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Event 39th Annual Canyon Kick Off  
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Angler crew  
Boat Big Stick / #trappequeens  
Date 07/04/21

It would be fair to say that the crew on the "Big Stick" had an interesting time during the 39th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off. The normally 2 of 3 day event was effectively reduced to a 2 of 2 day tournament when the weather kept all the boat in their slips on Friday. Anglers Jackie Tenuto, Allison Wigley, Natalia Frost, Kristin Lewis, Megan McNamara, Rachel Wehrle and Heather Hourihan, aka the 'Trappe Queens', spent Saturday in the Washington Canyon in 1000 fathoms looking for marlin. The good news is they hooked up to a good size blue marlin in the afternoon, the bad news was that it hit on a TD-30 and Allison Wigley had her work cut out for her. She stayed on the rod trying to get the fish to the boat, even past lines out per the rules, but after three hours the marlin broke off! Not deterred the group headed out again with Capt. Ronnie Fields with mates Brad Wilson and Marshall Freng on Sunday. This time Allison got her revenge, connecting with another blue marlin bringing it to the boat in only 40 minutes this time! The crew also released another blue marlin and a white marlin to earn 400 points in the Billfish Release Division putting them solidly into first place and earning \$5,886 in award money.



Jim Elidias was ready for the Fourth of July fishing with his fish/flag shirt and these two keeper flounders! He was on the headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak at an offshore structure.



Rory Badger of Seaford, DE landed this big 458 lb. thresher shark and set a new 'Heaviest Thresher' for the season while fishing on the "Sea Hawk" out at the Old Grounds. Fishing along with Rory on this adventure were Jamie Joachimowski of Georgetown, DE and Paul Zarebicki of Harbeson, DE. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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We had a nice report from mate Jim Frazetti aboard the "Covered Up Sportfishing" from early last week with their catch of 9 yellowfin tuna from the Poor Man's Canyon. This was one of the last big hauls we have seen as the bite slowed last week. Anglers Dustin Hoover, Ronnie Bitner, Jake Banda, Mark Jackson, Josh Roach, Nicole Frost, and mate Dawson Hoover from Anne Arundel County, MD and the Eastern Shore were with Capt. Keath Puller and raised these fish with skirted ballyhoo on spreader bars.



Despite a challenging tuna bite and weather over the last week, Capt. Christian Smith on "ALL IN" charters got these boys on a double yellowfin tuna hookup in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at White Marlin Marina.

The advertisement for Rx Design &amp; Tattoo features a large, stylized 'R' logo on the left. To its right is the text 'Rx Design &amp; Tattoo' in a red, serif font. Below the logo is a detailed illustration of a tattoo machine. The main part of the ad shows two photographs of the business's storefronts. The top photo shows the 'Boardwalk Location' at 201 North Atlantic Ave. in Ocean City, MD, with a sign that says 'PIERCING'. The bottom photo shows the 'Salisbury Location' at 105 West Gordy Rd. in Salisbury, MD. At the bottom of the ad, there is a Facebook icon, the website 'Rxtattoomd.com', and the phone number '443.235.1899'.

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**This Week Last Year**

- It was beautiful weather for the Marlin Club Canyon Kickoff and good fishing too. Top tuna was a 51.4 lb. yellowfin from the “Grande Pez” and the Billfish Release Category was a tie with 8 a piece on the “Buckshot” and “First Light”.
- White marlin fishing was very strong, seemingly across the central canyons. Skirted ballyhoo and spreader bars were doing the trick.
- Bigeye tunas were being caught from the Baltimore to the Poor Man’s Canyons, averaging in the mid 100’s in weight.
- 3 swordfish were reported with a big 281 lb. beauty landed by “Real Chaos”. The other two were from “Bar South” and “Blue Eyes” being caught between the Baltimore and Washington Canyons.

It was tough out there over the past week. After seeing the yellowfin tuna bite explode in late June, mother nature pumped the breaks early last week and reminded us why it is called fishing! Crews had to worked harder and move around but were able to get on some nice fish, so let’s review!

**Tournament Roundup**

Last weekend saw the 39th Annual Canyon Kick Off hosted by the Ocean City Marlin Club. Often seen as the informal start of the tournament season, this year’s event was hampered by weather, reducing the registration to 23 boats. Actually, it feels like the wind has been a ‘weekend warrior’ this year showing up to party offshore every weekend like the kids in Dewey Beach! The Kick Off is a fish 2 of 3 day tourney, but this year the weather effectively canceled Friday with no boats fishing, and with Saturday’s forecast in question, only 17 boats headed out.

It was a tough day fishing on Saturday with only 3 boats coming to the scales with qualifying fish. Angler Todd Willard on the “Fish

On” released a big blue marlin while in between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons and held onto 2nd Place. The last day of the event, Sunday, saw most of the action with all the boats fishing and 10 of them hitting the scales. “Gret’s Three J’s” was second to the scale and reported enjoying a fun and beautiful day. Weighing 3 yellowfin tuna, including a 45 pounder they found in the Baltimore Canyon, slid them into 1st Place at the time. This held for almost an hour until the “Loose Knot” rolled up and put a 51.6 lb. tuna on the scale, also from the Baltimore Canyon! This one held onto 1st Place in the Tuna Division and earned \$5,886 for the boat in prize money. Despite moving to 2nd Place for the Sunday fish, the “Gret’s Three J’s” actually took both 2nd and 3rd places in the Tuna Division for the Sunday fish and a 43.6 lb. tuna they boated on Saturday earning a combined \$1,665 in awards. No bluefin tuna were brought to the scales.

The Billfish Division saw limited competition that was initially defined by single catches, starting with the “Fish On” release of a blue marlin on Saturday and a point score of 150. On Sunday the “Brenda Lou” came in to report a white marlin release that put them in 2nd place at the time with 100 points. All of that changed however when the ‘Trappe Queens’ on the “Big Stick” hit the dock! Bringing chaos and custom pink release flags to the scales, these girls set the tone, reporting a white marlin and 2 blue marlin releases slamming them into a solid 1st Place with 400 points! They remained unchallenged and took home \$5,886 in award money.

The sleeper division however was for dolphin. The tournament had a 10 lb. minimum for mahi and we have only seen a handful reported this year over that level, so this division was wide open. It was the “Kilo Charlie” that won big, bringing the only boat to present

a qualifying mahi to the scales. Capt. Howard Lynch had his anglers in the Baltimore Canyon trolling with ballyhoo when they connected with a 14.6 lb. fish that remained unchallenged winning all of the \$8,280 in the Dolphin Division and earning the largest payout of the event.

Outside of the tournament fishing was spotty, but good catches were reported.

**Tuna & Mahi**

All the tuna action last week was yellowfin with the majority coming from the Washington Canyon earlier in the week and the bite moving north to the Poor Man’s mid week and through the weekend. Captains had to work hard to get catches that were mostly in the low single digits until the weekend when we saw it pick up again. The “Rhonda’s Osprey” came in Sunday with 9, the “Marli” boated 18 on Saturday and 16 on Sunday and the “Talking Trash” hit their limit of 18 on Sunday as well. Most of the fish are in the 20-40 pound range, however the “Ro Sham Bo” found one at 74 lbs. and “PYY Fishing” landed a 78 pounder between the Washington and Norfolk early last week. DJ Johnson had a whopping 98 lb. yellowfin from the Poor Man’s, so they are out there! All the captains report the tuna are not being picky on baits, hitting wide tracker bars, chains and skirted ballyhoo. Specifically, Sterling Tackle bars, Daisy Chains,

Nomad Plugs, Green Machines and ballyhoo with blue and white skirts were common comments.

The mahi bite remains slow and what is being caught is usually on the troll with typically ballyhoo in a tuna spread. The “All In” boated a gaffer in the “Washington” and the “Kilo Charlie” had two, 1 from the Baltimore Canyon and the big money winner in the Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off at 14.6 lbs from the Washington. This week however the biggest and our new ‘Heaviest’ for Maryland comes from the “Boss Hogg” where angler Jimmy Carr landed a 28 lb. bull dolphin, from the Washington Canyon.

**Billfish**

Only a few blue marlin releases last week, most from in or just outside of the Washington Canyon. Most recently were the 2 from the “Big Stick” on Sunday during the Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off. White marlin release reports have been usually single fish from the Washington as well. Capt. Howard Lynch was the exception on the “Kilo Charlie”, he took a trip to below the Washington where his crew released 5. Most water temperature reports were in the low 70’s.

Wrapping up would be a couple notable shark catches. Our new ‘Heaviest’ thresher for Delaware was caught by Rory Badger using mackerel at the Old Grounds and tipped the scales at 458 lbs. The “Reel Desire” also set a new



record for the season with the 250 lb. mako they caught in the Poor Man’s Canyon and the “Ro Sham Bo” released a mako and a hammerhead during an overnight trip to the canyons.



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Until next week, I will see you at the scales!



The team from "Good Company Fishing" had some work to do, and wanted to find some tuna. Kevin Conroy, Ben 'Mid Shore Electronics' Daringer and Geoff Leech headed out last Wednesday to do some testing for Sirius XM Fish Mapping service despite the so-so forecast and marginal fishing reports. The technology helped them find the scattered tuna in 60 fathoms of the Poor Man's Canyon. The first bite got loose, but the second was a double, one yellowfin tuna on a Crazy 8 Daisy Chain and the other on a Blue Water Candy Squid Chain, both with Green Machine Stingers.



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Carter Rosales from Atlanta, GA finally got a keeper this season while fishing with his father Gerry. They were working the late incoming tide at the South Ocean City Jetty early last week when this 21" flounder hit on a minnow. Brother Mario could not make the trip as he is busy as a mate on the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey"!



Local legend Evan Falgowski adds to his legacy with this citation sized 2.57 lb. scup! He found this porgy at the Fenwick Shoals and also boated keeper flounder and tog. Photo compliments of Lewes Harbor Marina.

