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On May 4th, Matt Bomberger from Downingtown, PA was one of a few dedicated anglers to brave the steady, strong northeast winds and was rewarded with this 41.5-inch striped bass. Matt landed the linesider while using fresh bunker at 3R's Road in Delaware and weighed the 27 lb. 3 oz. fish at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters in South Bethany, DE and Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.





Tony Russo from Ocean City, MD and Brian Roberts from Berlin, MD joined Jay Phillips from West Ocean City, MD (not pictured) for a flounder fishing trip in the Thorofare and caught 11 flatties while drifting shiners.



Larry Halamandaris from Crownsville, MD (right) muscled in this 25.5-inch tautog while fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with his grandson, Will Halmandaris and Capt. Todd Kurtz (pictured). The big blackfish was caught on green crabs at the African Queen.

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Joe and Drake Crowley boated these 2 flounder, weighing 4 lbs. 13 oz. and 3 lbs. 10 oz., while drifting live minnows in the Broadkill River. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Tom Hart from West Ocean City, MD and George Easter from Randallstown, MD ventured out to Russell's Reef where they caught 6 tautog on green crabs. All of the fish measured between 16 and 17-inches.



Brooke and Moorea Phillips of West Ocean City, MD were fishing with their parents, Jay and Christie, and they returned with 13 flounder in the box after trolling and drifting with shiners in the Thorofare.



B.J. Barch, Tommy Schlosser and Donald Barch, all from Pittsburgh, PA, Mike Parker from WBOC Outdoor Delmarva and Lenny Smith from Auburn, PA boated 8 striped bass, between 38 and 44-inches, while trolling tandem lures in the Tangier Sound near Buoy 16. The anglers were aboard the "Fishing Time" with Capt. Greg Bedsworth and mates Robert Remo and Chester Cernava.

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The Thorofare has been producing some nice catches of flounder this spring and Travis Sevier from Ocean City, MD was there to nab this pair of flatties while using minnows for bait. The fish measured 19 and 21-inches.

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# Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



The weather we have been experiencing this spring has been nothing short of ridiculous, and last week was one of the worse weeks we have seen this year. The wind just won't stop blowing... hard!

Water temperatures in the Ocean City Inlet remained a fairly consistent 54 to 56 degrees with warmer water at the far ends of the bays during the outgoing tide.

## Flounder

Even with the bad weather, the good news is that when a few dedicated anglers hit the water, they returned with some nice catches of flounder.

The Thorofare continues to be a hot spot for those in search of flatties and minnows, squid and Gulp! Swimming Mulletts have been producing the best catches.

Early in the week, in 25 mph winds coming out of the east/northeast, John Rogowitz, Tony Diesel and Travis Brown trolled bucktails tipped with minnows and Gulp! artificial baits in the Thorofare and caught their limit of flounder up to 21-inches.

On Thursday, junior angler Pierce Shearin from Monkton, MD caught a 23-inch flattie that weighed in at 4 lbs. 4 oz. Pierce was also fishing in the Thorofare and caught the flounder on a live minnow.

Saturday saw winds blowing a consistent 20 mph,



On Saturday, Matt Ferenschak and Seth McCauley, both from Perry Hall, MD, ignored windy conditions and headed to the East Channel, where they boated these 3 keeper flounder. The fish were hooked on minnow and Gulp! combinations during the incoming tide. Matt landed the largest fish of the trip, a 23-incher that weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.

but that didn't stop Seth McCauley and Matt Ferenschak from landing 3 flounder in the East Channel on minnow and Gulp! combinations. Matt had the largest fish of the trip, a 23-incher that weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.

Walter Moore and his dad also ignored the winds on Saturday and picked up a keeper flounder in the Thorofare and another around

Harbor Island.

The headboat, "Bay Bee" had another good day on Saturday with 4 keepers during their morning trip and another 4 flounder and a bluefish in the afternoon. Capt. Mike had his anglers in the bay behind Assateague Island drifting squid and minnows.

## In the Surf

The windy conditions brought nasty ocean conditions and strong currents making an already horrible spring even worse. Anglers are still waiting

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for the start of the striped bass run that in most years would have been almost halfway done by now. Last week, surfcasters only found a few small black drum, skates and plenty of dogfish. On Saturday, Tammy Reiter landed a 9 lb. 9 oz. bluefish while fishing off Assateague.

## Sea Bass

Maryland's Fisheries Service is waiting on Mid-Atlantic Marine Fisheries to release sea bass regulation for federal waters before they release them for state waters, but expectations are that the season will open on May 19th. The minimum size will continue to be 12.5-inches but anglers will only be allowed to keep 20 fish per trip instead of 25.

## Offshore

Although a lot of boats are still sitting in dry dock, the good news is that there is a shot of good, warm water sitting outside the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons where mako sharks, yellowfins, bluefins and bigeye tuna have been found. It looks like there may be some charter boats making preparations to head that way towards the end of the week when hopefully the eddy will move closer to our shores. Could make for an interesting long weekend.

I'm a firm believer that our season is long and things tend to even out over the long term. If this holds true, we hopefully have some outstanding days of fishing ahead of us. Keep the faith!

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Pierce Shearin from Monkton, MD caught this 23-inch flounder while fishing in the Thorofare. The fish weighed in at 4 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.



On Easter Sunday, Chase Eberle caught and released this beautiful 44-inch, 38 lb. striper while tossing a top water lure in the Susquehanna River.

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Lamont Hilbert caught his limit of flounder, measuring up to 22-inches, while fishing near Marker 14 in the bay behind Assateague Island. The flatties were hooked on Gulp! and minnows. Lamont also caught a 16-inch tautog by the South Jetty on the same trip. Pictured at Frontier Town.



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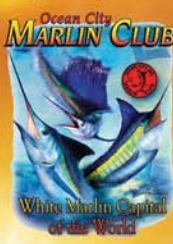
Mike Ditmann caught this 18 lb. black drum while surf fishing with clams off Beach Plum Island. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Mike Orchulli from Nazareth, PA was drifting pink Gulp! and minnow combinations in the Thorofare when he hooked into these 2 flounder measuring 17.5 and 29-inches. Mike was fishing on the "Got Issues" with Jack Arblaster, Bill Hardy and Mel Hofecker.

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Last week was very windy in Ocean City, preventing many flounder fishermen from hitting the water, but it didn't stop John Rogowitz, Tony Diesel and Travis Brown who caught their limit of 12 flounder while drifting bucktails, minnows and Gulp! artificial baits in the Thorofare. Their largest fish of the day measured 21-inches.



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# Driftin' Easy

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## "What size fishing rod such I buy for the surf?"

Anglers ask this all of the time. In the spring, I sell a lot of 12-foot rods. That's because the annual run of stripers is coming through and the surfcasters want to cast as far as they can to reach them. They will also pick the heavier rods that will throw up to 10-ounces of weight.

In the fall, we sell the long, heavier rod again when the stripers migrate south.

In the summer months, when we have whiting, Norfolk spot, croaker, sea trout and snapper blues, a shorter, lighter weight rod will give you more action and more fun. A 9-foot rod in the 1/2 to 3 ounce or 2 to 6 ounce weight range is all you need. The water is warmer in the

summer months too, so you can walk out there in your shorts and bare feet and gain some distance as well.

If you surf fish a lot, you will wind up buying more than one rod and most avid anglers take two rods out on the beach. The "fisherman" will take the heavier, longer rod and baits up with a large piece of bait such as a bunker chunk or even the whole bunker head, a whole calamari squid, or a chunk of fresh bluefish on a large hook in the 5/0 to 9/0 size range. Using a good sized pyramid, hurricane or clam weight sinker in the 4 to 10-ounce range, the "fisherman" casts out the bait, puts the rod in the sand spike, and waits. (Remember to always set your drag so a good strike doesn't

cause your rod/reel to go straight into the ocean!!!!)

