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THE MIDATLANTIC

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THE MIDATLANTIC

Species BLUE MARLIN
 WEIGHT 680 lbs
 BOAT GOIN' IN DEEP
 CAPTAIN WALTER HARMSTEAD
 ANGLER LARRY HESSE SR.
 DATE AUGUST 24, 2017

On the second to last day of The MidAtlantic tournament, the crew on the "Goin' in Deep" had the crowd buzzing when they arrived at the Sunset Marina scale with a 680 lb. blue marlin caught by angler Larry Hesse of Bay Head, NJ and a 184 lb. yellowfin tuna muscled in by Mike Cassidy. The 120 3/8-inch blue marlin was hooked on a Pakula lure while trolling outside the Wilmington Canyon and held on to win 1st place in the Heaviest Blue Marlin category. The yellowfin (pictured on page 61) took top honors in the Heaviest Tuna category. Rounding out the "Goin' in Deep" team were Larry Hesse, Jr., Anthony Scardino, Rob Zuceck, Capt. Walter Harmstead and mates Justin Tonks and Mike Ajamian. For their first place finishes, the team took home \$1,110,634 in award money.

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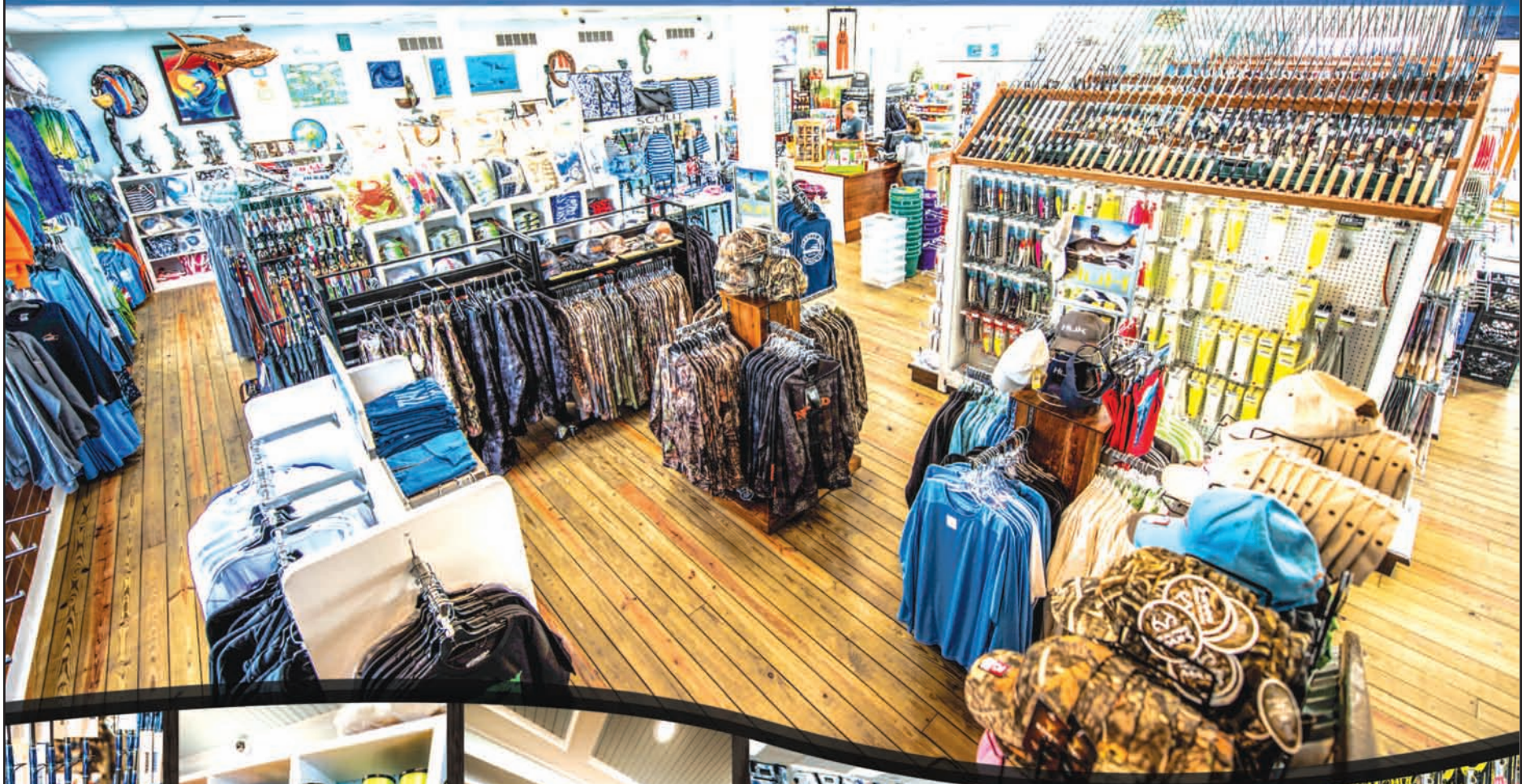
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Last Saturday, Pat McFarland of Long Island, NY ventured out on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker. Pat ended up hooking into this 13 lb. 2 oz. sheephead at the South Jetty while using sand fleas for bait. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.



Last Friday and Saturday, David Steen, Jerry Shockley and Donald Stevens put together back-to-back days of terrific flounder fishing on ocean structure. This catch from Saturday's haul of 12 flatties (6 pictured) came from the Bass Grounds and included Donald's 27-inch that tipped the scale at 7 lbs. 3 oz. All of the fish were caught on flounder bellies, shiners and big minnows. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Avenue.

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Anglers Danny McIntyre and Adam McIver from Pittsville, MD caught 7 dolphin, weighing up to 24 lbs., while trolling ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. The guys were fishing on the "Gulf Stream" with Capt. Bill Brown and mate Jimmy Parrott. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



There wasn't much change to the fishing scene last week with below average bites in the bay and offshore but good action on inshore reefs and wrecks.

The MidAtlantic Tournament dominated the news last week with the 89 boats fishing out of Ocean City taking the majority of the prize money. It's easy to see the current state of the offshore marlin bite by comparing the number of marlin hooked in the tournament this year versus last year.

White Marlin:
2017 - 420
2016 - 798

Blue Marlin:
2017 - 34
2016 - 30

The big news coming out of the tournament was the 680 lb. blue marlin caught on Thursday by Larry Hesse on the "Goin' In Deep" and the 184 lb. yellowfin caught on the same trip by Mike Cassidy. Both fish came from outside the Wilmington Canyon with the blue marlin hitting a Pakula lure and the yellowfin being hooked on a trolled ballyhoo. No doubt the blue marlin was an impressive fish, but the big allison yellowfin was the largest we have seen in Ocean City since a 184 pounder was caught on the "Sea Wolf" during the MidAtlantic back in 2006.

On the same day, James Kontos on the "Let It Ride" arrived at the tournament scale with a 677 lb. blue marlin that was hooked in the Washington Canyon with only 27 minutes left

in the fishing day.

The vast majority of white marlin caught in the tournament came from the Washington Canyon. The winning 75 pounder was caught on the final day of the tournament by Kyle Mayer on the "Waste Knot" while trolling a naked ballyhoo in 50 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. The 2nd place white marlin was brought in by the first boat to arrive at the scale on opening day. The 72 pounder was caught by Jay Monteverdi on the "Taylor Jean" after he hooked it on a ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon.

Local boat, "Billfisher" took top honors in the Total Points category with 12 white marlin releases and a pair of blue marlin releases during their 3 days of fishing between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. Ocean City boat "Marlin Gale" also had a good tournament with releases of 11 white marlin and a blue marlin. Close behind was the "DA Sea" with 10 white marlin releases.

With the monster yellowfin caught on the "Goin' In Deep" sitting on top of the leaderboard in the Heaviest Tuna category, everyone else was playing for 2nd and 3rd. A boat fishing out of Cape May caught a 126 lb. bigeye tuna early in the week and held on to win 2nd place and a pair of Cape May boats each caught a 72 lb. yellowfin to tie for 3rd place.

Large dolphin continue to be scarce this season. The winning

dolphin was a 23 pounder caught on the "Speculator" on the second day of the tournament in the Washington Canyon.

The heaviest wahoo was a 67 pounder caught on the "Contrail" with a 33 lb. speedster boated on the "Top Dog" being the heaviest caught out of Ocean City. Their wahoo was caught on the last day while trolling deep in the Norfolk Canyon.

Outside of the event, the bright spot of the week was definitely the flounder action on ocean reefs and wrecks. This bite has been getting better and better recently, both in the number of fish being caught and their average size. You can really see it throughout the pages of this weeks issue. Although the Old Grounds gets the majority of publicity for producing nice catches of flatties, we saw the Bass Grounds turning into a hot spot last week. Several quality fish weighing up to over 7 lbs. were caught by anglers dropping belly meat, Gulp, shiners or big minnows to the bottom. Those placing skirts or squids in front of their baits seem to be having the best luck.

Site 10, which had been a hot location in previous weeks, was kind of hit-or-miss last week. Some anglers went out and found good flounder action while others hooked nothing but small croakers and sea bass.

No matter where you fished for flounder, you had to deal with a large number of throwbacks. That has been the case all season for those drifting in the waters behind Ocean City and Assateague Island. Some

larger fish have been caught recently in the deep holes of the East Channel, but the overall bite continues to be slow.

