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## First cobia in and others spotted

Not two hours after I left the fishing docks Thursday afternoon, word came in that the first cobia had been caught and the angler was on his way in.

Victor Wright of Gulf Breeze landed a 65-pounder Thursday to kick off the Destin Cobia Tournament at HarborWalk Marina.

Hours before Wright came in, I was talking with Capt. Paul Dale Wagner, who said his wife, Capt. Cathi Wagner, and Capt. Andy Block on the Full Pull had spotted two cobia on Wednesday.

Fishing west of Destin, Wagner and Block said the cobia were in the 45-50-pound range. They threw a line at them, but as Capt. Paul Dale said, "It didn't work out."

Wright had better luck. And the cobia he caught was a bit bigger than what the Destin anglers saw.

So the cobia are on the way.

But cobia aren't the only fish in the Gulf for the taking.

Capt. Steve Regan on the Cutting Edge pulled in a nice catch Thursday of scamp, grouper and triggerfish.

The party boat Destin Princess with Capt. Phillip Blackburn at the helm brought in a few mingo and white snapper.

Capt. Mark Tilden on the Swoop and his group of anglers pulled in a mingo, white snapper and scamp. They also caught and released a lot of short amberjack but did land two keeper amberjack. The group aboard the Swoop also spotted a 250-pound mako shark.

On Wednesday, Capt. Nick Harvell went out on the Inshore Angler and landed 20 keeper redfish.

Capt. Mike Eller on the Fish-N-Fool said he fished over the weekend and pulled in several amberjack.

Just the idea of fish being caught is good news. That tells me it's just going to get better every day.

See you at the docks.



Tina Harbuck

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