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October

2025

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The full Moon on Monday, October 6, 2025, is known by its nickname, the Harvest Moon. Strange things happen around this Moon, which is always near the autumnal equinox—it appears low and large on the horizon. This year, it's also the first Supermoon—so that should be quite a sight! The Harvest Moon will reach peak illumination at 11:47 P.M. Eastern Time on Monday, October 6th. Plus, it's a supermoon—the very first of 2025—so it's bigger and brighter than usual!

First Supermoon of the Year

This is the first of three consecutive supermoons of the year! This means that it will appear bigger and brighter than the full Moons we have seen thus far!



Snook Season October 1st closes November 30th

Size limit 28"- 33"

When compared to other snook species, the common snook can be identified by its streamlined, long, and slender body. The common snook has 67 to 77 scales above its lateral line, and its anal fin spine is short.

The fat snook can be identified by its taller, deeper, and slightly rounded body, hence the name fat snook. The fat snook has the smallest scales of the Florida snook, and it has 79 to 92 scales above its lateral line. Compared to common snook, the fat snook has a bigger eye and a long anal fin spine.

The tarpon snook can be identified by its upturned lower jaw and incredibly large eye. These features are very tarpon-like, hence the name tarpon snook.

The tarpon snook inhabits brackish rivers and lagoons. This species typically prefers brackish water over full marine or full freshwater habitats.

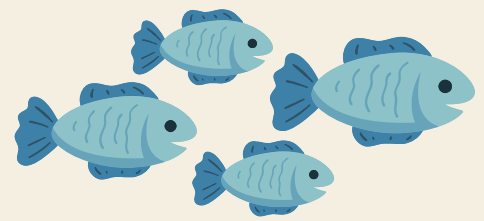
The swordspine snook can be identified by its extremely large scales, compared to the other Florida snook. It has 49 to 50 scales above its lateral line. Due to its large scales, the swordspine snook often has a reflective metallic blue purple sheen along its back.



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Snook Fishing



1. Find Snook in the Right Locations

Snook are structure-oriented predators that thrive in areas with moving water and ambush points. Here's where to target them:

✦ Best Snook Locations in Florida:

- ✓ **Mangroves** – Snook hide here during high tide, waiting to ambush baitfish.
- ✓ **Bridges & Docks** – At night, Snook hunt around lighted docks.
- ✓ **Inlets & Passes** – During spawning season (June–September), Snook school up near deep channels.
- ✓ **Beaches** – Summer Snook migrate along Florida's coast—sight-fishing is highly effective.
- 🕒 **Pro Tip:** The best time to catch Snook is during a moving tide, when baitfish are naturally pushed through feeding zones.

2. Use the Right Baits & Lures

Snook can be picky eaters, but these are the most effective choices:

Live Bait (Best for Consistent Hookups)

Pilchards (Whitebait) – The #1 bait for these fish, especially when freelined.

Live Shrimp – Best for night fishing around bridges and docks.

Pinfish – Great for catching trophy fish near structure.

Artificial Lures (For Covering More Water)

Topwater Plugs – Great for early morning or evening strikes.

Soft Plastic Jerkbait – Perfect for targeting fish around mangroves.

Suspending Twitchbaits – Mimic injured baitfish and work well in deeper water.

● Avoid these mistakes:

- ⊘ **Using dead bait** (They rarely eat dead fish).
- ⊘ **Fishing with huge hooks** (They have sharp eyesight—use smaller, stealthy hooks).

3. Master the Hookset & Fight

Considered powerful fighters, losing them due to bad technique is common. Here's how to ensure more successful landings:

✓ Best Hookset Technique:

With live bait, let the fish run for 1–2 seconds before setting the hook.

With artificial lures, set the hook firmly but smoothly.

✓ Fighting & Landing Snook:

Keep the rod tip up – These fish head straight for cover!

Apply side pressure – Angle your rod to steer the fish away from docks or mangroves.

Use a landing net – Helps avoid breaking the line at the boat.

- 🕒 **Pro Tip:** If the fish jumps, lower your rod tip—this prevents the hook from coming loose.



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Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is known worldwide as a grand celebration of beer, fun, and tradition. But beyond the flowing steins and festive music, there's much more to this iconic festival. Here are some fascinating facts about Oktoberfest that might surprise you.

Despite its name, Oktoberfest actually starts in September and usually ends on the first Sunday of October. This scheduling allows visitors to enjoy the warmer, more pleasant weather of late September, making the outdoor festival even more enjoyable.

