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Fisherman's United of Ocean City was formed several years ago to continue the historical award of \$5,000 to the angler who caught and released the first white marlin every year after the city of Ocean City suspended their prize. We are after all, the White Marlin Capital! Since then the city has reinstated their award, the Ocean City Marlin Club also has an award for the member who released the first and the prize from Fisherman United has grown to \$7,000. So congratulations to Capt. Bobby Layton, the crew of the "Wrecker" and angler Kevin Gibbs for winning all three prizes!

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awarded to "WRECKER" and angler Kevin Gibbs

2022 FIRST WHITE MARLIN caught out of OCEAN CITY

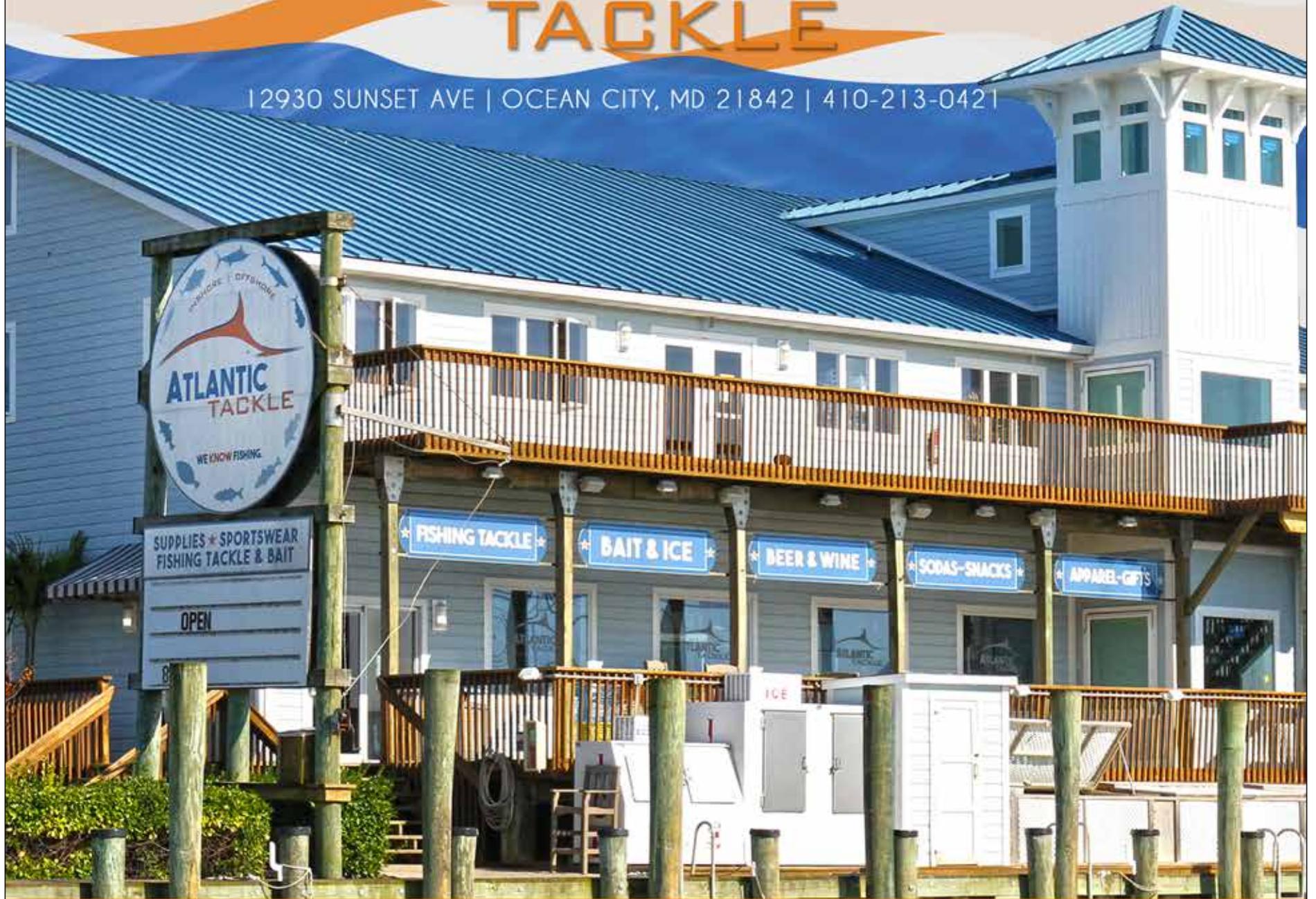


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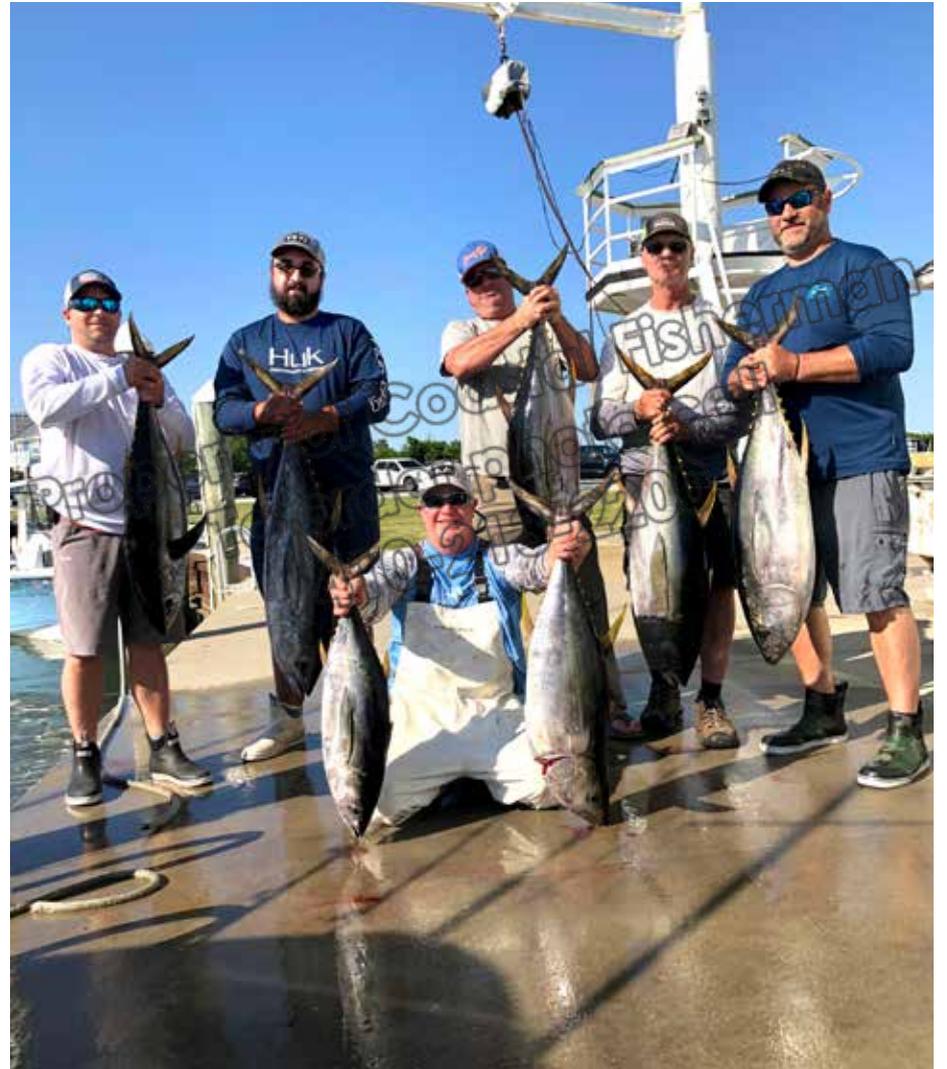


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Sometimes it's not about keeping, but catching! 8 year old Tyler Schoeffield and his dad Justin from Towson, MD caught this 35" and 25 lb. cow nose ray on a sea bass rig while fishing by the boat ramp at Massey's Landing in DE.



There was plenty of tuna action the first weekend of June and the crew of Capt. Ryan Richardson, George DeRitter, Mark Orsteen, Vernon Whelan, Jeff Gehm and Traye Mathews headed to the Wilmington Canyon to get their slice. They returned with 7 nice sized yellowfin tuna. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.



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the tie. We have had no further release reports since these two.

This Week Last Year

- Wind was an issue with several blowout days keeping boats at the dock.
- The first white marlin for 2021 was released by the "Tunafowl" in the Washington Canyon in 140 fathoms.
- The yellowfin tuna finally arrived en masse with the hot spot at the southern Poor Man's Canyon followed by the northern Washington Canyon.
- The first mahi catch for the season was made by the "Second Chance" in the Poor Man's Canyon.
- We saw two swordfish come to the docks, the first from the "Reel Chaos" and the second from the "Primary Search". Both from around 2000 feet in the Poor Man's Canyon.

With mostly warm weather inshore and off since our edition last Wednesday, we saw consistent action offshore for yellowfin tuna with some new species finally showing up and some big milestones for the season were met! The big highlight for last week was the report of the first white marlin caught and released this season. There are of course major bragging rights for this achievement, but there are also some nice prizes available.

Word spread quickly on Tuesday of last week about a potential white marlin release, always a highly anticipated event! Capt. Bobby Layton on the charter boat "Wrecker" shared that he normally is set up to tuna fish this time of year, but having seen a white 2 days prior, he was on the

hunt. On the Tuesday trip they found a white while trolling just north of the Baltimore Canyon. After they boated some yellowfin tuna, they saw the white pop up on the flat line. The white disappeared briefly only to hit on a ballyhoo with a Sea Witch on the bridge shotgun rod. Angler Kevin Gibbs, co-owner of the Dough Roller Restaurants in Ocean City shared that is was a totally different vibe working the white marlin versus the tuna they caught earlier in the day. The energy from the crew was at another level. This makes sense as the fish was a potential first white for the season as well as Kevin's first ever white marlin catch! Beyond the bragging rights, the crew also won some nice cash, taking the trifecta of awards available. The first is the \$5,000 award that the Ocean City presents as the "White Marlin Capital of the World". Second, as a member of the Ocean City Marlin Club, the "Wrecker" will be awarded their \$5,000 prize for the first member to release a white, and lastly, the group of local businesses known as Fisherman United Ocean City (Coastal Fisherman is a member of this group) awards currently \$7,000 making the total payout for this fish at \$17,000. Like some years past, another white was released on the same day by Capt. Joe Drosey's crew on the "Rhonda's Osprey", but timing of the release breaks

As for blue marlin, the only info we have was from the "HotLine" who reported breaking off on a nice one in the northern Washington Canyon last Saturday.

