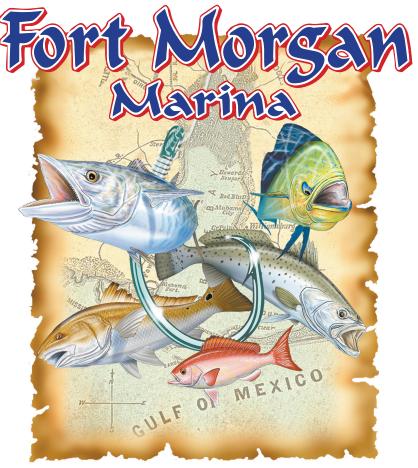




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President's Welcome

Welcome to the Alabama Gulf Coast. By selecting a boat from the Alabama Charter Fishing Association, you are assuring yourself a trip with a dedicated professional Captain. All member vessels of the Alabama Charter Fishing Association are independently owned and operated. The boats in our association are experienced full-time charter boat operators. Our members not only work to ensure you a fun, productive day on the water, but they are also committed to the long-term sustainable health of the fisheries and protecting the public's access to the fisheries.

Please feel free to contact any of our listed boats to get information on availability and pricing. We have a variety of charter vessels that can provide anything from a peaceful back bay experience to an overnight blue water adventure. Our directory will give you easy access to some of the best charter operators on the Gulf Coast. Our directory is divided into sections to make your search for the perfect boat easier. Just pick the section for your type of trip and the number of passengers in your group. We have Back Bay - Near Shore Boats, Six Pack Boats and Multi-Passenger Boats. The Back Bay and Six Pack Boats are limited to a maximum of 6 passengers. Our Multi-Passengers boats are all custom built to Coast Guard Regulations and are passenger rated according to the design specs.

On behalf of the Alabama Charter Fishing Association, I hope you have a great time here at the Alabama Gulf Coast. Enjoy the beautiful beaches, friendly people and make some fishing memories that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Dale Woodruff
President
Alabama Charter Fishing Association

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Annan, Olivia	251-747-7777	251-981-3119		
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Life membership requirements were established by the Board of Directors in 1994.

They are as follows:

- (1) Must be at least 60 years old.
- (2) Minimum experience of 10 years.
- (3) Active in the organization.

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# Passenger Trip Suggestions & Etiquette

Contributed by Captain Iris G. Ethridge

- Dress for comfort. Bring sunscreen, a camera, sunglasses and wear shoes with soft light colored soles.
- 2. Avoid rich food and excessive alcohol the night before. Eat a light breakfast and if taking motion sickness medication please follow directions.
- 3. Bring an ample supply of eats and drinks. It is customary to bring eats and drinks for your captain and crew.
- Please respect the boat and equipment. Your captain and crew have a lot
  of pride in their vessels and equipment can be costly to you if damaged or
  lost overboard.
- 5. Deckhands work hard for you and have pride in your catch. Their day starts several hours before your trip and extends hours after you are gone. We recommend a 15% to 20% tip over and above a fish cleaning fee.
- 6. Make sure you choose a trip that suits you. Our fleet offers 4 hour trips all the way up to 3 day trips. Your Captain can assist you in choosing the appropriate trip to meet your needs.
- 7. Always inquire about payment method, cancellation and bad weather policies.



#### **Alabama State Waters Regulation Size and Creel Limits**

All fishing regulations are subject to change. Before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division (Gulf Shores 251.968.7576, Dauphin Island 251.861.2882). Your OBFA Member Captain is also a knowledgeable informed resource.

