

## LICENSING INFORMATION

A saltwater fishing license is required for all methods of finfish harvest in the coastal and marine waters of Mississippi. A saltwater fishing license is required to fish in all Mississippi waters south of U.S Highway 90. Either a saltwater or freshwater license is sufficient to fish in the brackish waters between U.S. Highway 90 and Interstate 10. To fish waters North of Interstate 10, a freshwater fishing license is required. Mississippi offers a free saltwater fishing day on July 4th each year. Any person may fish without a recreational saltwater license in the marine waters (waters south of Interstate 10) of the state of Mississippi on this date. Fishing regulations and license fees may vary from year to year. Any questions regarding license fees and fishing regulations should be addressed to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources at 228-374-5000. Information is also available on the Department's website: [www.dmr.state.ms.us](http://www.dmr.state.ms.us).

## INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES

Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks/Reef Locations: [www.mgfb.com](http://www.mgfb.com)

Mississippi State University Extension Service/Mississippi Tide Tables: <http://msucares.com/pubs/publications/pub850.htm>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

National Marine Fisheries Service/Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey: [www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/recreational](http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/recreational)

A Guide to Recreation, Travel, and Lifestyles in Mississippi: [http://www.mississippiresorts.com/state\\_map.htm](http://www.mississippiresorts.com/state_map.htm)

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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources  
1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530  
228-374-5000  
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## MISSISSIPPI SALTWATER SPORTFISHING *Always in Season*



## FISHING GUIDE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

The Mississippi Gulf Coast is truly a fisherman's paradise for the sports fisherman seeking excitement and variety of species. Whether you're looking for charter boat action, spear fishing, saltwater fly fishing, pier fishing, surf fishing, or trying your luck on one of our many artificial reef sites from the comfort of your own boat, fishing is always in season here. Mississippi invites you, your family, and friends to come and test your fishing skills and enjoy our beautiful Gulf Coast waters.

## BOAT & WATER SAFETY

The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) encourages everyone to keep safety in the forefront while boating on Mississippi's coastal waters. Don't let misfortune find you unprepared. Before venturing out, be sure to file a float plan with a responsible friend or relative. The float plan should include the place of departure, destination points and expected times of arrival, the time of expected return, and the names of all individuals on-board. Advise the friend or relative to contact proper authorities, i.e. DMR's Marine Patrol Office or the U.S. Coast Guard, if you have not returned by an agreed upon time. It is of paramount importance that you do not deviate from the intended float plan. Should an emergency occur, valuable search and rescue time could be saved if a float plan has been properly filed and followed.

Before departure, a boat check should be performed to ensure the proper equipment is on board and functional. Remember, some equipment items such as visual distress signals, first aid kits and fire extinguishers have items with expiration dates where service or replacement is required.

Always be watchful for adverse weather conditions. A small National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio is an excellent way to constantly receive updated weather broadcasts, and severe weather warnings. NOAA also provides National Weather Service, which may be accessed via the internet at [www.nws.noaa.gov](http://www.nws.noaa.gov). In addition, the U.S. Coast Guard provides emergency alerts and marine warning broadcasts on VHF channels 16 and 22 as conditions may warrant. Remember to have adequate communications on board your boat at all times. A VHF radio is the preferred equipment for marine use. Cell phones, although popular for communicating on land, have a limited use on the water. A cell phone should not be depended upon as your only form of communication. Also, remember to have personal floatation devices on the boat at all times (i.e. Lifejackets).

Knowing the boat and water safety rules and regulations can save lives, and significantly reduce the possibility of accident or injury while on the water. For more information or to sign up for DMR Boating Safety Classes, please call DMR Bureau of Boat and Water Safety 228-523-4134.

## ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI SALTWATER FISHING EVENTS

### APRIL

Gorenflo's Annual Cobia Shootout  
Gorenflo's Tackle Shop  
Biloxi, Point Cadet Marina 228-432-7387  
[www.gorenflostockle.com](http://www.gorenflostockle.com)

### MAY

Annual Gorenflo's Cobia Tournament  
Gorenflo's Tackle Shop  
Biloxi, Point Cadet Marina 228-432-7387  
[www.gorenflostockle.com](http://www.gorenflostockle.com)

### JUNE

MS Gulf Coast Big Billfish Classic  
Biloxi, Point Cadet Marina 228-432-7387  
[www.mgcbc.com](http://www.mgcbc.com)

Ocean Springs Elks Jr. Fishing Rodeo (Kids)  
(Old) Elks Lodge Site, Ocean Springs, MS  
228-872-2501

Mississippi Gulf Coast Big Game  
Fishing Club Jeff Alexander Memorial  
Tournament (Bluewater)  
Rusty David 228-374-6558  
[www.mgcbgfc.com](http://www.mgcbgfc.com)

### JULY

Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo  
Biloxi, Point Cadet 228-832-0079  
[www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com](http://www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com)

Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (1 day)  
Redfish & Speckled Trout Shootout  
Registration deadline – July 3rd  
Biloxi, Point Cadet 228-832-0079  
[www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com](http://www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com)

Mississippi Deep Sea Kids Fishing Rodeo  
(1 day)  
Biloxi, Point Cadet 228-832-0079  
[www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com](http://www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com)

Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (1 day)  
Cobia Shootout  
Registration deadline – July 3rd  
Biloxi, Point Cadet 228-832-0079  
[www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com](http://www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com)

Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (1 day)  
Bass Shootout  
Registration deadline – July 3rd  
Biloxi, Point Cadet 228-832-0079  
[www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com](http://www.mississippideepseafishingrodeo.com)

Mississippi Gulf Coast Big Game Fishing  
Club Ladies Tournament (Bluewater)  
Rusty David 228-374-6558  
[www.mgcbgfc.com](http://www.mgcbgfc.com)

Mississippi Gulf Coast Big Game Fishing  
Club Sonny Johnson Memorial Tournament  
(Bluewater)  
Rusty David 228-374-6558  
[www.mgcbgfc.com](http://www.mgcbgfc.com)

### AUGUST

Mississippi Gulf Coast Big Game Fishing  
Club Sonny Johnson Memorial Tournament  
(Bluewater)  
Rusty David 228-374-6558  
[www.mgcbgfc.com](http://www.mgcbgfc.com)

### SEPTEMBER

Southern Kingfish Association  
(SKA) Divisionals  
Gorenflo's Tackle Shop  
Biloxi, Point Cadet Marina 228-432-7387  
[www.fishska.com](http://www.fishska.com)

### OCTOBER

ESPN Redfish Cup  
Gorenflo's Tackle Shop  
Biloxi, Point Cadet Marina 228-432-7387  
[www.redfishcup.com](http://www.redfishcup.com)

FLW Redfish Nationals  
Gorenflo's Tackle Shop  
Biloxi, Point Cadet Marina 228-432-7387  
[www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com)

### NOVEMBER

Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Championship  
Biloxi, Isle of Capri Casino 228-436-7990  
[www.flwoutdoors.com](http://www.flwoutdoors.com)

Southern Kingfish Association  
(SKA) Nationals  
Gorenflo's Tackle Shop  
Biloxi, Point Cadet Marina 228-432-7387  
[www.fishska.com](http://www.fishska.com)

## COMMON SALTWATER SPORT FISH OF MISSISSIPPI

Speckled Trout	Red Snapper	Blue Marlin	Bonito
Red Drum	Wahoo	White Marlin	Dolphin
Striped Bass	White Trout	Tarpon	Pompano
Spanish Mackerel	Jack Crevalle	Sharks	Tripletail
Flounder	Bluefish	Black Drum	Blue Runner
Cobia	Sailfish	Sheepshead	