Lots of other action offshore and the first canyon tournament for the season, so let's get into it.

The good and not really bad news is that the very hot yellowfin tuna bite of two weekends ago that required 90+ mile runs to the southern Spencer Canyon moved into closer waters. Mainly the Baltimore Canyon followed by the north Wilmington. That good news was tempered by lower catch counts in the mid to upper single digits from the limit catches the week before. Great weather and lake like water on Saturday saw the Baltimore become a parking lot of boats, also putting pressure on the fish. Some notable catches were both in quantity and quality. We mentioned above that the crew on the "Rhonda's Osprey" release a white, however they also boated 10 yellowfin in the Wilmington. The "Restless Lady" brought in 10 yellowfins from the Baltimore Canyon. The private boat "HotLine" continued its streak Saturday venturing to the less crowded north Washington Canyon and returning to the scales Saturday at the OC Smackdown

A colorful poster for the '2nd Annual Ladies Only Tuna Tournament'. It features a woman in a purple shirt on a boat, a large yellowfin tuna, and fishing gear. Text includes 'OCMD', 'TUNA & TIARAS', 'JUNE 17-18 2022', 'OVER \$100K IN PRIZE MONEY GIVEN AWAY LAST YEAR', and 'HUK'. At the bottom, it says 'Visit Us at WWW.TUNAANDTIARAS.COM' and includes social media icons for Facebook and Instagram.

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Tuna Tournament with 10 yellowfin in the box. Captains were finding water in the mid 60's to the low 70's across the three canyons. In the 'quality' category were two large fish. The charter boat "Bill Slayer" out of the Indian River Marina pulled a 75 lb. yellowfin from the Baltimore and the PYY Marine Fishing team on the "Hooked Up" brought an 80.6 lb. tuna to the docks from the Wilmington Canyon during the Ocean City Smackdown Tuna Tournament last weekend. Both are new "Heaviest Fish" for DE and MD respectively and will most likely hold those spots for a while.

Yellowfin were not the only thing in the tuna news last week, with some other notable catches coming to the scales. The charter boat "Spring Mix" called in on Friday to share they were bringing in a large bluefin tuna, or at least most of one they found in the northeast corner of the Baltimore Canyon in 200 fathoms. Angler Corey Healy was on the rod for 2 and a half hours,

and just as the fish got to the boat a mako snapped off it's tail and shredded some of the tuna's belly. That's right, the taxman is already in the Baltimore in early June! Even without a tail the bluefin weighed 243 lbs. and measured 71" and is now the Heaviest bluefin to beat.

Finally for tuna, the first bigeye of the season has been reported, and a big one at that. Again, the "HotLine" came to play last Sunday when angler Richie Widmayer landed a 191.5 lb. bigeye tuna, the First of the season in the Baltimore Canyon in a patch of 72° water.

In other offshore news, we are seeing a trickle of mahi at the docks, mainly gaffers mixed in with yellowfin catches on the troll. The Baltimore was also the most reported canyon for catches like the two nice gaffers caught by "The Zipper" and the current Heaviest at 24.8 lbs. caught by Jake Howe on the same "Wrecker" trip as the first white marlin.

We expect to see this action picking up soon.

Lastly we have a couple of swordfish to report. The First of the season came to us from the crew of the "Espadon" who was deep dropping in the Poor Man's Canyon on June 4th. Last Saturday saw a nice 106 lb. sword caught by the charter boat "Primary Search" in the Baltimore Canyon. Capt. Austin Ensor decided to try for sword as the tuna were being difficult!

Lots more action inshore, in the surf and the bays. Make sure to check out the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia reports to know the latest.

Another quick reminder that we have moved offices and are now a few yards west of our old offices at 12703 Sunset Avenue, Suite 8.

Until next time, we will see you at the scales! §



Upcoming Tournaments

- The 2nd Annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament returns on June 17th & 18th. Scales are open both days from 4PM to 7PM at the Ocean City Fishing Center. More at TunaandTiaras.com.
- The South Jersey MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament is June 22nd thru 24th in Cape May, NJ. More at southjerseytournaments.com/midatlantic-tuna-tournament.
- The 7th Annual Indian River Kids Catch All Tournament is June 24-26. More about this family fun event at the Indian River Marina can be found at KidsCatchAll.com.
- The 43rd Annual Small Boat Tournament hosted by the OC Marlin Club is June 25-26. You do not have to be a member of the club to participate. Weigh-ins are at the Tournament Scale at Sunset Marina and details are at OCMarlinClub.com.
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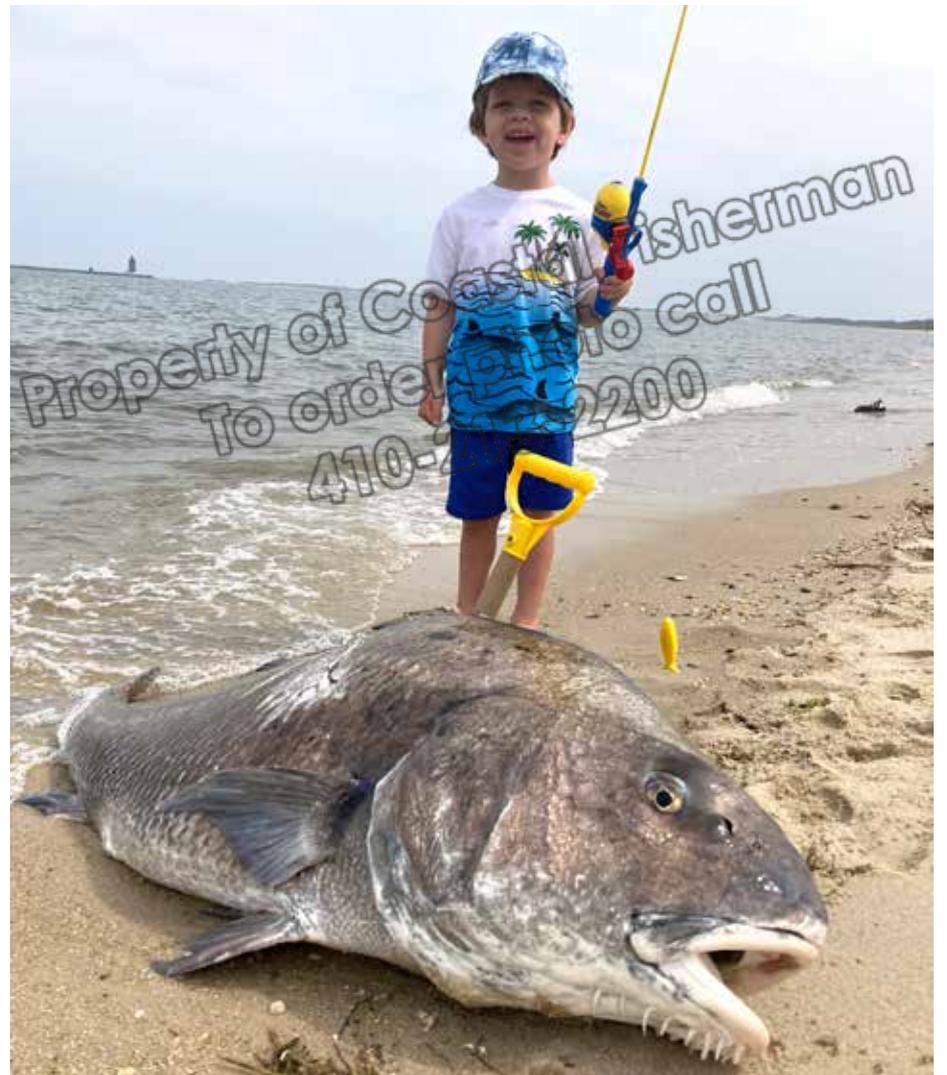


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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



As the second week of June comes to a close, we begin to get ready for the busy season. Schools are done for the year and the crowds will begin arriving next week. The quiet waters brought lots of nice fish and water temps continue to warm up. Flounder have started to show up in the ocean and the back bays are alive with life. Sea bass continue to rule our near shore fishing as flounder rules the back bays.

Sea Bass & Flounder

Sea bass has slowed, mostly due to the mass of anglers targeting all the near shore spots. I always suggest putting in the time if you can and travel a little further to deeper water where better nice fish can be found. In shore the African Queen site is your hot spot for the week. The cable piles and lobster habitats were reported to be the best location for keeper sea bass. Many more shorter knotheads are coming over the rail recently, so be ready to fight through the short fish to acquire your dinner. John Foreman reported sea bass were slow again on the near shore wrecks but the

ribbon fish were happy to bite a hook, saving their day on the water. John also reports a few decent flounder were caught. A nice end to a slow start is always welcome. The charter boats have begun changing over to pelagic fishing which has really turned on this past week. The inshore head boat fleet reported they are finding a lot more short sea bass, but are still managing a good pick of knotheads on the near shore reefs. The "Ocean Princess" reported they have finished their 7 hour trips and changed to the summer shorter trips. Victor reports that they are managing to pick some nice fish despite the growing numbers of throwbacks coming over the rail. The headboat "Angler" also reported bite was much slower this week, however they managed a few really nice sized sea bass (up to 4 lbs.) and several flounders mixed in for their anglers. As we get further into the summer heat the sea bass will retreat further offshore and the flounder bite will make up more of our inshore catch. It's good to see the oceans coming alive with these flat beauties this

early in the year. Speaking of flounder, the back bay bite really turned on this week. The "Tortuga" bay fishing boat reported a few keeper flounder last week stating that the catch gets better every day as the weather warms. Squid and shiner combos are being used the most in the bay, but Gulp baits are starting to take some nice fish.

Anthony Puglisi of First State Service was spot on the flounder this week returning to the dock with a limit of some really nice sized flatties. The area behind Assateague Island has again been the most productive. Coincidentally, this area usually has the least amount of boat traffic. Finding the big holes near or south of the airport is the best spot to target the big fish. The area near the Rt. 50 Bridge is always a productive area, however, holding the boat near the bridge with the steady current flow can be very tricky, even to an experienced boater. Allowing your bait to drift the bottom between the bridge pilings is the best, however, if you have ever tried to hold the boat in gear just up

current of the pilings, you will understand why not many anglers have good days here! The channel running along the bulkhead near 2nd St. has been a good spot to drift, although, I've heard there is much more debris to contend with this year on the bottom and anglers should be prepared to lose a rig or two. The bridge area has also been producing a few nice bluefish at night off of cut bait and jigs. They are usually holding next to the pilings on the down current side of the bridge waiting for a meal to pass by.