Now the "angler" will take a smaller, lighter rod such as a 9-foot combination and rig it up with a kingfish rig or small bluefish rig to see what else is biting! Bait up with bloodworm, Fishbite bloodworm or Fishbite Crab flavored strips (orange color is popular in our area), little strips of squid, or filleted and stripped fresh bunker. Many anglers use combination baits on the small hooks such as Fishbites with real bloodworm, or Fishbites with a little piece of meat such as squid or fresh bunker. (I'm a believer of the combination baits!) This spring anglers were digging fresh sand fleas and putting them on the hook with the Fishbite Crab E-Z strips. Come up with your own favorite combination. You can never go wrong with bloodworm or Fishbite bloodworm with a little strip of Calamari squid. That's the box squid, not that thick pre-cut stuff. (Sorry I just don't like that stuff for the surf unless you want some skate bait!)

Cast out with whatever sinker will hold the bottom without using so much weight that you can't feel the fish bite. Start with 2 or 3 ounces and only go to 4 or 5 ounces if the surf is washing the sinker back in. Keep the rod in your hand, but have a sand spike ready in case you have to put the rod in the holder and quickly grab the heavier rod if it bends over with a fish on the other end!!!

The smaller the bait, the more often you need to check it. Little crabs can chew off your bait as well, so it's necessary to continuously check your bait. I like to cast out the lighter rod, and ever so slowly, bounce the baits in towards shore. If nothing happens in 20-minutes or so, I either put that rod in the rod holder for a while and wait, or move down the beach a few yards and try another spot.

Make sure you are not casting on top of a sand bar!!!

The beach in Ocean City has been difficult since Hurricane Sandy. In many places there's a trough and then an outer bar. At low tide, the anglers can sometimes walk out to the bar and cast into the deeper water. At high tide, this may be difficult, so you are best off fishing in the trough. Some anglers just wait for the tide to be low and get out to the bar. Other anglers just fish the high tide and stay in close. Just remember, white water is shallow water. Dark rolling water is deeper water.

Back to the rod sizes! You can buy a rod as long as 15 feet. These rods will cast far if you are a big guy or gal that can handle that length and weight. But most people just can't handle it and do much better with a quality 11 or 12-foot surf fishing rod. If you are only going to buy one surf rod to fish with all season long, I would suggest a 10 or 11-foot model.

If you fish primarily in the spring and the fall, go a little heavier. If you fish primarily in the summer, go a little lighter. Like any other sport, the more dollars you invest in your equipment, the nicer it will be. Better quality surf rods have a higher graphite content and better quality guides that will make the rod lighter in the hand and more sensitive to the fish bites.

Kids and smaller ladies tend to deal best with a shorter rod. You will find that the 8 and 9-foot rods have a shorter butt section than the 10 through 12-foot rods. That makes it easier for us smaller, shorter people to cast. I personally fish with an 8 and a 9-foot surf rod.

Last, but not least, remember this, the lighter the line, the further you can cast. Weigh that out with the fish you are targeting and your ability to cast without hurling your rig and sinker to the great beyond! If you fish with monofilament line in the springtime when the big stripers are around, I would spool my reel with 17-pound

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Lance Hitzelberger was fishing at Reef Site 11 when he landed this 13 lb. tautog while using green crab for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

test on the lighter end and 20-pound test on the heavier end. If you use Spectra line such as Power Pro Braid, I would go with 30-pound line on the light end and 50-pound line on the heavy end. During the summertime, you can go down to 14-pound test monofilament or 20-pound braid on the lighter end unless you are targeting sharks!!!

Hope this helps and doesn't confuse you. The best teacher for fishing is to go fishing! It's hard to know exactly what questions to ask before you've ever even gone. Once you fish a couple times, you'll have more questions. Stop into local bait and tackle shops that specialize in surf fishing and ask away. That's what we're here for!

Good fishing...

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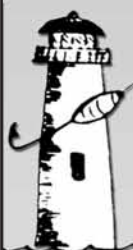
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Deanna Peck from Lewes, DE muscled in this 19.5-inch flounder while fishing with bull minnows in the VFW Slough. The fish weighed 2 lbs. 5 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

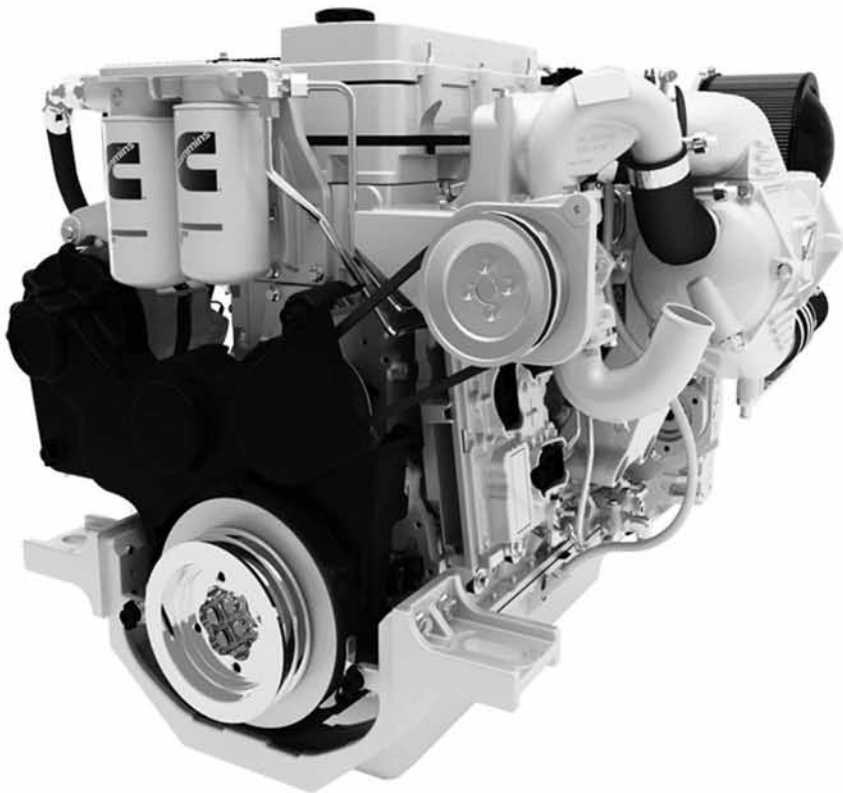


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On April 27th, John and Mike Brockmeyer and Bob Miller ended their day with 9 flounder in the box, ranging from 16.5-inches up to 20-inches. Five of the fish were caught in the bay just north of the Assateague Bridge on bucktails tipped with minnows. The other 4 flatties were hooked on shiners in the Thorofare.

J.T. DiGuglielmo landed this 42-inch striper while fishing with fresh bunker off Augustine Beach on the Delaware side of the Delaware Bay.





Theresa Sakalski from West Ocean City, MD, one of the nicest people on the planet, must be taking private lessons to learn the Lewes Harbour Stretch because she makes this 21-inch flounder looks like a 25-incher. Theresa hooked the big flattie while drifting live minnows in the Thorofare with Capt. Mark Hoos, Jr. on the "Impatient".

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Jay Schlink fooled this 7 lb. 13 oz. tautog with a green crab while fishing at the Outer Wall aboard the "Martha Marie" with Capt. Les Clemmer. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Cole and Hillary Jarman ended their day with 2 keeper flounder after drifting chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mulletts and minnows in the bay behind Frontier Town. The anglers were fishing on the "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Brent Long (pictured).

