

Kay Moulton at SurfLand said that the stripers were around, but that you had to work for them. The only fish worthy of a weighing in on the SurfLand scales was a 23-pound striper, caught off the jetty by an angler using chunks of herring. Otherwise, Kay reported, there are bluefish outside the mouth of the river and some nice fish to be had by boaters fishing inside.

Richard, from Crossroads Bait and Tackle in Salisbury, said that Paul Hogg had had a couple of good bluefish charters and that school stripers were mixed in with the bluefish – blues running 8 to 12 pounds. Richard saw a few decent bass, to 35 inches, come in from Deer Island. Richard reported many schoolies at the mouth of the river.

Paul DeFrancisco of Bridge Bait and Tackle in Salisbury told me that the blues “are in” and that the striper fishing was “inconsistent”. Paul had just injured his back – we wish him well.

Chris Charos, from Captain’s Parties on Plum Island is still doing his half-day trips for striped bass and still picking up a number of keepers to go with the schoolies. In addition, his other half-day boats are going out for bluefish and getting quite a few, with some dogfish thrown in. Offshore on the full-day boats, the dogfish are “day to day” and the big pollock are starting to show up in larger numbers. There is now a good mix of pollock, cod, and haddock, with last week’s largest pool fish being a 30-pound cod. Please give Chris or George Charos a call at 1-800-427-1333 to make your reservations.

More dogfish stories: Captain Rick of the Yellow Bird wrote about last Saturday’s offshore trip: “Like I said earlier, you are going to have to work at fishing with dogs and tide, and boy did we work at it today. It was non-stop action from the moment we dropped the hook today. We had a steady pick of fish and dogs all day. Most keepers were haddock and large pollock with a few cod and cusk..” You may call 1-888-234-3531 for Yellow Bird reservations.

As always, I thank Kay and Martha Moulton, Rene Vigneault, Paul DeFrancisco, Paul Hogg and the local sport-fishing captains for their forecasts and news. If you have your own stories, please call me, John Altson, at 978-499-9972 with your news, recipes, and stories Better yet; send them by e-mail to [altson@us.ibm.com](mailto:altson@us.ibm.com). I’d love to hear from you. This column is available, along with other good fishing reports, on [www.surfcaster.com](http://www.surfcaster.com).

Have a great weekend!