Anglers fishing around the South Jetty have found some black drum more than willing to eat their offerings of clams and sand fleas. Also around the South Jetty, Pat McFarland on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" boated a beautiful 13 lb. 2 oz. sheepshead last week while using sand fleas for bait.

With a slow marlin and tuna bite, more and more boats are opting to save their day with some tilefishing and good catches of both blues and goldens have come from those dropping squid in the Baltimore Canyon.

In addition to the wahoo caught during the tournament on the "Top Dog", we did see a 55 pounder hooked last week at the Rockpile by Rick Johnson on the "Tunatamer".

The first longfin tunas of the season were caught on Friday by Keith Fraser and Ken Garufi on the "FFMD" while trolling in 1,000 fathoms outside the Norfolk Canyon.

Just a reminder that cobia fishing in Federal waters will be reopened on September 5th. The minimum size is 36-inches and anglers are allowed to keep 1 per person or 6 per boat, whichever is more restrictive.

Upcoming Tournaments

It's hard to believe the season is winding down and Labor Day is right around the corner. This weekend is the 59th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Labor Day White Marlin Tournament on September 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Weigh-ins are at Sunset Marina each day from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

The following weekend is the Big Fish Classic that was rescheduled to September 8th, 9th and 10th.

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During a trip aboard the headboat, "Lewes Town Lady", angler Matthew Marvel from Kennett Square, PA muscled in this 28-inch, 9 lb. flounder after hooking it on a bucktail tipped with squid at the Old Grounds. The "Lewes Town Lady" is docked at Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE.



Mike Delay from Philadelphia, PA caught this 2 lb. sea bass on a chunk of clam over an ocean reef. Mike was fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.

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Last Thursday during The MidAtlantic Tournament, Michael Savino from Staten Island, NY muscled in this 70 lb. white marlin while fishing on the "Texas Tea" with Joey Lamonica, Capt. Patrick Brogan and mates Ted Chase and Ryan Keany. The 68 1/2-inch (LJFL) white marlin was caught on a trolled ballyhoo. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size	Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Cobia	44"	-	Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	Tuna:		
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Sailfish *	Any Size	-	Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
Speckled Trout	24"	-	White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"			

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Last week, Ken Dodson from Ocean View, DE took a trip on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. Ken was rewarded with this 2 lb. 8 oz. black sea bass caught on a strip of squid over a natural ocean reef. The "Angler" runs out of Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

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Russ Roberts caught and released this blue marlin while trolling at the Rockpile on the "Hurricane" with Andy Maiss, Jessica Hitchcock, Robbie Wigton, Matthew Wigton, Andreas Mayr, Capt. Karl Roscher and mate Andy Mayr. The big blue was estimated to weigh 500 lbs. The anglers also caught 10 mahi during their trip.



Sofia and Lilly Merrick from Georgetown, DE were fishing at "B" Buoy off the coast of Delaware with their dad, George Merrick and Mike Esham when the group caught 9 keeper flounder while using Spro bucktails tipped with Gulp. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

Fish Stories

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



Marlin fishing has been kind of hit or miss lately, and I have been more than a little frustrated by those pointy nosed suckers. As a matter of fact I even tried to quit my co-captain position on the "Last Call" the other day. Funny thing is that rat who runs my cockpit (Mr. Evans) didn't try to talk me out of it!

For some reason or another I retracted my resignation and found myself trolling along the West Wall of the Washington Canyon a day or so later. I was perched on my helm chair pouting to myself and generally being a spoiled 40-some-year-old brat when my pal, Capt. Jeremy on the charter boat "Wrecker" gave me the coordinates for a lobster ball that was holding some mahi-mahi. If there is anything that will lift my spirits it's a good old fashion mahi massacre, so I immediately aimed the pointy end of the "Last Call" towards Jeremy's numbers. A half hour or so later when we trolled up to the ball, a few mahi came out to greet us. The one thing Mr. Evans and I always agree on is that it is imperative to teach those little

green and yellow devils a lesson for swimming too close to the "Last Call", and he immediately went into kill mode while I kept the stern of the boat near the lobster ball. Unfortunately for us it was only a small bounty of mahi on the ball and our kill count stopped at a measly four fish. Our charter was happy to welcome those four fish to the boat though, and I am pretty sure I heard them preparing their dinner menu before the tails stopped flapping in the fish box.

On our way to the lobster ball I noticed a current break and a debris edge. It was about a mile back in the direction we had come from, so I aimed back towards it hoping that some fish would be hunting along the break. Mr. Evans put the trolling baits back out and was untangling our left side dredge teaser when something grabbed the left flat line. Neither one of us were looking in that direction so we had no idea what type of fishy had snuck up on us. And since the hook did not find its way into the fishy's mouth, we were both left wondering for

another minute or so until a marlin rushed after the left squid chain teaser. I yanked the teaser away from the marlin and Mr. Evans fed it the right flat line (after trying to unsuccessfully feed it the already half-eaten left flat line). This time the hook found it's mark, and a split second later a very angry blue marlin took to the air and charged towards the boat.

I am not quite sure how fast the marlin was going. I know that I had to jam the throttle levers full ahead to keep the fish from landing on top of us. As the boat lurched up onto plane the fish kept coming forward, spending more time in the air than in the water. Everyone in the cockpit was yelling for the angler to wind and I kept hoping the fish would settle down. After a few minutes of wild fish jumps and some hairy boat handling (I guess whenever I am driving it is hairy boat handling. I am quite hairy after all, so I may need to think of a better term for it in the future) the fish settled down and the real battle began. Sometime during the next 40 minutes or so I learned that my angler was 67 years young and that this was his first chance ever at a marlin. Talk about being thrown in the deep end!

My angler did a great job. The fish tried it's crazy antics

two more times over the 2 hour and 35 minute fight. There were some tense moments, but when the spray settled we had a very clean release on a 200 pound class blue marlin. Those of you who are "Facebook Friends" with me can check out a short video of some of the jumps on my page.

That was our last bite of the day, but the guys in the charter were very pleased with the day, especially the gentleman that caught the marlin. He told me he had been waiting his whole life to catch a fish like that. Those are the kind of moments that make me glad I decided to rescind my resignation from a few days prior. So I figured I would give it another shot the following day.

My charter the next day consisted of 3 generations of the Griskowitz family. A grandfather, 2 fathers and 3 sons. One of the fathers told me that they had chartered Capt. Mark Sampson the previous two years and had caught a mess of sharks, but now they wanted to try and catch a marlin, or 6. I warned them that fishing had been a little hit or miss, but that did not dampen their spirits any and a few hours later we were trolling near the Washington Canyon again. This time we started at the spot known as the 800/800. There was no



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luck there so I went east of the canyon to several hundred fathoms. Still no luck. I trolled back into the canyon and crossed over to the west wall of the canyon. No dice. I said the heck with it and aimed back towards the 800/800. After passing by several lobster balls with no luck, I had all but decided that I was giving up on the balls for the day when I spotted two more that I had not yet been near. As I came past the first one my left long rigger bait popped out of the outrigger clip. Mr. Evans picked up the rod right as we both saw a bill stick out of the water behind the bait. I will give Mr. Evans plenty of grief when we are fishing and in my Coastal Fisherman columns, but he is pretty dialed into this fishing thing. And sure enough, he came tight on the marlin. The fish came up jumping and the youngest of the Griskowitz family, Kyle, was in the fighting chair. He had wanted his uncle to take the first turn

since he had missed the trip with Capt. Mark the year before, but his uncle insisted that he go first (I thought that was really cool, on both of their parts). As we were watching the fish jump and maneuvering to keep it astern of the boat everyone was thinking white marlin.

The closer we got to the fish, however, I started to think differently. I didn't want to give any false sense of excitement (not that a white marlin is not exciting in it's own right), but I was pretty sure that it was a small blue marlin. When he grabbed the leader to make the release official, Mr. Evans confirmed my suspicion. He hollered, "Am I seeing what I think I am seeing?" I told him he was. It was in fact a 100 pound class blue marlin.

We took our time with the fish and got it up close to the boat for some better pictures. Mr. Evans grabbed it by the bill and young Kyle got out of the chair to get a close look at

his fish. I never got his exact age, but I am thinking Kyle was in his early teens at the most. He came up to the bridge a little while later and told me how tired his arms were and then he thanked me for finding him his first marlin.

Yup, marlin fishing has been a little hit or miss lately, and I have been more than a little frustrated by those pointy nosed suckers. But these two blue marlin, caught by an older gentleman and a younger gentleman, reminded me why it is that we do this fishing thing. To catch a fish of a lifetime for one angler and to catch the fish that will start an angler on his way to a lifetime of catches, yup that's why we do this. Like I said in one of my earlier columns this year, that's why we call it fishing!

Capt. Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call" and President of the Ocean City Marlin Club.

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Beth Evans captured this 19-inch flounder while drifting in the Thorofare. After hooking only a few short fish, Beth switched to smaller hooks and Fishbites bloodworms and caught a couple of croakers before boating the 19-incher in skinny water.

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John Myers caught this 24-inch, 5 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing with shiners on ocean structure with his son, Josh. This flattie was one of five keepers the duo caught this day in addition to over 60 throwbacks.