TL=Total Length • FL=Fork Length • CFL=Curved Fork Length

SPECIES	BEST TIME	SIZE	DAILY CREEL
J. 10.10	TO CATCH	LIMIT	LIMIT
Amberjack, Greater ****	Year-Round	34" Min FL	1 per person
Amberjack, Lesser	Year-Round	14"-22" FL	No Creel Limit
Bull Redfish (Red Drum)	Early Fall to Early Spring	16" Min TL	
26" Max TL	3 per person		
1 oversized fish allowed			
Cobia (Ling)	Early Spring	33" Min TL	2 per person
Flounder	Late Spring to Early Fall	12" Min TL	10 per person
Groupers	Year-Round		
•Grouper, Black ** ****	Year-Round	22" Min TL	4 per person **
•Grouper, Gag ** *****	Year-Round	22" Min TL	0 per person ******
•Grouper. Red ** ****	Year-Round	20" Min TL	2 per person **
•Grouper, Scamp ** ****	Year-Round	16" Min TL	2 per person **
•Grouper, Yellowfin ** ****	Year-Round	20" Min TL	2 per person **
Marlin, Blue	Late Spring to Early Fall		
Marlin, White	Early Fall		•
Mackerel, King	Late Spring to Fall	24" Min TL	2 per person
Mackerel, Spanish	Early Spring to Late Fall	None	15 per person
Pompano, Florida Sailfish	Late Spring to Early Fall	12" Min TL	3 per person
Sharks	Late Spring to Late Summer Year-Round		
•Atlantic Sharpnose and Bonnethead	Year-Round	None	1 per person
Adamic Sharphose and Bonnethead	rear-nound	NOTIC	per day
•All Other Shark Species	Year-Round	54" Min TL	1 per person
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Spotted Seatrout (Speckled Trout)	Late Spring to Early Fall	14" Min TL	10 per person
Sheepshead	Year-Round		
Snappers	Year-Round		
•Red ****	Year-Round	16" Min TL	2 per person
<ul><li>Gray (Mangrove, Black)</li></ul>	Year-Round	12" Min TL	10 per person
•Lane	Year-Round	8" Min TL	***
<ul> <li>Vermilion</li> </ul>	Year-Round	10" Min TL	10 per person***
Tarpon	Late Spring to Early Fall	60" Min TL	\$50.00 Tag
Required			
to harvest each Tarpon			
Triggerfish, Gray	Year-Round	14" Min TL	***
Tripletail (Blackfish)	Mid-Spring to Fall	18" Min TL	3 per person
Tuna, Bigeye	Year-Round	27" Min CFL	No Creel Limit
Tuna, Yellowfin	Year-Round	27" Min CFL	No Creel Limit
Wahoo	Late Spring to Fall (Off the Rigs)		
White Trout	Late Spring to Early Fall		

<sup>\*</sup> Only two Striped Bass per person are allowed within MRD Jurisdiction. 16" minimum

#### NO FISH FILLETS OF ANY SPECIES ARE ALLOWED ON ANY VESSEL.

Prohibited Species: Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Atlantic Angel Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Galapogos Shark, Narrowtooth Shark, Night Shark, Sevengill Shark, Sixgill Shark, Dusky Shark, Longin Mako, Sand Tiger, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, White Shark, Nurse Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smalltooth Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, Spotted Eagle Ray, Atlantic Manta.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mixed species aggregate creel limit | 4 per person (only 2 Red Grouper may be included in Grouper

aggregate)
\*\*\* Reef Fish Aggregate: There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species (Example: Grunts, Porgies, Gray Triggerfish, Lane Snapper, etc.) for which there is no other creek limit, (Only 10 Vermillion Snapper are allowed in the 20-fish aggregate).

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Alabama State Waters open and close with Federal Regulations.

# **Bob Shipp leaves lasting friendship to the Alabama Charter Fishing Association**

We will truly miss Bob's knowledge and support of our association.

"When I reflect on my 30-plus years of covering the outdoors in Alabama, several people come to mind who influenced and contributed to my writing. No one on that list is more prominent than Dr. Bob Shipp, who died this year at age 81," said David Rainer, Outdoor Alabama.

Shipp hailed from New Orleans and received a Ph.D. in biology from Florida State University



before joining the Department of Biology at the University of South Alabama in 1972. He spent 40 years at USA and received professor emeritus status soon after he retired in2013 as chair of the Department of Marine Sciences, which he helped found. Bob served 27 years on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, five years on the Alabama Conservation Advisory Board and taught at Dauphin Island Sea Lab, where he was part of numerous research projects.

Dr. Shipp was dedicated to fisheries science and how the science could best be used for fisheries management," said Commissioner Chris Blankenship, who also served as the Alabama Marine Resources Division director during Shipp's tenure. "His almost three decades of service on the Gulf Council was legendary. His common-sense approach to complex management issues set the standard we use today to manage our marine fishery resources."

