

2016 Alabama Marine Information Calendar

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Marine Resources Division
Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



THE ALABAMA MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION

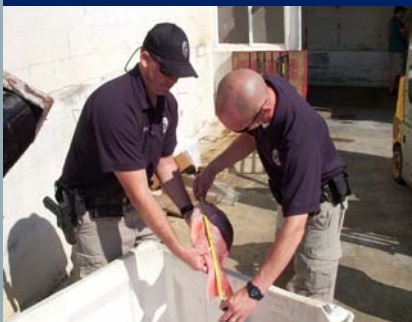
MRD manages Alabama's marine fisheries resources with assessment and monitoring, applied research, and enforcement programs. The division offices in Gulf Shores and on Dauphin Island currently employ approximately 55 people in the Administrative, Enforcement, and Fisheries sections.

Enforcement Section Activities



The Enforcement Section patrols Alabama's coastal waters, enforcing state and federal laws and regulations relating to the conservation and protection of marine resources. Officers also enforce laws and regulations relating to boating safety, hunting and freshwater fishing, conduct search and rescue missions, and participate in drug interdiction operations.

Creel Limit Inspections



Commercial Gear Inspections



Officers are cross-trained and deputized with NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. They cooperate extensively with these and other federal and state agencies in the coordination of cooperative enforcement operations, investigative fisheries enforcement activities, training, public safety, and other natural resource issues. The Marine Resources Division's highly successful Coastwatch program trains volunteers in how to properly recognize and report violations of fishery laws and regulations.

Recreational Fishing Surveys



The Marine Resources Division's fishery biologists interview recreational anglers at public and private boat ramps. These surveys collect data necessary for the development of stock analyses of various species and for the formulation of creel and size limits.

Public Access Construction



Oyster Reef Enhancement



Oyster reef enhancement programs are funded with money received from the sale of oyster tags and from various federal resource restoration grants. These programs plant oyster cultch material (oyster shell, clam shell, and small limestone rock) on Alabama's public oyster reefs.

Conservation for the Future



The Marine Resources Division strives to preserve and improve all native marine species for future generations to enjoy. Research is conducted both inshore and offshore to understand population changes. Photo courtesy: Mike Crismon

Artificial Fishing Reef Construction



1,000 square miles of artificial reef bottom beckon Alabama's offshore anglers. Personnel inspect and permit all materials being used to create artificial reefs within Alabama's artificial reef areas. Additionally, 32 inshore fishing reefs are located in coastal waters for easy angler access.

Public Outreach Programs



Touch Tank Exhibits

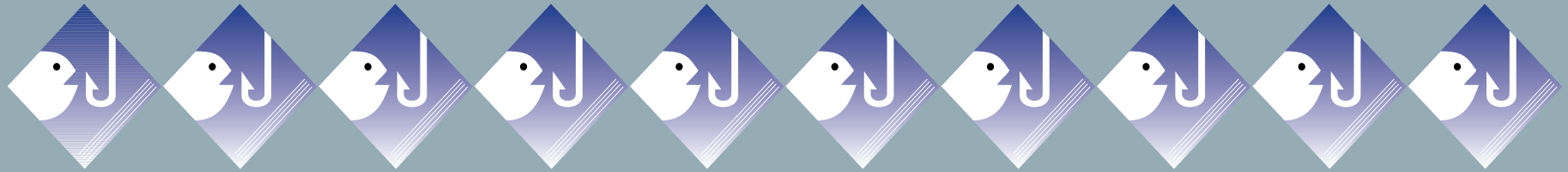


The Marine Resources Division promotes the stewardship and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy them. Public education is key in maintaining Alabama's marine environment in a healthy and viable state. The most effective mechanism for acquiring an informed adult population is to start the education process at an early age.

Fisheries Assessment Sampling



Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP) samples are taken by all participants in this region-wide, state/federal monitoring and assessment program to produce data on all fisheries stocks in the Gulf of Mexico and internal state waters. This sampling includes assessment of shrimp, groundfish, plankton, reef fish, and the collection of hydrological data.



ALABAMA SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENSE

A saltwater fishing license is required for all persons possessing fish in saltwater areas of Alabama. Residents and non-residents under the age of 16 are exempt. Residents age 65 and over are exempt. Residents may fish from a licensed public fishing pier in the inside waters without purchasing a fishing license.

Annual and seven-day trip licenses are available for residents and non-residents.

Note: Annual licenses expire August 31 of each year.

Seven-day trip licenses are effective for 168 consecutive hours from the date and time of purchase.

The saltwater fishing license is required for angling with rod and reel, artificial bait, lure, gig, cast net, bow, recreational crab traps, and spearfishing.

Alabama residents 65 and older, lifetime saltwater license holders, and those fishing from licensed public fishing piers must be registered with the Alabama Saltwater Angler Registry (www.outdooralabama.com/saltwater-recreational-licenses). This registry is FREE.

SALTWATER LICENSE FEES

	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	FLORIDA	ALL OTHERS
ANNUAL	\$23.00	\$90.10	\$48.45	\$49.20
TRIP	\$9.70	\$26.85	\$30.10	\$27.30
PIER	\$6.15	\$11.25	\$11.25	\$11.25
SPEAR FISHING	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
DISABLED	\$3.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

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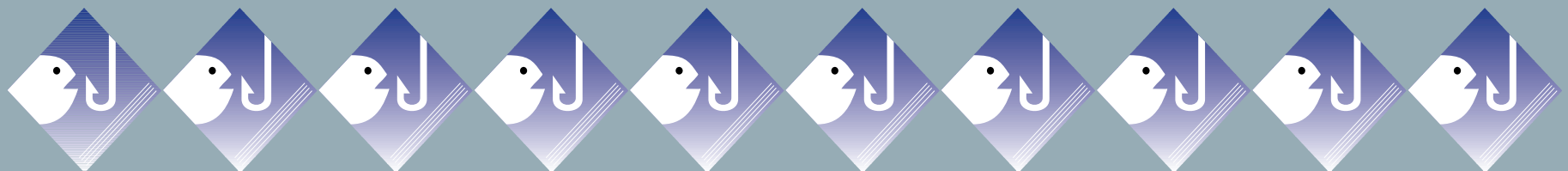
PURCHASE FISHING LICENSES ONLINE

<http://www.outdooralabama.com/saltwater-recreational-licenses>

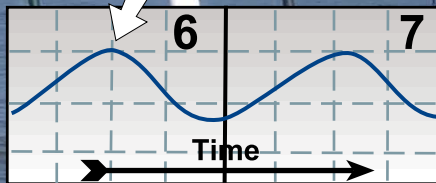
or purchase by phone

1-888-848-6887

With one call you can get your Alabama fishing and hunting licenses instantly. An authorization number will allow you to begin fishing or hunting the minute you hang up. Regular license fees plus a \$4.25 processing fee will be charged to your credit card.



Amplitude line provides a quick visual indication of tidal stage and height.



12am 6am Noon 6pm 12am 6am Noon 6pm 12am

Monthly Lunar Phases

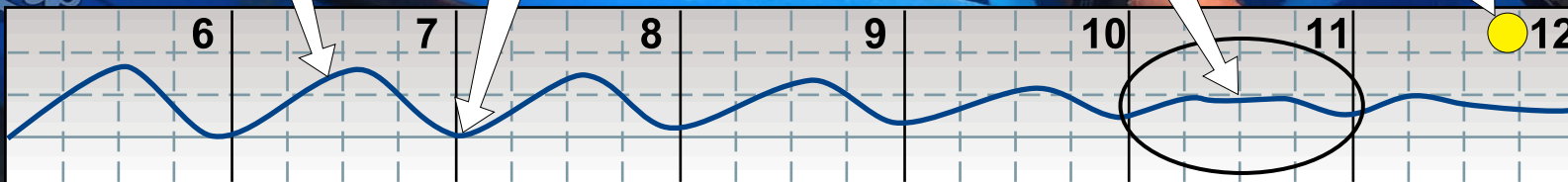


High Tide

Low Tide

6:50 am
5:06 pm

Sunrise and sunset times are shown each Sunday.



Neap tide day: 2 high and 2 low tides each day with little difference between highs and lows

Moon Phase

For the locations listed below, make the following adjustments:

- Fort Morgan: add 00:05 - high
add 00:17 - low
- Fowl River: add 01:32 - high
add 01:40 - low
- Bon Secour add 00:38 - high
add 00:32 - low
- Point Clear add 00:48 - high
add 00:52 - low
- Perdido Pass add 00:17 - high
add 00:19 - low
- Mobile River add 01:48 - high
add 01:48 - low

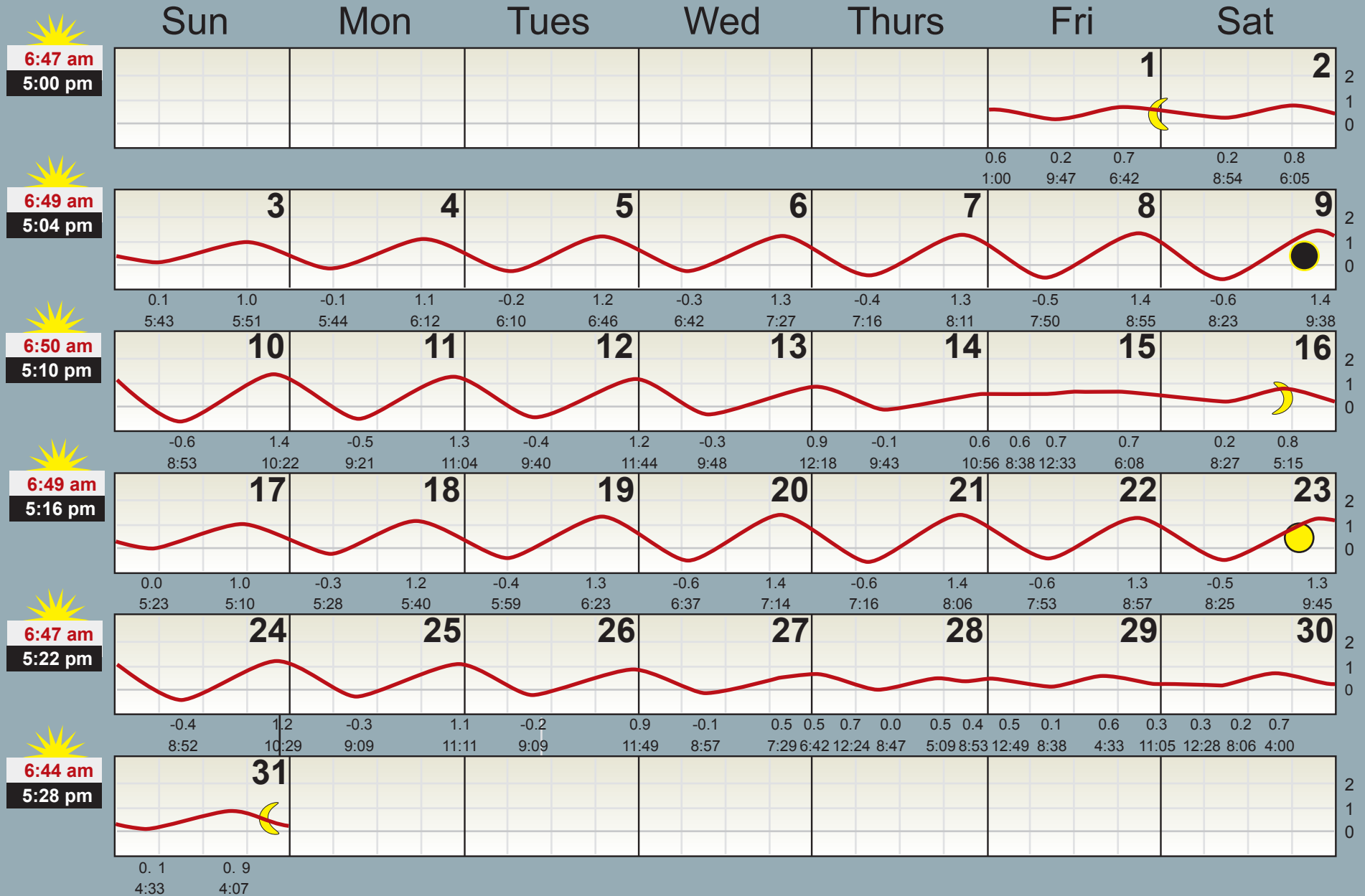
The tidal predictions provided in this calendar are for reference use only. Due to varying local conditions it should not be used for navigational purposes. Calculations allow for Daylight Savings Time. High and low water predictions are provided by the National Ocean Service.