Rockfish & Bluefish

The Rt. 50 Bridge as well as the Rt. 90 Bridge have several small rockfish holding along them that will strike a paddle tail lure thrown near them. Most of these fish are undersized, but a couple of keepers have been reported. Bucktails with bright color rubber worms have also been a great bait for stripers. On Assateague Island the rockfish have really tapered off with only a few reports of undersized fish being caught. The beach did produce some black drum along the southern part of the beach near the Virginia line. South of Chincoteague Island the reports of big red drum continue, but only a handful of these fish are traveling north to Maryland. Cut bait

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 and fresh clam is your best bait for targeting these fish. Driving as far south as you can on the federal beach will also give you the best chances of hooking one. Sand fleas are now easily found on the beach and can also be used to target fish along the shore line. Many of these fish are not far from the shore line so a long cast is not necessary. Phillip King caught a beautiful black drum this week on clam. His fish was caught at 3:30pm proving that you don't need to be on the beach at zero dark hundred. Tyler Mathis reported his week on the beach brought several sharks, blues and even a few redfish. Chuck Bauswell had a unique catch this week off the beach with his first cobia. Not many anglers can say they have caught cobia off a surf rod, and even though the fish was undersized, it's still a great catch.



Until next week...
 Tight lines and fins up \$

Now that is a good way to display your catch! It was a boys trip and their first overnight for the "Azora". Capt. Andy Swope and his two sons Tom and Jack made a run from Snug Harbor to the canyons east of the Wilmington where they caught these 3 yellowfins in the 50 to 60 pound range using ballyhoo.

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Looks like mixed grill time for the Bettinsoli family from Ocean City. Brooke and TJ show off their catch from a trip with Capt. Joe Holiester and mate Tommy Howes on the "Game On". They were trolling ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon when they raised this yellowfin tuna and 18 lb. gaffer mahi.

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 BLUE MARLIN 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit	 YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day	 BIGEYE TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length No Retention Limit	 GOLDEN TILEFISH No minimum • 8 per person/day
 WHITE MARLIN 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Roundscale Marlin combined 250 Limit	 BLUEFIN TUNA 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	 SWORDFISH 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter) 1 per person / 15 per Headboat	 BLUELINE TILEFISH 5/1 - 10/31 3 per person (Recreational) 5 per person Uninspected (Charter) 7 per person Inspected (Charter)
 DOLPHIN No minimum Length Boat Limit 60 Charter Limit 10 per person/ 60 per Boat	SAILFISH Minimum Length 63" • No Retention Limit	 WAHOO No minimum Length • 2 per person/day	
<h3>SHARKS</h3> <h3>AUTHORIZED SPECIES</h3>	No Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead 54" Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose 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.	71" Minimum Fork Length Male Shortfin Mako 78" Minimum Fork Length Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead	83" Minimum Fork Length Female Shortfin Mako PROHIBITED SHARKS Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White

Resources: eregulations.com & NOAA.gov



The flounder bite offshore is in full swing and our local headboats are a great way to get in on the action. Jeff Kerner booked his slot at the rail on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and tagged this keeper flounder at a natural reef using a bucktail.



The flounder bite at Site 10 has helped offset the slowed sea bass action. Alexia Lento boated this 23" flounder there using a combo of squid and minnows on a top and bottom rig.

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Jennifer Massey jiggged up a nice double header of sea bass at a natural reef. She was fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat "Angler" docked at the Talbot Street Pier.



William Cooper From Bishopville, MD caught and released this 22" striper at the southern tip of the OC Jetty. He was fishing on his brother Stuart's boat with brother in law Charles Adams. The rock hit on an old school white bucktail with and orange worm alleged to be as old as the anglers! The group also snared some bluefish.



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 Bluefish	June 5 Mike Botsaris S. OC Jetty 12.5 lbs.	May 27 Mike Greene 3 R's 10 lbs. 12 Oz.	 Thresher Shark	May 30 Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
 Black Drum	April 16 CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	May 22 Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	 Bigeye Tuna ★ <small>New</small>	June 12 Richie Widmayer Baltimore Canyon 191.5 lbs.	
 Cobia			 Bluefin Tuna ★ <small>New</small>	June 10 Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 Flounder	May 24 Dave Skirka Thorofare 5.5 lbs.	★ <small>New</small> June 9 John Gudneck Ocean Structure 6.35 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna		June 5 Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
 Sea Bass	May 31 Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	May 20 Randy Meyers Ocean Structure 3.50 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna ★ <small>New</small>	June 1 Mick Young Wilmington Canyon 80.6 lbs.	★ <small>New</small> June 10 John Savoca Baltimore Canyon 75 lbs.
 Sheepshead			 Dolphin ★ <small>New</small>	June 7 Jake Howe Baltimore Canyon 24.8 lbs.	
 Striped Bass	May 20 Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 Swordfish		
 Tautog	April 22 Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	April 22 Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 Blue Marlin		
 Wahoo			 White Marlin		

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Fishing in the Tangier Sound was productive last week with some nice fish reported. Bob Bant of Millsboro, DE took the trip west and caught this 28" and 7.5 lb. speckled trout on soft crab. He was fishing with Billy Bant from Gumboro, DE and Mark Dronney of Millville, DE.

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The dolphin are starting to trickle in to the docks, usually with yellowfin tuna catches! Capt. Chris Huk with mates Shane Knoll and Tanner Virden put the crew of the "Restless Lady II" in between the Wilmington and Spencer Canyons to get this one along with 5 yellowfin tuna.



Matt Groff, Chet Hartz, Chris Hartz and Chad got a nice mix of fish on the first trip of the season for Capt. Zip Zajdel and mate Eddie Zajdel on the charter boat "The Zipper". They were trolling in the east Baltimore Canyon with ballyhoo and spreader bars when they connected with these 3 yellowfin tunas and a couple gaffer mahi.

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Kelli, Art, David and Sarah from Round Hill, VA found these 4 keeper flounder and had several throwbacks in the Sinepuxent Bay with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break".



It was a lovely day for Julie Fernandez, Jasmine Parker and Clare Lawrence from Philadelphia, PA. They took to the Thorofare on the charter boat "On The Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey and put three keeper flounder on the cleaning table.

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While the sea bass bite has cooled a bit, some large fish are still being caught. Our new Heaviest sea bass for the season in MD was 5 lbs., caught by JD and Mary Eddy from Ellicott City, MD. Part of "Green Reaper" fishing, the "Reel Steel" was at the Great Eastern Reef where they caught 22 sea bass and 2 keeper flounder.



The weather has not always cooperated for those heading out on headboats in search of sea bass and flounder, but at least the fish have been! Capt. Chris Mizurak on the deep sea fishing vessel "Angler" have been seeing a nice mix of sea bass and flounder on his recent trips to natural and artificial reefs.

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Another charter boat made their first trip of the season to the canyons last week. While this crew of Jimmy Wenner from Haggerstown, MD, Harold Shipe, Noah Cornish and James Shipe of Frederick, MD, along with Mike Ronundo and Ed Bajkowski from Bel Air, MD originally scheduled a trip on the "Boss Hogg", mechanical issues shifted them to the "Pumpin' Hard" with Capt. Mike Burt at the wheel. They were fishing in the Baltimore Canyon and raised these 5 yellowfin tuna as well as a good sized gaffer mahi. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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The first trip of the season for the crew of the "Spring Mix" was one for the books! Capt. Chris Watkowski took anglers Corey Healy, Geoff Auff, Adam Joffe, Dan Sovers and Dennis Borunda to the NE corner of the Baltimore Canyon where they all wrestled this 243 lb. and 71" bluefin tuna for 2.5 hours! Unfortunately a mako had dinner plans and took the tail right at the boat (our 1st taxman report for the season). Mates Jacob Bialk & Colton Sheeler were in the pit helping the crew to catch 3 yellowfins as well.

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The charter boat "Turnin Fins" put some meat on the dock after their first trip of the season! Capt. Jake Shaffer with mate Kevin Conrad took Logan Shady and crew 90 miles into the southern Spencer Canyon to snag these 5 yellowfin tunas.



Fishing makes you happy, catching even happier! Ramiro Gonzalez of Silver Spring, MD has a big smile showing off the nice knothead he caught while fishing with Capt. Eric Shoaff on the headboat "Judith M". They were 18-20 miles off shore using squid, shiners and clams for bait.

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We are finally seeing tuna in earnest and they are getting closer! Capt. Todd Kurtz on the "Restless Lady" moored at the Talbot Street Pier headed to the Baltimore Canyon last Wednesday. Mate Kevin Kurtz made sure anglers Guy & Suzy Smith from Chesapeake City, MD, Pete Blohm of Severna Park, MD and Kenny Morris from Stevensville, MD had plenty of action boating these 10 yellowfin tunas ranging from 30 to 50 lbs. Capt. Todd knows how to raise tuna!

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The camera knew what to focus on in this picture, the fish! While the sea bass has slowed a bit, the ocean bite for flounder has picked up. Tim Price spent the day with Capt. Mizurak on the headboat "Angler" and fished up this keeper flounder.



Always a fun fish to pull from the drink is the triggerfish. They can be caught offshore or from the shore at the inlets. James Tetrault hooked this one from the shore at the Ocean City Inlet last week using shrimp.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson

"Flying rats," the angler commented about a couple of seagulls that were squawking over which one would get to perch on a piling closest to the cleaning table. "Darn things ain't good for nothing but crapping on boats and stealing baits!"

The grumpy fisherman was a little taken back when I asked him, "Yeah but where would we be without them?"

"Cleaner boats and bait on our hooks. We'd be a lot better off. That's where we'd be!"

I certainly didn't want to get in a ruffle with the guy over birds, so I allowed the exchange to end at that. But I couldn't help but think about how many fishermen there are like him who don't really know much about, let alone appreciate, the birds that surround us when we're out on the water doing what we do.

They beg for scraps from our lunch, they follow our boats, they sit on the dock pilings and stare at us while we're cleaning fish, we watch for them to show us where

the fish are and then they try to steal the bait right off our hooks, they'll squawk, scream, and fight over an old fish skin then drag trash out of a dumpster and poop on our boats. The good, the bad, and the ugly is all there when you're talking about seabirds. But through it all they're as much a part of the environment, the landscape, and life on the coast as the sand, the water, and the fish we pursue. The more one knows about the different birds that surround us, the more they can appreciate the important role our feathered friends play in the salty environment we fish.

Brown Pelican

When I was a kid there were no pelicans here on the shore, but now Delmarva supports a large nesting population of these awkward looking birds. Rarely found more than five miles offshore, brown pelicans are mostly seen flying just off the ocean beaches and over our back bay waters in all but the coldest of months. Diving pelicans can clue anglers

to the presence of bunker, mullet or other medium size baitfish.

