

OFF THE DOCK

WITH D. A. MANN

~ Keeping the Faith ~

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The first half of October has been disappointing to say the least. Periods of rain, wind, and brackish water have made fishing challenging and sometimes impossible. By mid-afternoon, you've made a thousand casts and worked those jigs until your shoulder hurts with nothing to show for it. Have you ever noticed that when you're catching you never get tired? But, a day that's dead just wears you out making happy hour the highpoint?

Well yesterday started out to be one of *those* days. Roberts Bay produced some small Grunts; Snake Island some Jacks (some huge); and, Blackburn Bay some big Lizards. The Pompano were nowhere to be found. By 12:30 as we headed south, the tide was going slack. Our new plan was to try Snake again on the incoming tide and see if things might be different.

By 3:30, we had brought a dozen onboard. If he was a big boy, he went into the ice bath. We only needed 6 for ourselves; so, all the others were released. Sure enough, after we cut it off at 6, I hooked a monster. It was his lucky day as I eased the net back into the water and watched him swim away. I swear he looked at me like I was nuts.

~ Now for the big news ~

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