"Dr. Bob literally wrote the book on introducing the importance of marine and environmental science to the people who are fortunate enough to call the Gulf Coast their home," said President Joe Bonner, who represented Alabama in the U. S. House of Representatives. "He was highly respected as a scholarly man who could explain his work to members of Congress, the media and the general



public in a way that made everyone feel like he was talking to them, not lecturing them."

Dr. Sean Powers said, "Shipp's extensive research of Alabama's iconic fish species, red snapper, still contributes to the health of the red snapper population in Alabama's coastal waters and the nation's largest artificial reef system.

"There are some things with red snapper specifically that Bob figured out before anybody else. He had been telling the feds for a long time that red snapper stock assessments are wrong, that there are a lot of big red snapper deep that are not being sampled. It's something we call cryptic biomass. They dismissed Bob out of hand and said it was a fairytale. Fast

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"We have the ability to actually count the fish, scan the bottom for the number of reefs, video the reefs and multiply the number of reefs by the actual fish on the reefs," said Tom Steber, past president of ACFA.

Bob was and is already our friend.

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Boat Sizes - Boats range from 30' to 50' in size. One thing the boats have in common is that they are designed to operate in a nearshore to offshore environment and provide a safe and comfortable ride.

Rates, Pricing and Fees - Most boats offer private fishing charters. This means the fees paid are for the entire group, 1 to 6 people and for an agreed number of hours. Some six pack boats do offer shared expense trips. Fish cleaning is generally .30¢ per pound (whole fish estimated weight). Customary gratuity for your deckhand is 15% to 20% of the trip price.

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multi-passenger

# Multi-Passenger Deep Sea Fishing

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The length of the trip and distance traveled offshore is generally determined by weather, sea conditions and the fish you want to target.

Boat Sizes - Boats range from 36' to 65' in size.
One thing the boats have in common is that they are designed to operate in an offshore environment and provide a safe and comfortable ride. These boats are safety inspected by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Rates, Pricing and Fees - Most boats offer private fishing charters. This means the fees paid are for the entire group, up to 66 people and for an agreed number of hours. Fish cleaning is generally .30¢ per pound (whole fish estimated weight). Customary gratuity for your deckhand is 15% to 20% of the trip price.

#### Characteristics of a Multi-Passenger Deep Sea Fishing Boat:

- Ideal for people who want to go deep sea fishing and have seven or more people in their group. These boats will accommodate groups of 6 or less, however the private charter rate is slightly higher than their Six Pack counterparts.
- Some boats offer per person or walkon shared expense charters where you can pay to join other passengers, thus keeping the cost per person down.
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Rates, pricing and fees – Boats offer individual and group pricing. You can come alone or bring a large group (50 to 66 people). Fish cleaning is generally .30¢ per pound (whole fish estimated weight). Customary gratuity for your deckhand is 15% to 20% of the trip price.

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# Alabama's Artificial Reef Program... A Brief History

Alabama has the largest permitted artificial reef program in the world. The natural bottom offshore of Alabama is predominately flat sand bottom. This bottom type attracts few fish that are either commercially or recreationally valuable. However, it has long been known that if a vertical relief is created, many reef fish such as snappers and groupers will be attracted. Artificial reefs, over time, will appear as natural reefs with similar communities of encrusting organisms and bait fish. As various encrusting organisms, such as corals and sponges, cover the artificial reef material, small animals take up residence. As these small animals become abundant, larger animals are attracted and feed upon them and so on until a complete reef food web is created. At that point the artificial reef functions as a natural reef.

Alabama's artificial reef building program started in 1953 when the Orange Beach Charter Fishing Association asked the authority to place 250 car bodies off Baldwin County, Alabama. This proved to be very successful and in the years since, many different types of materials have been placed offshore of Alabama. These have included additional car bodies, culverts, bridge rubble, barges, boats and planes. In 1974-75, in an excellent example of State/Federal cooperation, several "ghost-fleeted" liberty ships were sunk in five locations off Mobile and Baldwin Counties in 80 to 93 feet of water.

