

Brings Back Proof of Luck

Hammond Man Drags Two Whoppers from Small Florida Creek

When a Lake county fisherman has good luck in distant waters, there's only one way to convince the folks back home he's telling the truth, according to Jesse Anderson, of 6420 Kennedy avenue.

"Bring 'em back stuffed!" says Anderson, and that's exactly what he did with five saltwater fish which he caught in Snake Creek, about 90 miles south of Miami, Fla., on a recent 9-week vacation outing.

While Anderson's catch included one each from the families of the Dolphin, Bonita, Baracuda and Tarpon species, his most highly-prized possession is a fine sail fish, the center of attraction in his mounted group.

The sail fish, Anderson said, weighed 54 pounds and measures 6½ feet from the tip of its bill to the end of its tail. It resembles the sword fish, has a dark blue sail, and its silver body is spotted with blue.

"It put up a game fight for 20 minutes while I worked from a chartered boat," Anderson related. "It was a great thrill to pull that sail fish in."

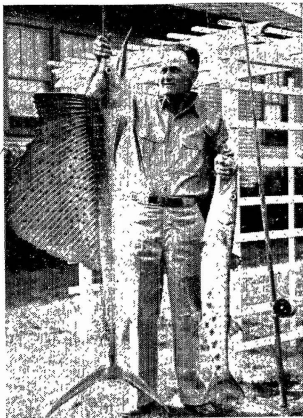
Anderson said Florida residents claim the Dolphin is the most beautiful fish in the ocean. The one he caught has a small spotted body with a striking color scheme in yellow and blue. Its length is about four feet.

The Bonita he landed measures about 30 inches in length, while the Baracuda, a long, narrow fish, is 3½ feet in length. His Tarpon catch was made only after it had put up a good fight, Anderson said. It measures 3½ feet in length.

Anderson will exhibit the five mounted fish in a display arranged by the Lake County Fish and Game Protective association during the Sportsmen's show, sponsored by The Hammond Times, at Civic Center next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He is a member of that organization.

A year ago, Anderson revealed, he won second prize in a Miami fishing tournament when he caught the second largest red snapper, a species of the bass family. Its weight was 17½ pounds.

THE FISHERMAN'S DREAM



Proud—and who wouldn't be—of a fisherman's catch like the one which Jesse Anderson, Kennedy avenue business man of Hammond, is displaying here. Anderson caught the 54-pound sail fish and the smaller Baracuda in a Florida creek a few weeks ago. He had them mounted and they will be exhibited at The Times' Sportsman's show in Civic Center.

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