Image Courtesy: Owen Caraway

January 2016

 New Moon
  First Quarter
  Full
  Last Quarter

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Alabama's Inshore Reefs



Existing Reefs



Gas Platform Reefs

ExxonMobil 76A-AUX
30°15.250' - 88°03.120'

Alex Maisel Memorial
30°17.802' - 88°02.731'

ExxonMobil 63AB
30°17.511' - 88°59.739'

Legacy Platform
30°16.823' - 87°58.080'

Legacy Satellite 615-1
30°16.837' - 87°59.104'

Legacy Satellite 615-3
30°16.012' - 87°58.429'

Legacy Satellite 615-4
30°17.285' - 87°57.326'

Battles Wharf Reef
30°29.634' - 87°55.918'

Bayou Cour Reef
30°17.945' - 87°48.427'

Bayou St. John Reef
30°17.561' - 87°31.960'

Bender-Austal Reef
30°31.642' - 88°02.877'

Brookley Hole Reef
30°37.965' - 88°03.119'

"Buddy" Beiser Reef
30°35.269' - 87°57.002'

CCA #1
30°14.162' - 88°17.607'

CCA #2
30°14.411' - 88°16.380'

CCA #3
30°14.709' - 88°14.508'

Choctaw Pass Reef
30°39.750' - 88°01.500'

Dell Williamson Reef
30°36.020' - 87°55.060'

Denton Reef
30°24.531' - 88°03.989'

Fish River Reef
30°19.705' - 87°49.830'

Ft. Morgan Barge Reef
30°14.002' - 88°01.226'

Lynn Dent Boykin Reef
30°16.390' - 88°05.770'

Ono Island Reef
30°18.167' - 87°29.404'

P. Grey Cane, Jr. Reef
30°27.460' - 87°55.940'

Rockpile
30°20.011' - 87°29.912'

Ross Point Reef
30°19.436' - 87°30.668'

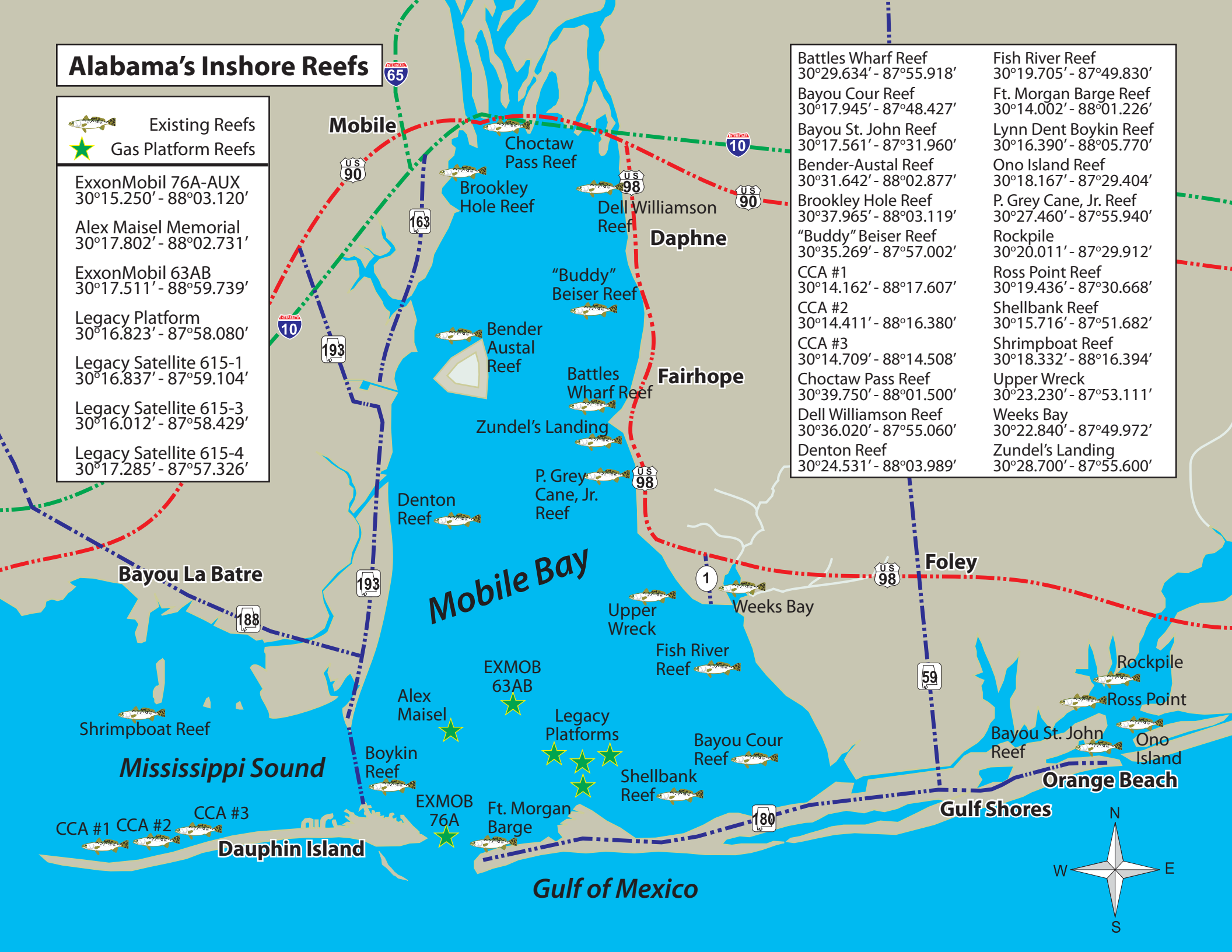
Shellbank Reef
30°15.716' - 87°51.682'

Shrimpboat Reef
30°18.332' - 88°16.394'

Upper Wreck
30°23.230' - 87°53.111'

Weeks Bay
30°22.840' - 87°49.972'

Zundel's Landing
30°28.700' - 87°55.600'



February 2016

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  Full
  Last Quarter

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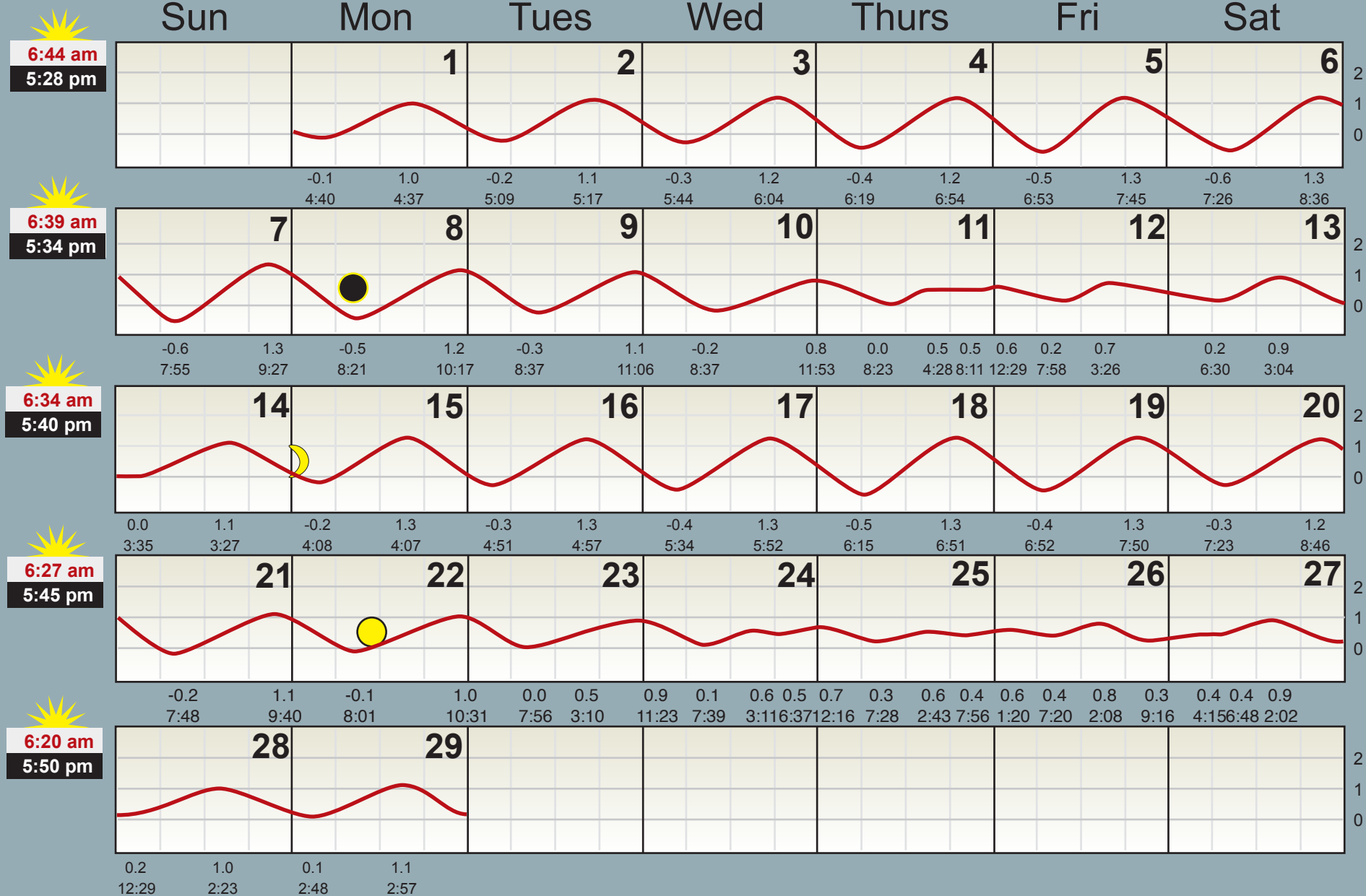