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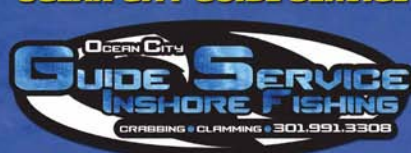
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Mike Dittmann from Lewes, DE landed this 12 lb. 6 oz. tautog while fishing at an ocean wreck. The fish was caught while using crabs for bait and measured 24-inches in length with a girth of 22-inches.



On Saturday afternoon, these anglers braved the windy weather and took a trip on the headboat, "Bay Bee". They were rewarded with a nice catch of flounder, and even a bluefish. Sylwia and Monika Wisniewska, Jason Whiteside, Bob Houser and Sherwood Dix caught their fish while drifting squid and shiners in the bay behind Assateague Island. Sherwood's flounder was the largest of the trip, measuring 21-inches. Capt. Mike Walsh was at the helm and mates Heather Dabroski and Cale Layton worked the deck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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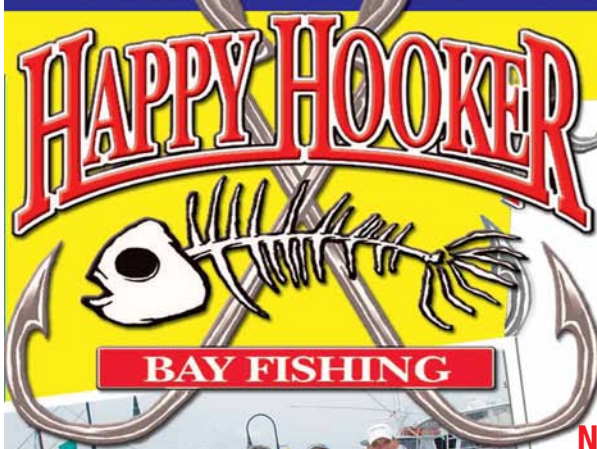
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Charlie Donohue from Philadelphia, PA, current Maryland state record holder for tautog, took a trip on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo and landed this 5 lb. tog at the Bass Grounds. Charlie was using green crabs for bait.



Mario Lopez of Silver Spring, MD fooled this 6 lb. tautog with a green crab at the Bass Grounds while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in downtown Ocean City.

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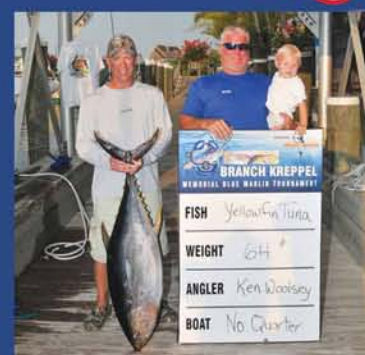
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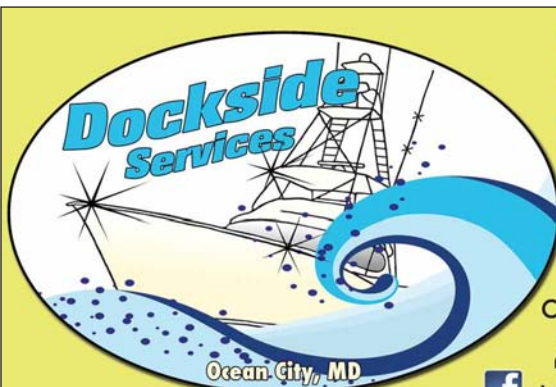
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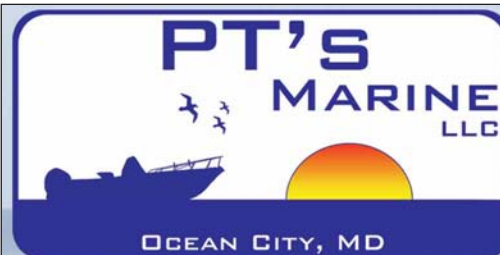
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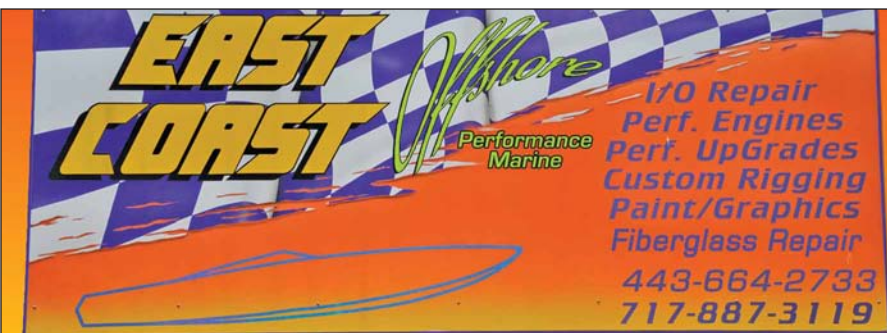
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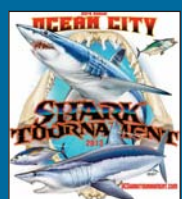
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# Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



When the wind blows 20 to 25 mph EVERY day, it certainly makes it tough to get some fishing in, and that is exactly what is happening this spring.

No doubt, the fish are out there for the taking because when anglers are able to hit the water, they are coming back with some nice catches.

Action in the Indian River Inlet and Bay has been understandably slow. Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em reported small bluefish and very few stripers were caught by anglers fishing from boats and around the Coast Guard Station. Those looking for tautog found some under the Indian River Bridge.

Flounder fishing really suffered in the bay due to the windy weather that also caused the headboats to remain at the dock.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said Lewes



Chad Hitzelberger, Lance Hitzelberger, Vito Ingerto and Gil Waddington ended their day with a limit of tautog, weighing up to 13 lbs., after fishing at Reef Site 11 on "Another Bill". The anglers hooked the blackfish on green crabs and weighed their catch at Rick's Bait and Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

Canal fishermen picked away at flounder despite challenging conditions from cool east

winds all week. On better days, guys even managed to put limits in the box. Joe and Drake Crowley teamed up for a fine pair of flatties scaling 4.8 and 3.6 pounds while drifting squid and minnows. Ryan Weiber was casting a white Gulp! at the Canary Creek bridge when he connected with a 4.14 pound flounder. Best results came with clean water during outgoing tide. Minnows, shiners, smelt, cut bunker and Gulp! in chartreuse, white or orange were favored by flukers.

Fishing should be prime by the time the annual Lewes Canal Flounder Tournament takes place Friday May 17th. Anglers interested in participating can register at Lewes Harbour Marina any day before the tournament with a \$25 entry fee, five dollars of which is donated to the Camp Awareness Youth Program. Full details regarding the event can be found in the fishing reports section at [www.lewesharbourmarina.com](http://www.lewesharbourmarina.com).

Tautog continued to cooperate for Delaware Bay anglers getting in on the last of the Spring season that ends

May 11th. Easterly winds made it tough to tog the Outer Wall, but blackfish were caught there on decent days. Doug and Scott Riniker, Steve Kiibler and Scott Haas scored their limit in short order at The Wall with clean water during the first of flood tide. The Inner Wall and Ice Breakers also yielded tog to those using green crabs, clams and shrimp. Jacob Webb wound in an 8.1 pound citation winner at the Inner Wall. Jay Schlink checked in a 7.8 pounder he got aboard the "Martha Marie". Fishing was good on artificial Reef Sites 6 and 7 as well.

Boaters baiting with clams had a handful of black drum around the submerged pilings off Slaughter Beach. That action should improve through the month, with the best of it going on around the full moon on the 24th. Joe urged drummers who want surf clams to call early in the week to make bait reservations for the weekend.

Surf fishermen along Broadkill Beach found a few drum and stripers, plus fair numbers of puffers. Blowfish were plentiful along the ocean beach from Cape Henlopen to Bethany. Bits of bloodworm or clam on small hooks did the trick on tasty puffers.

