

OFF THE DOCK

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~ Blowing Your Dress Up ~

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If you were fishing last week, I hope you were wearing clean panties. The wind was roaring out of the east making drifting next to impossible, poling-down undoable, and casting a challenge. If you did hook-up, you were across the channel and into the flats before you got the net on him. Hopefully, your fishing Buddy, took the helm to keep you from drifting into a bad situation.

All that being said, the Pompano were out there if you were patient enough to find them and lucky enough not to drift over them too quickly. It was a struggle both Thursday and Friday. In Blackburn Bay, the hotspot consistently has been marker 17 to 19 on the west side of the channel. In Robert's Bay, they are on the east side between markers 12 and 14. Hit it early for boat traffic is not kind to fishermen after 11am.

On a good note, the Ladies and Sail Cats are diminishing, the Grunts are back, there are Trout in the flats and Reds around the sandbars. The Blues have been running the Intracoastal north and south tearing up rigs and snapping braid. They are more aggressive since the water warmed to 70 degrees.

If you get bored down south, venture up to Midnight Pass. I've heard rumors of Pompano, Flounder, and Whiting running dead-center out the Pass to the Intracoastal and then north towards Turtle Beach.

PS If you see a fisherman wearing a dress, call 911.