In 1987, a general permit was issued by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers creating specific areas offshore of Alabama for the creation of artificial reefs. These were created in order to provide areas for these materials in order to coordinate with other users of the offshore area. In 1987 the areas encompassed almost 800 square miles.



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REEF - EX is the program name associated with the concept of deploying obsolete military combat tanks in the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean as artificial reefs. The initial deployment under this program was on June 1, 1994 with the initial deployment of six tanks. With the successful completion of this deployment, the mechanisms were in place for the deployment of hundreds of tanks in the future.

In 1993, the U. S. military, in addressing the need to de-militarize obsolete battle tanks, realized that immersion in seawater was an acceptable method. The idea of using these obsolete materials to create artificial reefs was born. The idea was presented to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Marine Resources Division and development of an operation plan began. As plans developed the full extent of the impact this program will have on the reef fisheries and associated economy of Alabama became obvious. It is an outstanding and creative way to convert swords to plowshares.

# ALABAMA'S ARTIFICIAL REEFS A FISHING INFORMATION GUIDE

#### ALABAMA ARTIFICIAL REEF GENERAL PERMIT AREAS



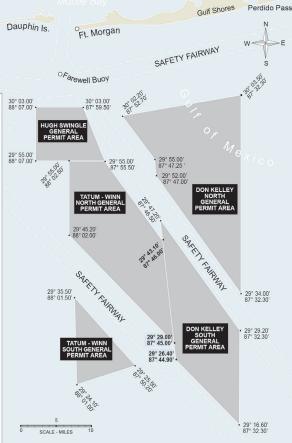
#### ALABAMA'S ARTIFICIAL REEF PROGRAM

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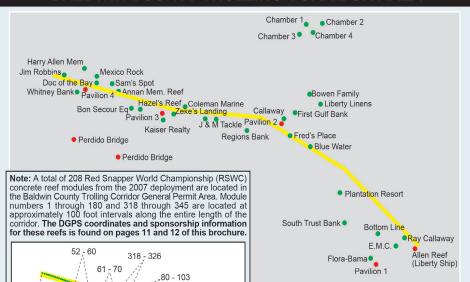
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associated this activity. In 1994, one-hundred M-60 military tanks were deployed as artificial reefs in depths of 70 to 110 feet of water within the Hugh Swingle and Don Kelley North permit areas. The conservative estimate for the life span of the tanks is 50 years as artificial reefs.

In late 1997, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers authorized an expansion of Alabama's artificial reef construction areas to allow for greater freedom in reef placement and greater variety in depth. The combined area for all reef permit zones now encompasses approximately 1260 square miles. At the same time, the protocol for reef construction was modified. This modification limited the types of materials that can be used to construct artificial reefs. Enforcement of the protocol and placement of reefs is a joint effort of the Marine Resources Enforcement Section, the Alabama Marine Police Division, and the U. S. Coast Guard.

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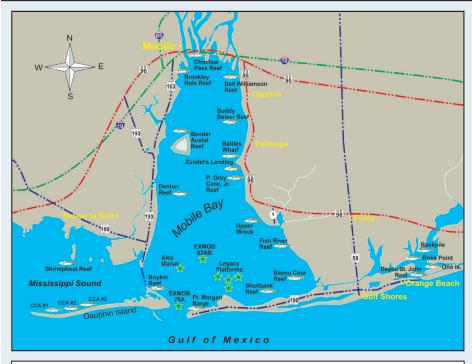
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#### Gas Platform Reefs ★

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

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

ExxonMobil 63AB 30°17.511' - 87°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' A total of 30 inshore fishing reefs are located within Mobile and Bon Secour Bays, Mississippi Sound, and the Perdido System. Concrete bridge materials, culvert pipes, concrete roof panels, oyster shells and crushed limestone were utilized as reef materials. Five reefs are experimental dual-purpose sites, providing excellent inshore fishing while improving oyster production on nonproductive relict oyster reefs. In addition, seven gas production platforms in lower Mobile Bay have been enhanced with limestone rock fish attracting pads.

#### Existing Reefs

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°14.705' - 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°15.716' - 87°51.682' Shrimpboat Reef 30°18.332' - 88°16.394' Upper Weck 30°23.230' - 87°55.600'



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