

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!