

Key West Fishing Is Hot Despite Chilly Weather

Image Gallery



Key West Angler, Seven Year Old Brandon Cope, lands a 40 pound Hammerjack, the trophy fish of his life!

February fishing report finds Key West fishing is at its best with sailfish, jacks, barracudas and some schoolie dolphin. Expect more sailfish and Marlin in March & April.

Online PR News – 05-March-2010 It might be colder than usual in the Florida Keys but it's still tropical and the temperature never drops below 40 degrees. Still, [Key West fishing](#) is affected by seasonal changes.

When the cold fronts come down through the Gulf of Mexico, the barracudas make like snowbirds and head south from the WWII wrecks and big shoals in the Gulf down into the Atlantic Ocean. Hungry after a long swim, they make a great fight for anglers aboard the Mr. Z, a 46 Bertram out of Key West's historic harbor.

Conditions can be rough, with green water and a strong winds out of the north, making blue water fish tough to hook. But there are plenty of Cero, Spanish, and King Mackerel – and one lucky young angler on a charter last week hooked up with 40 pound hammerjack and landed the fish of his life. Seven year old Brandon Cope, worked for 20 minutes on a Shimano high speed 30 pound reel, keeping the braid tight, to land his personal best.

“This time of year we expect cold fronts to move through the Florida Keys and Key West on a regular basis,” Captain Craig said. “But this year it seems that just when we get a 10 degree dip in the temperature, a quick warm-up, and our Springtime fishing to return, someone sends down another windy, cold reminder of just why we live here in the first place.”

Mid month, our Blue Water Gulf Stream returned and brought with it some nice schoolie Dolphin and Joe Morrisson reeled in a respectable Wahoo just a few hundred feet from where a group of divers were entering the water to dive the Vandenburg, a 600 ft. artificial reef (fancy name for a sunk- on-purpose wreck).

We caught Bonita, Kingfish, Jack Crevalles, and alligator-size Barracudas too!

What's on the horizon for [fishing Key West](#) as March rolls on toward April? It's the best time for sailfish and marlin (the trophy fish that made Key West's most famous angler, Papa Hemingway settle down on this island) and amberjack.

Yellowfin tuna continues strong, along with mangrove snapper, king mackerel and cobia. Check our [Key West fishing calendar](#) for more details.

Captain Craig Eubank of the Mr. Z, Key West's premiere deep sea charter. The Mr. Z. is a 46' Bertram sportfishing yacht docked at the A&B Marina on Key West Bight, the historic harbour. Call (305) 296-0910 to book your charter.

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