Wilson's Storm Petrel

Petrels are the little black birds with white rump patches that anglers see offshore that stay close to the surface and flit around the waves. While hovering close to the water to feed on small specks of marine life, these birds use their little webbed feet to literally prance on the surface thus prompting the name "petrel" after St. Peter who once joined Jesus for a walk on the water. Petrels live their entire life over the open ocean and only go ashore for nesting which is done on the southern tip of South America and Antarctica. Petrels are one of the most numerous birds in the world and found in all the oceans. Anglers should watch for congregations of petrels which could indicate the feeding activities of predator fish below.

Greater Shearwater

Shearwaters or "sailor gulls" as they are locally known are medium sized brown and

www.coastalfisherman.net white birds with pointed wings that gracefully glide close to the water and are only seen offshore. They will land on the water and then swim down to at least 30-feet to catch a small fish or steal an angler's bait. A strong presence of these birds will clue fishermen to the possibility of big fish in the area. However, right now there are a lot of offshore anglers who are absolutely hating these birds as they've been attacking and annihilating baits being trolled for tuna and billfish. The good news is that this assault should subside in a week or so as the migration takes most of these birds north for the summer.

Sooty Shearwater

The sooty shearwater is similar in profile to the greater shearwater but it's mostly all black, not as abundant and not as much of a problem for fishermen.

Double Crested Cormorant

These are the skinny black birds that are often seen flying over our coastal bays like strings of geese, or huddled in big groups on the sandbars. They're most abundant during the cold weather months but there's always a small number

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of them here even in the summer. Cormorants are very proficient at swimming underwater to catch small fish. Cormorants aren't typically used by fishermen to locate good places to fish but if there seems to be a bunch of them working in one area it could be an indication that there is at least some kind of life below.

Great Black-Backed Gull

When mature, these birds are mostly white with a very dark back and top of wings. As gulls go they are one of the largest in this area and are very common around the docks, bay waters and on the ocean relatively close to shore. These are predatory birds that will feed on both live and dead fish and about anything else they can capture or find.

Herring Gull

Herring gulls are similar to the black-backs in that they are quite large and mostly

white except that the back and tops of the wings are gray and the wing tips are black. Herring gulls can be found nationwide and many miles from the coast. These are also the species most likely to be seen scavenging in dumpsters and landfills.

During their first couple years of life the plumage of both the herring gull and the black-back are a mottled brown and white. After their second year of life they're much easier to identify by their black or gray backs.

Laughing Gull

Nothing reminds you that you're on the coast like the unique call (or laugh) of a laughing gull. These black headed gulls seldom stray far from the coast but can sometimes be seen hunting for insects in cultivated fields and they're common residents at docks and marinas and will make quite

a racket when competing for food. Laughing gulls are not so much hunters as they are scavengers so if fishermen observe them working over open water there is a good chance that predator fish might be feeding and leaving scraps.

Ring-Billed Gull

Rng-billed gulls appear as a small version of the herring gull except that they have a black (not red) ring around their bills. Also like the herring gull, ring -bills can be found very far away from the coast. Their feeding habits are much like that of the laughing gull.

Terns

Terns are the small to medium size birds with sharp pointed wings and a forked tail. They're mostly white with a cap of black feathers on the top of their head. There are about five species of terns that frequent the area including

the Royal, Caspian, Least, Arctic, and the Common tern. Terns are fast flyers that can often be seen over the bay or ocean hovering many feet above the water and watching for a small fish to dive down on. Anglers fishing for bluefish, stripers, mackerel or any other species that feed on very small fish should always pay attention to the terns as they can be a great indicator of where you want to be.

They squawk, they steal our baits, they crap on our boats (and sometimes on us!), but where would we be without the diverse array of sea birds that are as much a necessary part of the environment as the fish we pursue? And surely every fisherman can benefit from just a little basic knowledge about the birds that occupy the airspace over their fishing grounds. §

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Andrew Biddle, Bob Ebersole, Lane Ebersole and Canon Ebersole put some nice flatfish on the cleaning table! They were fishing on the "Paisley Grace" at B Buoy and fooled these 4 keeper flounder using Cajun Chicken Gulp. The largest measured 26", almost into doormat territory!



The First Fish for the season categories are filling up fast! Chad Tingle from Delaware is in the books for catching the first longfin tuna for 2022. He and Mike Walker were on the "Sea Bear" in the Wilmington Canyon on June 5th when they connected with this 49.5 lb. tuna. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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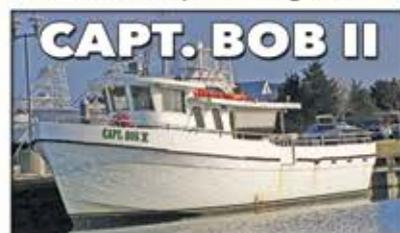
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VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



We have definitely had some pretty awesome conditions to enjoy the ESVA! The water is warming up along with the weather. Fairly calm winds and inviting seas have provided a terrific setting for fun in the summer sun with family and friends.

The inshore flounder bite continues with most success coming from the top of the tide. The time frame on both sides of high water are providing the clear conditions that are needed for fantastic floundering on the flats. Hot baits have been silversides or big bull minnows coupled with squid strips, Gulp Grubs or Swimming Mulletts. Productive colors include white, pink, chartreuse, salmon red (bright orange) and purple. Along with the flounder, hard heads have appeared around the inlets of the VA barrier islands.

These fish are small, but will brighten any young anglers day with aggressive excitement that helps reinforce a foundation for the sport we love! At the same time that anglers are targeting flounder in the seaside shallows, others have shifted sea bass efforts over to the flounder who call deeper inshore reefs and wrecks their home. These compressed bottom predators are found tight to structure and have been taking jigs and bottom rigs tipped with Gulp Grubs or strip baits. They definitely add a tasty addition to a already delicious sea bass trip!

The beach is getting a little more crowded as folks come from near and far to enjoy our awesome Atlantic. There's been some pretty decent bottom fishing for kingfish and a few spot. These palatable pan fish can be lured into the cooler with small

float rigs placed just outside the break. Inshore sharking has been good from the suds as well as inside the inlets. Cut baits on wire rigs adorned with circle hooks have been doing the trick. Remember, while plentiful here, shark populations worldwide are in bad shape and this fishery is catch and release. Just because we don't take these cartilaginous critters home for dinner doesn't mean we can't enjoy their scrappy fights while respecting the strength and design that only God could take credit for.

The Chesapeake is still producing some drum action of both black and red varieties. The black bite has been centered around the channel edges of the Pocomoke sound while the reds have been hidden in the masses of bull fish inhabiting the shallow grass beds of both Pocomoke and Tangier sounds. The shallow casting

www.coastalfisherman.net bite has been fair as rock have made up most of the action with specs coming over the gunwales sporadically during the trip. The specs that we have boated are certainly quality fish and worth the work. The most anticipated topic of the week is the impending cobia season which starts on the June 15. We have been getting fresh baits like live eels, bunker chum and all kinds of olfactory offerings for anglers to prefish these brown brutes. Don't forget your VA cobia permit so you can get in on the fun!

Last Thursday I was surprised with my oldest son returning home for the weekend from his duty station that he serves at with the U. S. Coast Guard. I asked him what he would like to do during his time off and he replied " Go casting... Duh". So we snuck out Friday evening and he enjoyed top water action on rock, specs and blues while I enjoyed having my boy home. I watched a young man revel in how we are blessed, and thought to myself how lucky we are to have all this fun and family right here in the place we call home! §

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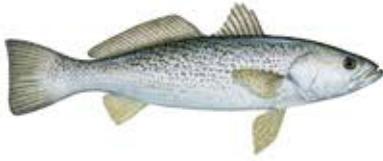
Angler Greg Nieman from Laurel, MD had a good day in the Thorofoare. He caught this 20" keeper flounder using a bull minnow to tempt the biggies!



Our Virginia Report author Matt Abell had his son home for a bit from his duties with the US Coast Guard, and of course they hit the water. Ethan Abell had fun hitting up the Topwater Chesapeake Rockfish.

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Sometimes you just can't wait for the fish to come to you, so you go to them! Connor McNulty and Ian Breznak, both from Catonsville, MD could not wait for warm water to get to Ocean City, so they headed down to the Oregon Inlet and snagged two yellowfin tunas over 50 pounds. The fish hit on Sterling Green Side Trackers while the boys were trolling on "Conner's Conquest".

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THE GALLEY

by Chef Christine



Panko Crusted Rockfish

Ingredients:

Seasoning For Fish:

¼ teaspoon garlic powder

¼ teaspoon onion powder

¼ teaspoon dried parsley

1/8 teaspoon salt and pepper (¼ teaspoon each)

1/8 teaspoon Italian seasoning

1/8 teaspoon paprika

Remainder of Ingredients:

2 rockfish fillets (approx. 4-5 ounces each)

1 cup Panko bread crumbs (must use panko crumbs for crunchiest crust!)

1½ Tablespoons olive oil (or oil of your choice)

Directions:

In a small bowl, combine the garlic powder, onion powder,



salt, pepper, italian seasoning, paprika and dried parsley. Pat the rockfish fillets dry, using paper towels. Sprinkle one side of the fish with the seasoning mix, dividing it equally between both pieces of fish.

Place panko crumbs onto a dinner sized plate and spread them out. Place fish, one fillet at a time, onto the panko crumbs. Press down, to cover the bottom with the crumbs. Turn the fillet over and coat the other side with crumbs, as well. Pat them

into the fish with your hands to make the crumbs adhere to the surface as much as possible. Set fish aside and repeat with other fillet.

Heat oil in a large skillet on medium heat until very hot, but not smoking. Carefully place fish into the hot oil seasoned side down. You should hear it sizzle when it goes into the skillet. Do not move the fish after it hits the skillet. Cook for approximately 4 minutes, until you see the outside bottom edges of the rockfish browning. Once well browned and crusty, carefully turn each fillet to the other side, using a spatula. Cook the second side for about 4 minutes, until fish is cooked through and flakes easily. Transfer the fish to serving plate once done, and enjoy!

