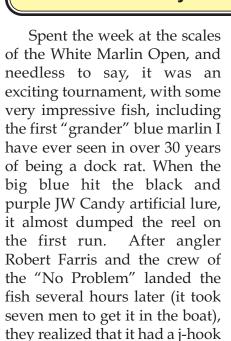


On the third day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Bob Farris of Charlotte, NC landed this 1,062 lb. blue marlin to win the Blue Marlin Division. The catch set a new Maryland state record and is the first "grander" ever caught out of Ocean City, MD. The fish, measuring 189-inches tip-to-tip with a 76-inch girth, hit a black and purple J.W. Candy lure in 125 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon and took Bob 3 hours and 5 minutes to get to the boat. Bob was fishing on the "No Problem" with Mark Becker, Don and Gino Eagle, Beau Wood, Capt. Skip Opalko and Mates John Hurst and Scott Lawrence. The old Maryland State record of 942 lbs. was set in 1989 on the "Memory Maker". The "No Problem" crew took home \$454,999 for their 1st place finish.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



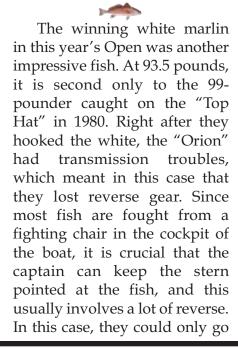
and about 10 feet of heavy

leader wrapped around its bill.

encounter. That happening wasn't too long ago, either, because the hook and tape had no marine growth, and the hook still had most of its original finish.

The big blue was an amazing 189 inches long in total length, which is 15 3/4 feet. Its lower jaw to fork of tail length was 146.5 inches, and the girth was 76 inches. Amazingly, if you use the "formula" for estimating the weight of a fish (length in inches times the girth squared, divided by 800), you get an estimated weight of 1,057.7 pounds, which is only 4.3 pounds off the actual weight). Several people have asked me how old the fish would be, and I tried to find some data on the internet, but I couldn't find any definitive age to weight ratios, probably because they simply don't have

enough data. At the weigh station, Dr. Anne Barse and I both guessed at anywhere from 15 to 20-25 years, but it was only a guess. Virtually all of the big blue marlin are females (some sources say any blue over 300 pounds), but I guess fish are like people-some are larger than others at any given age. The only way to tell for sure would be to cut the otoliths (ear bones) out of the head of the marlin and examine them, and I don't think this was done in this case...



forward in circles, and at one point angler Sean Healey had to walk up to the bow of the boat while holding the rod and fighting the fish. This white was an incredibly "fat fish" that carried its weight all the way back to the tail, and that is key to whether or not a marlin puts you in the money. In this case, the estimate formula from the 74.5-inch LJF and the 30-inch girth only comes out to 83.8 pounds, but that formula can't take into account the "fat tail"...Rose Stivers the fish cleaner checked the stomach for me, and the only thing inside was one small bigeye scad.

To further put this year's Open into perspective, this year's second place white, an 85-pounder caught by Drew Goodwin on the "Longfin", would have won every White Marlin Open since 1981, when Ron Evans caught a 90-pounder...Goodwin's fish, by the way, hit a ballyhoo, came tight, then was gone, only to come back and eat a green and yellow (with pink highlights) chugger lure...it was a good

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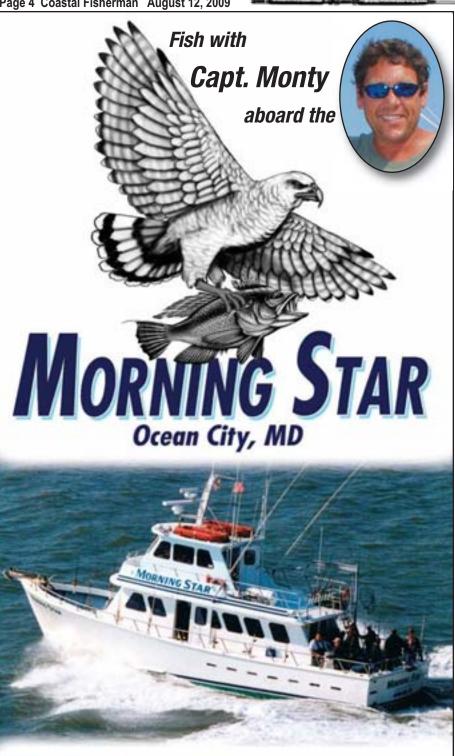
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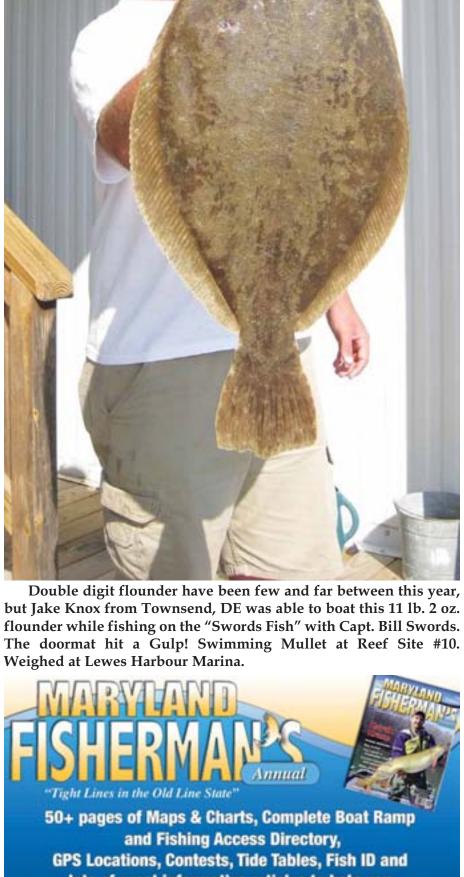
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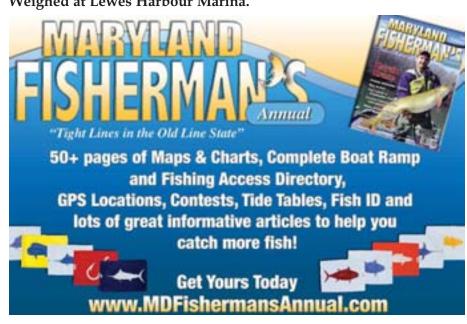


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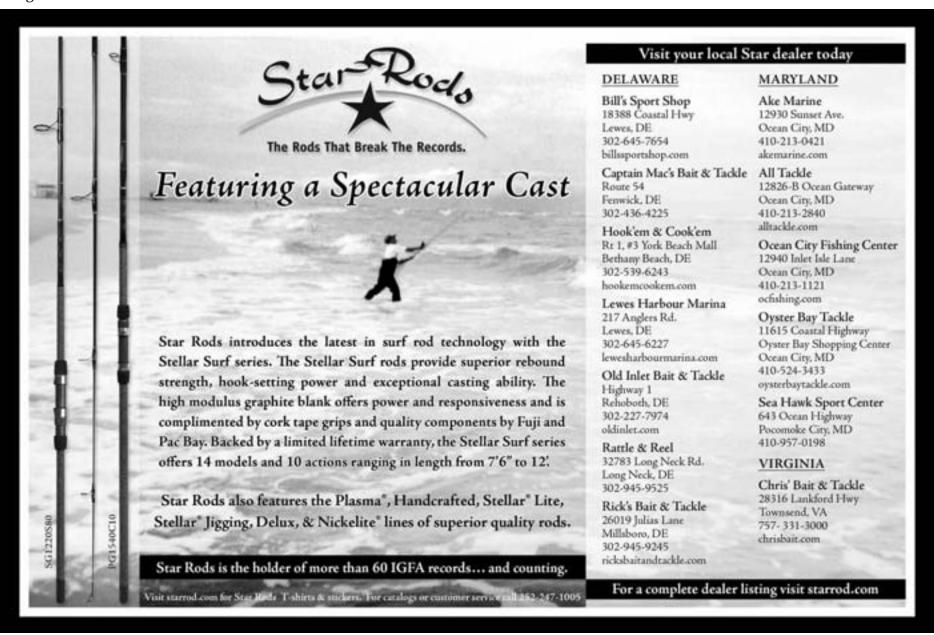




Chris Eby, Andrew Sharp, Mark Thomson, Evan Gould, Sebastian Temme and Jay Thomson teamed up to boat this 142.2 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Hobie II" east of the Hambone. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Eleven-year-old Mason Newsham of Lewes, DE was fishing with Capt. Rick Yakimonicz when he landed this 7 lb. 8 oz. flounder. Mason tied his own flounder rig and tipped it with an artificial squid and a strip of cut bluefish. The fish was caught at the Old Grounds.



year for plastics...

Quite a few of the "white marlin" weighed this year were actually roundscale spearfish, which some anglers call "hatchet marlin", and they are considered whites tournament purposes. The first place fish actually was a white, but both the second and third place fish in the category were spearfish...looking back over the years, when we didn't realize we were looking at two different fish, I wonder how many were actually whites and many roundscales...the easiest way to tell the difference is to look at the anal orifice (to put it politely)...on a white marlin it is only an inch or two forward of the anal fin, but on a spearfish it is about five inches away from the fin...

By the way, even though it may have seemed like a lot of white marlin were brought to the scales, they only weighed 20, while 347 were released, which is still a release ratio of 94.55 per cent...79.4 per cent of

the blue marlin caught were released...one sailfish was released and two longbill spearfish(another species entirely) were released...

Some guys get tired at the end of a day of fishing, and maybe quit a little early, but another case of "it ain't over till it's over" might make you fish every day until the end. Fishing time ends at 3:30 p.m. during the White Marlin Open, and the crew of the "Foolish Pleasures" hooked up with their third place bigeye tuna, worth a cool \$27,474, at 3:23...

It's a tough world out there...one of the blue marlin weighed during the Open had a very large circle hook, perhaps from a long line rig, embedded (almost buried) in the side of the hard part of one of its gill plates. It was trailing 10-12 feet of heavy leader material, but the fish seemed healthy (even though it was dead) and obviously was feeding with no problem...

You never know what you

might run into out there...I heard a rumor that the "Fish Bonz" had a flying fish collide with its windshield on the run out early in the tournament...wonder if they rigged it up and put it in the spread...?

I don't ever remember anyone boating two blue marlin in one day during the Open, but the crew on the "Olivia Grace" did just that on Thursday. Seems that they caught one blue early, put it in the boat and decided to troll for home...the second blue hit and took several hours to get to the boat...the first fish didn't qualify (500 pounds or more), but the second fish, a 530.5 pounder, took second place and a respectable \$125,055.00...

On the last day of the Open, I looked over to see a gentleman standing by himself, leaning against a piling and just watching. It only took a minute to realize that it was Pete Boinis. Pete, a world renowned angler himself, used to own all of what is Harbour Island when it was

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the Ship Café. He actually had the current weigh station built many years ago, and he was instrumental in helping get the White Marlin Open started. Nice to see you, Pete...you should come up from the south more often...

Finally, on Friday, I noticed Marty Gary, assistant director of DNR Fisheries, all dressed up, as well as a friend of mine, photographer Lippenholtz, who travels with Governor O'Malley, so I knew something was up. enough, after a while the governor made a low key appearance at the weigh station. He didn't speak, and didn't even want his presence announced, but he posed for photos with a lot of folks, and we even weighed his little boy, just for fun...I think he went 50.5 pounds...