An occasional keeper striper came from the suds. Lance Cochran landed a 21.7 pound rockfish using bunker at Herring Point. Jetty Jockeys at Indian River Inlet caught shad, blues and mostly short stripers while tossing small diamond jigs.

Researcher Dewayne Fox reported encountering the first Thresher Sharks of the year while netting for sturgeon south of Indian River. He said they were sizeable, over 200 pounds.

Offshore, there looks to be interesting water behind the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons where commercial longliners reported yellowfin tuna and mako sharks being caught.

Until next week, tight lines!

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Chuck Nagle took the early lead in "Best Flounder Fisherman at Bill's Sport Shop" with this 3 pounder caught at Massey's Landing on a bucktail tipped with a pink Gulp! artificial bait. Perennial favorite, Bill "Pockets" Baker, who already finds himself fending off Ellen White during each fishing trip, now has to contend with Nagle, who has his eye on the throne in 2013.

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# DINING ON DELMARVA

## The Galley

by Mama Jock



### Scallops with Capers and Tomatoes

12 large scallops  
Cooking spray  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
1 tomato, seeded and diced  
3 TBSP. capers, drained  
2 TBSP. chopped fresh basil  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil

Pat scallops dry with paper towels.

Heat a large, nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Cover pan with cooking spray.

Add scallops to pan; cook 3 minutes on each side or until done. Remove and keep warm.

Add garlic to pan; cook 15 seconds.

Add wine and the next 4 ingredients to pan.

Spoon mixture over scallops; drizzle evenly with olive-oil just before serving.

Serves 3 or 4.

### Sauteed Flounder with Bacon, Capers and Grape Tomatoes

4 flounder fillets  
2 strips bacon, diced  
1 medium red onion, sliced  
1 1/2 cups grape tomatoes

2 TBSP. capers  
Juice of 2 large lemons  
1/4 cup flour  
1/2 stick butter  
2 TBSP. vegetable oil  
Salt, to taste

Slowly caramelize the onions in a pan with a bit of butter and oil, about 20 to 30 minutes.

In a cold saute pan, cook the bacon until it turns golden brown, but not too crispy.

Transfer the bacon and fat to a heat-proof container and set aside.

Lightly dredge the fillets in flour; shake off any excess.

Pour half the bacon fat back into the saute pan you cooked the bacon in.

Bring heat up until it starts to sizzle, then add the flounder.

Cook for 2-3 minutes.

Flip the fillets over and cook for another couple of minutes until golden brown.

Remove fish and set aside. Pour the rest of the bacon fat back into the pan and add rest of butter.

When the butter foams, add the sliced tomatoes, lemon juice and capers.

Cook 1 minute; add red onions and diced bacon.

Return the fillets to the pan and heat through for 30 seconds. Remove from heat.

Gently remove fish from the pan, plate them, topped generously with the bacon, onion and tomato mixture.

Serves 4.

### Crab Puffs

1 lb. crabmeat  
4 TBSP. flour  
6 eggs, separated  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
4 TBSP. butter  
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1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

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2 tsp. paprika

Melt butter; blend in flour and cook for 1 minute.

Gradually add milk and cook until thickened.

Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly.

Lightly beat egg yolks and stir into the thickened sauce.

Fold in the mayonnaise.

Carefully stir in crabmeat; add salt and pepper.

Beat egg whites until stiff.

Fold into crab mixture and spoon into a 1 1/2 quart casserole dish.

Sprinkle with paprika and top with the cheese.

Bake at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Can be served as an appetizer.

## Red Drum Cajun Style

**Marinade:**

1/2 cup olive oil

Juice of 1 lemon

2 TBSP. Worcestershire

sauce

2 medium-large red drum fillets

Cajun spice

Mix marinade ingredients in small bowl.

Place fillets in a shallow baking dish.

Pour marinade over fish.

Marinate for 1 hour, turning every 15 minutes.

Heat grill.

Remove fillets from marinade.

Sprinkle fish LIGHTLY with Cajun spice.

Place fillets skin side down.

Cook uncovered until surface of fish turns white.

Carefully flip fillets and cook only for a few minutes.

Serves 4.

## Lemon Grilled Shrimp

24 large shrimp

**Marinade:**

1/2 cup lemon juice

1/2 cup vegetable oil

1 TBSP. finely chopped

fresh parsley

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tsp. grated lemon rind

2 tsp. dry mustard

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

Pinch of black pepper

Peel and devein shrimp, leaving tails on.

Place shrimp in a plastic zip-top bag and set in a bowl.

Combine all marinade ingredients and stir well.

Pour marinade into bag with shrimp; close and squeeze to coat shrimp.

Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Remove shrimp, reserving marinade.

Thread shrimp onto skewers.

Oil and heat grill over medium heat.

Cook shrimp, brushing

often with marinade, until pink; 2 minutes on each side.

Discard marinade after use. Serves 6.

## Maple Salmon and Bulgur Pilaf

1 cup bulgur

2 cups water

1 cup frozen peas

4 stalks celery, thinly sliced

Preheat broiler.

Combine in a large microwave-safe bowl the bulgur and water.

Microwave on high until water is absorbed.

Stir in the peas; microwave 2 more minutes.

Stir in the celery.

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## The Galley, cont'd.

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1/4 tsp. black pepper  
Mix all of these ingredients in a small bowl.

Place salmon on foil-lined jelly roll pan.

Sprinkle with 1/4 tsp. salt, then brush with maple sauce.

Broil 8 minutes or until opaque throughout.

Serve over bulgur pilaf.

Serves 4.

## Slimmed Down Flounder Tacos

1 egg  
1 TBSP. fat-free milk  
1/2 tsp. green hot pepper sauce  
1/2 cup cornmeal  
2 TBSP. flour  
1/4 tsp. ground cumin  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
4 flounder fillets, cut lengthwise in half  
4 tsp. olive oil

1 15 oz. can Southwestern black beans

8 tortillas warmed

3 plum tomatoes, chopped

2 cups shredded cabbage

1/2 cup salsa verde

1/4 cup minced fresh cilantro

1 medium lime, cut into 8 wedges

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a shallow bowl, whisk egg, milk and pepper sauce.

In another shallow bowl, mix cornmeal, flour, cumin and pepper.

Dip flounder in egg mixture, then in cornmeal mixture, patting to help cornmeal stick.

Place on baking sheet coated with cooking spray.

Drizzle tops with oil. Bake 15-20 minutes.

Place beans in a small saucepan; heat through.



Flounder slayer Terry Koshi took another trip down to Gargatha, VA and landed this 21-inch flounder on a minnow dressed up with a pink skirt. Terry was fishing with David Rayne.

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Serve flounder in tortillas; top with beans, tomatoes, cabbage, salsa verde and cilantro.

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1 lb. lump crabmeat  
1/4 cup minced scallions, green part only  
2 TBSP. chopped parsley  
1 tsp. Old Bay seasoning  
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1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 large egg  
Canola oil spray

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees.

Place muffin pan, lightly greased with canola oil, for 10 minutes.

As the pan heats, mix ingredients in a large bowl,

using a rubber spatula.

When the pan is hot, quickly spoon the crab mix into the individual compartments, lightly compacting each with the back of a spoon, keeping the tops level.

Bake the muffins for 30 minutes; cool for 5 minutes before serving.

## Spicy Sauce:

1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup sour cream  
2 TBSP. finely chopped chipotle chiles (best found canned, in adobo sauce)  
1 tsp. finely chopped garlic  
2 tsp. chopped cilantro leaves  
Juice of a small lemon

Makes 4 muffins.