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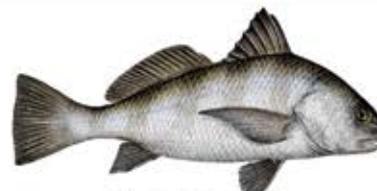
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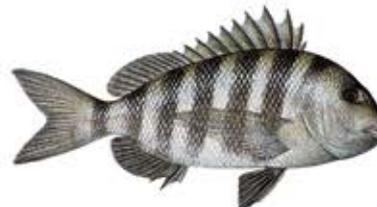
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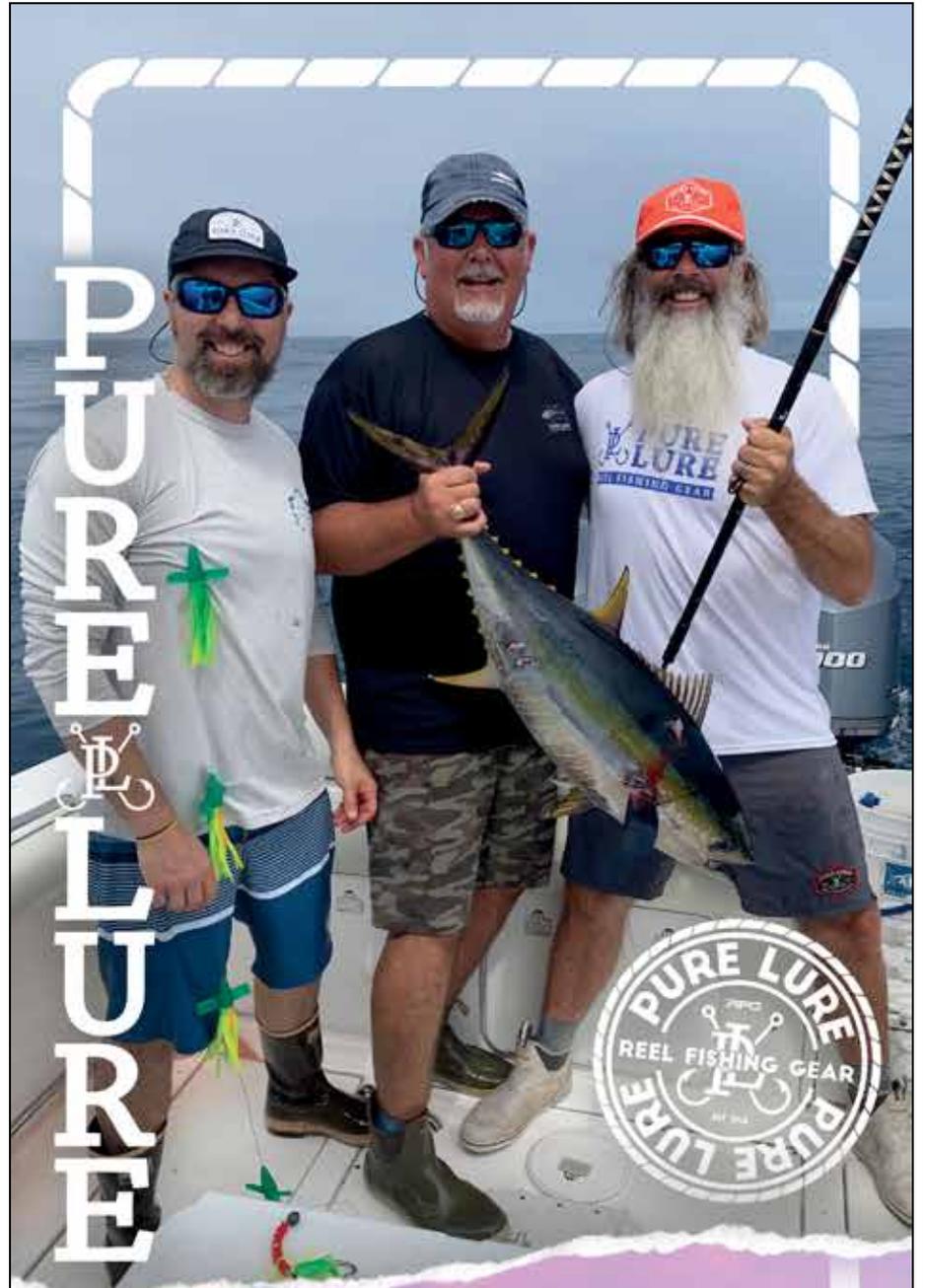
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It was an epic day for Paul Oberst, Wyatt Abbot, Mitch Seitz, Jason Seitz and Colton Denmyer fishing on the "Kilo Charlie" on Monday last week. They were with Capt. Howard Lynch and mate Burro Gonzalez releasing 5 white marlin (first multi release we have heard this season). They also boated 13 yellowfin tuna and a mahi! The white were found in 1100 fathoms behind the Norfolk Canyon on ballyhoo and the tuna below the Washington Canyon.



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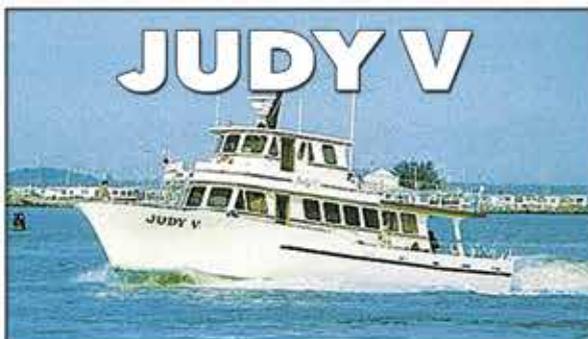
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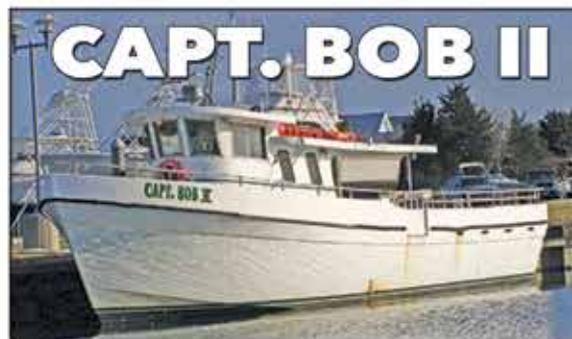
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by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Well the heat has arrived, and so have the tourists! Boat traffic on both the back bays and near shore areas has been the heaviest I've seen in years. Many angler and boating enthusiasts are hitting the water after a year off from Covid. Anglers hoping to catch some fish should head out early to avoid the crowds.

## Flounder, Sheepshead & Croaker

Flounder in the back bays remain pretty strong. The area near the Rt. 50 Bridge is still the hot spot this week giving up several big flounders. Squid and minnow combo baits are the best for hooking into these fish. Anglers report the area just north of the bridge along the deep channel will give

you the best chance for a big flattie. This area is great up until about 10 am and then the large fleet of boat traffic will send the fish into hiding. The area behind Assateague Island is also producing nice flounder along with some decent croaker. The deep holes along the west side of the bay are the best spots. The Get Sum charter boat reported a good couple of days on the water this week with his clients pulling in some nice fish. Capt. Jason Mumford of the Lucky Break had a good week with some big flounder as well as a few bluefish thrown in for good measure. The Ocean City Fishing Pier reported a few nice flounder and croaker have come in during the day as well as bluefish and trout in the evening hours. Luke Wrye

went to the west side of the Rt. 90 Bridge on Thursday and said it was hardcore croaker! He reports lots of double hookups with a few fish up to 11". This is a great fish for the novice angler because croaker will bite just about anything and are almost always ready to eat. Small pieces of squid are your best bait however any cut bait will work. Fish Bites artificial baits are also a great option and will keep both anglers and boats a lot cleaner. As to the type of Fish Bites, I prefer the "Bloodworm" ones but any of the inshore flavors will work. They have fairly small mouths so smaller hooks will work better. These fish appear to be here earlier than usual this year which usually means a strong showing. Try not to get caught up in the

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 catch and only keep what you can eat. In past years many of the headboats have seen large numbers of fish left onboard after anglers have left. Keep in mind many hotel rooms only have small refrigerators and keeping 20 fish just will not fit. Sheepshead are all along the inlet walls as well as the deeper holes out front. Shrimp and sand fleas are your best baits. The inlet is busy this time of year, so if you are going to target these fish do so early in the morning before boat traffic gets too heavy. They will lay right against the rocks or on the edge of the deeper holes. The Rt. 50 Bridge is also a great spot to target these fish but again, traffic will make it difficult to anchor up near the pilings where these fish stay. Quite often in the summer time a few big sheepshead can be seen on the South East piling next to the bridge thoro fare. This is a very heavily traveled area and can only be fished very early

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The sea bass, much like last year, remains very strong. This time of year normally signals the change in sea temps and the fish go deeper. This year, much like last year, the fish have stayed inshore through much warmer weather. The Ocean Princess as well as the Angler report some great hauls of sea bass along with triggerfish coming off the near shore wrecks. Clam and squid are the best bait this year, however, the fresher bait you can find the better the bite. Many anglers who have been using jigs to catch sea bass in previous weeks have changed over to clam or squid. As the water warms, target the deeper wrecks such as the Jack Spot and Great Eastern Reef. Triggerfish are also showing up on the wrecks early this year. The Fenwick Shoals wrecks have been producing some nice numbers of triggerfish with most being caught in squid or small cut baits. Fenwick Shoals are also producing some cobia and bluefish. Chumming heavily and putting out cut baits at different depths are the best chance of hooking into one of these hard fighting fish. The area on the south side of the Shoals has a deep drop-off wall that is great to set up on when the wind is out of the north. Keep a bucktail with a trailer for fish that come swimming by. The nearshore wrecks have also been showing a few sea trout and weakfish being caught. These fish have been scarce in past years but seem to be making a comeback. Years ago on a full moon, weakfish could be caught in great numbers even in the back bay areas. Spec Rigs are a great artificial bait to throw for these fish.

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Smiling Myra Church shared her bluefish catch with Fenwick Tackle last week and we can share it with you! She was with the "4WD Beach Days" gang fishing in the surf at the Fenwick Island drive on beach using cut finger mullet for bait.