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Matt Brown, Luke Wisner and Bob Wisner, all from Ashburn, VA, along with Katie Morin and David Morin of Fairfax, VA ended their day with 7 keeper flounder in the box after spending the day fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The flounder were caught on live bunker in the East Channel where Katie took "1st Fish" honors and Matt landed the largest flattie of the day, coming in at 20-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





Thomas Colaiezzi of Emmaus, PA caught a 35 lb. wahoo while fishing on the "Last Call" with Joshua Houser of Lititz, PA, Max Kouoriez of Richmond, VA, Tim Houser of Lititz, PA (not pictured), Capt. Frank Pettolina and Mate Franky Pettolina (pictured). The anglers also landed 2 dolphin and a skipjack tuna, all while trolling ballyhoo at the Hambone. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Last week's fishing action centered around the 36th Annual White Marlin Open. Nobody thought that this year's tournament would top last year's in excitement, but it did with numerous big fish hitting the scale and a couple of state records being smashed.

With 298 boats registered for the tournament, only 2 down from last year, you had a feeling something big was going to happen. We just didn't know how big.

By now, everyone has seen or heard about the 1,062 lb. blue marlin caught by Bob Farris on the "No Problem" that set a new Maryland state record. This fish beat the old record set in 1989 by angler Jim Daniel. The big blue marlin is the first "grander" ever caught out of Ocean City, and like Jim's fish, was hooked in the Poor Man's Canyon.

The captain of the "No Problem" told me that the blue marlin towed the boat for 6 miles after being hooked on a J.W. Candy lure. It then took Bob 3 hours and 5 minutes to get to the boat. Interestingly, he also said that they saw the blue come up on a teaser bait, so they quickly got the teaser out



Wayne Warmer of Edmonton, Alberta Canada (right) caught and released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Samurai I" with Capt. Jeremy Blunt and Mate Mark Stephens. The white was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms outside the Wilmington Canyon.

of the way so the fish would move over to a hooked bait, which it did. The captain said that when the blue took the bait, it never made a ripple in the water. That's how soft it hit. I spoke to John Oughton, captain on the "That's Right", who has caught a couple of granders over the years, and he confirmed the captain's story, also commenting how "soft" some big blues hit.

At 189 inches from the tip of

its bill to the tip of its tail, the guys at the weigh station were a little concerned about getting the fish weighed. When the fish was hoisted on the scale, its bill cleared the dock by only inches. By the time all the hoopla settled down, and the pictures were taken, the bill was resting on the dock. The weight of the fish had actually stretched the cable on the hoist.

With all the excitement about the blue marlin, it was fairly easy to forget that a 93.5 lb. white marlin was caught to win 1st in the White Marlin Division. This is a big white marlin, and tied for the second heaviest white marlin caught in tournament history. This fish

was fat right through the tail, as were all of the top white marlin weighed. The winning white marlin was caught in 600 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon, as was the 3rd place white marlin caught on the "Nontypical". The 2nd place white marlin was caught in 55 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon.

Angler Sean Healey, along with the crew on the "Orion", deserve a lot of credit for landing the 93.5 pounder since they fought the fish from the bow of the boat when they encountered transmission problems.

Here are the billfish statistics from the tournament:

White Marlin

Boated - 20

Released - 350 (94.6%)

Blue Marlin

Boated - 7

Released - 27 (79.4%)

Sailfish

Boated - 0

Released - 1 (100.0%)

Spearfish

Boated - 0

Released - 2 (100.0)

Total Billfish

Boated - 27

Released - 380 (93.4%)

Total - 407

These numbers are very close to those from last year's tournament, where a total of 406 billfish were hooked and 349 white marlin were released.

In the Tuna Division, we saw the top 3 spots won by anglers landing bigeye tuna, which we haven't seen much of before the tournament began. The first place fish weighed 249 lbs. and was caught on the first day of the tournament. The anglers were targeting white marlin in the Baltimore Canyon

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when they hooked into a double header bigeye bite on 30 lb. test. One broke off and the other one was boated. The second and third place bigeyes were caught deep in the Wilmington Canyon, where reports came in about bigeves being seen in the morning rolling on top along with some whales. The second place fish, caught on the "Drillin-N-Billin", was caught on a trolled Pakula lure, while the third place bigeye was hooked on a green machine spreader bar by Ed Gross on the "Foolish Pleasures".

Another notable catch in the tournament was the 254 lb. scalloped hammerhead shark caught on Wednesday by Jamie Gill on the "Lisa". The crew was chunking at the Elephant Trunk when the hammerhead took a butterfish rigged with a The old state circle hook. record of 194 lbs. was set in 1994 by angler Greg Garman.

Overall, this year's White Marlin Open will be one to remember with record fish, payouts of over \$2,164,000 and large crowds.

FLOUNDER

The bite around Harbour Island has finally run its course, but the action remains the strongest in the East Channel closer to the Rt. 50 Bridge and near the south side of Bird Island where water temperatures are ranging from 71-73 degrees during the

incoming tide, and higher on the outgoing.

The best flounder action continues to be on the ocean reefs and wrecks. We saw some nice fish come in off the Twin Wrecks and many others come in off the "Morning Star" from undisclosed locations.

Anglers continue to have good luck using live spot for bait in addition to live peanut bunker and Gulp! artificial baits. The bay is loaded with peanut bunker. Capt. Nick on the "Get Sum" said that Herring Creek is a good place to go and net some bunker for flounder fishing.

The Assateague Tackle rigs are still a big hit with anglers year, especially "Deadly Double" (with spinner blades), the "Double Trouble" (with skirts) and the new "George Rig". The "Flukinator" has also done well for anglers fishing at ocean wrecks.

CROAKER

There are a lot of croaker roaming the bay with good concentrations around the South Jetty and the mouth of the Commercial Harbor. Larger croaker in the 15-inch range can be found around the South

There are also large schools of croaker just off the beach around 28th and 50th Streets. have Headboats taken advantage of this bite, with reports of many bent rods.

Anglers drifting squid and

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IN THE SURF

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This week is the Poor Girl's Open, held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Bahia Marina. This tournament is a blast, and coupled with the great atmosphere at Fish Tales,

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The Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 starts on Monday with weighins held Monday through Friday at Sunset Marina. The main headquarters for the tournament is in Cape May, NJ, but lately the boats running out of Ocean City have done well. Last year, Susan McCart on the "Reel Joy" caught a 92 lb. white marlin to take first place and over \$699,000 in award money. Weigh-ins are from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm each night.

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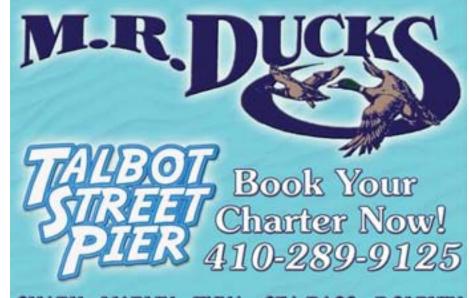
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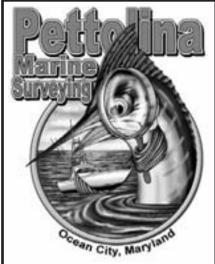
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These same types of fish tend to hang out in the mussels beds in the Sinepuxent Bay behind Assateague Island from buoys #8 to #10. The water is deeper there and you are even more likely to catch some bigger fish. I once caught a 7 ½ pound flounder there while I was fishing with a size #6 hook and a strip of squid! I've hooked black drum, nice trout, in this hole, along with tons of baby sea bass you can hardly keep off the hook!

Croaker! Croaker are grand pop's answer to entertaining the kids! It's no wonder anglers anxiously wait for them to come into our bays every year. Sometimes they stay for weeks, and other years, they come and go quickly. Every year is different, so hopefully they'll still be here by the time this hits the press.

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Though Route 90 Bridge will always give you some action, larger croaker tend to bite in deeper holes. Anglers take the drift from the Route 90 Bridge towards the Thorofare in the west side of the bay and can get into the action. The Thorofare itself can be teaming with croaker in 9 to 15 foot of water. Drifting from the Thorofare towards Drum Point can be a great croaker drift.

Other spots? The deep hole just offshore of 33rd Street in the East channel almost always holds some good sized croaker, along with flounder, spot, blues and even trout. The drift close to the entrance to Harbor Island generally has croaker as well as flounder. Some nice giant sea robins can be caught around here!

Sometimes there's good croaker fishing in the Inlet, and sometimes not... Just around the corner and outside the inlet on the South side holds croakers, kingfish, flounder and spot.

The bay behind Assateague, also called the Sinepuxent Bay is a great place to catch croaker, spot and flounder. Just as you turn and go into the bay, drift along the houses there and you can catch some good size croaker. The drift in front of the Airport, the drift in front of Mystic Harbor and the drift in front of Snug Harbor are all popular places. And again, try the drift from buoys #8 to #10. You can anchor there as well.

"The croaker aren't biting today. We've caught some small spot, but the kids are getting bored. What should a Grand Pop do?"

Well, there are always flounder! Even though it's hard to catch a keeper sometimes, there's lots of action with the undersized flounder. Just be careful taking them off the hook when releasing them. Keep some of the live spot in the live well and use them for bait. Drift the main East Channel from 14th Street to the draw of the Route 50 Bridge on the slacking tide. Try to fish two hours before high tide and two hours after high tide for the best results. Frozen shiners or live minnows on a topand-bottom rig will give you the

most action. For a slower drift, (if the tide gets ripping), drift the inside channel along the big island. Locals call it Bird Island. You'll see the smaller pontoon bay party boats working these inside channels. This channel is just north of the Route 50 Bridge.

There's another "inside channel" on the South side of the Bridge between the two sand bars. The stretch from approximately mid-section of the Bridge to the Homer Gudelsky Park is a nice little drift. Sometimes there are bluefish and spot action in there as well as flounder.

The Thorofare usually holds a decent amount of flounder. The Thorofare is on the West side of the bay and runs from buoys #6 to #16. People call a wide area, the Thorofare. The original Thorofare was the deep water next to two islands that have disappeared. But it gets quite deep between the houses and the submerged islands, called Dog and Bitch Island, that you will see on the local ADC Map of the Ocean City bay. Anglers drift from the deep water towards the shallow water, from 20 some feet into 6 feet. This shallower water is what local anglers call the "flats."

Party boats are catch and releasing anywhere from 40 to 100 flounder a trip, so the action is there! Two or three keepers per trip are the norm, so keepers are out there as well!

"We don't have a boat. Where can we take the kids for some action?"

-The Oceanic Pier at the Southern most end of Ocean City will certainly give the kids action for flounder with shiners or minnows, or smaller fish such as croaker, spot, and little sea bass with bloodworm and squid.

-The Route 50 Bridge is really good for all kinds of fish, big and small. But it is busy and quite noisy, so older kids would probably enjoy it, but young kids... I'd take them somewhere else.

-The 2nd through 4th Street Bulkhead almost always has little sea bass pecking at the hook if you use sand fleas, shiners, worms, or squid. Fish straight down, or the kids will get frustrated fighting snags. You can also catch spot, croaker, and tautog. Anglers have luck with flounder on the slacking tides, but these are harder for the kids to catch because you have to cast out

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for those... and yes, the area is very snaggy when casting.

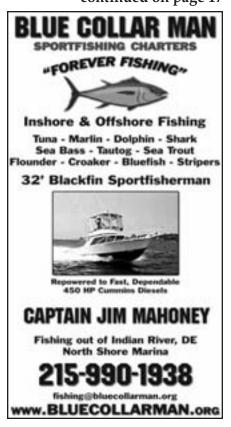
- The 9th Street Pier is easier for kids. Spot, croaker, flounder, snapper blues. They are all there!

- Around 40th Street behind Convention Hall is a place for smaller fish. Worms on size #6 hooks will catch you spot, croaker, and small flounder. Higher tides are a must!

-Same is true for the Isle of Wight, the island in the middle of the Route 90 Bridge. It's not real deep here, but a nice place to take the kids with worms and small hooks to catch spot, croaker, and sand perch. Crabs are here too!