Thomas Martin is all smiles as he shows off the 71 lb. yellowfin he caught while fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Robert Martin, Suzanna Martin, Bradley Martin, Jr, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The tuna was hooked in the Washington Canyon on a TLD20 and took 20 minutes to get to the boat.

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On opening day of The MidAtlantic tournament last week, Scott Adams caught this 66 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Reel Vibrations" with Bill Sturm, Mason Howell, Josh Pyle, Capt. Kurt Howell and mate Dillard Howell. The yellowfin was hooked on a trolled green machine spreader bar in the Poor Man's Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Paul Ferenczi from Long Neck, DE was jigging Gulp artificial baits in the Indian River Inlet when he caught a 20-inch flounder and a 10 lb. 13 oz. cobia. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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The first longfin tunas of the year were caught on the last day of The MidAtlantic tournament by anglers Keith Fraser and Ken Garufi. The identical 31 pounders were hooked while trolling naked ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms outside the Norfolk Canyon during a trip aboard the "FFMD" with Jack Robertson, Phil Medlin, Capt. Paul Robertson and mates Joey Hurley and Gilfredo Juanga. The anglers also caught a dolphin and released a white marlin during their trip. Pictured back in the slip at Sunset Marina.

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While fishing on the "Stalker" in the Washington Canyon, Michele Hoffman caught a 54.4 lb. yellowfin and Sam Fuller muscled in a 63.9 pounder while fishing with Lisa McAteer, Erin Driscoll, Danielle Quarles, Beth Moore, Capt. Steve Moore and Corey Ludnam. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



On opening day of The MidAtlantic tournament, Dan Burt on the charter boat, "Pumpin' Hard" caught a 67 lb. yellowfin while trolling ballyhoo on the 675 line below the Washington Canyon. The fish was hooked on a 30 and took 90 minutes to get in the boat. Dan was fishing with Mark Glushakow, Adam Glushakow, Kevin Hales, Capt. Jimmy Grant and mates David Burt and Mike Burt. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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In the 2017 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Joyce Collins released a white marlin while trolling in 60 fathoms on the south side of the Poor Man's Canyon. Joyce was fishing on the "Margarita" with Donna Stivers, Liana Dodson, Celeste Dodson, Capt. Troy Collins and mate Richie Eillinger. In addition Joyce's white marlin release, the anglers also caught 5 dolphin and released a pair of white marlin just after the tournament day ended. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Brayden Redmond and Connor Davis, both 9-years-old, caught and released their 1st white marlin while fishing in the Washington Canyon on the "Sea Wolf" with Mike Redmond and Capt. Donnie White.

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On the last day of The MidAtlantic tournament held last week, Tom Hutchison muscled in a 66 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Gavone" with Hoppy Stafford, Okan Damar, Zeppy Stafford, Capt. Mark DeBlasio and mates Jared Shukis and Steven Smearman. The yellowfin was hooked on an artificial lure in the Spencer Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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Charlie Donohue from Philadelphia, PA ventured up to the Old Grounds and caught his limit of 4 flounder (2 pictured), measuring up to 23-inches, while using Gulp and minnows for bait.



On the final day of the 2017 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Carol Strickland released her first white marlin and Caitlin McGorry released her first blue marlin, both while fishing on the "Bubblehead" with Brittany Gede, Tina Reichard, Jackie Jenkins, Susan Strickland, Capt. Buddy Whetzel and mate Brandon Spielman. Both fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo on the north end of the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Liz Mellen, Butch Mellen (not pictured), Patty Adams and John Adams returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with a pair of yellowfin tuna weighing 56 and 69 lbs. They also caught 8 dolphin and released a white marlin. All of the action was deep in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on the 31-foot Bertram, "Empty Pockets".



This masked man is Bob Telford of Pocomoke, MD with his limit of flounder, weighing up to 3 lbs., caught during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The fish were caught on bucktails tipped with squid at the Old Grounds.

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John Griffin, Bob Houser, Allen Olson and Alex Park had a good day catching flounder on ocean structure while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. Allen led the way with a 21-inch. All of the fish were caught on a combination of baits including clam, shrimp, Gulp and cut bait.



Shailyn Nasvei from Berlin, MD caught a nice pair of flounder, measuring up to 21-inches, while fishing with Gulp and cut bait at the Old Grounds. Shailyn was fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins.

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Chol Jung from Fairfax, VA won the boat pool during this trip on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" when he caught a 24-inch flounder on ocean structure. Chol was fishing with 5 buddies in addition to Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley when they caught their boat limit of 32 flatties. Pictured back at Bahia Marina.



The last boat to arrive at the scales on the final day of The MidAtlantic tournament was the "Reel Vibrations" with Alexander Omeara's 71 lb. yellowfin tuna caught while fishing on the "Game Changer". Unfortunately, the "Game Changer" developed engine problems and the fish had to be transferred to the "Reel Vibrations", causing the fish to not qualify as an official tournament catch. Alexander was fishing with John Denny, Jimmy Blair, Capt. Matt Husman and mate Mike Moss when he hooked the big yellowfin in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Jack Minenna caught a 21-inch flounder and Andy Minenna added a 17 1/2-incher to the box of the charter boat, "On the Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey. Both fish were caught on Gulp artificial baits in the East Channel. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Bill Fintel from Lewes, DE used a sand flea to fool this 10 lb. 8 oz. sheepshead while fishing at the Ice Breakers in the Delaware Bay. Bill also caught 3 triggerfish during his trip. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



While fishing on the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serg Garder, angler Tanner Warner from York, PA caught a pair of flounder, measuring up to 18-inches, on shiner and squid combinations in the bay behind Assateague Island.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



There's not a whole lot to report this week. A couple of days of bad weather mixed with slow fishing doesn't make for a very interesting report.

Before we get to the report, I want to clarify the listing of the results last week of the Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder Open. Unfortunately, when I pulled the results from their website when the tournament was over, I assumed the results were current. Unfortunately, they had not been updated since the day before, so David Walker's 2nd place fish and Russ Coward's 3rd place fish, which were both caught on the final day, were not included in the results. You will find pictures of the top three fish along with the write-up on pages 64 and 65. I apologize for the confusion last week. Now on to the report.

The big news of the week concerned a pair of new

Delaware state record fish being caught. First, was the state recognizing the 6.39 lb. Spanish mackerel caught by Jeff Nichols on August 20th. Jeff hooked the record-setter on a trolled cedar plug at Site 11. The old record held for 17 years.

Another state record was broken late last week when Tom Schanno of Halethorpe, MD muscled in a 46.5 lb. golden tilefish while dropping a butterfly jig in 500 feet of water in the Baltimore Canyon. The fish measured 47-inches and had a 29-inch girth. Just this year, the State of Delaware added the golden tilefish to their list of species that can qualify for state record recognition, so this will be the first fish to earn the title.

Outside of the excitement of new Delaware state records, anglers are generally frustrated with the overall lack of action,

but there is some optimism. Everyone is hoping that the bad weather rolling in early this week will shake things up a bit and get things moving.

At Rick's Bait & Tackle, Capt. Mike Behney said that most of the reports he has received have not been good, but the best news continues to come from anglers fishing ocean reefs and wrecks for flounder. Sites 10 and 11 have been the top producers for anglers fishing with belly meat, Gulp and minnows. Throwbacks have increased on ocean structure but some really nice size fish are being caught on a more consistent basis.

Mike reported decent numbers of flounder in the Indian River Bay, but there are still a tremendous number of short fish to be weeded through in order to catch your keeper. Although the standard Gulp,

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shiners and minnows continue to work well, Mike is excited about the new Ottetail artificial baits he is selling. Basically, they are indestructible Gulps that also have the benefit of being impregnated with scent. Actually, Mike said that some of his customers are soaking them in Gulp juice with great results.

Anglers fishing in the Lewes Canal are still struggling to catch keeper flounder with a lot of small fish dominating the action. They are also finding small croaker and spot interested in Fishbite bloodworms or small chunks of cut bait.

There continues to be a good triggerfish bite around both the Inner and Outer Walls and at the Ice Breakers in the Delaware Bay. Mike said that he hasn't heard of any reports of sheepshead being caught.

Trolling spoons and feathers on inshore lumps, specifically Fenwick Shoal, is still producing catches of snapper bluefish and Spanish mackerel. Kingfish were caught around the 12 Fathom Lump.

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On August 20th, Jeff Nichols from Elco, PA was fishing on the charter boat, "Martha Marie" with Capt. Les Clemmer and mate Nicky Rice when he caught this 6.39 lbs. (6 lbs. 6 oz.) Spanish mackerel. The State of Delaware just recognized Jeff's catch as a new Delaware state record, beating the current record of 6 lbs. 4 oz. set back in August 2000 by Eric Ludwig at the Delaware Lightship. Jeff's Spanish mackerel was caught on a trolled cedar plug near Site 11. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams reported a few flounder being caught in the Indian River Inlet along the south side and by the Coast Guard Station. Most anglers are having luck with Gulp artificial baits but live minnows are working the best right now. There was an 8 pounder caught just outside the entrance to the marina by an angler drifting Gulp artificial baits.

There continues to be a good triggerfish bite along the jetty rocks by anglers soaking sand fleas.

Snapper bluefish and small striped bass are being caught in the Inlet at night by anglers tossing spoons and bucktails.

Bert said that small croakers are being caught by the rocks at the Causeway.