Luke Johnson can't believe his eyes after catching this nice fattie early last week in the Lewes, DE canal. The 19.5" flounder fell for a Berkley Gulp Swimming Mullet. Photo compliments of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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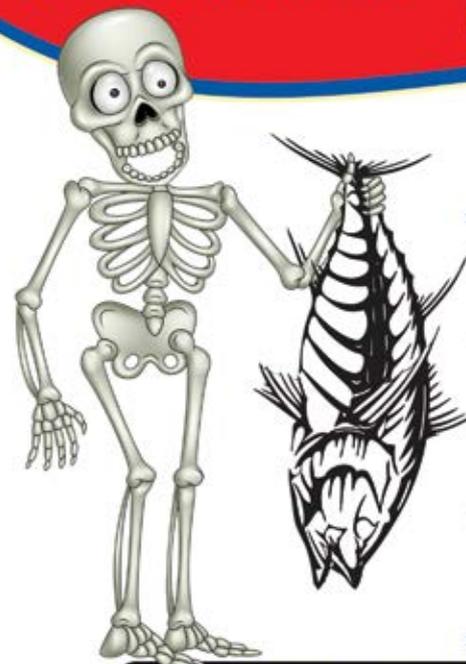
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 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 <b>Mako Shark</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	July 1 Vince Cusimano Poor Man's 250 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	<span style="color:red">★</span> June 17 Rory Badger Old grounds 458 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	June 27 Greg Eckard Washington Canyon 235 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Flounder</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	July 4 Richard Rudell Old Grounds 10 lbs.	May 23 Heather Strickland Lewes Canal 4.08 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	June 5 William Londron Ocean Structure 3 lb. 3 oz.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	June 18 Dianna Harris Norfolk Canyon 98 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Dolphin</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	June 25 Jimmy Carr Washington Canyon 28 lbs.	June 26 Chad Starnier Poor Man's 18 lbs.
 <b>Tautog</b>	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 <b>Wahoo</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Weakfish</b>	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	<span style="color:red">★</span> June 19 Tom Cheeseman Indian River Inlet 4.5 lbs.	 <b>White Marlin</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

To report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200 or email to [coastalfisherman@comcast.net](mailto:coastalfisherman@comcast.net)



The crew of the "One More" kept going on this trip to get one more! This time Anthony Nicholas landed this 60" and 80 lb. spinner shark at the Sausages with tuna belly as bait. Keeping his ego in check were Bill Oass, Jeff Hill and Zach Napolitano! Picture at Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Russel Armstrong from Verus Pet Foods donated an offshore trip to the K-9 officers from Worcester County, MD to give them some R&R! Anglers Chuck Dennis, Chris Larmore, Bethany Ramey, Jules O'Toole, Coulton Larmore and Kenny Parr headed to the Washington Canyon on the carter boat "Pumpin' Hard" with Capt. Mike Burt and raised this nice size yellowfin tuna and friends on ballyhoo and spreader bars.



The flounder fishing off of the Delaware coast has been improving and the headboat out of Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes showcased that last Wednesday. Fishing over open bottom they reeled in many keepers with several anglers getting their limit of 4 apiece. They did however have to work for them, releasing a lot of undersized throwbacks.

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Angler Jimmy Carr and friends made the most of their trip last week with Capt. Brian Porter and mate Alex Beane on the charter boat "Boss Hogg". They trolled in the Washington Canyon in 400 fathoms with bars, chains and ballyhoo when Alex landed this 28 lb. bull dolphin. Most of the larger ones this season have been caught on the troll and not near floating debris. The crew also got 11 yellowfin tuna in the box before calling it a day!

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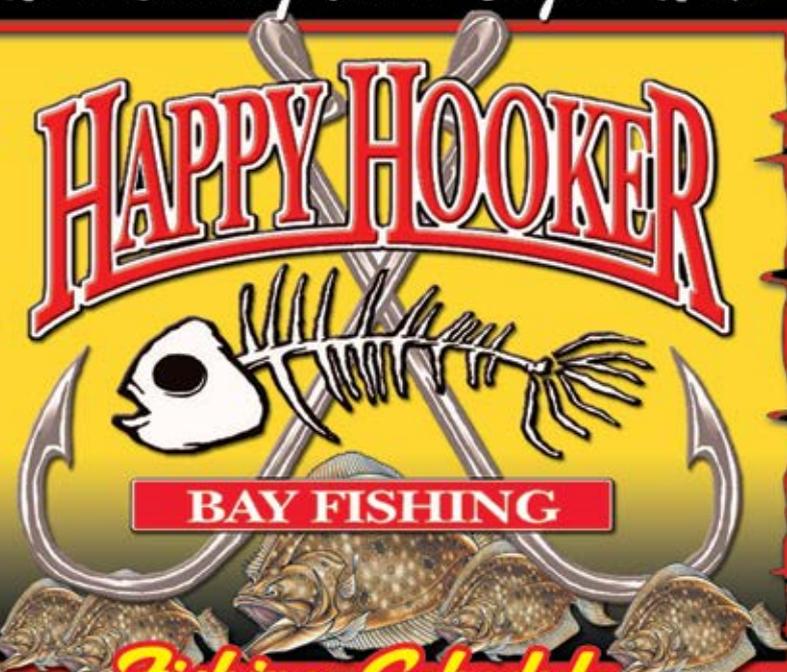
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The tuna bite slowed over the past week and required some hard work on the part of captains and mates to find some fish. Lucky for the Lawrence family, Capt. Chris Watkowski with mate Jacob Bialk did just that! They found these three yellowfin tuna in the Poor Man's Canyon using spreader bars and ballyhoo.



The tuna fishing over the last week has been a struggle with the full moon and the weather, but a bright spot has been mahi. Capt. Christian Smith on the charter boat "ALL IN" got Mike and Melinda Pascal and their family onto the action while trolling in the Washington Canyon, landing this nice gaffer dolphin.

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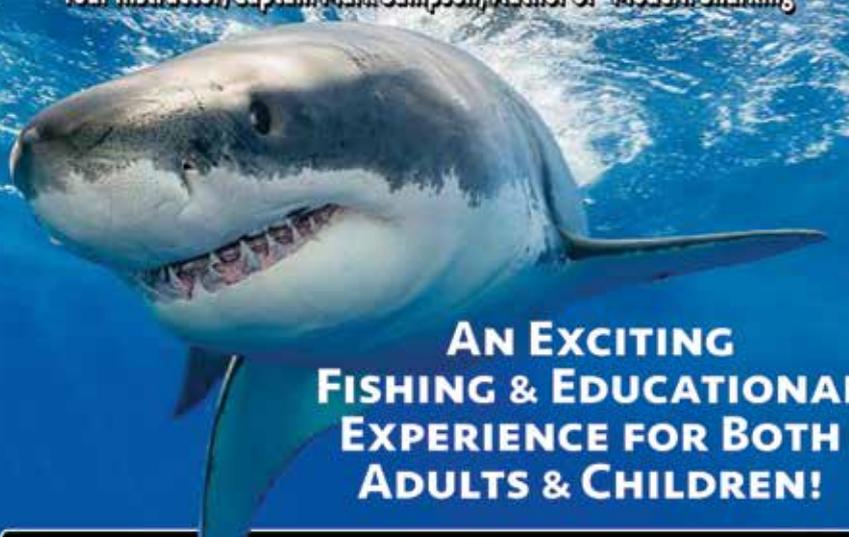
The Thorofare in the Ocean City Bay continues to produce keeper flounder. On this trip on the "Lucky Break", Samantha, Patrick and Alex Callahan from Laurel, MD boated 6 flounder using minnows and Otter Tails while fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford and Ethan Nock out of Frontier Town.



Despite the blow and bumpy ride, Capt. Rodger Meekins got the headboat "Judy V" out last Tuesday to some inshore wrecks. Their anglers got onto some nice triggerfish as well as a mess of sea bass using squid and clams..

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Even without the Delaware stretch this flounder would be impressive! Robert Thompson from Baltimore, MD was with Capt. Dave Caffrey of "On The Run" charters, fishing in the Thorofare with Gulp when he boated this 20" flatfish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Jennifer and Reese Burnett from Pittsburgh, PA cannot contain their excitement after a trip with Capt. Nick Clemente on the "Get Sum"! They hooked these 2 keeper flounder on 4" white Gulp in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Tracy Smith picked up his first yellowfin tuna of the season fishing with Capt. Kevin Gibson and Ron Smith. The trio were on the private boat "Fare Cut" trolling a blue and white spreader bar in the Poor Man's Canyon.

## OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. JULY 7	High 06:32 am High 07:27 pm	Low 01:06 am Low 12:30 pm
THUR. JULY 8	High 07:18 am High 08:09 pm	Low 01:49 am Low 01:10 pm
FRI. JULY 9 <i>New Moon</i>	High 08:04 am High 08:51 pm	Low 02:27 am Low 01:49 pm
SAT. JULY 10	High 08:50 am High 09:31 pm	Low 03:04 am Low 02:29 pm
SUN. JULY 11	High 09:35 am High 10:10 pm	Low 03:40 am Low 03:10 pm
MON. JULY 12	High 10:19 am High 10:49 pm	Low 04:17 am Low 03:54 pm
TUE. JULY 13	High 11:03 am High 11:27 pm	Low 04:56 am Low 04:42 pm
WED. JULY 14	High 11:48 am High -----	Low 05:38 am Low 05:35 pm

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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  
 Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide  
*These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts.*



You see it every year during the last few days of July - fishing teams bouncing around their cockpits and on the dock behind their boats, respooling reels, making leaders, sharpening gaffs, twisting wire and rigging lures. Much of it is a redo of what they did just a couple months prior in preparation for their first trips of the new season. Now, like then, crews are doing what they can to ensure that their tackle is as good as it can be with knots strong, reels oiled, and drags nice and smooth. No hitches, glitches, or nicks - everything is prepped for flawless action.

Leaving nothing to chance is what fishermen do when they really-really want to catch a fish. In late July anglers are preparing for the White Marlin Open where there can be (both literally and figuratively) millions of dollars on the line, so most folks will do their absolute best to help ensure that their boats, equipment, and tackle will provide the best opportunity to not only get a fish to bite, but also to get it "to" and then "in" the

boat after it's on the line.