Blackened Fish Tacos with Avocado Lime Sauce

Ingredients:

Avocado Lime Sauce:

½ cup sour cream

¼ cup water

1 avocado, medium-sized and ripe

¼ cup cilantro leaves, loosely packed

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

½ teaspoon lime zest, about 1 lime

½ teaspoon minced serrano pepper, seeded

Fish Tacos:

1 ½ teaspoons smoked paprika

1 ½ teaspoons dark brown sugar

½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon onion powder

½ teaspoon kosher salt

¾ teaspoon cumin

¼ teaspoon chili powder

¼ teaspoon black pepper

1 ½ pounds mahi fillets, cut



lengthwise into smaller pieces if needed

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

8 corn tortillas, 6-inch

8 lime wedges

1 cup tomatoes, diced

1 cup red cabbage, sliced thin

1 cup green cabbage, sliced thin

Cilantro for garnish

Directions:

Add sour cream, water, avocado, cilantro, lime juice, lime zest and serrano pepper into a blender.

Process until smooth, scraping down the sides as needed. Add more water as needed to achieve desired consistency. Transfer to a small bowl and refrigerate.

Combine paprika, brown sugar, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, cumin, chili pepper and black pepper in a small bowl.

Sprinkle seasoning evenly over both sides of the fish fillets.

Heat oil in a large cast-iron skillet or sauté pan over medium-high heat.

Add fish to pan then cook 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until the desired degree of doneness. The surface will blacken in color quickly so keep a close eye on the fish.

Warm tortillas according to package directions.

Divide fish evenly among tortillas.

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- 2 tbs. soy sauce
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- Zest of 1 lime
- Lime wedges for garnish
- Ponzu sauce for garnish

Directions:

Pat tuna steaks dry with a paper towel.



In a small mixing bowl, combine the sesame oil, lime juice, and soy sauce, stir together to combine.

Pour over the tuna steaks and let marinate for at least 10

minutes.

Heat a grill to high heat and place a cast iron pan on top.

Pat the tuna steaks dry again and sprinkle the everything bagel seasoning on top, covering the entire surface and gently pressing into the steak to make sure it stays, flip and repeat on the other side, making sure all surfaces are coated.

Add the oil to the hot cast iron pan, then immediately place the tuna steaks inside the pan.

Sear for 2-3 minutes on each side.

Remove from the heat and rest for 5 minutes. Slice into 1/4 inch slices and serve with lime zest, lime wedges and a drizzle of ponzu sauce. Enjoy!

Blackened Sheepshead with Basil-Lime Cream Sauce

Ingredients:

- Olive oil
- 4 6-ounce Sheepshead fillets
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 jalapeno pepper sliced into rings
- Lime slices for serving
- Avocado slices for serving if desired

then flip and sear another 2 minutes. Add a splash of water and cover. Cook another few minutes, or until the fish is cooked through and moist within. Do not overcook or it can become dry.

While the fish is cooking, add the jalapeno slices to a hot pan with a splash of olive oil and crisp them up. It should take a couple minutes per side. Remove from heat.

Make your cream sauce by whisking together the sour cream, lime juice, lime zest and basil.

Drizzle the basil-lime cream over the whitefish and serve with crispy jalapeno slices, slices of lime and a bit more lime zest over the top.

I like to serve mine with a few slices of avocado on the side.

Grilled Swordfish in Lemon Caper Cream Sauce

Ingredients:

- 8 tbs. extra virgin olive oil



For the cream sauce:

- 1/2 cup crema or sour cream
- Juice from half a lime
- Zest from half a lime + more as needed
- 1-1/2 tablespoons finely chopped basil

Directions:

Heat olive oil in a large pan to medium-high heat.

Season the fillets with the cayenne, paprika, garlic, basil and salt and pepper.

Sear the tops of the fish in the hot pan for about 2 minutes,

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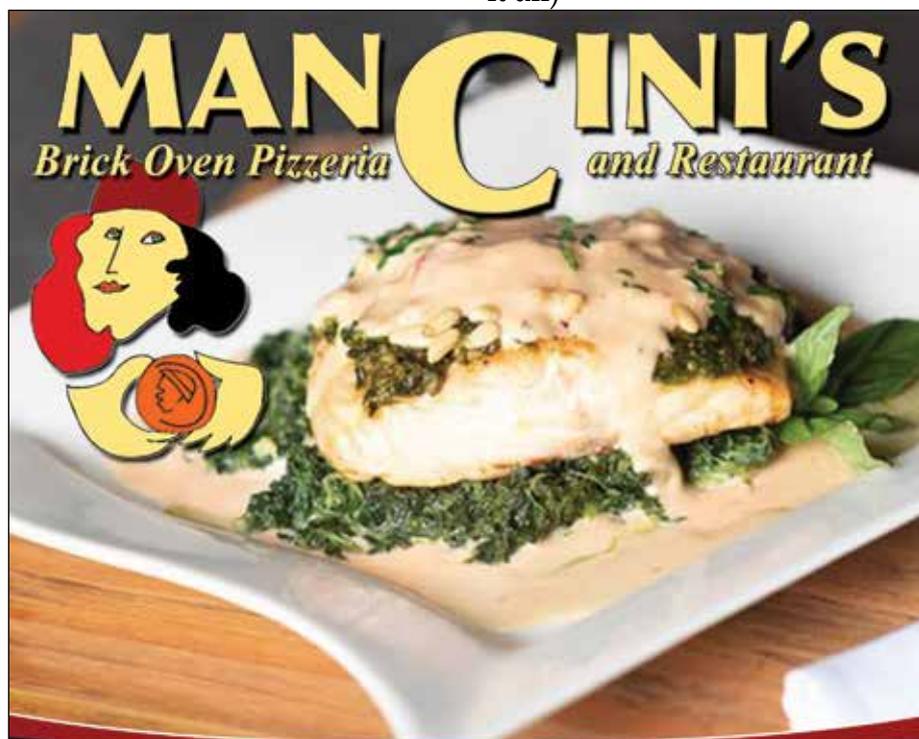
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- Garnish with Sliced lemons
- Creamy Lemon Caper Sauce:
- 8 tbs. Olive Oil
- ½ stick of high quality butter
- ½ cup of heavy cream
- Juice of 1 medium-sized lemons
- Zest of 1 small lemon
- 1-½ cups minced fresh-cut Italian parsley
- 4 cloves of fresh garlic, finely chopped
- 4 Tablespoons fresh-cut oregano, finely chopped
- ½ small jar of capers (if salted, rinse thoroughly)

Directions:
Drizzle each swordfish steak with olive oil and spread the oil evenly over each steak on all sides. (I also drizzled some soy sauce on top and spread some minced garlic and thyme over it all)



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Place each oiled swordfish steak onto the bread crumbs and panko crumbs and then turn over, making sure that the steak is covered on all sides.

Get the grill heated!

Prepare the sauce:

While grill is warming up, heat all of the sauce ingredients in a saucepan.

Place on a very low simmer to keep the sauce warm while grilling the swordfish steaks.

Grill the steaks on a medium-low heat for 2 minutes on each side until the bread crumb coating is a nice gold-brown color.

The thicker the steak, the longer the time necessary to cook through, keeping in mind that the steaks should not be cooked to the point of being dry, but rather they should be moist and tender inside.

Pour a little bit (about a tablespoon) of the creamy lemon caper sauce on top of each steak.

Garnish with sprigs of fresh-cut Italian parsley and slices of lemons.

Pass the remainder of the sauce around to guests.

Pan Seared Tilefish with Wild Mushrooms, Asparagus & Onions

Ingredients:

- 2 6 oz. fresh tilefish fillets, scaled with skin on
- 4 small new potatoes, boiled and cut in half
- 1/2 lb. asparagus, trimmed and sliced diagonally into 2-inch pieces
- 1 cup shiitake mushrooms, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 1 cup cremini mushrooms, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 2 small yellow onions, peeled and julienned
- 3 tbs. olive oil
- 5 tbs. butter

- 1/2 cup chicken stock
 - 1 bunch chives, chopped
- Directions:

Heat one tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and cook for one minute, stirring constantly. Stir in one tablespoon of butter, reduce the heat to low and cook until



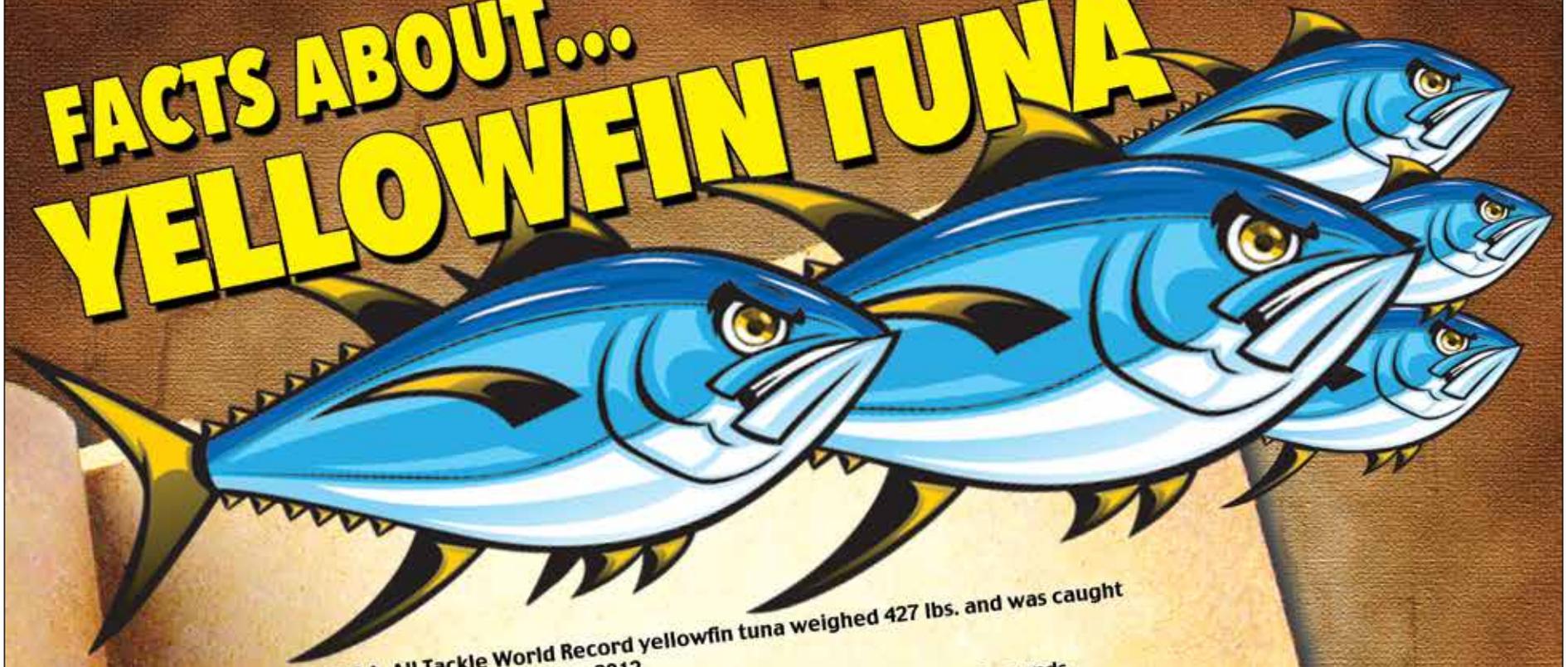
the mushrooms are lightly browned and the pan is dry, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, transfer to a medium saucepan and set on low heat to keep warm.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in the skillet. Add the onions and cook over medium-low heat, stirring a few times until lightly browned for about 8 minutes. Season lightly with salt and pepper then add to the mushrooms. In the same skillet, quickly sauté the asparagus spears over high heat for two minutes. Then add to the mushrooms with the new potatoes together with the chicken stock. Simmer for 3-5 minutes, or until the vegetables are warmed through, seasoning with salt and pepper.