- Ditto for the pier behind the Recreational Center at Northside Park at 125th Street. Higher tides are a must, and bloodworms, night crawlers, or Fishbites artificial bloodworms on size #6 or #8 hooks will catch you spot, croaker, sand perch, and small flounder. Crabbing is fun here too.
- Even the park along Jamestown Road which is really just a few blocks along the canal behind the Green Turtle is a good place to catch spot on higher tides with small hooks and bloodworm. Crabs are here too.
- Homer Gudelsky Park on the West side of the bay (the old Stinky Beach) is a neat place to go. Parking is limited, so go early. I go here just to relax sometimes. Last time I went and took a pack of bloodworms and a two hook spot rig and caught all kinds of little fish. Sea bass, spot, grunts, small flounder was the fair for me. Other people were using big

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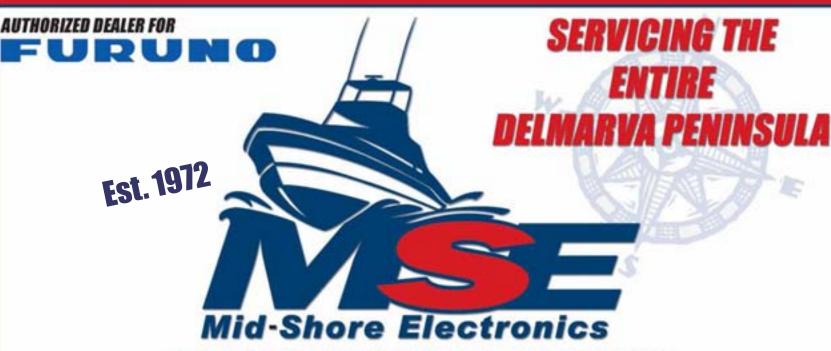
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sales@mid-shore-electronics.com www.mid-shore-electronics.com hooks and squid and not catching anything. I like to walk to the sandy part of the beach towards the entrance of the Fishing Center and cast out. Last year, I caught some nice croaker there, and once I caught a keeper flounder on a live mullet we castnetted from the beach.

- Surf fishing from the beach will usually catch the kids something. A box of squid and a pack of bloodworms on a kingfish/spot rig catches spot, kingfish, croaker, sand sharks, snapper blues, or whatever happens to be biting that day (or evening.) Go when the ocean is calm. If it's too rough, the kids won't be able to hold bottom and will get bored with the fishing experience.

Whether you are fishing from a boat, or fishing from the shore, there's fish to catch in Ocean City, Maryland in mid-August for sure! Take a kid fishing now for some sun, fun, and action!

Good fishing....

Sue Foster is an outdoor writer and co-owner of Oyster Bay Tackle in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick Tackle in Fenwick, DE.



Dillon Drenner, Zach Odachowski, Tristan Drenner, Owen Drenner, Connor Thode and Nick Odachowski had a great day fishing on the "Drillin'-N-Billin'" with Darrel Drenner, Wayne Odachowski, Ed Amos, Capt. Jack Mitchell and Mate Rich Hastings. The young anglers went one for two on white marlin, caught a 150 lb. make shark and 6 dolphin during the trip. The fish were caught on the 30 fathom lumps inside the Washington Canyon. It was the first white marlin for 8-yeaar-old Dillon and the first shark for Connor. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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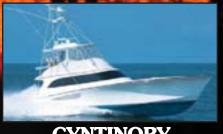


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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Pesto Mahi-Mahi with **Dipping Sauce**

2 cups fresh cilantro leaves and stems

1 TBSP. soy sauce

1 tsp. black pepper

1 tsp. vegetable oil

1/2 tsp. sugar

3 garlic cloves

2 mahi-mahi fillets

Dipping Sauce:

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup water

1/4 cup white vinegar

1 TBSP. garlic, chopped

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

1 to 2 tsp. red pepper flakes

Process cilantro, soy sauce, black pepper, the sugar and garlic cloves in a food processor until minced.

Spread on both sides of the fish fillets to coat and let stand at room temperature 10 to 15 minutes.

Preheat grill to mediumhigh.

For the dipping sauce, combine the sugar, water, vinegar, garlic and salt in a small saucepan.

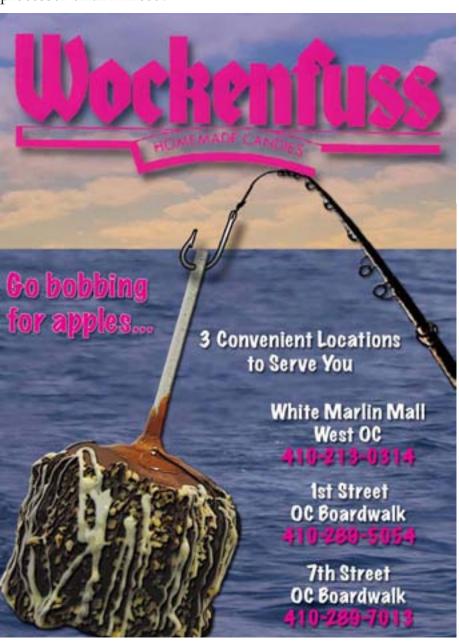
When sugar is dissolved, reduce heat to medium-low simmer until consistency of maple syrup, about 10 minutes.

Turn off heat, stir in the pepper flakes; set aside.

Lightly coat both sides of fish fillets with nonstick spray, then grill until cooked through and firm, 4 to 6 minutes per side.

Serve fish with rice, with dipping sauce on the side.

Serves 2.



Grilled Tuna with Bacon and Feta Packets

4 tuna fillets

1/2 cup ranch dressing

3 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled

1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled

2 tomatoes, chopped

Preheat grill to high.

Cut four 8x12 in. sheets of heavy duty foil.

Place each tuna fillet on a sheet, top with 2 TBSP. ranch dressing, 1 TBSP. bacon and 1 TBSP. feta; season with salt and pepper.

Fold up the sides of the foil, leaving the top exposed.

Place on the grill, cover and cook until almost opaque in the thickest part, 8 to 10 minutes.

Serve topped with the tomatoes.

Serves 4.

Flounder Florentine

2 cups water

Salt

1 1/2 lbs. flounder fillets

1 pkg. (10 oz) frozen chopped spinach

3 TBSP. butter

3 TBSP. flour

Dash cayenne

11/4 cups milk

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large skillet, bring water to a boil, add salt.

Add flounder and simmer in the water for 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Remove fish.

Cook frozen spinach as directed on package, drain

Place spinach in a shallow buttered baking dish, place fish on top of spinach.

Melt butter, blend in flour and a dash of cayenne pepper.

Cook over medium low heat, stirring constantly until a smooth paste has formed.

Gradually add milk, stirring constantly.

> Continue cooking and

www.coastalfisherman.net stirring until mixture is thick; pour over spinach.

Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Put under broiler until lightly browned.

Serves 4.

Shrimp with Pasta and **Peas**

1 lb. cooked shrimp

1 lb. of any small shaped pasta, cooked and cooled

2 cups frozen peas; pour boiling water over to defrost, no cooking necessary

1/2 cup chopped parsley

1/2 cup scallions, finely chopped

1 1/2 to 2 cups spiced mavonnaise

Salt and pepper to taste

Spiced Mayonnaise:

2 cups mayonnaise

3 TBSP. red wine vinegar

4 tsp. Dijon mustard

1/2 tsp. Tabasco Sauce

1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1/2 tsp. dill weed

Combine shrimp and pasta.

Add remaining ingredients.

Add enough just mayonnaise to lightly coat mixture.

Mix well. Serves 6.

Marinated Grilled Shark Submitted by **Fred Townsend**

1 bottle of Italian dressing

Marinate shark steaks in a covered dish with the Italian dressing for 2 to 3 hours.

Place them in foil, with the foil closed so they will steam.

When the foil is all puffy like a popcorn bag, open the foil and remove the steaks and place them on the grill 2 minutes or so, on each side to give them some color.

This recipe also works for tuna and swordfish.



Eric Watts of Baltimore, MD caught this 53-inch, 41 lb. wahoo while fishing on the "Jade II" with Ryan Heath, Mike Jenkins, Paul Baader, Bret Holmes, Ryan Dean, Shane Rhodes and Nick Hammonds, all from Baltimore, MD, Doug Motley from Rehoboth Beach, DE, Todd Prater of Wilmington, DE, Capt. Ed Kaufman and Mate Gary Hall. The wahoo, along with 3 dolphin, were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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On the second day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Sean Healey of Boston, MA caught this 93.5 lb. white marlin and held on to win 1st place in the White Marlin Division. The fish tied Jerry Johnson's catch in 1978 for the 2nd heaviest white marlin in tournament history. Sean was fishing on the "Orion" with Jay Horgen, Kevin Scaplen and Stephen Flaherty, all from Boston, MA, John Domanic of Cabo San Lucas, MX, Jordan Busch of Wayland, MA, Capt. Justin Hudgens and Mates Hector Torres and Stephen Brexel. The 74.5-inch fish was hooked in 600 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon on a skirted ballyhoo and had to be fought off the bow of the boat when the "Orion", a 78-foot Hatteras, encountered transmission problems. The "Orion" team won \$903,442 in award money for their 1st place finish. Weighed at Harbour Island.

th Annual White Marlin



August 3-7, 2009



WHITE MARLIN

1st Place **Angler: Sean Healey Boat: "Orion"** Weight: 93.5 lbs. Winnings: \$903,442

2nd Place **Angler: Drew Goodwin Boat: "Longfin"** Weight: 85.0 lbs. Winnings: \$47,447

3rd Place Angler: Terry Layton Boat: "Nontypical" Weight: 83.0 lbs. Winnings: \$80,080

DOLPHIN

1st Place **Angler: Ron Bennett, Sr. Boat: "Crush Em"** Weight: 37.5 lbs. Winnings: \$16,573

2nd Place **Angler: Rod Wittstadt Boat: "Two Days"** Weight: 37.0 lbs. Winnings: \$15,573

3rd Place Angler: Jake Robinson Boat: "Callie Girl" Weight: 34.0 lbs. **Winnings: \$2,000**

TUNA

1st Place **Angler: Doug Salter Boat: "Shadowfax"** Weight: 249.0 lb. bigeve Winnings: \$179,581

2nd Place **Angler: Darrel Drenner Boat: "Drillin-N-Billin"** Weight: 234.0 lb. bigeve Winnings: \$66,685

3rd Place Angler: Ed Gross Boat: "Foolish Pleasures" Weight: 207.5 lb. bigeye Winnings: \$27,474

WAHOO

1st Place **Angler: John Green Boat: "Wave Dancer"** Weight: 47.0 lbs. **Winnings: \$2,000**

2nd Place **Angler: Joe Kadjeski Boat: "Fishin' Pols"** Weight: 43.5 lbs. Winnings: \$28,145

3rd Place Angler: Tom Yoviene Boat: "Magic Moment" Weight: 42.5 lbs. Winnings: \$27,145

RELEASE CLASSIC

1st Place: "Viking 68" - 700 points 2nd Place: "Mimi" - 700 points 3rd Place: "Covert Mission" - 630 points

BLUE MARLIN

1st Place **Angler: Bob Farris Boat: "No Problem"** Weight: 1,062 lbs. Winnings: \$454,999

2nd Place Angler: Kyle McLaughlin **Boat: "Olivia Grace"** Weight: 530.5 lbs. Winnings: \$125,055

SHARK

1st Place **Angler: Jamie Gill Boat: "Lisa"** Weight: 254.0 lb. hammerhead **Winnings: \$4,500**

2nd Place **Angler: Gunnar Zorn Boat: "Gun Dawg"** Weight: 108 lb. mako **Winnings: \$3,500**

TOP BOAT "Viking 68" **TOP ANGLER**

John Dougherty "Outrage" **STATISTICS**

Total Prize Money: \$2,164,868

Total Boats: 298 White Marlin Boated: 20 White Marlin Released: 348 Blue Marlin Boated: 7 Blue Marlin Released: 27

Sailfish Boated: 0 Sailfish Released: 1 **Spearfish Boated: 0** Spearfish Released: 2



On the third day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Ron Bennett, Sr. of Elkton, MD caught this 37.5 lb. dolphin to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Ron was fishing on the "Crush Em" with Ronnie Lee, Austin Bennett, Zac Bennett, Donna Bennett, Jeannette Bennett, Capt. Ron Bennett, Jr. and Mates Larry Lee and Tony Battista. The dolphin hit a Black Bart Breakfast lure and was worth \$16,573 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.