Yes, fishing for big money can be a great incentive to ensure all of your tackle is squared away, but if paying such attention to details is good for a tournament, it's something all anglers should consider doing every time they prepare for any fishing adventure, whether big or small.

Everyone knows that there's a lot that can go wrong when you're trying to catch a fish, and there's nothing you can do that will ensure that you're totally prepared for every opportunity that comes into your wake or within casting range of your bow. But there are a million and one little things that anglers can do that will at least eliminate a few issues that could spoil the chances of catching a fish with one of the most important being "terminal tackle".

Ever wonder why, even though everyone on the same boat or pier are using the same bait or lure, one guy seems to be catching most, if not all, of the fish? Or maybe you're the "only one" not catching fish

even though everyone else is fishing exactly the same way as you are. And to make matters even more confusing, you're using the exact same terminal tackle you did last week and the week before when you were catching the heck out of fish. What's going on?

It could just be bad luck on your part, but it's more likely that there's something the fish don't like about what you have at the end of your line. It's probably not your bait because you're using the same as everyone else. But what about that leader? At first inspection a leader might look OK with strong crimps or knots, no kinks, and the same diameter and material the successful anglers are using. But look closer and you might find that after some use, the leader is simply not as transparent as it was when it was new. Over time a leader will often get a dull "smoked" look to it and might even feel a little coarse. With the loss of it's slickness and transparency it's more likely to be detected by fish that can now more easily see it and possibly even feel the vibrations in the water generated by its rough texture. Monofilament and fluorocarbon leaders simply don't last forever and need

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Other things to consider with terminal tackle is the condition of any hooks or lures you're using. Most hooks we use these days come pre-sharpened but they don't stay that way. With repeated use that fine needle-like point will become dull or even corrode away. The same holds true with the hooks on lures - they don't last forever and should be replaced as necessary. With repeated use, lures can also lose their "tune" if the lips get bent or chipped, if the body gets any cracks or water in it, if the lure loses some of it's bucktail, or if a soft plastic gets any cuts or tears in it.

One of the best ways to help ensure success on any fishing trip is to have all the terminal tackle you know you'll be using or even think you "might" be using in the course of the day rigged before you go. Don't wait until you get out there to start putting rigs together. Obviously, if you're heading offshore for marlin and tuna you'll have all your baits and lures ready for action as soon as you get to your spot, but what happens if you suddenly encounter an opportunity to bail dolphin off some floating debris? Will you

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have rigs and baits ready for that or will it take you a little while to tie hooks to leaders and rig them on spinning rods? If you're bottom fishing and suddenly a cobia swims up to your boat or a school of something starts breaking the water within casting range, will you have something rigged that you can quickly pitch out to them before the opportunity swims away?

Just as important as having terminal tackle pre-rigged is having it quickly accessible. Proper tackle storage is crucial for effective tackle use. If every time you go for a lure or rig you have to dig around for it in the bottom of a tackle box or drawer and then it comes out in a big tangled mess, you'll end up spending too much time untangling and not enough time fishing. Just as rods and reels need to be stowed in such a way they're safe from damage and quickly accessible, it's crucial that terminal tackle be put away

so that when you need it you can get on the line and in the water fast. There are a lot of options for anglers who care to make the effort such as Zip-lock bags, plastic containers, separate tackle boxes, tackle drawers, and leader wheels, but whatever storage solution someone chooses to use, it's always important to get in a routine of properly cleaning and putting tackle away at the end of each trip so that tomorrow, just like today, you know exactly where it's at and that it's in prime fish-catching condition when you need it the most.

I don't fish tournaments but I do run charters, and I know that when I leave the dock with terminal tackle that's properly rigged, maintained, and ready to be quickly deployed, I'll be fishing with confidence that my clients will be in a good position to take advantage of whatever comes swimming our way that day, even if it's not worth a couple million dollars!



Megan Badorreck and her dad Keith pose with the 17.5" flounder she caught near the Rt. 50 Bridge using a minnow and Gulp Swimming Mullet combo for bait.



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Legendary boat "Fish Whistle" with Capt. Charlie Horner of Rehoboth, DE at the helm got this group of alumni from Calvery Hall onto a 'Mid-Atlantic Slam' by catching 3 species on a single trip! Jeff Coulson released his first white marlin ever and fellow anglers Jim Coulson, Cliff Delacruz, Stephen Schwing and Donny Clark caught 11 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin to lock in the 'slam'. They were in the Poor Man's Canyon trolling ballyhoo.

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Red Drum*	36"	45"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"
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Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Speckled Trout	24"	-			
Striped Bass	40"	34 lbs. or 44"			
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"			

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Jakob Coyle from Ft. Meade, MD along with Brad Coyle hitched a ride on Mark Smith's boat early last week. They worked some inshore wrecks using salted clams for bait and found a nice mix of triggerfish and sea bass at around 60 ft.

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We got a nice picture from Angel Williams of 'angelic' thirteen year old Madison Williams from Dover, DE and the 28 1/4" rockfish she caught early in June. She was fishing with her father Mike and live lining spot in the Indian River Bay when she hooked this one.



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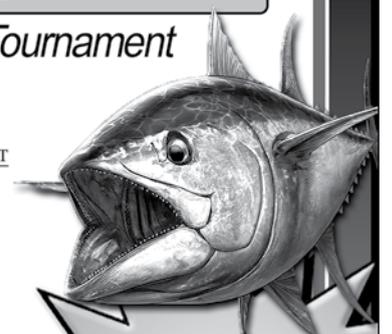
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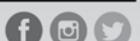


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Deedee Kesecker got onto this nice sea bass and several others while fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich and Steve on the headboat "Angler". This one was found at an offshore artificial reef using squid for bait.



Frankie Paul is not messing around in this catch photo! He was with Capt. Bill Vernon, Ed Phillips and 'Fuzzy' on the "Big Billin" when this 33.3 lb. yellowfin tuna hit on a daisy chain with a tuna teaser. They were in the Poor Man's Canyon in 65.5° water.

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1 stalk celery, peeled, and cut into 1/8-inch dice

4 teaspoons finely sliced fresh chives

1 teaspoon minced fresh tarragon leaves

1/3 cup prepared mayonnaise  
3 tablespoons sour cream

1 teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice

1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

Directions:

In a medium bowl, lightly toss



the crabmeat, celery, chives, and tarragon together.

In a small bowl, stir together the mayonnaise, sour cream, lemon juice, and mustard. Add the dressing to the crabmeat mixture and stir until just coated. Season with salt and pepper to taste. If not using right away refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serving suggestions: Toasted hot dog rolls or Boston or Bibb lettuce leaves.

### Tuna Poke Bowls

Ingredients:

1/4 cup + 2 tablespoons soy sauce (use gluten-free if necessary)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 tablespoon sesame oil

2 tablespoons honey

1 tablespoon chile garlic sauce

2 teaspoons fresh grated ginger

3 scallions, white and green parts, thinly sliced

1 pound sushi-grade ahi tuna (such as yellowfin or big-eye tuna), diced into 1/4 or 1/2-inch pieces

2 cups sushi rice, cooked according to package instructions (any other type of rice or grain can be substituted)

Optional Toppings:

Sliced avocado

Sliced cucumber

Edamame

Pickled ginger

Diced mango

Potato chips or wonton crisps

Sesame seeds



Directions:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the soy sauce, vegetable oil, sesame oil, honey, chile garlic sauce, ginger, and scallions. Add the tuna and toss. Let the mixture sit in the fridge for at least 15 minutes or up to 1 hour.

To serve, scoop rice into bowls, top with tuna poke and desired toppings. You

will have extra sauce for drizzling over the toppings; serve on the side.

### Blackened Mahi with Mango Salsa

Ingredients:

1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika



1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper

2 tablespoons olive oil

4 mahi fillets (4 oz each)

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1 can (14.5 oz. each) Hunt's stewed tomatoes, drained, chopped

1 medium mango, peeled, chopped

1 jalapeno pepper, seeded, chopped

1/2 cup chopped red onion

2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1 teaspoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon minced garlic

1 lime, juiced

Directions:

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mixture in half and set aside one portion.

Brush half of the paste on fish fillets; set aside. Lightly spray grill or grill pan with PAM. Heat to high heat; when hot, add fish and cook 3 to 4 minutes per side, turning once.

Meanwhile, combine drained tomatoes, mango, jalapeno, red onion, cilantro, the 1 teaspoon cumin, the garlic and lime juice in medium bowl; set aside.

Remove fish from grill once it flakes easily with a fork. Brush remaining paste on cooked fish. Serve with Mango Salsa.

### Baked Flounder Oreganata with Bell Pepper & Feta Orzo

Ingredients:

- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1/2 pint grape tomatoes
- 1/4 ounce dill



- 1 lemon
- 1 ounce Kalamata olives
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 3/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 cup orzo
- 10 ounces pounds flounder
- 1 ounce crumbled feta cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 450°F. Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Rinse all produce. Halve bell pepper lengthwise, discarding seeds and stem; cut into .25-inch pieces. Halve tomatoes. Roughly chop dill leaves, discarding stems. Halve 1

lemon and set aside for Step 5; cut remaining lemon into wedges for serving. Roughly chop olives. Mince garlic.

In a medium bowl, stir together breadcrumbs, dried oregano, half of garlic, 1.5 tablespoons olive oil, .25 teaspoon salt, and black pepper as desired. Set oreganata topping aside until Step 4.

Season boiling water generously with salt. Stir in orzo and cook until al dente, about 12 minutes (though orzo is shaped like a grain, it's actually a pasta – the amount of water isn't indicated

because you'll drain the orzo when it's finished cooking). Reserve .5 cup pasta cooking water, then drain and return to pot, off heat.

While orzo cooks, line a baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with olive oil. Pat flounder dry with paper towel, then add to baking sheet, spacing apart. Season all over with .75 teaspoon salt and black pepper as desired. Spoon oreganata topping over tops of flounder, pressing to adhere (this is a great task for a kitchen helper), then bake until breadcrumbs are golden and

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fish is cooked through, 10-12 minutes (see recipe tip).

