



**G. A. BASS FIGHTS TUNA ON 120-LB. LINE**  
Strain on face evidences struggle to bring in big fish

# World Fishing Records Set By Mr., Mrs. Bass

By RAY DENNIS

G. A. Bass of the Bass Engineering Co., South Woodward, and his wife recently returned from four months of saltwater fishing, during which time they brought in several world record catches.

Each year the Bass' spend four or five months fishing in the British West Indies and off the Florida coast. They take a professional cameraman along and bring back documented proof of their success, both by still and motion pictures.

MRS. BASS, with a total of 10, now holds more world record catches than any other angler, man or woman.

On March 7, she brought in a 52 lb. wahoo on 24 lb. test line and a 23 1/2 lb. barracuda on 12 lb. test line. These catches were made at Walker Cay, British West Indies, and are certified by the International Game Fish Assn. as women's world record catch.

In addition, several catches which exceed present world records, were made this year by Mr. and Mrs. Bass. Necessary data has been forwarded to the International Gamefish assoc. for certification as new world records.

These potential records are: May 30, 1951: Mrs. Bass took a 22 1/2 lb. amberjack on eight-lb. test line; and a 28 1/2 lb. barracuda on 15-lb. test line at Bimini, B. W. I. Both are a women's world record.

June 2: Bass caught a 52-lb. dolphin on 12-lb. test line at Bimini.

June 20: Mrs. Bass took a 27 lb. kingfish on 12 lb. test line at Boca Grande, Fla.

June 24: Mrs. Bass captured a 128 lb. tarpon on 20 lb. test line at Boca Grande, Fla. Previous women's world record was 44 pounds.

June 25: Mrs. Bass brought in a 92 lb. tarpon on 12 lb. test line.

BASS STATED that the two tarpon catches are most outstanding due to the size, weight of the lines and because they occurred on succeeding days.

Other world record catches previously held by Mrs. Bass include a 77 lb. sailfin on 12 lb. line; 205 lb. blue marlin on 45 lb. line; and a 518 lb. tuna on 45 lb. line. The latter catch is the largest fish of any sort taken on light tackle by any angler, man or woman, in the world.

During the period from May 14 to June 14, Mrs. Bass and Capt. Cay, B. W. I., brought to his boat, 26 bluefin tuna, and released 22, using mark books in the hope they might be taken later and identified at that time.

He said, "The number of 26 tuna constitutes the greatest catch of tuna taken by any one angler during the 1951 tuna 'run.' Fish averaged approximately 465 lbs."

## RELEASING OF SUCH LARGE FISH

following the fight is considered unusual. However, Bass stated that other anglers were considerably interested in this "release" program and he believes it will be followed by many in other years.

He stated, "In releasing tuna, the wire leader is taken by the mate after the angler has fought the fish to boat, and weight of the fish is hurriedly estimated by angler and crew for record purposes. The leader is then severed by wire cutter, allowing the tuna to regain freedom."

He added, "Many guides and anglers have maintained that tuna are worn to such a point of exhaustion during the fight that they are actually dying or dead at the time wire leader is ready to be taken at boat, consequently negating the value of release."

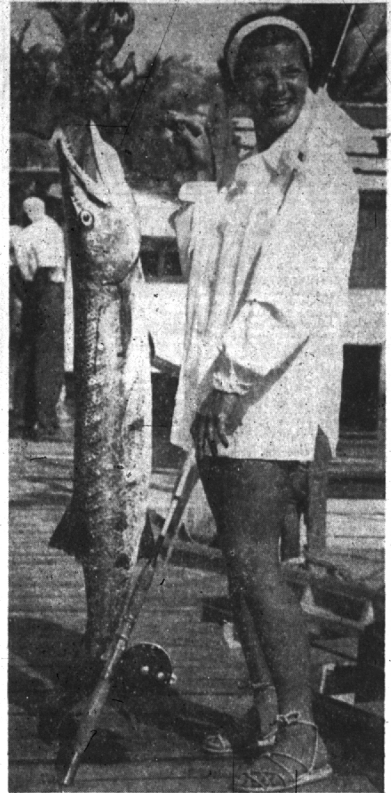
"FOLLOWING the release this spring of each tuna, we observed them swimming away, slowly at first, then gradually gathering momentum."

