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BAHIA MARINA	
BOAT	Teaser
ANGLER	Mike Fritsch
FISH	Thresher
WEIGHT	583.0
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With a 501 lb. thresher shark at the top of the leaderboard heading into the final day of the 21st Annual Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, most spectators figured it was a lock to win the Thresher Division, but the anglers on the "Teaser" had a different outcome in mind. On Sunday, they brought this 583 pounder to the scale to take over the first place spot. Mike Fritsch of Aberdeen, MD hooked the 97-inch on a whole bluefish at the Fingers and fought it for 2 hours before getting it to the boat. Since the shark was too big to get into the cockpit, they had to tow it 28 miles back to Bahia Marina, a long trip when traveling at 10 knots. Rounding out the "Teaser" team that took home \$15,765 for their 1st place finish were Ricky Windsor, Capt. Rich Daiker and mate Mike Miller.



Frank Perna of Alexandria, VA caught this 84 lb. bluefin tuna last Saturday while trolling ballyhoo in 61.7-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon. Frank was fishing on the "Indian Giver" with Jim Bunting of Georgetown, DE. They also released a bluefin similar in size during their trip. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



After being motivated by the thresher shark on last weeks cover of the *Coastal Fisherman*, the anglers on the "Constant Threat" decided to go after their very first thresher and the decision really paid off. Doug Mazzullo of Kent Island, MD muscled in this 358 pounder after hooking it on a bluefish fillet at the Parking Lot. Doug was fishing with Ryan Detamore, Bekki Mazzullo, Capt. Doug Howell and mate Charlie O'Reilly. Weighed at Sunset Marina. Congratulations to the "Constant Threat" team!

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Allison Sokolik of Mahwah, NJ caught her first mahi while fishing in 65-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon with Tom Patania on the "Mrs. L II".



Several large thresher sharks were caught last week including this 494 pounder boated by Brad Robertson of Crofton, MD. Brad was fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Anthony Bonfiglio, Andrew Camela, Robert Valente, Mark Dally, Anthony Bonfiglio, Sr., Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Tito Benitez. The big thresher ate a whole squid at the Marine Electric and took 30 minutes to get to the boat after being hooked at 10:30 in the morning. Weighed at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



We finally had a nice weekend for fishing in Ocean City. The wind picked up during the afternoons, but the mornings were beautiful and the sun was shining.

The record-setting 21st Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament at Bahia Marina was exciting. Although, angler Shane Moore on the "Moore Bills" caught a good size, 228 lb. mako on the second day of the tournament and held on to win the big money, it was the Thresher Division that had those at the scale on the edge of their seats.

On the first day of the tournament, Ocean City angler Kevin Rohe caught a 501 lb. thresher to take over the top spot in the Thresher Division. I'm sure everyone thought that fish had a lock on 1st place (I know I did), but as it usually does in fishing tournaments,

the leaderboard changed on the final day when Mike Fritsch on the "Teaser" arrived with a 583 pounder that they caught in 20 fathoms at the Fingers. The fish was so big that the guys couldn't fit it in the boat so they had to tow it back the 28 miles to Bahia Marina. This fish actually knocked the 241.6 lb. thresher caught on the first day by the "Teaser" guys out of 3rd place, but I'm sure the anglers didn't mind. Vaughn Charlton on the "Game On" caught the 3rd place thresher on Day 2 when he hooked a 434 pounder on a skirted mackerel in Massey's Canyon.

The Mako Division was also exciting. The "Jenny Poo" was the first boat to arrive at the scale, loaded with a 191.2 lb. mako caught at the Hot Dog that took the lead after Day 1, but fell to 3rd place by the end of the tournament. Several

other makos were caught on the first day, primarily in 30 fathoms around the Hot Dog. On the second day, "Mako Me Crazy" was the first to show up with a mako, with theirs weighing 196.3 lbs., good enough to vault them into the lead. The mako ate a whole bluefish in 59.6-degree water at the Hambone. The charter boat, "Moore Bills" arrived a short time later with their 228 pounder that jumped into the lead and never looked back. Shane's mako went after a bluefish fillet in 59-degree water below the Tea Cup. The anglers only had their lines in the water for 30 minutes before Shane's hook-up at 8:00 AM.