Jamie Gill of Crofton, MD not only won 1st place in the Shark Division of the White Marlin Open but also set a new Maryland state record with a 254 lb. scalloped hammerhead shark. Jamie was fishing on the "Lisa" with Mike Cromwell, Larry Lehrke, Bob Heslin, Capt. Stu Windsor and Mate Josh Farr. The hammerhead was caught while chunking at the Elephant Trunk and was worth \$4,500 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the first day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Doug Salter of Chester, MD reeled in this 249 lb. bigeye tuna and held on to win 1st place in the Tuna Division. Doug was fishing on the "Shadowfax" with Don Werre, John Simpson, Johnny Vinciguerra and Capt. Dave Birkett. The bigeye, part of a doubleheader, was caught on a naked ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. It took Doug 2 hours and 45 minutes to get the tuna to the boat after hooking it on 30 lb. test. The "Shadowfax" crew won \$179,581 in award money for their first place catch. Weighed at Harbour Island.



John Green traveled all the way from Baton Rouge, LA to fish in the 36th Annual White Marlin Open and came away with a 1st place finish in the Wahoo Division. John caught a 47 pounder while fishing on the "Wave Dancer" wth Capt. Danny Smith and Mate Kyle Buffkin. The 58-inch wahoo was caught on a blue and white Ilander lure trolled in 300 fathoms, south of the Baltimore Canyon. Capt. Danny reported water temperatures hovering around 77-degrees. The "Wave Dancer" team won \$2,000 for their 1st place finish. Weighed at Harbour Island.



On the first day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Rod Wittstadt of Elkton, MD landed this 37 lb. dolphin and held on to capture 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. Rod was fishing on the "Two Days" with Mark Wittstadt, Wayne Six, Peter Colonell, Rico Liberto, Capt. P.J. Aldridge and Mate Kevin Stafford. The dolphin was caught while trolling ballyhoo at the Rockpile and was worth \$15,573 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the 4th day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Kyle McLaughlin of Bear, DE boated this 530.5 lb. blue marlin, one of two landed by the crew, and won 2nd place in the Blue Marlin Division. Kyle hooked the big blue marlin at 12:55 in the afternoon on a Black Bart Puerto Rico Prowler in 500 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon and fought the fish for almost 6 hours before getting it into the boat. Kyle was fishing on the "Olivia Grace" with George Barnard, Bill Bowen, Pete and Sandy Dressel, Nick Serio, Winslow Taylor, Chris Willuski, Capt. Jay Bount and Mate Sean Singley. The "Olivia Grace" team won \$125,055 in award money for their 2nd place finish. Weighed at Harbour Island.



One of the last boats to hit the scales on the final day of the White Marlin Open was the "Longfin" with an 85 lb. white marlin on board, good enough to win 2nd place in the White Marlin Division. The 73.5-inch white was caught by Drew Goodwin of Glen Arm, MD while fishing with Jeff Goodwin, Janet Smith, Doug Morton, Adam Bielski, Greg Liepig, Monica Makarovich, Capt. Tom Smith and Mate Lance Smith. The white marlin hit a green and pink Moldcraft chugger in 55 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon and was worth \$47,447 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the second day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Gunnar Zorn of Berlin, MD caught this 108 lb. make shark and won 2nd place in the Shark Division. Gunnar was fishing on the "Gun Dawg" with Steve Joyce, Don Klein, Charlie Pino and John Morton. The make hit a skirted ballyhoo in 50 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon and was worth \$3,500 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the final day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open, Darrel Drenner of Union Pride, MD captured this 234 lb. bigeye tuna and 2nd place in the Tuna Division. Darrel was fishing on the "Drillin-N-Billin" with Chris Swidersky, Ed Amos, Tim Puls, Scott Coberth, Shawn Fortney, Capt. Jack Mitchell and Mate Rich Hastings. The bigeye hit a purple and black artificial lure in 300 fathoms southeast of the Wilmington Canyon and was worth \$66,685 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Continuing their hot streak, the crew on the "Nontypical" out of Ocean City, MD won third place in the White Marlin Division when Terry Layton of Ocean City, MD captured this 83 lb. white marlin on the second day of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open. Terry was fishing with Tim McGuire, Jim Hughes, Robert Phillips and Jeff Greenwood. The 70.5-inch white marlin was caught on a naked ballyhoo in 700 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon and was worth \$80,080 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Joe Kadjeski of Churchton, MD caught this 43.5 lb. wahoo on the final day of the White Marlin Open and won 2nd place in the Wahoo Division. Joe hooked the wahoo on a purple and black plug, south of the Tea Cup, while fishing on the "Fishin' Pols" with Mark Luckett, Capt. Brian Kadjeski and Mate Chris Toth. The second place finish was worth \$28,145 in award money. Pictured at the scales at Harbour Island.



Third place in the Dolphin Division of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open was won by Jake Robinson of Virginia Beach, VA with this 34 lb. mahi-mahi. Jake landed the 46.5-inch dolphin while trolling ballyhoo aboard the "Callie Girl" with Denise, Callie and Casey Robinson, Claude and Michelle Reid, Rusty Breeden, Capt. Tom Ross and Mate Greg Middleton. The "Callie Girl" team won \$2,000 for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Tom Yoviene of Easton, MD landed this 42.5 lb. wahoo during the 36th Annual White Marlin Open and won 3rd place in the Wahoo Division. Tom was fishing on the "Magic Moment" with Roger Ruby, Paul Ferreri, Eric Bridges, Capt. Jim Bugg and Mate Neil Ireland. The wahoo hit a purple and green Moldcraft Wide Range lure at the Rockpile and was worth \$27,145 in award money. Pictured at the scales at Harbour Island.



The last boat to hit the scales on day 1 of the 36th Annual White Marlin Open was the "Foolish Pleasures", weighing a 207.5 lb. bigeye tuna, and held on to win 3rd place in the Tuna Division. The bigeye was caught by Ed Gross of Hampstead, MD who hooked the fish on a green machine spreader bar in 300 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon. Ed was fishing with Stephanie Lisi, Reggie Cangemi and Capt. Dale Lisi. The "Foolish Pleasures" crew won \$27,474 for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The team on the "Viking 68" won top honors in the Release Classic by releasing 7 white marlin during the 36th Annual White Marlin Open. The crew consisted of Pat Healey, Don Gremmell, Eric McDowell, Drew McDowell, Dave Wilson, Joe Schwab, Capt. Ryan Higgins and Mates Scott Adams and Rett Bailey. Pictured with tournament director, Jim Motsko at the awards presentation.



A big reason for the success of the White Marlin Open is the dedication of the tournament directors, employees and volunteers. Pictured with the 1,062 blue marlin are Tournament Directors Madelyne Motsko, Jim Motsko, Chuck Motsko and Andy Motsko, Weighmaster Dale Timmons, Scorekeeper Jack Hardcastle and volunteers Pat Hannon, Alex Davis, Pat Hannon, Jr. Ned Foster, Mike Hannon and Dustin Thomas.



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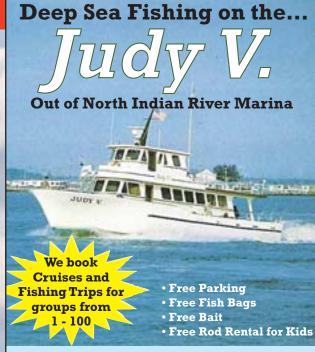
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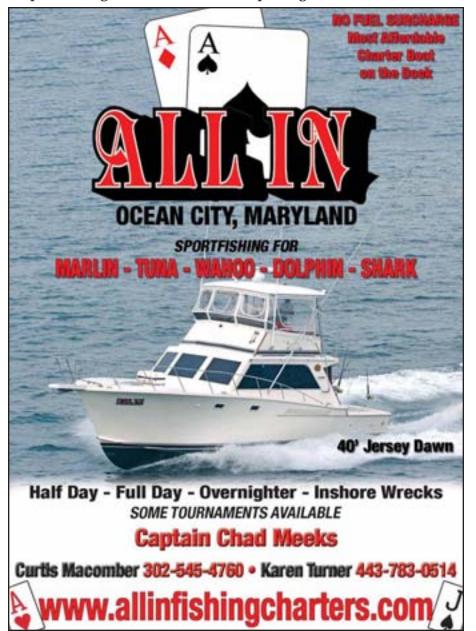
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West Sarver wrestled this 8 lb. 8 oz. flounder from the rubble of Reef Site #7 after hooking it on a bluefish fillet. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! Fishing the back bays continues to be quite productive. The croakers are still plentiful and there seems to be larger fish in the mix. Flounder are also providing plenty of action, but most of them are throwbacks. The baits of choice remain to be the Berkley Gulp! products and of course the old reliable squid and minnow combo. Frozen shiners and smelt are also producing bites.

Bruce Kidd of White House Beach used a live minnow to boat a 7 lb. 1 oz. citation flattie from the Indian River Bay. Gary Gerber and Cameron Gladfelter used squid and minnow to trick flounder of 5 lbs. 13 oz. and 4 lbs. 15 oz. Mike Smith soaked some Berkley Gulp! shrimp in the Indian River Inlet to fool a 3 lb. 6 oz. flounder.

Ocean fishing is picking up at spots such as Reef Site #10, the DB Buoy and Old Grounds areas.





Michael Lombardi, Jr. (right) caught a 28-inch, 8 lb. 6 oz. flounder while drifting a live spot in the Indian River. Angler Christopher Lombardi also caught himself a 3 pounder during the trip aboard the "Fin Addiction" with Michael Lombardi.

Bob Kinsley, Glenn Clark and Taylor Clark fished the Old Grounds aboard the "Uncle Bob" and boated 3 flounder and 8 sea bass. Scott Heiland fished the DB Buoy aboard the "Bushwacker" using squid & minnow to bag a 4.75 lb. flounder.

Offshore fishing has been relatively spotty, with dolphin providing much of the action. Capt Bill Burkhart on the "Toss Em Back Charters" boated a white marlin and a dolphin while trolling the 40 line.

I would like to thank John Ratliff, owner of the boat the "NO WORRIES" and Donnie Culver for inviting me along to fish one day of the White Marlin Open. It was a pleasure to fish on a fine boat with a great group of guys. Also a "thumbs up" to Capt. Chris Corbi for doing a great job of piloting the boat in not so great conditions. We managed to bring home three dolphin and the boat was on the board in the dolphin division until day three. Best of luck to the gang for the rest of the year, and I sure hope to fish with them again.

Ron from Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Rd. informed me that there are loads of croaker and spot being caught near Gull Island using Fishbites artificial bloodworms. The croakers are improving in size. Flounder action is also picking up in the ocean from the DB Buoy to the DA Buoy, as well as the Old Grounds. Ron says minnows and Gulp! are the ticket to catching fish.

At Henlopen Bait & Tackle on Savannah Rd in Lewes, Dan reported good flounder action on the Delaware Reef Sites, the Brown Shoal and the Anchorage. Spot and croaker can be found just about everywhere. Bloodworms are the bait of choice for the spot and croakers. Action from the surf is pretty slow, which is typical for this time of year.

Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes reported successful anglers. Drew Osberg fished Site 10 using squid and minnows and caught 3 flounder ranging from 25.5inches to 19.5-inches. He was fishing on the "O' Buoy" with Capt. Mike Osberg and Hunter Patton, who boated a 20 1/2-inch flattie. David Eisenhower and crew boated over 20 flounder with 4 keepers using white bucktails tipped with Gulp!. Mark Stiegler called from the beach and reported that bluefish to 14inches and kings to 13-inches were keeping him busy in the suds using fresh mullet and cut bluefish.

Felitia Perrin, age 9, caught 6 croaker and spot while fishing the Pier with bloodworms under the guidance of her uncle Steve Perrin. Matt Langdon and his friends Mark and Mark fished the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Ofishal". They caught 5 dolphin ranging from 10 to 19 lbs. while trolling between 500 and 1000 fathoms. Michael Davidson on the "Spoiled Three" caught a 62inch, 137 lb. and a 46-inch, 80 lb. bluefin tuna with Capt. Angelo The guys also got Delapo. spooled on an 80TW at the Tea Cup.

While talking to Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle at North Shore Marina, I was told the Indian River Inlet has been giving up some flounder, tog, sheepshead, blues and stripers. Minnows, squid, sand fleas, and of course the Berkley Gulp! products have all been winning baits. From just outside the inlet to the Buoy Lines anglers have been finding a mix of croakers, trout, flounder and sea bass. The headboats have



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been putting their fares on flounder and sea bass. In the suds along the beaches anglers will find some croaker and kingfish with a few spot and blues in the mix. Dolphin have been taken by folks trolling anywhere from the Buoy Line and east. A blue marlin weighing in at 443 lbs. was brought in aboard the "Miss Donna". Lori Irelan was fishing aboard the "Out of Line" and boated a 42 lb. wahoo.

Bert also reported a few yellowfin tuna being weighed in. Justin Boyd was fishing on the "Jimmy's Dream" and trolled up a 23.9 lb. dolphin. Jack Forrest took home a 28.7 lb. dolphin while trolling aboard the "Reel Passion". Dan Iacangell was fishing the Old Grounds aboard the "Sea Hair" and boated a 7.5 lb. flattie. Bert said there is plenty of action everywhere.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said if you can't catch a croaker in the Delaware Bay now, you better take up golf! Hardheads of varying sizes are spread over most of the bay, and the marina cleaning station was busy with wheelbarrow loads of panfish during weekend. Small croakers were

just about everywhere, but bigger specimens hung out around the concrete at reef site 5 in the Slough. shrimp, squid, bloodworms, Fishbites and Gulp! bloodworms all attracted bites.

Flounder action continued as hot as the weather, with structure yielding some quite impressive flatfish. An 11.14 lb. doormat caught by Jake Knox topped the list of big fluke. Jake's fish ate a chartreuse Gulp! swimming mullet at reef site 10. Billy Wright boated a 9.35 pounder, also at site 10. Scott Peterson was fishing the Brown Shoal reefs aboard the "Top Fin" when he connected with an 8.88 pounder. Chet Harer, Captain of the "Lil' Angler II", showed his patrons how it's done by decking an 8.44 lb. flounder at site 10. Joe Walker added another citation fluke to his list for this year, an 8.14 pounder from an ocean reef. Cary Rutherford captured a 7.43 lb. flattie from site 6 in the bay. Captain Brent Wiest squeezed in a little fishing time between helping others catch fluke, and managed to put a 7.28 pounder in the box for himself.

In addition to the Brown Shoal and Star reefs, the open bottom gave up flounder as well. In the bay, the area between reef sites 6 and 7 in the hook of Brown Shoal was productive. Flatties were taken near the A Buoy also. The water was cleaner, and boat traffic was more spread out in the ocean. Bottom contours between the DB and DA buoys were productive. Flounder showed a preference for fresh meat, and strips of bluefish and spot were top producers. However, smelt, shiners, squid, live spot and minnows caught fish as well. Bucktail jigs tipped with Gulp! also did a number on flatfish. Inshore wrecks held triggerfish. Clam, shrimp and sand fleas were good offerings. Sometimes, triggerfish will follow others that have been hooked right to the boat. Alert anglers who drop baits to them can put extra fish in the box. Joe Walker, Tony Vansant and Joe Walker, Jr. got in on a good triggerfish bite at the Fenwick Shoal wreck. They kept 50 triggers, 9 flounder to 6.5 lbs., and a 5 lb. spadefish. Inshore trollers picked at small bluefish, king mackerel and an occasional dolphin between the A Buoy and the Delaware Light. Drones and Clark spoons behind an in-line

weight or a planer were effective. Diving plugs such as Rapalas and Stretch 25s worked too. Some anglers reported cobia hanging out around the weather buoy. It's good to have a rod ready with a live spot or eel, just in case you encounter a cobia on some floating structure. Tuna catches remained spotty. The most consistent action was with big bluefins at the Lobster Claw of the Thirty Fathom Line. Tuna were taken by chunking with butterfish and sardines, and on Butterfly and hammered diamond jigs. Barney Gallagher brought back a 117.6 lb. bluefin. Fred Wagner checked in a 145 pounder from the Claw. Decent numbers of dolphin were available between 20 and 40 fathoms. The guys on the "Skipjack" chunked up 16 gaffers

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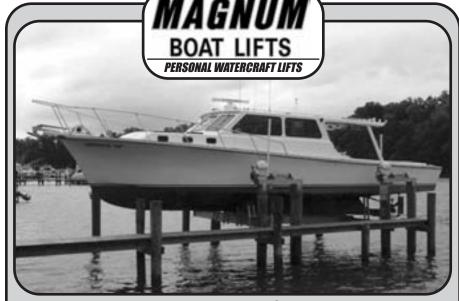
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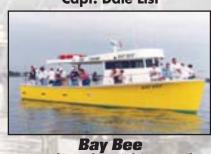
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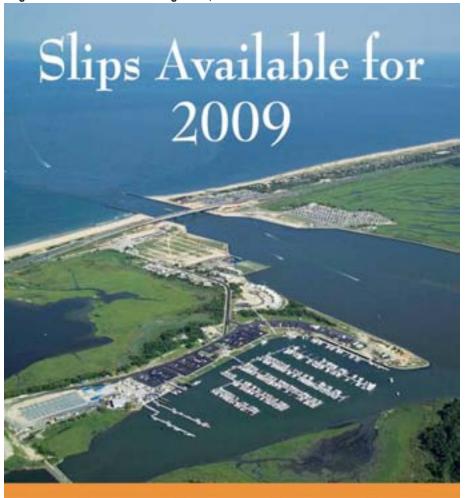












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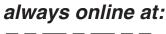
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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



If it's true that the trials and tribulations of life opportunities to learn and grow - last week I did some serious growing! It all started at the end of a successful fishing trip on a beautiful day when my engine suddenly quit just outside the mouth of the inlet. The current was running in hard and since I was just outside the two entrance buoys I decided to drop anchor to keep from possibly drifting up on one of the jetties. With all the boat traffic at the time it wasn't exactly where I wanted to go on the hook, but I couldn't risk drifting into a catastrophe.

With the anchor set I was able to make a quick assessment of what the malfunction was. A check of my fuel valves showed that instead of running on the "full" tank - we were drawing from the tank that was low and the engine had just sucked a big slug of air which was enough to make her shut-off as quickly as if I had turned off the key. Anyone who knows diesel engines is aware that running out of fuel is not remedied simply by filling the tank and starting back up. Even though I switched over to the full tank, the engine would not start until I could purge the air from the lines and get fuel to the injectors.

Grabbing some tools, I jumped down into the engine room to try and get things working as fast as possible, but it's not exactly a quick process, and with what seemed to be every boat in Ocean City trying to get in the Inlet just then, I figured I'd better do something to at least alert the incoming fleet of my predicament so I wouldn't get run over or swamped. I made a "security" call on channel 16 announcing

my location and dilemma and was immediately answered by the Coast Guard who asked for more details. I answered their questions and even though I told them that I thought I'd have the engine running soon they said they'd be sending out their 47-footer to standby and assist if needed.

Before I knew it we had two Coast Guard vessels, two Towboat US boats, and my friends on the charter boat "Last Call" hovering around us. It may have been a lot of "hoopla" over one little 40-foot charter boat with an air-bound engine, but I'll admit that it sure was comforting to suddenly have so much professional assistance standing by to keep us out of further trouble.

Of course, from the time the Coast Guard arrived on the scene THEY were in charge and my role in the process was pretty much reduced to taking orders from them. In fact, about the only thing I had to say in the matter was where I wanted them to tow us. Through it all, the thought crossed my mind that the fellow running the Coast Guard boat and most of his crew probably weren't even alive when I first started running charters from this very boat, and now here they are telling ME what to do!

I expect that some skippers would be inclined to cop an attitude when forced to go from being captain-and-commander of their own vessel to suddenly being told what to do by some guy who's probably half their age. But you know what? After countless times watching the Coast Guard doing training runs by towing their own boats in and out of the Inlet, working alongside of them on various projects, and having a couple ex-Coast Guardsmen work with me as first mates aboard my own boat, I've seen them in action enough to have 100% confidence in their abilities and I had no problem sitting back and letting them call the shots! It sure took the immediate burden off my back knowing that my vessel and crew were now in such good hands.

And what professionals they were! From the time they pulled up and took over they were direct but always courteous, and they made the effort to explain ahead of time the process and procedures and then carried out their plan just as described. I couldn't help but consider how nice it would be if all businesses operated so precisely.

So they towed us through the Inlet, and once we got inside they switched from a "stern" to a "hip" (on the side) tow to get us into the harbor. Towing on the hip requires that the boats be tied together precisely with bumpers placed between the two so that neither one damages the other. With the Coast Guard vessel constructed of heavyduty aluminum and mine of soft juniper (wood) you can imagine which boat would be damaged if we banged together. But thanks to the conscientious effort of the Coast Guard to tie us up so that neither boat touched the other we arrived back at the dock without a scratch! And you can bet that after going through all that I was relieved to get my crew and my vessel back to the dock in one piece.

I know that for the crew of the Coast Guard vessel it was probably just another "Saturday afternoon assistance run," but for me it was about as good a conclusion as I could have asked for considering the mess I had gotten myself into. I've always known that the servicemen and women who dress in blue are always ready to put their own lives on the line whether to protect our coastline or save our butts. But this was the first time I was not just an observer of the outstanding duties they carry out each day but actually a beneficiary of the extensive training and abilities of the U.S. Coast Guard. Whether they get the call to rescue the crew of a sinking ship in the middle of a hurricane or just to drag in a bumbling captain who couldn't keep track of what fuel tank he was running on, the U.S Coast Guard is up to the task, and I thank God we mariners have those young men and women there when we need them.

