

OFF THE DOCK

WITH D. A. MANN

~ The Pompano Party ~

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(The last report for 2025)

If this is the way I'm going to bring in the New Year, I'm going to quit drinking. I have often said that it is better to be lucky than good; but, when both happens at the same time, it's better than sex. Two guys drifting the Intracoastal trying not to get run over by Freedom Boat Clubbers consistently hooking-up "simultaneously" gets the blood flowing. So much fun that I almost had to sit down and take it all in – almost.

Staying out of the way of the boat traffic forced us to fish areas that we normally wouldn't chose; but, we should have. We were restricted to the slow zones because the mere volume of traffic anywhere around the channel was overwhelming. Thank you *traffic*.

This report will be short for the information is brief. Any slow zone can be productive. Start at the north end of Blackburn and finish behind Snake Island. Fish the slopes – east side on incoming and west side on outgoing. Move. Move, and, move some more. By the end of the day, you'll be a little beat-up; but, happy.

Happy New Year!