## MARINAS

(PO) = Pump Out Station

### LaFrance Marina

3200 LaFrance Drive  
Bay St. Louis  
228-467-9180

### Bayou Caddy Marina (PO)

Hancock County  
Bay St. Louis  
228-463-0368

### Bay Marina & RV Park (PO)

100 Bay Marina Drive  
Bay St. Louis  
228-466-4970

### Diamondhead Ship Store & Marina (PO)

3400 Yacht Club Circle  
Diamondhead  
228-255-7055

### Pass Christian Harbor (PO)

Harrison County  
Pass Christian  
228-452-3315

### Long Beach Harbor (PO)

Harrison County  
Long Beach  
228-863-4795

### Gulfport Small Craft Harbor (PO)

Harrison County  
Gulfport  
228-868-5713

### Keesler AFB Marina (PO)

Harrison County  
Biloxi  
228-377-0002

### D'Iberville Marina

D'Iberville Port Commission  
Biloxi  
228-392-7966

### Biloxi Small Craft Harbor (PO)

Harrison County  
Biloxi  
228-436-4062

### Point Cadet Fuel & Ice (PO)

119 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi  
228-432-0454

### Ocean Springs Marine Mart (PO)

1320 Harbor Drive  
Ocean Springs  
228-875-0072

### Mary Walker Marina (PO)

3328 Mary Walker Drive  
Gautier  
228-497-3141

### Inner Harbor Marina (PO)

Jackson County  
Pascagoula  
228-938-6627

### Bayou LaCroix Marina

11060 Hwy. 803  
Bay St. Louis  
228-466-4303

### Biloxi Commercial Harbor

727 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi  
228-435-3404

### Biloxi Port Commission

693 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi  
228-374-6600

### Bordages Brothers Marina & Shipyards

6149 Central Avenue  
Bay St. Louis  
228-467-0650

### Choctaw Marina

3301 Hemlock Avenue  
Moss Point  
228-475-6100

### Lighthouse Fishing Docks

747 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi  
228-436-6200

### Little River Marina

3200 Dumas Road  
Moss Point  
228-475-5244

### Paige Bayou Marina

3400 Rouses Marina Road  
Ocean Springs  
228-826-4444

### Pelican Cove Marina

103 W. Bayview Street  
Pass Christian  
228-452-7390

### Pepper's Discovery Bay Marina & Resort

24616 Yacht Club Drive  
Pass Christian  
228-452-9441

### Islander Marina

5400 Island View Dr.  
Lake Shore  
228-466-5030



## LICENSED LIFE-BAIT DEALERS

### JACKSON COUNTY

**Fort Bayou Bait**  
Ocean Springs  
228-875-6252

**Marine Mart**  
Ocean Springs  
228-875-0072

**Who Zat**  
Ocean Springs  
228-218-5154

**Mary Walker Marina**  
Gautier  
228-497-3141

**Tucei's**  
Gautier  
228-497-6743

**CC's Bait Shop**  
Pascagoula  
228-623-4752

**Dog River Marina**  
Moss Point  
228-990-5644

### HARRISON COUNTY

**Brady's Bait House**  
Gulfport  
228-864-5338

**Gulfport Harbor Bait**  
Gulfport  
228-248-2248

**David's Fish Camp**  
D'Iberville  
228-392-1304

### HANCOCK COUNTY

**Bay Marina**  
Bay St. Louis  
228-466-4970

**Bordages Marina**  
Bay St. Louis  
228-341-5220

**La France**  
Bay St. Louis  
228-467-9180

## BAIT & TACKLE SHOPS

### Bay Point High & Dry Marina

Fishing Bait  
169 5th St., Biloxi  
228-297-9270

### Biloxi Small Craft Harbor

Fishing Bait  
Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, Biloxi  
228-374-6600

### Brady's Bait House

Fishing Bait  
Gulfport Small Craft Harbor,  
Gulfport  
228-864-5338

### David's Fishing Camp

Fishing Bait  
9363 Central Ave., D'Iberville  
228-392-1304

### Diamondhead Ship Store & Marina

Fishing Bait  
3400 Yacht Club Circle,  
Diamondhead  
228-255-7055

### Dog River Marina

Fishermen's Supplies  
4415 Denny St., Moss Point  
228-990-5644

### Fort Bayou Bait Shop

Fishing Bait  
1022 Legion Ln., Ocean Springs  
228-875-6252

### Killer Bee

Fishing Bait  
211 Caillavet St., Biloxi  
228-374-8122

### Gorenflo's Tackle Shop

Fishermen's Supplies  
119 Beach Blvd., Biloxi  
228-432-0454  
and  
522 Washington Ave.,  
Ocean Springs  
228-872-1104

