



2018 ALABAMA MARINE INFORMATION CALENDAR

MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES



Alabama Marine Resources Division

Enforcement Section

Creel Limit Inspections

Commercial Gear Inspections

Recreational Fishing Surveys

Public Access Construction

Oyster Reef Enhancement

Conservation for the Future

Artificial Fishing Reef Construction

Public Outreach Programs

Fisheries Assessment Sampling

The Alabama Marine Resources Division (MRD) manages Alabama's marine fisheries resources with assessment and monitoring, applied research and enforcement programs. Offices in Gulf Shores and on Dauphin Island currently employ approximately 60 people in the Administrative, Enforcement and Fisheries sections.

The Enforcement Section patrols Alabama's coastal waters, enforcing state and federal laws and regulations relating to the conservation and protection of marine resources. Officers also enforce laws and regulations relating to boating safety, hunting and freshwater fishing, conduct search and rescue missions, and participate in drug interdiction operations.

The daily creel limit is the number of a particular sport fish species you may keep in one day's fishing. You may be checked on your vessel or upon reaching shore by MRD to make sure you have complied with the creel limit.

Officers are cross-trained and deputized with NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. They cooperate extensively with these and other federal and state agencies in the coordination of cooperative enforcement operations, investigative fisheries enforcement activities, training, public safety and other natural resource issues. MRD's

successful Coastwatch program trains volunteers to recognize and report violations of fishery laws and regulations.

MRD's fishery biologists interview recreational anglers at public and private boat ramps. These surveys collect data necessary for the development of stock analyses of various species and for the formulation of creel and size limits.

Public boat ramps along the coast are constructed and maintained by MRD.

Oyster reef enhancement programs are funded with money received from the sale of oyster tags and from various federal resource restoration grants. These programs plant oyster cultch material (oyster shell, clam shell, and small limestone rock) on Alabama's public oyster reefs.

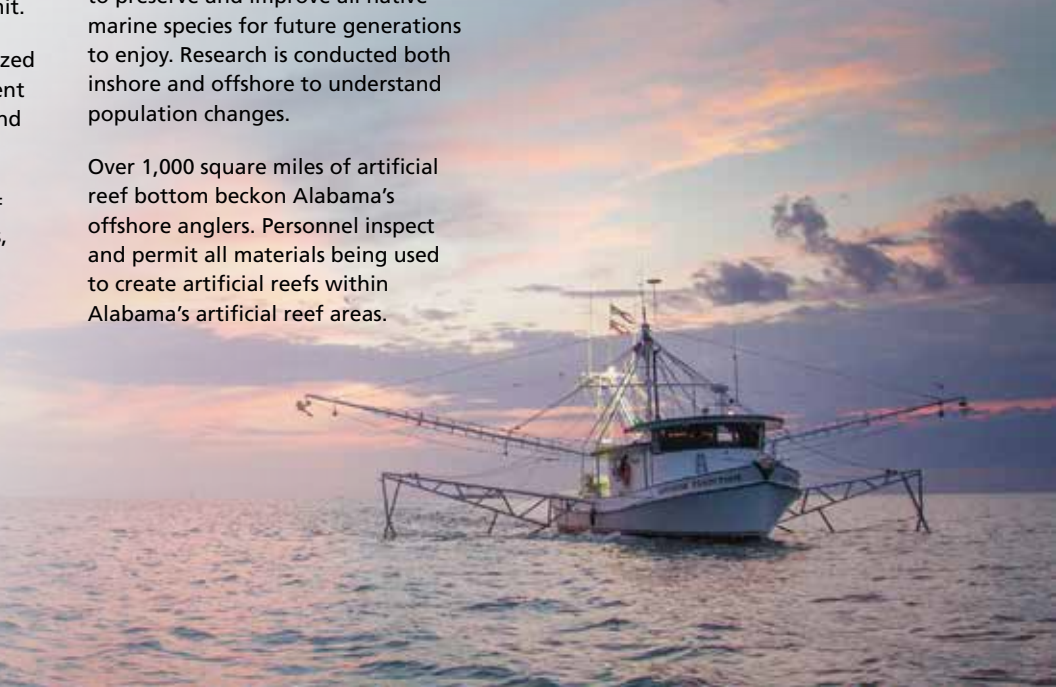
The Marine Resources Division strives to preserve and improve all native marine species for future generations to enjoy. Research is conducted both inshore and offshore to understand population changes.

Over 1,000 square miles of artificial reef bottom beckon Alabama's offshore anglers. Personnel inspect and permit all materials being used to create artificial reefs within Alabama's artificial reef areas.

Additionally, 36 inshore fishing reefs are located in coastal waters for easy angler access.

The Marine Resources Division promotes the stewardship and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy them. Public education is key in maintaining Alabama's marine environment in a healthy and viable state. The most effective mechanism for acquiring an informed adult population is to start the education process at an early age.

Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program samples are taken by regional participants in this state/federal monitoring and assessment program to produce data on all fisheries stocks in the Gulf of Mexico and internal state waters. This sampling includes assessment of shrimp, groundfish, plankton, reef fish and the collection of hydrological data.



Alabama Saltwater Recreational Fishing Licenses

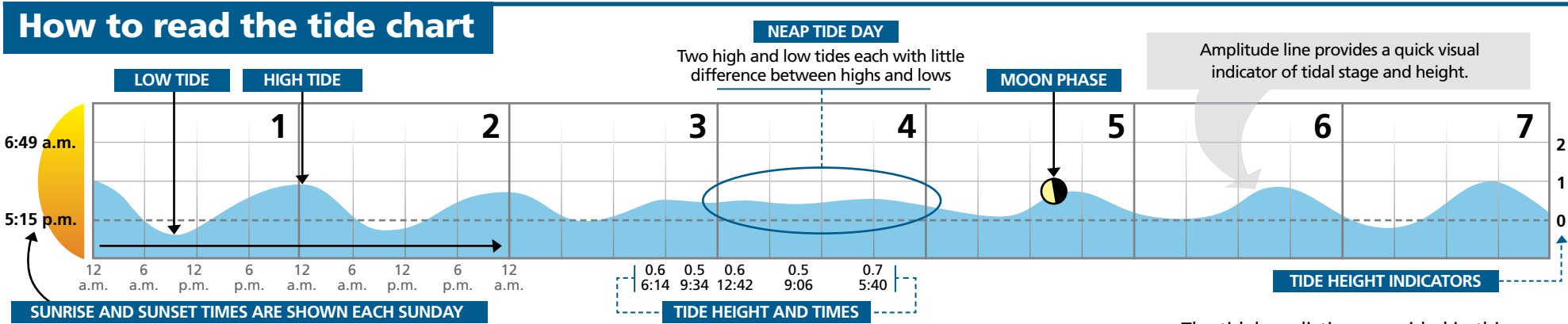
A saltwater fishing license is required for all persons fishing or possessing fish in saltwater areas of Alabama. Residents and nonresidents under the age of 16 are exempt. Residents age 65 and over are exempt. Residents may fish from a licensed public fishing pier in the inside waters without purchasing a fishing license.

- Annual and seven-day trip licenses are available for residents and non-residents.
- **Note:** Annual licenses expire August 31 of each year.
- Seven-day trip licenses are effective for 168 consecutive hours from the date and time selected at the time of purchase.
- The saltwater fishing license is required for angling with rod and reel, artificial bait, lure, gig, cast net, bow, recreational crab traps, and spearfishing.
- Alabama residents 65 and older, lifetime saltwater license holders, and those fishing from licensed public fishing piers must be registered with the Alabama Saltwater Angler Registry (www.outdooralabama.com/saltwater-recreational-licenses). **This registry is FREE.**

SALTWATER LICENSE FEES				
	ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	FLORIDA	ALL OTHERS
ANNUAL	\$23.35	\$90.10	\$48.45	\$49.95
TRIP	\$9.80	\$27.70	\$30.10	\$27.70
PIER	\$6.20	\$11.40	\$11.40	\$11.40
SPEARFISHING	\$6.00	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50
DISABLED	\$3.00	N/A	N/A	N/A

PURCHASE FISHING LICENSES ONLINE
www.outdooralabama.com or 1-888-848-6887

With one call you can get your Alabama fishing and hunting licenses instantly. An authorization number will allow you to begin fishing or hunting the minute you hang up. Regular license fees plus a \$4.25 processing fee will be charged to your credit card.



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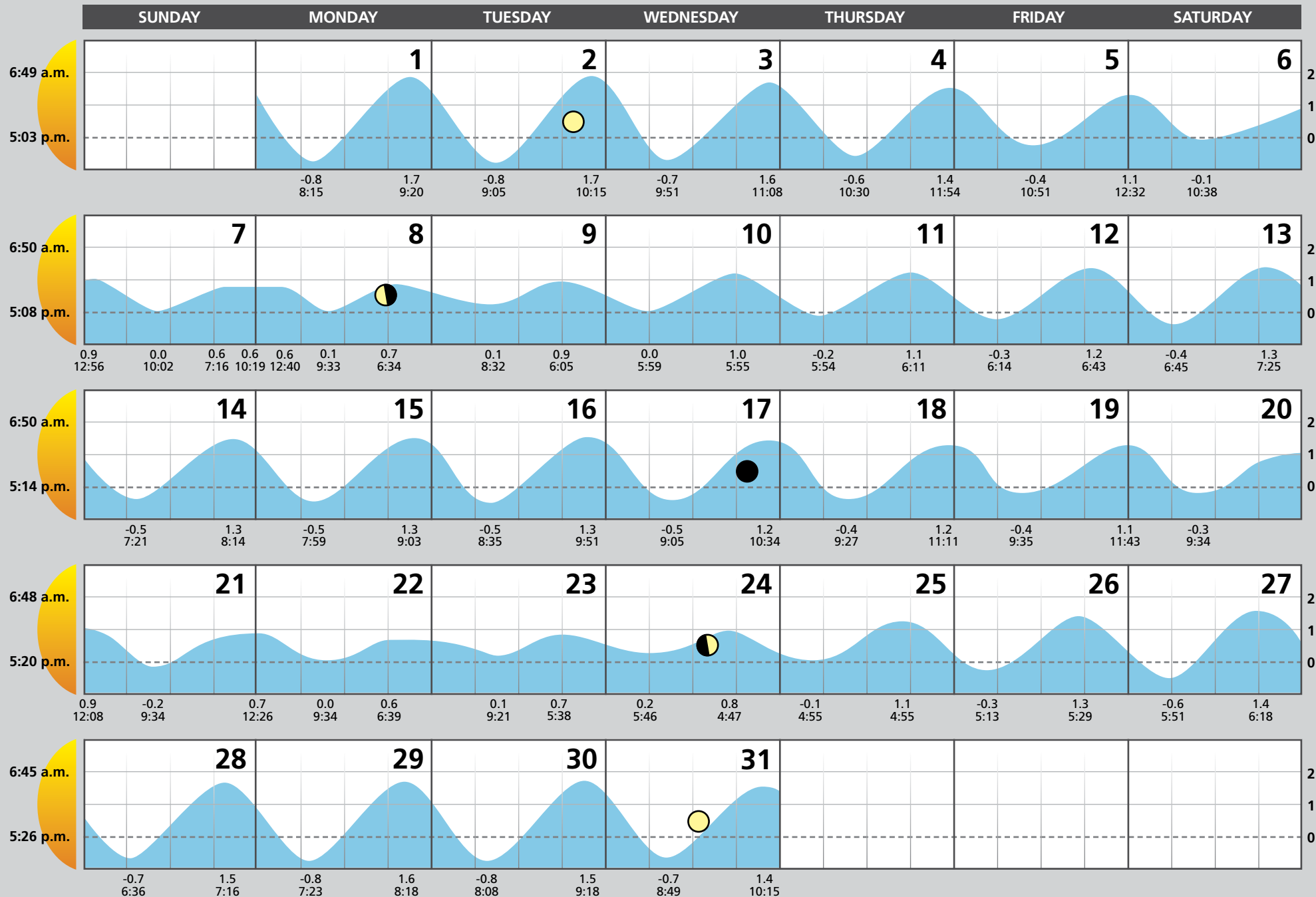
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The tidal predictions provided in this calendar are for reference use only. Due to varying local conditions it should not be used for navigational purposes. Calculations allow for Daylight Savings Time. High and low water predictions are provided by the National Ocean Service.