While fish bakes, add feta, butter, bell pepper, tomatoes, olives, juice of 1 lemon, remaining garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and black pepper as desired to pot with orzo, still off heat, and stir to combine. Stir in 1/2 cup pasta cooking water until combined and creamy, adding more water, 1 tablespoon at a time, as needed (see recipe tip). Set aside until ready to serve.

Divide bell pepper and feta orzo among serving plates. Top with flounder oreganata and garnish with dill. Serve with lemon wedges for squeezing over. Dig in!

### Tom Budd's Tuna Marinade

Ingredients:

2 lbs tuna steaks

Marinade-

1/4 c orange juice

1/4 c soy sauce

2 T olive oil

2 T parsley, chopped

1 T fresh lemon juice

1 clove garlic, finely chopped

1/2 t oregano

1/2 t black pepper

Directions:

Mix marinade ingredients together. Marinade tuna in a large ziplock bag or bowl with fitted lid for 24 hours. Sear tuna on high heat over a grill for 5-6 minutes, flip and sear another 4-5 minutes. Do not overcook. Never met anyone that didn't love this marinade!

### Easy Blueberry Crisp

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1/2 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup flour

3/4 cup regular or quick oats

1/2 cup almonds chopped (optional)

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375°F.

Grate the rind of the lemon and squeeze the juice of half of the lemon.

Toss blueberries, with sugar, lemon rind, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and 3 tablespoons flour. Place in a 2 qt. baking dish.

With a fork, combine the butter, brown sugar, oats, flour, nuts if using and cinnamon until crumbled. Sprinkle over blueberries.

Bake 35-40 minutes or until the top is golden brown and the fruit is bubbly. Cool slightly and serve warm.



up a pint of sweet juicy fresh blueberries to make this blueberry crisp. Don't forget to top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream!

Ingredients:

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3 tablespoons flour

1 lemon

Topping

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Jana Harris had a good day with her son Noah and husband Jack catching her first keeper flounder ever! They were in the family boat in the Thorofare when this 17" flatfish took the salmon colored Gulp they used for bait.



Tyler Greco from King of Prussia, PA took advantage of the many local ponds in the Bayside Community of Selbyville, DE to try his luck for bass. He hooked this one (estimated at 5-7 Lbs.) using a topwater Googan Squad Revolver lure.



Brian Snyder from Cocoa Beach, FL got offshore with his brother Blair on the "Partnership" with Capt. Mark Cropper, young first mate Chase Groff and second mate Matt Groff. They fished the Baltimore Canyon where Brian caught his first two tunas with the crew getting 3 yellowfins overall.

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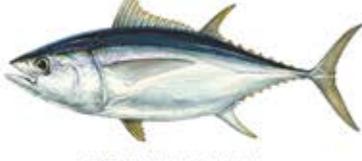
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Angler Rob Overfield landed a beautiful 37 lb. golden tilefish early last week in the Poor Man's Canyon. He and Capt. Minh Dang, Chris Trovitch and Kevin Grapes (not pictured) were deep dropping at the Poor Man's Canyon on the "Ronin" in 100 fathoms when this one took the cut squid they were using for bait.

# FEDERAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS

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 <b>BLUE MARLIN</b> 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit	 <b>YELLOWFIN TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day	 <b>BIGEYE TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length No Retention Limit	 <b>BLUEFIN TUNA</b> 27" to <47" curved fork length 2 per vessel/day or trip 47" to <73" curved fork length 1 per vessel/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 3 per Charter/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 6 per Headboat/day or trip 47" to <73" curved fork length 2 per Headboat/day or trip
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**54" Minimum Fork Length**  
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**71" Minimum Fork Length**  
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**78" Minimum Fork Length**  
Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead

**83" Minimum Fork Length**  
Female Shortfin Mako

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NOTE: Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose, 1 Bonnethead and 1 Oceanic Whitetip may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained.

Resources: eregulations.com & NOAA.gov



The East Channel in Ocean City prides a unique opportunity as it runs along side the bulkhead from the Talbot Street Pier up to 4th St. This allows anglers like Donald Lordon of Essex, MD to fish for some big fatties right off the shore. He caught this 17" flounder using white Gulp.



The "Hot Lick" from E Dock at Sunset Marina is at it again. Continuing their tuna rampage, this trip to the Washington Canyon included Capt. Travis D'Antoni, Ryan Turner, Ken Murphy, Dan Ponder, James Hammond and Don Ponder resulted in 5 yellowfin tuna in the box and a first white marlin of the season for the boat and Don.



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**Updates - Good or Bad?**  
 Modern marine navigation electronics are like our personal electronics, smart phones, computers, tablets, and other computer driven equipment we use every day, the software that runs the equipment is constantly evolving, usually for the better but not always. As most technology users have learned by now, a software update, firmware update or patch can be a breath of fresh air that solves a nagging problem or could introduce a new glitch that was not there a few minutes earlier. The same holds true for marine electronics, especially the multifunction displays that are often the primary focus of navigation and boat operations.

Update or not- if it is not broken, don't fix it?

Many boaters have never updated the software on their multifunction display (chartplotters), yet everything works, and they are happy, at least until something does not work. Manufacturers are constantly fine-tuning software for their products for several reasons:

**Fixing "Issues"**

Software bugs, issues, and problems sometimes are not known until lots of users have an opportunity to use a new version and "discover" a problem where something does not work correctly, such as displaying inaccurate information, compatibility issues with other products or worse the chartplotters

becomes unusable.

- Adding new features

Often something so simple as the re-arrangement of menu items, new data fields, compatibility with third party devices can quickly modernize any age chartplotter.

Allowing for compatibility for new products

Software can extend the life of a chartplotter by allowing new products to connect and interface with existing hardware. These type of software updates allow a manufacturer to sell new products to an existing customer base with varying vintage hardware so that a new chartplotter is not needed to use a new product.

The big four, Garmin, Furuno Navico (Simrad, Lowrance & B&G) and Raymarine all issue periodic software updates. Garmin seems to issue the most updates through the year, followed by Navico, Raymarine and Furuno. One issue with frequent software updates is the perception that there is not enough time to fully field test the software before it is released to the public. Though on the other side of the coin, if you have a nagging problem with your current system, any new software update is worth the risk, in the hopes that the system is better after the update.

**When to update?**

Most boaters will update their system at the beginning of the season or when a new device is added requiring new software for compatibility. If you are having a problem with your system, often the manufacturer or dealer will need to update the software as part of the troubleshooting processes.

**How to learn about updates?**  
 You should locate the current version of the software you now have on your device so you can compare it to the most recent version. Most of the

www.coastalfisherman.net big four MFD manufacturers websites list the current software on the MFD products page. The manufacturers should have a "change history" or a similar document that lists all the elements inside the new software. This is important to read and understand, it will let you know what to expect after the software update.

Examples of software updates change history this season:

Garmin's 24.10 software includes the ability to display up to 5 Yamaha engines and fixed an issue where heading line options weren't displaying on navigation charts, amongst 14+ other updates and fixes.

Simard's Version: 20.2 includes new symbology for AIS targets and a Fix for the Radar EBL when set to True/Mag, amongst 47 other updates and fixes.

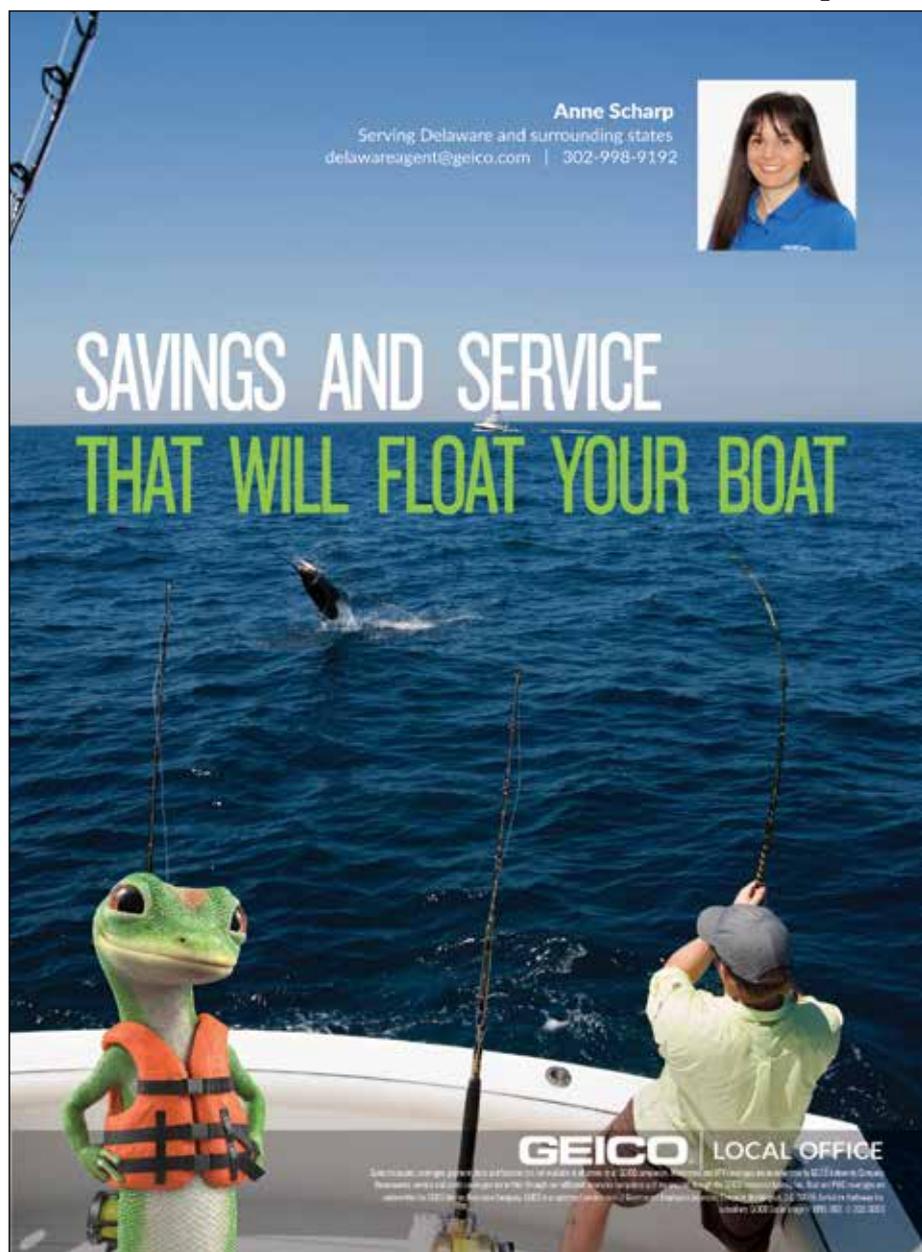
Furuno's V2.01 latest software update for the TZT3 is a major update accompanied by a 34-page document reviewing the changes, such as Seakeeper integration, refined fish finder operation, improved radar overlay color on plotter and much more.