### Gulfport Small Craft Harbor

Gulfport Small Craft Harbor  
228-868-5713

### Ken's Marine Supply

Fishermen's Supplies  
1533 30th Ave., Gulfport  
228-863-8564

### LaFrance Fishing Camp & Marina

Fishing Bait  
3200 Ansley Rd., Bay St. Louis  
228-467-9180

### Tuceis

Fishing Camp  
3300 Oak St., Gautier  
228-497-6743

### Seafood At Market Square

Hwy 90 at Gautier  
228-522-6323

### Sports Unlimited, Inc.

Fishermen's Supplies  
215-B Pass Rd.  
228-863-5839

Other facilities may  
reopen soon.



## CHARTER BOATS

### Mississippi Charter Boat Captains Association

[www.mscharterboats.org](http://www.mscharterboats.org)

### Mississippi Gulf Coast Charter Boats

[www.gulf-coast.com/misc/fish.html](http://www.gulf-coast.com/misc/fish.html)

### US Charter Boats, Fishing Guides and Outfitters - Mississippi

[www.uscharterboats.com/mississippi](http://www.uscharterboats.com/mississippi)

### Official Site of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

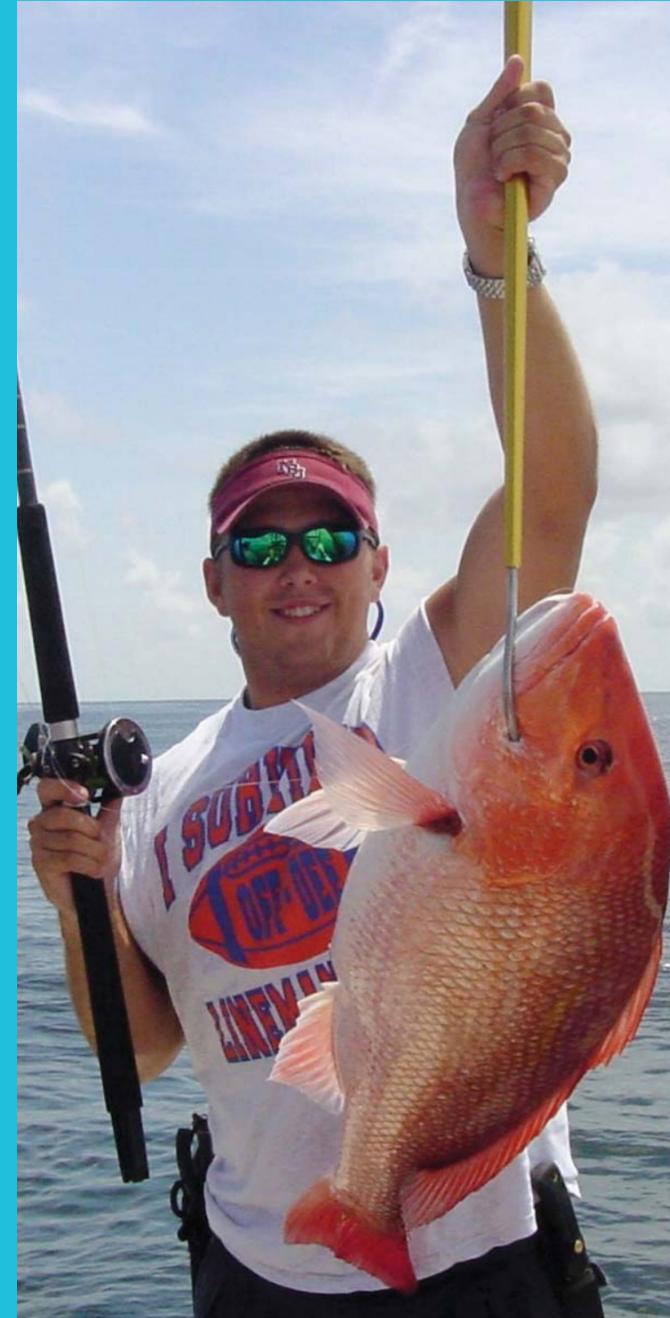
[www.gulfcoast.org/listings/index.cfm](http://www.gulfcoast.org/listings/index.cfm)