He concluded, "I can definitely state that in each single instance of the 22 tuna so released the fish survived, suffering merely a loss of some 20 minutes in their migratory schedule to Nova Scotia, or other northerly bound climate."

Another outstanding achievement made this year by Bass was on June 2 when he set an area record of five tuna catches in one day.

Bimini is an island lying approximately 50 miles east of Miami. Docks there can accommodate about 35 boats and are usually crowded to capacity during the tuna run in May and June, the local angler pointed out.

He said that tuna migrate to northern waters off Long Island, Maine and Nova Scotia, and pass by Cat Cay which is 11 miles south of Bimini. They go by during these two months each year in schools averaging 20 to 25 fish and travel at roughly five to seven miles per hour.



**MRS. BASS WITH 23 1/2 LB. BARRACUDA**  
Her catch certified as women's world record

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## LATHRUP VILLAGE NEWS

By LILLIAN DIEDERICH  
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### Youth Club Formed

The newly organized St. Michael Youth club has elected these officers: president, John Rolph; vice-president, Lubek Walton; secretary, Beverly Slavsky; treasurer, Marjorie Demongue. Regular meetings are held fortnightly with planned outings scheduled. Young people of high school age are welcome to join. Meetings will be in St. Michael school auditorium, every other Thursday evening.

### Program Committee

Chairman of the program committee of Lathrup Woman's club Mrs. Richard Cogger, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Mitchell, Mrs. Orman C. Davison, Mrs. Frank Fleischer and Mrs. David Anderson. Mrs. Joseph Andrews heads the membership committee composed of Mrs. Robert Vint, Mrs. Milton Dixon, Mrs. James McCormick, Mrs. Roy Mattern and Mrs. David Ortnier.

### Lathrup Locals

Mrs. James S. Gurl and sons have returned to their home on 11 Mile road after visiting the senior Gutz in Sarina, Canada. The Albert Flemmings of Sunset boulevard and family have returned home from a camping trip through the east. They pitched their tent from here to the coast of Maine and report that the weather was ideal and the experience was priceless.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Elias of Saratoga boulevard and son John with his friend Del Errants both of Kansas City, Mo., are visiting John's parents. They escaped the flood disaster by a few days. Over the week-end they drove to Cleveland to visit John's sister, Miss Reva Elias.

Mrs. Eugene Schnable of Saratoga boulevard, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Esther Bredin of Lakeview, Mich., spent the week-end visiting relatives in Saginaw. Upon their return Mrs. Schnable and son Tommie will drive back to Lakeview for a few weeks.

The Allen Nesbitts have returned from a trip to Ottawa, Canada, where they spent a few weeks.

Mrs. Sally Grant of Long Island N.Y., sister of Leroy Cline of Saratoga boulevard, visited here a few days before visiting relatives in Ann Arbor.

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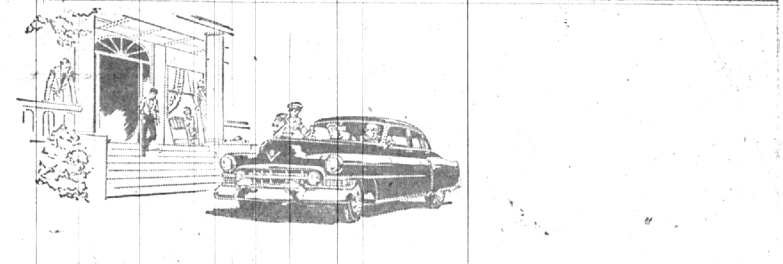
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