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Event	18th Annual Kids Classic
Species	Bluefish
Weight	8.4lb
Angler	Crew
Boat	On Point
Date	Sun July 17, 2022

It was a beautiful weekend for fishing and that only added to the excitement during the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament. Almost 200 young anglers and 55 boats participated in the two day event with 14 different species on the leaderboard. With a good balance of offshore and bay fishing the scales were busy. The Bluefish Division is popular with the fish usually being plentiful, however day one saw only one weighed. Day 2 saw only a couple more, but it would have been hard to beat the big 8.4 lb. chopper blue caught by the crew of the "On Point" with anglers Luke Zeccola, Perry Roberts, Isabella Zeccola, Hayes Roberts and Adalyn Roberts. Finishing in 1st Place for Heaviest Bluefish, it was almost twice as heavy than the 2nd place fish.



Curt Presnell and his son Cody had a nice father and son day on the rip. They pulled in a nice 62.5 lb. yellowfin tuna while trolling near the 800 Square on their boat the "Fortuna".



Kevin McNelis found some fatties last week. He headed to an offshore structure and jiggged up these two flounder with the heaviest at 4 lbs.

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The charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt Joe Drosey has been getting his crews on the tuna. This trip last Thursday saw two yellowfin tuna in the box as well as a good sized spiny dogfish shark, a couple little tunny's and a white marlin release. The mates were Eric Strauss and Mario Rosales keeping the lines straight!



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Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 22, 23, 24
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To benefit the Marlin Club Crew of OC Scholarship Fund
Registration: August 4, 6:00-8:00pm
Fishing Days: (1 of 2) August 5 & 6
Weigh-Ins: August 5 & 6
5:30-7:30pm at Atlantic Tackle

64th ANNUAL LABOR DAY WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT*

Registration: September 1, 6:30-8:00pm
Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 2, 3 & 4
Weigh-Ins: September 2, 3 & 4 6:00-8:00pm
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This Week Last Year

- High winds and soaring temperatures put a hurt on the offshore bite.
- Most of the action during the OC Marlin Club's Kid's Classic was inshore or in the bays.
- Captain's began chunking for tuna at the inshore lumps with good success at the Hotdog with the Baltimore Canyon being the place for trolling. There were tuna in the southern canyons, however shark attacks on the tuna as they got close to the boat continued to be some of the worst captains had seen in years.
- The first longfin tunas of the season were reported. It was a double hookup for sisters Morgan and Kayler Michael in the Baltimore Canyon.

It was a beautiful week in fabulous Delmarva and a steady stream of boats from Lewes to Cape Charles got out on the rip all week. The word for the offshore bite this past week would be picky but consistent. Most boats looking for tuna were able to boat mid range single digits with a few exceptional catches. Some are still trolling and others have switched to chunking at the inshore lumps. Billfishing remains slow, however a few boats willing to reach deep water past the canyons have been having some success with multiple releases including the first reported sailfish. Peanut mahi abound at the sea bass pot buoys and some little tunny and bonitas found their way to the scales this

week. So let's get into the details!

Tuna

With the tuna bite being picky this week, we did not see a huge amount of boats heading out, but there were many especially on the weekend. The reports we got were of solid mid single digit catches of 50 to 60 pound yellowfins. Interestingly there seemed to be an even mix of fish caught on the troll and nice catches by captains chunking butterfish. For those that chose to troll, the southern Poor Man's Canyon

Overall they pulled in about 150' of heavy line to dispose of properly! Another notable highlight of the week for trolling occurred on Sunday when the "Wrecker" brought in 16 yellowfins. They pulled a couple while chunking at the Hotdog, but got the rest after switching to the troll toward the Poor Man's Canyon. They were all good size in the upper 40 to 60 pound range.

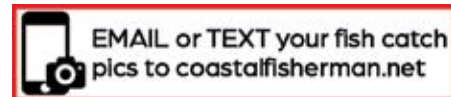
For those that chose to chunk, the inshore lumps were the target. The hotspot was the Hambone with many boats finding 55 pounds or more fish. The top tuna during the Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament was found there by the "Soft Money" and it tipped the scales at 69 lbs. Nearby lumps, the Chicken Bone and Hotdog were also good spots.



was the hot spot with the northern Washington second. The "Marli" reported a couple trips to the Poor Man's returning with good sized yellows and a number of boats fishing offshore in the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament returned with fish from there as well. One of the "Marli" trips had an interesting twist. As the crew was fighting the largest tuna they got that day and as it got closer to the boat, mate Jake Pilkerton noticed it was tangled in a heavy line as was the boat's rudder! So overboard he goes to clear the rudder while mate Jax "the Cactus Kid" Moore gets the yellowfin in the boat.

The hot bigeye bite from last weekend's Ocean City Tuna Tournament has cooled significantly. We had reports of less than 5 eyeballs with 2 caught last Thursday. Capt. Luke Blume on the "C-Boys" called us to grab a picture of a 188 pounder they reeled in from the Washington and the "Moore Bills" reported a 193 lb. fish. Both were weighed at Sunset Marina.

We had no reports of bluefin or longfins this past week, however about a couple dozen little tunny and bonitas came to the scales during the Kid's Classic. It is hard to differentiate these



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two but the visual difference is on the tops of the fish. The false albacore (little Tunny) has a patterned stripe while the atlantic bonita has long running stripes.



Little Tunny/False Albacore



Atlantic Bonito

Billfish

A highlight for this week was the report of the first sailfish caught for the season. The "Blood Money" made an overnight trip starting last Thursday and headed to deep southern waters, 1100 fathoms east of the Washington Canyon. They were rewarded with the sailfish as well as going 3 for 4 on white marlin and catching a tuna. If I know this crew, the tuna was probably a mistake! The "Billfisher" repeated this strategy during the Kid's Classic running 98 miles east of the Washington as well last Saturday. They came to the scales flying 4 white marlin release flags as well as a sailfish release. They also had a single tuna!

Two blue marlin releases made their way to us from the "Old Hatt", who had one in the Poor Man's and the "Sandbob" in the Washington Canyon.

Everything Else!

There seems to be ample peanut mahi around the buoys for the sea bass pots. The "Spring Mix II" worked them on Sunday and brought in 21. Some gaffers have been picked up by boats trolling for tuna. The "Wigg One" took top honors for dolphin in the Kid's Classic with a 17 pounder from the Poor Man's.

Blueline tilefish and triggerfish are plentiful in the canyons and some of the

inshore spots like the Fingers. While we did not get many reports of golden tilefish this week, we have noted several restaurants in town have it on their menus this week, so the commercial catch must still be going strong.

Believe it or not we do not have a tournament this weekend, but rest assured we have some big ones just around the corner. Next up is the Big Fish Classic hosted at the Talbot Street Pier. This is always an exciting and entertainment filled event. Check out the details in the Upcoming Tournament section!

Until next we I will see you at the scales! §



Upcoming Tournaments

- The **Annual Ocean City Marlin Club (OCMC) versus the Ocean City Light Tackle Club (OCLTC) Shoot Out** is July 22nd - 24th. This intra club rivalry is a billfish release only competition and as such there are no weigh ins. More at OCMarlinClub.com.
- The **56th Cape May Marlin Tournament** is July 28th - 30th hosted by the Canyon Club in Cape May, NJ. This is one of the oldest and prestigious release tournaments in the Mid-Atlantic. More at SouthJerseyTournaments.com.
- The next big money tournament in our area is the **Big Fish Classic!** It is the 9th rendition of the event this year and will be held July 28th - 31st. Unique to the Big Fish Classic is the 32 hour fishing window with unlimited anglers allowed during that time. This allows for a lot of time on the water with most boats spending the night offshore from Friday to Saturday. Always lively at the scales with lots of entertainment at the Talbot Street Pier. Scales are open Friday & Saturday 4-9PM and Sunday from 4-8PM with awards & payouts following at 8:30PM. Be sure to check out the action and lively vendor village.



The Hazel group made quick work on yellowfin tuna last week catching these 5 good sized keepers in the morning and were back to the slip by noon! They were fishing at the Fingers on the "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey on the bridge and mates Eric Strauss & Mario Rosales in the pit.

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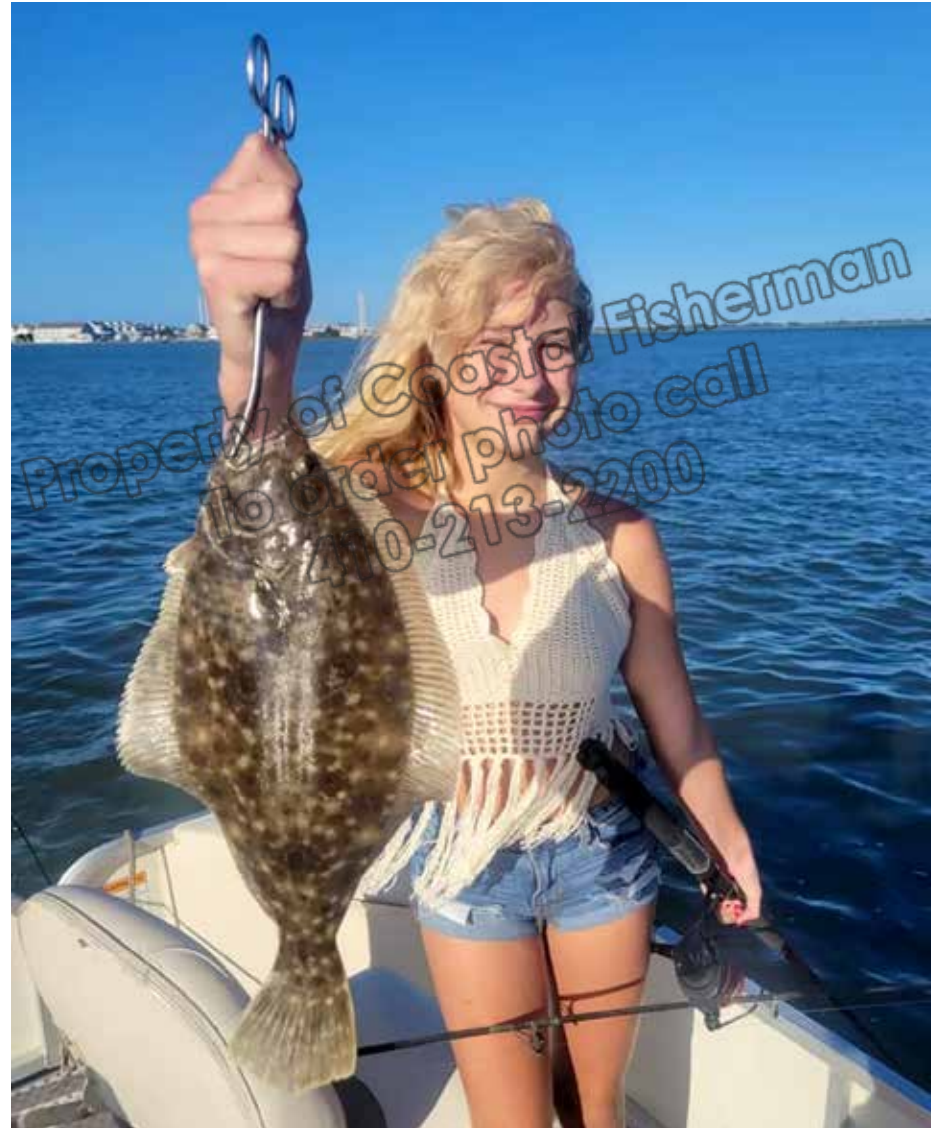
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Brian K. Thomas from Ocean View got a nice surprise last Saturday. He caught a 13" atlantic pompano from the surf at the Faithful Steward Beach Crossing using cut bunker.