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## COASTAL PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Site	City	Water Body	Facilities	LEGEND
Pearlington Boat Launch	Pearlington	Pearl River	L, FP	L = Boat Launch
Bayou Caddy Marina	Lakeshore	Bayou Caddy	L, M, PO, FP	M = Marina
Bayou Caddy Launch	Lakeshore	Bayou Caddy	L	O = Pump Out Station
Garfield Ladner Municipal Pier	Waveland	Mississippi Sound	FP	FP = Fishing Pier
Boat Launch & Pier	Bay St. Louis	Mississippi Sound	L, FP	
Cedar Point Boat Launch	Bay St. Louis	St. Louis Bay	L	
Bay Marina	Bay St. Louis	St. Louis Bay	PO	
Diamondhead Marina	Diamondhead	Main Canal	PO	
McCleod Water Park	Hancock County	Jourdan River	L	
Jourdan River Shores Boat Launch	Kiln	Bayou Talla	L	
Marlin Necaise Boat Launch	Pass Christian	Wolf River	L	
Henderson Point Boat Launch	Pass Christian	Mississippi Sound	L	
Pass Christian Harbor	Pass Christian	Mississippi Sound	L, M, PO, FP	
Long Beach Harbor	Long Beach	Mississippi Sound	L, M, PO, FP	
Preservation Oaks Park	Gulfport	Mississippi Sound	FP	
Gulfport Small Craft Harbor	Gulfport	Mississippi Sound	L, M, PO, FP	
Courthouse Pier	Gulfport	Mississippi Sound	FP	
Biloxi Community Pier	Biloxi	Mississippi Sound	FP	
Biloxi Lighthouse Pier	Biloxi	Mississippi Sound	FP	
Biloxi Small Craft Harbor	Biloxi	Mississippi Sound	L, M, PO, FP	
Kuhn Street Pier & Boat Launch	Biloxi	Mississippi Sound	L, FP	
Point Cadet Marina	Biloxi	Biloxi Bay	M, PO	
Old Biloxi Bridge	Biloxi & Ocean Springs	Back Bay of Biloxi	FP	
Bayview Avenue Launch	Biloxi	Back Bay of Biloxi	L, FP	
Kessler Air Force Base Marina	Biloxi	Back Bay of Biloxi	L, M, PO	
Hiller Park	Biloxi	Back Bay of Biloxi	L	
Popps Ferry Causeway	Biloxi	Back Bay of Biloxi	L, FP	
James Hill Park & Handsborough Launch	Gulfport	Big Lake	L, FP	
Gulfport Lake Launch	Gulfport	Bayou Bernard	L	
Parker's Creek Launch	Woolmarket	Parker's Creek	L	
Cedar Lake Launch	Biloxi	Tchoutacabouffa River	L	
D'Iberville Bridge	D'Iberville	Back Bay of Biloxi	L, M, FP	
Old D'Iberville Bridge	D'Iberville & Biloxi	Back Bay of Biloxi	FP	
Fountain Pier	D'Iberville	Back Bay of Biloxi	FP	
St. Martin Bayou Boat Launch	St. Martin	St. Martin Bayou	L, FP	
Beach Bayou Road	Ocean Springs	Back Bay of Biloxi	L	
Fort Bayou Bridge Launch	Ocean Springs	Fort Bayou	L, FP	
Ocean Springs Community Pier	Ocean Springs	Biloxi Bay	FP	
Ocean Springs Harbor	Ocean Springs	Mississippi Sound	L, M, PO, FP	
Gulf Islands National Seashore Park (GINS)	Ocean Springs	Davis Bayou	L, FP	
Beachview Drive Launch	Ocean Springs	Simmons Bayou	L	
Gulf Park Estates Pier	Gautier	Mississippi Sound	FP	
Graveline Bayou Pier & Launch	Gautier	Graveline Bay	L, FP	
Gautier City Park	Gautier	Mary Walker Bayou	L, FP	
Mary Walker Marina	Gautier	Mary Walker Bayou	PO	
Jaycee Boat Launch	Pascagoula	East Pascagoula River	L	
Pascagoula River Launch	Pascagoula	East Pascagoula River	L, FP	
The Point Launch	Pascagoula	Mouth of Lake Yazoo	L, FP	
Spanish Fort Launch	Pascagoula	Krebs Lake	L	
Inner Harbor Marina	Pascagoula	Lake Yazoo	M, PO	
Singing River Yacht Club	Pascagoula	Bayou Chico	PO	
Bayou Casotte Boat Launch	Pascagoula	Bayou Casotte	L, FP	
Bayou Heron Boat Launch	Pascagoula	Bayou Heron	L	
Riverfront Launch	East Jackson County	Escatawpa River	L, FP	
I-10 Launch	Moss Point	Upper Pascagoula River	L	
West Ship Island (GINS, boat access only)	Harrison County	Mississippi Sound	FP	



