Inshore fishing vessels can be anything from a traditional canoe, kayak, or even small motor boat.

Seasonal Fishing

There are a few species of fish in American Samoa that are harvested only in a certain time of year.

I’a’sina
I’a’sina are still caught in Manu’a with the traditional enu or fish trap around October to April.

Palolo
The Palolo are seen once a year around October or November.

Atule
Have you heard… “It takes a village”? Well, catching the Atule in season does indeed “take a village.” Atule come around up to twice a year.

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Facts about the Sanctuary

- Fagatele Bay Unit: No Fishing Allowed
- All units prohibit spear diving with SCUBA and use of various nets, except the Muliava Unit in certain cases.
- Aunu’u Unit allows fishing in Zone A with prior notification. However only surface fishing is allowed in Zone B.
- Sanctuary Units are managed by NOAA.

More information on Sanctuaries regulations at
http://americansamoa.noaa.gov/management/regulations.html
**INSHORE FISHING**

**Fishing Methods:**
- Spear Diving without SCUBA
- Fish Trap
- Net
- Rod & Reel
- Gleaning

**Common Catches:**
1. Striated Surgeonfish - poge
2. Lined Surgeonfish - alogo
3. Parrotfish - fuga/laea
4. Soldierfish - malau
5. Camouflage grouper - gatapa
6. Bluestripe snapper - savane

**Fishing Requirements:**
Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
Fishing License for Commercial Fishing

There are no catch limitations on traditional and subsistence fishing with the exception of endangered or protected species.

**SPORTS FISHING & CHARTERS**

**Average Size:** 18-49 ft

**Fishing Method:**
Bottom Fishing, Rod and Reel, Casting, Trolling, Jigging, Popping

**Fishing area:** Shore to 200nm

**Fishing Requirements:**
DMWR register, USCG Compliant, ASG Business License, Operator’s License, Federal permit if fishing in Muriava Unit of the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa

**Target Catch:**
Marlin, Swordfish, Yellowfin, Bigeye, Wahoo, Masi/Masi, White Tuna, Sailfish