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<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	Angier	<u>Date</u>	Location
Longfin Albacore	74 lbs.	Victor W. Gardner II	07/17/05	Baltimore Canyon
Atlantic Spadefish	11 lbs. 6.5 oz	Noel Lohr	09/02/05	Triple Wrecks
Black Seabass	8 lbs.	Hayward Madison	1978	Jack Spot
Bluefish	23 lbs. 8 oz	Lillian Morris	10/30/74	Assateague Island
Cobia	72 lbs.	Chris Toner	07/25/09	Great Gull Shoal
Dolphin	67 lbs. 8 oz	Kim Lawson	07/21/85	53 miles off Ocean City
Black Drum	79 lbs.	Stanley liyes	09/07/85	Bass Grounds
Red Drum	70 lbs.	Robert Light	09/24/77	Assateague Island
False Albacore	22 lbs. 8 oz	Kevin Sheckells	06/25/95	Third Lump
Summer Flounder	17 lbs.	Anthony Vacari	10/03/74	Assateague Island
Winter Flounder	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Jeremy Kuhn	08/03/06	Ocean City
King Mackerel	47 lbs.	Gerald Kauffman	10/18/85	Big Gull
Kingfish	2 lbs. 8 oz	Grace Walker	10/01/75	Assateague Island
Porgy	6 lbs. 3 oz	Pearl Hoppie	07/04/66	Fenwick Shoal
Blue Marlin	1,062 lbs.	Bob Farris	08/05/09	Poorman's Canyon
White Marlin	135 lbs.	George Pierson	08/29/80	Poorman's Canyon
Black Tip Shark	193 lbs.	Brian Zysk	08/04/91	Ocean City
Blue Shark	280 lbs.	Martin Waltman	09/13/97	Ocean City
Dusky Shark	469 lbs.	Jim Liberto	07/01/82	Ocean City
Great White Shark	467 lbs.	Jack Holmes	06/11/92	Ocean City
Scalloped Hammerhead	254 lbs.	Jamie Gill	08/05/09	Elephant Trunk
Smooth Hammerhead	375 lbs.	George Wilson Ford V	06/17/04	Parking Lot
Mako Shark	876 lbs.	Jim Hughes	06/20/09	Washington Canyon
Sand Tiger Shark	334 lbs.	Billy Leidner	09/08/83	Ocean City
Sandbar Shark	235 lbs.	Mark Sampson	07/08/83	Ocean City
Smooth Dogfish Shark	15 lbs. 5 oz	Gregg Bacchien	05/22/93	Ocean City
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Thresher Shark	642 lbs.	Brent Applegit	06/19/09	Fingers
Tiger Shark	1,210 lbs.	Grace Czerniak	07/09/83	Ocean City
Sheepshead	17 lbs. 8 oz	Raymond Daniel	07/25/04	Ocean City Inlet
Speckled Trout	13 lbs.	Jack Miller	08/21/73	Sinepuxent Bay
Striped Bass	57.2 lbs.	Gary Smith	05/06/06	Assateague Island
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Wahoo	111 lbs.	Christian Tiller	10/08/03	Poorman's Canyon
Weakfish	16 lbs.	Donald Cannon	09/11/76	Ocean City Inlet



Clayton Noble of Fairfax, VA took an overnight trip on the "Bug Money" and returned with 2 dolphin in the box. The mahi-mahi hit skirted ballyhoo at the Lobster Claw. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



John Yost was fishing on the "Sea Note" with Capt. Mike Connolly when he hooked into this 6 lb. 9 oz. flounder. The flattie inhaled a live spot at Reefsite #11 and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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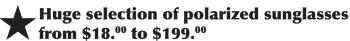
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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



One item of electronics that seems to have decreased in popularity for many boaters is the single sideband. That doesn't really make a lot of sense because there is nothing else like single sideband to give you long-range reliable communications. With more and more boats going off-shore and smaller boats being more vulnerable, you would think that SSB would be enjoying increased

Like many items of marine electronics, the single sideband radio was first developed and used by the military, but it was authorized for civilian use in 1971. Like VHF, the SSB has many channels to select from but, unlike VHF, it also has several frequency bands, each with several channels. The purpose of these varying frequency bands is advantage atmospherics to send signals a

further distance.

When you transmit on any channel on your SSB, one part of the signal, called the "ground wave", stays close to the surface and reaches targets anywhere from 100-200 miles. The other portion of the signal, known as the "sky wave", bounces off layers of the ionosphere and reflects back to earth at distances of 3,000 miles or more. The range you get with your set depends on the time of day, the season and the frequency you are using. In general, lower frequencies travel less distance than higher ones and all signals travel further during daytime than at night.

The primary advantages of SSB are its greater range, wide selection of channels, higher power output (100-200 watts), and less crowding of channels making it easier to get through. The primary disadvantages are the larger physical size and current requirements. SSB requires additional grounding to work properly and must utilize an antenna at least 17 feet tall or greater for good performance. They are also more expensive than VHF even though their prices have come down in recent you vears. Unless transporting more than six passengers for hire, most VHF radios do not require an FCC license but all SSB radios are required to have one.

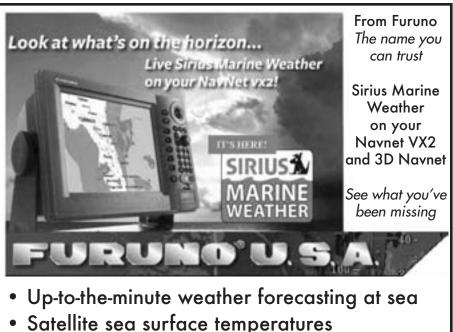
If you already have SSB on your vessel, here are a few pointers on its most effective use. Do not attempt to transmit on your radio until it has warmed up for at least three minutes or so. Speak clearly and loudly across the microphone instead of directly into it and hold the microphone close to your mouth. The antenna of your SSB radiates RF energy. Remember not to touch or hold the antenna during transmission. SSB's high output power could result in a mild burn to your hand.

In recent years the use of global satellite telephones has increased and improved, which may account for some of the decreased use of SSB. However,

so-called "sat phones" entail an ongoing subscription fee and do not have some of the features of SSB such as up-to-date weather broadcasts. SSB radios can talk to each other without any charge and can make marine operator assisted calls to land-lines at minimal expense. However, there are fewer public coast stations available for SSB marine operator calls than in the past. On the plus side, SSB can now be used to send and receive e-mails if you have the proper software, modem and on-board computer, preferably a laptop.

There have not been many changes in SSB technology over recent years but it is unlikely that SSB will be discontinued altogether. If you have a larger vessel and you travel offshore to the canyons, you might want to look into getting a SSB. It's the most reliable way for you to have communications fingertips.

Pat Schrawder and her husband Larry are owners of L&L Marine Electronics on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City.



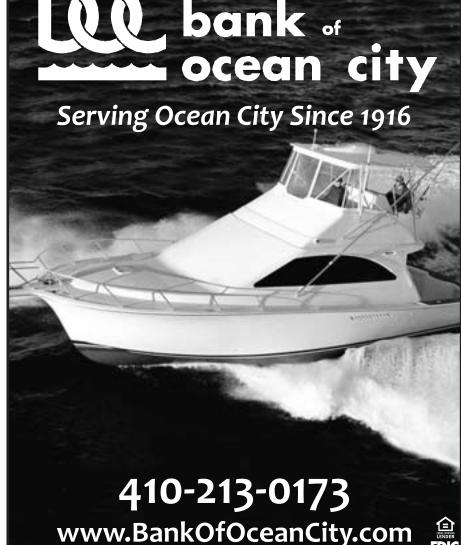
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



As summer presses on, many favorite species are available within Mid-Atlantic waters. The biggest news is the jump-start of the flounder action this week. Anglers are making up for lost time, filling coolers with plenty of keeper sized flatties and heading to the scales with dozens of trophy sized doormats. Big flatfish are coming from all four islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge

We've doubled the

Tunnel using both live bait, and jigs donned with plastics or stripped bait. Drifters are also finding good luck along lower bay channels, deep water drop-offs, and near Buoys 36A, 42, and the Cell. Ken Bartow of Virginia Beach had a good day this week when a 10.5-pound doormat inhaled his live spot while fishing at the CBBT.

The rest of the inshore scene is dominated by cobia. These stealthy fish are making a strong showing for both chummers and top water casters, with several fish pushing over 70-pounds hitting the docks this week. Many cobia are beginning their late summer trend of favoring buoys and bridge pilings, and cruising on the surface. Aubrey Williams of Chesapeake and his crew boated several large cobia ranging from 61 to 77-pounds while sight casting in the lower Bay. As for chumming, the largest fish of the year was boated by Wes Blow of Newport News, when a monster 105.5-pound cobia

Red drum are still roaming the 9-foot Shoals and the barrier islands of the Eastern Shore. Black drum are circling the artificial islands, but expect these fish to begin moving out soon.

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"Oceans East 2" reports that puppy drum are still a sure thing within most all lower Bay back waters, with Lynnhaven Inlet and Little Creek Inlet producing lately. Cut mullet is working well as bait.

Croaker are everywhere from the HRBT to the CBBT. The big bite out of Oyster continues to yield coolers full of medium-sized hardheads from the deeper part of the channel. Medium sized spot are still hitting near Ocean View and off the Concrete Ships. Reports of large spot are coming from further up the Bay, which could be a good sign for our fall spot run.

A few sheepshead were hooked along the CBBT this week, but expect to work for your catch. David Arnold of Suffolk found a cooperative sheepshead, when the 10pound, 14-ounce fish took his crab at the 1st island of the CBBT. Triggerfish and tautog are mixed in with sheepshead and spadefish along the Bridge Tunnel. Spades, triggers, and tautog are also feeding on inshore and near shore wrecks, along with some decent seabass. The larger spades are located near the high rise section of the CBBT and Plantation Light.

Trollers are finding some accommodating Spanish mackerel along the oceanfront, the CB Buoy line, and near the Chesapeake Light Tower and reef area. Small gold and silver spoons are the best lures for these

fish. Die hard king mackerel anglers are still waiting for the king bite to materialize, with no positive signs as of yet. The king action off the Carolina coastline is good right now, with several large smokers landed recently.

An exceptional showing of sharks along Virginia's coastal waters is attracting a lot of attention. Although most of these toothy critters are too small to keep, several fish are stretching past the 54-inch minimum fork length. Be sure to review the regulations before targeting these gluttonous hunters.

Chris at Chris' Bait and Tackle had good news on the tarpon front. Although sightings are still low, a hand full of hook-ups and landings this week gave silver king enthusiasts new hope for a reemerging bite.

Deep dropping action is still good. The headboats running out of the Fishing Center in Rudee Inlet are still cleaning up with big blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, grouper, and blackbellied rosefish.

Amberjack are still available on several wrecks and navigational towers. Plan an early morning trip to avoid the heat. Be prepared, anglers are sorting through dozens of smaller fish to find larger fish.

Bluewater anglers are experiencing a scattered billfish action, but this should improve over the next few weeks. The 1st blue marlin "grander" ever caught off of Maryland was boated out of Ocean City during the White Marlin Open this week. It weighed 1,062-pounds. The tuna action is something to be desired, but nice gaffer dolphin and a few wahoo and mako sharks are available to take up the slack.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. Representative for Virginia Beach, VA. You can find Dr. Julie's reports at www.drjball.com.



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Kili Gomez hooked into this 118.5 lb. bluefin tuna late in the day while fishing on the "Joint Venture" with Capt. Jeff Hoepfl at the 19 Fathom Lump. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Sea Bass	March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs.	February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz.	Mako Shark	June 20, 2009 Jim Hughes Washington Canyon 876 lbs.	July 1, 2009 Rick Sank Poor Man's Canyon 170 lbs.
Tautog	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	July 17, 2009 Alex Levantowsky "Grizzly" 16 lbs. 4 oz.	Thresher Shark	June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.	July 1, 2009 John Kazem "B" Buoy 376 lbs.
Striped Bass	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	Cobia	July 25, 2009 Chris Toner "Fish Finder" 72 lbs.	August 1, 2009 Bobby Haas Site #11 22 lbs.
Weakfish	May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.	May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	July 13, 2009 Giuseppe Ferrarelli "That's Right" 170 lbs.	June 28, 2009 Collin Johnson "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	July 25, 2009 Jon Duffie, Sr. "Billfisher" 63 lbs.	July 11, 2009 Walt Murphy "MEGA-BITE" 62 lbs.
Flounder	June 11, 2009 Avak Khachadorian "Morning Star" 9 lbs. 2 oz.	July 19, 2009 Jody McCullough Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 10 oz.	Longfin Tuna	August 4, 2009 Gunnar Zorn Wilmington Canyon 67.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Bluefish	June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna	August 3, 2009 Doug Salter Baltimore Canyon 249 lbs.	June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
Sheepshead	June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barnstable Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.	July 23, 2009 Joe Kossek Ice Breakers 10 lbs. 2 oz.	Dolphin	Ron Bennett, Sr. Baltimore Canyon 37.5 lbs.	July 27, 2009 Ned Baumbach 19 Fathom Lump 23.6 lbs.
Black Drum	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	Wahoo	August 2, 2009 Greg Garman Hambone 69 lbs.	July 25, 2009 Wilson Hazzard Baltimore Canyon 75 lbs.