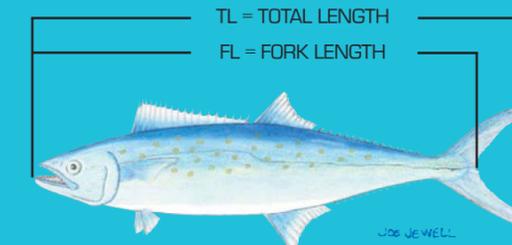
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## FISHING LICENSES

The saltwater sportfishing license is required for all recreational methods of finfish harvest in the coastal and marine waters of the state of Mississippi. (Section 49-15-313, Mississippi Code of 1972).

Any person under the age of 16, residents 65 years of age or older, and residents who are adjudged totally service-connected disabled by the VA or 100 percent disabled through Social Security are exempted from obtaining recreational fishing licenses. For more information, call the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources at (228) 374-5000.

### How to Measure Your Fish



### Saltwater Sportfishing in Mississippi Waters

NOTE: Fishing seasons for some species may be closed by order of the Commission on Marine Resources. Advance notice of such closures will be given. Please be aware that size and possession limits are subject to change. Please contact the DMR at (228) 374-5000 for the most current limits. Not all fish species are listed.

Recreational fishermen not fishing in Mississippi waters may transport and land fish that meet the minimum size and creel limits of the waters in which they were legally caught. They must possess a valid saltwater sportfishing license as may be required in the waters where the fish were caught.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to sell or offer for sale any seafood caught in or landed in the State of Mississippi.

It shall be unlawful for recreational fishermen to possess fish with heads, tails or flesh removed until delivered to the final destination; however, fish may be eviscerated, scaled or have gills removed. Charter and recreational boats, fishing in the Gulf of Mexico over 24 continuous hours, may possess filleted fish in Mississippi waters, if they have filed a float plan with the DMR in advance. For the purpose of the float plan, Title 22 Part 7 says that any charter or recreational fishing boat fishing outside Mississippi waters in the Gulf of Mexico over 24 hours that has filed a float plan may possess filleted fish in Mississippi waters.

This is an abstract of the rules and regulations in effect at the time of printing. Fishermen are responsible for obeying fishing rules in full. Complete laws are available at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530.

For more information, call the DMR at (228) 374-5000 or visit our Web site at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

Generally, the line dividing state and federal waters is three miles south of the barrier islands, with federal waters being south of this line and state waters being north of this line.

Federal regulations may differ from state regulations. For federal regulations, contact the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at 1-888-833-1844 or [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).



# Mississippi Artificial Reef Coordinates

Upon completion of inshore reef restoration and construction of new reefs, updates will be posted on the DMR Web site: at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