Surfcasters are not seeing many kingfish anymore but are still hooking into small bluefish and stripers right in the suds. Most are finding good luck tossing 1/4 to 1/2 oz. Kastmasters.

The headboats, "Capt. Bob II" and the "Judy V" both saw an improvement in the flounder bite on ocean structure last

week when weather permitted breaking the inlet. The best bites were first thing in the morning before the change of tide. Anglers aren't targeting sea bass but the boats are still returning with a dozen keepers each trip of fish in the 13 to 14-inch range.

Offshore, the bite remains slow for both marlin and tuna. Anglers trolling for marlin are finding most of the fish between the Washington and Norfolk Canyon. There were three blue marlins brought to the scale last week during The MidAtlantic tournament with one coming from outside the Wilmington Canyon and the other two from the Washington Canyon.

The yellowfin tuna and dolphin we saw last week seemed to come from either the Washington Canyon or from between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. The number of fish being caught is still low but the quality of fish remains strong with fish coming in weighing up to 72 lbs.

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While drifting a jig head tipped with a large minnow, Tim Goodman caught this 21 1/2-inch, 4 lb. flounder in the Indian River Inlet. Tim was fishing with McKinley Goodman of Lancaster, PA. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Candee Figiel and Tiffany Hudson each released a white marlin during the 2017 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open. The lady anglers were fishing on the "Turn Me Loose" with angler, Carrie Dilling, Capt. Bob Hudson and mates Jeff Hudson and Tyler Hill. The white marlin and 2 dolphin were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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In January of 2017, Garmin introduced the newly redesigned inReach, with two models, SE+ and Explorer+. The inReach device is designed as an outdoor product for use in areas without cell phone coverage, which makes it great

for boaters. The inReach is basically a two way messaging device with built-in GPS to track the device's location. The inReach device can send and receive text messages to another inReach device or to a cell phone. If you are wondering, the inReach device cannot make phone calls, even when paired with a Smartphone.

The device is handheld, with a small screen, as compared to a Smartphone screen, measuring 2.3-inches diagonal. The inReach's water rating is IPX7, which is suitable for splashes, rain or snow, showering and incidental exposure to water of up to 1 meter for up to 30 minutes – perfect for all weather during boating use. The battery life is great as compared to a smart phone, with more than enough battery power when fully

charged to leave the unit on and tracking for a multi-day trip. Garmin promotes up to 75 hours of run time at 10-minute tracking with 1-second logging and longer run time with less data usage.

The built-in antenna needs to have a good view of the sky to send and receive messages, often working reasonably well from a boats covered bridge. Even if the unit does not have a signal, messages are queued for both sending and receiving once a good signal is obtained.

The cost for service is very reasonable for a satellite device, with prices starting at \$12 month and going as high as \$99 month. The higher monthly costs include a larger message allowance, up to unlimited, and more tracking points sent to an on-line map.

On the subject of tracking, the device originally designed by a map company has the ability to plot and track the devices location on an on-line map, while in use. This map is available on a MapShare™ internet web page to message recipients and other users depending on how you set-up the device. It even includes Facebook integration, automatically posting a link to your tracking map on your Facebook account. There are many ways to access this tracking data. The most common is when a text message is sent by the device, the location is sent in a website

link, allowing the recipient to see where the sender is located. If you are trying to keep your fishing spot a secret, you may want to disable this feature.

The two models, the yellow SE+ and orange Explorer+ are very similar, sharing the same size, shape, screen, buttons etc. The Explorer+ adds a pre-loaded topographic map of the USA, digital compass, barometer, and accelerometer and 2BG storage for maps. Maps of other countries can be loaded into the Explorer+ if desired. Unfortunately for boaters, the unit is not compatible with the familiar Garmin marine charts.

Even though the SE+ does not include a map, it does have the ability to plot points and routes on a screen. Using either device, this plotting ability can be helpful as a back-up navigation device if your primary navigation electronics experience a failure. The digital compass in the Explorer+ works like a traditional compass and does not need a GPS signal and be moving to calculate your heading. This feature makes a good back-up to your boats compass in the event of a failure.

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It is immediately evident once you begin to use the device that the small screen and limited buttons make composing a message slow and painful, navigating the tiny onscreen keyboard with a tiny pointer. Luckily the inReach has built-in Bluetooth and can connect to your Smartphone using the free Earthmate app, allowing you to use your phones phonebook for your contacts and using your phones keyboard and screen to and compose and read messages on your Smartphone screen along.

The yellow SE+ is priced at \$400 and the range Explorer+ is \$450.

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Federal Size & Creel Limits 3-200 Miles

 <p>BLUE MARLIN 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No creel limit</p>	 <p>DOLPHIN No minimum length 10 per person/day</p>	 <p>YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	<p>SHARKS AUTHORIZED SPECIES</p> <p><u>No Minimum Fork Length</u> Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead, -----</p> <p><u>54" Minimum Fork Length</u> Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Shortfin Mako, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose -----</p> <p><u>78" Minimum Fork Length</u> Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, -----</p> <p>Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose and 1 Bonnethead may be retained per person per trip. No size or creel limits on dogfish sharks.</p> <p><u>Prohibited Sharks</u> Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p>
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 <p>SWORDFISH 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter)</p>	 <p>BIGEYE TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length No creel limit</p>		



During the 2017 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Amanda Larkin and Vickie Schoonmaker each released a white marlin while fishing on the "Tighten Up" with Lynn Runk, Beth Houck, Amanda Franz, Jocelyn Jamison, Capt. Jason Genthner and mates Michael Murray and Wil Kennington. The whites, along with 3 dolphin weighing up to 12.5 pounds, were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Danny Marrikan caught this 23-inch flounder on ocean structure while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and Kevin Twilley. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Key West Grilled Mahi

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1/8 tsp. black pepper
6 drops Cholula hot pepper sauce (or to taste)
1 TBSP chopped scallion
1 TBSP water
1 tsp. honey
2 mahi fillets

Combine fresh lime juice and enough Rose's Lime juice to make 1/3 cup.

Add the oil, salt, celery salt, black pepper, hot-pepper sauce, scallion, water and honey in a small bowl and whisk to incorporate.

Place mahi in a zip-lock

style bag and pour 4 TBSP of the mixture over fish; turn to coat.

Refrigerate 20 minutes, turning once.

Reserve remaining mixture for sauce (warm slightly).

Prepare a charcoal grill with hot coals, or heat a gas grill to high, or heat broiler.

Position grill rack 6 inches from coals or broiler pan 3 inches from heat.

Grease grill rack or rack of a shallow roasting pan.

Place fillets on rack.

Drizzle with half of lime juice mixture from marinade bag.

Grill over hot coals on covered grill 2 minutes per side or until cooked through, or broil 4 minutes per side.

Serve with remaining sauce

warmed.

Creamy Shrimp Stuffed Cherry Tomatoes

2 pints cherry tomatoes
1/2 lb. cooked shrimp - peeled and deveined
1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
2 tsp. prepared horseradish
1 tsp. lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Cut the top off each cherry tomato and scoop out the pulp.

Place the tomatoes upside down on paper towels to drain.

In a food processor, mix the shrimp, cream cheese, mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, horseradish and lemon juice.

Season with salt and pepper.

Blend until smooth.

With a pastry bag or a

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ziplock bag with the corner cut off, pipe the shrimp mixture into the cherry tomatoes.

Garnish with parsley, and refrigerate until serving.

Baja Sauce for Fish or Shrimp Tacos

1/4 cup sour cream
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. lime juice
1 tsp. finely chopped fresh cilantro
3/4 tsp. Old Bay seasoning
1/4 tsp. ground ancho chile pepper

Stir sour cream, mayonnaise, lime juice, cilantro, Old Bay seasoning, and ancho chile pepper together in a bowl.

Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

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1 TBSP Dijon mustard
2 stalks celery, finely
chopped
Juice of 1/2 a lemon
1 TBSP chopped dill, plus
more for garnish
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black
pepper
6 dill pickles
Paprika, for garnish

In a large bowl, combine
tuna, mayo, Dijon mustard,
celery, lemon juice and dill.

Mix until combined and
season with salt and pepper.

Slice pickles in half
lengthwise.

Using a spoon, scoop out
the seeds to create boats.

Fill boats with tuna salad
and garnish with paprika and
more dill.

Buffalo Tuna with Blue Cheese

1/2 cup buffalo-style wing
sauce
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. dried oregano
4 tuna steaks 1 to 1/2
inches thick
1/4 cup finely diced celery
4 oz. blue cheese
crumbles
4 oz. cream cheese,
slightly softened

Mix sauce, pepper and
oregano.

Place tuna in a zip-top bag;
pour in sauce.

Press out air, seal tightly
and refrigerate.

Marinate 20 to 30 minutes.

While tuna is marinating,
mix remaining ingredients.

Cover and refrigerate.

Cut a deep pocket in each
piece of tuna.

Fill with some of the blue
cheese mix and secure with
toothpicks.

Brush tuna with additional
marinade and broil or grill
over high heat about 3 to 5
minutes.

Serves 4.

Fiesta Flounder Cakes

1 lb. skinless flounder

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fillets, cut in large pieces
 1 cup black beans, rinsed and drained
 1 cup canned or frozen yellow niblet corn
 1/2 cup bread crumbs
 1/4 cup minced onion
 4 oz. pepper jack cheese cut into 1/4-inch cubes
 1 TBSP. finely minced cilantro leaves
 2 large cloves garlic, minced
 1 egg, beaten
 1 small can fire-roasted green chiles, drained
 3/4 cup finely crushed tortilla chips
 Oil for frying

Pulse flounder in food processor until minced.