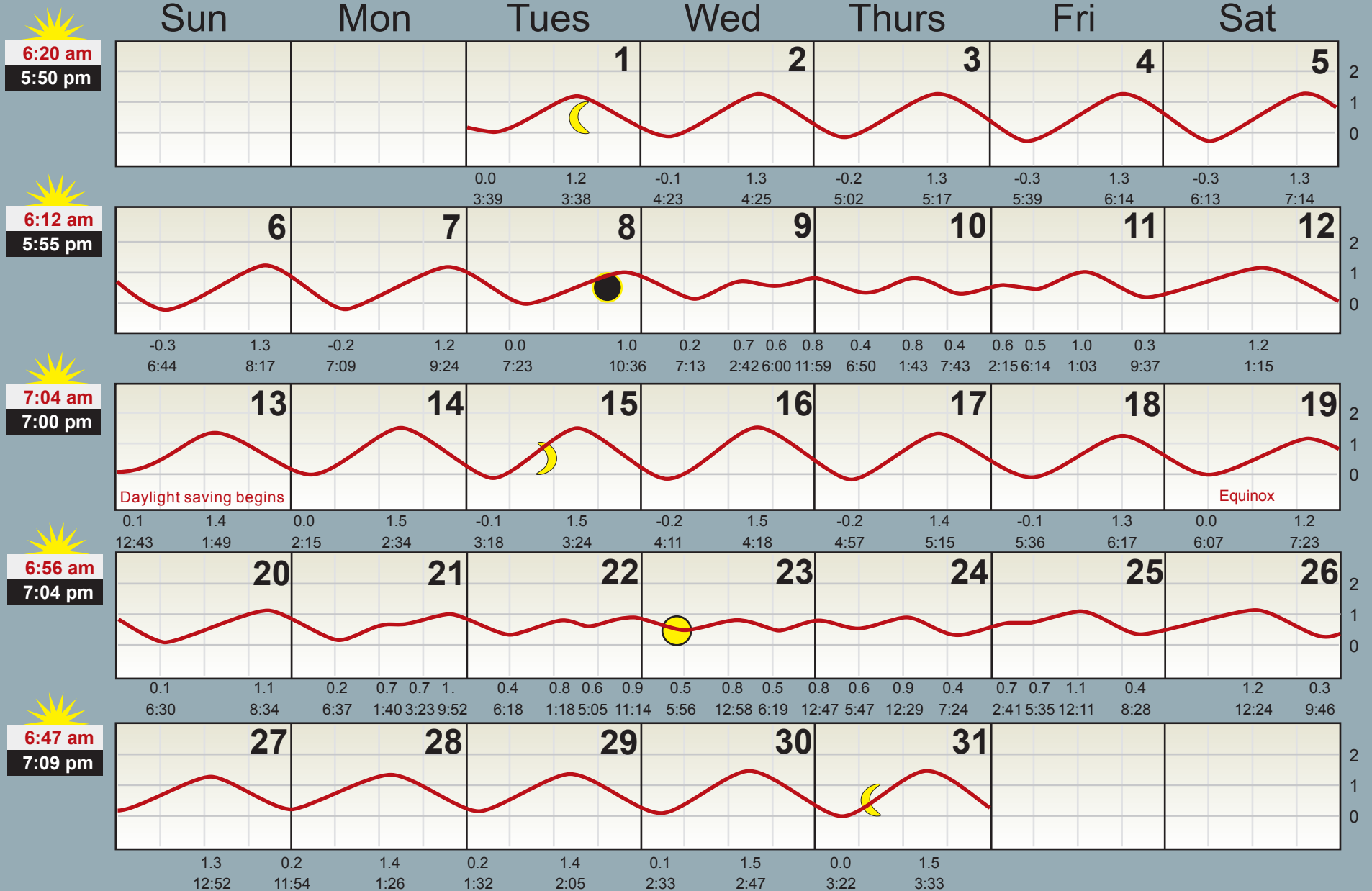


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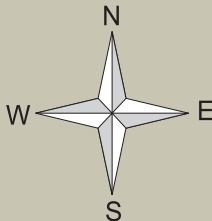
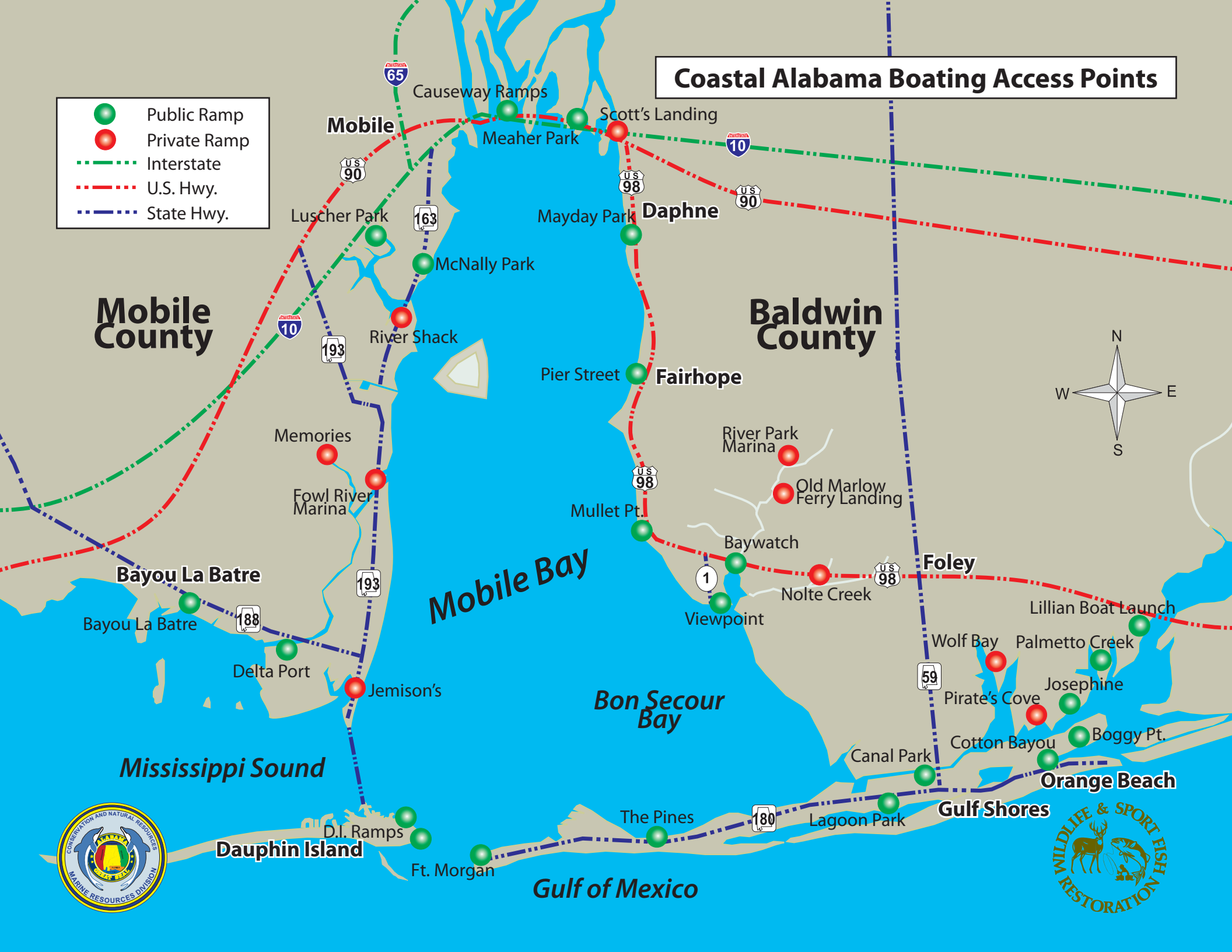
 New Moon
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  Last Quarter

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Coastal Alabama Boating Access Points

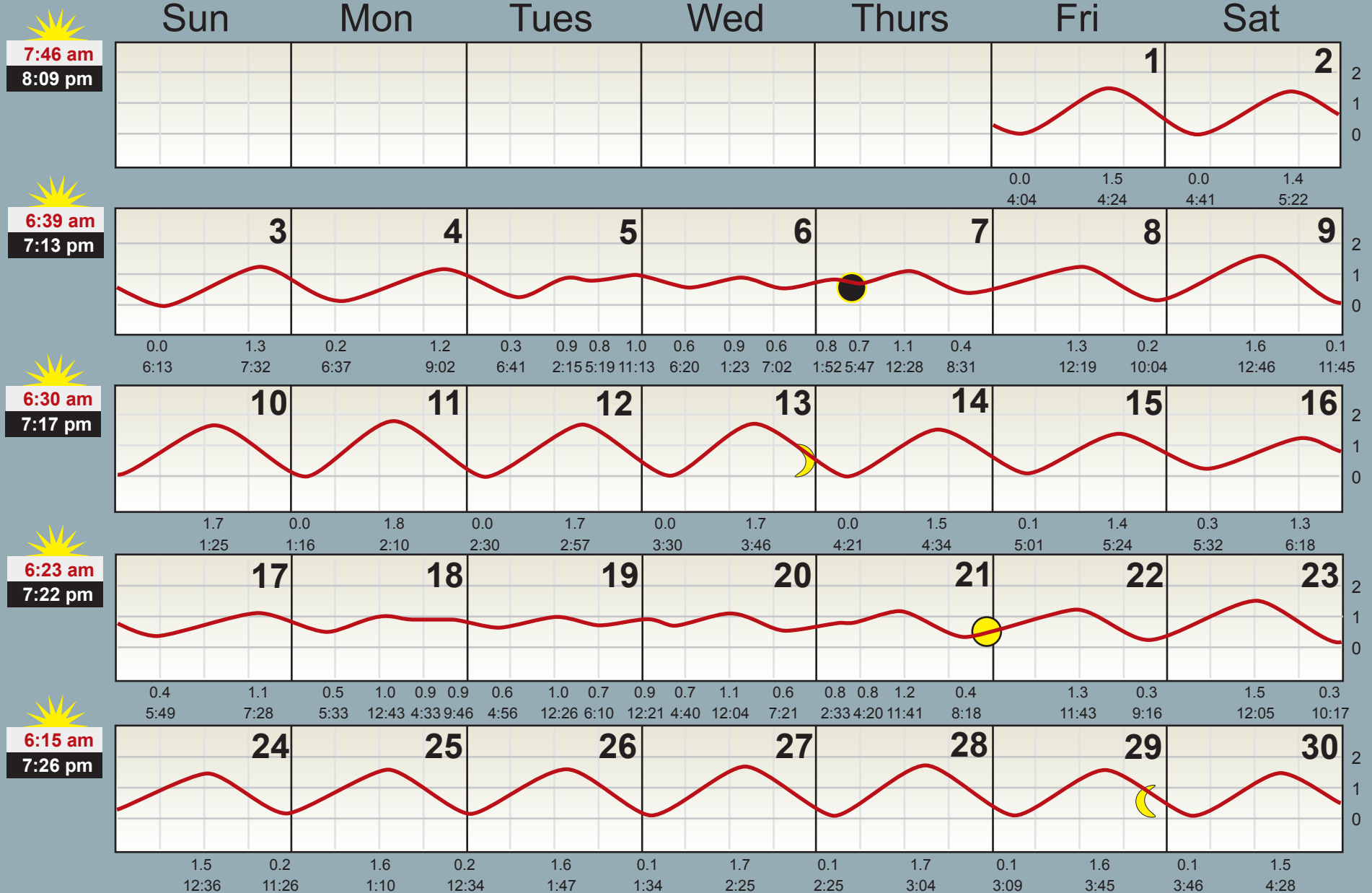
- Public Ramp
- Private Ramp
- Interstate
- U.S. Hwy.
- State Hwy.



April 2016



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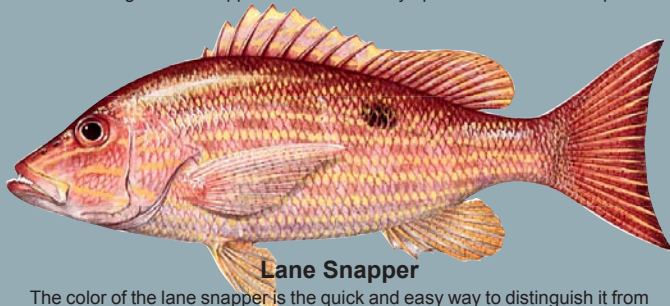


Commonly Caught Alabama Reef Fishes



**Gray Snapper
(black/mangrove)**

This fine eating fish is one of the few snappers that may be found in shallow estuarine waters around the Gulf. Individuals may mingle with aggregates of pinfish or pigfish around wharfs, and provide a rare but delightful treat for a young angler who catches a genuine snapper from that friendly spot on the boathouse pier.



Lane Snapper

The color of the lane snapper is the quick and easy way to distinguish it from other snappers. It is basically a rich red color, but with about 8 or 10 yellow-gold parallel horizontal stripes along the side, and a large black diffuse spot under the dorsal fin.



**Vermilion Snapper
(beeliner)**

This snapper favors rocky reefs in moderate to deep shelf areas. Aggregates accumulate on the flatter tops of reefs, or along gentler sloping reefs, avoiding steep drop-offs and ledges and frequent the mid-water column over the reef proper.



Great Barracuda

Barracuda are voracious predators and hunt using a classic example of lie-in-wait or ambush. They rely on surprise and short bursts of speed (up to 30 mph!) to overrun their prey. Larger barracuda are more or less solitary in their habitats. Their food is composed almost totally of fishes of all kinds.



Gag Grouper

Gags are common from the Carolinas, around Florida, and throughout the Gulf. Most "black grouper" from the Gulf are really gags. The placement of the many artificial reefs in shallow shelf waters of the Gulf in recent years has greatly enhanced the gag grouper fishery.



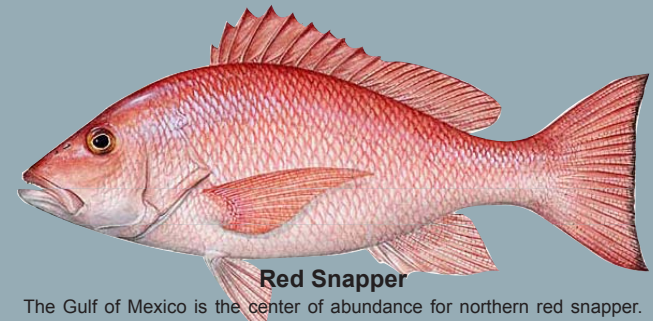
Red Grouper

Red groupers are most abundant in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Most specimens taken by charter boat fishermen are in the two to five pound class, but red grouper may exceed two feet and thirty pounds. It is one of the more popular and commonly caught grouper species of the Gulf.



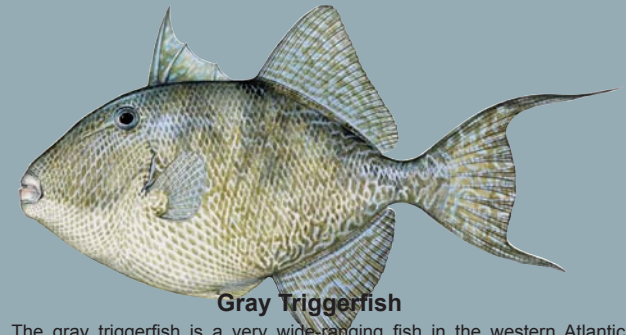
Atlantic Spadefish

Spadefish are superb eating, and when the right spot is found along with a school in the right mood, a nice catch of pound-weight spadefish is a real possibility. Because of their flat shape and fine white color of the flesh, they are especially attractive as a broiled main dish.



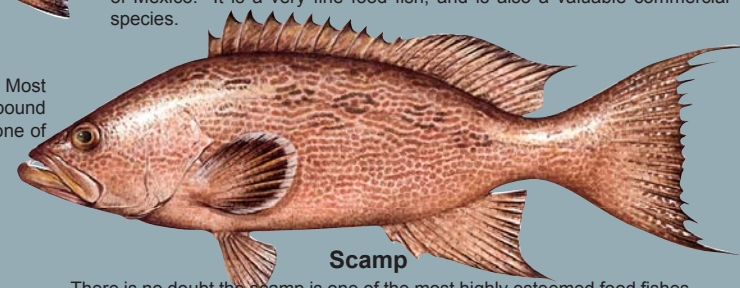
Red Snapper

The Gulf of Mexico is the center of abundance for northern red snapper. This is one of the Gulf's most important fish species; about eight million pounds are taken in United States waters annually. Its esteemed reputation as one of the finest food fishes in the world is well deserved.



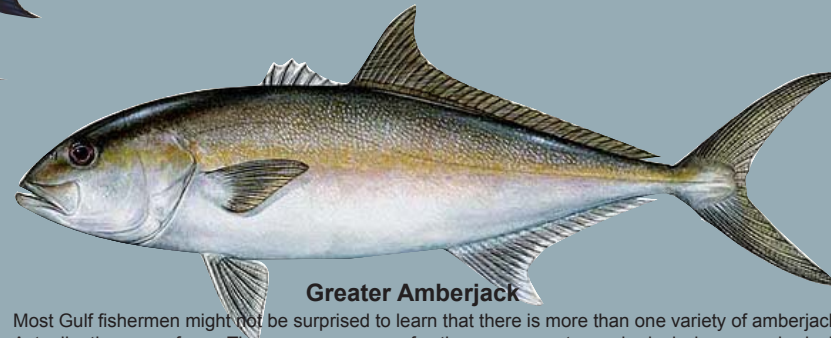
Gray Triggerfish

The gray triggerfish is a very wide-ranging fish in the western Atlantic, recorded from Canada all the way to Argentina, and throughout the Gulf of Mexico. It is a very fine food fish, and is also a valuable commercial species.



Scamp

There is no doubt the scamp is one of the most highly esteemed food fishes in the Gulf, served at the finest seafood restaurants, commanding a price comparable to red snapper or pompano.



Greater Amberjack

Most Gulf fishermen might not be surprised to learn that there is more than one variety of amberjack. Actually, there are four. The common names for these are greater amberjack, lesser amberjack, Alamaco jack, and banded rudderfish. Federal and state minimum sizes on amberjacks make it imperative that you release any little jacks of whose ID you're not absolutely certain.