## In-Shore Reef Sites:

Hancock County:	Latitude	Longitude	USM Pier Reef	30° 20.832' N	89° 08.019' W
American Legion Launch Reef	30° 17.890' N	89° 19.800' W	VA Hospital	30° 22.298' N	89° 03.137' W
Square Handkerchief Key**	30° 16.249' N	89° 18.843' W	Whitehouse Reef	30° 22.872' N	88° 55.572' W
Square Handkerchief Reef***	30° 16.287' N	89° 18.899' W			
Ulman Avenue Pier	30° 18.743' N	89° 19.176' W			
Waveland Pier	30° 16.882' N	89° 21.876' W			
Washington Ave. Pier (American Legion Pier)	30° 18.106' N	89° 19.605' W			
Harrison County:	Latitude	Longitude	Jackson County:	Latitude	Longitude
Biloxi Harbor Reef	30° 23.473' N	88° 52.879' W	Belle Fontaine Reef	30° 19.503' N	88° 43.036' W
Biloxi Lighthouse Reef	30° 23.485' N	88° 54.116' W	Gulf Park Estates	30° 21.529' N	88° 46.059' W
Broadwater Marina West	30° 23.226' N	88° 58.196' W	Gulf Park Estates Pier	30° 21.547' N	88° 45.874' W
Broadwater Marina East	30° 23.218' N	88° 58.058' W	Katrina Key	30° 21.411' N	88° 50.369' W
Charles Walker Pier	30° 21.585' N	89° 06.512' W	Ocean Springs Community Pier	30° 24.322' N	88° 50.051' W
Courthouse Road Pier	30° 22.387' N	89° 02.544' W	Pascagoula Front Beach	30° 20.040' N	88° 32.225' W
Deer Island North Reef	30° 22.532' N	88° 49.851' W	Pascagoula River Reef I	30° 22.887' N	88° 34.148' W
Deer Island North II Reef	30° 22.560' N	88° 49.924' W	Pascagoula River Reef III	30° 24.480' N	88° 36.896' W
D'Iberville Bridge Reef	30° 25.131' N	88° 53.184' W	Pascagoula River Reef IV	30° 24.166' N	88° 36.459' W
D'Iberville Marina	30° 25.386' N	88° 53.663' W	Round Island Reef	30° 17.648' N	88° 35.827' W
East Deer Island Reef	30° 20.096' N	88° 49.078' W	North Spoil Island Reef	30° 25.121' N	88° 51.342' W
Emerald Street	30° 19.538' N	89° 11.707' W	South Spoil Island Reef	30° 24.826' N	88° 51.577' W
Fountain Pier Reef	30° 25.523' N	88° 53.006' W			
Fournier Avenue	30° 21.173' N	89° 07.024' W			
Goat Island Reef	30° 25.389' N	88° 54.602' W			
Japonica Drive	30° 19.373' N	89° 12.400' W			
Jeff Davis Ave. Pier	30° 20.682' N	89° 08.849' W			
Joe Thornton Hull Reef	30° 23.205' N	88° 51.627' W			
Keesler Harbor Reef	30° 25.223' N	88° 55.367' W			
Keesler Rubble Reef	30° 21.772' N	88° 52.906' W			
Kelly Avenue	30° 22.090' N	89° 04.192' W			
Kuhn Street Pier	30° 23.476' N	88° 52.350' W			
Lang Avenue	30° 19.068' N	89° 13.364' W			
Legacy Towers	30° 22.998' N	89° 00.201' W			
Long Beach East Reef	30° 20.583' N	89° 07.915' W			
Long Beach Harbor Jetty	30° 20.508' N	89° 08.551' W			
Long Beach Harbor Pier	30° 20.572' N	89° 08.413' W			
Mellini Point	30° 20.105' N	89° 17.244' W			
Moses Pier	30° 21.564' N	89° 05.004' W			
Naval Hospital Reef	30° 22.240' N	89° 03.165' W			
Teagarden	30° 22.565' N	89° 02.132' W			
USM Pier Reef	30° 20.832' N	89° 08.019' W			
Thornton Avenue	30° 21.980' N	89° 04.592' W			
Urie Pier North	30° 21.559' N	89° 05.175' W			

\*The latitude and longitude coordinates listed are the center points of these in-shore reef sites. \*\* Square Handkerchief Key extends into Hancock and Harrison counties. \*\*\* Square Handkerchief Reef extends into Hancock and Harrison counties.