Place in mixing bowl, add next 8 ingredients; stir well.

Fold in green chiles until just mixed through.

Form into 8 cakes, roll in tortilla crumbs; cover and refrigerate 15 minutes.

Heat 1/4-inch of oil in a heavy skillet over medium

high heat.

Fry the cakes in hot until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side.

Drain on paper towels.

Serves 4.

Garlic-Roasted Sea Bass

4 whole heads fresh garlic, trimmed
 4 large garlic cloves, peeled and crushed
 Olive oil
 Sea salt
 4 to 5 lb. whole sea bass, rinsed and well dried
 Black pepper
 1 lemon with 1/2 half cut in thin slices, other half juiced

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Slice top 1/4 inch from each whole head of garlic.

Remove some of the papery skin from the outside, but do not separate the cloves.

Place the garlic heads in the roasting pan.

Pour olive oil over each

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head.

Sprinkle with salt.

Set aside.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Season the fish with olive oil, crushed garlic, lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Place lemon slices and crushed garlic cloves inside fish.

Roast fish and whole garlic heads in a roasting pan, with rack, uncovered, 30 to 40 minutes, basting often.

Serves 4.

Flounder Crepes

1 lb. flounder fillets

Salt and pepper

4 TBSP. butter, divided

8 oz. sliced white

mushrooms

1 TBSP. minced shallots or white part of scallions

1 cup white wine

10 oz. box frozen chopped spinach, defrosted

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/4 tsp. nutmeg

Salt and pepper to taste

8 oz. grated Asiago cheese

8 large crepes at room temperature

Lightly season flounder with salt and pepper.

Cook in 2 TBSP. butter over medium heat until lightly firm.

Remove from pan.

Saute mushrooms and shallots, or green onion, until softened; remove.

Deglaze pan with wine, add remaining butter.

Add spinach and cook 5 minutes; stir in cream.

Remove from heat.

Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper.

Cut flounder into strips.

Divide fish, mushrooms and cheese between crepes; roll up.

Place in buttered casserole and top with spinach; bake 15 to 20 minutes at 400 degrees.

Serves 4.

Garlic Butter Weakfish

5 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 cup grated Parmesan

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Bill Swords of Lewes Harbour Marina went fishing at Site 11 with Mike Newsham and caught some quality flounder on jigs. Mike led the way with a 6 lb. 1 oz. flattie.

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This 6 lb. 6 oz. flounder fell at the hands of George Harley of Essington, PA while fishing with a bucktail tipped with a nuclear chicken colored Gulp at Site 11. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

Juice of 1 lemon
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
4 TBSP. melted butter
Salt
3 zucchini, cut into half moons
2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
4 weakfish fillets
Black pepper
Parsley for garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a medium bowl, mix together garlic, Parmesan, Italian seasoning and melted butter. Season with salt.

Make parchment packs by cutting 4 sheets of parchment.

Place 1/4 of the zucchini in the middle and drizzle with 1/2 TBSP. of olive oil.

Add fillet of weakfish.

Brush weakfish with garlic butter marinade and season with pepper.

Bring 2 sheets together and fold down over weakfish, then tightly roll up sides.

Repeat until you have 4 packs.

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Transfer to a baking sheet.

Bake weakfish until cooked through, about 15 minutes.

Open packs and garnish with parsley and Parmesan.

Serves 4.

Balsamic Scallops with Prosciutto

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
2 TBSP. light brown sugar
8 jumbo sea scallops
8 paper-thin slices prosciutto
2 TBSP. olive oil
1/4 cup white wine
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup finely diced celery
2 tsp. minced fresh basil

In a saucepan, simmer vinegar over medium low heat until thickened, 5 to 7 minutes.

Stir in sugar; cook 2 minutes. Let cool.

Brush scallops top and bottom with the vinegar.

Wrap scallops, folding prosciutto slices lengthwise to fit; secure with toothpicks.

Sear scallops in oil over

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Saute remaining ingredients until heated.

Remove toothpicks from scallops and serve.

Serves 2.

Mahi on a Bed of Spinach

2 mahi mahi fillets
1/4 cup lime juice
1 tsp. allspice
1 tsp. ozark seasoning
1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. Italian seasoning
4 oz. baby spinach
1/4 cup grape tomatoes, chopped
1/2 yellow zucchini, chopped
2 TBSP balsamic vinaigrette (to taste)
3 TBSP goat cheese

Marinate fish for 1 hour in lime juice, allspice, ozark seasoning, paprika, and italian seasoning.

Bake fish for 10 to 15 minutes at 350-degrees or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Serve fish on bed of baby spinach with chopped zucchini, tomatoes, and sprinkles of cheese.

Top with small amount of balsamic vingerette dressing.

Serves 2.

Canadian Cocktail Sauce

1/4 cup ketchup
2 TBSP prepared horseradish
1 tsp. chopped garlic
1 tsp. chili powder
1/2 tsp. ground allspice

Stir together ketchup, horseradish, garlic, chili powder and allspice in a small bowl.

Cover bowl and refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving.

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Sophia Stafford and Parker Brittingham teamed up to catch 6 mahi, 2 bar jacks and 5 triggerfish while fishing on the "Triple S" with Chris Stafford, Schuyler Stewart, John Brittingham and Jimmy Parrot. All of the fish were caught on ballyhoo and squid chains in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Mason McDaniel from Essex, MD (right) used a bucktail tipped with a Gulp artificial bait to fool this 23-inch flounder in the East Channel. Mason was fishing with Steve McDaniel, Scott Clasing and Chris Clasing (pictured).



On the first day of the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Palma Cunningham caught and released her first white marlin while fishing on the "Foul Hook" with Karen Cunningham, Paula Goodwin, Anna McWilliams, Capt. Paul McWilliams and mates Jim Bunting and Wyatt McWilliams. The white marlin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo at the Rockpile. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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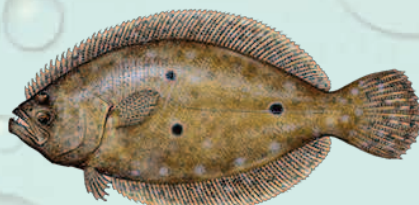
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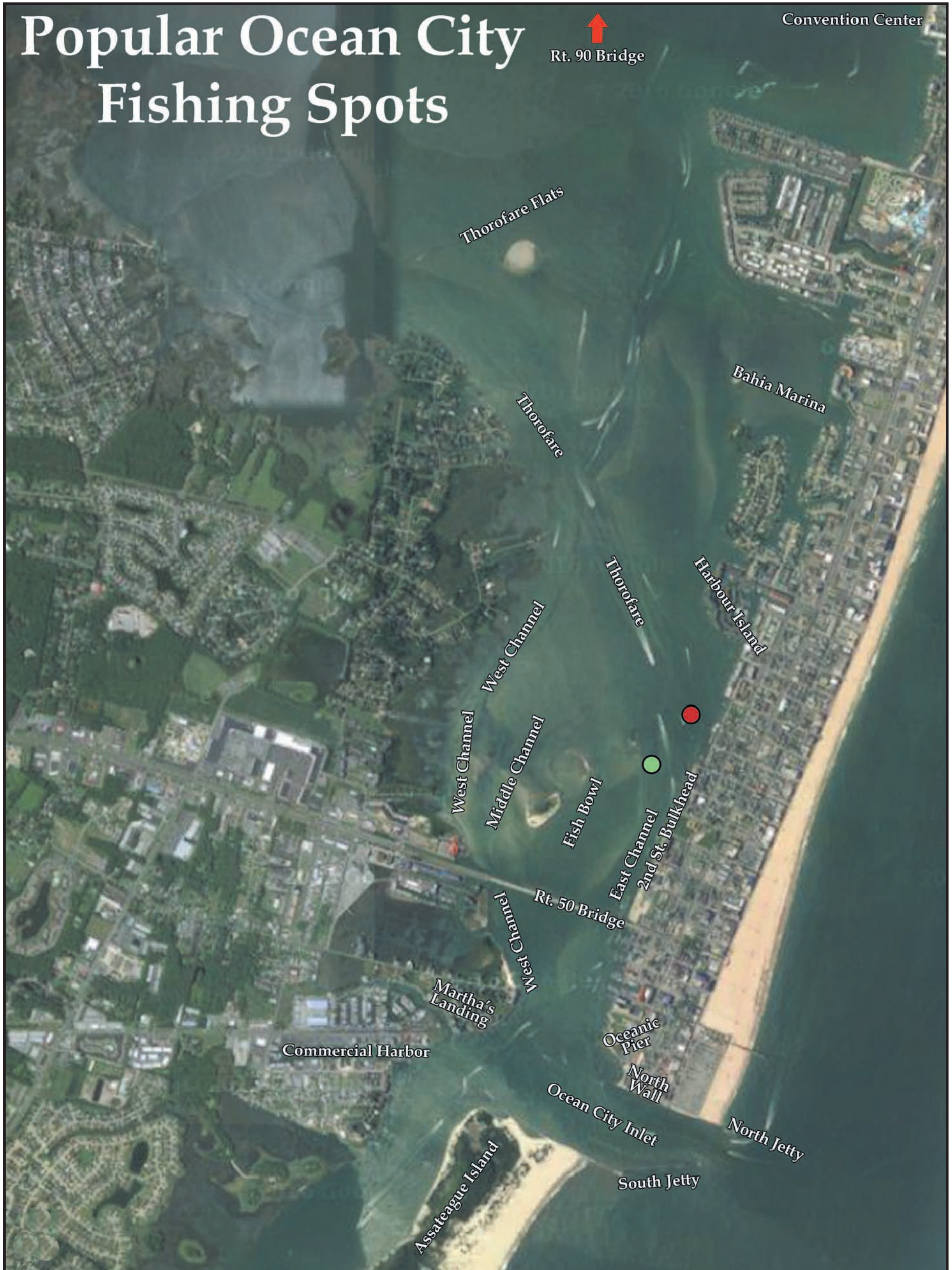
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Sea Bass 	May 16, 2017 Tom Vaughan "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	May 15, 2016 Steve Billingsley "Morning Star" Sue's Reef	Mako Shark 	April 28, 2017 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Triple 0's	May 14, 2016 Brian Leader "Keep Er Wet" Poor Man's Canyon
Tautog 	January 1, 2017 Pat Scida "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2016 Dave Moore "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	White Marlin 	June 16, 2017 Ian Schwing "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon	May 27, 2016 Andy Urban "In the Black" Norfolk Canyon
Striped Bass 	April 28, 2017 Jack Austin Cape Henlopen Surf	January 14, 2016 Connor Metz "G-FORCE" Little Gull	Blue Marlin 	June 25, 2017 Sasha Serpa "Maryland Pride" Baltimore Canyon	May 28, 2016 Bo Appel "Boss Hogg" Norfolk Canyon
Weakfish 	May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Ice Breakers	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall	Bluefin Tuna 	April 30, 2017 Dale Christensen "Wrecker" Triple 0's	April 21, 2016 Joe Cantianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon
Flounder 	April 7, 2017 Lukas Layton Rt. 90 Bridge	April 16, 2016 Hannah Johnson "Lucky Break" Sinepuxent Bay	Yellowfin Tuna 	April 30, 2017 Corbin Ensor "Tunafowl" Triple 0's	May 7, 2016 Jeff Rosenkilde "Mate Trix" Baltimore Canyon
Bluefish 	April 17, 2017 Ayrton Pryor Assawoman Bay	April 15, 2016 Sean Fox Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna NEW 	August 25, 2017 Keith Fraser Norfolk Canyon 31 lbs.	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkohl Canyon
Black Drum 	April 20, 2017 Tom Fox Assateague Surf	March 31, 2016 Billy Powell Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna 	May 27, 2017 Mark Robbins "Husevo" Norfolk Canyon	May 26, 2016 Denise Rust "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Sheepshead 	May 31, 2017 Paul Lebling South Jetty	May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef	Dolphin 	April 30, 2017 Megan Humphrey "Wrecker" Triple 0's	May 20, 2016 Randy Tracey "Talkin Trash" Washington Canyon
Thresher Shark 	May 27, 2017 Anthony Pino Fingers	May 20, 2016 Chris Stafford "Reel Nauti" Jackspot	Wahoo 	July 2, 2017 Scott Raleigh "That's Right" Sausages	June 2, 2016 Ryan Morris "Jade II" Washington Canyon

