

# Tampa Bay Fishing Charters Report by Capt Mike Murphy

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Tampa Fishing Charters

**USCG Captain, Ecologist and Syndicated author of the Tampa Bay Fishing Charters Report, Capt Mike Murphy has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX.**

([Newswire.net](http://Newswire.net) -- May 8, 2018) Apollo Beach, FL -- Local anglers and visitors to the sunny Tampa Bay region may find themselves looking for a [Tampa fishing charter](#). Capt. Mike Murphy is a USCG certified captain and Tampa Bay fishing guide. Fish This Inshore Charters provides 4, 6 and 8 hour excursions and fishing charters around the Tampa Bay area.

## Tampa Bay Fishing Charters Report for April 2018

Outside of the constant wind, the bite has been very strong in the South Shore area of Tampa Bay. The trout bite was great and afforded great dinner fare for the effort our April anglers showed on the water. This same result should occur through May as well. Find grass flats with 2 - 4 feet of water and hit the areas with live baits or artificial jigs to get your limit in short time.

Snapper are moving into Tampa Bay and holding strong on the reefs and ledges of the shipping channels. Chum heavy with cut sardines or chum bags for improved results and to get the snapper in a frenzy. A 1/0 or even a number 1 hook with a 1/4 to 1/2 weight attached on a 3 foot section of 20lb fluorocarbon leader will get you a load of tasty snapper.

Snook have been a constant appearance in the backwater outlets and soon to be big ladies on the beaches in pre-spawn staging. Remember they are now out of season and as always, take care of all the fish released.

Tarpon are rolling out of the backcountry and migrating to the beaches, bridges and reefs. Look for pods of rolling fish on the threadfin schools in the early and late afternoon. Cut threadfin in a chum slick work very well around the bridges in Tampa bay. Slowly drift your live or dead cut bait back in the slick on a 5/0 hook with 8 feet of 50lb leader. Action may be sporadic but when the bite is on, several hookups will be possible in short time.

The tide movement will be slow during the morning tides this week and if you're looking for snook, concentrate on pinch points of funnels between islands and in passes to find an enhanced tidal flow to get better snook action.

Lots of cobia and tripletail being caught in the bay right now. Site fishing is best method but don't be alarmed when the cobia show up in your snapper chum slick over the reefs and bridges.

Protect our resources and keep only what you need. You can always go again and catch more later. Fishing is fun but we have to be ever mindful of our resources and respect the fish.

[Fish This Inshore Charters](#) provides snook charters, redfish charters, trout charters, tarpon charters, permit charters, grouper and snapper charters and sightseeing tour charters throughout Tampa Bay and the nearshore reefs of West Central Florida's Gulf Coast. To learn more about Capt. Mike Murphy or to book a Tampa Fishing Charter, visit Fish This Inshore Charters online at [www.fishthisinshorecharters.com](http://www.fishthisinshorecharters.com) or call Capt. Mike directly at (813) 459-2521.

## About Fish This Inshore Charters

Captain Mike Murphy of Fish This Inshore Charters provides expert Tampa Bay Fishing Charters. Ecologist and Syndicated author of the Tampa Bay Fishing Charters Report, Capt Mike Murphy has been featured on ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX and has also been a featured speaker at Central Florida area outdoor expos. If you are looking for an expert Tampa Bay Fishing Charters captain, Fish This!

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