New Moon

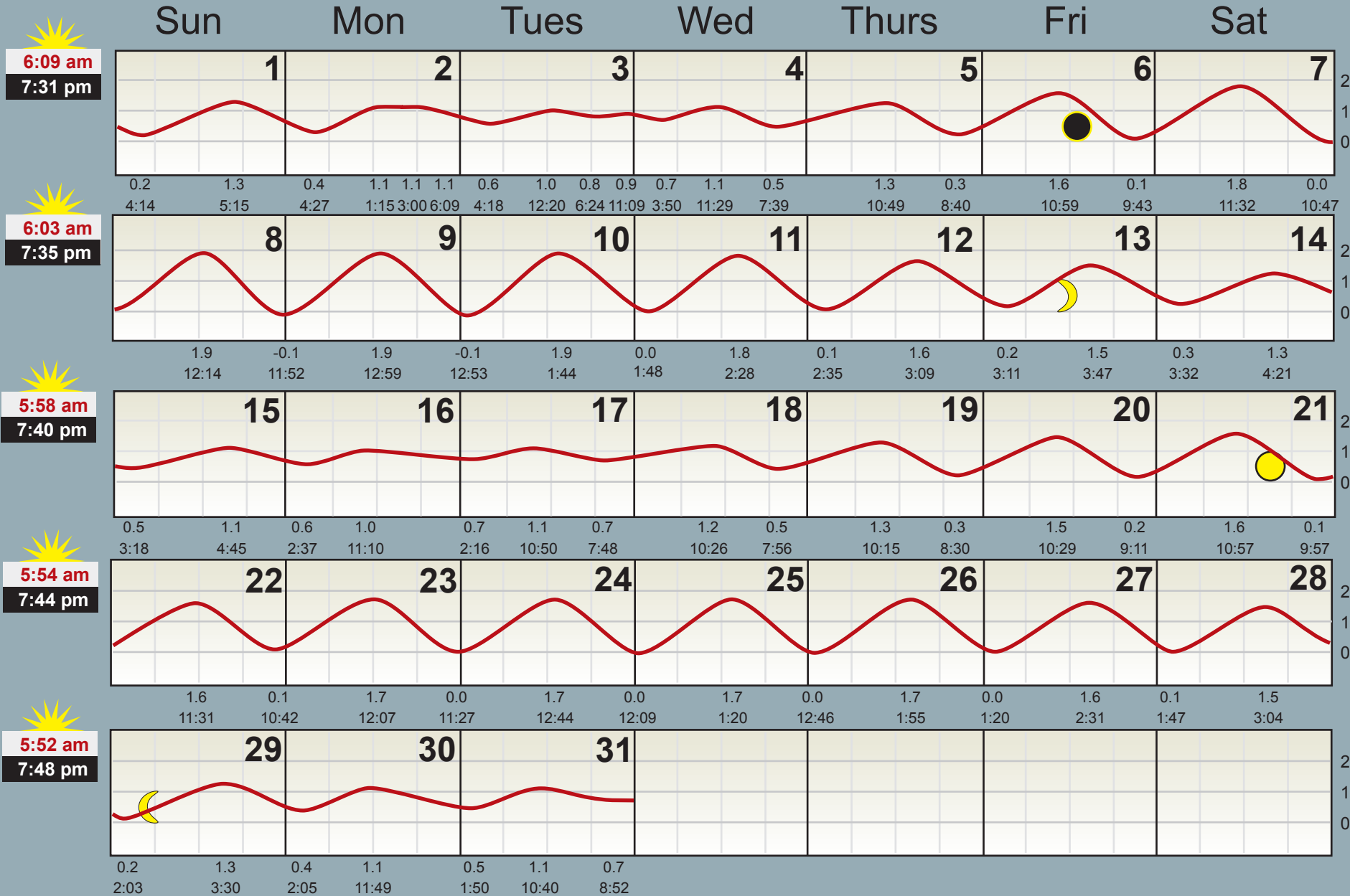
First Quarter

Full

Last Quarter

May 2016

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What is the Sport Fish Restoration Program?

The Sport Fish Restoration Program (SFR) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for fishery projects, boating access and aquatic education. The Program is authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson DJ) of 1950.

The SFR Program was created to restore and better manage America's declining fishery resources and was modeled after the successful Wildlife Restoration Program. Through the purchases of fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels and import duties the SFR Program is one of the most successful user pay, user benefit programs.



What is the purpose?

- Restoration and management of fish species of material value for sport-fishing and recreation
- Provide facilities that create or add to public access for recreational boating
- Provide aquatic education to the public to increase understanding of water resources and associated aquatic life

What are eligible projects?

- Projects restoring, conserving, managing, and enhancing sport fish having material value for sport or recreation
- Projects enhancing the public's understanding of water resources and aquatic life, assisting them in developing attitudes toward the aquatic environment

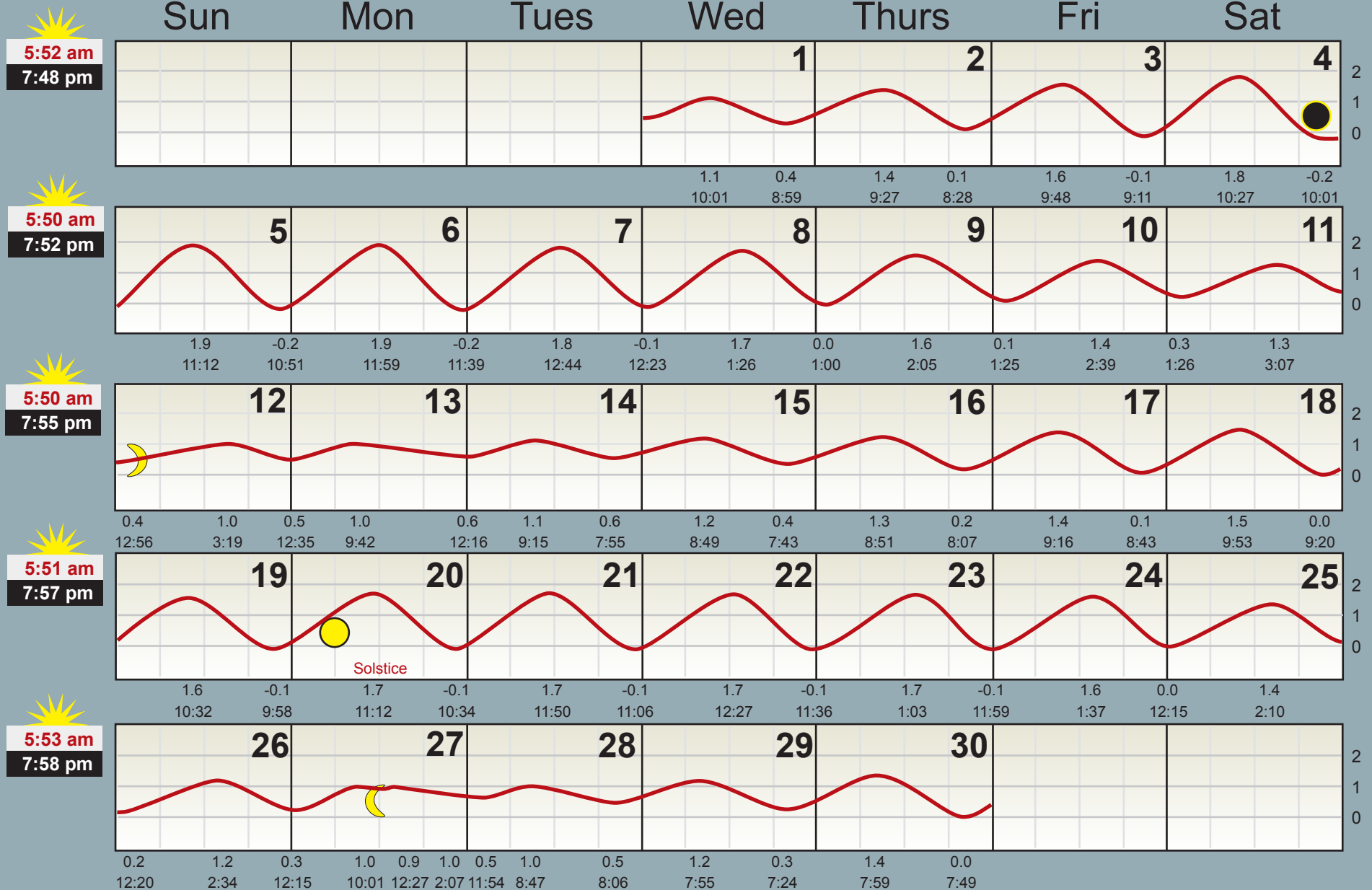
Where does SFR funds come from?

Excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest are collected and appropriated from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. These funds are apportioned to States and Territories based on a formula which includes land area, number of paid license holders, minimums and maximums.

June 2016

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 **Last Quarter**

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Recreational Size and Creel Limits for Alabama State Waters

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Sheepshead	12" min FL	10 per person
Spotted Seatrout	14" min TL	10 per person
Red Drum (Redfish)	16" min TL 26" max TL	3 per person 1 oversized fish allowed
Cobia (Ling)	33" min FL	2 per person
King Mackerel	24" min FL	2 per person
Spanish Mackerel	none	15 per person
Florida Pompano	12" min TL	3 per person
Tripletail (Blackfish)	18" min TL	3 per person
Flounder	12" min TL	10 per person
Striped Bass *	16" min FL	2 per person *
Greater Amberjack ****	34" min FL	1 per person
Lesser Amberjack	14" - 22" FL	***
Banded Rudderfish	14" - 22" FL	***
Yellowfin Tuna	27" min CFL	no creel limit
Bigeye Tuna	27" min CFL	no creel limit
Gag Grouper ** ****	22" min TL	2 per person **
Red Grouper ** ****	20" min TL	2 per person **
Black Grouper ** ****	22" min TL	4 per person **
Yellowfin Grouper ** ****	20" min TL	4 per person **
Scamp ** ****	16" min TL	4 per person **

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Snappers ****		
• Red	16" min TL	2 per person
• Gray (mangrove, black)	12" min TL	10 per person
• Vermilion (beeliner)	10" min TL	10 per person
• Lane	8" min TL	***
Gray Triggerfish ****	14" min FL	2 per person ***
Tarpon	60" min FL	\$50.00 tag required to harvest each tarpon
Sharks		
• Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead	none	1 per person per day
• Hammerhead, Great	78" min FL	1 per person per day
• Hammerhead, Smooth	78" min FL	1 per person per day
• Hammerhead, Scalloped	78" min FL	1 per person per day
• All Other Shark Species	54" FL (30" dressed)	1 per person per day

* Only two striped bass are allowed within MRD jurisdiction.

** Mixed species grouper aggregate creel limit: 4 per person (No more than 2 red grouper and no more than 2 gag grouper included in aggregate).

*** There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species for which there is no other creel limit.

**** Alabama state waters open and close along with federal regulations.

***** Oct. 24 - Dec. 31, 25 mullet per person from the shoreline or 25 per boat. No mullet by cast net or snagging in Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River, and their tributaries.

http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/bulletins/fishery_bulletins.htm

ALL FISH MUST BE LANDED WITH THE HEAD AND FINS INTACT

Prohibited Species: Goliath grouper (jewfish), Nassau grouper, Atlantic angel shark, Bigeye sand tiger, Bigeye thresher, Bignose shark, Caribbean reef shark, Caribbean sharpnose shark, Galapagos shark, Narrowtooth shark, Night shark, Sevengill shark, Sixgill shark, Dusky shark, Longfin mako, Sand tiger, Basking Shark, Whale shark, White shark, Nurse shark, Smalltail shark, Smalltooth sawfish, Largetooth sawfish, Spotted eagle ray, Atlantic manta, Silky shark Sandbar shark (unless the fisherman possesses a NOAA Fisheries sandbar research permit).

REGULATIONS

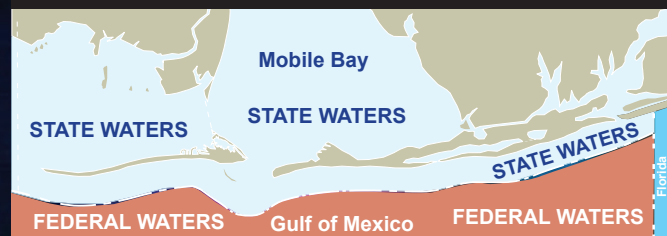
All fishing regulations are subject to change so before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division for any changes:

Gulf Shores (251) 968-7576
Dauphin Is (251) 861-2882
www.outdooralabama.com

REPORT VIOLATIONS

Marine Resources Division
(251) 476-1256

STATE/FEDERAL WATERS DEMARCATION LINE

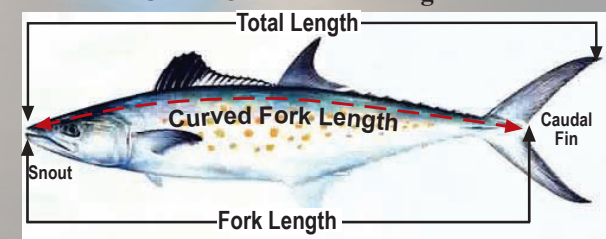


State/Federal Boundary: State waters extend into the Gulf of Mexico 3 miles south of Alabama's coastline from Florida to Mississippi; however, the line bulges southward 3 miles from Sand Island. Mississippi and Florida also require saltwater fishing licenses. Florida's state waters extend 9 miles from the coast. You can be fined for straying into another state's waters with fish caught in Alabama or federal waters.