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In the 2017 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, the lady anglers on the "Playmate" returned with 2 white marlin releases, 2 dolphin and a 50.8 lb. yellowfin that was caught by Lori Dech and Erin Scrimgeour. All of the fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Rounding out the "Playmate" team were Joanie Hynes, Yvonne Deardorff, Lisa Eidelberg, Capt. Jeremy Shandrowski and mate Mike Mason. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Kyle Crowe ventured down from Slate Hill, NY and spent part of a day last week fishing on the charter boat, "On the Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey. Kyle was rewarded with a pair of flounder, measuring 18 and 20-inches, while drifting Gulp artificial baits in the Thorofare. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



So often we hear details about someone losing a really big fish, and from the description of what happened it becomes obvious that the crew was simply not properly prepared for success with a fish of those proportions. Every fisherman wants to hook and land a big fish. Then they finally have an opportunity to do so and they manage to flub it up! Well maybe not always, but you sure do hear plenty of stories about "the big one that got away" more than you do about little ones that manage to make their escape.

The best way to ensure that you actually land that dream fish when it finally makes an appearance on the end of your line is to prepare ahead of time for the eventuality that some day it's going to happen. It's

like playing a slot machine - you know that if you pull the handle enough times, sooner or later you'll hit the jackpot, and if you're prepared you'll have a little bucket sitting on the floor beside you to collect your winnings. If you're not ready to win, you're bound to end up crawling about the casino floor scrambling to pick up your winning nickels as they overflow from your shirt pockets. Being prepared to win is the first step in winning!

So how do you prepare to catch a fish that might, if you're really lucky, only come along once every few years? A good start would be to run some "what-if" scenarios through your head. If you're chunking for tuna, ask yourself "what if instead of hooking the standard 30 to 50

pound yellowfin we tie into a 200-pound bluefin? Do our reels have enough line capacity and are the drags smooth enough under pressure to handle a tussle with a fish like that? Is the terminal tackle, including hooks, knots, leader and swivels, up to the extra pressure that might be necessary to exert on such a fish to successfully land it? In this case I mentioned tuna, but the same questions can be asked of anglers fishing for marlin, sharks, flounder, stripers or any other type of fish that has the potential to grow to gargantuan proportions not often encountered by the average angler.

If in order to fool the average 30 to 50 pound yellowfin, anglers find the need to use light 30-pound leaders and small hooks, they are going to be at an immediate disadvantage when that 200-pounder hits. A small hook and light leader attached to a jumbo fish is not

a good recipe for success. But if that's what's needed to catch the smaller fish then anglers have to work with what they've got and make the best of it. To land a 200-pound tuna on 30-pound leader (in a reasonable amount of time) anglers will want to apply as much pressure as the terminal tackle will allow, requiring that every knot be perfect, the hook stout enough that it won't straighten out and the leader be flawless. The reel's drag will also have to be smooth as silk and the maximum drag setting set so that it cannot over-tax the breaking strength of the leader. Leaders should be checked at the dock by setting the drag at "full", hooking each leader up to the rod and with a screwdriver in the bend of the hook, someone can take a run down the dock and see how it all holds up. If something is going to "let go" let it happen then and not when that prize fish is on the line. It doesn't matter if someone is targeting tuna or

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flounder, knowing that their terminal tackle is put together as best as it can be should give anglers the confidence to push their drag up to "full" if they hook an exceptional fish.

Another part of being ready to deal with a really big fish is having enough line on your reel to handle whatever might come along. A monster size fish is likely going to pull out a lot of line, and even if you're fishing from a boat, it might take more than just a few minutes to get up and running after a fish and actually regain some line. Anglers fishing from a bridge, pier or shoreline have it even tougher because they don't have the option of going after a fish that's hell-bent on taking all their string! Fortunately, with today's thin but strong braided lines, even small reels can hold many hundreds of yards of line and greatly extend the radius that a fish can run. Anglers wishing to be prepared for an exceptionally large fish will need to decide for themselves if it will be to their advantage to use heavier line that will allow for higher drag settings or lighter line that will allow their reel to hold more line.

Of course, even with the most finely tuned tackle, if an exceptional fish comes along but the wrong angler is on the rod, the encounter might be doomed to failure from the

start. Anglers come in all sizes, skill-levels and physical abilities. No one wants to hurt anyone's feelings, but sometimes you just have to be practical about things and face the reality that, if it's little 12-year-old Jimmy's turn to catch the next fish that bites, and suddenly an 800-pound blue marlin slurps down a rigged mackerel set out on 80-pound tackle, it might be necessary to have the little guy miss a turn and allow "Big Jake" to have a go at the fish. Hopefully the day will come when Jimmy will do battle with a monster, but right then and there if that fish is going to be caught every tool used to bring fish-to-fisherman, including the person on the rod's physical strength, stamina and angling skills, needs to be putting out 100% effort.

Hook, leader, swivel, knots, line, rod, reel, drag, boat handling and the angler's capabilities all need to come together in perfect sync to make an unexpected and exceptional catch happen. A failure in a single link in the chain means a lost fish and missed opportunity to land a possible fish of a lifetime.

Capt. 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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During a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley, angler Bill Wohl caught a 24-inch, 5 lb. 12 oz. flounder with a Gulp Jerk Shad on ocean structure. Bill and his group ended the day with a boat limit of 32 flatties in the box. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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During The MidAtlantic tournament last week, Mike Esham muscled in this 61 lb. yellowfin tuna and Mike Lord released a white marlin while fishing on the "Haulin' n Ballin'" with Aaron Jezierski, Gordon McNamara, Bryan Keith, Conner Jezierski, Matt Shoup, Isaac Davis, Capt. Howard Lynch and mates Tyler Green and Burro Gonzales. Both fish were hooked on trolled ballyhoo just south of the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Susan Cutson from Westminster, MD is all smiles after boating this 19-inch flounder in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. The flattie was hooked on a minnow during the outgoing tide while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.