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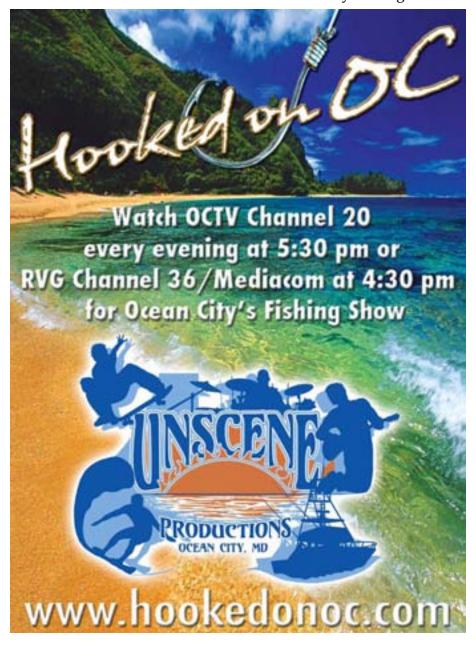
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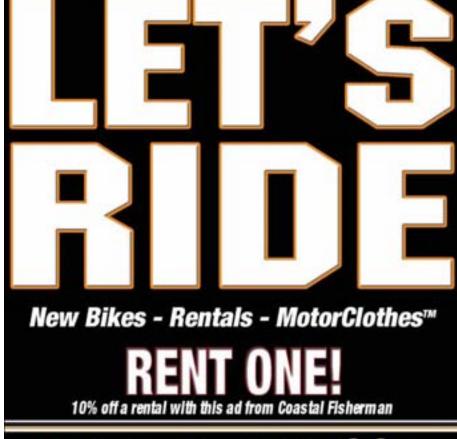


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Keri Stine, Scott Stine, Jeff Stine and Matt Emschweiler, all from York, PA, brought home 4 dolphin after a day spent trolling ballyhoo inside Massey's Canyon aboard the "Bimini Twist". The dolphin weighed between 15 and 20 lbs.



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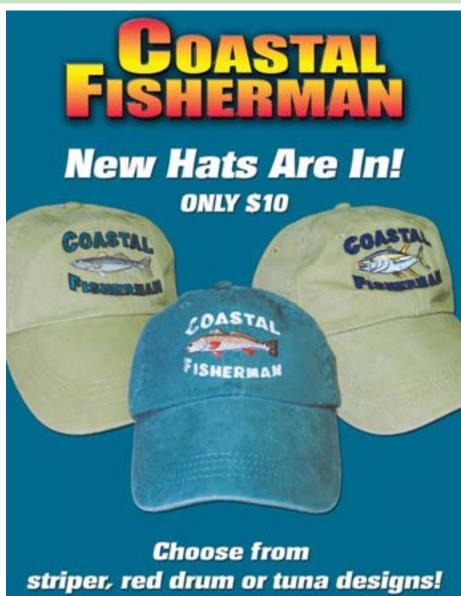
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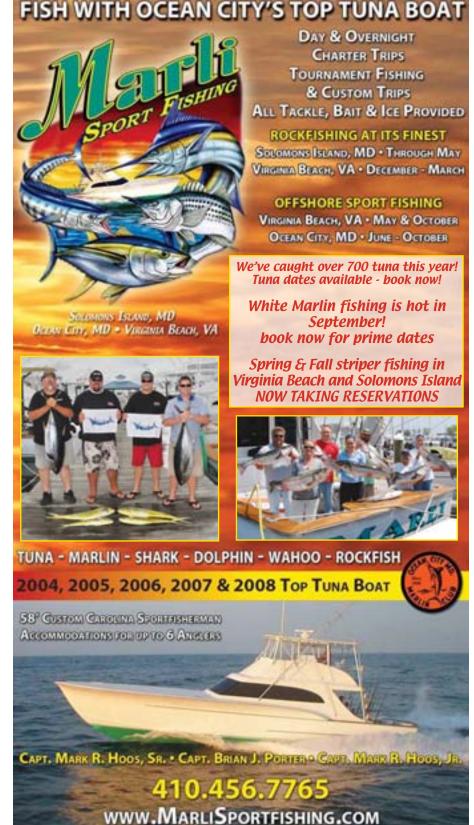


Tim and Linda Nengel of Ocean City, MD, Dave and Sarah Kerrigan of Centreville, VA, along with Paul and Pam Thieberger of Lorton, VA spent the day fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and Mark Hoos, Jr. The anglers returned with two bluefin measuring 43 and 66-inches, with the larger bluefin tipping the scales at 149 lbs. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Chicken Bone and weighed at Sunset Marina.





Mark Spence of Newark, DE released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Outcast" with Capt. Glen Busker and Mates Tom Henry and Marty Cross. The 70-inch white hit a green machine in 68-degree water on the west edge of the Hot Dog.



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(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - must be reported with picture within 48 hours of catch)

Species	2009	2008	Species	2009	2008
Sea Bass	January 26, 2009 Dean Lo "Arno" Wilmington Canyon	March 27, 2008 Susan Samsock "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	Mako Shark	May 22, 2009 Jim Hughes "Nontypical" Baltimore Canyon	April 26, 2008 Thomas Dame "Free Spool" Elephant's Trunk
Tautog	January 4, 2009 Billy Collins "Ocean Princess" Offshore Wreck	February 4, 2008 Joe Restuccia "Karen Sue" Wreck	White Marlin	June 10, 2009 Terry Layton "Nontypical" Poor Man's Canyon	June 9, 2008 Jim Miner "Judge" Norfolk Canyon
Striped Bass	January 3, 2009 Baron Daiker "Baron Sea" Little Gull	January 1, 2008 RJ Roppelt "Reel Persuasion" Little Gull	Blue Marlin	June 10, 2009 Jake Burger "Marlin Magic" Poor Man's Canyon	June 9, 2008 Jason Hinton "No Limits" Middle Sausage
Weakfish	May 13, 2009 Rich Bell Sinepuxent Bay	May 16, 2008 Nick Sharp Roosevelt Inlet	Bluefin Tuna	May 23, 2009 Butch Bradshaw "DILLIGAF" Baltimore Canyon	April 11, 2008 Greg Hook "Stress Reel-ief" Wilmington Canyon
Flounder	April 18, 2009 Bo Smeltzer "Gotta Jones" Verrazano Bridge	March 23, 2008 Preston Walls Rt. 90 Bridge	Yellowfin Tuna	June 8, 2009 Kelly Horning "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon	May 25, 2008 Kevin King "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Bluefish	May 13, 2009 Henry Busby Bethany Surf	April 24, 2008 John Foreman Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna	August 4, 2009 Don Klein "Gun Dawg" Wilmington Canyon	June 20, 2008 Jim Short "Not Right" Baltimore Canyon
Black Drum	April 25, 2009 Chris Tenbusch Assateague Surf	April 24, 2008 Capt. Mac Simpson Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	June 19, 2009 Michael Branson "Reel Compromise" Washington Canyon	August 25, 2008 Bert Long Wilmington Canyon
Sheepshead	May 23, 2009 Tassos Argyros Ocean Wreck	June 5, 2008 Joe Shaffer North Jetty	Dolphin	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon	May 25, 2008 Janan Mohamed "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Thresher Shark	May 25, 2009 Ron Sckenk "On Delivery" Lightship	May 24, 2008 Justin Michalski "Uptite" S.E. of Jackspot	Wahoo	July 18, 2009 Keith Wolf "Gerri Lynn" Hambone	July 1, 2008 Matt Migliore "Marli" Lumpy Bottom

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



This group of anglers teamed up to catch the first grand slam ever on the "Playmate" with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart. Josh Stryjewski from Baltimore, MD released a white marlin, Zach Stryjewski, also from Baltimore, MD released a blue marlin and Erik Henrickson from Fallston, MD released a spearfish while fishing with Richard Henrickson, Joe and Rick Stryjewski and Al Chasing. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo in 70 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center. To view the video on the dock, log on to www.coastalfisherman.net.





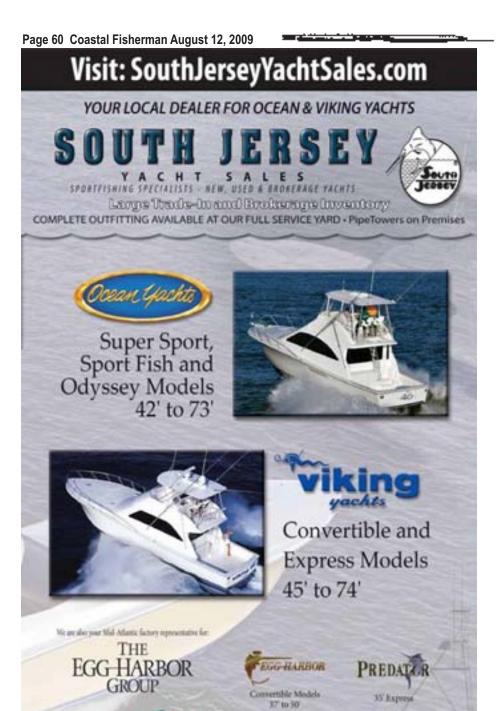
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Billy Wright of Milton, DE took advantage of some excellent flounder fishing at Reef Site #10, landing this 9 lb. 6 oz. flattie while using squid and shiners for bait.





Joseph Rankin of Joppa, MD was fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge and caught this 19.5-inch flounder on a squid and shiner combination. Photo courtesy of All Tackle in West Ocean City.



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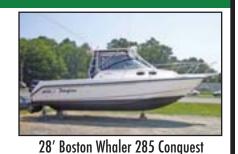


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Pat Tobat, Greg Creed and Dennis White, all of Salisbury, MD along with Capt. Jon Conley, all teamed up to land this 140 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Ramsey" at the Hambone. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

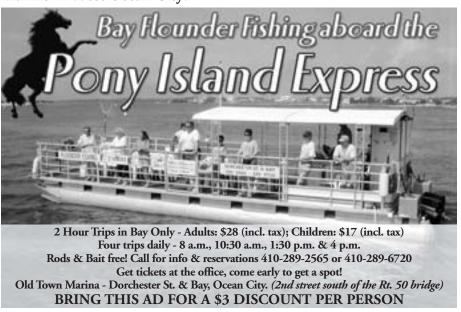




Artie Halstead from Aston, PA released this white marlin while fishing on the "Sea Legs" with Greg, Jeff and Tom Szatkowski, also from Aston, PA. The white was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in 50 fathoms on the southern end of the Washington Canyon.



Rich and Baron Daiker from Reisterstown, MD were drifting live spot at the South Jetty on Sunday when they hooked into these 2 stripers. The fish measured 29 and 33-inches. Pictured at Ake Marine in West Ocean City.



Maryland Volunteer Angler Summer Flounder Survey

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Time Started: am/pm Hours Fished:
Number of Anglers:
Fished from (circle one): Shore Boat Pier Surf Charter
Fishing Method (circle one): Bottom Fishing Drifting Trolling Casting Fly
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to a maximum of 20. Place an "X" in the appropriate kept or released box for each summer flounder caught. <u>If you don't catch any flounder during your</u>

trip, still complete the survey and mail to the Maryland DNR.