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JANUARY 2018

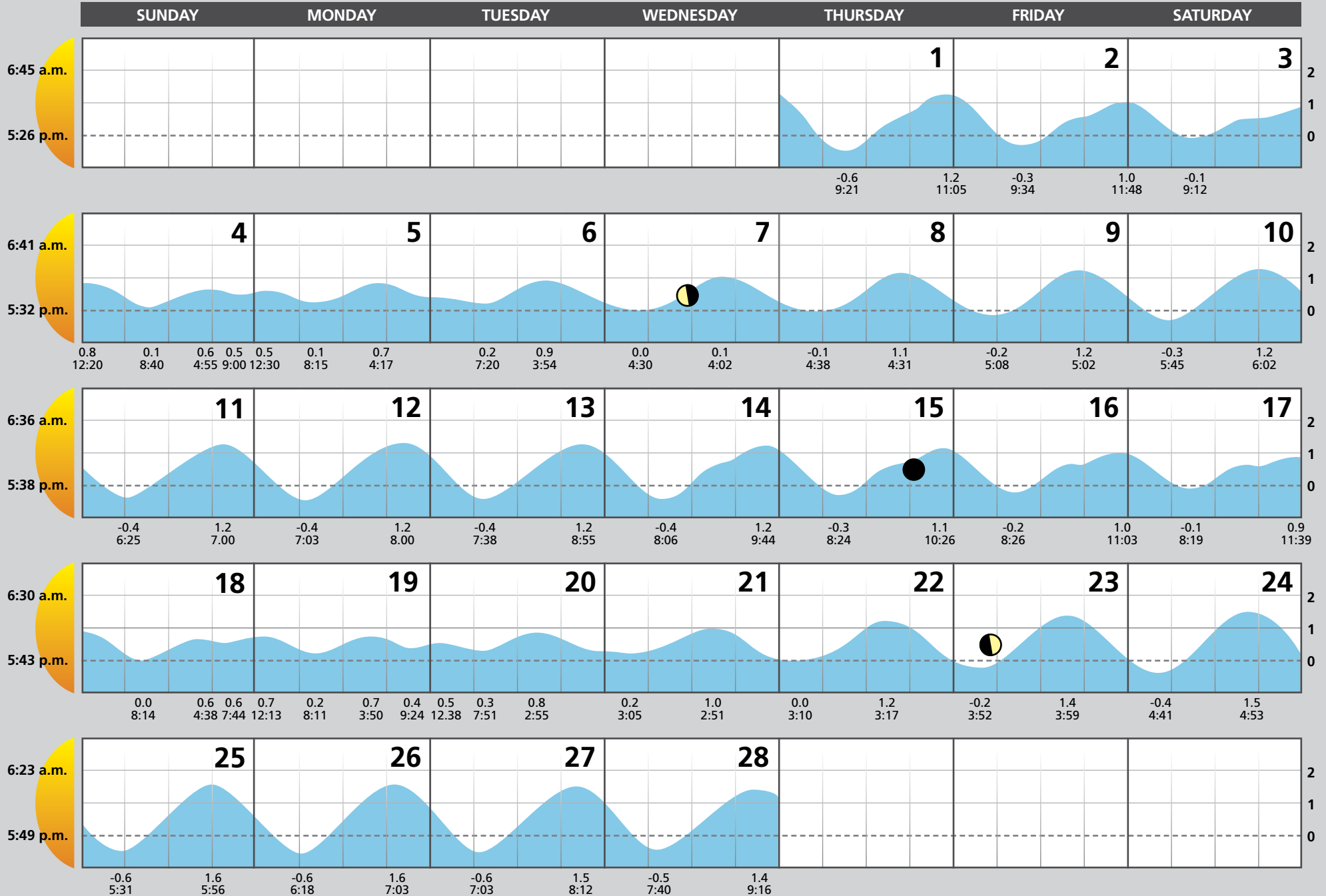
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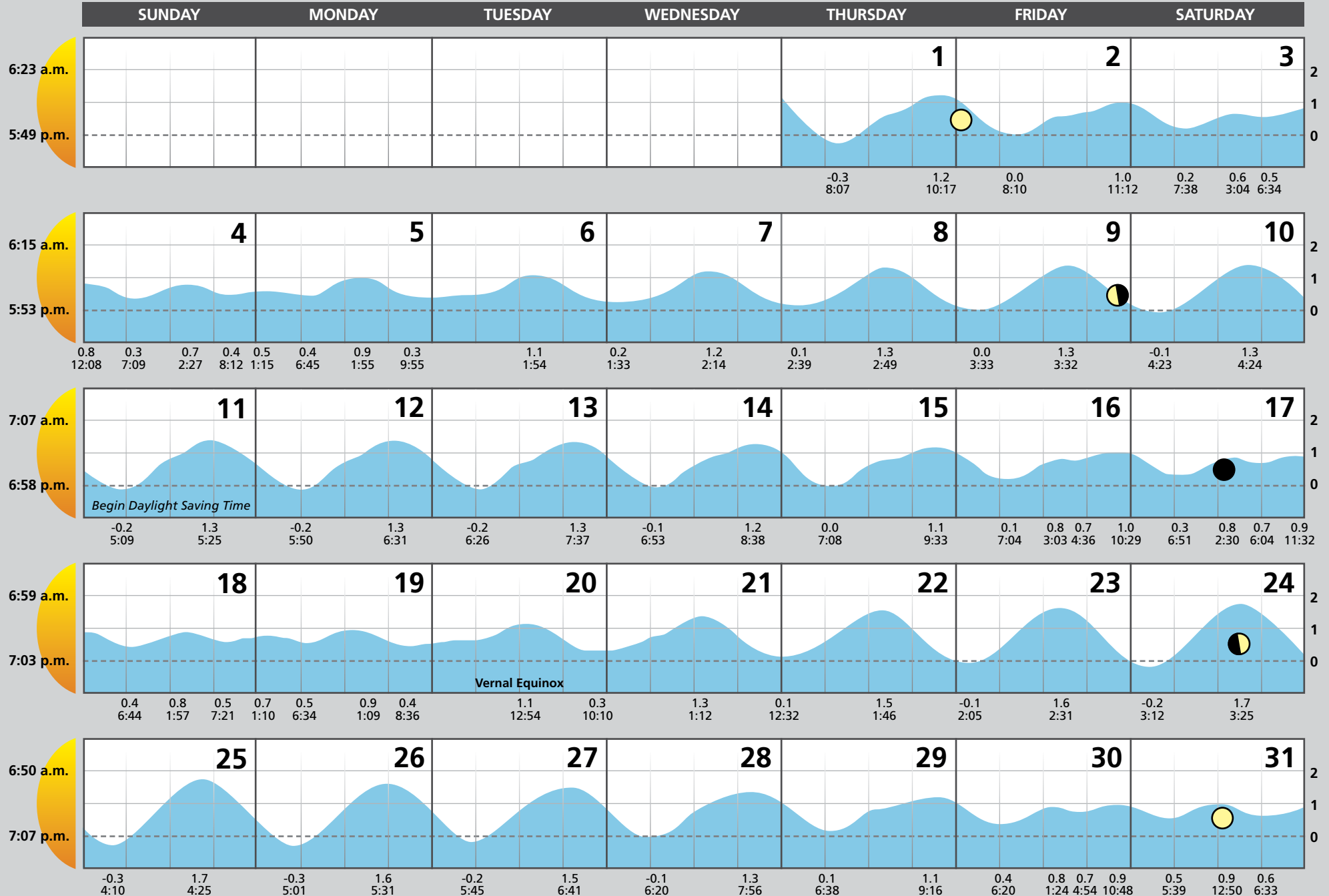
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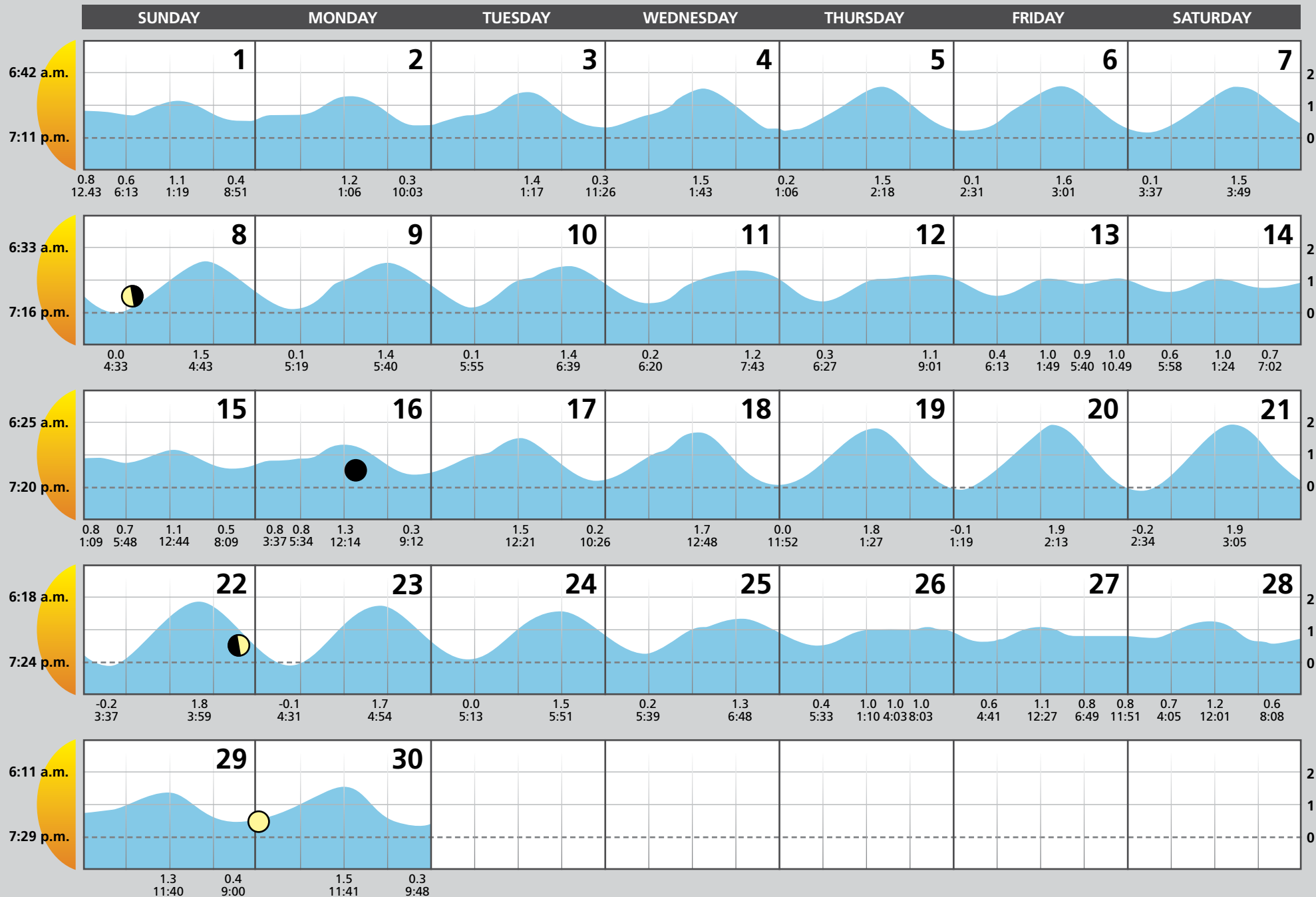
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Vernal Equinox