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Douglas Brown from Lancaster, PA gets the "thumbs up" from "Angler" mate, Rich Fouts after catching a pair of sea bass weighing up to 2 lbs. Both were caught on clams at an artificial reef.

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While fishing at the Old Grounds with a bucktail tipped with a white Gulp artificial bait, Josh Tavenner from Reading, PA hooked into this 21 1/2-inch flounder that weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz.



Logan Serpico caught this 18-inch flounder while fishing off the Cape Henlopen Pier. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Ernie Leshner traveled all the way from Mount Joy, PA and was rewarded with this 26-inch, 6 lb. flounder caught on cut bait at the Old Grounds. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Last Thursday during The MidAtlantic tournament, Pete Roskovich caught a 67 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "MR Ducks" with Lloyd Lewis, John Lewis, Jeff Carroll, Capt. Jimmy Hahn and mates Charlie Coates and Lazaro Lopez. The yellowfin and the release of 2 white marlin took place while trolling ballyhoo south of the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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<u>1ST PLACE</u> "WASTE NOT" 75 LBS. \$71,628	<u>1ST PLACE</u> "GOIN IN DEEP" 680 LBS. \$64,465	<u>1ST PLACE</u> "GOIN IN DEEP" 184 LBS. \$53,721	"SPECULATOR" 23 LBS. \$8,953
<u>2ND PLACE</u> "TAYLOR JEAN" 72 LBS. \$35,814	<u>2ND PLACE</u> "LET IT RIDE" 677 LBS. \$42,976	<u>2ND PLACE</u> "VIKING 62" 72 LBS. \$26,860	<u>WAHOO</u> "BOOK ENDS" 53 LBS. \$8,953
<u>3RD PLACE</u> "REEL RODEO" 71 LBS. \$17,907		<u>2ND PLACE</u> "THE CAITLIN" 72 LBS. \$26,860	

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<u>2ND PLACE</u> "TAYLOR JEAN" 72 LBS. \$71,628	<u>2ND PLACE</u> "LET IT RIDE" 677 LBS. \$85,953	<u>2ND PLACE</u> "BIG DOG" 126 LBS. \$71,628	"REEL STEEL" 17 LBS. \$5,969
<u>3RD PLACE</u> "REEL RODEO" 71 LBS. \$35,814	<u>WAHOO</u> "MOORE BILLS" 75 LBS. \$18,894	<u>3RD PLACE</u> "THE CAITLIN" 72 LBS. \$17,907 EACH	"BIG DOG" 17 LBS. \$5,969

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<u>2ND PLACE</u> "TAYLOR JEAN" 72 LBS. \$26,696	<u>2ND PLACE</u> "CONSPIRACY" 70 LBS. \$20,022	<u>HEAVIEST DOLPHIN</u> "SPECULATOR" 23 LBS. \$6,674
<u>3RD PLACE</u> "REEL RODEO" 71 LBS. \$13,348	<u>2ND PLACE</u> "DA SEA" 70 LBS. \$20,022	<u>HEAVIEST WAHOO</u> "TOP DOG" 33 LBS. \$6,674

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OVERALL

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1ST - "BIG DOG"
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HEAVIEST DOLPHIN

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"CONTRAIL"
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DAYS FISHED - OC

DAY 1 - 83
DAY 2 - 34
DAY 3 - 5
DAY 4 - 61
DAY 5 - 84

CATCH SUMMARY

WHITE MARLIN BOATED - 20 / RELEASED - 396
BLUE MARLIN BOATED - 6 / RELEASED - 27
TUNA BOATED - 49 / RELEASED - 0
DOLPHIN BOATED - 31 / RELEASED - 0
WAHOO BOATED - 4 / RELEASED - 0

151 BOATS ENTERED

OCEAN CITY, MD - 89
CAPE MAY, NJ - 62



For the second year in a row, the local boat "Billfisher" won Most Points Overall in The MidAtlantic tournament, this year racking up 1,200 points over their 3 days of fishing. They released 12 white marlin and 2 blue marlin while fishing between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. The team also won 3rd place for Most Blue Marlin Points (300) and top honors for Most Billfish Points - Ocean City (1,200). Fishing on the "Billfisher" were anglers Jonathan Duffie, Danny Gough, Jeremy Duffie, Capt. Jon Duffie and mates Chris Wyandt and Rob Dorman. Also pictured is Kourtney Duffie, Judy Duffie, Luke Duffie and Noe Gonzalez. For their 1st place finish, the team took home \$19,270 in award money.



On the final day of The MidAtlantic tournament, Kyle Mayer caught a 75 lb. white marlin to win the Heaviest White Marlin category and a check for \$796,509. Kyle was fishing on the "Waste Knot" with Neill Wheeler, Capt. Patrick Kannon and mates Tyler Gargone and Spencer Watson. The 71 1/2-inch winning white marlin was caught in 77.9-degree water on a naked ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Last Thursday in The MidAtlantic tournament, the team on the "Goin' in Deep" arrived with one of the most impressive catches we have seen in a long time. As if weighing a 680 lb. blue marlin wasn't enough, they threw a 184 lb. yellowfin tuna on the scale that won 1st place in the Heaviest Tuna category. The big Allison was muscled in by Mike Cassidy after it was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo outside the Wilmington Canyon. Mike was fishing with Larry Hesse, Sr., who caught the blue marlin, Anthony Scardino, Larry Hesse, Jr., Rob Zuceck, Capt. Walter Harmstead and mates Justin Tonks and Mike Ajamian. For their 1st place finish the "Goin' in Deep" team took home \$529,871 in award money.



On Day 2 of The MidAtlantic tournament, Phil Blevins captured a 23 lb. dolphin and hung on to win 1st place in the Heaviest Dolphin category. Phil caught the dolphin on a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon while fishing on the "Speculator" with Tim Gough, Bryan Yerby, Beca Best and Capt. David Croom. For their 1st place finish the "Speculator" team won \$8,953 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the fourth day of The MidAtlantic tournament, James Kontos muscled in a 677 lb. blue marlin and finished in 2nd place in the Heaviest Blue Marlin category, just missing out on 1st place by only 3 lbs. James was fishing on the "Let It Ride" with Mike and Arthur Kontos, Kathryn Allred, Skip Maisel, Capt. Jake Farley and mates Denis Sancho, Jason Peer and Aaron Rosenberg. The 120 5/8-inch blue marlin was hooked on a Moyes J-Boy lure in the Washington Canyon with only 27 minutes left in legal fishing hours and took 90 minutes to get to the boat. The anglers also released 3 white marlin during their trip. For their 2nd place finish, the "Let It Ride" team won \$142,929 in award money.



It had to be a long week for the crew of the "Taylor Jean" after Jay Monteverdi captured this 72 lb. white marlin on the first day of The MidAtlantic tournament and held the lead in the Heaviest White Marlin category right up until the final day when the 75 pounder caught on the "Waste Knot" knocked them into 2nd place. Jay caught the 67 7/8-inch white marlin in 1,000 fathoms in the Washington Canyon while fishing with Dave McKendrick, Capt. Ken Hager and mates Al Monteverdi and J.P. Monteverdi. The 2nd place white marlin was worth \$217,665 in award money.



With 10 white marlin releases and a pair of yellowfins weighing 62 lbs. and 70 lbs., the team on the "DA Sea" had a good showing in The MidAtlantic Tournament last week. They tied for 2nd place for Heaviest Tuna Caught in Ocean City, 3rd place for Most White Marlin Points in the tournament (750) and 2nd place for Most Billfish Points in Ocean City (750). For all of their awards, the "DA Sea" team took home \$64,672 in award money. Fishing on the "DA Sea" were anglers Chris Aiello, who caught the 70 lb. yellowfin, Ed Dunn, Frank Sherman, Ryan Mead, Valerie Dunn, Capt. Butch Cox and mates Will Wangel and Clemaco.



Third place in the Heaviest White Marlin category of The MidAtlantic tournament was won by the team on the "Reel Rodeo" with a 71 lb. white caught on the final day of the tournament by Andrew Kennedy. Andrew hooked the 71 1/2-inch white marlin in 1,500 fathoms outside the Spencer Canyon while fishing with Rich Van Camp, Brad Goodrich, Darin Tonks and Capt. J. J. Logan. Andrew and the "Reel Rodeo" crew won \$67,069 for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The third heaviest wahoo caught in The MidAtlantic tournament last week was a 33 pounder captured on the final day by Mike S'Dao on the "Top Dog". Mike hooked the wahoo in 1,300 fathoms outside the Norfolk Canyon while fishing with Todd Dickerson, Chad Tulak, Matt Frank, Dave Ryan, Capt. Ryan Knapp and mates Moonpie Williams and Worth Farrington. They also caught a 67-inch, 57 lb. white marlin that did not qualify and released 2 others during their trip. For their 3rd place finish, the "Top Dog" team took home \$17,766. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Tom Healy from Fairfax, VA used a jig head tipped with a Gulp artificial bait to fool this 5 lb. flounder while fishing south of "B" Buoy. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Jax Moore, age 13, from Scottsdale, AZ caught and released his first white marlin while fishing at the Hot Dog on the "Get Bent" with Cory Lednum.

