

Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, Inc.

Activity Report for the Period June 13 - July 11, 2013

Activity Summary

During this period there was one reef monitoring trip on June 21 to the Kay Eckstein and Mike Jenner Tug Boats in FH-13. Water conditions were poor on the Eckstein, but fair on the wheelhouse of the Mike Jenner.

http://gallery.primofish.com/2013/Fishing_Diving/MGFB/130621_Omar_Wes_Ben_FH-13/

050520 Kay A Eckstein, 431F13

Position: 29°59.552'N / 88°29.700'W

This large 150 foot Mississippi River Tugboat was sunk on May 20, 2005 in the southeast corner of FH-13 in about 88 feet of water. Hurricane Katrina scoured the Vessel into the bottom yielding a max depth now of 102 feet. The minimum depth reading on this visit was 80 feet. Fish sightings were limited due to the poor visibility but several small mangrove snapper and groupers were sighted as well as sand bass and sea whip corals. A shrimp net was noted entangled as well. Several larger Red Snapper (25-30/10-20lbs) were observed in the upper mid-water.

060624 Mike Jenner Reef 435F13

Position: 29°59.527'N / 88°30.610'W

This 145' River Tug Boat is sitting upright in about 86' of water within FH-13. Deployed post Hurricane Katrina, this vessel offers the highest relief in FH-13 at about 52 feet of water clearance. Visibility was fair on the upper wheelhouse but dropped considerably below the first deck. Fish observations included Spadefish (100-150), Red Snapper (50-75/10-20lbs), Mangrove Snapper (6-8/1-3lbs), Gag Grouper (2-4/1-4lbs), a large Blue Angel, and about a dozen Cocoa Damsels along with arrow crabs and sea urchins. Overall the reef continues to perform very well.