Shiloh Klenfelter, age 13, caught her first keeper flounder while fishing with her dad Scott just west of the Indian River Bay. Interesting use for surgical clamps!

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. JULY 20 3/4 Moon	High 01:54 am High 02:47 pm	Low 08:03 am Low 08:44 pm
THUR. JULY 21	High 02:46 am High 03:51 pm	Low 08:51 am Low 09:46 pm
FRI. JULY 22	High 03:38 am High 04:50 pm	Low 09:39 am Low 10:46 pm
SAT. JULY 23	High 04:29 am High 05:42 pm	Low 10:27 am Low 11:44 pm
SUN. JULY 24	High 05:16 am High 06:28 pm	Low 11:17 am Low -----
MON. JULY 25	High 06:02 am High 07:11 pm	Low 12:37 am Low 12:04 pm
TUE. JULY 26	High 06:47 am High 07:51 pm	Low 01:23 am Low 12:48 pm
WED. JULY 27	High 07:33 am High 08:28 pm	Low 02:04 am Low 01:29 pm

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Preston Walls from Ridgely, MD had a couple good flounder trips last week and he got his one man limit of flounder on both! This trip saw 4 from the East Channel on an incoming tide using minnows, the largest at 20". The other trip was in the Thorofare using live mullet with the largest at 22". Nice job!

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I suppose anglers Caribeth Shappell, Michael Guigley and Judy Zeigenfuse were hoping to hold a paper plate sign with one of their flounder, but it was not to be! Kim Petersheim took all the honors with First Catch, Most Caught and the Biggest at 21"! They were fishing in the West Channel using minnows catching 4 keepers.



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OCEAN CITY

FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week in Ocean City the weather was better, however fishing was slower. Summertime is upon us and small undersized fish are everywhere.

Sea Bass, Flounder & Triggerfish

The "Judith M" with Capt. Eric Shoaff was fishing the near shore structure, and although having to pick through a ton of small fish, they did manage to bring home some quality fish including a few keeper bass from the near shore wrecks despite the rising water temperatures.

Captain Victor Bunting of the "Ocean Princess" reports some decent fishing. He

stated that the best fishing was near the African Queen, however the Bass Grounds were a close second. Clam bait was the ticket for capturing keeper sea bass. Some nice flounder are coming in off the wrecks.

The "Angler" was out in this area last week. Captain Chris Mizurak reported some nice flounder caught along with a few bass. He also reported the big catches last week were Tom Price, who had limits with fish to 5 lbs. Also fishing the "Angler" was Tom Adkins with limits up to 4 lbs. Great job to both anglers!

Further Offshore

At the Great Eastern Reef

"Topsy Tiki's" Captain Jeremy Michalski took out Brian Dreiton for a great day of fishing. The crew brought home 8 flatties up to 22" and 17 bass up to 18". Despite a broken boat knife the trip was a huge success.

Jack and Garrett Bucy were out at the Jack Spot using clam and squid, and reportedly slayed the black bass. This time of the year the deeper area such as the above mentioned Great Eastern Reef, as well as the Jack Spot are great places to target bass. The deeper water keeps temps down for fish, and the distance to them keep many boats inshore providing less fishing pressure.

Bay Areas

The back bays of Ocean City produced a lot of nice fish this week. The charter boat "Lucky Break" was fishing the Rt. 50 Bridge. Adrian Romero of Delano, California caught 10 species of fish including a slammer bluefish. The "Lucky Break" fishes various bay spots as well as the OC Inlet.

Robert Giuffrida absolutely crushed the flatties last week catching limits for the boat. They also reported throwing back over 40 tog and a couple of triggerfish. That is quite the haul gentlemen! Also in the back bays, anglers Brenda Applebaum, Jim and Katie Ruth, and Charlie Mainwere were fishing near Jolly Roger Water Park on the boat "Nacho Boat" and caught a few flounder with the largest coming in at

20.5".

Preston Walls was fishing the Thorofare with live mullet and caught a nice 22" flat fish. Cari Beth Shappell, Michael Guigley, Kim Petersheim and Judy Ziegenfuse fished the West Channel and caught 4 keepers up to 21". Cosmo Berezowski from Hebron, Maryland caught 6 keepers. The heaviest catch for Cosmo was a huge 23" at 5 lbs. 12 oz. He fished from Blake Gunther's boat using Gulp.

The area just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge has been the hottest spot last week, however as the summer season comes to full swing this area is very crowded. The main inlet area is also a good spot to fish, but be careful of the hard currents especially when fishing near the rock walls.

David Germroth and Fred Zolonas caught some nice flounder measuring 17-22". Fish were caught on squid and minnows. This time of the year is also a great time to drift small live spot. Big trophy fish can't resist a live spot on a circle hook. You will not get the bites you do with Gulp or squid, however, the bites you do get will be of better quality.

In the back bays near the Verrazano Bridge I have received reports of small rockfish and sea trout holding along the rocks near the bridge. Swim jigs and paddle tails are the hot bait when targeting these fish. They will often hold right along the rocks so cast up the current and allow the bait to bounce on the bottom just inside of the jetty walls.

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Surf Fishing

Assateague Island was also a hot spot this week with several anglers getting in on the over slot redfish bite. Strom Cline was out with the family and said his son's girlfriend caught a beautiful fish of a lifetime. It was not weighed but measured at 45" long. Many anglers fish a lifetime and never catch a red drum that big. Great job and a fantastic catch! The closer you get to the Virginia line the better your chances at landing one of these trophy fish. In the next week or two as the water heats to

our summer high temps, the fish will migrate out of the areas until mid September.

Crabs & Clams

Crabbing in Assawoman Bay is a little slower than past years with the catch counts down a bit. The upside to this is it's some of the biggest crabs we have seen in years. Carl Littleton, owner of Bob's Marine, said he has been averaging around 7-9 crabs per pot with almost half being jumbos of 7" or more. Bunker as the bait is working best. I personally tried chicken a week ago and got one of the smallest harvests I've gotten all year. This week I went back to bunker and got 38 crabs for 4 pots. Out of those crabs at least 12 were jumbos with many in the 6-7" range.

Until next week...

Tight lines and Fins up §



Richard Daiker is back on the hunt this season on his boat "Delicious". On this trip he found a 30" 'slot' rockfish at the Rt. 50 bridge using live spot for bait.

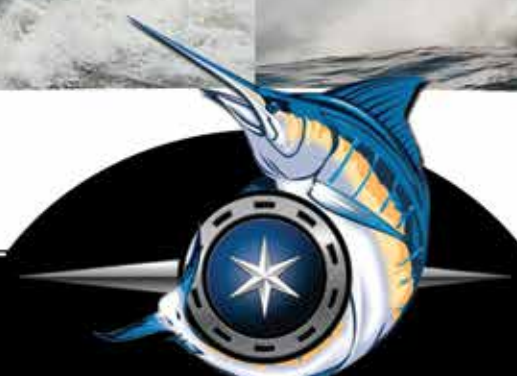
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The bigeye are certainly here now. For how long we don't know, but angler Don Spivey from Rehoboth got his last Thursday while fishing with Capt. Luke Blume and mates Nate Lang and Josh Blume on the "C-Boys". Don was trolling in the Washington Canyon with fellow anglers Heath Abbott of Smithsburg, MD, John Leach from Sykesville, MD, Phillip Spivey from Hartford County and Ed Spivey from Darlington, MD. The eyeball measured 66" and took 2.5 hours to get the boat. They also snagged 4 nice yellowfin tunas and a peanut mahi. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	SHARK:		
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Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Thresher*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tiger*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	TUNA:		
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"
Red Drum*	36"	45"	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Sailfish*	Any Size	-	Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"			
Speckled Trout	24"	-			
Striped Bass	40"	44"			
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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	July 9 Wes Cramer Norfolk Canyon 275 lbs.	July 4 Crew "Reel Fast" Washington Canyon 220 lbs.
 Cobia	June 25 John Stackhouse Kelly's Reef 46.25 lbs.	 July 15 Scott Brooks Off Bethany Beach 89.2 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	June 10 Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 Flounder	May 24 Dave Skirka Thorofare 5.5 lbs.	 July 13 Dan McGeady Ocean Structure 7.43 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 26 Kase Andrews Ocean Structure 3.125 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna	June 30 Brian Mayer Washington Canyon 85.5 lbs.	June 10 John Savoca Baltimore Canyon 75 lbs.
 Sheepshead	June 27 JC Dennis OC Inlet 13.75 lbs.	July 4 Jason Whaley Ocean Structure 12 lbs.	 Dolphin	June 26 Joe Rogers Norfolk Canyon 20.6 lbs.	
 Striped Bass	May 20 Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 Swordfish	June 30 Steve Stallings Poor Man's Canyon 288 lbs.	
 Tautog	April 22 Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	April 22 Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 Blue Marlin		
 Wahoo	June 30 Tim McCartney Hot Dog 80 lbs.		 White Marlin		

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There have been a lot of sheepshead around the past two weeks, some of them large. Tim Shaw caught a 9.36 lb. Delaware sized citation fish on a Delaware Bay Structure using sand fleas. Amanda Morris at Lewes Harbor Marina shares that these are tasty fish, but they do not freeze well.