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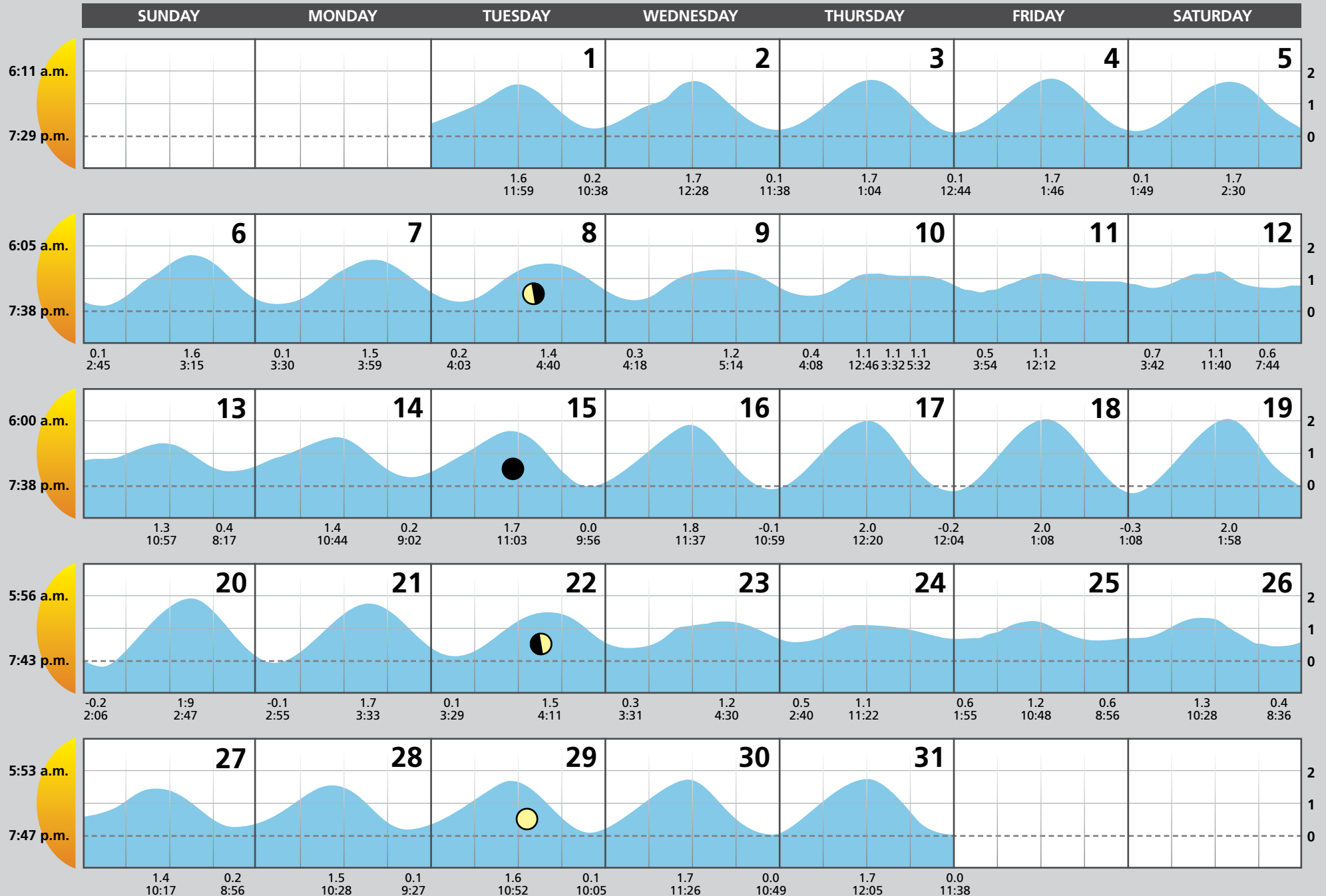
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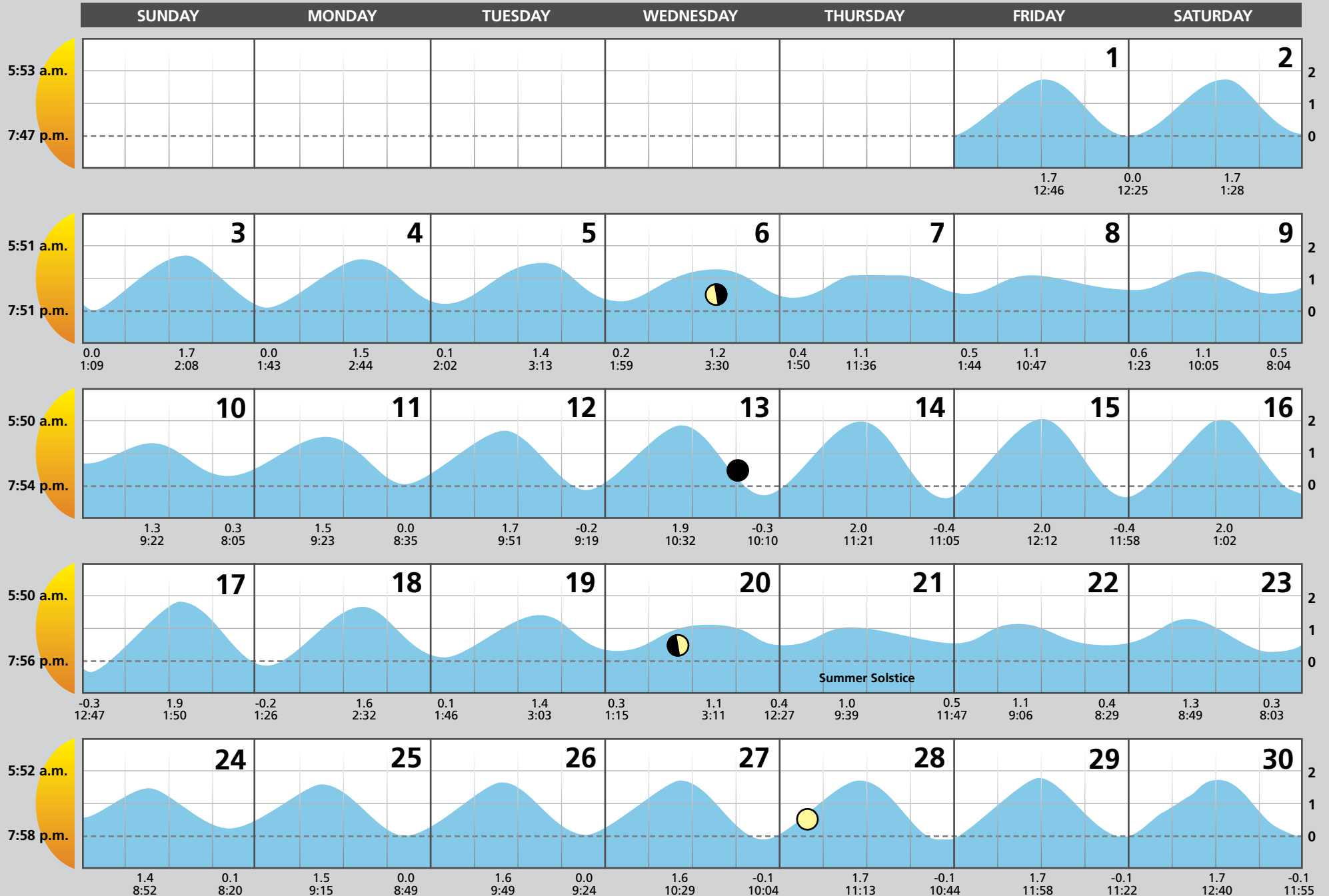
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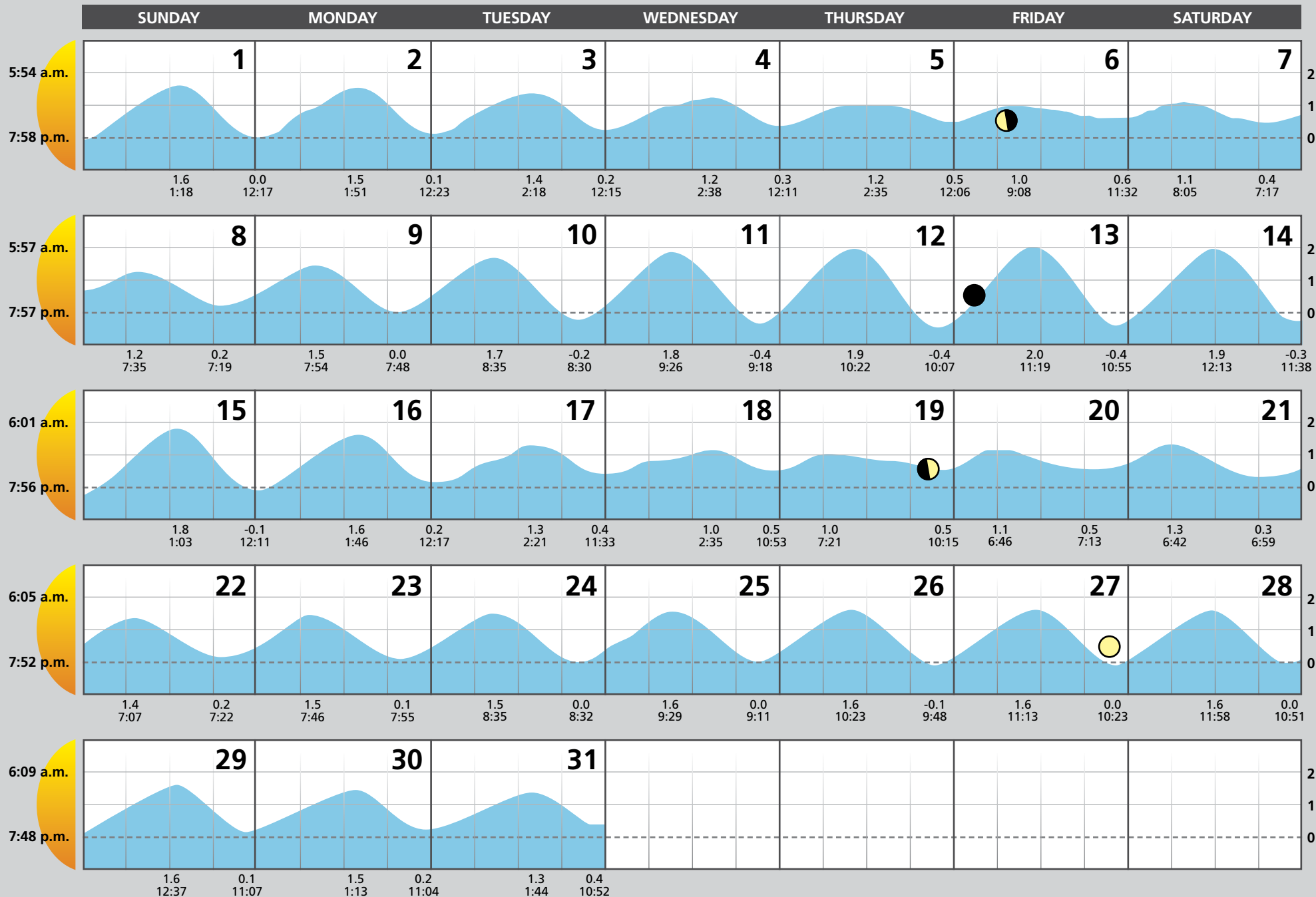
