

## Captain's Corner

**What's hot:** The week's waxing full moon will likely see the last of the tarpons' pre-spawning behavior. While area passes and beaches will continue to host tarpons' presence through the first cold fronts of fall, the frequency will be less consistent.

Tarpon are now returning to the shoreline from their offshore spawn for one reason: to forage. The fish are moving north and will snack along the way to seemingly make their ultimate summer destination in the bountiful waters of the Louisiana Delta. As the fish migrate north along the shoreline, some will "break off" and enter larger river systems and estuarial bays and harbors such as Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor.



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**Pro logic:** Year after year, summer tarpon frequent the same places they traditionally have for years, decades, centuries and likely millenniums. They have an affinity for hard bottom, points, bridges, rivers, dredge dumps, cuts, troughs and channel edges as well as the darkest and most stagnant water devoid of any other species of an angler's desire. Though these locations differ in many ways, they have one thing in common while they are holding summer tarpon: an abundance of bait that the tarpon will gorge on using the minimal amount of effort.

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