Capt. Chris Huk with mates Shane Noll & Tanner Virden got these anglers on a nice mix of fish last week. They came back to the Talbot Street Pier with 3 good sized yellowfin tuna and a mess of blueline tilefish.

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This crew from the charter boat "Marli" have a lot to smile about. Not only did trucking industry pals Kirby Simpson, Jeff Shellenberger, Eric Evans, Bryan Barnhart and Will Kelch pull 6 yellowfin tuna from 80 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon, they got to witness real action at sea. When they got the largest fish near the boat, mate Jake Pilkerton noticed the fish was tangled in heavy rope and so was the rudder. So overboard he went to cut free the boat while mate Jax Moore made sure they got the fish in the boat. Capt. Mark Hoos commented they pulled in around 150' of heavy rope to dispose of properly.

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It was a good day for Frank & Denise Loreti with Cheryl Hummer, Kate Miller and Wally Miller on the charter boat "Spring Mix II". Capt. Chris watkowski with mate Jacob Bialk got them on 4 yellowfin tuna and Frank released a white marlin!



The fish have been a little picky on some of the offshore headboat trips lately, but captains like Chris Mizurak on the "Angler" work hard to get their customers on the bite. This was one of those trips, but Tom Adkins still got his flounder limit fishing at a natural reef with others doing well with flounder and sea bass.

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Last Thursday was a solid day for tuna. Troy McLane and crew chartered the "Turnin' Fins" with Capt. Jake Shaffer and mate Kevin Conrad. They fished the inshore lumps and went 6 for 9 with 14 bites overall.

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There were all kinds of fish caught last Friday on the party boat "Judith M", but mainly flounder. Capt. Walt Hammond took this group on a 1/2 day run to the African Queen getting these anglers on a mix of big flounder and sea bass using squid and clams.



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The Drew gang had a good Saturday fishing with Capt. Joe Drosey on "Rhonda's Osprey" with mates Eric Strauss & Mario Rosales. They trolled the inshore lumps and ended the day with 2 chunky yellowfins, this gaffer mahi and had a white marlin release.



The charter boat "Bubblehead" fished the Poor Man's Canyon in 80 fathoms and caught 3 yellowfin tunas with the at heaviest 57 lbs. Anglers Rex Rush, Jon Stevens, Aaron Stevens, Adam Stevens, Victoria Stevens and Matt Riley all of Hundred, WV were fishing with Capt. Buddy Whetzel and mate Bobby Thomas.

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Clair Weinstein of Greenland, PA worked the Ocean City Inlet with live bait while fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break". She caught 3 keeper bluefish with the largest at 6 lbs. then snagged a 20" flounder! Nice day.

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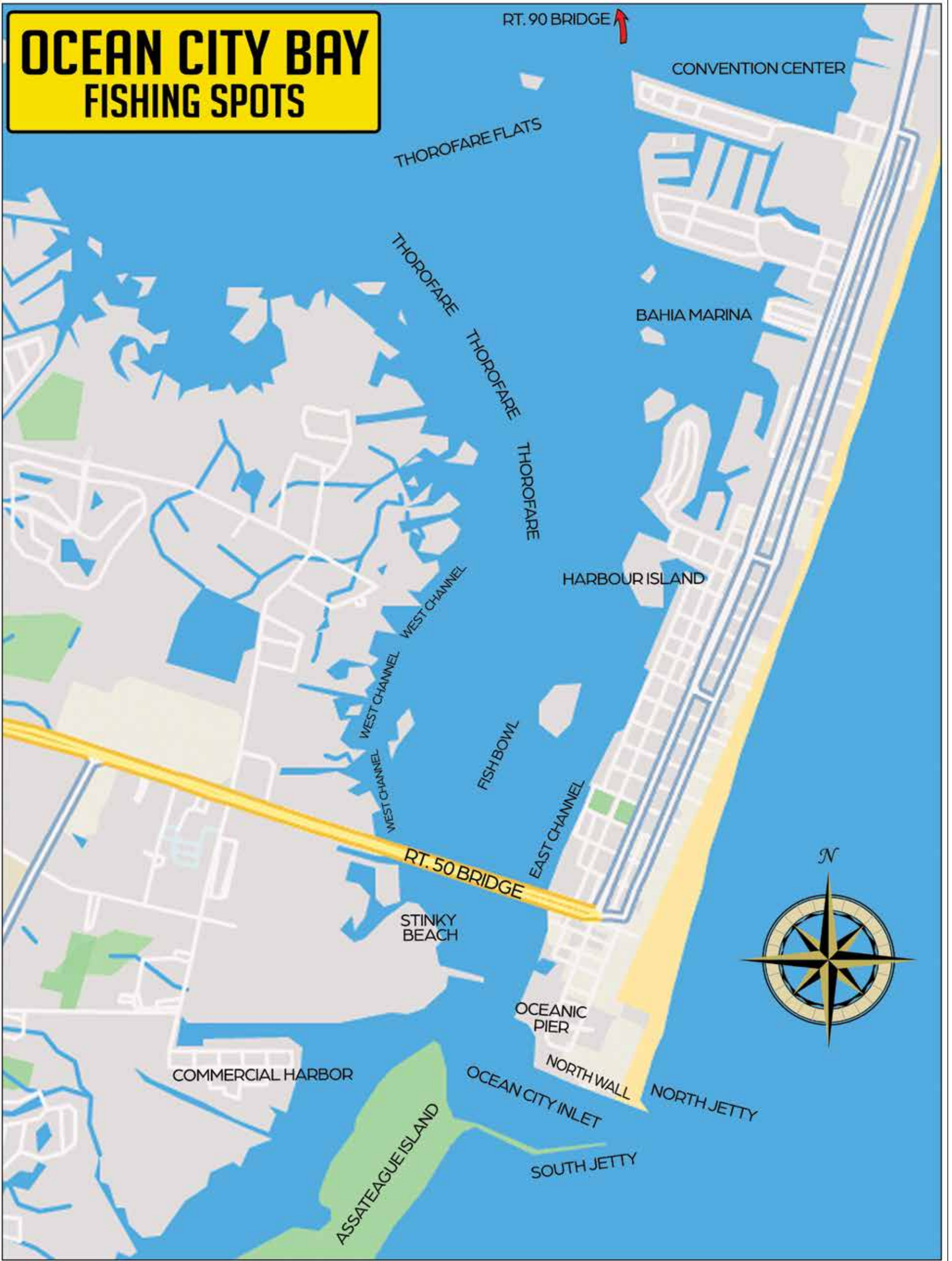
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fishing boats. There are three key specifications that define a trolling motor:

Thrust - This is the amount of force that a trolling motor can produce and refers to the power of the motor, usually rated on pounds of thrust. The weight of the boat helps determine the minimum amount of thrust needed, a good rule of thumb is to have 2 lbs. of thrust for every 100 lbs. of fully loaded boat weight (people and gear included).

If things like wind or current are major factors where you fish, you will want a little extra thrust.

Voltage-Indicates how much battery power your trolling motor requires. Trolling motors are available in 12-volt, 24 volt and 36 volts. A while back you would need one dedicated battery for 12 volts, two batteries for 24 volts and three batteries for

any trolling motor and are not constrained by battery requirements.

Shaft Length - Choosing the proper shaft length of your trolling motor is important – if it is too short, the prop will not be sufficiently submerged. In general, it is recommended that the center of the motor section is submerged by at least 12 inches. Larger boats or boats with taller bows can now find a trolling motor that works for their boat since most manufacturers offer much longer trolling motor shafts.

Rhodan offers one of the longest trolling motors at 96" and Minn Kota offers an 87" Shaft Riptide Terrova trolling motor.

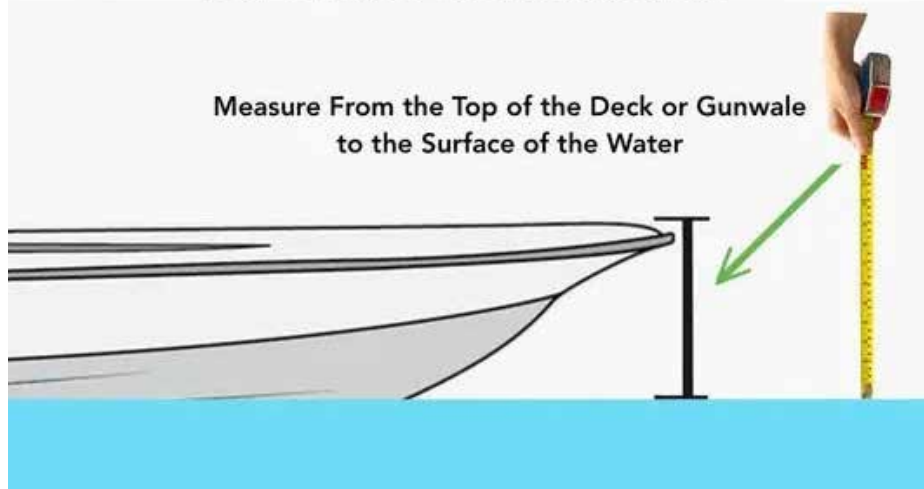
With the advent of these new higher voltage and more powerful trolling motors, the associated wiring needs to be considered. The small

cigarette lighter size electrical plugs and receptacles are no longer capable of conducting the high-power requirements to the trolling motors weigh upwards of 100 lbs. and require special mounting brackets. Most boaters choose a quick release

trolling motors, the option list seems endless and new features are introduced regularly. The most popular feature is a GPS position system incorporated into

motors can incorporate a sounder transducer, some internally, allowing you to get an image of what is under the water near you trolling motor and for the "live view"

Trolling Motor Shaft Length Bow To Water Line Measurement



Measure From the Top of the Deck or Gunwale to the Surface of the Water

motor. As an example, Minn Kota now makes their own heavy-duty connector, the MKR-26 trolling motor plug and receptacle provides continuous power rated to 60 amps and up to 48V, this will meet the requirements of most trolling motors offered today. The wiring and circuit breaker also needs to be capable of carrying the electricity from the battery to the trolling motor. For example, the popular 112 lb. thrust Minn Kota requires #8-gauge wire run from the battery to the trolling motor and a 60-amp circuit breaker.

mounting bracket. A quick release bracket consists of two pieces, one part that bolts to the trolling motor and one part that bolts to the boat. This allows you to remove the trolling motor when not in use.