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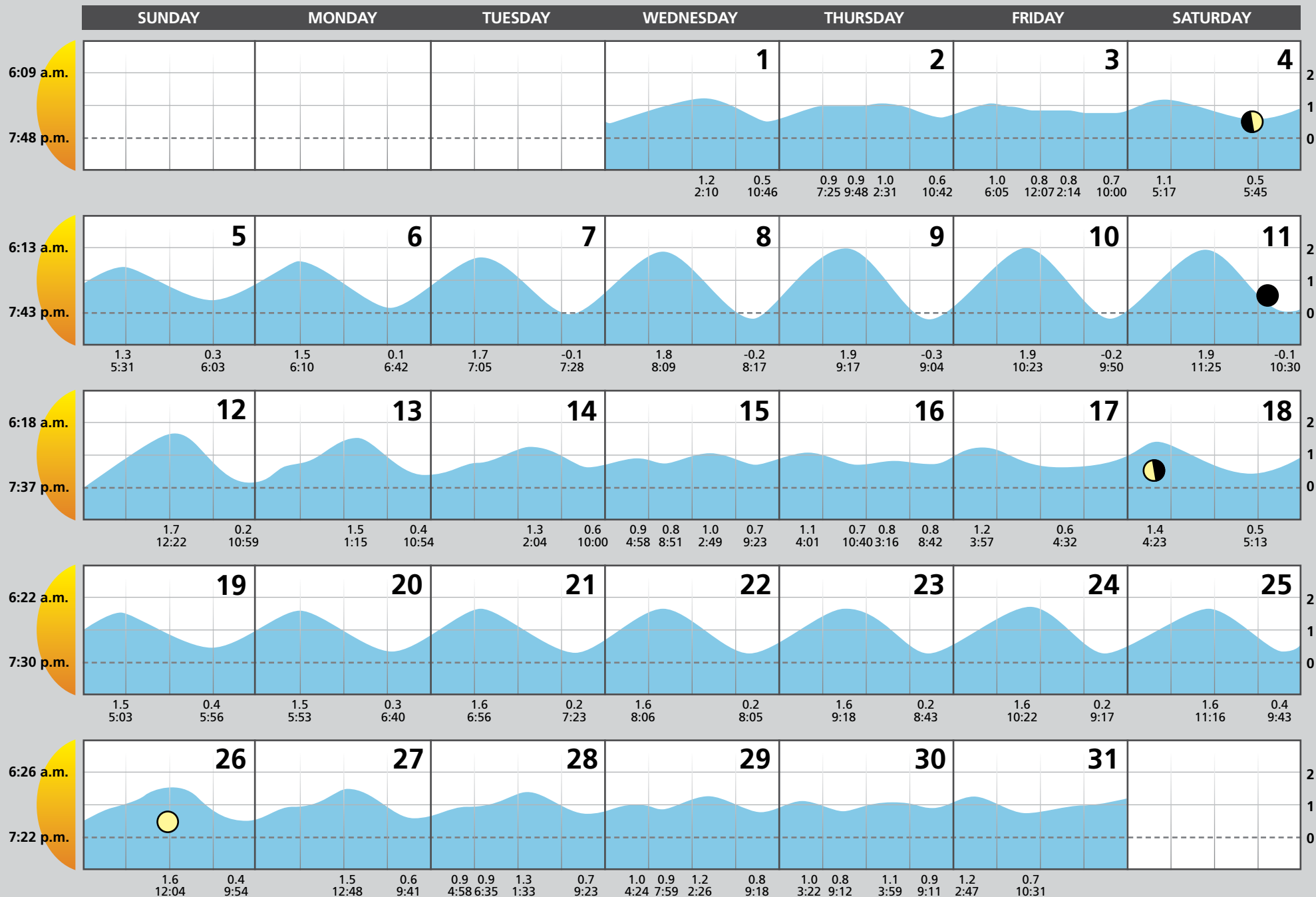
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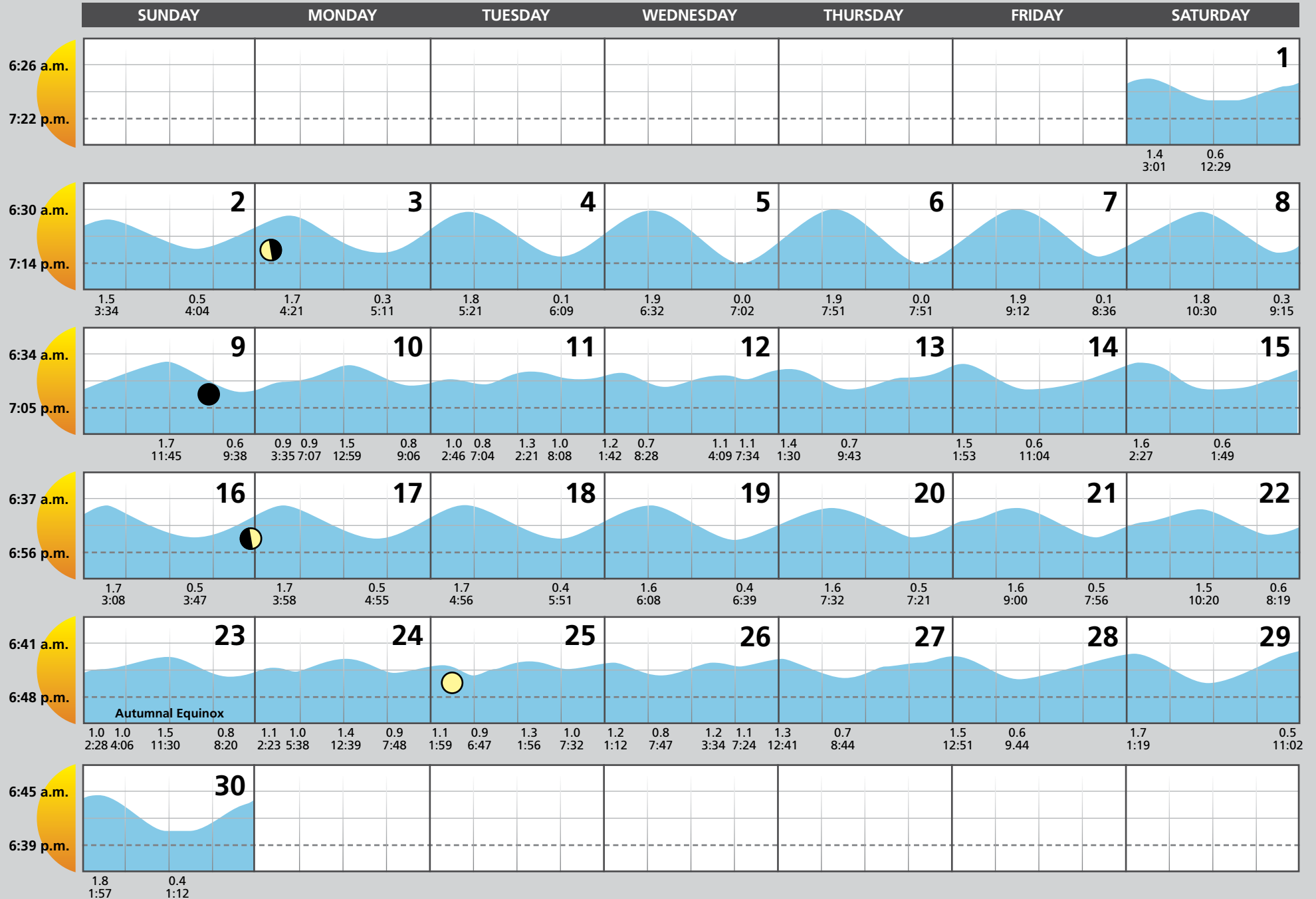
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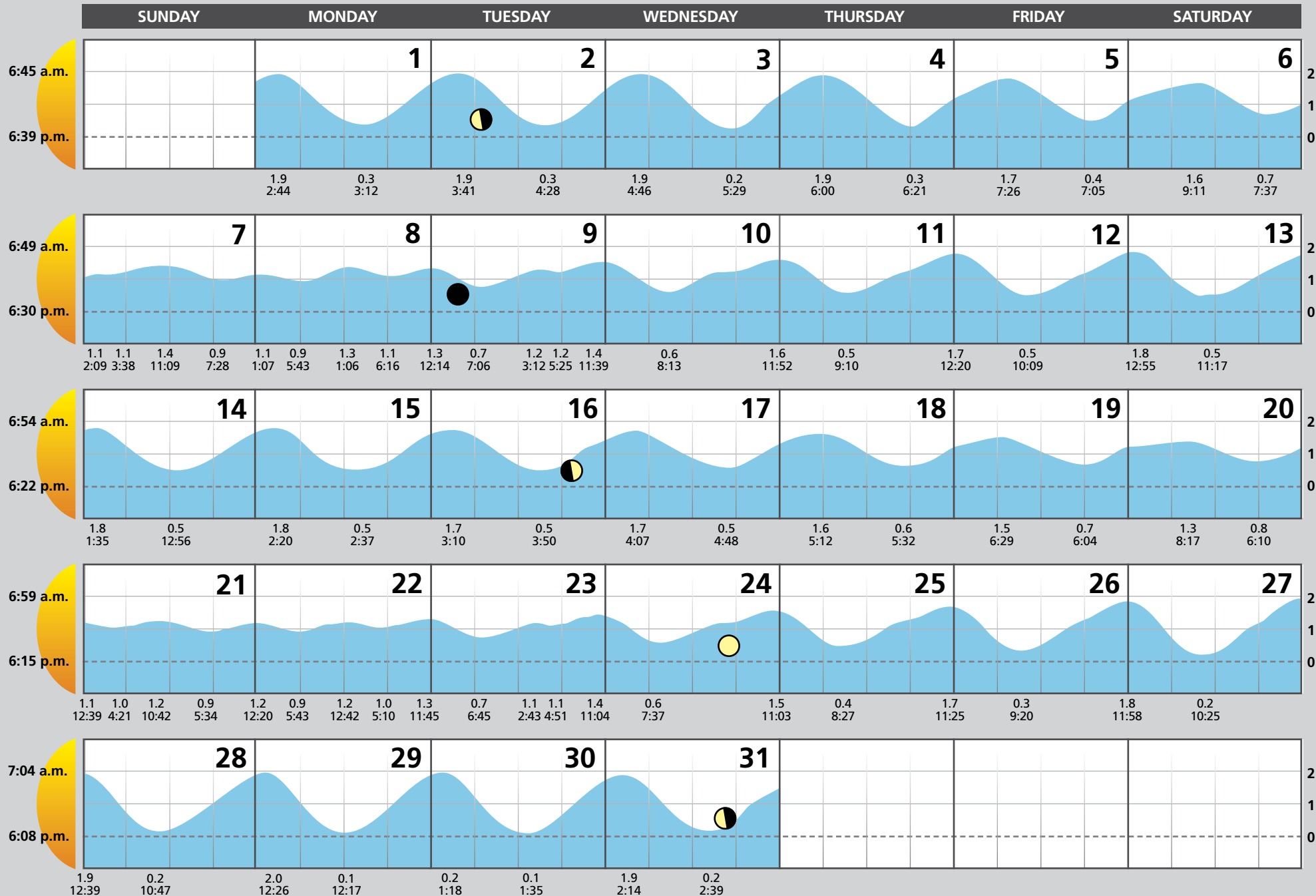