One interesting fact about the beer served at Oktoberfest is that not just any brew can make the cut. Only beer brewed within Munich's city limits and following the strict standards of the German Beer Purity Law, known as the Reinheitsgebot, can be served. The honor of supplying beer to the festival belongs to six traditional Munich breweries: Augustiner, Hacker-Pschorr, Hofbräu, Löwenbräu, Paulaner, and Spaten.

Oktoberfest beers, called Märzen, are stronger than regular beers, boasting an alcohol content of about 6%. This richer, maltier brew was traditionally brewed in March and stored cool for the festival, giving it its unique flavor. During the 16- to 18-day celebration, over 7 million liters of beer are consumed—enough to fill almost three Olympic-sized swimming pools!

Aside from beer, food is also a major highlight of Oktoberfest. Visitors can indulge in delicious Bavarian delicacies such as pretzels, roast chicken, sausages, pork knuckles, and traditional desserts like apple strudel. The festival grounds are filled with mouth-watering aromas that tempt even the most disciplined eaters.

Music is another key component of the festival's charm. Traditional brass bands play lively tunes inside the beer tents, creating a jubilant atmosphere that gets everyone singing and dancing. These bands perform a mix of Bavarian folk music, Schlager (German pop), and even some international hits to keep the crowd entertained.



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Historical Significance of October

October has played a significant role in shaping world history, with numerous important events taking place during this month. From ancient times to modern day, October has witnessed pivotal moments that have left their mark on our calendars and cultures.

The name "October" comes from the Latin word "octo," meaning eight, as it was originally the eighth month in the Roman calendar. In Old English, October was known as "Winterfylleth," meaning "winter full moon." On October 1, 1908, Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile, revolutionizing transportation.

October brings about significant changes in nature and offers unique astronomical events. From the changing colors of leaves to celestial occurrences, this month is full of natural wonders.

The Hunter's Moon, the full moon following the Harvest Moon, typically occurs in October.

The Orionid meteor shower, associated with Halley's Comet, peaks in mid-October. The vibrant colors of autumn leaves are due to the breakdown of chlorophyll, revealing other pigments present in the leaves.

October is the peak month for the Atlantic hurricane season in the Northern Hemisphere.

Cultural Celebrations and Observances

October is rich in cultural celebrations and observances around the world. From harvest festivals to spooky traditions, this month brings people together in various ways.

Halloween, celebrated on October 31st, has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Germany's famous Oktoberfest actually begins in late September and ends in early October.

In the United States, Columbus Day (or Indigenous Peoples' Day in some states) is observed on the second Monday of October.

Yom Kippur, the holiest day in Judaism, often falls in October.

Food and Harvest

October is synonymous with harvest time in many parts of the world. This month brings an abundance of seasonal foods and flavors that are eagerly anticipated all year round.

Apple picking is a popular October activity in many parts of North America and Europe.

Pumpkins, a symbol of October and Halloween, are actually a fruit, not a vegetable.

October is National Pizza Month in the United States.

The tradition of bobbing for apples originated as a Celtic New Year's tradition to determine one's future spouse.

In the United States, candy corn was originally called "Chicken Feed" when it was first invented in the 1880s.

Stone Crab Season 2025 to 26: Dates, Rules & What's New This Year

Aug 31, 2025

For seafood lovers across the country, few events are as anticipated as the start of stone crab season. Each year, from fall through spring, Florida's coastal waters come alive with the harvesting of this sweet and tender delicacy. With strict regulations, sustainable fishing practices, and a limited harvest window, the stone crab season Florida experience is unlike any other. As the 2025-26 season approaches, here's everything you need to know about dates, rules, and what's new this year.

When Does Stone Crab Season Start and End?

The official stone crab season runs from October 15, 2025, through May 1, 2026. During this time, fishermen set traps in Florida waters to catch crabs, carefully remove one claw, and return them safely to the ocean. This process allows the crabs to regenerate their claws naturally, ensuring a sustainable harvest year after year.

For those wondering, When is stone crab season in Florida? This timeframe is the only period when fresh, never-frozen claws are available. Outside of these months, seafood lovers rely on frozen or refreshed claws delivered nationwide.

Why Stone Crab Season Matters

Unlike many seafood varieties available year-round, the limited timeframe of stone crab season in Florida adds to the delicacy's appeal. Knowing the exact dates ensures you don't miss the chance to enjoy fresh claws at their peak flavor.