Mounting a trolling motor takes some planning, since when in the stowed position the motor and shaft rest horizontally, often encroaching into the deck space on the boat or worse over the gunwale, exposing the unit to potential damage while docking etc.

Features - there are many features and options for

Bow-Mount Trolling Motor - Shaft Length Guide

BOW TO WATERLINE	RECOMMENDED SHAFT LENGTH
0" - 10"	36"
16" - 22"	42" - 45"
22" - 28"	48" - 52"
28" - 44"	54" - 72"
45"+	87"

the trolling motor control, allowing the trolling motor to automatically keep your boat in the same spot, therefore compensating for wind and current. Other features include auto deployment, where the trolling motor moves automatically from the stowed horizontal position to the vertical use position. Many trolling

type sounders, rotating the trolling motor gives you different views around the water beneath the boat.

Trolling motors and associated components have advanced quickly in the past few years giving anglers lots of options when selecting a new trolling motor for their boat. §

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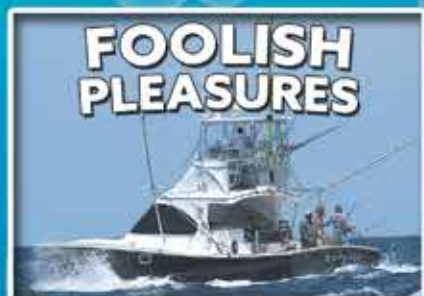
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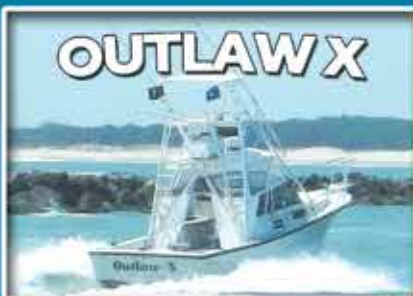
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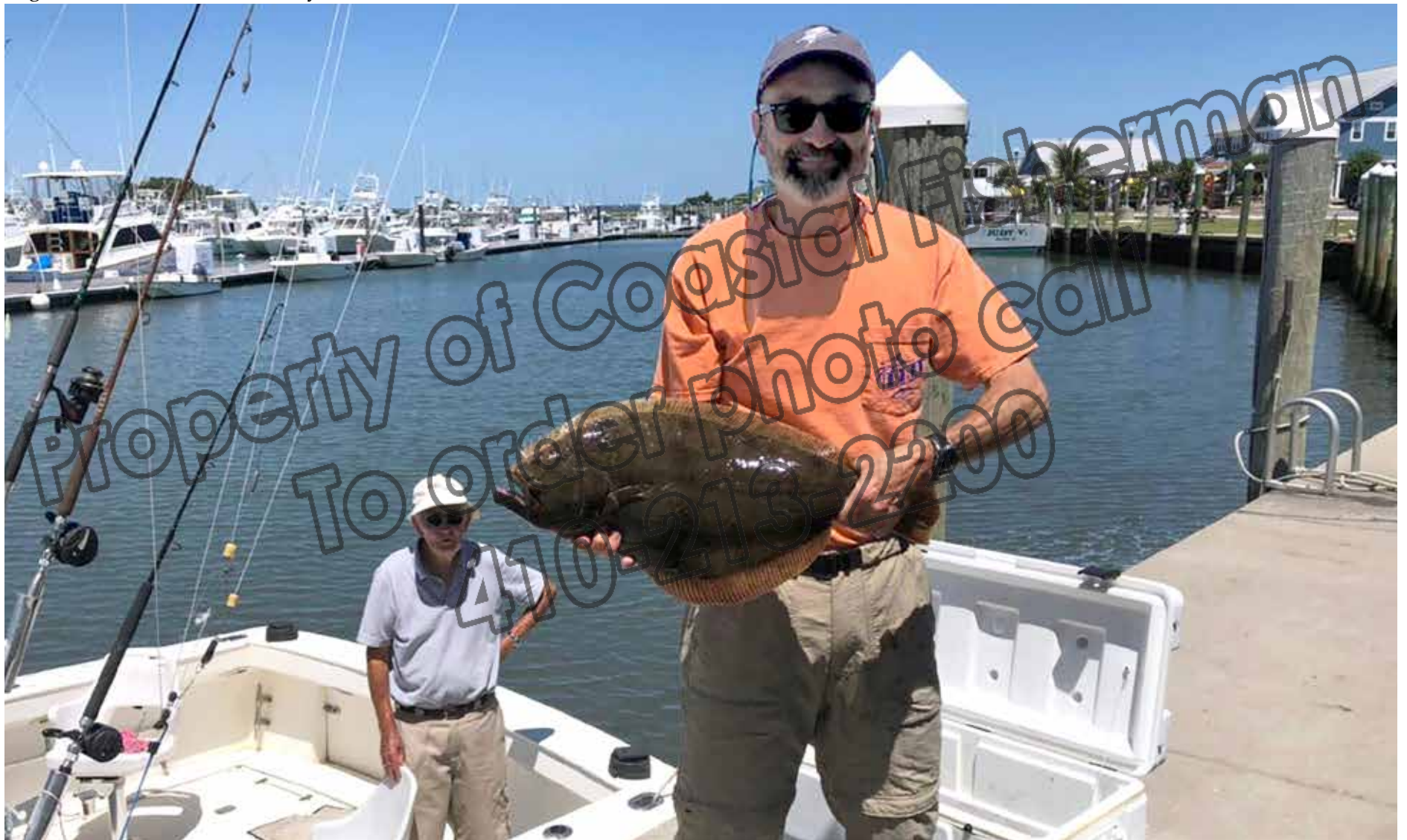
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It was good to see this picture of the "Spectacle" at the docks at Hook'em and Cook'em at the Indian River Marina. I chartered with Capt. Doc Peoples a couple of times over 20 years ago and remember he ran the boat at two speeds, full on or full off! This trip was with his son Richard Peoples from Houston, TX. They ran out to just inside the Old Grounds and hooked this 26" and 6.3 lb. flounder using minnows.

2022 DELAWARE REGULATIONS

STATE WATERS ONLY

 <p>BLACK SEA BASS 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - December 11</p>	 <p>BLUEFISH No minimum size 3 per day / 5 per day Charter</p>	 <p>BLACK DRUM 16" minimum 3 per person/day</p>	 <p>COBIA 37" Minimum • 1 per person or vessel</p>
 <p>CROAKER 8" Minimum • No Limit</p>	 <p>RED DRUM 20-27" minimum 5 per person/day</p>	 <p>SHEEPSHEAD No limit</p>	 <p>SPECKLED TROUT 12" minimum No creel limit</p>
 <p>STRIPED BASS 28-35" except 20-25" only from 7/1 - 8/31 in DE Bay 1 per person/day Catch & Release only from 4/1 - 5/31 on Spawning Grounds</p>	 <p>SUMMER FLOUNDER 16" minimum 4 per person/day</p>	 <p>TAUTOG 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1 - 5/15 4 per person/day 7/1 - 12/31</p>	 <p>WEAKFISH 13" minimum 1 per person/day</p>

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What a difference a day makes. Saturday saw decent fishing with crews working hard to pick tuna one at a time. Sunday was different for this crew on the charter boat "Wrecker". Capt. Bobby Layton started with chunking at the Hotdog and snagged a couple, but then went trolling outside of the Poor Man's ending the day with 16 yellowfin tunas and back at the dock by 12:30!



Tom Huber from Northville, MI and Mathew Huber from Downingtown, PA made their way down to Frontier Town for a charter on the "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock. They pull these three keeper flounder for the Ocean City bay.

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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week in Delaware we saw calmer seas and pretty decent fishing near shore. The sea bass caught are mostly undersized with a few keepers for those who pick through them. Flounder is definitely improving but still a lot of undersized fish around.

Flounder, Sea Bass & Tog Old Grounds

Collin and Caleb Neely were out at the Old Grounds and brought home keeper sea bass and flounder for dinner. The two brothers also released several undersized fish. After an epic battle of who had the most fish caught, it was called a tie.

Scott Klenfelter reported he was out fishing with his daughter Shiloh Kleinfelter who is 13 years old catching her first keeper flounder. The smile on her face said it all. Great job Shiloh! "Bad Wind Charters" was back at it again this week catching a boat load of flatties up to 6 lbs. for their clients. They reported that of course Bruce got the biggest one again. Dan McGeedey caught a beautiful 7.43 lb. citation flounder on ocean structure using Gulp and squid. Dan was fishing on the "Katydid" and the fish was weighed in at Lewes Harbour Marina. Kevin Mcnelis came

home with 2 nice fish weighing 4 lbs. and 3.8 lbs. The fish were caught on ocean structure using white Gulp. The "Judy V" out of Indian River Marina's Hook'em and Cook'em Tackle reports fishing was pretty good this week with some nice flounder caught as well as a few sea bass. The best time to fish the headboat is mid-week when the boat is not as crowded.

Mate Evan Trakas and Aidan Riley of the "Judy V" fished on the boat "Can Of Corn" and ended the day with 3 flounder and 20 triggerfish. A few sea bass were caught but most of the keepers have come further offshore in deeper water.