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in the skillet over medium-high heat. Season the tilefish fillets with salt and pepper and sear, skin side down, until the skin is browned and crisp, about 3 minutes. Turn the fillets over, and cook another minute until the fish is just cooked through.

Stir in half of the chopped chives into the vegetables and stir to combine. To serve, divide the vegetable mixture among 2 pre-warmed plates and set a tilefish fillet on top. Garnish with the remaining chives and serve at once.

FACTS ABOUT... YELLOWFIN TUNA



- The current I.G.F.A. All Tackle World Record yellowfin tuna weighed 427 lbs. and was caught off Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in September 2012.

The yellowfin tuna is among the larger tuna species, reaching weights over 400 pounds, but is significantly smaller than the Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tunas, which can reach over 990 pounds, and slightly smaller than the bigeye tuna and the southern bluefin tuna.

- The second dorsal fin and the anal fin, as well as the finlets between those fins and the tail, are bright yellow, giving this fish its common name. The second dorsal and anal fins can be very long in mature specimens, reaching almost as far back as the tail and giving the appearance of sickles. The pectoral fins are also longer than the bluefin tuna, but not as long as those of the longfin albacore. The main body is a very dark metallic blue, changing to silver on the belly, which has about 20 vertical lines.
- Yellowfin tuna are epipelagic fish that inhabit the mixed surface layer of the ocean above the thermocline in 65 to 88-degree water. Sonic tracking has found that although yellowfin tuna, unlike the related bigeye tuna, mostly range in the top 330 ft. of the water column and penetrate the thermocline relatively infrequently, they are capable of diving to considerable depths. An individual fish tagged in the Indian Ocean with an archival tag spent 85% of its time in depths shallower than 246 ft., but was recorded making dives to 3,810 ft.
- Yellowfin tuna often travel in schools with similarly sized companions. They sometimes school with other tuna species and mixed schools of smaller yellowfin and skipjack tuna. They are often associated with various species of dolphins or porpoises, as well as with larger marine creatures such as whales and whale sharks. They also associate with drifting flotsam such as logs and pallets, and sonic tagging indicates some follow moving vessels

Spawning occurs throughout the year with the peak during summer months. They typically reach weights of slightly over 8 lbs. after only 18 months.

- Yellowfin tuna prey include other fish, pelagic crustaceans and squid. Like all tunas, their body shape is particularly adapted for speed, enabling them to pursue and capture fast-moving baitfish such as flying fish, sauries, and mackerel. Schooling species such as myctophids or lanternfish and similar pelagic driftfish, anchovies, and sardines are frequently taken. Large yellowfins prey on smaller members of the tuna family such as frigate mackerel and skipjack tuna. In turn, yellowfin are preyed upon when they are young by other pelagic hunters, including larger tuna, seabirds and predatory fish such as wahoo, shark and billfish. Adults are threatened only by the largest and fastest hunters, such as toothed whales, particularly the false killer whale, pelagic sharks such as the mako and great white shark, large Atlantic blue marlin, Pacific blue marlin and black marlin. The main source of mortality, however, is industrial tuna fisheries.

Yellowfins are able to escape most predators, because unlike most fish, tuna are warm-blooded and their warm muscles make them extremely strong swimmers, with speeds of up to 50 miles per hour. They can navigate enormous distances, sometimes crossing entire oceans.

- Yellowfin tuna have a typical lifespan of 8 years.

Source:
Wikipedia.com



The tuna fishing last weekend definitely cooled from the hot action the weekend before. Still many boats made their way to the Baltimore Canyon on Saturday. The charter boat "Primary Search" with Capt. Austin Ensor and mate Brian Suschke was one, and they decided to shift the strategy for their charter after boating 5 tuna and releasing several throwbacks. Switching to deep dropping, they made one run and connected with this 55" and 106 lb. swordfish! Capt. Austin with Joe Tight pictured at Sunset Marina.

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The crew of the "Hot Line" have been hot the last several weeks. Capt. Zack Brunner with mate Mike Eid found 64°-67° water between the Wilmington and Spencer Canyons where they and RJ Blakeney, Aaron Piper and Justing Gernert caught their 5 man limit. The tunas hit on Green Machines with ballyhoo.



The Brown boys of Ocean View, DE finally got the "Miss Darlene" out for some fishing in the Baltimore Canyon! Smiling Richard and Rick Brown with Walt Gazdzik trolled up 3 yellowfin tunas on spreaderbars and ballyhoo as well as getting their limit of bluefin tilefish and some roseys.

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The first swordfish of the 2022 summer season has hit the docks! Capt. Sylvain Côté on the charter boat "Espadon" with mate James Côté took a trip to the Rockpile on June 4th to get some tilefish and then did some deep dropping in the southern Poor Man's Canyon. Angler LP got the honors using an electric reel to bring this sword up from the deep.

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Jim and Par Fendryk got to bring back a nice 21.5" keeper flounder that Par caught using a minnow and squid combination. They were on the "Generation III" fishing the channel near Fish Tales around 23rd St. in Ocean City.



Despite a late start due to boat issues (isn't it great to own boats!), Bill and Brad Hubbard on the "Second Chance" with Bob Althaus, ran 80 miles from OC in early June to the NE of the Wilmington Canyon. While the water was only 63°, they still managed to get their 3 man limit in a little over 4 hours.

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Alex Artese is having a good 2022! After a good tog season he has move to flounder. Last Wednesday he fished at Massey's Landing and caught this 4 lb. and 22¼" flounder using Gulp.



Vance Atkins of Frankford, DE got a nice surprise last week while he was fishing on the drive on state beach to the south of South Bethany, DE. He was throwing bunker into the surf when he connected with this 34" red drum.

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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



The kids are back from college, local schools finished their last week and the towns gather and prepare for the next 8 weeks of heavy tourist traffic. The fishing this week in Delaware was nothing short of fantastic. Lots of big flounder, tons of black drum, keeper rockfish and even a few croaker thrown in for good measure.

Sea Bass & Flounder

Sea bass, although definitely slowing, are still producing some quality fish. For those fishing the near shore wrecks or coral ground near A Buoy or B Buoy, many undersized fish must be sorted through to produce a keeper. Graf Eggers stated that he caught over 60 fish out at site 11. He managed to find only 5 keepers out of the 60 fish but stated the action was non stop. Jason Ruditys had a good day on nearby wrecks bringing home several nice flounder and a few nice sea bass as a bonus. Capt Mike Faust brought the Matt Mcconnold group back to the dock with several

quality sea bass and even a stray triggerfish. The group used clam, squid, and jigs to provide the unrelenting action they saw all day. The fish were weighed in at Lewes Harbour Marina. Captain Ike charters had a group of young kids on board who brought in a nice stringer of healthy sea bass. Fresh clam is still your best bait but sea bass are also taking sand fleas and squid. From what I've heard, the jig bite has dropped off significantly. Those venturing off to the deeper water near the NJ/DE Reef were getting a better quality of fish, but as the water warms the larger trophy fish are heading even deeper. Finding a piece of structure that has not been targeted by 100 anglers is also becoming harder to find. With that said, many anglers are changing over to flounder fishing on the coral grounds.

The flounder have really begun to move in shore and are being caught throughout the areas of coral near A&B Buoy. Big Gulp baits are

producing the best with long strips of squid as a close second. Scott Harmon took his first trip of the year ending in a limit with his biggest fish being 4 lbs. Daryl Mergenthaller Jr. was also out for flounder and captured some really big fish. Alexia Lento was out at Site 10 and managed a nice 23" flounder on a deadly combo. The fish were weighed in at Rick's Bait and Tackle. John Gudneck was out on the "Katydid" and returned with a limit of flounder including a trophy 6.35 lb. flattie. The new rig last year was the floating jig heads, and this year Mike Smith was using his floating jig head to hook a couple of real nice flounder. Mike said any color will work as long as it's pink. I tried a few of these style rigs last year and had very good success. The small floats on these rigs also help to keep the rig from snagging the bottom. Andrea Monetti was fishing this week and using her girl power returned to Lewes Harbour with a huge trophy

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flounder. John Spence also had a good day on the water catching 4 keepers up to 22" as well as a nice trout. Horace Hockenstien also returned with limits of flounder this week. The fish were brought into Indian River Marina's Hook 'em and Cook 'em Tackle. Alex Artese managed to get a few casts in after work and brought home a nice flounder for dinner. This is a great style of fishing for taking small children to introduce them to fishing. Speaking of children, don't forget that the Kids Catch All tournament is coming to Indian River Marina on June 24-26. If you have never attended this function you really should. It's a great way to introduce kids to fishing and a great event put on by Indian River Marina. Family fun and activities are available with Hook 'em and Cook 'em providing insightful expertise as well as a shop with some of the best crab cakes you will find in the area. Up in the Lewes Canal, Peter Didden fished and pulled in some quality flounder on Gulp baits. Fish ranged from 2.5 lbs. to 3.2 lbs. Mike Slaughter, Mark Harris, and Jarad Hitchens also fished the Lewes Canal and brought home keeper

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 flounder and sea trout while fishing with minnows. Further north, the Delaware Bay has also been on fire with nice flounder and even some sea trout. Many of the trout were over 12". Minnows and swim baits accounted for the trout.

