict oyster areas seemed logical and responsible. An idea was developed to ring marginally productive oyster reefs in the bay with some form of hard, durable material, and fill the areas with oyster cultch such as shell or crushed limestone for vertical relief. All that was needed was the appropriate material, something hard, cheap, and durable. It was believed that such an enhancement could help revitalize oyster production in these relict reef areas, possibly resuscitating an oyster industry which made the Bon Secour area famous in days past. Additionally, the agency anticipated improved sportfishing at the sites due to increased vertical relief and biological diversity. The agency did not anticipate just how good the fishing would become!

In the spring and summer of 1996 various concrete rubble became available from the demolition of the old Mobile Bay Causeway bridges (Tensaw, Blakely, and Apalachee rivers). The Marine Resources Division with the help of local contractors and conservation groups decided to build fish attractors with the material. This was precisely the material needed for the ringing of the oyster reefs that had earlier been envisioned by the agency. Now was the time to move ahead with what has since proven to be the most comprehensive fishing enhancement project in the history of the Bay and the finest example of inshore fishery enhancement in the nation. Your purchase of motorboat fuel and fishing tackle helps pay for these construction efforts through the Wallop-Breaux funding program.

Refer to the map within this document. Shellbank, Denton, Grey Cane and Fish River reefs are dual purpose sites serving as both fishing reefs and as experimental oyster reef rehabilitation areas. These three areas received oyster cultch material (crushed limestone) during the summer of 1998 and fall of 1999. All of these sites are producing spectacular catches of speckled trout and redfish. The water depth above all the construction material is approximately 3.5 feet at mean low water (MLW). Anglers should exercise caution at all times when approaching these sites, but particularly during times of extreme low (winter) tidal conditions.

The Marine Resources Division and its industry and public partners are proud to be involved in such tremendous enhancement of our oyster and sportfish resources in the Mobile Bay area. The agency is committed to continuing this trend, sprinkling great fishing areas and, where possible, enhanced oystering areas within the reach of even the most modestly outfitted angler.

ALABAMA'S INSHORE FISHING REEFS

Gas Platform Reefs ★

ExxonMobil 76A-AUX
30°15.250' - 88°03.120'

Alex Maisel Memorial
30°17.802' – 88°02.731'

ExxonMobil 63AB
30°17.511' – 87°59.739'

Legacy Platform
30°16.823' – 87°58.060'

Legacy Satellite 615-1
30°16.837' – 87°59.104'

Legacy Satellite 615-3
30°16.012' – 87°58.429'

Legacy Satellite 615-4
30°17.285' – 87°57.326'

A total of 30 inshore fishing reefs are located within Mobile and Bon Secour Bays, Mississippi Sound, and the Perdido System. Concrete bridge materials, culvert pipes, concrete roof panels, oyster shells and crushed limestone were utilized as reef materials. Five reefs are experimental dual-purpose sites, providing excellent inshore fishing while improving oyster production on nonproductive relict oyster reefs. In addition, seven gas production platforms in lower Mobile Bay have been enhanced with limestone rock fish attracting pads.

Existing Reefs

Battles Wharf Reef
30°29.634' - 87°55.918'

Bayou Cour Reef
30°17.945' - 87°48.427'

Bayou St. John Reef
30°17.561' - 87°31.960'

Bender - Austal Reef
30°31.642' - 88°02.877'

Brookley Hole Reef
30°37.965' - 88°03.119'

"Buddy" Beiser Reef
30°35.269' - 87°57.002'

CCA #1
30°14.162' - 88°17.607'

CCA #2
30°14.411' - 88°16.380'

CCA #3
30°14.709' - 88°14.508'

Choctaw Pass Reef
30°39.750' - 88°01.500'

Dell Williamson Reef
30°36.020' - 87°55.060'

Denton Reef
30°24.531' - 88°03.989'

Fish River Reef
30°19.705' - 87°49.830'