FISH MEASUREMENT

TL = Total Length, FL = Fork Length

CFL = Curved Fork Length



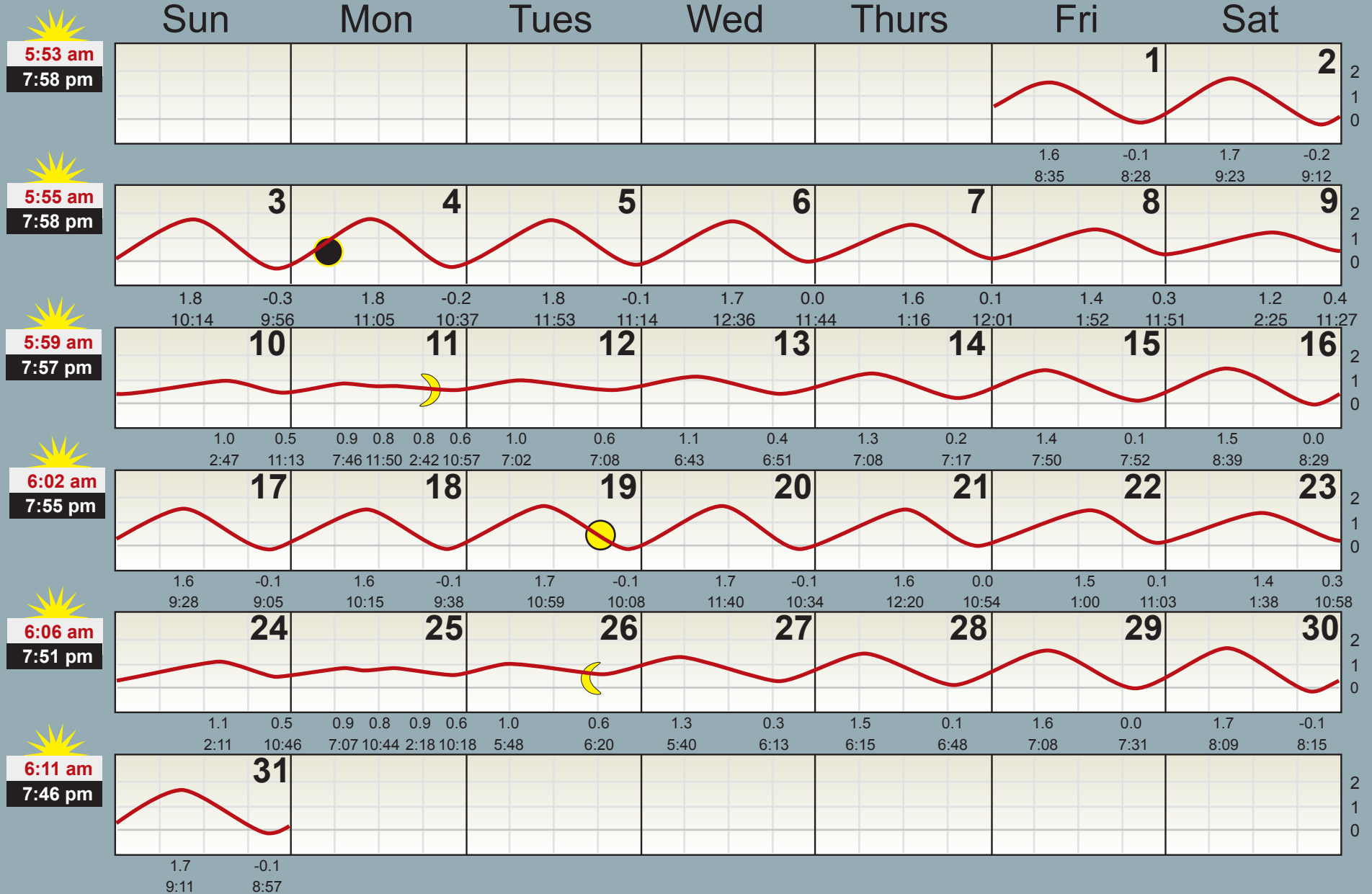
Use the following procedures to determine the length of a fish:

1. For total length (TL) place the fish on a flat surface with jaw closed. Squeeze tail together and turn it in such a way to obtain maximum total length.
2. For fork length (FL) measure in a straight line from the tip of snout to deepest notch in tail.
3. For curved fork length (CFL - tunas only) measure using flexible rule from tip of upper jaw to deepest notch in tail.

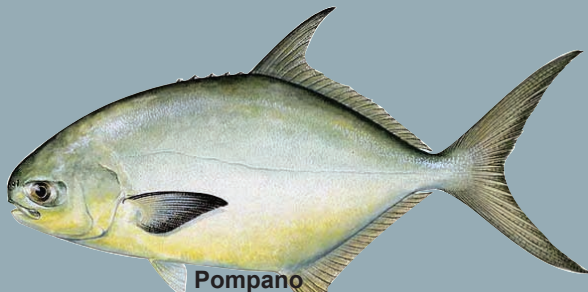
July 2016

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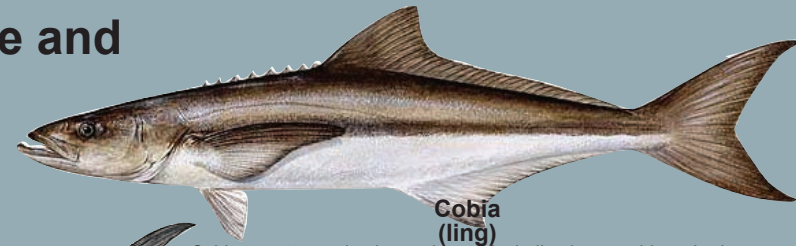


Commonly Caught Inshore and Pelagic Fishes



Pompano

Pompanos are schooling fishes, favoring beaches with a good surf and high salinity. This is probably because their favorite food items are the small shelled animals living in the upper layers of sandy bottoms. The pompano commands the highest price per pound of any marine food fish in the continental United States. 'Nuff



Cobia (ling)

Cobia are attracted to large objects, including buoys, ships, sharks, turtles and giant rays. Anchored vessels are always likely to harbor a cobia or two, and a live croaker or well-maneuvered lure will often be struck in short order. This fish has more popular names than most any other. Along the Gulf they are known as cobia, cabio, ling, lemon fish, and crabeater.



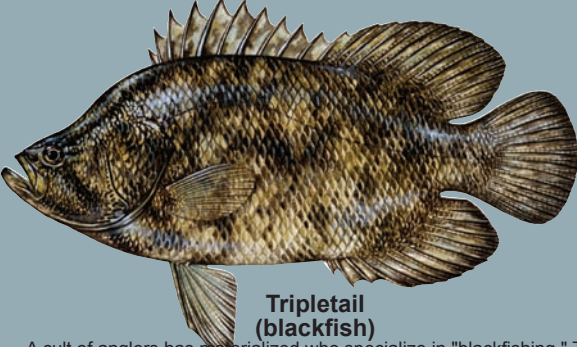
King Mackerel

This is the largest of the mackerels in our region, reaching at least six feet in length, and weights approaching, perhaps slightly exceeding, eighty pounds. Throughout most of the Gulf, the king is a favorite offshore game fish, accessible to thousands of sportsmen with modest-sized craft.



Sheepshead

One of the largest members of the porgy family, sometimes exceeding two feet and 10 pounds. Though rather difficult to clean, the fine, white flesh and mild flavor of the sheepshead rates high on the list of Gulf fishes. The six or seven gray black bars on the side of the body make the sheepshead one of the easiest coastal fishes to identify.



Tripletail (blackfish)

A cult of anglers has materialized who specialize in "blackfishing." The basic plan is to use long cane poles and live bait, lowering the bait within a perimeter of pilings, buoys or other obstructions. If nothing strikes in a few minutes, it's on to the next spot. The fighting abilities of blackfish are renowned. Imagine catching a twenty-pound bluegill!



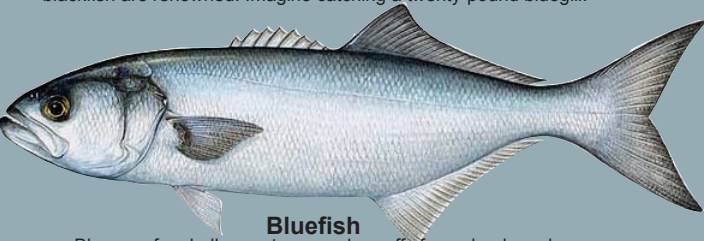
Spanish Mackerel

Spanish mackerel are fast-moving, voracious predators, usually traveling and feeding in loose schools. They favor the shallow shelf waters, occasionally foraging into the lower, saltier areas of the estuaries. Sardines and especially anchovies are their main staple, and their presence and abundance is often reflected by that of the anchovy schools.



Sand & Silver Seatrout (white trout)

Small for sportfish, usually topping out at about 14 to 16 inches, and a couple of pounds, some of the offshore rigs hold "lunkers" in the three-pound-plus class. These species are highly regarded for their sporting nature and flesh quality. Sand and silver trout are lumped together and known locally as "white trout." The sand seatrout is strictly a Gulf of Mexico fish.



Bluefish

Blues prefer shallow water near drop-offs from shoals and banks. Their preference for fast moving, schooling forage species makes them especially susceptible to flashy lures and spoons. Those jaws are no joke. Bluefish can easily remove a finger, bone and all, in a single, clean snap.



Red Drum (redfish)

The redfish is one of the largest drums, often exceeding a yard in length, and thirty or forty pounds. Big "bull" reds prefer offshore waters or deeper waters of lower estuaries around island passes and channels but the younger "rat" reds frequent the shallows, near piers and jetties, often to the delight of youngsters with pole in hand. Red drum prefer shellfish such as crabs and shrimp, but will not pass up a good chunk of fish if it is offered.



Atlantic Croaker

The flesh is of high quality, far superior to its reputation as only a mediocre panfish. The name croaker is derived from the croaking sound generated by its vibrating the gas filled swim bladder (similar to rubbing an air-filled balloon), a trait shared by many members of the drum family.



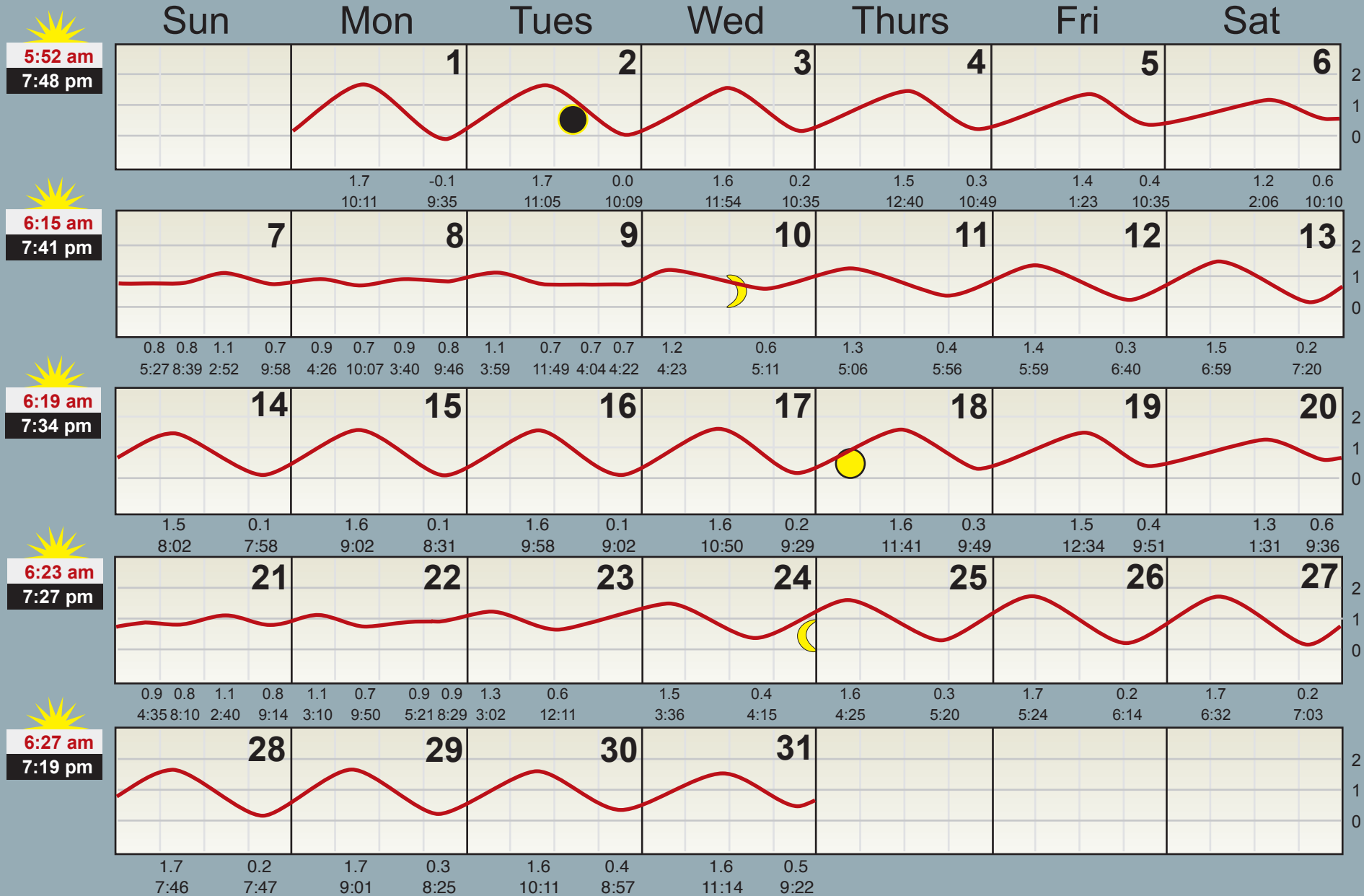
Spotted Seatrout (speckled trout)