Raymarine's Lighthouse 3 Fremantle - v3.14 update includes Mercury VesselView Engine Monitoring App, improvements to sonar bottom tracking and corrects an issue where the MFD could crash when using RealBathy and 16 other significant changes.

If you decide to update your software, here are a few tips that apply to all brands of marine electronics:

- back-up! Before you start pressing too many buttons, make a backup of your data, generally your waypoints, though some newer systems allow for backing up settings and configurations. This way, if something goes wrong, you will at least have your prized waypoints!

- A software update on a large system could take an hour



www.coastalfisherman.net or more, be sure the boat's batteries are fully charged, and the battery charger (if equipped) is operational. Supervise the update - be sure no one on board can accidentally disrupt power during the update and that no one is operating any of the equipment on the network during the software update - otherwise you could end up with an expensive paperweight!

- Many of the software updates are not reversible, once updated, you may not be able to go backwards to the previous version.

- If you have more than one multifunction display or device it is best that they all are updated at the same time, so they are all on the same software revision level - it provides stability and compatibility for the whole system. Some manufacturers' software updates can travel through your marine network

and automatically update each connected piece of hardware while others require updates at each device.

- The manufactures now offer software updates wirelessly for compatible equipment, the multifunction display connects to an internet Wi-Fi access point, smartphone etc. and often automatically connects to the manufacturers servers and transfers the update to your marine device. As a service provider - most marine electronics dealers update customers' software using a memory card and skip the Wi-Fi for consistency and reliability.

Software updates can keep your marine electronics feeling like new for years after their installation, though software updates should be performed methodically for best results and BACKUP regularly.

Until next time...

*Stay Grounded*



Most of the yellowfin tuna at the docks recently have been in the 20-50 lb. range but that was not good enough for this crew. Capt. Shayne Cameron and Eric Dulin from Cambridge, MD with DJ Johnson of Trappe, MD took their 26' Striper out to the Poor Man's. While trolling with Sterling Tackle Wide Trackers DJ caught this 94 lb. and 54" yellowfin.

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Species	2021	2020	Species	2021	2020
 <b>Bluefish</b>	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island	May 29, 2020 Kathy Grab Fenwick Island State Park	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	May 28 Michael Eid "Hot Line" Fingers	April 16, 2020 Ron Griggs "Finatic" Wilmington Canyon
 <b>Black Drum</b>	March 31 Allen Skylar Assateague Island	April 19, 2020 Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks	June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds
 <b>Cobia</b>	June 17 Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	June 21, 2020 Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	May 28 Pete Gudiatis "Blood Money" Poor Man's	May 27, 2020 Ryan Turner "Full Service" Norfolk Canyon
 <b>Flounder</b>	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	May 5, 2020 Mackenzie Cathell Thorofare	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk	June 9, 2020 Shannon Gore Baltimore Canyon
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	May 15, 2020 Brent Bortner "Green Machine" Offshore Wreck	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		June 9, 2020 Evan Winterbottom "PYY Fishing" Poor Man's Canyon
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	June 17 Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	June 12, 2020 Keith Smith "On the Run" South Jetty	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's	April 29, 2020 Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	May 7, 2020 Patricia Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	 <b>Dolphin</b>	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's	May 23, 2020 Jeremy Phares "Reel Fin Addiction" Norfolk Canyon
 <b>Tautog</b>	January 1 Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	January 2, 2020 Patrick Enoch "Morningstar" Artificial Reef	 <b>Wahoo</b>	June 17 Gary Welch Washington Canyon	June 18, 2020 Jack Hannum "Blood Money" Poor Man's Canyon
 <b>Weakfish</b>	May 6 Rich Harpel North Jetty Indian River Inlet	June 17, 2020 Muhamad Arshad Oceanic Fishing Pier	 <b>White Marlin</b>	June 13 Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon	May 23, 2020 Carl Sauer "Reel Escape" Washington Canyon

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Sean Morrison stopped by Fenwick Tackle to share the nice 19" speckled trout he caught while fly fishing in the Fenwick Ditch.



This may be the 12th keeper rockfish our friend Shaun Flaherty has caught this season! He and Big Bird Cropper fish often on the "Lost Time" and Shaun uses a crank bait method to drive his 'Baby Blue' Mann Stretch 20 down deep. Each crank and stall drives the lure deeper without a lot of line deployed, getting to the fish near the Rt. 50 Bridge. This one measured 34" and 17.5 lbs. at the Oceanic Fishing Pier.



The headboat "Thelma Dale" out of Fisherman's Wharf in downtown Lewes, DE has been getting a nice mix of fish on their 1/2 & 3/4 day trips. Edwin Maxwell got 2 keeper flounders and several others on this trip hit their flounder limits as well as having a lot of throwback action. Croaker was in the mix too.

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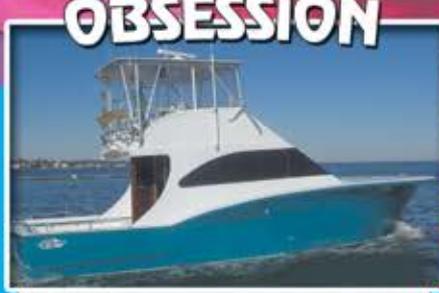
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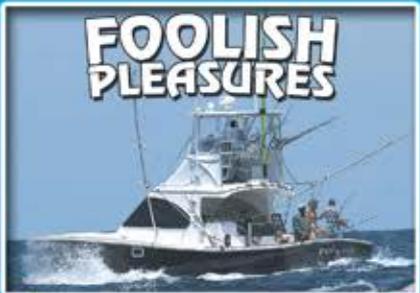


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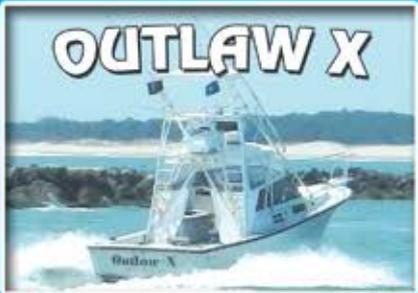
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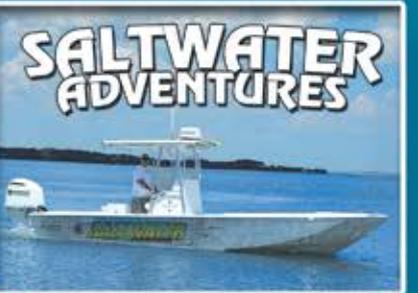
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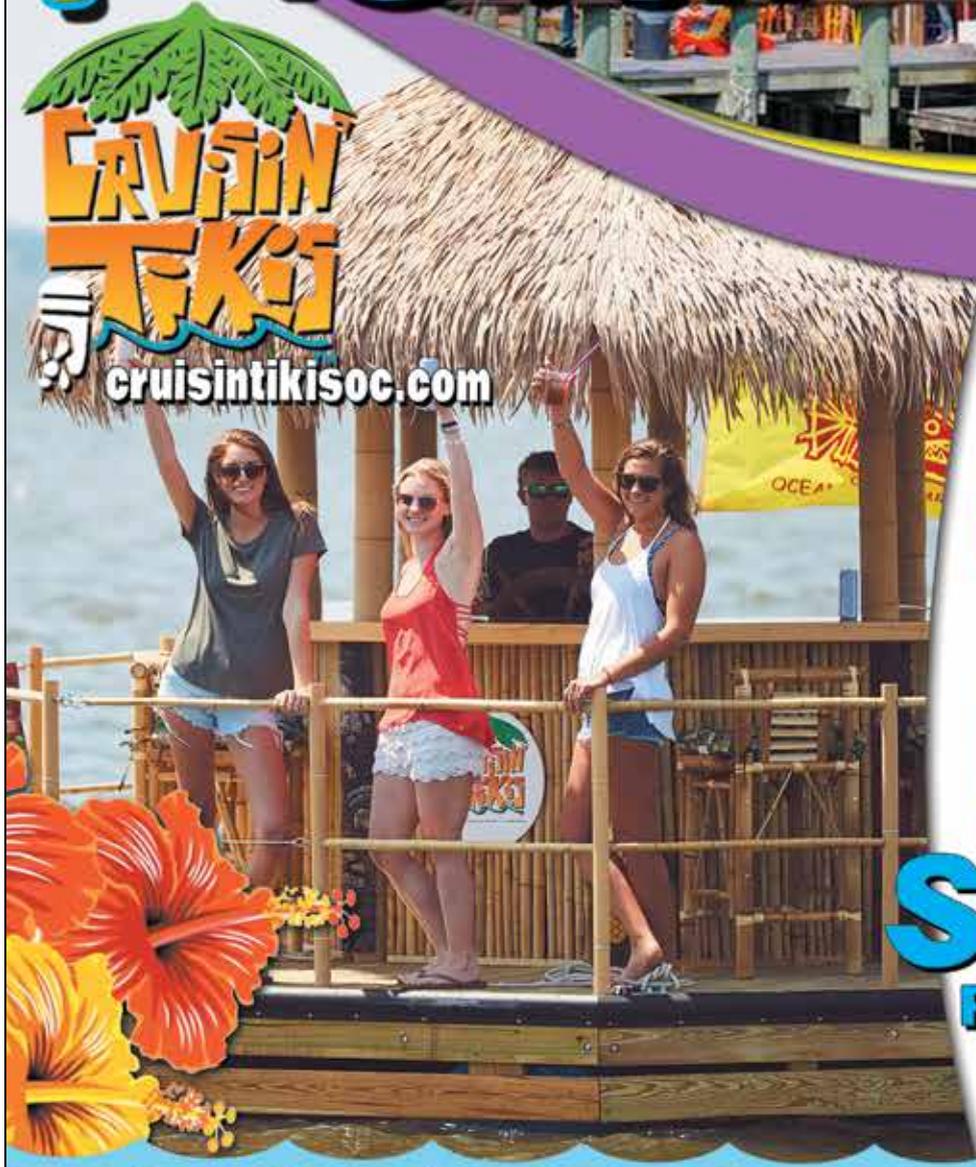
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The tuna catch this past week has been mainly 1 to 4 fish after a full day on the water. Capt. Mark Hoos of the "Marli" changed that up a little bit last Saturday bringing 9 yellowfins back to the dock. Anglers Jim Merkel, Alex Grabenstein, Debbie Stevens, Trey Dobbie, Amy Chandler and Jake Chandler with mates Danny Prettymand and Jax Moore were in the Poor Man's Canyon running Sterling Tackle Spreader Bars and Chains. The morning is where all the action occurred with the crew getting two quad hook ups and then a single to snag these nine. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week brought the summer heat. It was in the mid 90's most of this week and everyone flocked to the water to escape it. The back bays were filled with boats and the shore with anglers and bathers. The key this week was to get out early.