Autumnal Equinox

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Commonly Caught Alabama Reef Fishes



GRAY SNAPPER (BLACK/MANGROVE)

This is one of the few snappers found in shallow estuarine waters. Individuals may mingle with aggregates of pinfish or pigfish around wharfs.



GAG GROUPE

Most "black grouper" from the Gulf are really gags. The placement of artificial reefs in shallow shelf waters of the Gulf in recent years has greatly enhanced the gag grouper fishery.



LANE SNAPPER

The color of the lane snapper is the quick way to distinguish it from other snappers. It is a rich red color with 8-10 yellow-gold parallel horizontal stripes along the side, and a large black diffuse spot under the dorsal fin.



RED SNAPPER

The Gulf of Mexico is the center of abundance for northern red snapper. This is one of the Gulf's most important fish species; about 13 million pounds are taken in United States waters annually. Its esteemed reputation as one of the finest food fishes in the world is well deserved.



RED GROUPE

Red groupers are most abundant in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. Most specimens taken by charter boat fishermen are in the 2- to 5-pound class, but red grouper may exceed 2 feet and 30 pounds. It is one of the more popular and commonly caught grouper species of the Gulf.



GRAY TRIGGERFISH

The gray triggerfish is a wide-ranging fish in the western Atlantic. It is a very fine food fish, and is also a valuable commercial species.



VERMILION SNAPPER (BEELINER)

This snapper favors rocky reefs in moderate to deep shelf areas. Groups amass on flatter tops of reefs or along gentler sloping reefs, avoiding steep drop-offs and ledges.



ATLANTIC SPADEFISH

Spadefish are superb eating, and when the right spot is found along with a school in the right mood, a nice catch of pound-weight spadefish is a real possibility.



GREAT BARRACUDA

Barracudas are voracious predators and hunt using a classic example of lie-in-wait or ambush. They rely on surprise and short bursts of speed (up to 30mph!) to overrun their prey.



SCAMP

There is no doubt that scamp is one of the most highly esteemed food fishes in the Gulf. When served at the finest seafood restaurants, it commands a price comparable to red snapper or pompano.



GREATER AMBERJACK

There are four varieties of amberjack: greater amberjack, lesser amberjack, Almaco jack, and banded rudderfish. Federal and state minimum sizes on amberjacks make it imperative that you release any little jacks of whose identification you're not absolutely certain.

Commonly Caught Inshore and Coastal Pelagic Fishes



KING MACKEREL

The largest of the mackerels in our region, reaching 6 feet in length and up to 80 pounds. Throughout most of the Gulf, the king is a favorite offshore game fish.



POMPANO

The pompano commands the highest price per pound of any marine food fish in the continental U.S. Favorite foods are small shelled animals living in the upper layers of sandy bottoms.



COBIA (LING)

Cobia are attracted to large objects, including buoys, ships, sharks, turtles, and giant rays. This fish has many common names including cobia, cabio, ling, lemon fish and crabeater.



SHEEPSHEAD

One of the largest members of the porgy family, sometimes exceeding 2 feet and 10 pounds. Though difficult to clean, its mild flavor rates high on the list of Gulf fishes. The gray-black vertical bars on its side make it easy to identify.



TRIPLETAIL (BLACKFISH)

One way to catch is by using long cane poles and live bait, lowering the bait within a perimeter of pilings, buoys or other obstructions. If nothing strikes in a few minutes, it's on the next spot.



SPANISH MACKEREL

Spanish mackerel are fast-moving, voracious predators favoring shallow shelf waters. Sardines, especially anchovies, are their main staple, and their presence and abundance is often reflected by that of the anchovy schools.



SAND & SILVER SEATROUT (WHITE TROUT)

Small for sportfish, usually topping out at about 14 to 16 inches, and a couple of pounds, they are highly regarded for their sporting nature and flesh quality. Lumped together, they are known locally as "white trout."



BLUEFISH

Blues prefer shallow water near drop-offs from shoals and banks and are especially susceptible to flashy lures and spoons. Be careful: bluefish can easily remove a finger, bone and all, in a single, clean snap.



RED DRUM (REDFISH)

One of the largest drums, often exceeding a yard in length and 30-40 pounds. Big "bull" reds prefer offshore waters or deeper waters of estuaries, but younger "rat" reds frequent the shallows near piers and jetties. They prefer shellfish, but will not pass up a good chunk of fish if offered.



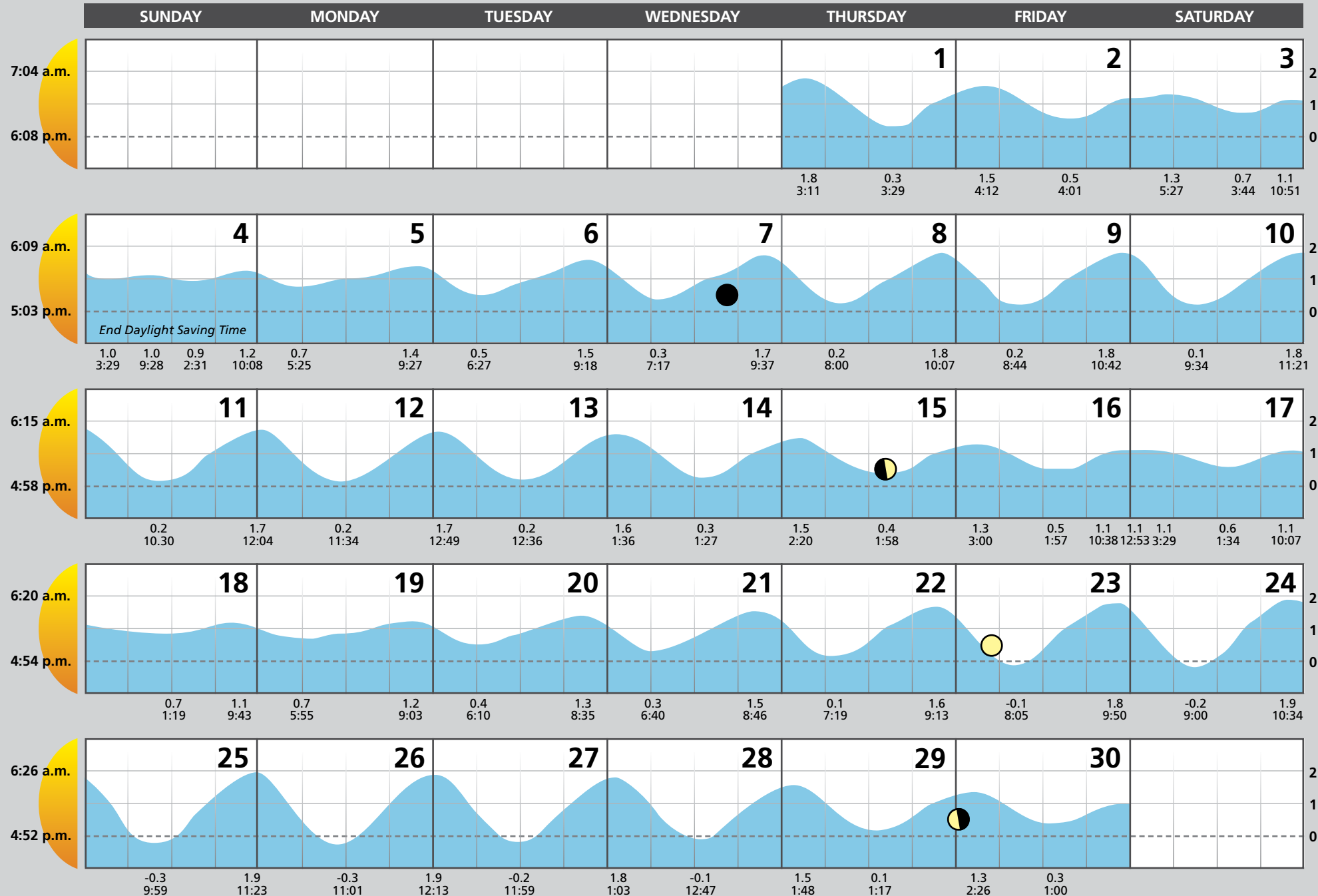
ATLANTIC CROAKER

The flesh is of high quality, far superior to its reputation as only a mediocre panfish. Its name is derived from the croaking sound generated by the vibrating of a gas-filled swim bladder.



SPOTTED SEATROUT (SPECKLED TROUT)

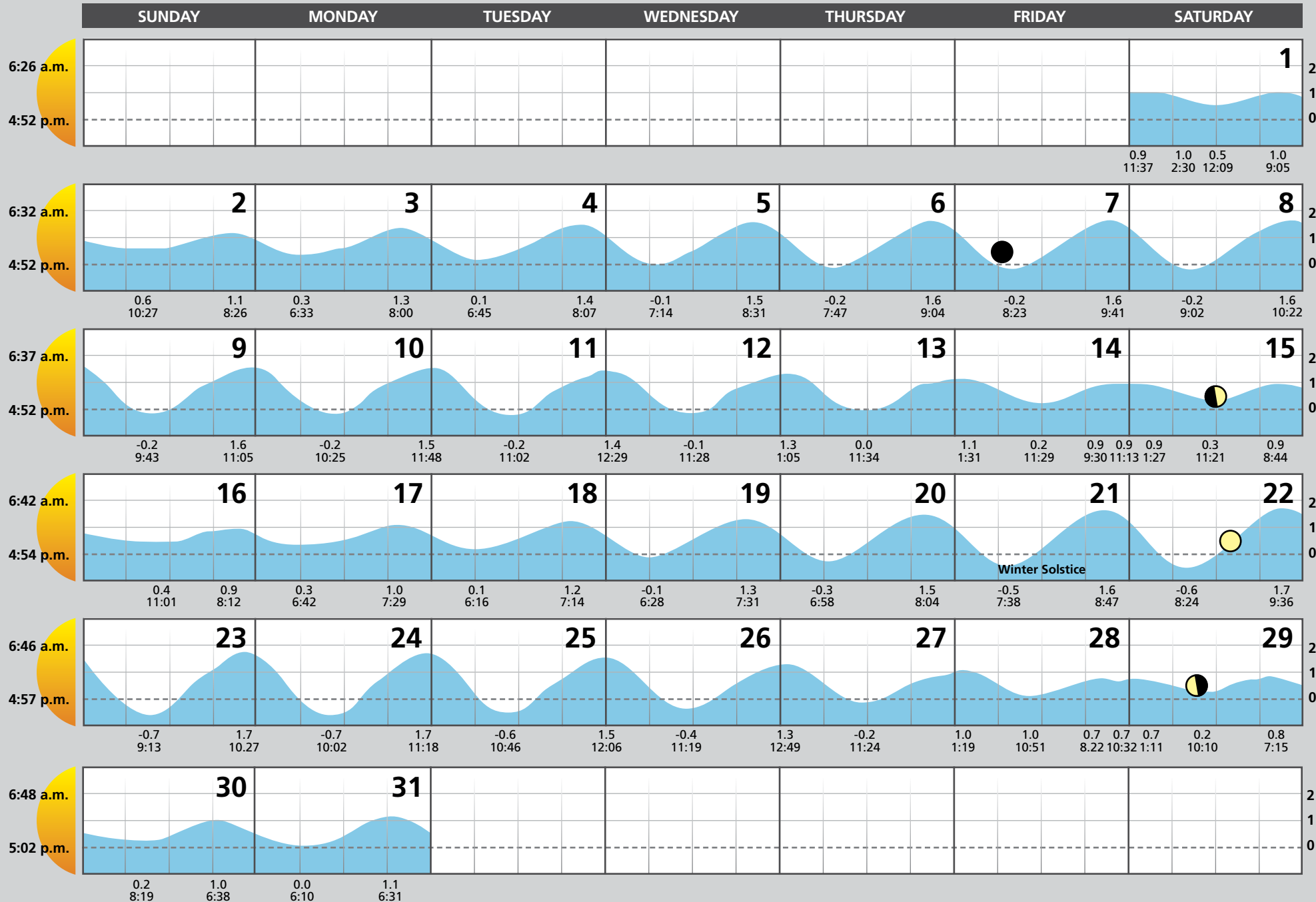
Spotted seatrout feed primarily on fishes and larger shellfish. Because they rely on vicious rapid first strikes to dismember their prey, they are noted as heavy hitters on artificial lures.



