

# Shrimp... a Treat from Biscayne Bay

**B**iscayne Bay is a nursery ground for pink shrimp. Pink shrimp larvae travel along the Gulf Stream and enter Biscayne Bay during the early summer months. In the fall season, shrimp are busy growing and feeding in the sea grasses of the bay. As the winter approaches, the shrimp are ready to leave their nursery habitat and move out into the ocean currents.

Fishing for shrimp has a tendency to be seasonal in Biscayne Bay. Catches are the lowest in the summer and highest in the winter. Roller frames and wing netters are two types of boats used to comb the seagrasses and sand flats for pink shrimp. There are approximately 27 roller frame boats and 350 top wing netter boats out in Biscayne Bay. Wow, it would be quite a sight to see so many boats flying around the bay with wings! Nighttime is when you can find the shrimp boats out in the bay fishing. Shrimp are nocturnal creatures, which means they are seen active at night and burrow in the sandy bottoms during the day.