Restaurants across Miami, the Keys, and coastal Florida highlight stone crab on their menus, while delivery companies ship claws directly to homes nationwide. The season creates an exciting rush, turning seafood dining into a seasonal tradition.

Regulations and Sustainability in 2025-26

Florida is strict when it comes to managing the stone crab season to protect crab populations. Some of the key rules include:

Only claws of 2 7/8 inches or larger may be harvested.

Fishermen must return crabs to the ocean after claw removal.

Harvesting is prohibited outside of the official season.

Commercial fishing is monitored to ensure populations remain healthy.

For 2025-26, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) continues to enforce these protections to maintain a balance between commercial demand and ecological responsibility.

What's New This Year

Each season brings small updates to improve sustainability. In recent years, regulations have focused on reducing trap theft, limiting overfishing, and improving population tracking. While the 2025-26 season keeps the same opening and closing dates, there's a greater push toward public awareness about sustainability.

Seafood lovers are encouraged to purchase from trusted suppliers who follow Florida's regulations, ensuring every bite of stone crab season Florida is both delicious and eco-friendly.

How to Enjoy Stone Crab During the Season

If you're lucky enough to be in Florida during the season, don't miss the chance to dine at iconic restaurants or visit local seafood markets. For those outside Florida, nationwide stone crab delivery makes it easy to celebrate the season at home.

Pair claws with mustard sauce, garlic butter, or citrus-based dips, and serve alongside crisp wines or champagne for the ultimate seafood feast.

Conclusion

The stone crab season is more than just a harvest window; it's a celebration of Florida's seafood culture, sustainability, and culinary excellence. Mark your calendars for October 15, 2025 to May 1, 2026, and prepare to enjoy one of the finest delicacies the ocean has to offer.

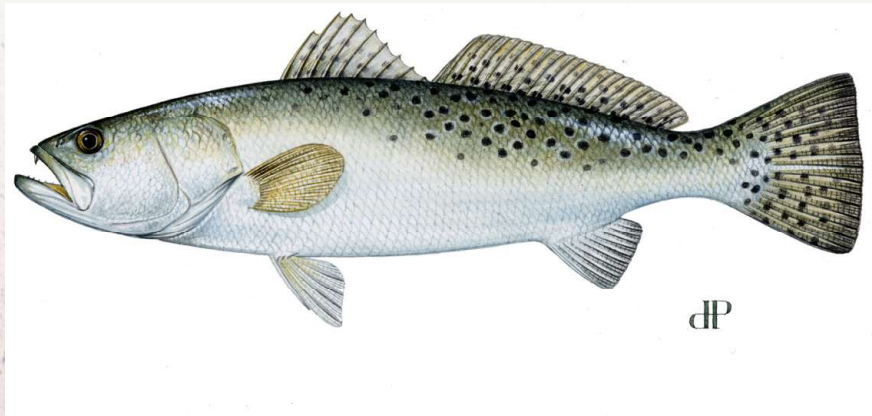
Don't miss out this year, order your claws online and bring the stone crab season Florida experience to your own table.



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Sea Trout



Silver Trout



Fat Snook



Pompano



Happy Choktober everyone,

Well still no cold fronts yet, but you can feel a change in the nighttime temps and with all the schools of mullet passing thru the area. Snook Season opened on Oct1st with good tides and plenty of bait around.

Guys from our Marina had decent catches of snook, only a few keepers hit the docks, but everyone caught many snook most undersize 18"to 26" and a few over slots as well. Snook were biting live mullet , chunk mullet , along with live shrimp on a float and soft plastics. The redfish have been around for a month now, many anglers out of our marina have had great catches of Reds, from the outer Islands to the Backcountry Rivers and Bays using the same bait as for the snook. Some big schools of Reds are swimming thru and some are 30 - 100 fish schools swimming around the outer Island's and it's hard to get them to eat a bait, seems they have one thing on there mind and it's not eating! Spotted Sea trout are around as well in the same areas as with the reds,\they are hitting lures, shrimp on a float early and late in the day using top water lures, which is always a blast. Plenty of Mangrove Snappers are in the area, everyone is brining in some of those tasty fish with all the snappers around it's fun fishing for the kids they keep them occupied. With the cooler temps look out for the kayaks while underway, please give them plenty of room or slow down for a minimum wake

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**My Doctor told me to watch my drinking,
now I drink in front of the mirror !!!**



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