Specks along with redfish were the first of Alabama's saltwater fish to achieve gamefish status. Elimination from the commercial fishery along with stringent recreational size and creel limits have helped to ensure that this valuable resource will be available for future generations of Alabama anglers. Spotted seatrout feed primarily on fishes and larger shellfish. They rely on a vicious rapid first strike to dismember their prey, thus they are noted as a heavy hitter on

August 2016

 New Moon
  First Quarter
  Full
  Last Quarter

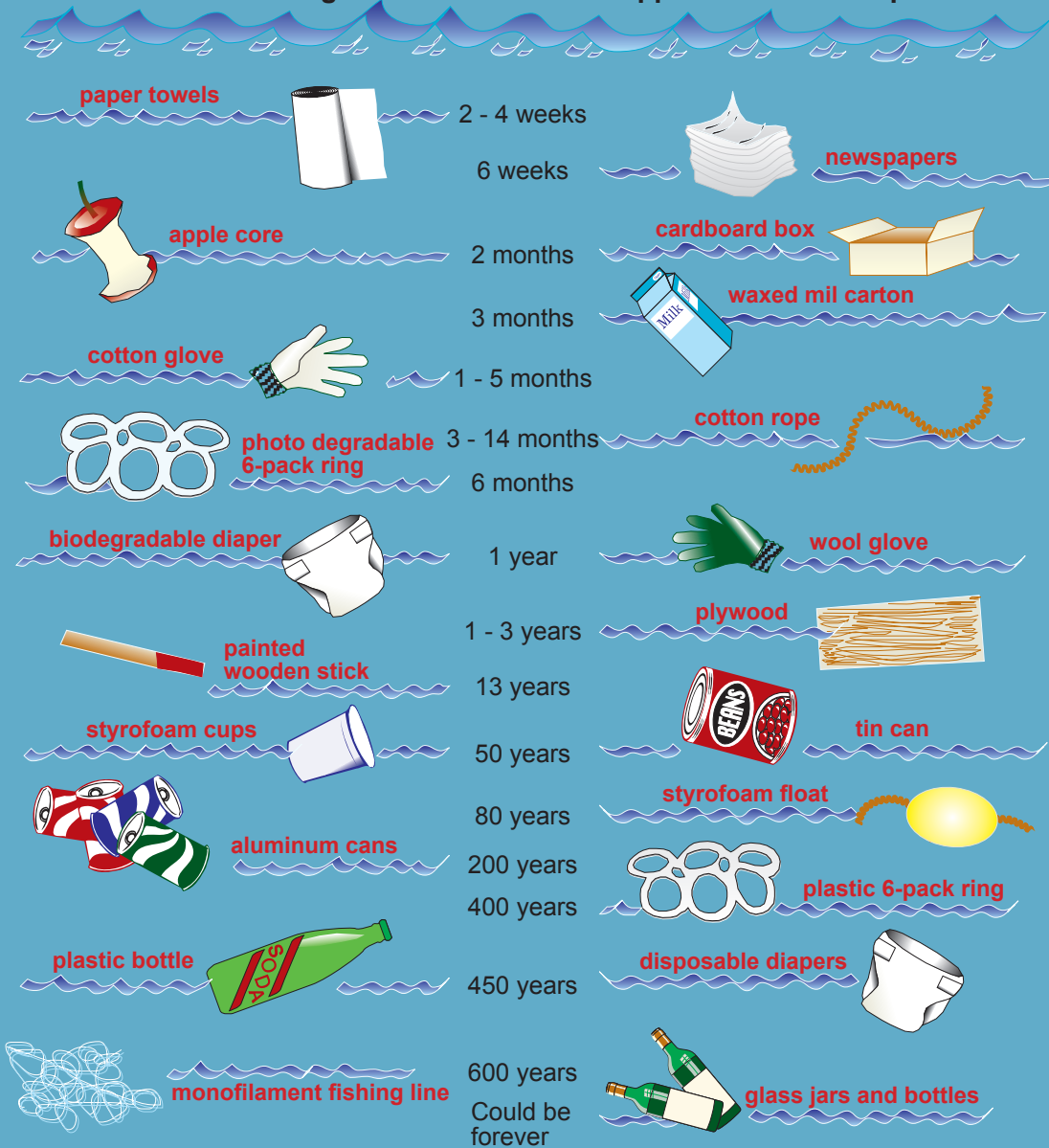
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Keep it "Above Board"

Please don't throw your trash overboard

It takes a long time for trash to "disappear from the deep!"



Alabama Marine Resources Division

Help protect your marine resources!

Each person's small efforts add up to a big difference for fish habitat!

THANKS FOR REMEMBERING TO:

Recycle used oil and filters, batteries and antifreeze

Keep trash from blowing overboard

Use shore based restrooms and pump-out facilities

Recycle used monofilament fishing line

Use oil absorbent materials in your bilge and for spill cleanup

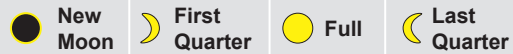
Keep detergents and bilge cleansers out of the water

Whenever possible, do repairs and painting away from the water

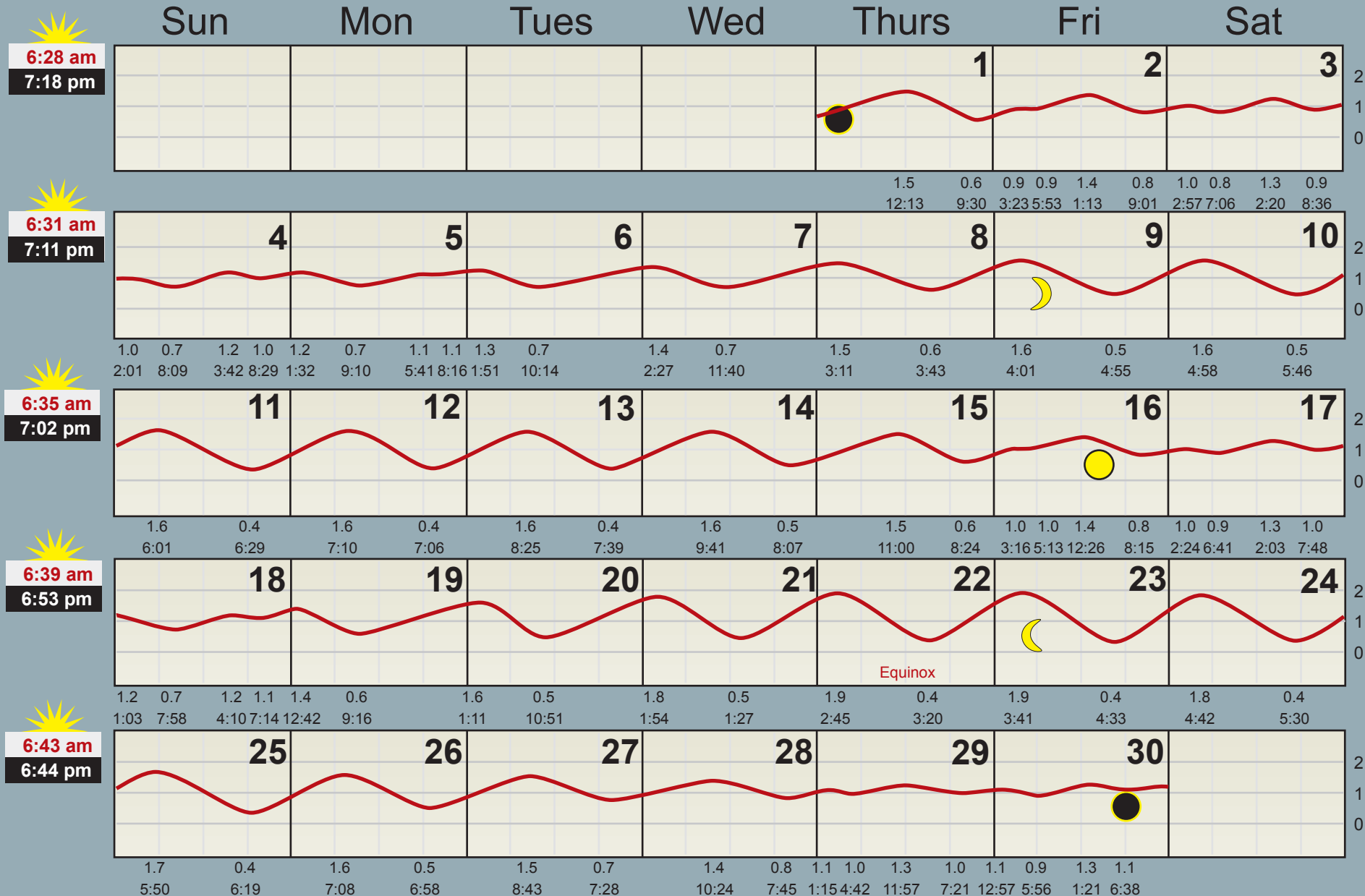
Avoid boating in shallow waters, especially those with submerged vegetation

Tell your friends and fellow fishermen about the importance of fish habitat and the simple things they can do to protect it

September 2016



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Fish Kills



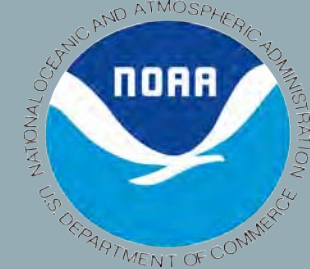
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Include the following information:

- Date & time fish kill was observed
- Location of fish kill
- Contact information of reporting party
- Species of fish involved
- Approximate number of fish

Turtle Strandings



Alabama Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network

Call 1-866-732-8878

Include the following information:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date & time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Health of the animal (alive or dead)
- General description of the animal

Dolphins and Whales



Alabama's Marine Mammal Stranding Network

Call 1-877-942-5343

Include the following information:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date & time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Estimated size of the animal
- General description of the animal

Manatee Sightings



Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Manatee Sighting Network

Call 1-866-493-5803

Email: manatee@disl.org

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Include the following information:

- Date & time of sighting
- Location of sighting
- Contact information of reporting party
- Number of animals and approximate size
- Any distinguishing marks or scars
- What they were doing
- How they were spotted
- Volunteer photos (if taken)

October 2016

 New Moon
  First Quarter
  Full
  Last Quarter

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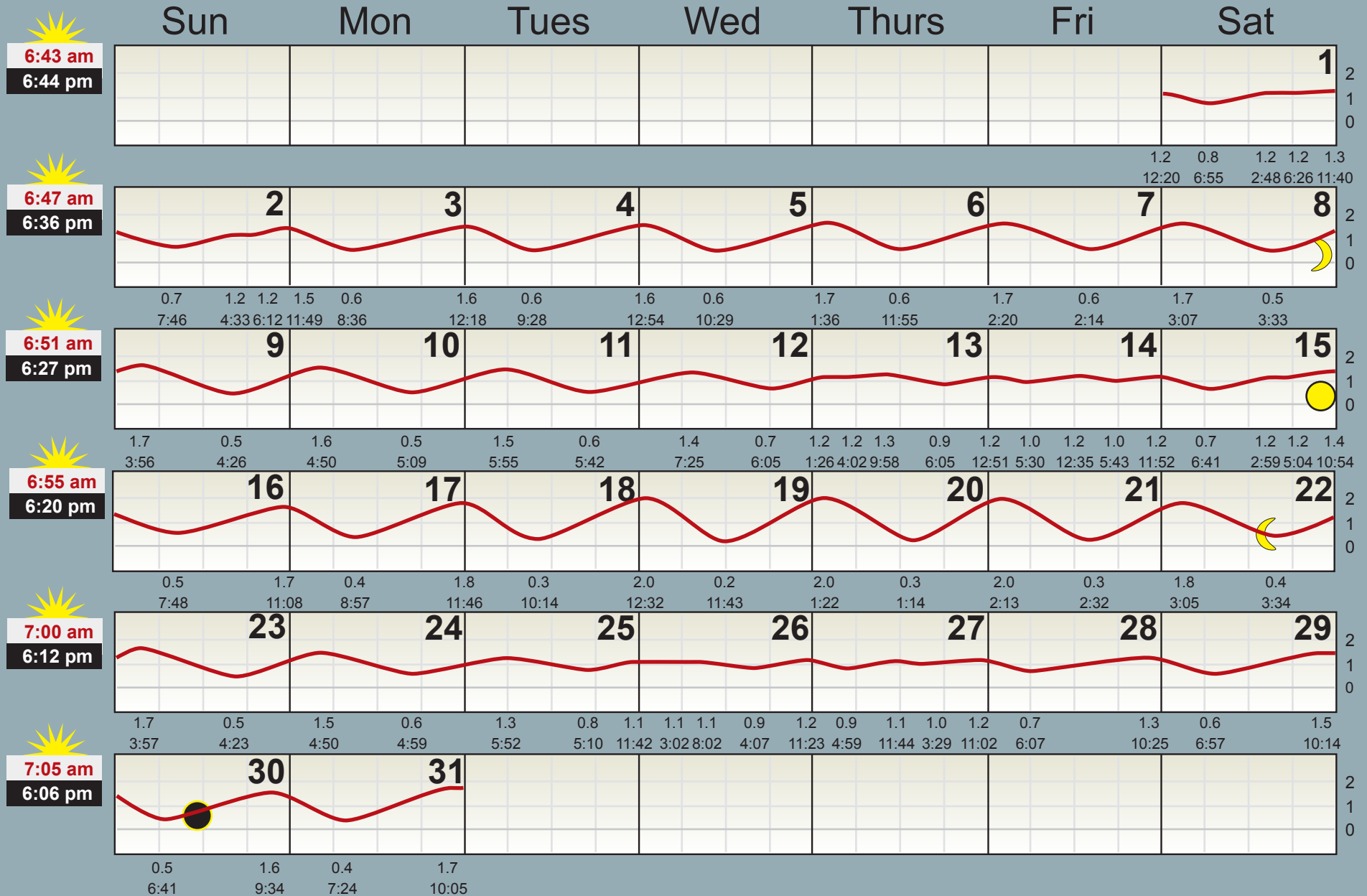




