

Recent fishing trips have produced fast action in clear water lying close to and atop spoil banks near the intracoastal waterway, and in places with similar shallow structural elements lying close to deeper water. Early in the morning, small topwaters like Super Spook Juniors and MirrOprops draw lots of blow ups. On the better days, the hook up ratio justifies continuing to throw them, but on other days, the weak blow ups result in few hook ups. On some occasions, the bite becomes more aggressive on floating plugs later in the morning, particularly if strong late-night winds settle and a calm lull occurs while the sun reaches heights above the clouds.

Soft plastics work best on most days, rigged on eighth-ounce heads. Early in the day, the fish prefer to chase prey right on top of the shallow structures, over grass and rocks. Later, they tend to fall off to the edges of the humps, where depths range from three to four feet. Large schools of tiny fish often lurk in the depths barely reachable from the spoils, but the bigger fish generally stay closer to the ledges and shallow parts of the structures.