Jersey Delaware Reef

Horace Hockenstien was fishing in the deep water when he caught a boat load of flounder. He stated that the deeper, further out wrecks are the key to finding water that has not been fished over. When fishing this area try the northern point near the subway cars instead of the wrecks or ferry. Many anglers will target the big wrecks due to the ease of seeing them on their depth finders, and therefore leave the smaller subway cars untouched. Herb Kaufer and his high school friend headed

out to the reef with Captain Mike Faust on the "Chasin' Tail" and were rewarded with a nice bunch of keeper sea bass.

Daryl Mergenthaller Jr. was out with Fred Robinson and Joseph Nicholas Jr. ending the day with a few sea bass, tog and even a few nice sized triggerfish.

The boys from "Flip And Fins" fished this area with sand fleas and brought home a mix of bass, sheep, trigger and ling. That's quite a variety for a dinner table!

Site A Buoy was also pretty productive this week with flatties caught along the inshore coral as well as the deeper outside on the channel coral. Gulp baits tipped with squid are reported as the top bait.

Indian River Bay

The bay area has slowed down a bit with tons of smaller fish being caught. Old Inlet Tackle reports that tautog, sheepshead and black drum are keeping the inlet anglers busy. They report that live sand fleas are the ticket. They further reported that flounder are being caught using light jig heads with white Swimming Mullet Gulp baits fished tight to the rocks. The main spot for the flat fish has been in the back part of the bay, and we are receiving

information that croaker have also showed up in the back of Indian River Bay. Croaker are a great way to keep the young anglers engaged in fishing because when you find the pods of fish they are usually more than willing to bite any bait put in front of them. Small pieces of squid on a small hook with a very light weight is the best rig and bait for targeting these fish. As for the rod, any light weight rod and reel will work, even a child beginner rod.

The Flounder Pounder Bay Tournament was Saturday and Sunday. There were over 800 anglers. Brandon Groce took first place with a 6 lb. 25.75". Second place was Vito Difrancesco with a 5.7 lbs. at 23", and third place was Devin Fortney weighed at 5.6 lb and 23". The women's division was won by Laura Forester with a 4.2 lb. and 23.25" fish. Laura was also 6th place overall.

North & Delaware Bay Areas

Parker Pastorius was fishing the outer wall with sand fleas and caught a spectacular 10 lb. sheepshead. Bill Santana caught 4 stripers from 8-9 pm last week. Good to see that a few of these fish are staying around even as the water warms. Tim Shaw was fishing bay structure and caught a nice 9.36 lb. sheepshead on sand fleas. This qualified him for a state citation. The fish was weighed in at Lewes Harbour Marina. Brian Kelly was also herding the sheep and caught a

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 nice 7.8 lb., as well as a citation
 10.4 lb one. Fish were caught
 on sand fleas. Kyle Falgowski
 also made a great showing with
 a 9.75 lb. sheep caught on sand
 fleas off the ferry wall.

Cobia

There is a pending new state
 record for cobia. Scott Brooks of
 Hockessin, DE was fishing just
 in front of Bethany Beach and
 caught a fish of a lifetime. The
 new pending state record is a
 90 lb., 63" cobia. The fish was
 caught using a white bucktail
 tipped with a white worm. The
 fish was weighed in at Hook'em
 and Cook'em Tackle at Indian
 River Marina.

Surf Fishing

The surf has been pretty good
 for kingfish and spot lately. Last
 week saw the first pompano
 caught by angler Josh Willey
 measuring at 16.5". The fish
 was caught on sand fleas. Nice
 to see these fish returning again
 this year.

Until next week...
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Scott Brooks of Hockessin, DE has most likely set a new state record for cobia in Delaware! He caught this 90 lb. man in the brown suit from his boat in front of Bethany Beach using a Mitchell's Tackle White Bucktail with white worms. The beast measured 63" and weighed 90 lbs., besting the record set by John Burbage in 2018 with a 56.5" and 79.4 lb. fish. Measured and weighed at Hook 'em & Cook 'em at the Indian River Marina.

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Jay Martin from Harper's Ferry, WV caught a 45 lb. yellowfin tuna trolling in warm 76° water with a naked ballyhoo at the Chicken Bone. He was fishing with Capt. Tom Brinker and his son Jim on the "Carol's Teakettle".



Bob Keller from Hayden, CO with Walt Gazdzik & Richard Brown and his son Rick from Ocean View had an epic day in the Baltimore Canyon. They were on the "Miss Darlene" and released a mako, caught a 4 man limit of blue line tiles, got a few golden tilefish and mahi's and harpooned this barracuda that almost spooled the reel.

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13" minimum / 15 per person/day
May 15 - December 11



BLUEFISH
8" minimum
3 per person/day or
5 per person/day Charter



BLACK DRUM
16" minimum
1 per person/day up to 6 per boat/day



COBIA
40" minimum
1 per person/day 6/15 - 9/15
Boat limit 2 for up to 2 anglers



CROAKER
9" minimum
25 per person/day



RED DRUM
18-27" minimum
1 per person/day



SHEEPSHEAD
4 per person/day



SPECKLED TROUT
14" minimum
4 per person/day



STRIPED BASS
28-35"
Less than 3 miles from shore
1 per person/day



SUMMER FLOUNDER
16" minimum
4 per person/day



TAUTOG
16" minimum
4 per person/day 1/1 - 5/15
2 per person/day 7/1 - 10/31
4 per person/day 11/1 - 12/31



WEAKFISH
13" minimum
1 per person/day



Jim Applebaum from Selbyville, DE found a nice fattie off the point behind the Jolly Rodger Amusement Park in Ocean City. He fooled this 20.5" flounder with a live minnow while fishing with Brenda Applebaum, Charlie Mann and Jim and Kathie Ruth on his boat "Nacho Boat".

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- Kosher salt
- 1/2 cup couscous
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 pound mild or spicy sausage, removed from its casing
- 1/4 cup minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 quart coarsely chopped escarole
- 1 cup shellfish stock
- 5 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into cubes
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced basil
- 1 tablespoon thinly sliced flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon minced chives
- Freshly ground white pepper



- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
 - 2 tablespoons mustard powder
 - 2 tablespoons thinly sliced cilantro
 - 4 bigeye tuna fillets, about 6 ounces each
 - Sea salt
- Directions:**
Fill a medium pot halfway with salted water, bring to a boil over high heat, and add the

couscous. Cook until al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large, deep sauté pan over medium heat. When the oil is shimmering, add the sausage and cook, stirring periodically, until it is cooked through and has rendered enough fat to coat the bottom of the pan, about 5 minutes. Add 2 tablespoons of the garlic and the shallot and cook without browning, stirring for 1 minute.

Stir in the escarole and cook until slightly wilted, about 2 minutes. Pour in the stock, stir in the couscous and cook for 3 minutes. Add the butter, a few pieces at a time, stirring until incorporated and emulsified.

Once all the butter is added, stir in the basil, parsley, and chives and season with salt and pepper. The ragù should be thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. If it is too thin, continue to cook, stirring until the proper consistency is achieved. Remove the pan from the heat and set aside. Cover to keep the ragù warm.

For the tuna:

Heat a grill to high or heat a grill pan over high heat for 5 minutes. Put the dijon mustard, mustard powder, remaining 2 tablespoons of garlic and the cilantro in a medium bowl and whisk together. Continue whisking slowly, adding the remaining 1/4 cup oil in a thin stream to make an emulsified

marinade.

Season the tuna with salt and pepper and brush the marinade on both sides of the fillets. Grill the tuna until rare, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board, allow it to rest for 2 to 3 minutes, then cut each piece crosswise into 4 slices.

To serve, divide the ragù among 4 serving bowls, top each with 4 tuna slices and season the tuna with sea salt.

Panko Crusted Rockfish Fillets

Ingredients:

Fish:

- 2 rockfish fillets*, 3/4 - 1 lb.
- 2 tablespoons of olive or vegetable oil for frying

Flour Dredge:

- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Egg Wash:

- 1 egg
- 2 tablespoons milk

Panko Crust:

- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs**
- 3 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon of Old Bay seasoning

Directions:

Place a large oven safe skillet into the oven and preheat to 425 degrees.




Set up the dredging assembly line:



In a large bowl combine together the flour, salt and pepper. Stir and pour onto a large plate.

In the same bowl combine together the panko, seasoning blend and parmesan cheese.

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Stir and pour onto a large plate.

Wipe out the bowl and use it again to whisk together the egg and milk.

Prep the fish:

Check the fish fillets for any bones and remove. Slice fish in half if necessary.***

Dredge fish first in the flour, shaking off any excess.

Dip fish into the egg mixture, allowing any excess to drip off.

Coat fish in the panko mixture, shaking off any excess. Place on a clean plate and allow to rest 1 - 2 minutes so the panko can adhere.

Fry the fish:

When the oven and frying pan are preheated, add the 2 tablespoons of oil to the hot pan. Allow to heat 1 minute. Carefully add fish fillets to the hot oil.

Cook in the oven for 3-4 minutes, then carefully flip over.

Cook an additional 3-4 minutes. Check with a meat thermometer for an internal temperature of at least 140 degrees.

While the fish cook, set up a cooling rack over a couple layers of paper towels.

Remove fish from the pan and place on the cooling rack. Allow to drain 3-5 minutes prior to serving.

Notes:

*If rockfish is thicker than 1" at the thickest point, you'll need to add an extra minute or two to the cook time.

**Many of the rockfish fillets are too big to handle without splashing grease or having them fall apart. Slicing them into more manageable fillets makes this cooking method much easier.

***If your rockfish fillets are large enough to cut into more than 2 pieces, you may want to add an extra tablespoon or two of panko to the crumb mixture.

To adapt for the air fryer:

Cut the oil from 2 tablespoons to 2 teaspoons. Combine the oil with the panko parmesan mixture, stirring to ensure the oil is absorbed by the panko, then dredge as instructed. Air Fry at 400° until crispy, about 6 - 8 minutes, turning over half way through the cook time.