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New Moon

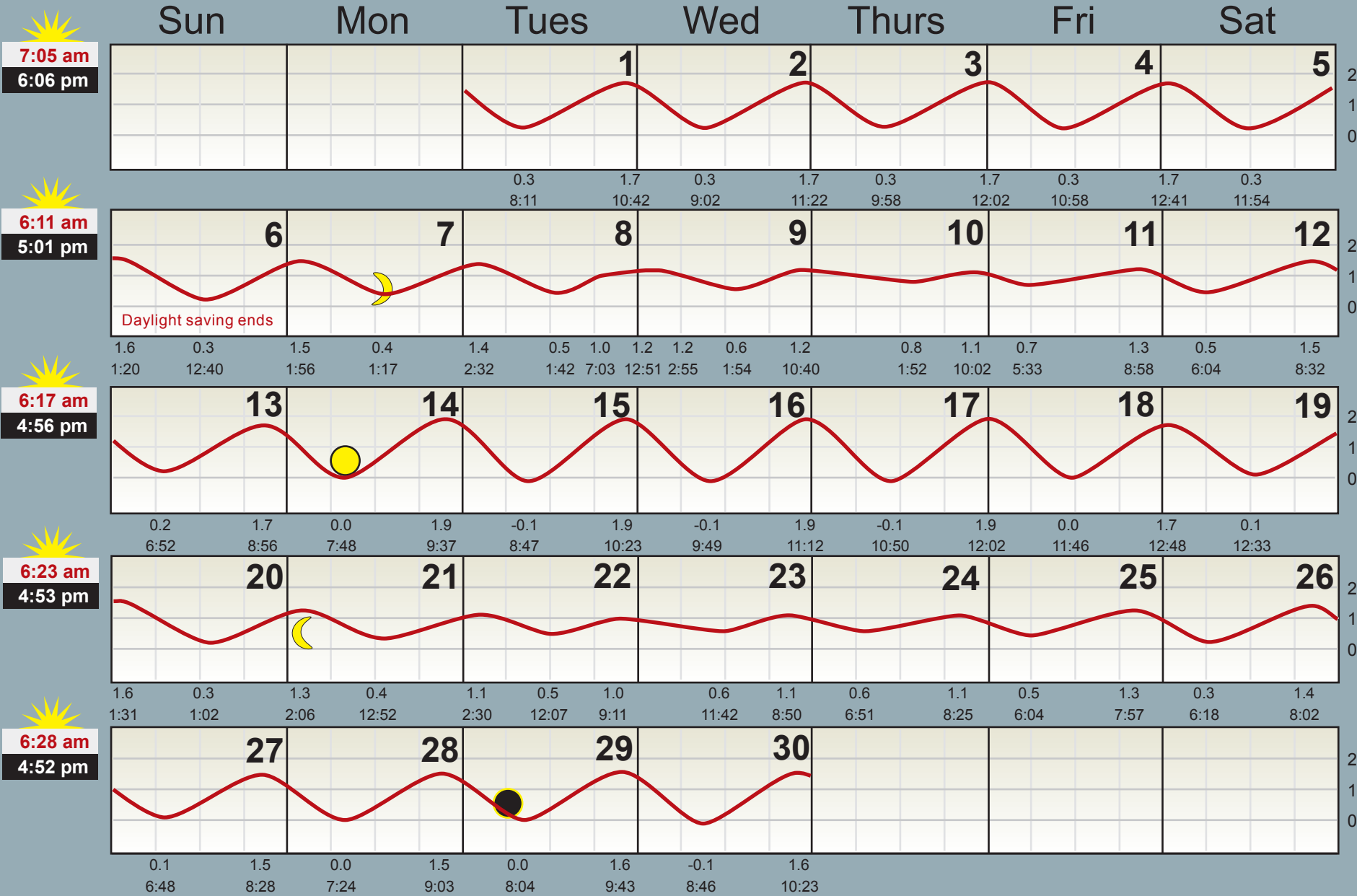

First Quarter


Full


Last Quarter

November 2016

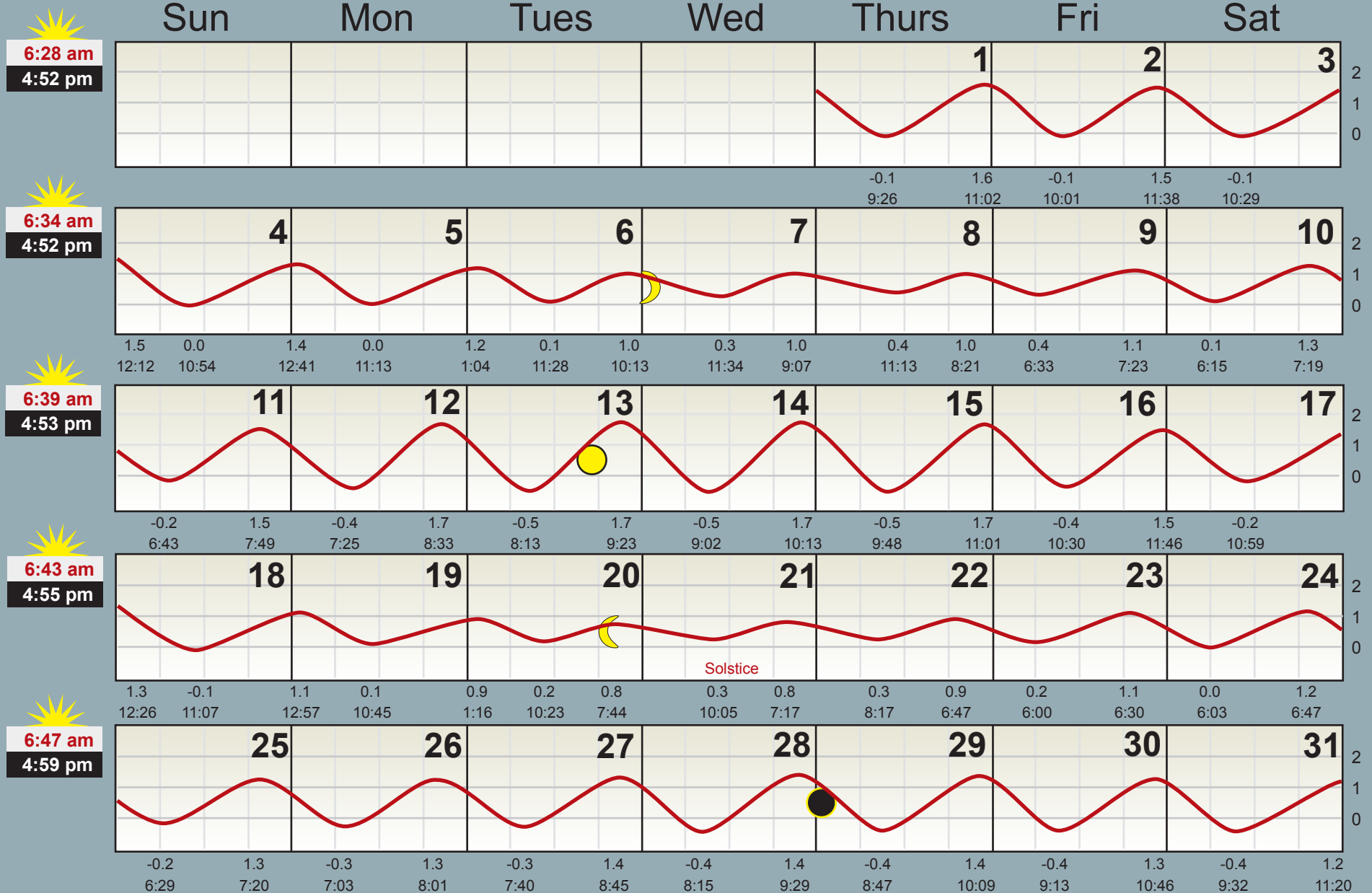
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December 2016

 New Moon
  First Quarter
  Full
  Last Quarter

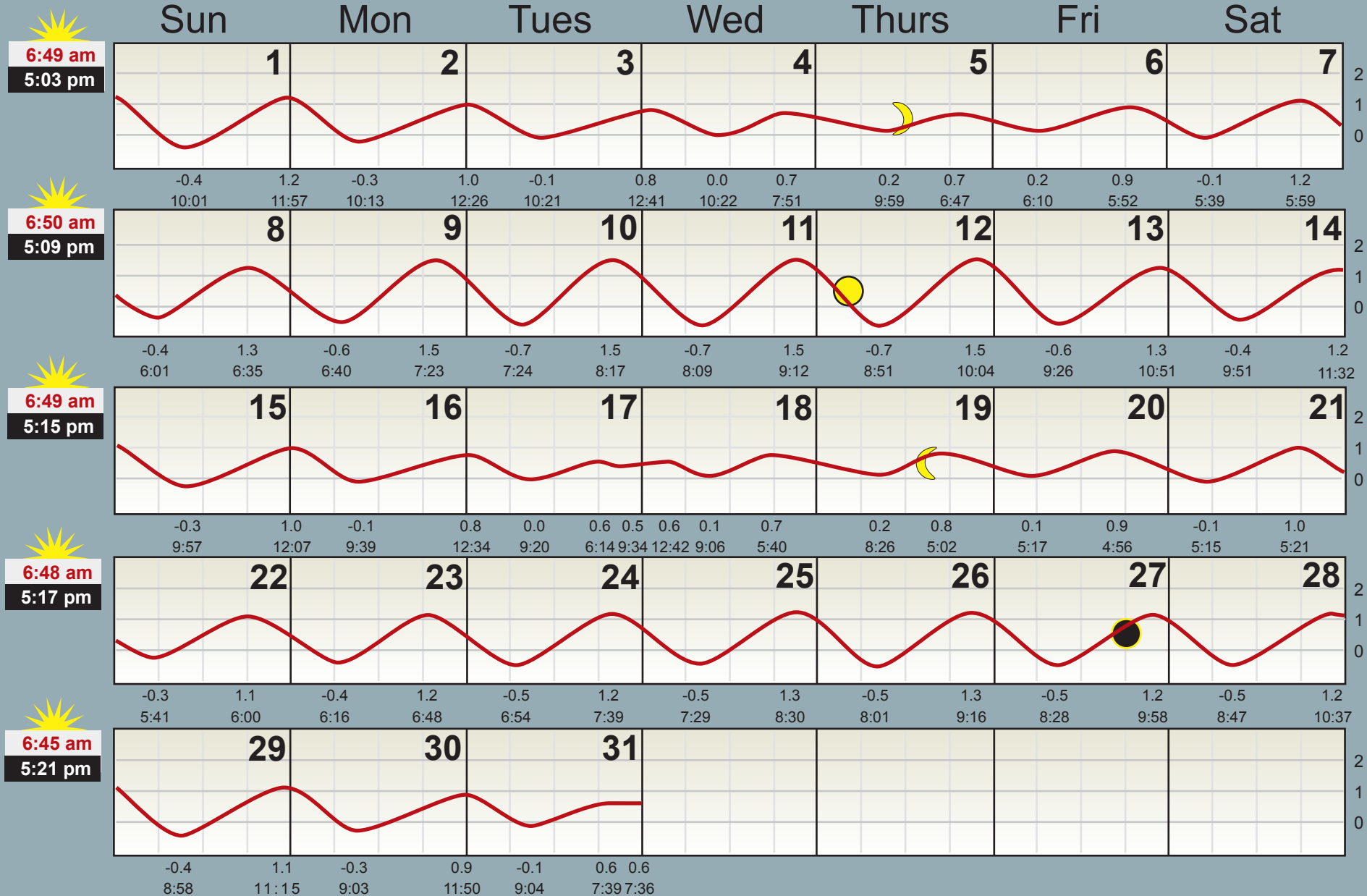
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January 2017

 New Moon
  First Quarter
  Full
  Last Quarter

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 For Pedido Pass: High Tide: add 17 minutes
 Low Tide: add 19 minutes