The Bluefish Division in this tournament is always a mystery to me, and I mean a mystery as to why more boats don't spend at least some time targeting the choppers. The "Teaser" took the top 2 spots with a 7.3 pounder and an 11.2 lb. bluefish to win \$10,310 in award money. An awesome payout!

Overall, it was a record breaking tournament on many levels, including 77 boats, 337 anglers and a total payout of \$134,480. Shawn Harman, Earl Conley and the entire staff at Bahia Marina, once again, did a fantastic job running the tournament and making it a fun event for both anglers and spectators.

Although you could make a case for sea bass being the star of the week, it would be tough

to vote against sharks, with several nice ones hitting the scales around town.

The "Restless Lady" brought a couple of nice size threshers back to the Talbot Street Pier last week. On Wednesday, Capt. Todd Kurtz took his group to the Marine Electric and returned with a 494 lb. thresher that they hooked on a whole squid. Hats off to Brad Robertson for muscling in the big shark all by himself. The following day, anglers on the "Restless Lady" headed to the Chicken Bone and boated a 374 pounder on a bluefish fillet.

On Saturday, inspired by the thresher on last weeks cover of the Coastal Fisherman, anglers on the "Constant Threat" decided for the first time to try for a thresher and were rewarded with a 358 pounder at the Parking Lot.

In addition to the several makos weighed during the tournament, we also saw some mako sharks caught throughout the week. The "No Quarter" boated a 202 pounder in 60-degree water at the Sausages and later in the week, anglers on the "Marli" had a 135 pounder in 30 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. The largest mako of the week, and probably the largest we will see this year, was caught out of the Indian River Marina when John Pendell captured a 461 pounder on Saturday at the Elephant Trunk.

Some offshore boats ventured further from the beach in search of marlin, tuna and mahi. Incredibly, the first white marlin of the season has not been caught yet, although a few were hooked "over the fence" below the Norfolk



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Canyon, 126 miles from the Ocean City Inlet.

On Friday, Capt. Brian Porter on the "Boss Hogg" took his anglers to that batch of water and ended up with 11 yellowfins and a pair of dolphin.

Over the weekend, boats returned with yellowfins and mahi from 65-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon and from deep behind the Washington Canyon.

On Sunday, anglers on the "Bonnie Lynn" got back from an overnight trip northeast of the 461 Lump where they went 5 for 6 on yellowfins with a pair of keepers in the 40 lb. range. They also caught 2 mahi, a 66-inch mako and lost a swordfish while fishing during the night. The "Hammer Down" went to 200 to 500 fathoms outside the Poor Man's and went 2 for 4 on yellowfins.

Inshore, the sea bass bite has been very good but anglers are having to run to at least 100-feet of water to find the larger fish. The best spots seem to be the Great Eastern Reef,

the San Gil and the Del-Jersey-Land reef site. Anglers are also starting to see a few keeper size flounder mixed in as well.

In the bay, flounder fishing was good behind Assateague Island and in the Thorofare. Right now, the throwback ratio is extremely high all over the bay, but particularly behind Assateague where anglers were hooking 16 shorts before they could get their keeper. The flats north of the Thorofare continues to produce nice catches for those either drifting minnows and Gulp! artificial baits or slow trolling belly strips.

Striped bass were caught last week around the South Jetty and in the surf. Smaller stripers were found around the Rt. 50 Bridge for those tossing Gotcha plugs and topwater lures.

The bluefish bite has died down considerably with smaller snappers dominating the action. On Thursday, Big Bird Cropper and Dave Hrycyk had a superb day, hooking 37 snapper bluefish (keeping 20)

and releasing 25 small stripers around the bridge and South Jetty.