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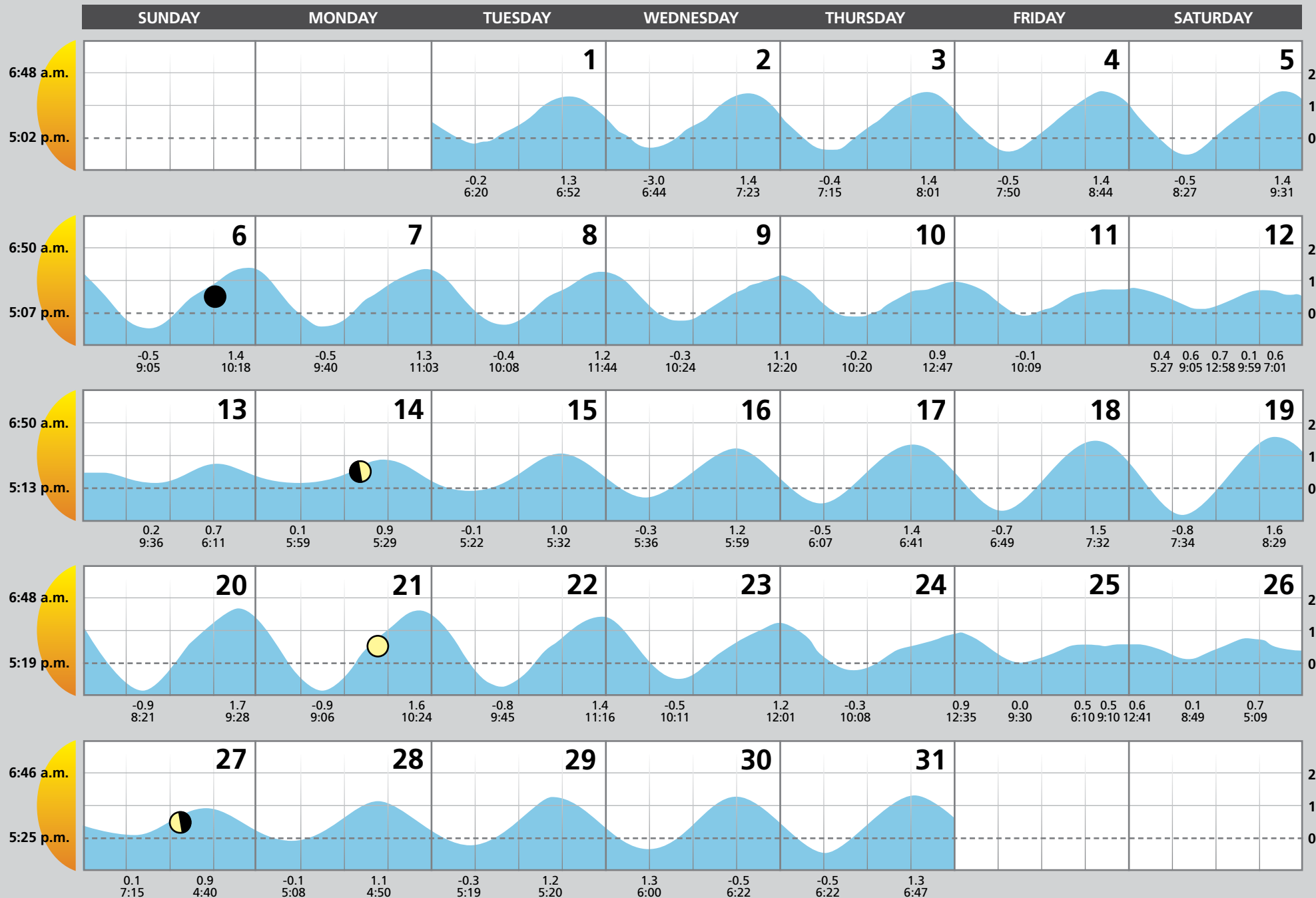
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SPECIAL REPORTING CONTACTS



FISH KILLS

Alabama Marine Resources Division (AMRD)
Dauphin Island(251) 861-2882
Gulf Shores(251) 968-7576

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Date and time fish kill was observed
- Location of fish kill
- Contact information of reporting party
- Species of fish involved
- Approximate number of fish



MANATEE SIGHTINGS

Dauphin Island Sea Lab's
Manatee Sighting Network
Call: 1-866-493-5803
Email: manatee@disl.org
Online: manatee.disl.org

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Date and time of sighting
- Location of sighting
- Contact information of reporting party
- Number of animals and approximate size
- Any distinguishing marks or scars
- What they were doing
- How they were spotted
- Volunteer photos (if taken)



DOLPHINS AND WHALES

Alabama's Marine Mammal
Stranding Network
Call 1-877-942-5343



INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date and time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Estimated size of the animal
- General description of the animal



TURTLE STRANDINGS

Alabama Sea Turtle Stranding
and Salvage Network
Call 1-866-732-8878

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Contact information of reporting party
- Date and time of stranding
- Exact location of stranding
- Health of the animal (alive or dead)
- General description of the animal



Alabama Inshore Reef System and Coastal Boating Access Points



INSHORE REEF LOCATIONS

■ GAS PLATFORM REEFS

ExxonMobil 76A-AUX	30°15.250' - 88°03.120'
Alex Maisel Memorial	30°17.802' - 88°02.731'
ExxonMobil 63AB	30°17.511' - 88°59.739'
Legacy Platform	30°16.823' - 87°58.080'
Legacy Satellite 615-1	30°16.837' - 87°59.104'
Legacy Satellite 615-3	30°16.012' - 87°58.429'
Legacy Satellite 615-4	30°17.285' - 87°57.326'

▲ EXISTING REEFS

Battles Wharf Reef	30°29.634' - 87°55.918'
Bayou Cour Reef	30°17.945' - 87°48.427'
Bayou St. John Reef	30°17.561' - 87°31.960'
Bender-Austal Reef	30°31.642' - 88°02.877'
Brookley Hole Reef	30°37.965' - 88°03.119'
"Buddy" Beiser Reef	30°35.269' - 87°57.002'
Mississippi Sound Reef #1	30°14.162' - 88°17.607'
Mississippi Sound Reef #2	30°14.411' - 88°16.380'
Mississippi Sound Reef #3	30°14.709' - 88°14.508'
Choctaw Pass Reef	30°39.750' - 88°01.500'
Dell Williamson Reef	30°36.020' - 87°55.060'
Denton Reef	30°24.531' - 88°03.989'
Fish River Reef	30°19.705' - 87°49.830'
Ft. Morgan Barge Reef	30°14.002' - 88°01.226'
Heggeman's Reef	30°17.000' - 88°17.228'
Lynn Dent Boykin Reef	30°16.390' - 88°05.770'
Minton Reef East	30°14.045' - 87°31.820'
Minton Reef West	30°12.950' - 87°38.814'
Ono Island Reef	30°18.167' - 87°29.404'
P. Grey Cane, Jr. Reef	30°27.460' - 87°55.940'
Pelican Bay Reef	30°14.312' - 88°6.406'
Point Clear Reef	30°27.958' - 87°57.695'
Rockpile	30°20.011' - 87°29.912'
Ross Point Reef	30°19.436' - 87°30.668'
Shellbank Reef	30°15.716' - 87°51.682'
Shrimboat Reef	30°18.332' - 88°16.394'
Upper Wreck	30°23.230' - 87°53.111'
Weeks Bay	30°22.840' - 87°49.972'
Zundel's Landing	30°28.700' - 87°55.600'

What is the Sport Fish Restoration Program?

The Sport Fish Restoration Program (SFR) provides grant funds to the states, the District of Columbia and insular areas fish and wildlife agencies for fishery projects, boating access and aquatic education. The Program is authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson DJ) of 1950.

The SFR Program was created to restore and better manage America's declining fishery resources and was modeled after the successful Wildlife Restoration Program. Through the purchases of fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels and import duties the SFR Program is one of the most successful user pay, user benefit programs.

What is the purpose?

- Restoration and management of fish species of material value for sport-fishing and recreation.
- Provide facilities that create or add to public access for recreational boating.



- Provide aquatic education to the public to increase understanding of water resources and associated aquatic life.

What are eligible projects?

- Projects restoring, conserving, managing, and enhancing sport fish having material value for sport or recreation.
- Projects enhancing the public's understanding of water resources and aquatic life, assisting them in developing attitudes toward the aquatic environment.

Where does SFR funds come from?

Excise taxes on fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest are collected and appropriated from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. These funds are apportioned to states and territories based on a formula which includes land area and number of paid license holders.



