

# Inshore Redfish Cheat Sheet

## Finding Redfish

Look for areas that have good structure as well as a healthy supply of food... redfish will often hold in these types of areas throughout the year because it addresses their two top concerns (finding food & protection from bigger predators).

Types of structure redfish like:

- Docks
- Grass flats
- Mangrove shorelines
- Points
- Edges of flats and channels
- Sandy potholes
- Jetties
- Bridges
- Passes/Inlets

## Catching Redfish With Live Bait

Keys to remember:

- Match the hatch
- Use fresh bait (both alive and dead works well)
- Use circle hooks

Best Baits:

- Shrimp
- Pinfish
- Finger mullet
- Pilchards
- Blue crabs
- Cut mullet/ladyfish/pinfish

## **Catching redfish with artificial lures:**

Keys to remember:

- Match the hatch
  - Size matters more than color
- Get really good with 1 or 2 lures

Some of our favorite types of lures:

- Paddle tails
- Jerk baits
- Weedless spoons
- Shrimp imitation lures

## **Good Equipment For Inshore Redfish:**

- Type: Spinning outfits seem to get the best overall results
- Rod:
  - Length: 7-7 ½'
  - Power: Medium - Medium-Heavy
  - Action: Fast
- Reel:
  - 2000-3000 series for inshore
  - Up to 4000 series if you're fishing heavy structure for bull redfish
- Mainline:
  - 10 lb to 15 lb braid
- Leader:
  - 20 lb to 25 lb mono or fluorocarbon