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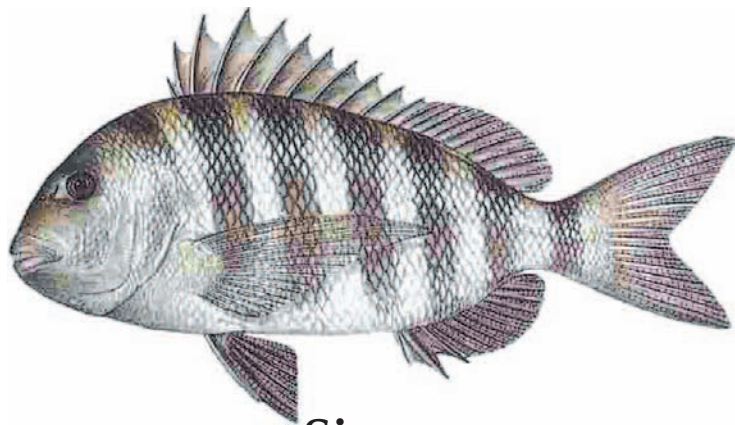




While fishing from the shore at Gudelsky Park in West Ocean City, Tim Marchetto of Bethlehem, PA caught this 24-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder on a Gulp and minnow combination.



Sheepshead vs. Black Drum



Size

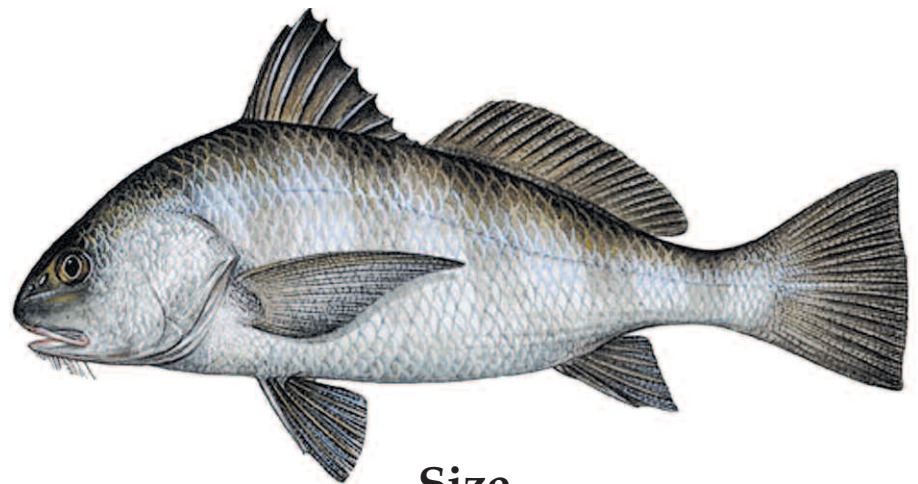
Common from 1 to 7 lbs. but exceeding 10 lbs. is not rare. Can exceed 20 lbs.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- Forked tail.
- Massive, protruding teeth.
- Vertical black stripes against a dull white, gray or yellowish background.
- Spines of the dorsal and anal fins are heavy and sharp.

Habitat

Mostly bays and protected coastal waterways, but also inhabit inshore reefs. Sticks mostly to rock or shell bottom and loves dock and bridge pilings, artificial reefs and any other structure with barnacles.



Size

Typically found in the 5 to 50 lb. range but catches in excess of 75 lbs. are not rare.. It is the largest fish in the drum family

Distinguishing Characteristics

- Broad, flat tail
- Juvenile black drum have black vertical stripes on dusky white sides.
- Adults are deep bronze to dingy black.
- All size fish have chin barbels.

Habitat

Juveniles like shorelines, bar edges and shallows while larger fish prefer surf, channels and open water. Loves to hang around piers and bridges.



In the Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder Open, Capt. Brent Wiest (right), on the charter boat, "Katydid" won 1st place with a 30-inch flounder that weighed 11.4 lbs. The winning flattie was caught on a squid and shiner combination at Site 10 and earned Brent a record setting \$100,000 in award money. David Walker (left) took 2nd place with a 29-inch, 10.2 pounder caught on the "Team Gotcha" at Site 10 during the last day of the tournament to win 2nd place and a check for \$40,000. Russ Coward (preceding page, blue shirt) on the "Adventurous" jumped into 3rd place on the final day with a 28-incher, also caught at Site 10, that weighed 9.9 lbs. and earned him \$20,000 in award money. Russ is pictured with Randy Swain who caught a 9.5 pounder in the tournament.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass May 28, 2017 Lee Vincent "Fish Bound" 5 lbs. 4 oz.		June 16, 2017 Stephen Pistoia Del-Jersey-Land Reef 4 lbs. 2 oz.	 Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum	June 15, 2017 Shane Kline "Restless Lady" 564 lbs.	June 4, 2017 John Pendell Elephant Trunk 461 lbs.
 Tautog February 21, 2017 Sam Furest "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 4 oz.		April 14, 2017 Mike Haas Site 10 9 lbs. 13 oz.	 Thresher Shark	June 4, 2017 Mike Fritsch Fingers 583 lbs.	July 6, 2017 Chris Pugh "B" Buoy 417 lbs.
 Striped Bass May 10, 2017 Lee Savage Assateague Island 39 lbs. 8 oz.		June 5, 2017 Scott Cornew Bethany Surf 43 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	June 16, 2017 Neil Smith Poor Man's Canyon 210 lbs.	July 1, 2017 Frank Perna Baltimore Canyon 126 lbs.
 Weakfish June 10, 2017 Rich Daiker South Jetty 5 lbs. 6 oz.		May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Delaware Bay 7 lbs. 2 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna NEW	August 24, 2017 Mike Cassidy Wilmington 184 lbs.	July 24, 2017 Grady Kehl Massey's Canyon 67 lbs. 8 oz.
 Cobia No Weights Reported		NEW August 27, 2015 Paul Ferenczi Indian River Inlet 10 lbs. 13 oz.	 Longfin Tuna NEW	August 25, 2017 Keith Fraser Norfolk Canyon 31 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Flounder July 14, 2017 Matt Marceron Old Grounds 8 lbs. 6 oz.		August 19, 2017 Brent Wiest Site 10 11 lbs. 4 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	June 16, 2017 Greg Weber "That's Right" 180 lbs.	June 18, 2017 Matthew Gessler Poor Man's Canyon 130 lbs.
 Bluefish May 4, 2017 Emma Matarese "OC Guide Service" 15 lbs. 12 oz.		April 21, 2017 Alex Neiss Cape Henlopen Surf 18 lbs. 8 oz.	 Dolphin	May 17, 2017 Chris Middendorf Norfolk Canyon 46 lbs.	July 24, 2017 John Gravatt Massey's Canyon 19 lbs.
 Sheepshead NEW	August 26, 2017 Pat McFarland South Jetty 13 lbs. 2 oz.	August 5, 2017 Hillard Head Pot Nets 9 lbs. 3 oz.	 Wahoo	July 21, 2017 Sam Homic Hot Dog 81 lbs.	July 3, 2017 Meghan Horning Fingers 39 lbs. 9 oz.
 Black Drum May 11, 2017 Zach Nagler Assateague Surf 40 lbs.		June 1, 2017 Paul Stermer Brandywine Shoal 70.5 lbs.	 White Marlin	Most Releases in One Day (trolling only) August 18, 2017 "Rhonda's Osprey" 8 Releases	
				June 25, 2017 "Fish Whistle" 5 Releases	

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During a trip aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford (pictured) and mate Lee Baker, anglers Jim Engelman and French Beauchame caught 4 black drum while fishing with sand fleas in the bay behind Assateague Island.



Jay and Morgan Way ventured down from Pennsylvania and spent part of a day fishing at the Inner Wall in the Delaware Bay. The duo ended up catching 9 triggerfish (2 pictured) while using sand fleas and clams for bait. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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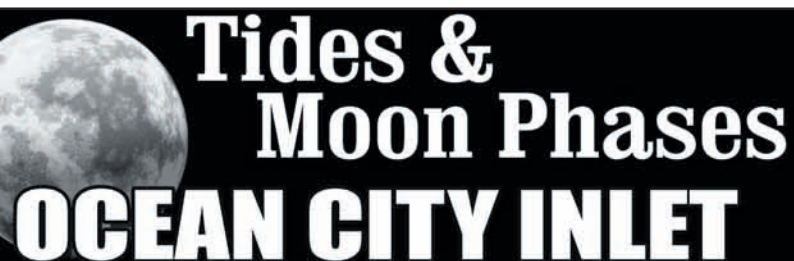
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Sat. Sept. 2	Low 11:26 am Low -----	High 05:27 am High 06:15 pm
Sun. Sept. 3	Low 12:32 am Low 12:15 pm	High 06:51 am High 06:58 pm
Mon. Sept. 4	Low 01:10 am Low 01:00 pm	High 07:02 am High 07:39 pm
Tues. Sept. 5	Low 01:45 am Low 01:43 pm	High 07:47 am High 08:20 pm
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Fri. Sept. 8	Low 03:33 am Low 03:56 pm	High 10:00 am High 10:22 pm
Sat. Sept. 9	Low 04:14 am Low 04:47 pm	High 10:46 am High 11:05 pm
Sun. Sep. 10	Low 05:00 am Low 05:42 pm	High 11:33 am High 11:51 pm
Mon. Sept. 11	Low 05:50 am Low 06:42 pm	High ----- High 12:26 pm
Tues. Sept. 12	Low 06:45 am Low 07:45 pm	High 12:42 am High 01:26 pm

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