## Off-Shore Fish Haven Sites:

Site	Latitude	Longitude	
FH-1	30° 03.145' N	88° 36.445' W	Casino Magic Barge
FH-2	30° 04.998' N	88° 32.922' W	Adeline Barge
FH-3	30° 09.942' N	88° 45.073' W	Liberty Ship Hull
FH-4	30° 10.153' N	88° 54.007' W	Ship Island Barge
FH-5	30° 10.543' N	88° 50.266' W	Harrison County Barge
FH-6	30° 02.008' N	88° 41.652' W	Tug Boat "Leo"
FH-7	29° 37.227' N	88° 23.863' W	Rowan Crew Quarters
FH-8	30° 16.020' N	88° 57.680' W	Rubble
FH-9/11	30° 15.546' N	88° 54.021' W	Rubble
FH-10	30° 15.948' N	88° 38.941' W	Rubble
FH-12	30° 02.764' N	88° 45.916' W	Ladnier Barge
FH-13	29° 59.829' N	88° 30.109' W	South Hampton Boat
FH-14	30° 12.266' N	88° 49.788' W	Rubble
Cat Island	30° 12.102' N	89° 04.842' W	Rubble
MP 132 Reef	29° 22.499' N	88° 40.122' W	MP 129-A Jacket
MP 280 Reef	29° 16.465' N	88° 12.138' W	ENSCO Legs (STB)
MP 138 Reef	29° 20.851' N	88° 47.596' W	MP 138-B Jacket
MP 290 Reef	29° 15.379' N	88° 27.093' W	MP 290-A Jacket
MP 185 Reef	29° 33.222' N	88° 22.289' W	MP 185 "Rowan New Orleans"
SP 62-A Reef	29° 04.753' N	88° 44.634' W	SP 62-A Jacket
SP 62-B Reef	29° 05.538' N	88° 43.291' W	SP 62-B JacketFH-14

# Boating in Mississippi Waters

## Boating Equipment Checklist\*

	PWC**	Boat less than 16 ft.	Boat 16 ft. to less than 26 ft.
<b>Boater Education Certificate</b>	✓ 1	✓ 1	✓ 1
<b>Certificate of Number Onboard</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Validation Decals Displayed</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>PFDs: Type I, II, III or V</b>	✓ 2	✓ 3	✓ 3
<b>PFD: Type IV</b>			✓
<b>Ignition Safety Switch</b>	✓ 4		
<b>Type B-1 Fire Extinguisher</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Backfire Flame Arrestor</b>	✓	✓ 5	✓ 5
<b>Ventilation System</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Muffler</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Horn, Whistle or Bell</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Visual Distress Signals</b>	7	✓ 6	✓
<b>Navigation Lights</b>	7	✓	✓
<b>Closed Trash Container</b>	✓ 4	✓ 4	✓ 4

\*For boats 26 ft. in length and greater, call DMR Boat and Water Safety at (228) 523-4126

\*\*Personal Watercraft (PWC)

- Applicable if operator is born after June 30, 1980.
- Those on PWC or being towed by a PWC must wear a Type I, II or III PFD at all times.
- Those under the age of 13 must wear a PFD at all times when underway in a vessel under 26 ft. in length.
- If operating on marine waters—south of Interstate Highway 10 (I-10).
- Required on inboard and stern drives only.
- When boating after sunset.
- It is strongly recommended that PWC are not operated after dark. However, if a PWC is operated at night, it has the same requirements for visual distress signals and navigation lights as other vessels.

SOURCE: The Handbook! of Mississippi Boating Laws and Responsibilities, 2002 Edition.

For more information, or to pre-register for a free boating safety class, call the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Boat and Water Safety Bureau at (228) 523-4134.

## For boating emergencies or to report fishing violations:

Marine Patrol Toll Free Mississippi Only, 1-800-294-5551  
 Marine Patrol Nationwide, (228) 523-4134  
 Coast Guard Gulfport Station, (228) 868-3743  
 Coast Guard Pascagoula Station, (228) 769-5601

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks,  
 1-800-BE SMART

**Emergency Distress and Calling Frequency:** Channel 16 VHF

**Weather Reports:** 162.40MHz

## For marine mammal or sea turtle strandings:

Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, (228) 374-5000

National Marine Fisheries Service, (228) 762-4591

The Stranding Network, 1-888-SOS-DOLPHIN

## Filing a Float Plan

Before going out on a vessel it is always a good idea to leave a float plan with a local marina, relative or friend. A float plan should:

- Describe the vessel, its number, size, make, capacity, horsepower and type of engine.
- List where you are going, the route and your expected return time.
- Give the number of passengers, their names and addresses, and a contact in case of an emergency.

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