

The bull tide has returned to the area to stay, it appears. For over two years now, readings at the Baffin Buoy regularly reach or exceed the 1.0 mark, which equates to 14.43 on the old scale. In years past, we thought of a 14.0 tide as really high, but now it's more the norm.

One result of these regularly high tides is the inundation of areas previously dry or nearly dry on the fringes of the Lagoon. In some places, grass now grows on the bottom under water, where bare sand lay exposed to the air for years. This has allowed fish to roam far and wide over the expanses of the estuary.

Some people I talk to say they are not finding and catching as many redfish as they once did. In months like these, when water temperatures are warm, this may be the result of the fish moving into previously unreachable areas. I have reliable reports of folks sight-casting the reds in places they never ventured into much before, because they were either too shallow or entirely dry. When they find the reds in places like those, the fish tend to be in water barely deep enough to cover their backs, or not quite deep enough to do so!

I don't fish for redfish much, but I figured some of you out there might take this information and start searching for schools in some new places, where you will likely find some, at least as long as the tide stays so high, the water so warm.