Pan Seared Blackened Flounder

Ingredients:

Creole Seasoning:

1 tablespoon hot spanish smoked paprika

1 1/2 tablespoons sweet paprika

1 tablespoon kosher salt

2 tablespoons granulated garlic

1 tablespoon onion powder

1 tablespoon black pepper or pepper blend

1/2 tablespoon cayenne pepper, or to taste

1 tablespoon dried leaf oregano

1 tablespoon dried thyme

Directions:

Combine all ingredients for the seasoning thoroughly. (You will not need all of it for this recipe; store extra in a sealed jar.)

Rinse the fish fillets and pat dry with towels. If necessary, cut the fish in portions that will fit in your skillet. Coat the fish on both sides with seasoning mix, pressing it onto the fish to get a good layer of seasoning.

Heat a large skillet over high heat and add a thin layer of oil to the pan (suitable for high-heat cooking). When very hot, and without crowding the pan, place seasoned fish in the skillet and cook without moving the fish for 3-4 minutes, until nicely "bronzed". Flip the fish over and cook for another 3-4 minutes until the fish is done



(opaque in center). Repeat for the rest of the fillets, adding oil as necessary and keeping the skillet very hot.

Serve it hot, with a squeeze of lime juice... Enjoy!

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1/4-1/2 tsp. salt to taste

Steak fries

Directions:

In a small bowl, combine the mayo, chopped pickles, lemon juice, fresh dill and salt. Stir to combine. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

In a small bowl, add the two eggs and whisk

In another small bowl, add the panko bread crumbs and creole seasoning. Stir to combine.

Using a knife, cut the mahi fillets into strips or chunks, depending on the shape of the fillets.

Dip the mahi pieces into the whisked egg, then into the bread crumb mixture. Continue until all are breaded.

Spray your air fryer basket with an air fryer safe cooking spray.

Place the breaded mahi chunks into the air fryer basket in a



single layer and cook for 12-14 minutes at 400 degrees F, carefully flipping at the half-way mark.

Remove from basket and serve with a side of steak fries and the lemon dill dipping sauce.

Flounder Francaise

Ingredients:

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1/3 cup flour

2 pounds white fish fillet, like sole or flounder

2 whole eggs, beaten

1/2 cup chicken broth

1/2 cup lemon juice

1 tablespoon butter

1 tablespoon capers (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and spray a sheet pan with olive oil spray.

Mix salt and pepper with flour and coat the fish fillets with it. Place on a tray or plate in a single layer.

Heat a fry pan on medium high. When it's hot, dip one piece of fish in the eggs and then put it immediately on the frying pan.

Continue with the rest of the fish. When golden brown, flip fish over.

When both sides are browned, transfer fish to sheet pan, and bake in the oven for 5-10 minutes until cooked through.

Over low heat, whisk together chicken broth, lemon juice, and

butter. Drizzle over fish.

Top fish with capers.

Tips:

The order for the fish is flour then egg, and no additional flour.

Have your bowl of eggs close to your frying pan so you do not drip and lose your coating.



Meal Prep:

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Black Sea Bass with Zucchini Noodles

Ingredients:

- 2 4 oz. black sea bass fillets
- 2 tsp. seasoning mix (see ingredients below)
- 1 tbsp. butter or ghee
- 2 large zucchini
- 1 tbsp. avocado oil, coconut oil or extra virgin olive oil
- 1.5 tbsp. of diced pimentos
- 2 tbsp. capers
- 5 whole pitted kalamata olives, chopped
- 1/2 tbsp. unsalted butter
- Splash of lemon juice
- Extra sea salt and pepper for the zucchini noodles
- Seasoning Mix:
- 1/2 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 tsp. sea salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

Directions:

Make the spice mix. Combine all spice mix ingredients and mix well.

Prepare the sea bass. Dry the fillets and then sprinkle each sea bass fillet with 1 tsp. of the seasoning mix. Set aside.

Prepare and cook the zucchini noodles. Spiralize the zucchini noodles with the small noodle attachment. Sprinkle with sea salt, pepper and 1 tbsp. of oil. Toss to coat. Heat a 10 inch cast iron skillet over medium heat and add the zucchini noodles. Cook until tender, about 5 minutes, mixing often. Tongs work well for this. After cooking reduce the heat to the lowest setting you can - you just want to keep the noodles warm. Add the pimentos, capers, chopped kalamata olives, 1/2 tbsp. butter and splash of lemon juice. Toss to combine.

Cook the sea bass. Heat 1 tbsp.



of butter in a 12 inch cast iron skillet over medium heat. If your sea bass has skin, place skin side down first and cook for 3 minutes. Flip over and cook for another 3 minutes. Flip back over and cook until the fish is flaky, 4-5 minutes.

Plate your meal. Divide the zucchini noodles among two bowls. Top with the seared sea bass. You can remove the skin from the sea bass before placing on top of the zucchini noodles, if desired Sprinkle with parmesan cheese or feta cheese if desired.

Grilled Peaches with Cinnamon Sugar Butter

Ingredients:

- 1 stick unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon sugar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- Pinch salt
- 4 ripe peaches, halved and pitted
- Canola oil
- Mint leaves, for garnish



Directions:

In a small bowl add the butter and stir until smooth. Add the cinnamon sugar, granulated sugar and salt and mix until combined.

Heat grill to high. Brush peaches with oil and grill until golden brown and just cooked through. Top each with a few teaspoons of the butter and garnish with mint leaves.

Watermelon Sangria

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Ingredients:

- 7 cups seedless watermelon cubed, divided
- 750 ml white wine
- 1 cup vodka
- 1/2 cup triple sec
- 1 medium lime sliced
- 1 medium orange sliced

Directions:

Place 6 cups of watermelon cubes in a blender.

Blend on high until very smooth.

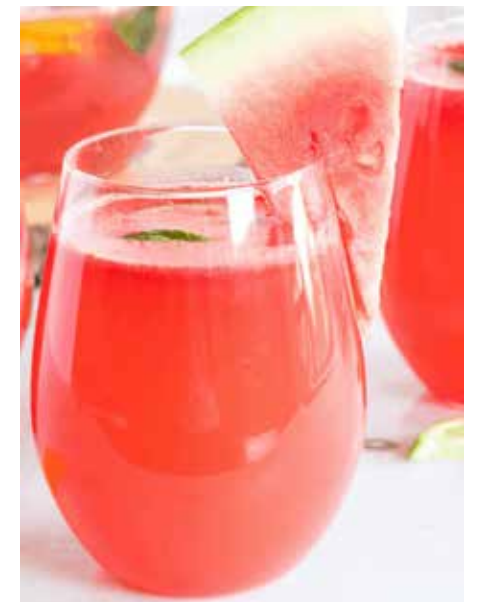
Strain juice through a mesh strainer into a large pitcher.

Pour the wine, vodka and triple sec into the pitcher.


Stir to combine.

Mix the remaining 1 cup of watermelon, the lime and orange slices into the sangria.

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We finally have a sighting of Neighbor Dave with Big Bird Cropper. Life has gotten busy for Dave, so this was his first trip out this year. The pair were 'dredging' with Roy Rigs at the Rt. 50 Bridge and got one slot rockfish and lots of big bluefish



The surf has been a fun place to do some evening or early morning fishing before or after the lifeguards are on duty. Bryson Billingsley from Selbyville, DE went out on the beach in South Bethany at the York Beach Crossing and caught some nice kingfish.

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Bruce Lynch Sr. from Georgetown, DE with Ralph Redden of Millsboro, DE had a good day fishing with "Bad Wind" Charters. They went offshore to an ocean structure and bagged a boat limit of flounder with the largest at 5.8 lbs.



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This crew on the "Blood Money" were waiting for favorable conditions to take their first marlin trip of the season. Anglers Bob Pino, Rachel Wisniewski, Bill Keller and Rod Taylor with Capt. Anthony Pino and mate Ayrton Pryor felt it was time last Thursday. They headed out for an overnight trip well East of the Washington Canyon and fished in 100 fathoms. They hit the dock Friday after going 3 for 4 on white marlin, 1 for 1 on a sailfish and boated a yellowfin tuna and mahi. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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 <p>WHITE MARLIN 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p> <p>NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Roundscale Marlin combined 250 Limit</p>	 <p>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</p>	 <p>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</p>	 <p>BLUELINE TILEFISH 5/1 - 10/31 3 per person (Recreational) 5 per person Uninspected (Charter) 7 per person Inspected (Charter)</p>
 <p>DOLPHIN No minimum Length Boat Limit 60 Charter Limit 10 per person/ 60 per Boat</p>	<p>SHARKS 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 78" Minimum Fork Length Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead</p>	<p>SAILFISH Minimum Length 63" • No Retention Limit</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>WAHOO No Minimum Length • 2 per person/day</p> <p>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, Shortfin Mako, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p>

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Andrew Kleban was fishing with his son Ryan at the Old Grounds last week when he connected with this 27" and 7.6 lb. flounder using a jig with Gulp. Pictured and measured at Rick's Bait and Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

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As every fisherman knows, catching fish doesn't happen on every trip. In fact, I think that for a lot of folks "not" catching fish is a much more common occurrence. So I got to thinking that maybe I'm missing a great opportunity to tap into an overlooked segment of the outdoor writing market by directing my efforts on those fishermen who are tired of always reading about how to "catch fish" and instead write about how "not to catch fish" because that's a topic that all fishermen should be able to relate to!

I'm not referring to the days when anglers do everything right, but Mother Nature just doesn't send any hungry fish their way. Oh no, that's too easy! On days like that, anglers don't have to try not to catch fish, it just happens. Or should I say it just "doesn't happen," so anglers shouldn't try to take credit for it. "How to not catch fish" is about when the actions of anglers specifically prevent them from catching fish. It's not that the fish aren't biting, it's that the fishermen can't connect when they have a

chance to.