Matt Farr took advantage of some good fishing south of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, landing this striper on an 8 oz. parachute rig trolled off a planer board. The fish had a 9-inch bunker in its stomach, along with a load of smaller baits.

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# Ship Shape

by Capt. Steve Katz



## Getting Your Boat Ready for the Season – Below the Waterline

Spring is here and we are all anxious to get back to fishing and boating. The springtime weather is the motivation for most of us to work on those pre-season boating rituals. It is best to have a plan to work on these projects in proper order, whether you have large sportfish or a center console on a trailer. Start with all items below the water line.

Check the condition of all underwater thru-hull fittings, are check that they sealed properly to the hull; evidence of leaking should be investigated now. Operate the seacock; it should open and close easily (The American Yacht and Boat Council - ABYC H-27 standards requires all thru-hull fittings below the waterline to be equipped with a seacock to stop the water flow in the event of a failure).

Check the condition of the attached hoses, clamps, pumps and anything else directly connected. Saltwater, age and heat can break-down plastics and rubber over time, look carefully for damage. When equipped, clean and inspect the

sea strainer assembly and the inner basket. Be diligent with your inspection. During the winter, accumulated water could enter these areas, freeze and expand, then crack metal and plastic parts that are hard to find until you put the boat back into the water.

Next, check all the bilge pumping systems. This includes float switches, electric bilge pumps, engine operated "crash pump" valves, mounting hardware, discharge hoses, wiring, switches and indicator lights. Let's try to avoid that funny feeling that you get when heading through the inlet one dark morning and see your bilge pump/high water alarm. There are many components in bilge pumping systems that need to be diligently inspected. In my experience, the wiring junction in the bilge (where the float switch and bilge pump connections are made) is a common problem area. Most factory installed bilge pump systems have an indicator light that is easily observed at the main helm station. This is an important item; it can tell you if the pump is on or should be on and pumping water over the side due to high bilge water. If

this indicator light is working properly it can act as a warning system to let you know there may be a problem. If your boat has enclosed accommodation compartments, ABYC H-22 standards require a high water alarm system – this is an important safety item.

While the boat is still out of the water, inspect the condition of the hull; look for cracks, chips, blisters or voids in the fiberglass.

Repair any damage now; water can enter the fiberglass and cause expensive problems if ignored. If you have anti-fouling bottom paint, check that the paint not flaking and is covering the necessary areas.

Most ablative bottom paints can remain out of the water for the winter season and go back into the water without losing its effectiveness (multi-season). An ablative paint wears like a bar of soap, both the paint and anti-fouling properties wear together. Paint manufacturers recommend 2-3 coats of ablative paint; if you think the paint has worn away (as it should) you may need to re-apply using the same type of paint. A modified epoxy or hard bottom paint should be re-painted each season if the boat is removed from the water for storage, or when the anti-fouling properties have been diminished, leaving just the paint behind. Over a period of time, hard bottom paint can build-up excessively on the hull and may require heavy sanding or other removal process to reduce the expired paint and restore your boats speed.

Remember most bottom paints are not compatible with metal surfaces; you will need to use a different type of antifouling paint, like Trilux 33 or similar. Also, standard bottom paints should not be applied over depth transducers. You should use a special antifouling paint for transducers.

Now that we are out from under the boat, let's take a look at the hull. This is a great time to clean wash and wax the hull. This will certainly make your boat look good while

protecting the gel coat or paint finish for the season. Check the condition of the rub rail – it is called that for a reason – damage can occur in this area in the course of docking, fueling etc. This rub rail area is often the seam between the deck and hull of a production boat. Damage in this area could allow water to enter the boat and cause problems. Check the thru-hull fittings along the hull and transom sides; these are usually used for discharge of water from various systems, such as bilge pumps, air conditioning, fish boxes, live wells, sinks and other gray water discharge. Many of these fittings are plastic and degrade sooner than expected.

If you own an outboard powered boat, check the engine mounting at the transom or bracket. Be sure all attachment fittings are tight, all hoses, lines and connections are in good condition. Check the steering cylinders, hoses and attaching hardware. Grease all areas as recommended by the engine and steering manufacturer. If you didn't do it in the fall, now is the time to change the lower unit gear oil, check and or change the water pump and perform all other engine maintenance that can only be completed while the boat is out of the water. Be sure to check or replace the zincs on the engine, especially the ones that are under the engine mount.

If you have an inboard boat, check the running gear, shaft, cutlass bearings, shaft seal, rudder bearings, rudder seals, trim tabs, bow thruster, engine/generator intakes, raw water intakes and, of course, the zincs.

Doing these tasks before the boat goes back into the water will make for a much easier start of the season. Next, let's get started on the tasks that can be completed in the water.

See you at the dock!

*Captain Steve Katz is owner of Steve's Marine Service serving Baltimore, Annapolis and Ocean City, MD.*

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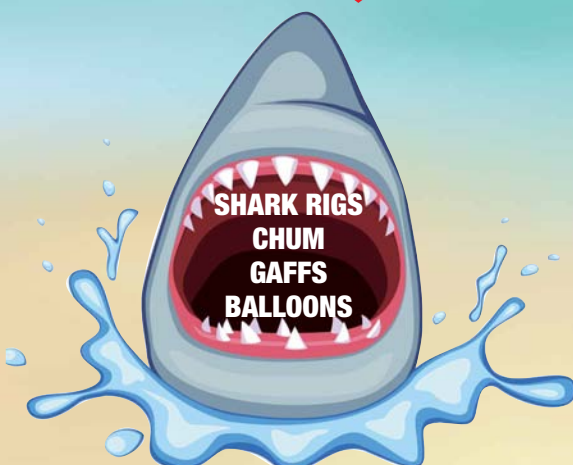


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# Chum Lines

—by Capt. Mark Sampson



I was fishing with a friend down in the Florida Keys last month and we were looking for redfish. I was poling the boat from the stern and my partner was on the bow ready to cast, or so I thought. We had been working a shallow flat for about ten minutes and suddenly a fish appeared at the ten o'clock position, a short cast away. It should have been a slam-dunk hookup, but before my friend could cast he had to first get ready by stripping fly line off his reel and onto the deck of the boat. He hadn't done this ahead of time because it was kind of breezy and he didn't want his line blowing around the deck. But not being set-up for a quick cast ended up being a bad mistake. The fish didn't wait around for him to get prepared. Once it sensed the

boat - it was gone, and so were our chances of landing the best fish of the day!

The ability to react quickly to opportunities as they come along is one of the greatest assets an angler can use to bolster their success, and it all starts with considering what opportunities might possibly come along in the course of the day, and then having rigs and tackle set and ready to deploy at a moments notice. Say for instance, you're flounder fishing in the bay and suddenly birds start diving and fish start breaking all around. Instead of wasting time fumbling through your tackle box looking for some sort of small bucktail or jig, then rigging it on a little light wire leader before finally tying on your line and taking a cast, if you already have a couple rigs made up and ready to fish, you'll have a shot at nailing a few nice bluefish before they go back down or move off. Even better, if you have a rod rigged for bluefish it's just a matter of picking it up and casting. The difference in catching or not catching fish can be just that simple.

When heading offshore to troll for billfish, tuna and dolphin, it's a common practice to leave the dock with a bait cooler filled with rigged ballyhoo and mullet and chances are those baits will be all that's needed through the course of the day, unless of course a chunk of floating

debris is discovered that happens to be holding a whole school of small dolphin that require chunk baits on small hooks that can be cast from spinning tackle. If the crew must take the time to cut bait, rig hooks on leaders and attach it all to light tackle, the window of opportunity to catch a bunch of those fish might very well slam shut before the first hook hits the water. Or what if you suddenly encounter a trophy shark but don't have time to twist wire and put together a proper shark rig before the monster departs. Time wasted doing things on the water that could have been done at the dock translates to missed opportunities.