## Flounder, Blues & Rockfish

On the bay side we saw tougher fishing than in past weeks mainly due to the amount of boats stirring up the water. Flounder in the Rehoboth Bay however remain pretty strong. The area by Massey's Ditch no wake zone was the hot spot this week. Many anglers reported that if you got there before the crowds you could take home some quality fish. Ryan West fished the bays this week and caught several nice flounder up to 19". Bob Trento reported limits of flounder on 6/23 and 6/30 on the "Katydid" out of Lewes. Jay Kennedy also said he caught six with Capt. Keith last Sunday. He reported it was a little choppy but the

fish were biting. They were weighed at Lewes Harbor. Fisherman's Wharf ocean and bay fishing also reported great catches of flounder last Thursday. Paul Warner got a nice 19" flounder and Ryan West got a 4 fish limit in the Rehoboth Bay on Gulp. Cape Henlopen Pier is also producing some nice flatfish with Jordan Krawczyk pulling in an 18" fish along with a 12" bluefish. Bluefish are slowing down during the day, but night fishing is still producing a few on cut bait and bucktails. The stripers are still around in the bay with most fish coming near the inlet. Riley Kerr caught a 29" rockfish and his brother reeled in a 28 incher. The fish were caught on the "Gale Force" with Capt. Aaron Herd. On Wednesday Mary Mahoney caught a nice 28" striper on live eels at the inlet. Site 10 should be considered as well with several nice flounder coming out of this area in past years, along with several of the local tournament winners being caught here early in the morning.

## Sea Bass, Croaker & Sheepshead

Sea Bass is slowing a little but Old Inlet Tackle reports that anglers at the Old Grounds coral beds are catching some nice keepers with a few flounder thrown in. Sheepshead and triggerfish are beginning to show up and should get really good within the next week. Sea bass and small croaker are still along all the drop offs on the coral. Find a nice chunk near the shipping channel and drift your baits along the bottom. Clam and squid are the baits of choice for now. Last year we saw a rather late season for sea bass and this year is showing the same. Perhaps the year of decreased crowds really gave these fish a chance to rebound back in bigger numbers. Deeper wrecks such as Site 11 are still producing the best chance at limits. The "Thelma Dale" out of Lewes reported that they had nice catches of sea bass and flounder on Wednesday with many anglers getting their limit of fish. The outer and inner wall as well as the Ice

Breakers are producing some triggerfish, sheepshead, and tog. Site 10 is a good choice for a nice short ride and is targeted by many anglers this time of year. Lately our sources reported some sea bass, but most are small. It is best to fish this area early in the morning or late afternoon to avoid crowds and fishing pressure. Site 10 is also a good spot to target cobia.

The area between Site 10 and the Old Grounds is a great spot to set up and chum for sharks and cobia. Find a change in depth or one of the big rock areas and chum heavy. An outgoing tide is best as it will carry your chum further into deeper water and draw in more fish. Fenwick Shoals is also starting to produce some nice fish. It's a great spot for sharks and cobia. In past years, several of the wrecks such as the Boiler have produced nice triggerfish. A reminder ... if you hook a triggerfish, leave it in the water and quite often the others will follow it up to the surface allowing anglers to catch a plethora of this specie. Squid and sand fleas work great for triggerfish as well as sea bass and croaker. Fenwick Shoals is a short run from Indian River as well as Ocean City. The main concern with this area is many divers

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frequent the area because of the shallow water, be aware of this and give the dive boats plenty of room for safety.

### Surf Fishing

Surf fishing is in true summer mode. I fished Key Box Beach last Sunday and caught several northern kingfish. Next to me was Rob Farris and Gary Lord who caught multiple kings on both live and artificial bloodworms. They really had it dialed in and were releasing all their fish, but it should be stated that kingfish are great table fare. Matt from Fenwick Tackle says lots of spot are in the surf now as well as a few nice sized flounder. Crabbing and clamming remain good in the back bays, however, not as plentiful as last year. Lower oxygen levels may have something to do with this.

Till next week...

*Tight lines and fins up*



The spanish mackerel started showing up last week in numbers and this group from PA crushed it while fishing on the charter boat "Lucky Break". Capt. Jason Mumford had anglers Chase Burgoon, Shawn Burgoon, Tiffany Hollifield and Harry Hollifield trolling over the Winter Quarter Shoal where they caught 25 mackerel, a ribbonfish and 3 bluefish. Two of the blues measured 36"!

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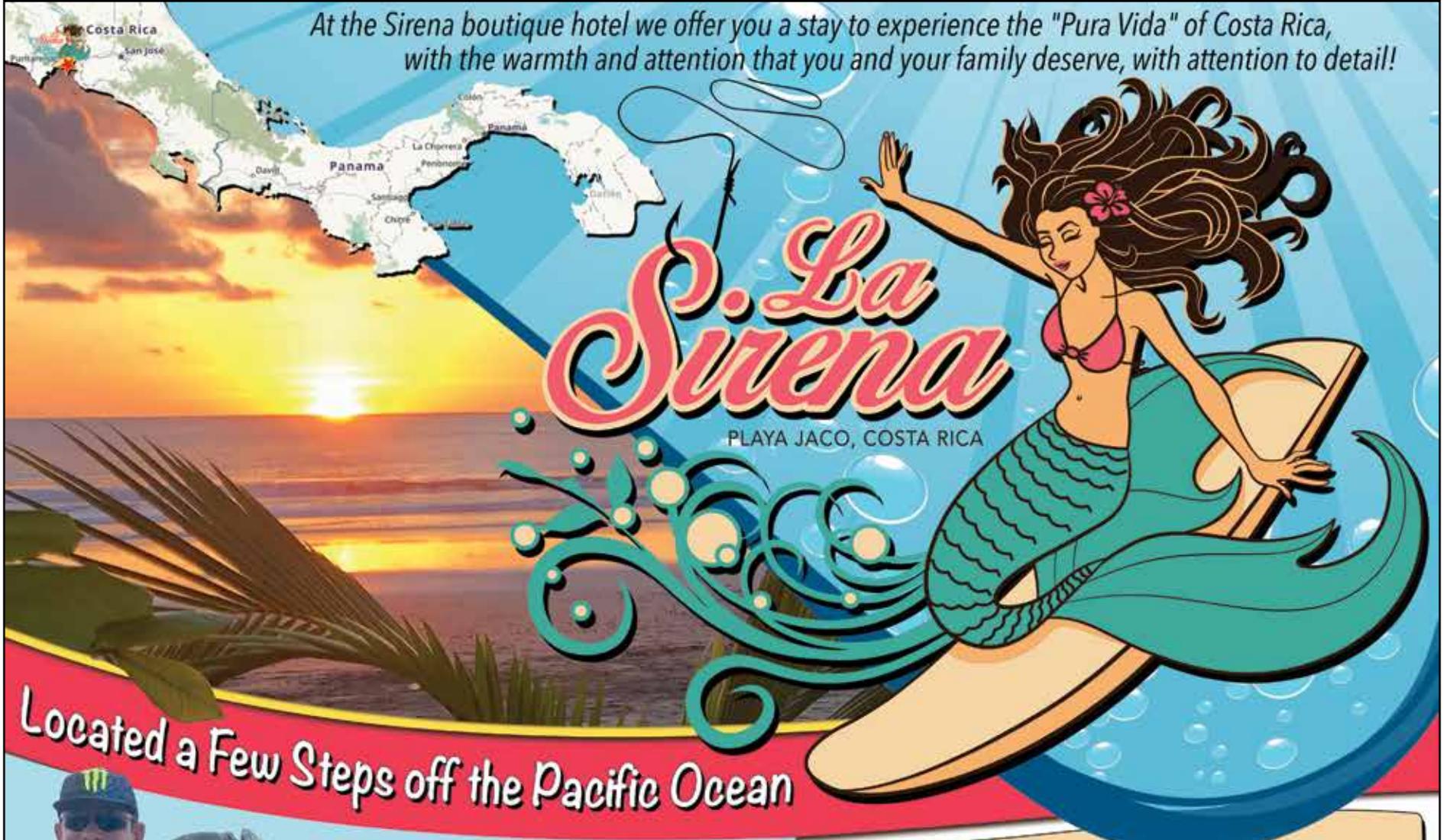
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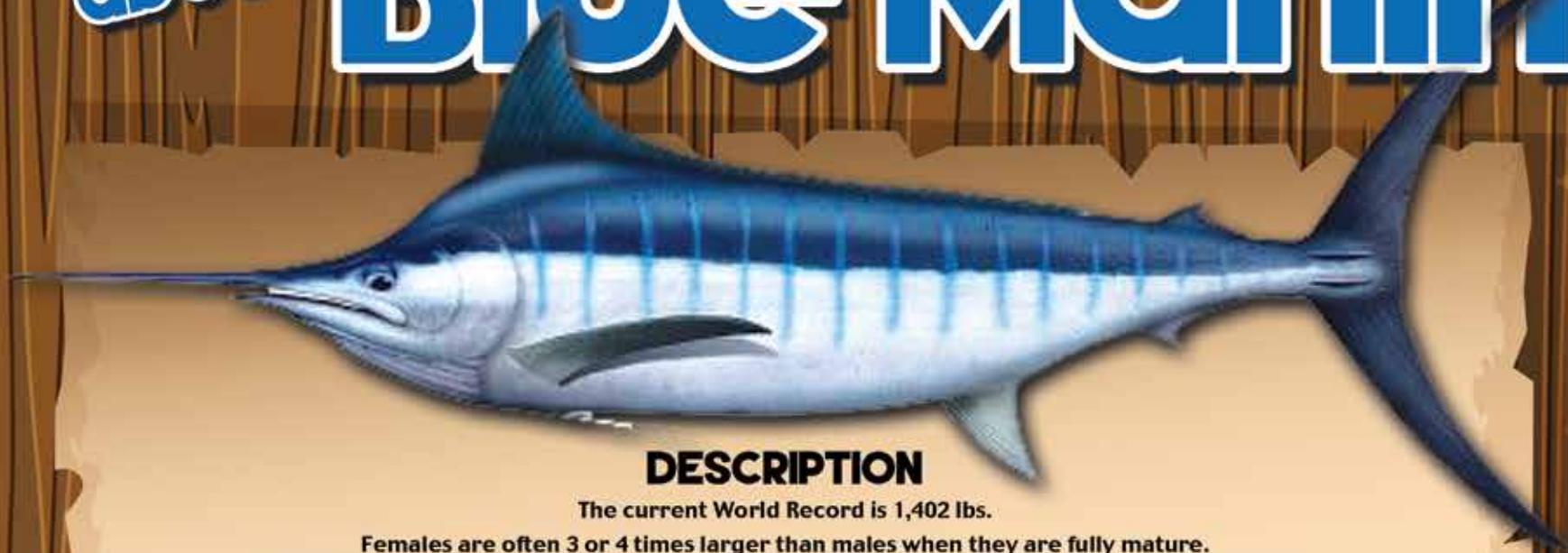
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# Blue Marlin



