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## Month-By-Month Deep Sea Fishing Prospects

### January, February

Some of the year's best bottom action for fish, including grouper, snapper, triggerfish, sheepshead and a variety of other reef fish.

### March

Good bottom action for grouper, snapper, sea bass, triggerfish and other reef dwellers. Amberjack begin to appear on the deeper wrecks, and by month's end the spring run of mackerel will get underway. Barracuda start to gather around wrecks and artificial reefs.

### April

Peak month for the spring run of Spanish mackerel and king mackerel, lots of barracuda and amberjack on the wrecks. Steady bottom fish action for grouper and snapper.

### May

May is a big tarpon month for the deep sea boats fishing in Boca Grande Pass where most of the fishing action is in the evening. Out in the Gulf, mackerel, king fish, grouper, snapper and barracuda can be caught. Large sharks show in the area in conjunction with the spring tarpon run. Goliath grouper stack up on the wrecks. Permit also show up on the wrecks.

### June

June is usually the peak tarpon month for fishing in Boca Grande Pass. Fishing goes on 24 hours a day, both daytime and nighttime charters are available though evening and night time trips are usually best. In the Gulf, barracuda, bonita and some mackerel are caught near the surface and grouper and snapper are found on the bottom. Goliath grouper and permit are schooled on offshore wrecks.

### July, August

The deep sea fishing boats fish for barracuda, bonita and mackerel near the surface and bottom fish for grouper and snapper. It's near the peak of the Goliath grouper spawning season so they're really bunched up on the wrecks and artificial reefs. Some mahi-mahi are caught way offshore.

### September

Barracuda and a few large king fish are found over the offshore wrecks. Goliath grouper and snapper are on the bottom around the wrecks, grouper and snapper provide steady action on rocky outcroppings.

### October

The fall runs of Spanish mackerel and king fish will begin this month. Grouper and snapper can be caught on the bottom. Barracuda and amberjack will be found on the wrecks.

### November

The fall runs of Spanish mackerel and king fish peak in November. Barracuda, bonita and some bluefish can be caught too. Bottom fishing improves as the Gulf water cools.

### December

Bottom fishing is approaching the winter peak as the annual inshore migration of gag grouper brings these fish close to shore. Snapper, triggerfish, sheepshead and other reef fish are caught as well. A few late season mackerel and king fish are caught in December.