Surf Fishing

Surf fishing, although hit and miss, was very steady last week with flounder, cobia and blues coming in. In the area of Indian River Inlet, Joey Kokoska caught a beautiful striper on an Ultra Minnow bucktail. Tim Morris got 2 short flounder and a few nice bluefish. Weakfish were plentiful at Broadkill Beach last week. Travis Frey said no keepers but in 2 hrs they caught 15 of them. Lowell Salzman pulled a few kings, a couple of blues, 1 ray and even a shark off the beach on his outing. That's quite a plethora of fish with a big variety. I need days like that out surf fishing, great job! Bryan Winker reported his dad caught a beautiful 39" cobia off 3 R's beach. Cobia are not often caught in the surf, but I got reports from both Delaware as well as Maryland of cobia being caught. Stacey Poe caught a couple short stripers off the beach on cut bait. Michael Deller got 2 bluefish and a couple short rockfish out of the same hole near Indian River Inlet. Nate Spencer hooked a great 24" 6lb trout. DS Custom Tackle reported the kingfish action was hot this week on Fishbites. They were catching them 2 at a time as soon as the baits hit the water.

Crabbing remains good with fat, heavy crabs. The average is around 8 keepers per pot. Holts Landing is the crabbing hot spot of the week.

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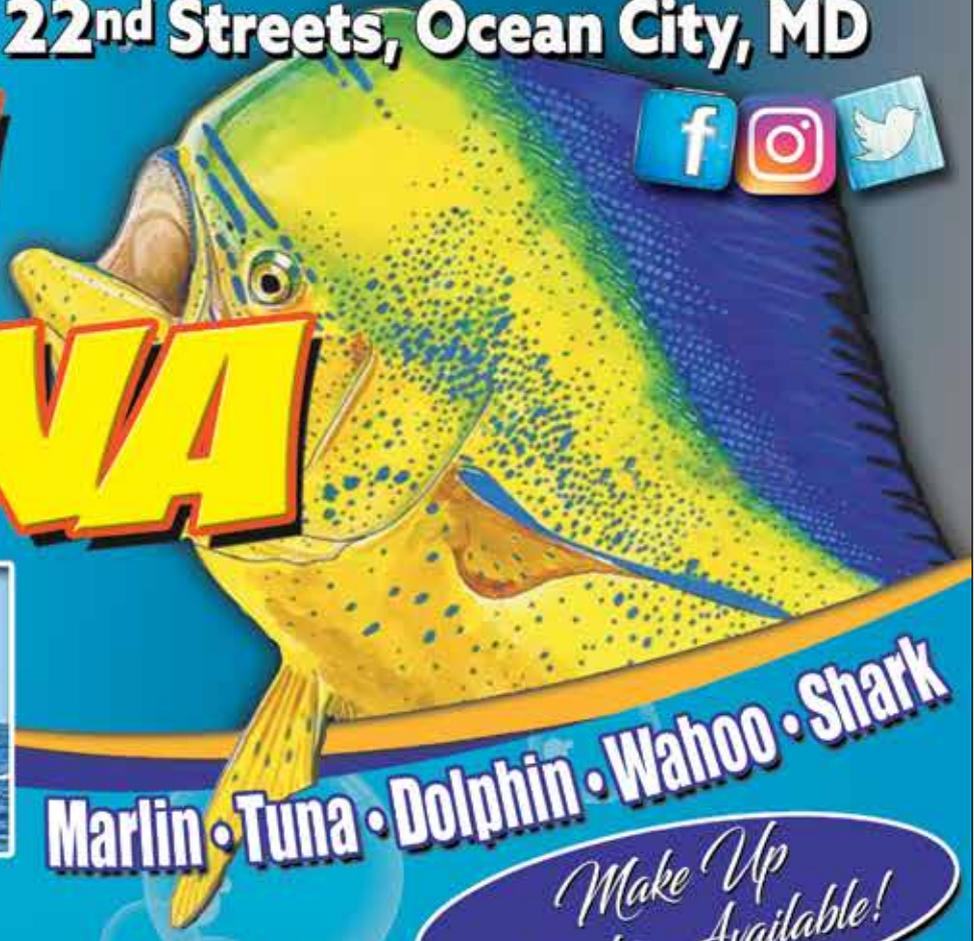




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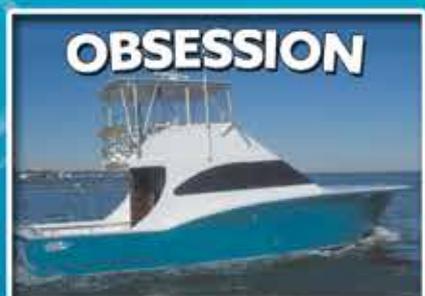
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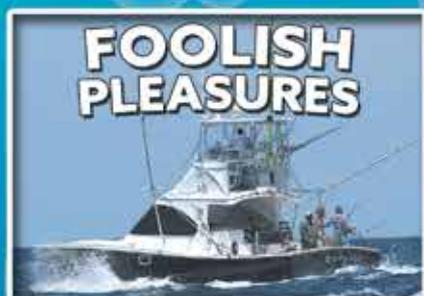
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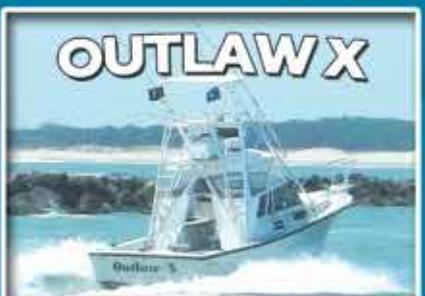
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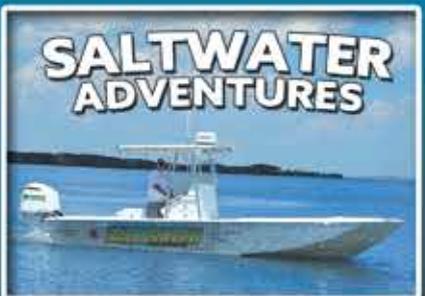
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White side up? The debate lingers on! Regardless of which side is up, anglers Jimmy Okoniewsk, Steve Matarese, Jr. and Steven Matarese, Sr. of Wilmington and Smyrna, DE had a great day and slammed 11 keeper flounder up to 21" using bucktails & squid at the Old Grounds.



The famous line from the movie Jaws - "I think we need a bigger boat" - seems to apply to Sandy Lotz of Chincoteague, Virginia! She was fishing with Capt. George Sauer on the "Little Bit" between Watts and Beach Islands on the west side of the VA peninsula when she caught this 50 lb. black drum on a peeler crab, her first big drum!

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FRI. JUNE 17	High 11:02 am High 11:45 pm	Low 04:59 am Low 04:48 pm
SAT. JUNE 18	High ----- High 12:01 pm	Low 05:57 am Low 05:50 pm
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It was a triple keeper day for the man with the Baja Straw Hat! Dan Foltz was fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat "Angler" working natural and artificial reefs to catch these three keeper flounder.



The "Finatic" with Capt. Mark Malamphy and mate Brandon Malamphy fished overnight from Saturday to Sunday in the northeast corner of the Wilmington Canyon. Conditions were good with water temperatures around 71°. Overall the charter guests released 3 short fin mako sharks, kept 2 yellowfin tuna, snagged a gaffer dolphin and tossed 6 false albacores in the box.



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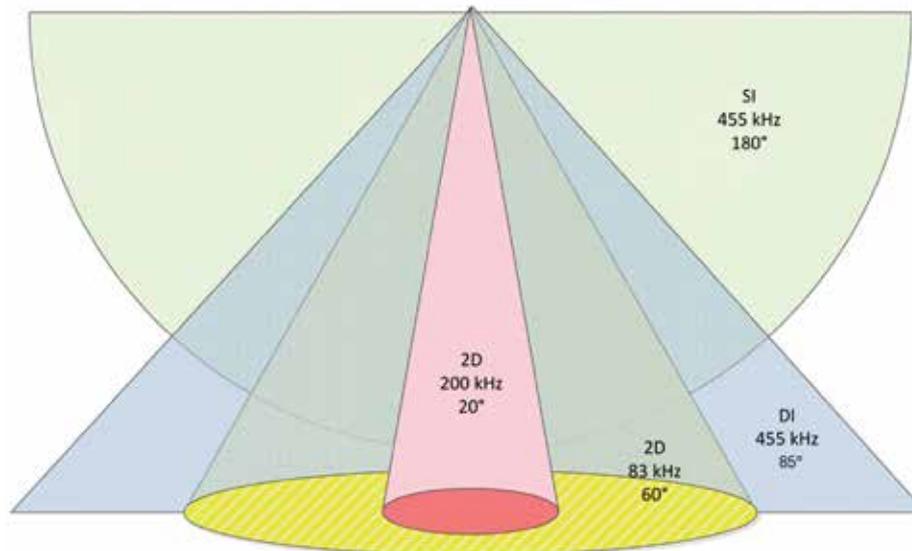
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If consumer side scanning fishing sonar wasn't so popular there wouldn't have been so many patent lawsuits between Navico (Simrad, Lowrance B&G) and Garmin resulting in a licensing agreement allowing Garmin to use Navico's technology.

They must be on to something! What is imaging side scan sonar and why might I want it?

A traditional transducer has an "element", a piezo ceramic disc that both sends and receives acoustic waves into the water. The differences in the return signal are an indication of the objects in the water below the transducer.

Typically, a transducer will



send the signal directly downward into the water, perpendicular to the water's surface. The signal is cone shaped and gets wider as the water deepens, allowing you to "see" a wide area beneath the boat.

Some transducers have

multiple elements, operating at different frequencies in a single housing, such as the typical 50/200kHz transducer. A CHIRP transducer operates in a similar fashion, though the frequency is much broader, resulting in better definition of the sonar image.

One thing in common these time honored transducers have is that they are designed to send their signal into the water perpendicular to the surface. This allows the fish finder to show you a historical view of the bottom and what lies between the bottom and your boat.

Not too long ago, engineer's at all the major marine electronics companies started to experiment by changing the angle of the elements in the transducer housing. Since transducers are not transparent, we can't see what's inside, but we can learn how it works.

The engineers also started to experiment with different frequencies. As many captains have learned, the low frequency sounder works better in deeper water, with limited detail, and a high frequency setting works better in shallow water and

shows more detail.