Of course being prepared for "anything" can sometimes be easier said than done, particularly for offshore anglers. It's a big ocean, and from minnows to monsters, quite literally, anything could pop up on any given day. A couple years ago I had tarpon swimming around the boat five miles off Ocean City, and "no" I was not ready for them! Fortunately, there are some basic products available these days that can help us be ready at a moments notice for at least most of whatever might come along.

No matter what type of fishing you're doing, spinning tackle is a must to have available because it's so versatile and can reach out and hook fish that would otherwise just cruise right on past. It used to be that light, medium and heavy spinners were needed to cover all the possibilities. But now, by using the new breed of strong,

thin, braided lines, anglers are often able to get away with using just medium tackle which can handle big tuna-size fish but still be able to cast small bucktails or jigs to little fish.

Keeping a simple selection of soft and hard-body lures and jigs aboard can have a boat prepared to hook most of what they might encounter on any given day. Surface poppers can tempt tuna, dolphin, bluefish and just about anything else with fins and floater/diver type plugs will nail everything else. Jigs can fish the entire water column and can be cast, trolled or just dropped straight down to the bottom. The new breed of scented artificial baits, such as the Gulp! and Fish-Bites, have been proven to sometimes be equal to, if not better than, natural bait and allows anglers the opportunity to always have a form of bait aboard for whatever situation arises, no matter what type of fishing they originally set out to do.

Particularly if it's been a slow day for hooking the targeted species, being able to take advantage of anything that comes along can be a real trip saver and the whole process starts with the consideration of what "could happen" and then preparing as much as possible so that if something unplanned, but not totally unexpected comes along, you can jump right on it. Do whatever it takes to be able to put a bait in the face of a fish just as soon as it first appears by having a variety of baits available, tying up extra hooks and leaders, and having the right lures and correct tackle rigged and ready. You'll never kick yourself at the end of the day for missing a great opportunity.

*Captain Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.*

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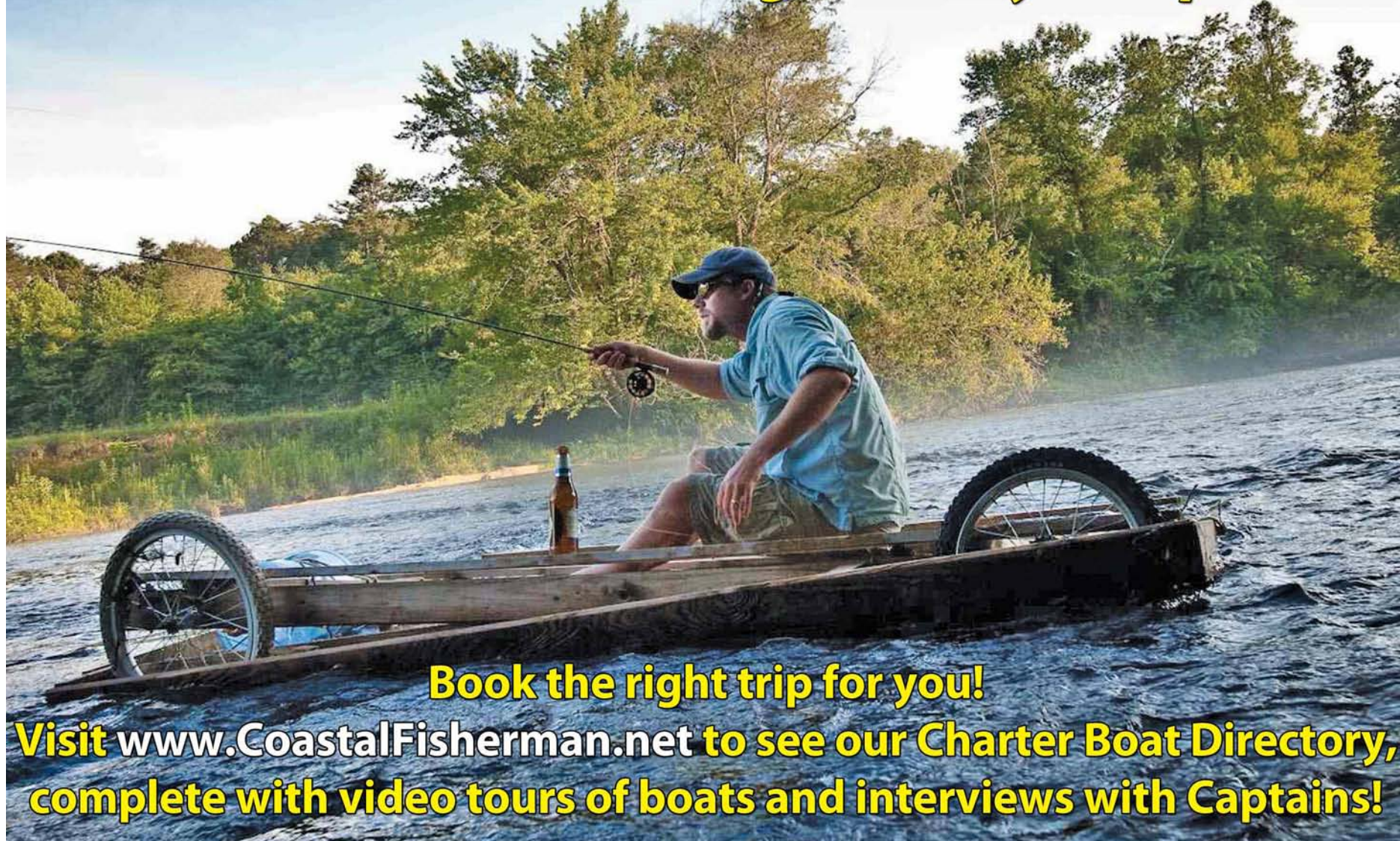
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Back in January, word spread fast that birds were busting just off the beach in north Ocean City, and a lot of local anglers were seen scurrying to get out on the ocean for an epic day of striper fishing. Danny Oliver ended up hooking this 45-incher while trolling with John Monroe, Mark Longanecker and Peppy Knoll.



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Awards Banquet: June 23, 6:30 p.m.

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Chairmen: Bill Regan & Annette Cropper

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If you are interested in applying to serve on either the SFAC or TFAC, please contact Martin Gary at (410) 260-8289 or [mlgary@dnr.state.md.us](mailto:mlgary@dnr.state.md.us). The application deadline is 5:00 pm Friday, May 24. The

Department will review and make recommendations to the Governor's Appointments Office for consideration. Selection of new Commissioners will be completed by June 30.

## NMFS Will Host a Public Conference Call to Discuss Updating the Atlantic HMS Recreational Fishing Action Agenda

A conference call regarding the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Recreational Fishing Action Agenda will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. To participate in the call, dial (800) 857-5085 and enter the passcode 1116226. We will also provide a brief presentation via webinar. To participate in the webinar, RSVP at <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/253309785>. A confirmation email with webinar log-in information will be sent after RSVP is registered. Comments and discussion will be accepted only through the conference call, not the webinar.

In December 2011, we released an Atlantic HMS Recreational Fishing Action Agenda intended to serve as a publicly available roadmap detailing priorities and objectives for addressing recreational fishing issues

pertaining to Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish. During the conference call, we will report on our progress towards meeting the goals and objectives laid out in the 2011 Atlantic HMS Recreational Fishing Action Agenda and discuss potential updates to the Agenda. Additionally, we will discuss efforts to improve HMS recreational fishing opportunities, recreational catch and effort data, social and economic data on recreational fisheries, and communication with recreational constituents. Any updates to the HMS Recreational Fishing Action Agenda could result in changes to the recreational management priorities for HMS fisheries.

