



WHAT'S BITING & WHEN.

GULF FISHING

SPECIES	BEST	BAIT
Mackerel	May - Sept.	Hootie, Shrimp
Ling (Cobia)	April, May, Sept. & Oct.	Ribbon Fish, Shrimp, Perch
Pompano	April - Oct.	Shrimp, Lure
Kingfish	May - Sept.	Ribbon Fish, Cigar Minnow, Lure
Dolphin	July - Oct.	Varied
Sailfish	July - Sept.	Mullet, Lure, Ballyhoo
Marlin	July - Sept.	Skipjack, Mackerel, Lure
Barracuda	June - Aug.	Varied
Red Snapper	April - Oct.	Whole/Cut Fish, Squid
Scamp	June - Sept.	Whole/Cut Fish, Squid
Grouper	Dec. - April	Whole/Cut Fish, Squid
Amberjack	May - Aug.	Whole/Cut Fish, Squid

BAY FISHING

Redfish	All Year	Shrimp, Mullet, Lure
Speckled Trout	All Year	Shrimp, Perch, Lure
Drum	All Year	Shrimp, Crab
Flounder	All Year <i>No Giggling in Nov.</i>	Shrimp, Lure, Finger Mullet

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

With over 50 fishing tournaments annually, anglers of all ages will find their own paradise in Port 'A'. The largest fishing tournament on the Texas Gulf Coast, the Deep Sea Roundup, is a weekend of family fun for those that love to fish, young and old. Other competitions are specific to women, children and the disabled. A sampling of those that have been around for many years include:

Anglers on Wheels Deep Sea Roundup
CCA Take-A-Kid Fishing Texas Legends Billfish
Powder Puff (women only) Outboard Fishing
Texas Women Anglers Hope Devlin Kids

For More Info Visit www.portaransas.org/play/fishing-boating

TIPS & INFORMATION

Get the most out of your fishing trip and check out these web sites for useful information:

www.portaransas.org

For everything you ever wanted to know about fishing in Port Aransas. Also a great way to plan where to stay and what to do between your angling adventures.

www.utmsi.utexas.edu

For monthly tide predictions and environmental data including air/sea temperature, salinity, wind speed and direction, barometric pressure and humidity.

www.tpwd.tx.gov

For fishing license & regulations information, weekly fishing reports, fish identification and more.

www.portasouthjetty.com

Port Aransas' weekly newspaper posts fishing reports, weather forecasts, tide charts and more.

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FISHING INFORMATION

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FISH & CHARTERS





CASTING FOR A HOT SPOT?

Casual and serious anglers alike will find their favorites in the salt waters surrounding Port Aransas and Mustang Island.

Offshore & Deep Seas

If you're looking for the catch of the year, look no further than the deep offshore waters of Port Aransas. Experience the Gulf of Mexico's ultimate blue water challenge. Take your own or take your pick of well-equipped charter or head boats at area docks and marinas. Fishing trips that last a few hours, to all night long, depart sunrise to sunset every day.

Wade or Kayak our Bays & Flats

Fishing Port Aransas bays and flats will definitely fill your stringer. Paddle to inlets that only kayakers can access and drop your line. Want to give fly fishing a try? Experienced guides maneuver through passes and cuts to bountiful fishing holes, offering priceless fly tying and casting tips along the way.

Surf & Shores

Port Aransas beaches are long on surf fishing. Eighteen miles long, to be exact. You can actively reel for fast-paced action or make a high soaring cast. Sit back and listen for the whir of your line, but don't get too comfortable, "fish-on" is just moments away in Port Aransas.

Piers & Jetties

If it's pier fishing you've come for, day or night, there are plenty of choices. The Horace Caldwell Pier extends hundreds of feet into the Gulf of Mexico, giving anglers the chance to reel in a deepwater catch. The city's Ancel Brundrett, Charlie's Pasture or J.P. Luby piers may be smaller, but beneath the slight chop of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel, scores of hungry fish are ready for the takin'. Waiting for the sun to go down to make that first cast, or determined to venture out after midnight? Go ahead! All Port Aransas piers are well-lit and designed for prime fishing, 24 hours a day.

The Port Aransas jetties and bulkhead line the sides of the ship channel, extending into the Gulf. Casting from their large, rocky edge bring many a bite from fish cruising below in these well-traveled waters. As ships pass, watch for dolphins frolicking in their wakes.



Charters & Excursions

For serious fishing business or casual cruising pleasure, charter a private boat. Go aboard a sailing excursion and view dolphin frolicking and various birds soaring along the shores of Mustang Island, or charter a fishing excursion to throttle up and head offshore to secret fishing spots. Just contact one of the businesses below and let them know what you have in mind.

Fishing Docks & Marinas

Woody's Sports Center

136 W. Cotter.....361-749-5252
www.woodys-pa.com

Port Aransas Boatmen's Association

J.C. Barr Blvd..... 361-749-6339

Municipal Docks

City Harbor.....361-749-5429
www.cityofportaransas.org/harbor_marina.cfm

Island Moorings Marina

3500 Island Moorings Pkwy.....361-749-4100
www.islandmoorings.com.....888-749-9030

Fisherman's Wharf

900 N. Tarpon.....361-749-5448
www.wharfcats.com.....800-605-5448

Dolphin Dock, Inc.

300 W. Cotter.....361-749-4188
www.dolphindocks.com.....800-393-3474

Deep Sea Headquarters

440 W. Cotter361-749-5597
www.deepseaheadquarters.com800-705-3474

For a complete list of private guides/charters, contact the chamber at 800-45-COAST or visit www.portaransas.org