Alabama Record Saltwater Fish - 2017

SPECIES	LOCAL NAME	ANGLER	HOMETOWN	DATE CAUGHT	WEIGHT
AFRICAN POMPAÑO	SAME	RODNEY MICHAEL DUTTON	MOBILE, AL	9/9/1989	39 Lbs. 7 Ounces
ALMACO JACK	SAME	HARRY MAC BARNES	MONTGOMERY, AL	5/10/2002	47 Lbs. 8 Ounces
AMBERJACK	SAME	MARCUS RODERICK KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/19/1981	127 Lbs. 12 Ounces
ATLANTIC BONITO	SAME	JOE ZOLCZYNSKI	FAIRHOPE, AL	12/31/1994	5 Lbs. 5 Ounces
ATLANTIC CROAKER	CROAKER	CARL N. BILLINGS	MOBILE, AL	8/26/2000	5 Lbs. 8 Ounces
ATLANTIC GOLDENEYE TILEFISH	SAME	MIKEL RAY HOTT	FREDONIA, KS	5/16/2012	5 Lbs. 0 Ounces
ATLANTIC MOONFISH	SAME	CHARLES HUBERT GOINS	POWELL, TN	12/28/2016	1 Lb. 5 Ounces
ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE SHARK	SAND SHARK	CRAIG MIRONCHUCK	BAUXITE, AR	5/12/2006	16 Lbs. 3 Ounces
ATLANTIC SAILFISH	SAILFISH	ROBERT L. MEADOR, JR	BIRMINGHAM, AL	1974	81 Lbs. 0 Ounces
ATLANTIC SPADEFISH	SPADEFISH	ASHLEY NICHOLE OSBURN	WILMER, AL	7/14/2007	8 Lbs. 8 Ounces
BARRELFISH	SAME	RICKY DAVID POSEY	DEATSVILLE, AL	7/12/2009	25 Lbs. 6 Ounces
BIGEYE	BIGEYE SNAPPER	YANO FRANCIS SERRA	CODEN, AL	6/28/2006	3 Lbs. 2 Ounces
BIGEYE TUNA	SAME	BOBBY ABERNATHY	MERRYVILLE, LA	10/26/2014	236 Lbs. 0 Ounces
BEARDED BROTLA	SAME	MICHAEL T. DOWDY	MOBILE, AL	8/9/1997	19 Lbs. 8 Ounces
BERMUDA CHUB	SAME	SHERMAN SMITH	SILVERHILL, AL	6/17/2006	10 Lbs. 5 Ounces
BLACK DRUM	SAME	ROBERT DEAN DISNEY	IRVINGTON, AL	4/20/2002	61 Lbs. 0 Ounces
BLACK GROUPER	SAME	DAVID MARK POSSIEN	NORTHPORT, AL	8/11/2012	106 Lbs. 3.2 Ounces
BLACK SEA BASS	SAME	STEVE W. EDWARDS	MARIANNA, AR	7/31/2000	3 Lbs. 2 Ounces
BLACKBELLY ROSEFISH	SAME	NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/13/2012	4 Lbs. 1 Ounce
BLACKFIN TUNA	SAME	JAMES D. JOHNSON	NEW ORLEANS, LA	7/1/2008	35 Lbs. 2 Ounces
BLACKWING SEAROBIN	SEA ROBIN	CECILIA DANIELLE MUSSELWHITE	IRVINGTON, AL	4/24/2005	1 Lb. 13 Ounces
BLUEFIN TUNA	SAME	JOHN ENGAUIST	BATON ROUGE, LA	6/3/2006	829 Lbs. 6 Ounces
BLUEFISH	SAME	ALICIA WALIMAA	MERIDIAN, MS	6/5/2004	17 Lbs. 4 Ounces
BLUELINE TILEFISH	SAME	JOE FRESOLONE	MOBILE, AL	6/1/2014	10 Lbs. 14 Ounces
BLUE ANGELFISH	SAME	NATALIE PARKER-BEACH	FAIRHOPE, AL	7/17/2015	2 Lbs. 10.6 Ounces
BLUE MARLIN	SAME	CHRIS FERRARA	BATON ROUGE, LA	7/12/2013	845 Lbs. 13 Ounces
BLUE RUNNER	HARDTAIL	STACEY MICHELE MOIREN	MOBILE, AL	6/28/1997	11 Lbs. 2 Ounces
BULL SHARK	SAME	JEFF MOORE	BIRMINGHAM, AL	6/10/2015	448 Lbs. 4 Ounces
COBIA	LING	BENJAMIN ELBERRY FAIREY	PENSACOLA, FL	4/18/1995	117 Lbs. 7 Ounces
CREOLEFISH	SAME	RICHARD THOMAS MERRITT, JR.	FAIRHOPE, AL	8/21/2016	0 Lbs. 14 Ounces
CREVALLE JACK	CAVALLA	JOSEPH CONDRY POPE IV	ALABASTER, AL	10/31/2014	40 Lbs. 2 Ounces
CUBBYU	SAME	CAROLINE ANN ENNIS	GULF BREEZE, FL	7/13/2013	2 Lbs. 3.7 Ounces
CUBERA SNAPPER	SAME	LADON SWANN	CODEN, AL	8/14/2015	94 Lbs. 3 Ounces
CUTLASSFISH	SAME	JOHN ROBERT FRAIN	CUMMING, GA	6/5/2015	3 Lbs. 5 Ounces
DARWIN'S SLIMEHEAD	BIG ROUGHY	LANCE SMITH	LITHIA SPRINGS, GA	6/6/2014	5 Lbs. 0 Ounces
DOG SNAPPER	SAME	DONALD W. DUNNAM	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	7/16/2004	13 Lbs. 4 Ounces
DOCTORFISH	SAME	PAVEL MALANCEA	ROBERTSDALE, AL	9/13/2007	1 Lb. 4 Ounces
DOLPHINFISH	DOLPHIN MAHI MAHI	ASHTON TROY MABIRE	PENSACOLA, FL	5/26/2007	65 Lbs. 8 Ounces
ESCOLAR	SAME	JOHN CHARLES MCCANN	LOGANVILLE, GA	6/8/2008	69 Lbs. 10 Ounces

FILEFISH	SAME	WILLIE LEE BROWN	BIRMINGHAM, AL	10/12/1991	8 Lbs. 8 Ounces
FLORIDA POMPANNO	POMPANO	PATRICIA LYNN CLUCK	FOLEY, AL	4/28/2010	6 Lbs. 13 Ounces
FLOUNDER	SAME	PETE C. MELECH	MOBILE, AL	10/15/1975	13 Lbs. 3 Ounces
GAFFTOPSAIL CATFISH	GAFFTOP	CHRISTIAN E. BUTTS	PACE, FL	10/30/2015	12 Lbs. 7.4 Ounces
GAG GROUPER	SAME	JERE AUSTILL, JR.	MOBILE, AL	1963	74 Lbs. 8 Ounces
GRAY SNAPPER	MANGROVE/BLACK	PAM WARD	FAIRHOPE, AL	5/16/2007	18 Lbs. 11 Ounces
GRAY TRIGGERFISH	TRIGGERFISH	ROBBY MYERS	AXIS, AL	5/31/1993	13 Lbs. 8 Ounces
GREAT BARRACUDA	BARRACUDA	STEVEN HAWKINS	MOBLE, AL	7/25/2005	52 Lbs. 4 Ounces
GULF HAKE	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	9/25/2016	5 Lbs. 13.6 Ounces
GULF/SOUTHERN KINGFISH	WHITING	LAMONT RIGNEY	EIGHT MILE, AL	4/9/2001	2 Lbs. 15 Ounces
HORSE-EYE JACK	SAME	CURTIS NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/7/2017	27 Lbs. 8 Ounces
INSHORE LIZARDFISH	SAME	BEN M. SPAFFORD	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	10/10/2016	0 Lbs. 10.56 Ounces
KEELTAIL POMFRET	SAME	MARSHALL ROBERT CARROLL	ORANGE BEACH, AL	7/6/2017	20 Lbs. 6.72 Ounces
KING MACKEREL	SAME	JEREMY ALAN GOLDMAN	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	7/20/2014	69 Lbs. 15 Ounces
KNOBBED PORGY	SAME	TIM SHIRLEY	DOTHAN, AL	4/20/2008	2 Lbs. 15 Ounces
LADYFISH	SKIPJACK	CLINTON A. COLLIER	CODEN, AL	9/26/2014	4 Lbs. 10.6 Ounces
LANE SNAPPER	SAME	SCOTT E. JORDAN	SARALAND, AL	7/15/2011	8 Lbs. 1 Ounce
LEMON SHARK	SAME	TERRY L. SMITH	MOBILE, AL	7/21/1995	278 Lbs. 8 Ounces
LEOPARD TOAD FISH	SAME	JAMES MYRICK	SAND ROCK, AL	10/1/2006	4 Lbs. 3 Ounces
LITTLE TUNNY	BONITO	W.A. MARCH, JR.	MOBILE, AL	1956	21 Lbs. 0 Ounces
Longbill Spearfish	SPEARFISH	VALERIE P. JOHNSON	FAIRHOPE, AL	1976	53 Lbs. 0 Ounces
Longtail Bass	SAME	DAYNA BOWLES	DUNCAN, OK	3/19/2010	5 Lbs. 14 Ounces
LOOKDOWN	SAME	TERRELL KEITH SMITH	MOBILE, AL	8/24/1997	2 Lbs. 2 Ounces
MAKO SHARK	SAME	LARRY A. JOHNSON	ORANGE BEACH, AL	8/20/1978	737 Lbs. 0 Ounces
MUTTON SNAPPER	SAME	MARCUS BRYANT	SEMMES, AL	7/25/2006	20 Lbs. 12 Ounces
OILFISH	SAME	JAMES ALLEN COKER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	7/24/2016	55 Lbs. 2 Ounces
PERMIT	SAME	JERRY W. MORGAN, JR.	FORT SCOTT, KS	7/29/2013	3 Lbs. 12.8 Ounces
PIGFISH	SAME	JEFFREY EISEMANN	O'FALLOW, IL	7/5/2016	2 Lbs. 4.6 Ounces
PINFISH	SAME	ROY "TOJO" WHITE	CODEN, AL	5/15/2001	3 Lbs. 2 Ounces
POMPANO DOLPHINFISH	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/30/2012	4 Lbs. 2 Ounces
QUEEN TRIGGERFISH	SAME	JAKE TAFFARO, JR.	ELBERTA, AL	7/6/1999	7 Lbs. 8 Ounces
RAINBOW RUNNER	SAME	LAKEN NICOLE SULLIVAN	LYNN HAVEN, FL	9/10/2006	19 Lbs. 9 Ounces
RED DRUM	REDFISH	AL MEAD	THEODORE, AL	7/19/2013	45 Lbs. 9 Ounces
RED GROUPER	SAME	MICHAEL DALE SARGENT, JR.	FULTON, MO	3/23/2002	34 Lbs. 10 Ounces
RED HIND	SAME	WILLIAM HOLMES HILL	MOBILE, AL	7/17/1987	2 Lbs. 14 Ounces
RED LIONFISH	SAME	TRAVIS WAYNE PRESSOR	MULBERRY, TN	6/1/2016	2 Lbs. 13.76 Ounces
RED PORGY	WHITE SNAPPER	JEREMY COLLINGS	THEODORE, AL	4/2/2011	7 Lbs. 10.6 Ounces
RED SNAPPER	SAME	MELVIN E. DUNN, JR.	THEODORE, AL	6/1/2002	44 Lbs. 12 Ounces
ROCK HIND	SAME	DANIEL ELI CAMPBELL	MOBILE, AL	7/17/2012	3 Lbs. 7.2 Ounces
ROUGHTAIL STINGRAY	SAME	DAN R. MIDGETTE	SEMMES, AL	8/6/2000	160 Lbs. 0 Ounces
SAILFISH	SAME	R.L. MEADOR, JR.	BIRMINGHAM, AL	1974	81 Lbs. 0 Ounces
SAND/SILVER SEATROUT	WHITE TROUT	ANTHONY "RYAN" CONKLIN	CODEN, AL	7/12/1997	6 Lbs. 10.56 Ounces