For example; one of the best ways not to catch fish is to have no bait on the boat, which of course is a no-brainer and a situation no fisherman would allow themselves to be in. But it does happen. In fact, I recall it happening to a team fishing in the White Marlin Open a number of years ago. In preparation for the first day of fishing the gang spent all afternoon at one of the fellow's home rigging a cooler full of ballyhoo, mullet, squid and mackerel. The problem was, the next morning when they when to put their lines out in the Washington Canyon, they realized their cooler of baits was still sitting on the team member's back deck! In another tournament a team also rigged all their baits before the first fishing day but forgot to put ice in the bait cooler. The next day the weather was hot and sunny but too rough to fish, so the cooler sat in the sun and baked. Evidently the team never opened the cooler lid until they were out on the fishing grounds two days later. I might be wrong but I don't think billfish care too much for "hot" pink squid or baked ballyhoo!

Another way to not catch fish is to have no bait on your hook, a technique which is actually pretty

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 easy to learn and one that most of us have practiced more than once throughout our fishing careers. I could ramble on about how to put a hook in a bait in such a way that it will easily tear off at the slightest nibble or by water pressure from a strong current or fast retrieve, but the easiest way to fish with no bait is simply to not check the bait regularly. The heck with bringing the bait up just to see that it's still intact, just let it go, fish every bait a long, long time. Leave it in the water long enough that the crabs, small bluefish, sharks, or squid can eat it right off the hook. Heck, leave it in there long enough that the snails and sea-slugs can find it and whittle it down to nothing! The next best thing to fishing with no bait is fishing with bait that's all clumped up with seaweed. Unfortunately, seaweed is just not predictable enough that anglers can always count on it being there to deter bites.

I know anglers who have avoided catching fish by leaving the dock without their rods, tackle box, flies, net, gaff, and just about any other essential piece of fish catching equipment imaginable. On a similar note I once had a group of six anglers come out fishing with me who left their food and drink cooler on the dock. It was a long hot day for those fellows who were seriously considering having a meal of sushi before it was all over.

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A lot of fishermen have become pretty good at not catching fish by fishing where there are no fish. How many times I've watched anglers on the shore or in a boat casting right up onto a sandbar where it's only inches deep. If I didn't know that they were actually trying not to catch fish I'd be duped into believing that they just didn't know how shallow it was.

Anyone can get a tangled line but it takes a pro at not catching fish to get a whopper of a tangle just as a school of fish pops up within casting range. If really done correctly an angler can make it look to their fishing partners like the tangle resulted from fumbling around with the rod and reel in efforts to fire off a quick cast in order to actually "catch" a fish. A good tangle should take so long to straighten out that there is no chance of getting a line in the water before all evidence of the passing school has vanished.

I could go on and on about ways not to catch fish, but I'm thinking that most anglers already have their own list of methods to ensure that they don't have to clean fish or the fish box at the end of the day. Besides, I'm thinking now that this could be good book material, something like "101 Ways Not To Catch Fish" or "How To Fish and NOT Come Home Smelling Like One." Anyway, I wish everyone a good week of fishing whether you're successful at catching - or not! §

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It finally feels like the offshore action is picking up. Anglers Tom Murphy, Steve Plummer, Ron Bowden, Phil Bearman, Eric Hood and Patrick Pflaumer had a big day early last week with Capt. Mike Burt and mate David Burt on the charter boat "Pumpin' Hard". They were fishing inshore at the Wrench and caught some fat yellowfin tuna as well as a gaffer mahi estimated at 20 lbs as well as releasing a white marlin. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Capt. Brent Wiest and angler Dan McGeady make a powerful team. They went out last week on the "Katydid" and jigged at an ocean structure, and Dan landed this 27" and 7.43 lb. doormat flounder. It was almost as wide as it was long measuring 26" side to side. Picture at Lewes Harbor Marina.

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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	June 13 The Crew "Rhonda's Osprey" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 Wahoo	June 30 Tim McCartney "Chasin Tides" Hot Dog	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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The butterfish were flying off the boats this past weekend as many boats started chunking for tuna at the inshore lumps. Capt. Zach Brunner with mate Mike Eid and anglers Adam Desposito, Nick Mohn and Shane Jenkins got these 5 at the Hambone while fishing on the "Hot Line".



Capt. Richard Harpel and Sam Zaqzouq of team "Flip N Fins" fished the Fenwick Shoals at the Del Jersey Reef and were rewarded with a mix of sea bass, trigger and sheepshead. They used top and bottom rigs baited with sand fleas with 8-10 oz. weights.

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The Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring was held last week in Atlantic City, NJ. Top prize in the White Marlin Division of \$230,000 went to the "Outrage" from Palm Beach, FL for the 64.1 lb. white caught by Matt Cussamano with crew members Capt. John Dougherty, Ron Davis, Chip Garguilo, Tony Leonard, Michael McHugh, Eric Nabrzeski, Brian O'Donnell, Michael Steetle and Steve Voit.



The "TLC" out of Avalon, NJ kicked off the 5 days of the Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring Tournament in Atlantic City, NJ with a bang. On day one Devin O'Neill connected with a 437 lb. blue marlin that was actually the only one brought to the scales. He and Capt. John Thompson with mate Jeremy Warner along with fellow anglers Andrew DelVescovo, Tanner Ison, Brian O'Neill, Collin O'Neill, Devin O'Neill, Cobb Scott, Vince Tague and Vince Tague III took home \$295,000 in prize money.



Tournament RESULTS

July 10-16, 2022

1st Place Winners

HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN		
"Outrage"	Matt Cusamano	64.1 lbs.
HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN		
"TLC"	Devin O'Neill	437 lbs.
HEAVIEST TUNA		
"Taylor Jean/MJ's"	Brandon Kape	231 lbs.
HEAVIEST WAHOO		
"Roll Groove"	Darren Helwig	42.2 lbs.
HEAVIEST DOLPHIN		
"Low Profile"	Ken Wible	27.1 lbs.

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Local boat Fishing for Muscular Dystrophy participated in the Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring Tournament held last week in Atlantic City, NJ. On day 2 of the event they brought a 50 lb. yellowfin to the scales caught by John Denny. He was fishing with Capt. Paul Robertson, Kenny Garufi, Joey Hurley, Phil Medlin, Mark Repetski, Danielle Roberson and Tiffany Tillotson. The crew earned \$15,000 for the Day 2 Leader Board Award.



Last year's champions for the Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring Tournament held in Atlantic City was the "Roll Groove". While they did not repeat their win in the Blue Marlin Division, they did take top honors in the Wahoo division with this 55.3 lb. fish caught by Steve Poor. The speedster did earn Steve and the crew of Capt. Danny Prettyman with mates Jake Graves and Charles Porter with fellow anglers Darren Helwig, Eddie Kehl, Josh Shelton and Zak 'Rt. 113 Boat Sales' Smith a cool \$90,000 in prize monies.



South Jersey based "Taylor Jean/MJ's" took home \$170,000 for this 231 lb. bigeye tuna caught by Brandon Kape during the 2nd Annual Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring Tournament in Atlantic City, NJ. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Ken Hager with mates Jim Arnold & Kyle Shipp and anglers Kerry Ashe, Rick Bell, Alan Kape, Dave McKendrick, George Robertson, Dante Sorento, Michael Yacco and Joe Yacco.



2021 White Marlin Open winner "Sushi" fished in this year's Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring in Atlantic City, NJ last week and placed 9th overall in the Tuna Division and winning the Day 3 Leaderboard Award with a 164 lb. bigeye tuna caught by Paul Collins earning \$15,000. Paul was fishing with Capt. Charley Pereira and Mark Gatlos, Kenny Greiss, Bill Hitman, Skip Ward and Frank Wunder.



Looks like the mahi to our north are no larger than the ones we are seeing in our canyons. Ken Wible on the "Low Profile" brought a dolphin to the scales during the Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring that was held last week in Atlantic City, NJ. At 27.1 lbs, the gaffer was good enough to take top honors in the Dolphin Division and earned a combined total of \$40,000. Rounding out the crew was Capt. Joseph Trainor, Matt Carter, Dave Czarnecki, John Obrian and Ediberto Estrello Puc.

VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



Hot, muggy, and sometimes buggy are ways to describe this past week on the Eastern Shore of VA. The summer doldrums are plaguing us with a slight slow down in regards to fishing action. However, we are blessed with plenty of hot weather opportunities to trump any summertime saltwater qualms.

The seaside summer flounder bite has continued to be our saving grace. Fish have been snapping during the times just before and just after high water. We have done better on silversides coupled with Gulp of the chartreuse and pink varieties. However, a good friend of mine Mr. Steve has been consistently putting fillets on the table at Chincoteague with pearl Gulp shrimp that he's been jigging around oyster rocks. There have been a lot of

shorts along with legal fish to help keep rods bent and smiles in plenty. When the tide and or water conditions don't allow for fishing for these flavorful fillets of flounder, croakers have been eager volunteers to keep folks concentrating on a hot bite rather than hot weather. Small top and bottom rigs tipped with squid, shrimp, or Fishbites are all that is needed to fill any lull during a family fishing outing.

The near shore wrecks and reefs have also been the scene of some pretty good flattie fishing. When the current allows, jigging lures like spro bucktails from 1-4 ozs. accompanied by 5-6 inch Gulp grubs have done the trick. However, when conditions mandate more weight, a bottom rig with long strips of squid, minnows silversides, smelt and strips of cut fish are

your best bets. Along with the target species you can expect some wild looking ribbonfish to give you a tussle. Also keep your eyes out for opportunities to pursue some coastal cobia and spanish macs. These sightings are sporadic but will add a sense of triumph to any trip. Spades and triggers continue to take small pieces of clam floated back over shallower structure.

The depths of the Atlantic received a tremendous amount of pressure with nice weather and slightly improved fuel prices being the catalyst. After a more productive previous week we experienced a little slow down. The Washington still produced a respectable mahi bite with a few yellowfin and bigeye mixed in. The fishing was best on the chunk around the many pods of whales that have

taken up residence in our canyons.

The Chesapeake has been the victim of a slowing cobia bite. However, there some spanish and blues from Tangier all the way down to Cape Charles to fill in the gaps. These precarious predators tend to hang around structure like the cell, target ships and steep edges. Clark spoons trolled behind planers seem to be the ticket for these tasty, toothy trophies. Specs are still in their shallow haunts but warming water temperatures are making them hard to coerce into the cooler.