By redesigning the typical round elements into a bar shape and moving the transmitting angle upwards, the sonar can now "see" to the side of the boat with a narrow fan shaped sonar beam. This sounder technology is often referred to generically as Imaging sonar. Each manufacturer seems to have a different and often confusing name for their products: Garmin calls their imaging sonar; ClearVu, SideVu, Ultra High-Definition (UHD) scanning sonar and Panoptix. Simrad/Lowrance referees to their imaging sonar as; DownScan Imaging™, SideScan, ActiveTarget, StructureScan® 3D and more. Some of these high frequency transducers are designed to look to the sides of the boat and some look to the bottom, and some



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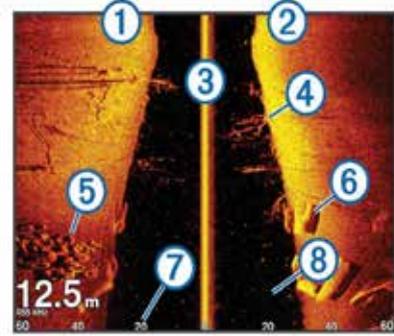
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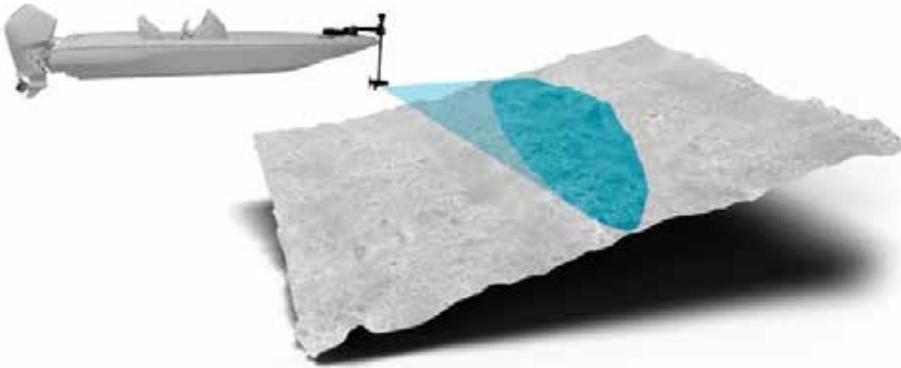
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- Water between the vessel and the bottom

combine all three directions into one transducer. These transducers and associated MFD's (Multifunctional Display) were originally built for the needs of bass fishermen and other fresh



water anglers, though salt water use has become very popular.

Most of these imaging sounders operate at frequencies much higher than traditional fish finders in the range of 400kHz to 1200kHz. As with traditional sounders, the higher the frequency, the shorter the range.

These imaging sounders are able to produce a realistic, extremely detailed image of the structure under and to the sides of the vessel. Some of these systems can display a real time, live image of what's under and around the boat. The narrow beam of an Imaging sonar requires that the boat be moving, not too fast, to paint a picture of the water below.

There is a lot of technology packed into these transducers. One particular transducer, the Lowrance ActiveTarget transducer is comprised of three arrays, each having 140 individual transducer elements, for a total of 420 elements. The more elements you have in your array, the more detailed picture you will see.

You may notice that the graphic displays from imaging sounders are often monochrome, using tones or shades to paint a picture. This helps display the fine resolution, details and shadows produced by these transducers.

The good news about imaging transducers is that they are relatively inexpensive as an add-on to a compatible MFD display, usually costing less

than \$400. Imaging sonar can be useful in the ocean and bays to help you determine if you are in an area with bait or other fish nearby.

The bad news is these imaging sounders are not a substitute for an Omni sonar. Their optimum use is in shallower water, with limited range, marking fish-holding areas like rockpiles, standing timber, weedbeds, ditches and drop-offs. While some of the live imaging sonars will show fish under



and nearby the boat in salt water, mounting these can be a challenge on a traditional sport fishing boat.

There are salt water anglers who have experimented with this technology, mounting the transducers in unconventional ways to get an edge up on the fish and the competition.

If your MFD has the capability of adding one of these imaging transducers, it can provide you that additional amount of information that will help you catch more fish. §

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 Black Drum	March 29 Jay Phillips Assateague Island	March 31 Allen Sklar Assateague Island	 Bigeye Tuna ★	June 12 Richie Widmayer "HotLine" Baltimore Canyon	May 28 Pete Gudiatas "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 Cobia ★	June 11 Numen Bilal Fenwick Beach Island	June 17 Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	 Bluefin Tuna	May 17 Andrew Dietz "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk
 Flounder	April 3 Scott Lenox Thorofare	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	 Longfin Tuna	June 5 Chad Tingle "Sea Bear" Wilmington Canyon	July 17 Morgan Michael "Reel Fun" Baltimore Canyon
 Sea Bass	May 15 Jeremy Michalski Jack Spot	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 17 James Haren "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 Sheepshead ★	June 4 Blake Gunther OC Inlet	June 17 Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	 Dolphin	May 29 Adam Davidson "HotLine" East of Poor Man's	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's
 Striped Bass	April 20 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	 Swordfish ★	June 4 The Crew "Espadon" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 Tautog	March 27 Michael Guigley Stinky Beach	January 1 Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	 Blue Marlin		New Category for 2022
 Wahoo		June 17 Gary Welch Washington Canyon	 White Marlin ★	June 6 Kevin Gibb "WRECKER" Baltimore Canyon	June 13 Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon

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Captain Chris Ragni on the "Bill Slayer" out of the Indian River Marina has set the bar pretty high the season for Heaviest yellowfin tuna. He took anglers Dom Zano, Carrey Ohl, Joe Savoce, Joe Catanese and John Savoca out to the Baltimore Canyon last Friday and hit the yellowfin hard. It wasn't the quantity but the quality that was notable! Getting six tuna overall and a new Heaviest for the season with a 75 pound yellowfin caught by John.



Another First Fish for the season is in the books. This time it is the sheephead! Blake Gunther for Hebron, MD snagged this convict on June 4th off of the south Ocean City Inlet Jetty using a tog jig with a peeler crab.

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We have our first reported cobia for 2022. Angler Numen Bilal from Media, PA was fishing with his son Evren and Ted Wise on the beach in Fenwick Island, DE last Saturday. They managed to catch some bunker and turned that around as fresh bait. Numen started the fantastic battle and Ted came in to finish of the catch!

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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u> **		<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u> **
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"	White Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size
Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	SHARK:		
Cobia	44"	45 Lbs. or 48"	Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Hammerhead*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Mako*	Any Size	250 lbs. or 83"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Thresher*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35" or 40"	Tiger*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"	TUNA:		
Red Drum*	36"	45"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"
Sailfish*	Any Size	-	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Speckled Trout	24"	-			
Striped Bass	40"	44"			
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"			

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The "Bet-Sea" had a great trip to the rip last weekend. After boating 4 nice yellowfins in the Baltimore Canyon, Capt. Eric Mihaly with mate Dave Nornes and local anglers Steve Poore, Jeff Greenwood and Steve Saint Pierre started to troll home. When they got to the west wall of the canyon they caught and released this mako after he hit their left flat line chatter chain.



Troy Travatello got a nice 28.5" keeper rockfish last week! He was fishing off the beach at the Maryland & Delaware line soaking some sand fleas when he connected with this striper. Pictured at Fenwick Bait & Tackle.

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The sun was shining on Numen Bilal and his sons Evren and Atlas from Media, PA as they fished the surf off of Fenwick Island's drive on beach. On this outing they caught 6 bluefish up to 24" and this nice 23" keeper flounder!



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The boys on the “HotLine” are beyond hot, they are on fire setting several First and Heavy Fish of the season records! A few weeks ago they boated the first mahi, and last Sunday they brought the first bigeye tuna to the docks, and a monster at that. Angler Richie Widmayer was on the rod for over two hours fighting the fish, a squall and lightning to bring the 191.5 lb. fish to the boat. Capt. Zach Brunner with mate Mike Eid put the crew of Richie, Tyler Maroulis, Garret Roy and Brian Ogilvie in the Baltimore Canyon in 72° water to raise this trophy fish.

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They do seem to be bigger in Delaware and local angler Bob Murphy is an expert at finding the big ones. Bob was fishing on the "Katydid" out of Lewes, DE where he won the daily pool with this 5.87 lb. flounder and set our new Heaviest Flounder for the season in DE. Pictured at Lewes Harbor Marina.

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While primarily focused on private boats and tuna, the OC Smackdown Tuna Tournament did have a calcutta for Heaviest Dolphin. Capt. Jason Lusby on the "Jaybird" secured that win when he caught this 18.8 lb. mahi at the 800 square in 66-68° water in the northern Washington Canyon. He was fishing with fellow anglers Roy Tribble, Kurt Tribble and Kevin Mrowczynski.

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HIGHLIGHTS for 2022!

- Canyon Runner Captains Become Your Virtual Co-Captain – Coordinating Every Aspect of Your Trip Both Before Departure and in Real Time Every Minute While Offshore Using SAT Texting Device
- Ability for all Team Members to Coordinate “Buddy Boat” Fishing Teams While Offshore
- Our Average Member owns a 34’ Center Console & Fishes Mid-Shore and Inshore 70% of their trips – As such, this is a Major Focus of Ours
- Access to Multiple Free Member Only Trips on the Canyon Runner
- Facebook Fishing Forum for all Team Members to Contribute Info – Communicate – Share Intel
- 24/7/365 Direct and Personal Access to Our Coaching Team Captains
- Canyon Runner Captain’s Deane Lambros and Craig Angelini Available to Fish on Your Boat
- Unlimited Free Access to Major Water Temperature Chart Service
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- 60+ Training Videos and 600+ Pages of Slides on Every Possible Topic
- MEMBERS ONLY FREE VIRTUAL SEMINARS – All Winter and Spring – Virtual, Live, Interactive and for Members Only
- Multiple Real Time Reports Via Email, Text and Fishing Forum Every Single Day of the Season
- Canyon Runner APP so All of the Above is At Your Finger Tips
- GPS Tracking of Restless Lady Fleet and Several Other OCMD/DE Pro Boats

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Producer Too - 2008 41' Bahama - Call Colton Cunningham



**2005 64' Sculley
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**BARRATUNA - 53' 2008 Sculley
Call Steve Hedrick**



**SLOB KING - 57' Island Boatworks
Call Jimmy Fields**



**WOODCUTTER - 38' 1983 Buddy Davis
Call Jeff James**



**ISLANDER - 40' 1971 Warren O'Neal
Call Jeff James**



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



**HONKY TONK - 61' 1989 Buddy Davis
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**TOBASCO - 1979 48' Whiticar
Call Jimmy Fields**



**DARK HORSE - 34' 1979 Glenn Bradley
Call Jeff James**



**CONSTELLATION - 37' 1984 Sonny Briggs
Call Ronnie Fields**



**DOUBLE NICKEL - 1997 42' Buddy
Harris - Call Ronnie Fields**



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



**25' 2018 Regulator
Call Mark Barton**



**28' 1986 Ocean Master
Call Glenn Cameron**



**2006 38' Fountain Tournament Edition
Call Terry Layton**



**2018 25' Custom Blackfin
Call Jimmy Fields**



**FOWL HOOKED - 35' 1979 Custom
Carolina Sportfish - Call Jeff James**



**29' 1996 Luhrs
Call Ronnie Fields**

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