Alabama Record Saltwater Fish - 2015

SPECIES	LOCAL NAME	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	DATE CAUGHT	WEIGHT
AFRICAN POMPAÑO	SAME	RODNEY M. DUTTON	MOBILE, AL	09/09/89	39 lbs. 7 oz.
ALMACO JACK	SAME	HARRY MAC BARNES	MONTGOMERY, AL	05/11/02	47 lbs. 8 oz.
AMBERJACK	SAME	MARCUS R. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	06/19/81	127 lbs. 12 oz.
ATLANTIC BONITO	SAME	JOE ZOLCZYNSKI	FAIRHOPE, AL	12/31/94	5 lbs. 5 oz.
ATLANTIC CROAKER	CROAKER	CARL N. BILLINGS	MOBILE, AL	08/25/00	5 lbs. 8 oz.
ATLANTIC MOONFISH	SAME	JOE ALLEN MC SHERDON	CHILDERSBURG, AL	08/12/03	1 lb. 0 oz.
ATL. SHARPNOSE SHARK	SAND SHARK	CRAIG MIRONCHUCK	BAUXITE, AR	05/12/06	16 lbs. 3 oz.
ATLANTIC SAILFISH	SAILFISH	R. L. MEADOR JR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	1974	81 lbs. 0 oz.
ATLANTIC SPADEFISH	SPADEFISH	ASHLEY NICOLE OSBURN	WILMER, AL	07/14/07	8 lbs. 8 oz.
BARRELFISH	SAME	RICKY DAVID POSEY	DEATSVILLE, AL	07/12/09	25 lbs. 6 oz.
BIGEYE	BIGEYE SNAPPER	YANO SERRA	CODEN, AL	06/28/06	3 lbs. 2 oz.
BIGEYE TUNA	SAME	BOBBY ABERNATHY	MERRYVILLE, AL	10/26/14	236 lbs. 0 oz.
BEARDED BROTLA	SAME	MICHAEL T. DOWDY	MOBILE, AL	08/09/97	19 lbs. 8 oz.
BERMUDA CHUB	SAME	SHERMAN SMITH	SILVERHILL, AL	06/17/06	10 lbs. 5 oz.
BLACK DRUM	SAME	ROBERT DEAN DISNEY	IRVINGTON, AL	04/20/02	61 lbs. 0 oz.
BLACK GROUPE	SAME	DAVID MARK POSSIEN	NORTHPORT, AL	08/11/12	106 lbs. 3.2 oz.
BLACK SEABASS	SAME	STEVE W. EDWARDS	MARIANNA, AR	07/31/00	3 lbs. 2 oz.
BLACKBELLY ROSEFISH	SAME	JONATHAN E. GRAHAM	SEMMES, AL	07/22/06	2 lbs. 13 oz.
BLACKFIN TUNA	SAME	JAMES D. JOHNSON	NEW ORLEANS, LA	07/01/08	35 lbs. 2 oz.
BLACKWING SEAROBIN	SEAROBIN	CECILIA MUSSELWHITE	IRVINGTON, AL	04/24/05	1 lb. 13 oz.
BLUEFIN TUNA	SAME	JOHN ENGQUIST	BATON ROUGE, AL	06/03/06	829 lbs. 6 oz.
BLUEFISH	SAME	ALICIA WALIMAA	MERIDIAN, MS	06/05/04	17 lbs. 4 oz.
BLUELINE TILEFISH	SAME	STEVEN LANCE BOWMAN	VALLEY GRANDE, AL	05/25/08	9 lbs. 5.5 oz.
BLUE ANGLEFISH	SAME	NATALIE PARKER-BEACH	FAIRHOPE, AL	07/17/15	2 lbs. 10.6 oz.
BLUE MARLIN	SAME	CHRIS FERRARA	BATON ROUGE, LA	07/13/13	845 lbs. 13 oz.
BLUE RUNNER	HARDTAIL	STACEY M. MOIREN	MOBILE, AL	06/28/97	11 lbs. 2 oz.
COBIA	LING	BENJAMIN E. FAIREY	PENSACOLA, FL	04/18/95	117 lbs. 7 oz.
CREOLEFISH	SAME	CHUCK ANDRE'	SPANISH FORT, AL	01/28/04	0 lb. 13 oz.
CREVALLE JACK	CAVALLA	JOHN E. TOOMEY III	MOBILE, AL	08/20/94	39 lbs. 4 oz.
CUBERA SNAPPER	SAME	LADON SWANN	CODEN, AL	08/14/15	94 lbs. 3 oz.
DOG SNAPPER	SAME	DONALD W. DUNNAM	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	07/16/04	13 lbs. 4 oz.
DOCTORFISH	SAME	PAVEL MALANCEA	CHISINAU, MOLDOVA	09/13/07	1 lb. 4 oz.
DOLPHINFISH	DOLPHIN MAHI MAHI	ASHTON TROY MABIRE	PENSACOLA, FL	05/26/07	65 lbs. 8 oz.
ESCOLAR	SAME	JOHN CHARLES MC CANN	LOGANVILLE, GA	06/08/08	69 lbs. 10 oz.
FILEFISH	SAME	WILLIE LEE BROWN	BIRMINGHAM, AL	10/12/91	8 lbs. 8 oz.
FLORIDA POMPAÑO	POMPAÑO	PATRICIA LYNN CLUCK	FOLEY, AL	04/28/10	6 lbs. 13 oz.
FLOUNDER	SAME	PETE C. MELECH	MOBILE, AL	10/15/75	13 lbs. 3 oz.
GAFFTOPSAIL CATFISH	GAFFTOP	CHRISTIAN E BUTTS	PACE, FL	10/30/15	12 lbs. 7.4 oz.
GRAY SNAPPER	MANGROVE/BLACK	PAM WARD	FAIRHOPE, AL	05/16/07	18 lbs. 11 oz.
GRAY TRIGGERFISH	TRIGGERFISH	ROBBY MYERS	AXIS, AL	05/31/93	13 lbs. 8 oz.
GREAT BARRACUDA	BARRACUDA	STEVEN HAWKINS	MOBILE, AL	07/15/05	52 lbs. 4 oz.
GAG GROUPE	SAME	JERE AUSTILL, JR.	MOBILE, AL	1963	74 lbs. 8 oz.
GULF/SOUTHERN KINGFISH	WHITING	LAMONT W. RIGNEY	EIGHT MILE, AL	09/04/01	2 lbs. 15 oz.
HORSE-EYE JACK	SAME	MARCUS KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	07/17/15	22 lbs. 7.2 oz.
KING MACKEREL	SAME	JEREMY ALAN GOLDMAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	07/20/14	69 lbs. 15 oz.
KNOBBED PORGY	SAME	TIM SHIRLEY	DOTHAN, AL	04/20/08	2 lbs. 15 oz.
LADYFISH	SKIPJACK	R. NEAL HOWARD	THEODORE, AL	07/28/06	4 lbs. 8 oz.
LANE SNAPPER	SAME	SCOTT E. JORDAN	SARALAND, AL	07/15/11	8 lbs. 1 oz.

LEMON SHARK	SAME	TERRY L. SMITH	MOBILE, AL	07/21/95	278 lbs. 8 oz.
LEOPARD TOAD FISH	SAME	JAMES MYRICK	SAND ROCK, AL	10/01/06	4 lbs. 3 oz.
LITTLE TUNNY	BONITO	W.A. MARCH, JR.	MOBILE, AL	1956	21 lbs. 0 oz.
Longbill Spearfish	SPEARFISH	VALERIE P. JOHNSON	FAIRHOPE, AL	1976	53 lbs. 0 oz.
Longtail Bass	SAME	DAYNA BOWLES	DUNCAN, OK	03/19/10	5 lbs. 14 oz.
LOOKDOWN	SAME	TERRELL K. SMITH	MOBILE, AL	08/24/97	2 lbs. oz.
MAKO SHARK	SAME	LARRY A. JOHNSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	08/20/78	737 lbs. 0 oz.
MUTTON SNAPPER	SAME	MARCUS BRYANT	SEMMES, AL	06/25/06	20 lbs. 12 oz.
PINFISH	SAME	ROY "TOJO" WHITE	CODEN, AL	05/15/01	3 lbs. 2 oz.
QUEEN TRIGGERFISH	SAME	JAKE TAFFARO, JR.	ELBERTA, AL	07/06/99	7 lbs. 8 oz.
RAINBOW RUNNER	SAME	LAKEN NICOLE SULLIVAN	LYNN HAVEN, FL	09/10/06	19 lbs. 9 oz.
RED DRUM	REDFISH	AL MEAD	THEODORE, AL	07/19/13	45 lbs. 9 oz.
RED GROUPEr	SAME	MICHAEL D. SARGENT, JR.	FULTON, MO	03/23/02	34 lbs. 10 oz.
RED HIND	SAME	WILLIAM H. HILL	MOBILE, AL	07/17/87	2 lbs. 14 oz.
RED PORGY	WHITE SNAPPER	JEREMY COLLINGS	THEODORE, AL	04/02/11	7 lbs. 10.6 oz.
RED SNAPPER	SAME	MELVIN E. DUNN, JR.	THEODORE, AL	06/01/02	44 lbs. 12 oz.
ROCK HIND	SAME	DANIEL "ELI" CAMPBELL	MOBILE, AL	07/17/12	3 lbs. 7.2 oz.
ROUGHTAIL STINGRAY	SAME	DAN R. MIDGETTE	SEMMES, AL	08/06/00	160 lbs. 0 oz.
SAILFISH	SAME	R. L. MEADOR, JR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	1974	81 lbs. 0 oz.
SAND/SILVER SEATROUT	WHITE TROUT	RYAN CONKLIN	CODEN, AL	07/12/97	6 lbs. 11 oz.
SCAMP	SAME	ROBERT A. CONKLIN	MOBILE, AL	07/22/00	29 lbs. 10 oz.
SEA CATFISH (TIE)	SAME	CODY PIERCE & D. WAINWRIGHT	IRVINGTON, AL	7/14/07-06/16/01	3 lbs. 16 oz.
SHARKSUCKER	SAME	JESSIE LEE TUCKER	ROBERTSDALE, AL	05/12/04	4 lbs. 7 oz.
SHEEPSHEAD	SAME	BRANDEN RYAN COLLIER	IRVINGTON, AL	04/01/15	13 lbs. 9 oz.
SILK SNAPPER	SAME	DANIEL B. WEAVER	GULF SHORES, AL	05/27/06	6 lbs. 3 oz.
SKIPJACK TUNA	SAME	STROM SMITH	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS	08/31/13	32 lbs. 6.4 oz.
SMOOTH PUFFER	SAME	BRETT L. RUSSELL, SR.	GULF SHORES, AL	04/02/13	10 lbs. 3 oz.
SNOWY GROUPEr	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	03/01/14	68 lbs. 7 oz.
SOUTHERN HAKE	SAME	JACK GAINES, II	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	04/23/06	3 lbs. 4.5 oz.
SOUTHERN STARGAZER	SAME	MICHAEL BRYANT	MOBILE, AL	04/13/06	6 lbs. 4.5 oz.
SOUTHERN STINGRAY	SAME	GORDON GRADY MCGLAWN	ALICEVILLE, AL	07/26/07	151 lbs. 3.2 oz.
SPANISH MACKEREL	SAME	L.L. MATTHEWS	MOBILE, AL	10/19/93	8 lbs. 12 oz.
SPECKLED HIND	SAME	BRAXTON B. HIND	NORTHPORT, AL	05/28/11	39 lbs. 13 oz.
SPOTTED SEATROUT	SPECK	W.A. DUCHARME	ORANGE BEACH, AL	05/06/80	12 lbs. 4 oz.
SPOTTED SPOON-NOSE EEL	SAME	BRAD ANDRE'	SPANISH FORT, AL	07/12/08	1 lb. 4 oz.
SQUIRRELFISH	SAME	MICHAEL SIMMONS	CONWAY, AR	08/04/06	1 lb. 1 oz.
STRIPED BASS	SAME	BILLY HENDERSON	FAIRFIELD, AL	06/22/76	55 lbs. 0 oz.
STRIPED MULLET	MULLET	CLAYTON W. SCHWIND	CODEN AL	06/14/03	1 lb. 2 oz.
SWORDFISH	BROADBILL	WENDELL L. SAWYER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	09/16/06	448 lbs. 0 oz.
TARPON	SAME	BILLY WILDBERGER	MOBILE, AL	08/15/92	203 lbs. 0 oz.
TIGER SHARK	SAME	LARRY G. EBERLY	GULF SHORES, AL	06/24/90	988 lbs. 8 oz.
TILEFISH, NORTHERN	SAME	TERRY CAYLOR	CITRONELLE, AL	05/12/07	29 lbs. 4 oz.
TRIPLETAIL	BLACKFISH	BOB BARNES	BAYOU LA BATRE, AL	1976	37 lbs. 5 oz.
VERMILION SNAPPER	BEELINER	JOHM W. DOSS	THEODORE, AL	06/06/87	7 lbs. 3 oz.
WAHOO	SAME	DAVID SUMRALL	MOBILE, AL	05/06/06	123 lbs. 6 oz.
WARSAW GROUPEr	SAME	MICHAEL J. DRIVER	PENSACOLA, FL	07/18/88	226 lbs. 0 oz.
WHITE MARLIN	SAME	ASHLEY WALTERS	SATSUMA, AL	05/24/97	98 lbs. 13 oz.
WHITEBONE PORGY	PORGY	BOB HYDE	BRENTWOOD, TN	04/17/11	5 lbs. 10 oz.
WRECKFISH	SAME	DOUG MALLONEE	SEMMES, AL	05/30/06	68 lbs. 6 oz.
YELLOW CHUB	SAME	THOMAS D. JONES	ORANGE BEACH, AL	10/22/02	7 lbs. 4 oz.
YELLOWEDGE GROUPEr	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	06/30/12	48 lbs. 9 oz.
YELLOWFIN TUNA	SAME	MATTHEW PAUL EUSNER	ASHLAND, KY	06/03/06	221 lbs. 7.2 oz.
YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER	SAME	JEREMY FINDLEY	MAYLENE, AL	07/05/11	6 lbs. 15 oz.



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www.mobilebayaudubon.org

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Legacy, Inc.
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Emergency Radio: VHF 16
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