So as you sit in the hot summer sun and beads of sweat roll down your brow, remember that your body is loosing valuable salt and the best way to replenish this necessary mineral is to make sure you are immersed in an activity that keeps you in a saltwater environment. So for your sanity, and especially your health, get out there and go fishing in this wonderful place we call home! §

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Paul Skibicki and his daughter Kimberly Pokoiski had a nice father daughter day fishing off of Cape Charles, VA around Buoy 36A. They were using bunker and had the baits on the bottom where Kimberly caught this 44" cobia and another 41 incher as well.

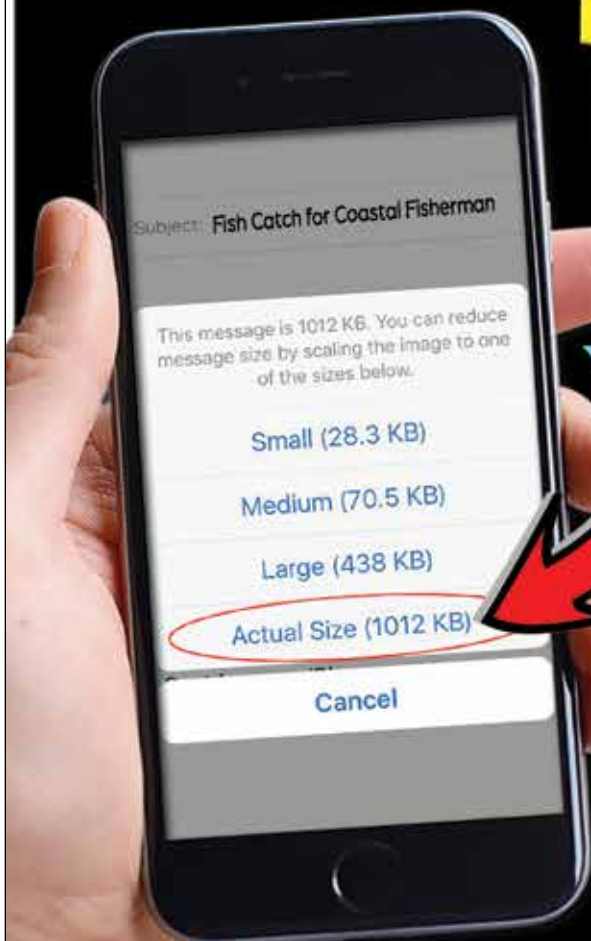


Lots of good action this past week inshore. Reece Babikow, Matthew Brannan and Nathan Babikow all hooked up with yellowfin tunas chunking at the Hambone with the heaviest one at 53 lbs.

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BLUEFISH

1st Place
"ON POINT"
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2nd Place
"4 REELS"
3.8 lbs.

3rd Place
"ABSOLUTE PLEASURE"
1.4 lbs.

BONITA

1st Place
"ABSOLUTE PLEASURE"
3 lbs.

2nd Place
"GRANDE PEZ"
2.8 lbs.

3rd Place
"HIX'S HOOKER"
2.4 lbs.

DOLPHIN

1st Place
"WIGG ONE"
17 lbs.

2nd Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
15.8 lbs.

3rd Place
"SPRING MIX II"
9 lbs.

FLOUNDER

1st Place
"FISH BOUND IV"
4.6 lbs.

2nd Place (Tie)
"WIGG ONE"
"DOUBLE TROUBLE"
2.8 lbs.

3rd Place (Tie)
"LUCKY BREAK"
"JEZEBEL"
2.6 lbs.

MACKEREL

1st Place
"4 REELS"
4 lbs.

2nd Place
TYLER BURTON
1.6 lbs.

3rd Place
"ABSOLUTE PLEASURE"
1.4 lbs.

ROCKFISH

1st Place
"BILLFISHER"
13.4 lbs.

SEA BASS

1st Place
"BUCKSHOT"
3 lbs.

2nd Place
"THE ZIPPER"
2.8 lbs.

3rd Place (Tie)
"JEZEBEL & JEB"
2.2 lbs.

TAUTOG

1st Place
"WIGG ONE"
3 lbs.

2nd Place
"S CREW II"
2.2 lbs.

TUNA

1st Place
"SOFT MONEY"
69 lbs.

2nd Place
"REEL FIN ADDICT"
65.8 lbs.

3rd Place
"JACKED UP"
62 lbs.

TILEFISH

1st Place
"MARLI"
8.4 lbs.

2nd Place
"WRECKER"
8.2 lbs.

3rd Place
"WRECKER"
7.8 lbs.

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1st Place
"MARLI"
8.4 lbs.

2nd Place
"WRECKER"
8.2 lbs.

3rd Place
"WRECKER"
7.8 lbs.

STRINGER WT. CROAKER

1st Place
"MISS MARY"
2.4 lbs.

2nd Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
2.2 lbs.

3rd Place
"TYLER BURTON"
1.8 lbs.

STRINGER WT. SPOT

1st Place
"4 REELS"
3.4 lbs.

2nd Place (Tie)
"MISS MARY & PARTNERSHIP"
1.8 lbs.

3rd Place
"MISS MARY"
1.6 lbs.

MOST BILLFISH RELEASED

1st Place
"BILLFISHER"
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2nd Place
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3rd Place
"FISHIZZLE"
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- "MAVERICK" GOGGLES
- "AMERICAN LADY" PLASTIC BOTTLE

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The tuna were hard to find over the weekend during the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament, but that did not deter the crew of the "Soft Money". Capt. Jeff Kirby and anglers Jessie Simmons Jr., Mya Stellfox and Jason Bernstein set to work chunking at the Hambone. They caught 3 nice yellowfins with the largest popping to the scale late on day 1 at 69 lbs. A few in the over 60 lb. range were weighed, but theirs held on to take 1st Place for Heaviest Tuna.



The competition for the Heaviest Stringer Division for spot was hot during the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament! With up to 5 allowed per stringer, it only takes a couple chubby fish to make the difference. While the spot were reported broadly across the Ocean City Bay, it was the 5 that Ashton, Owen, Sam and Leo West caught near Harbor Island that topped the leaderboard at 3.4 lbs., over a pound and a half heavier than 2nd Place!



The Unusual Catch Category is always fun to watch during the Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament. Anglers bring anything they find while fishing and the more unusual the better. This year saw a tiny sea horse that fell out of the mouth of a sea bass, a rosefish and even a pair of swim goggles and a plastic bottle! It was however a cownose ray caught near the OC Coast Guard Station by Richard Hoenes III that was selected as Most Unusual. He was fishing on the "Sea Hunt" with Peyton and Garrett Elder.

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The weigh masters at the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament measured a lot of sea bass over the 2 day event. Each boat was allowed to weigh up to 3 fish of each species per day. With most tipping the scale at just over 2 lbs., it was the 3 lb. knobhead caught by the team on the "Buckshot" that locked in 1st Place. Cru Miller, Huck Miller and Isabella Perez also caught a blueline tilefish and a cute little rosie as their unusual catch.



There were 2 'stringer' divisions during the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament allowing for up to 5 fish to be weighed together. One of those was for croaker, and the gang on the "Miss Mary" locked in the top spot on Saturday with a stringer weighing 2.4 lbs. Anglers Connor Hart, Cade Harrington and Coah Harrington were fishing with Capt. Justin Hart around the Verrazano Bridge to Assateague Island. They also caught spot, found a ribbon fish as well as releasing 2 sandbar sharks.

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There were tilefish for days laid out on the dock by the "Marli" during the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament, so it was not a surprise that one of the 3 they were eligible to weigh would take the top slot in the Blueline Tilefish Division with a 8.4 lb. fish. Three generations of Hoos were fishing that day in 65 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyon. The crew of Capt. Mark Hoos, Mark Hoos Jr., Trey Hoos, Jack Hoos, Sophia Perry and Randy Newcomer also caught 2 yellowfin tunas.



As the saying goes, it only takes one! That was certainly the case for Savannah Gerlach during the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament. She caught the only rockfish brought to the scales and it weighed a hefty 13.4 lbs.. She was fishing with live spot on the "Billfisher" at the Rt. 50 Bridge with Charlotte Gerlach, Colt Duffie and Georgia Duffie along with fathers Billy Gerlach and Jon Duffie.



The crew of the "Fish Bound" have a history of bringing a lot of fish to the scales during the Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament, and they did not disappoint at this year's 18th edition. Capt. Kane Bounds took anglers Landon Bounds, Connor Vaughan, Nora Vaughan, Jamison Twilley and Brax Giardina 20 miles offshore and fished a natural bottom for this mix of flounder and sea bass. The largest flounder was 4.6 lbs, and held on to take 1st Place in that division.

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The "Billfisher" was the last boat to the scales on the day 1 of the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament. Capt. Jon Duffie made the bet that the billfish were in deep water, so he headed well east the Washington Canyon about 98 miles out. The strategy worked as Colt Duffie and John Charles Duffie released 4 white marlin and a sailfish securing 1st Place in the Billfish Release Division. Pictured with Jon and Jonathan Duffie at Sunset Marina.



The Dolphin Division was competitive during the 18th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club's Kid's Classic Tournament. However, Morgan Clarke set the bar high on the first day with this 17 lb. gaffer she caught at the Jack Spot while fishing on the "Wigg One". She and fellow anglers Aston, Cooper and John Clarke also caught flounder and sea bass at the Winter Quarter shoal.



The Ocean City Marlin Club teamed up with the Wish-A-Fish Foundation during the club's Kid's Classic Tournament weekend to get special needs children and their family out on the water for a day of fishing fun. This year's event was last Saturday and the Marlin Club chartered several party boats for the event, the "Calico Jack", "Judith M' and the "Miss Ocean City" that actually made two trips that day! 140 anglers and family members spent the day catching a mix of flounder, croakers, sea robins, bluefish and other bay creatures. Afterwards the anglers enjoyed festivities at the Ocean City Marlin Club where the Wish-A-Fish Foundation received a check for \$1,140 raised from area organizations in addition to private and corporate donors. Picture at the Marlin Club festival.



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