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SAND TILEFISH	TILEFISH	TOMMY WILES	ALABASTER, AL	6/9/2016	2 Lbs. 3 Ounces
SCAMP	SAME	ROBERT ANDREW CONKLIN	MOBILE, AL	7/22/2000	29 Lbs. 10 Ounces
SEA CATFISH	SAME	CLINTON COLLIER	CODEN, AL	5/2/2012	3 Lbs. 1 Ounces
SHARKSUCKER	SAME	BILL ARNOLD	CANTONMENT, FL	6/4/2016	8 Lbs. 7.84 Ounces
SHEEPSHEAD	SAME	BRANDEN RYAN COLLIER	IRVINGTON, AL	4/1/2015	13 Lbs. 9 Ounces
SILK SNAPPER	SAME	ROBERT BRETT RUTLEDGE	MOBILE, AL	9/10/2016	9 Lbs. 0 Ounces
SKIPJACK TUNA	SAME	STROM SMITH	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS	8/31/2013	32 Lbs. 6.4 Ounces
SMOOTH DOGFISH	SAME	DICK PAUL	GULF SHORES, AL	5/24/2016	17 Lbs. 11.20 Ounces
SMOOTH PUFFER	SAME	BRETT L. RUSSELL, SR.	GULF SHORES, AL	4/2/2013	10 Lbs. 3 Ounces
SNOWY GROUPER	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	3/1/2014	68 Lbs. 7 Ounces
SOUTHERN HAKE	SAME	JACK L. GAINES	DAUPHIN ISLAND, AL	4/23/2006	3 Lbs. 4.48 Ounces
SOUTHERN STARGAZER	SAME	MICHAEL BRYANT	MOBILE, AL	4/13/2006	6 Lbs. 4.5 Ounces
SOUTHERN STINGRAY	SAME	GORDON GRADY MCGLAWN	ALICEVILLE, AL	7/26/2007	151 Lbs. 3.2 Ounces
SPANISH HOGFISH	SAME	GARRETT THOMAS AKRIDGE	MOBILE, AL	8/29/2015	1 Lb. 8.96 Ounces
SPANISH MACKEREL	SAME	LINTON LARRY MATTHEWS	MOBILE, AL	10/19/1993	8 Lbs. 12 Ounces
SPECKLED HIND	SAME	BRAXTON BRION HARDIN	NORTHPORT, AL	5/28/2011	39 Lbs. 13 Ounces
SPINY CHEEK SCORPIONFISH	SAME	IKE FARMER	SALEM, AL	5/24/2014	4 Lbs. 4 Ounces
SPOTTED SCORPIONFISH	SAME	CURTIS NEAL FOSTER	MOBILE, AL	7/19/2015	3 Lbs. 14 Ounces
SPOTTED SEATROUT	SPECK	WILLFORD DUCHERME	ORANGE BEACH, AL	5/6/1980	12 Lbs. 4 Ounces
SPOTTED SPOON-NOSE EEL	SAME	BRAD ANDRE'	SPANISH FORT, AL	7/12/2008	1 Lb. 4 Ounces
SQUIRRELFISH	SAME	MICHAEL SIMMONS	CONWAY, AR	8/4/2006	1 Lb. 1 Ounce
STRIPED BASS	SAME	BILLY HENDERSON	FAIRFIELD, AL	6/22/1976	55 Lbs. 0 Ounces
STRIPED MULLET	MULLET	CLAYTON WILLIAM SCHWIND	CODEN, AL	6/14/2003	1 Lb. 2 Ounces
SWORDFISH	BROADBILL	WENDELL L. SAWYER, JR.	MOBILE, AL	9/16/2006	448 Lbs. 0 Ounces
TARPON	SAME	BILLY WILDBERGER	MOBILE, AL	8/15/1992	203 Lbs. 0 Ounces
TIGER SHARK	SAME	LARRY GENE EBERLY	GULF SHORES, AL	6/24/1990	988 Lbs. 8 Ounces
TILEFISH, NORTHERN	SAME	DICK PAUL	PENSACOLA, FL	4/23/2014	35 Lbs. 5.6 Ounces
TOMTATE	SAME	LAUREN OGLE	MUNCIE, IN	8/5/2014	1 Lb. 4.8 Ounces
TRIPLETAIL	BLACKFISH	BOB BARNES	BAYOU LA BATRE, AL	1976	37 Lbs. 5 Ounces
VERMILLION SNAPPER	BEELINER	JOHN W. DOSS	THEODORE, AL	6/6/1987	7 Lbs. 3 Ounces
WAHOO	SAME	DAVID MATTHEW SUMRALL	MOBILE, AL	5/6/2006	123 Lbs. 6 Ounces
WARSAW GROUPER	WARSAW	MICHAEL J. DRIVER	PENSACOLA, FL	7/18/1981	226 Lbs. 0 Ounces
WHITE MARLIN	SAME	JAMES ASHLEY WALTERS	SATSUMA, AL	5/24/1997	98 Lbs. 13 Ounces
WHITEBONE PORGY	PORGY	PAUL SAXTON WILCOXSON	RUSSELLVILLE, AL	8/4/2016	6 Lbs. 1 Ounce
WRECKFISH	SAME	DOUG MALLONEE	SEMMES, AL	5/30/2006	68 Lbs. 6 Ounces
YELLOW CHUB	SAME	THOMAS D. JONES	DAPHNE, AL	10/22/2003	7 Lbs. 4 Ounces
YELLOWEDGE GROUPER	SAME	TYLER M. KENNEDY	MOBILE, AL	6/30/2012	48 Lbs. 9.28 Ounces
YELLOWFIN TUNA	SAME	MATTHEW PAUL EUSNER	ASHLAND, KY	6/3/2006	221 Lbs. 7.2 Ounces
YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER	SAME	JEREMY FINDLEY	MAYLENE, AL	7/5/2011	6 Lbs. 15 Ounces

Recreational Size and Creel Limits for Alabama State Waters

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Sheepshead	12" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	10 per person
Spotted Seatrout	14" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
Red Drum (Redfish)	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person
	26" max TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	1 oversized fish allowed
Cobia (Ling)	33" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	2 per person
King Mackerel	24" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	3 per person
Spanish Mackerel	none	15 per person
Florida Pompano	12" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person
Tripletail (Blackfish)	18" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	3 per person
Flounder	12" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
Striped Bass ¹	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person ¹
Greater Amberjack ²	34" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person
Lesser Amberjack	14" - 22" FORK LENGTH (FL)	³
Banded Rudderfish	14" - 22" FORK LENGTH (FL)	³
Yellowfin Tuna	27" min CURVED FORK LENGTH	no creel limit
Bigeye Tuna	27" min CURVED FORK LENGTH	no creel limit
Gag Grouper ^{2,4}	24" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person ⁴
Red Grouper ^{2,4}	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person ⁴

SPECIES	SIZE LIMIT	DAILY CREEL LIMIT
Black Grouper ^{2,4}	22" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person ⁴
Yellowfin Grouper ^{2,4}	20" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person ⁴
Scamp ^{2,4}	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	4 per person ⁴
Snappers ²		
Red	16" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	2 per person
Gray (mangrove, black)	12" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
Vermilion (beeliner)	10" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	10 per person
Lane ²	8" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	³
Gray Triggerfish ²	14" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	2 per person ³
Tarpon	60" min TOTAL LENGTH (TL)	\$61 tag required to harvest each tarpon
Mullet	none	⁵
Sharks		
Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead	none	1 per person per day
Hammerhead, Great	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Hammerhead, Smooth	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
Hammerhead, Scalloped	78" min FORK LENGTH (FL)	1 per person per day
All Other Shark Species	54" min FOR LENGTH (FL) (30" dressed)	1 per person per day

ALL FISH MUST BE LANDED WITH THE HEAD AND FINS INTACT

¹ Only two striped bass are allowed within Marine Resources Division jurisdiction.

² Alabama state waters open and close along with federal regulations.

³ There is a twenty (20) fish aggregate creel limit for reef fish species for which there is no other creel limit.

⁴ Mixed species grouper aggregate creel limit: 4 per person (No more than 2 red grouper and no more than 2 gag grouper included in aggregate).

⁵ Oct. 24 - Dec. 31, 25 mullet per person from the shoreline or 25 per boat. No mullet by cast net or snagging in Theodore Industrial Canal, Dog River, Fowl River and their tributaries.

PROHIBITED SPECIES: Goliath Grouper (Jewfish), Nassau Grouper, Atlantic Angel Shark, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Thresher Shark, Bignose Shark, Caribbean Reef Shark, Caribbean Sharpnose Shark, Galapagos Shark, Narrow-tooth Shark, Night Shark, Sevengill Shark, Bigeye Sixgill Shark, Dusky Shark, Longfin Mako Shark, Sand Tiger Shark, Basking Shark, Whale Shark, White Shark, Nurse Shark, Smalltail Shark, Smalltooth Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, Spotted Eagle Ray, Atlantic Manta, Sixgill Shark, Silky Shark, Sandbar Shark (unless the fisherman possesses a NOAA Fisheries sandbar shark research permit). http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/fishery_bulletins

FISH MEASUREMENT

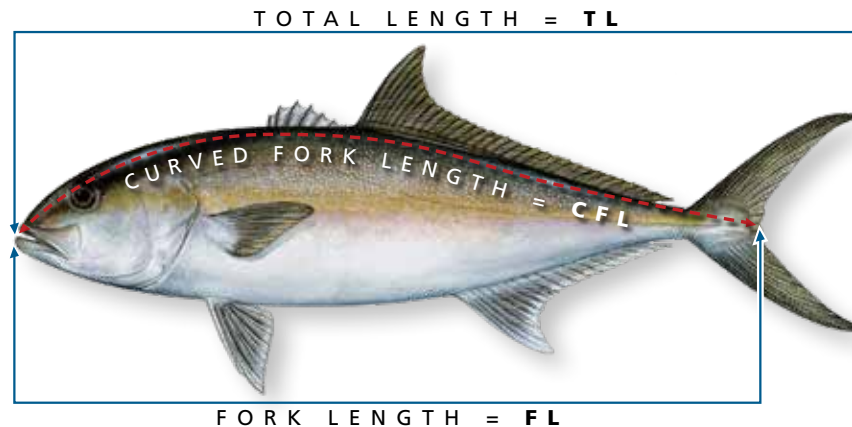
TL = TOTAL LENGTH

FL = FORK LENGTH

CFL = CURVED FORK LENGTH

USE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF A FISH:

- For total length (TL) place the fish on a flat surface with jaw closed. Squeeze tail together and turn it in such a way to obtain maximum total length.
- For fork length (FL) measure in a straight line from the tip of snout to deepest notch in tail.
- For curved fork length (CFL - tunas only) measure using flexible rule from tip of upper jaw to deepest notch in tail.



REGULATIONS

All fishing regulations are subject to change so before going fishing check with the Marine Resources Division for any changes:

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MANDATORY SNAPPER CHECK

Representatives from recreational vessels with red snapper on board are required to report red snapper prior to landing fish in Alabama. The captain or owner of the vessel with red snapper on board is the responsible party for reporting; however, anyone on the vessel can report the information. Only one report is required per trip with harvested red snapper.

Regardless of where the red snapper is harvested, if the fish is landed in Alabama, it must be reported through the Snapper Check. Landing is defined as when snapper is transferred from a vessel to land or to a pier, dock, bulkhead attached to land or when a vessel is hauled onto land via a trailer.



SNAPPER CHECK INFORMATION CAN BE REPORTED THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- By smartphone using the Outdoor Alabama app. The app is available for IOS and Android devices at respective app stores.
- Online at www.outdooralabama.com
- By paper form found at select coastal public boat launches.

REQUIRED REPORTING INFORMATION:

- Vessel registration number (state or federal).
- Number of anglers on vessel.
- Total number of red snapper harvested and discarded dead.
- County of landing.
- Trip type (private or charter).
- Date and time of report (only required when submitting by paper form).