The call will start with a

May 8, 2013 Coastal Fisherman Page 49 presentation, which participants can follow via webinar. The presentation will be followed by a discussion among members of the HMS Advisory Panel, the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) Recreational Fisheries Working Group, academics researching HMS fisheries, non-governmental organizations interested in HMS recreational fishing issues, and members of the public.

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With a colder than average spring, the Chesapeake Bay striped bite got off to a slow start, but Rob Kenney ended up catching a beautiful 50-incher on opening day. Robert was trolling off Crisfield, MD aboard the "Scrappy" with Fred and Josh Harrison.



Bert Long strains to perform the Lewes Harbour Stretch after beaching this 18 lb. black drum while fishing with clams from the surf at Herring Point. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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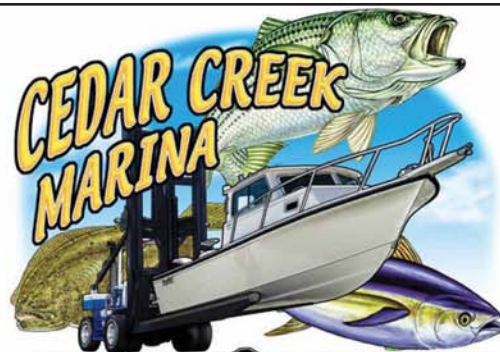
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Ricardo Nunez of Gaithersburg, MD (center) boated this 50-inch striped bass while trolling in the Chesapeake Bay near Bloody Point Light. Ricardo was fishing on the "Julie Marie II" with Charlie Bryan.




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<b>Sea Bass</b> 	February 2, 2013 Jerry Thadenfelder "Morning Star" 5 lbs. 9 oz.	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks 5 lbs.	<b>Mako Shark</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Tautog</b> 	February 6, 2013 Arthur Guido "Morning Star" 18 lbs. 6 oz.	<b>NEW</b> April 27, 2013 Lance Hitzelberger Reef Site 11 13 lbs.	<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	April 28, 2013 Brian Behe Assateague Bridge 17 lbs. 10 oz.	<b>NEW</b> April 29, 2013 Steven Matarese, Jr. Collins Beach 37 lbs. 12 oz.	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Weakfish</b> 	No Weights Reported	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach 7 lbs.	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Speckled Trout</b> 	April 28, 2013 Big Bird Cropper Assateague Bridge 3 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Flounder</b> 	April 26, 2013 Rusty Daub East Channel 4 lbs. 8 oz.	<b>NEW</b> April 28, 2013 Joe Crowley Broadkill River 4 lbs. 13 oz.	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Bluefish</b> 	<b>NEW</b> May 5, 2013 Tammy Reiter Assateague Island 9 lbs. 9 oz.	April 21, 2013 Noah Graulich Cape Henlopen State Park 5 lbs. 14 oz.	<b>Dolphin</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	<b>Wahoo</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Golden Tilefish</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	<b>White Marlin</b> 	Most Releases in One Day  None Reported	None Reported

For a copy of this page or to report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200





Tim Han took the trip up from Virginia and ended up catching 2 tautog, measuring 16 and 18-inches, while fishing with shrimp in the Indian River Inlet. Picture courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

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# Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball  
I.G.F.A. Representative



With stiff breezes predominating last week, some of the Mid-Atlantic spring fishing scene took a slight detour from the usual trend. The biggest interest still lies in the emerging drum scene, which is motivating anglers to gather blue crabs and head for the Eastern Shore during calm spells. These fish are fierce fighters, and can weigh in upwards of 50-pounds. The best action is still tight to the barrier islands along the surf and breakers, but this fish's reign of the lower Chesapeake Bay has just begun. No hurry since these rulers of the shoals will grace us with their presence through October.

The red drum's close cousin, the black drum, is also pushing its way into the usual haunts. These two species are usually caught in the same areas. A few blacks are coming from near Buoys 13 and 16 in the Chesapeake Bay, as well as the seaside inlets along the Eastern Shore, while smaller fish are still coming from the surf. This action will also continue to heat up over the next few weeks as larger fish become more common.

Only a few boats are taking advantage of the Bay's Spring Trophy Striped Bass season, but stripers can provide a good alternative for those looking for some variety. Anglers working top water lures along the rocks at the islands of the CBBT are



Sam Hommel muscled in her first 2 stripers while trolling tandem rigs off Chincoteague, VA. Sam's fish measured 31 and 36-inches and were caught during a trip aboard the "Stroker" with Robert Remo.

finding some nice fish exceeding the 32-inch minimum size requirement, but most are school-sized. Plastic lures cast and jigged around the pilings of the CBBT and the Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel are also working well.

Tautog are still very active on lower Bay, inshore, and offshore structures, but these fish are now only available for catch and release until the fall. Before the season closed, Captain Neal Taylor out of Virginia Beach put 8-year-old

Jordan Nestor on the new pending International Game Fish Association Small Fry World Record. The crew was fishing at the popular Triangle Wreck area when the 21.5-pound fish of a lifetime hit the boy's crab offering.

The flounder scene is still dragging within Bay waters and out of the Eastern Shore Inlets. The best numbers of keeper fish are coming from the lower Bay protected waters, with Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets the top areas. Anglers are also scoring

with a few bluefish and speckled trout in the same areas.

Surf anglers fishing from lower Bay piers, the James River Bridge and the MMBT found impressive catches of croaker last week, with some of these hardheads pushing to nearly 2-pounds. Sea mullet ranging to nearly a pound are also providing some diversity, with bloodworms working the best.

Scattered speckled trout are still showing some activity within the Eastern Shore seaside inlets and the back waters of Oyster, with some fish topping 3-pounds lately. Folks working the Elizabeth River are still finding a few stray keeper specks, but the action backed way off last week. Puppy drum are still offering a good fight in lower Bay shallows as well as the Elizabeth River lately.

Blueline tilefish ranging up to 16-pounds, wreckfish and other deep water species are still available in deeper water over 50 fathoms when the weather allows boats to reach them. The upcoming opening of sea bass season on May 19th has many anglers excited about making the run.

The Virginia fleet is anxiously awaiting the development of the spring offshore debut. Right now the fleet is watching as Carolina boats enjoy good tuna and wahoo bites, along with a smattering of billfish lately.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For information, go to [www.drjball.com](http://www.drjball.com).

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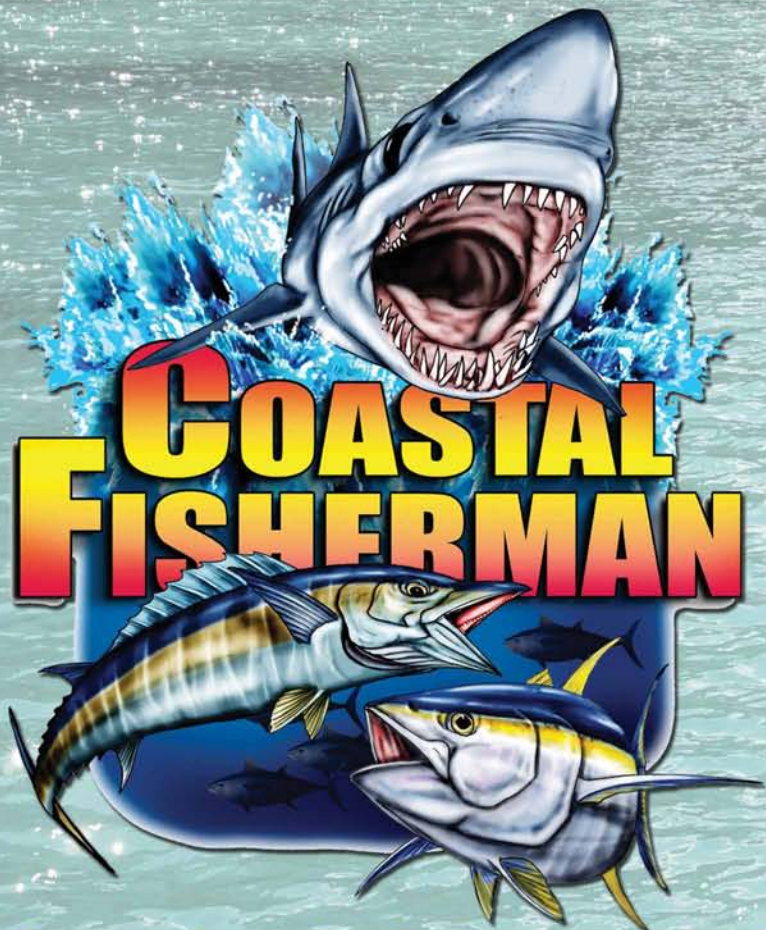