Robert Dziatczak of Detroit, MI caught this 24-inch, 5 lb. flounder while fishing on the "Judith M" with Capt. Kane Bounds. Pictured at Bahia Marina.





Mackenzie Hackett from Severna Park, MD was fishing on the "Big E" in the Thorofare when she hooked into this 19-inch flounder. Mackenzie was using live minnows for bait.

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Rich Gray, Jr. from Long Neck, DE, Dan O'Donald of Broomall, PA and Rich Gray, III of Rattle & Reel Sporting Center put 3 flounder in the box after fishing with Gulp! artificial baits in the Indian River Bay. The heaviest fish weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz.



Lauren "White Socks" Stinchcomb of Annapolis, MD showed his buddies how it's done, landing a 26-inch, 7 lb. 14 oz. flounder and a 27-inch, 8 lb. 11 oz. flattie while fishing on the "Wolfpack" using squid and minnows at the Twin Wrecks.



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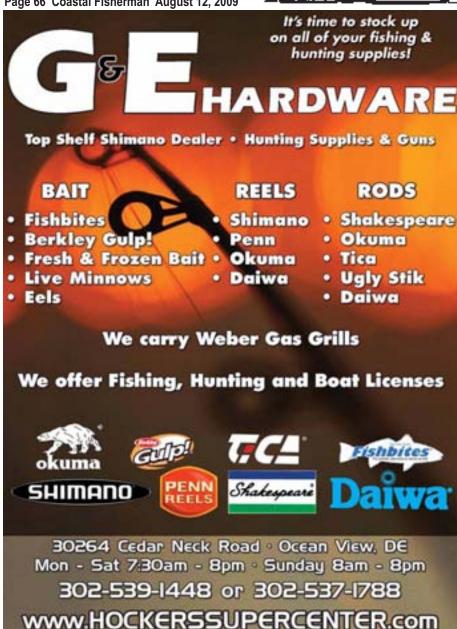
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Joe Klink of Clarksville, DE was fishing at the Rt. 54 Bridge when he landed these 2 flounder, the largest measuring 20-inches.

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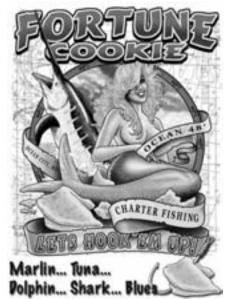
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In mid-August, Spencer Talbot of Severna Park, MD reeled in this 42-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Restless Lady" with Ian and Cole Duncan, also from Severna Park, MD, Elie Riviere from France, Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mates Jim Duncan and Garth Bossie. The bluefin, along with 5 others that were released, were caught on spreader bars at the Hambone. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



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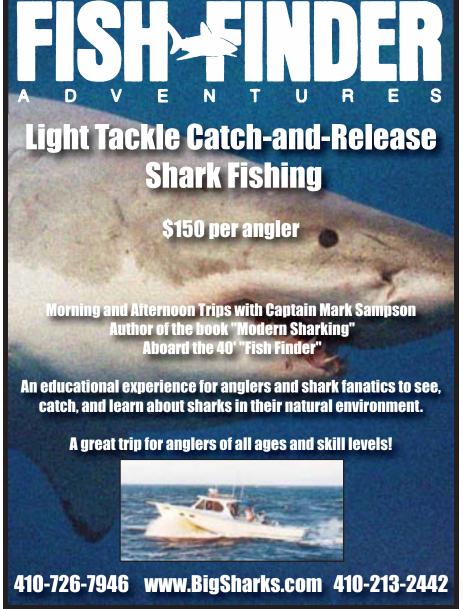
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Bluefin ***	60"	75 lbs.
Yellowfin ***	50"	75 lbs.
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-
Bluefish	34"	14 lbs.
Cobia	44"	-
Croaker	18"	3 lbs.
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs.
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs.
Red Drum *	any size	-
Flounder	24"	7 lbs.
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs.
Blue Marlin **	any size	any size
White Marlin **	any size	any size

^{*} Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program *** Use curved-fork-length measurements

	MD	DE
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Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb.
Striped Bass	40"	20 lbs.
Sailfish *	any size	-
Seabass	20"	3 lbs.
Shark:		
Blue Shark *	any size	100 lbs.
Hammerhead *	any size	100 lbs.
Mako *	any size	100 lbs.
Thresher *	any size	100 lbs.
Tiger *	any size	100 lbs.
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs.
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs.
Spot	12"	-
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Swordfish *	any size	any size
Tautog	24"	7 lbs.
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs.
Weakfish	24"	9 lbs.

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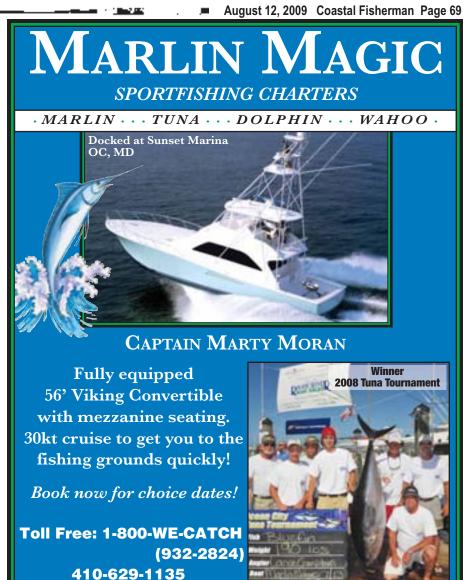




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Matthew Maskell from Eldersburg, MD was fishing with his grandfather, Tommy Gist, when they caught these 3 keeper flounder near "DB" Buoy. Two of the flounder measured 20-inches while the third flattie measured 24-inches. Pictured at Henlopen Tackle.



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Kayla Replogle of Reisterstown, MD caught this 20-inch flounder while drifting a live minnow near Buoy 5 in the bay behind Ocean City and weighed her catch at Fenwick Tackle.

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Dan Burt and his son, Zach Burt, both from Salisbury, MD took a trip to the Waterfall Resort on Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, the 3rd largest island in the United States, located 600 miles north of Seattle, WA. Dan caught this 230 lb. halibut on a jig head while Zach boated this 33 lb. 7 oz. king salmon after hooking it on a plug.

New Regulations set for Snapper-Grouper Fisheries

NOAA Fisheries Service published a final rule implementing Amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. The final rule was published in the Federal Register on June 29, 2009, (74 FR 30964) and becomes effective on July 29, 2009.

According to the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council, the regulations adopted by the South Atlantic Region are also adopted by the Mid-Atlantic Region if the species of fish is available in the region. The Mid-Atlantic region covers states from North Carolina (which is also covered by the South Atlantic council) north to New York.

The final rule:

- 1. Establishes a January-April prohibition on recreational and commercial harvest of shallow water grouper species including gag, black grouper, red grouper, scamp, rock hind, red hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper, and tiger grouper.
- 2. Establishes a November to March prohibition on recreational harvest of vermilion snapper.
- 3. Modifies the vermilion snapper commercial quota and establishes a gag commercial quota.
- 4. Establishes reductions in recreational bag limits for vermilion snapper, gag, black grouper, and the grouper aggregate.

5. Implements a requirement for the commercial and recreational sectors to use dehooking tools when necessary.

For a person on board a vessel for which a federal commercial or for-hire (charter vessel/headboat) permit for the South Atlantic snapper-grouper fishery has been issued, the provisions of the closures for gag and vermilion snapper will apply regardless of whether the fish are harvested in state or federal waters. Captain and crew on for-hire vessels would be prohibited from retaining vermilion snapper or any species in the grouper aggregate.

Recreational Regulations

Grouper aggregate bag limit is 3 fish per person. This includes misty grouper, red grouper, scamp, tiger grouper, yellowedge grouper, yellowfin grouper, blueline tilefish, sand tilefish, coney, graysby, red hind and rock hind. Snowy grouper and golden tilefish are also in the grouper aggregate with a maximum of 1 fish per person, for each species.

Gag or black grouper will be limited to 1 per person, combined.

The vermilion snapper bag limit will be 5 fish.

Vermilion snapper season will be closed from November to March.

Shallow water grouper season will be closed from January to April. This includes gag grouper, black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, yellowmouth grouper and tiger grouper.

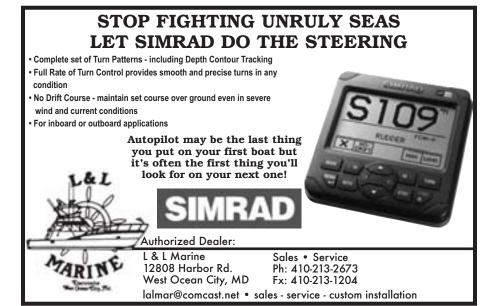


Nick Shialabba from Pittsburgh, PA, Buck Murphy from Portage, PA, Frank Herring of Fishkill, NY, Jerry Hatton from Binghamton, NY and Ed Horn from Lancaster, PA had a good day fishing on the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and Mates Serge Garder and Chase Eberly. Frank's 2 lb. 12 oz. flounder was the heaviest of the day. The fish were caught on squid and shiners near Harbour Island. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Leighton Moore from Chevy Chase, MD caught a tautog, while Cooper and Quinn Moore captured a couple of flounder, all during a trip aboard the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The fish were caught on squid and shiners in the East Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Ron Rowles was flounder fishing at Reefsite #10 aboard the "Skipjack" when he caught this 6 pounder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Steve Linchan, Jr. caught this 12.5 lb. striped bass while drifting with live spot in the Indian River Inlet. Steve weighed his catch at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center in Long Neck, DE.



The "Morning Star" has been returning to the dock of the Ocean City Fishing Center with some excellent catches of flounder after a day fishing on ocean wrecks. On this day, Dave Zerby of Tamaqua, PA, Glenn Grumling of Bowmanville, PA, Gary Marchack of Tamaqua, PA, Mike Malkasian of Annandale, VA and George Henning of Ocean City, MD really crushed the big flounder with Glenn's flattie taking Heaviest Fish honors at 8 lbs. 8 oz. The fish were caught on Gulp! artificial baits, squid and clams. On this day, Capt. Monty Hawkins was at the helm and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder were on the deck.



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TIDES & MOON PHASES

OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. August 12	Low 06:23 am Low 07:09 pm	High 12:28 am High 01:01 pm
Thurs. August 13 Last Quarter	Low 07:12 am Low 08:10 pm	High 01:15 am High 01:57 pm
Fri. August 14	Low 08:08 am Low 09:14 pm	High 02:12 am High 03:00 pm
Sat. August 15	Low 09:09 am Low 10:20 pm	High 03:17 am High 04:06 pm
Sun. August 16	Low 10:13 am Low 11:24 pm	High 04:24 am High 05:11 pm
Mon. August 17	Low 11:18 am Low	High 05:29 am High 06:11 pm
Tues. August 18	Low 12:23 am Low 12:20 pm	High 06:29 am High 07:07 pm
Wed. August 19	Low 01:17 am Low 01:18 pm	High 07:25 am High 08:00 pm

These are Ocean City, MD tides at the Ocean City Inlet.
Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high 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.

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~ AUGUST ~

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Mid-Atlantic \$500,000

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September 3 - 6 • OC Marlin Club 410-213-1613

2nd Annual Wahoo Rodeo & Flounder Round-Up

September 11 - 13 • Sunset Marina 410-213-9600

1st Annual MSSA Beach-N-Boat Tournament

September 12 - 13 • Sunset Marina 410-255-5535

4th Annual Flounder Pounder

September 13 • Bahia Marina 410-289-7473

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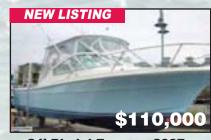
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