Ft. Morgan Barge Reef
30°14.002' - 88°01.226'

Lynn Dent Boykin Reef
30°16.390' - 88°05.770'

Ono Island Reef
30° 18.167' - 87° 29.404'

P. Grey Cane, Jr. Reef
30°27.460' - 87°55.940'

Rockpile
30°20.011' - 87°29.912'

Ross Point Reef
30°19.436' - 87°30.568'

Shellbank Reef
30°15.716' - 87°51.682'

Shrimpboat Reef
30°18.332' - 88°16.394'

Upper Wreck
30°23.230' - 87°53.111'

Zundel's Landing
30°28.700' - 87°55.600'

Gone Fishing: Remembering Phillip Rowell

On February 15th, 2020, at approximately 6:00 pm, suddenly and unexpectedly, our world changed forever. God called Phillip Ray Rowell aka "Big Phil" home. His time here was done.

The Sea Spray crew nick named him 850 (eight fifty) and Captain Sonny "Cheese" Alawine gave him my favorite nickname, Mini Me.

Phillip grew up hunting and fishing with me and he loved the outdoors. He enjoyed deer hunting too. Wonder where he got that from? He was a good fisherman and deckhand and at an early age he was doing those things that most people didn't see. Changing oil, working on engines and, yes, even working on and cleaning toilets. He never complained about boat work.

One day, at a very young age, he was helping me work on the Intruder. I was down in the engine room and he was handing me parts and tools as I needed them. One of the other charter captains stuck his head inside to see what I was doing. He was impressed that the young man helping me knew which tools and parts I needed when I asked for them. He asked, "Who is you helper there?" I said this is my little boy, Phillip. He bragged on Phillip and went on his way. After he left, I noticed Phillip's demeanor had changed a little. I asked him what was wrong? He said Dad, don't introduce me as your little boy! I'm not a little boy, I'm your son! I said okay son, sorry.

Another passion of his was cooking. He attended a culinary school in Georgia and worked at restaurants there, Pensacola and Orange Beach. At home, our favorite meal was fried backstrap, mashed potatoes with gravy, and Silver Queen corn.

His last job was with Saunders Yacht Works. He worked in the boat yard and was looking forward to mastering one of the trades.

Phillip had many talents but if I could ask him today what he loved the most I am sure it would be fishing. Our customers loved Phillip. Not only was he a good fisherman, he had a keen sense of humor and was a great cook!

Phillip is ok now. We are the ones hurting and dealing with his loss. There is a huge void in our lives that will never be filled. We love him unconditionally and will miss him beyond comprehension. We pray for his soul and the strength to go on without him.

Catch 'em up Big Phil, and Roll Tide!

Love you!
Dad
…you will always be my little boy!

A tribute to Captain Kyle Partain

Captain Kyle Partain always enjoyed working with the public, and he viewed fishing as a bonus. Hearing his clients say "I'm going to frame that picture" and "This is the best charter fishing trip we've been on" was one of the reasons why he owned and ran a charter boat. Seeing the excitement on his guests' faces when they landed a fish was more of a "drive" for Captain Kyle than anything else. He prided himself in putting his charter on the fish and enjoyed helping anglers reel in 'the big one' while keeping everyone safe.

He enjoyed taking families out to experience more than just a "fishing trip." He was great at pointing out Dolphins and Sea Turtles. Watching his guests faces light up reminded him of the first time he saw them.

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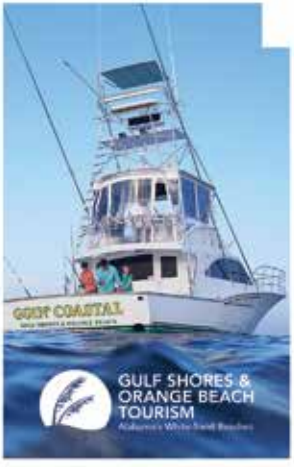

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