## DESCRIPTION

The current World Record is 1,402 lbs.

Females are often 3 or 4 times larger than males when they are fully mature.

Their bill is very long and thin, but it is also very powerful for helping them get food (see below).

The body has 24 vertebrae and is created to allow them to swim fast and easily without using very much energy.

They can reach speeds of up to 60 miles per hour.

The upper part of the body is a dark blue color. Underneath is a white or cream color.

## DISTRIBUTION

They spend most of their life in the deeper locations of the Atlantic Ocean.

They prefer warmer water and can be found as far north as George's Bank and the canyons along the continental shelf off Cape Cod. In 2011, a 575-pound Atlantic blue marlin traveled 4,776 nautical miles in just 120 days, swimming from Puerto Rico across the Equator and ending up near the coast of Angola, Africa.

## FEEDING

Blue marlin congregate along deep-water edges and seamounts where bait is prevalent.

They've been known to feed on a wide range of bait but their diet consists mostly of finfish and squid.

Some top menu choices include mackerel, anchovies, sardines, small tunas and flying fish.

A 2007 Japanese study of stomach contents of fish captured in a commercial trolling fishery found that 130 undigested prey items obtained from 227 blue marlin had spearing, slashing and other injuries that were judged to have been inflicted by the bill.

## REPRODUCTION

Females are mature for mating at 265 lbs. or below. For males it occurs when they are about 3 years old.

Maturity often has to do more with size than with their age.

The late summer and early fall are the mating times for the Atlantic blue marlin.

Females may spawn up to 4 times per season and can release up to 7 million eggs per season.

However, less than 1% of them will ever make it to the age of maturity.

These eggs offer a huge feeding source for various forms of aquatic life.

The average lifespan is 27 years for females and 18 for males, but depends heavily on conditions.

## CONSERVATION

Adult blue marlin have few predators other than killer whales, sharks and humans.

They are sought after as a highly prized game fish by sport fishermen who are at the forefront of efforts to conserve Atlantic blue marlin populations.



John Cacchio and Jack Voelmle from Ocean Pines, MD tricked these 19" and 20" flounders on a bucktail and white Gulp. They were fishing at the Ocean City Inlet on the "Lucky Seven" out of Ocean Pines Marina.



Last Friday was a good day on the headboat "Morning Star" with Capt. unusual for late June and Doren Daniel took the pool money for the day!



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Last Tuesday Capt. Ron Barnes from West Fenwick Island, DE braved the boat traffic in the Ocean City West Channel in front of M.R. Ducks to pull up this 18" flounder he tricked with a white Gulp and minnow combo!



Jarrett Widgeon from Showell, MD had a good time landing this rockfish on a bucktail near the Rt. 50 Bridge while on the charter boat "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. At 37.5 inches, she was just a little too big to keep and was released!

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On the final day of the 39th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off, the crew of the "Kilo Charlie" spent the day in between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. Capt. Howard Lynch and mate Burro Gonzalez with anglers Chris Kinsley and Craig Dickerson were on the troll in 500 fathoms when they tricked this mahi with a ballyhoo. Being the only qualifying fish in the Dolphin Division meeting the 10 lb. minimum, this moved them into 1st Place. Not only did it remain in 1st Place for the tournament, it won the most prize money at the event of \$8,280, almost 35% of the purse. Pictured at Sunset Marina's tournament scale.

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3RD PLACE - "CRET'S THREE J'S"	43.6 lbs.	\$666

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The 39th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off was a fish 2 of 3 day event that turned into mainly a fish 1 day event with most boats going out on Sunday only due to the weather! Three boats did test the waters Saturday though and it was a good move for the "Fish On". Angler Todd Willard hooked into a blue marlin estimated at 300 lbs. while in between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons scoring 150 points at the time. It took an hour to get to the boat after hitting their left teaser, but it was worth it as the big blue release held onto the leaderboard and ended up in 2nd Place in the Release Division earning \$1,224 in award money. Rounding out the crew were Josh Jasper, Michael Reddaway, Capt. Andrew Dotterweich with mates Jake Emeche and Jamie Barnett.



The Tuna Division during the 39th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off saw several leaderboard changes over the course of the event with most fish in the 30 to low 40 pound range. It was the crew of the "Loose Knot" however that took the top prize bringing a 51.6 lb. yellowfin tuna to the scales late on the final day of the event. Anglers Derrick Bowles, Jared Stern and Stephen Russell with Capt. John Weber and mate Ryan Russell worked both the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyon looking for tuna and mahi, they found this winner at the tip of the Baltimore in 200 fathoms. They also boated 2 other yellowfins, a gaffer mahi and had a miss on a bigger tuna, but this one got it done. The boat took home \$6,615 in prize money.



The action in the Billfish Release Division of the 39th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off was tough with only a few releases being reported. Capt. Frank Goodhart III was at the helm of the "Brenda Lou" with mate Tommy Howes in the Wilmington Canyon when angler Allan Whitley caught and release a white marlin midday earning 100 points. Overall the crew went 1 for 2 on whites and caught two yellowfin tuna. Their 100 points was enough to earn 3rd Place in the Billfish Release Division!



The "Gret's Three J's" was one of the few boats that came to the scales on both day 2 & 3 of the 39th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick Off. Saturday saw PA anglers Greg Garman, Joe Sharkey, Mike Tenuto, owner John Conrad and Capt. John Griffin with mate Patrick Snipes in the Washington Canyon bringing a 43.6 lb. yellowfin to the scale. On Sunday they found these 3 from the Baltimore Canyon with the largest at 45 lbs. Their effort earned the boat both 2nd & 3rd Place in the Tuna Division winning a combined total of \$1,665 in awards. All the fish were caught on spreader bars with ballyhoo.



Fishing was hard during the 42nd Annual Small Boat Tournament hosted by the Ocean City Marling Club, the fish were just not biting hard and most catches were singles or low single digits. Capt. Eddie Zajdel, normally on the charter boat "The Zipper", was at the helm of the "Victorious" for this trip to meet the small boat requirements of the tournament. He and fellow anglers Andy Green, Kris Leffew and Jacob Wainglas bucked the trend catching these 6 yellowfin tuna in the Washington Canyon using meat baits and spreader bars.



Marisa Pinkham caught this nice 4.95 lb. doormat fishing at the Old Grounds using a squid and minnow combo. She found the flounder with her fiancé Joshua Buchalter while fishing on his (soon to be theirs!) boat "Knot Right".

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Owen Reed has been fishing a lot with his grandfather George Saker of late. On this trip in the Chesapeake Bay just below the Virginia/Maryland line near Saxis, VA, Owen had fun reeling in this puppy drum and several others using peeler crabs.



This 458 lb. mako shark caught by angler Rory Badger of Seaford, DE sets a new 'Heaviest' for the season. Rory was on the "Sea Hawk" fishing out at the Old Grounds using mackerel for bait. Sharing this adventure with Rory were Jamie Joachimowski of Georgetown, DE and Paul Zarebicki of Harbeson, DE.



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**SALVATION - 1977 Omie Tillet Sportsman 50' Custom Carolina - Call Jeff James**



**CHIEF - 1986 57' Island Boatworks Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields**



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**APAVA - 1969 56' Rybovich Call Colton Cunningham**



**MISS ANNIE - 2005 52' Viking Call Jimmy Fields**



**MEGABITE - 2004 57' Dixon Custom Carolina - Call Jeff James**



**TOBASCO - 1979 48' Whiticar Call Jimmy Fields**



**HEBE - 1988 43' G&S Sportfish Call Ronnie Fields**



**CHUBBY - 1995 42' Liberty Call Jeff James**



**DONA LUCY 2017 41' Ronin Custom Viking - Call Jimmy Fields**



**DOUBLE TROUBLE - 2004 35' Marlago Call Terry Layton**



**2007 33' Buddy Cannady Call Ronnie Fields**



**2021 24' St. James Custom Boatworks Call Jimmy Fields**



**WORK LESS PAY MORE - 2019 32' Century - Call Dave Shockley**



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