

# SW Gulf Snapper Fishing

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# Agenda

- Chum, Tackle, Rigs/Baits
- Day or Night?
- Best/Worst Days to Fish
- Snapper Species Common to SW Gulf

# Chum Blocks – My Favorite

Available at Walkers Hideaway Marina

## Tournament Master<sup>R</sup> "BLUE LABEL" CHUM

### Specifications

- 100% North Atlantic Menhaden
- 1/4" Grind Size
- Minimum Oil Content 5%
- Ground Fresh



Menhaden Milk<sup>®</sup>  
ADDED AS A STRIKE ENHANCER

DOUBLE GROUND EXTRA FINE

NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

NET WT 7lb (3.18kg)



# Serious Chum Mix – My Favorite



# Chum the Water Column



# Quantum Boca and Cabo Spinning Reels

**Boca 50**





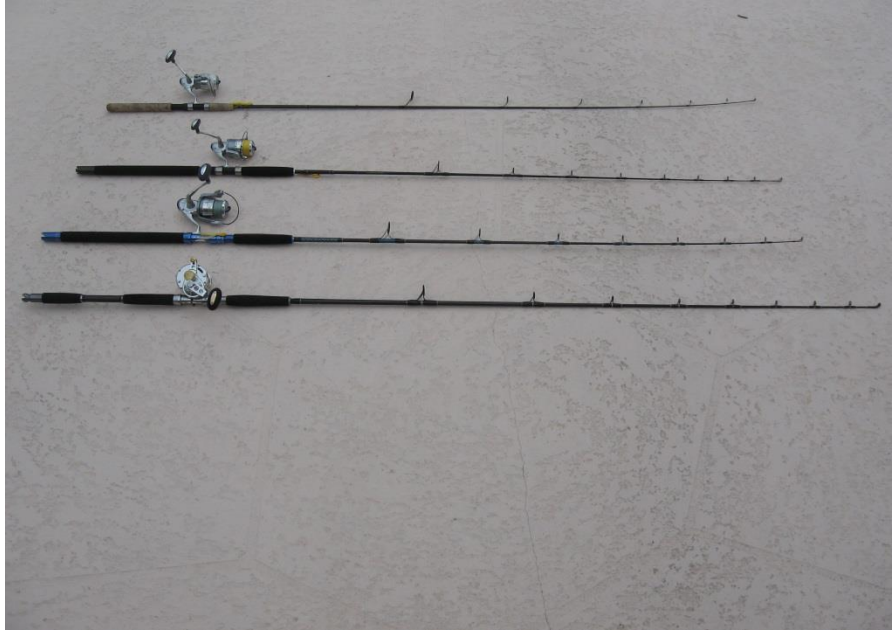
# Fin-Nor Marquesa 20



Spool with 175 yds. Of 30 lb  
Mono backing and top with 350  
yds. of 30 lb Braid

# Rod & Reel Combinations

## Snapper Rigs



## Note Butt Length





# Welcome Assistance



## Work the water column

- Knocker rigs on the bottom
- Heavy Jig Heads with cut bait
- Free Line jigs; various weights depending on current
- Dropper Loop Rigs with shrimp on hard bottom
- Live Pin Fish, Grunts
- White Bait: all types
- Always have live Shrimp on board





# Inshore Dock Snapper

**Right at your “backyard”**



**Bigger Mangs in Warm Months**





# Dock Snapper Reward



# Offshore Snapper 15-75 miles

- **Best Bite = When they're feeding; day or night**
  - **Definitely more aggressive feeding at night**
- Snapper are Structure Oriented; Includes live and "hairy" Hard Bottom areas
- Chum, lot's of Chum
- **Critical Point: The tide and wind must allow you position the boat ahead and in-line with target.**
- Fish the entire water column
  - Free-Line, Light Jigs, Knocker Rigs and "Chicken Rigs"

# Best/Worst Days to Fish

## New Moon

- Two days before, the day of, and two days after the New Moon.
- Poor fishing during these 5 days; night or day.
- My experience and consensus among other Captains as well.

## Full Moon

- Weak daytime bite two days before, the day of, and two days after the Full Moon.
- Best bite is at night.
- **Main Point:** these 10 days of the month can be very difficult to fish, especially during the day.



# The Enemies; Day or Night

**Jewfish**



**Cuda**



# Snaps



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# Hard Bottom Mang





# Night and Day Snaps



# Red Snaps



# Questions?



**Thank You!!**

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