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w I felt a kind of jump to the line & called out "the leader was across his tail & has just come off." A moment later the line went slack (what an awful feeling!). On reeling in • after 10 minutes on the most solid- feeling fish in my life, with practically none of the familiar jig-jig-jig tugging which always comes from the wagging tail • from which I conclude that he was so large that he was swimming that much more easily • I found that the Ashaway Green-stripe Dacron line, 2nd yr. of use, had parted at the brass clip at the end of the double. The thread wrapping above the break was still O.K., yet the seized end of the double at my end of the double was pushed back towards the fish, leaving a couple of feet of slack on one side of the double, which put the full strain on a single half of the double • whteh broke at the clip! A fair tension test on my double-bar scale broke this line at 83 lbs! Wet! A new piece of the same line broke at the same strain • dry & wet at 85-90 lbs. • very poor line! tM the 117 lb. (wet) strength of 39 Thr. Linnen. What nmay well have happened in this case was that the Tuna re? versed, fast, wrapped 25 ft. of leader & over the 30 ft. of double line around himself and, in pulling clear of the upper end of the double, he pushed the end back, down, causing the slack on one side of the double which caused the break at the sharp radius where it went round the brass clip • as a single line! Moral is splice the upper end of the double to the main line with the Ashaway splicing needle! 3 1/2 hrs. later a large fish was seen thrashing about in the shallows on the shore of Jersey Cove • probably my poor friend, trying to get rid of the hook & 25 ft. wire leader • a sickening thought. 1967 At least three schools of Tuna jumping clean out, some 7 to 8 ft. some under 100 lbs. and only one big tail showed • followed them in to inner Bay in afternoon. More than 36 "sightings" in the day • no Takers. 1968 Arrived July 17th. No Tuna seen as yet; on Aug. 16th caught a glimpse of two Tuna fins between Red island and the nets • and that's all for 1968 • an all-time record low for St. Ann's Bay. Neither Angus nor Malcolm MacDonald of S. Gut have seen Tuna from their commanding view. Altogether a queer year: • no cod except 8 very small ones from 3 1/2 hrs. hard fishing.... Angus Montgomery reported no cod elsewhere • Wreck Cove Bank, Island Bank, Lighthouse Bank no squid, no Gaspereau, v. few dog? fish, no Doilarfish, no Jellyfish, no Sunfish, no Shari