This 47-inch, 37 lb. 12 oz. striped bass was caught by Steven Matarese, Jr. (left) while fishing at Collins Beach, DE with his dad, Steven (pictured), Michael Matarese and Bill Jeans.



On April 19th, Dennis Rarick from Linthicum, MD was fishing off of the Oceanic Pier when he caught 3 bluefish (2 pictured) measuring up to 20 inches. All of the fish were caught on finger mullet.

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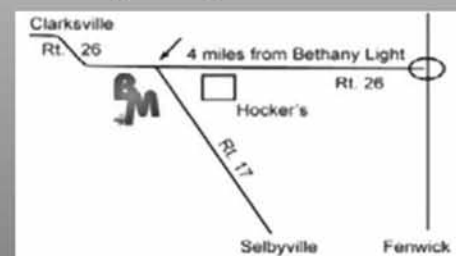


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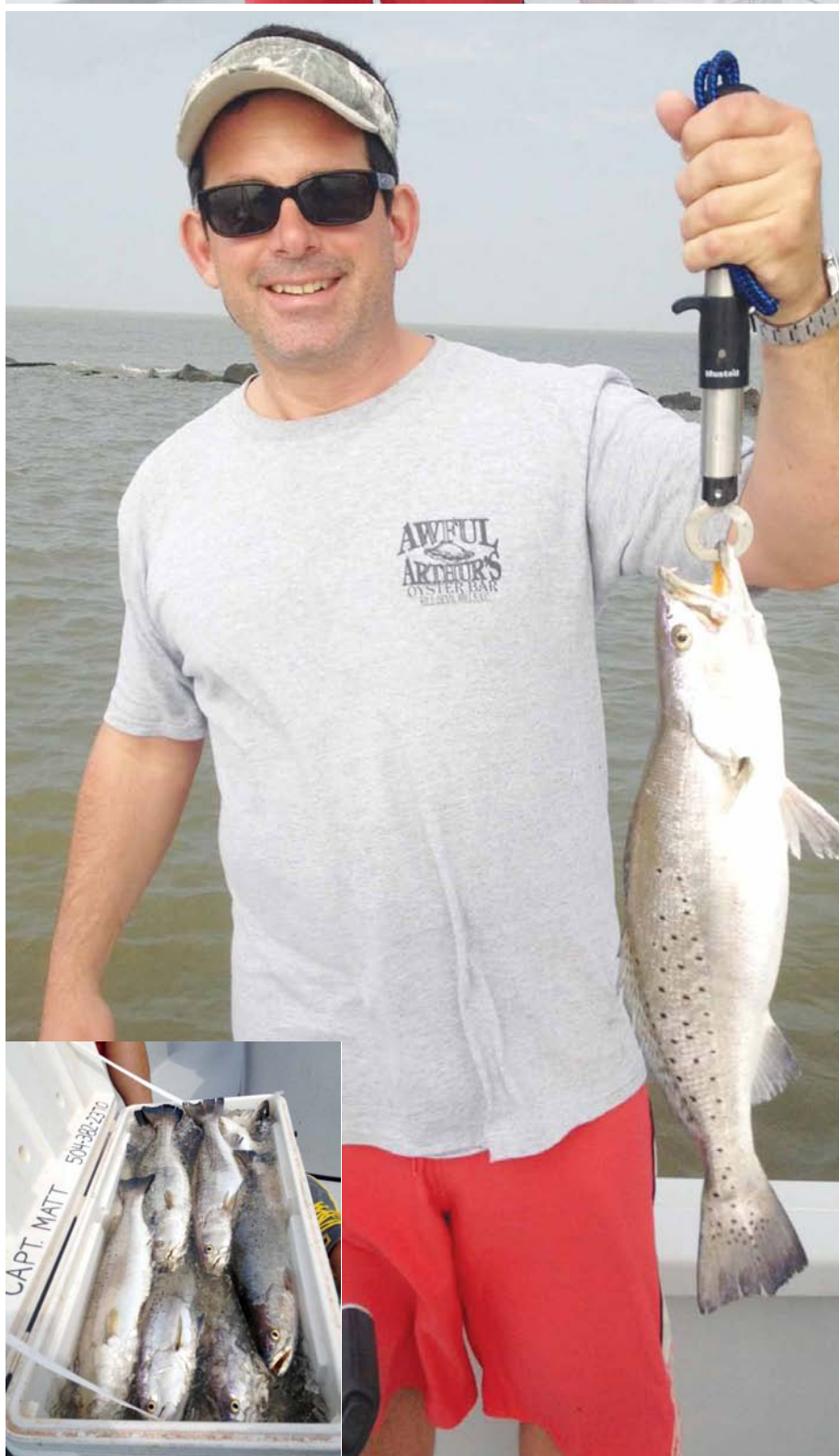
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Mike and Gina Matha of Berlin, MD took a trip down to Buras, LA to do some skinny water fishing and caught a load of redfish and speckled trout (see trout in cooler). The duo was fishing with Capt. Matt Caire of Grip-N-Rip Guide Service.

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 7-Eleven - 28th Street  
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 Minit Market - 33rd Street  
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 Exxon Wine Rack - 86th Street  
 Layton's Restaurant - 92nd Street  
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 7-Eleven - 120th Street  
 Wawa - 120th Street  
 Montego Bay Market - 130th Street  
 7-Eleven - 139th Street  
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## TIDES AND MOON PHASES

### OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. May 8	Low 01:23 am Low 01:24 pm	High 07:37 am High 08:09 pm
Thurs. May 9 <b>New Moon</b>	Low 02:08 am Low 02:01 pm	High 08:16 am High 08:49 am
Fri. May 10	Low 02:50 am Low 02:38 pm	High 08:55 am High 09:27 pm
Sat. May 11	Low 03:30 am Low 03:15 pm	High 09:33 am High 10:04 pm
Sun. May 12	Low 04:11 am Low 03:51 pm	High 10:11 am High 10:41 pm
Mon. May 13	Low 04:51 am Low 04:30 pm	High 10:50 am High 11:19 pm
Tues. May 14	Low 05:33 am Low 05:12 pm	High 11:31 am High 11:58 pm
Wed. May 15	Low 06:16 am Low 05:59 pm	----- High 12:14 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide

Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide

- subtract 45 minutes to low tide

Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide,

- 21 minutes for low tide

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June 6 - 9 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

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Morehead City, NC • 252-247-3575

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June 13 - 15 • OC Fishing Center

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June 21 - 23 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

#### 34th Annual Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament

June 22 - 23 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

### • JULY •

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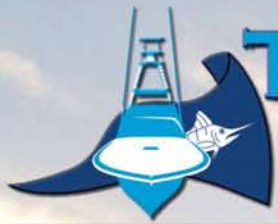
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