The first sheephead of the year was caught by Paul Lebling on Wednesday when he was fishing around the South Jetty with Ayrton Pryor. The 6 pounder hit a spec rig that was probably intended for a striped bass or bluefish. They did end up catching a dozen bluefish, weighing up to 6 lbs., in addition to 12 small stripers during their trip.

Upcoming Tournaments

We have a rare weekend off this week, so the next two tournaments on the schedule are the 28th Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment on June 16th to 18th and the Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament on June 17th and 18th. The weigh-ins for the MSSA Tournament will be at Atlantic Tackle and the Small Boat Tournament will be held at Sunset Marina.

Until next week, I'll see you at the scales!

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Bob Shaw of Berlin, MD used a minnow and Gulp! combination to fool this 21-inch flounder while drifting in the West Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge behind Hooper's Crab House. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office.



On the second day of the 2017 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, John Drocella of Bishopville, MD arrived at the scale with a 175 lb. mako shark caught on a bluefish fillet at the Hot Dog. John was fishing on the "Mako Madness" with Dylan Drew, Joe Bennett and Capt. Steve Drocella. The big mako was hooked in 63-degree water and put up a 90 minute fight. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Fish Stories

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



This may come as a surprise to some of you, but I actually lose a fish every now and then.

I will allow a few moments now for you to recover from your shock. Maybe some time to clean up your spilled coffee or head to the store and grab a new copy of this issue since you might have spilled said coffee all over the copy you were reading.

.....humming to myself.....tum di dumdi dum l a l a l a l a l a l a l a n a m.....

Have you regained your composure? OK. Let's start again. I know it is hard to fathom that your beloved columnist, your weekly purveyor of piscatorial propaganda, the guy that

writes all these stories and digs out old pictures and clips to back up his bull, yeah this guy....has been bested by a finny opponent. Or two. But yes, it is true. I do not catch every fish that is daring, or dumb enough to swim up and nibble on my bait. On rare occasions they do in fact get away.

I used to fish with a guy down in Islamorada by the name of Carlos Delvalle. Carlos is a burly fellow, much like myself. He always seems to be smiling. Many of the locals down there just call him "The Cuban". Without a doubt, Carlos is one of the best all around fishermen I have ever had the pleasure of wetting a line with. Anything from bottom dwellers to blue marlin,

snappers to sailfish, Carlos is well versed in the techniques to trick the fish onto his hook. Yet surprisingly enough, he has had a few fish get away from him as well.

My old buddy Carlos used to always tell me about "The Genie". For example, we would be out fishing on one of those days when the fish just wouldn't cooperate and I would say something like, "I would give anything for just one measly bite right now." And Carlos would tell me right away to make sure I wish for exactly what I want. "Wish for a sailfish Franky. Wish for a bunch of bites Franky! You never know when The Genie might be listening!"

And I have always tried to follow this advice. The logic is pretty sound. Well, at least to me it is.

Another thing Carlos was fond of talking about was the day when he would actually find "The Genie". Any time we lost a fish Carlos and I would try to figure out what we should have done differently. Maybe turn the boat different or run ahead faster. Maybe pull harder on the leader and take a wild gaff shot since the fish ended up getting away anyway. Stuff like that. Usually these talks would end with Carlos saying, "Franky, when I find

The Genie don't be surprised if you get another shot at that fish!"

Over the years, I have spent quite a bit of time looking for "The Genie". Like I said, now be ready for it this time, sometimes I lose a fish. And if I can ever find "The Genie" I have a fish or two that I am pretty sure I can successfully capture now that I have relived their escape in my mind over and over again through the years.

One such fish was a BIG mako shark that got the best of me back when I was 15 years old.

I was working as the mate on the "Last Call" at the time. We had a group of our regular clients out for a day of sharking. Early in the day we all saw this monster mako swim through our chum slick. And just like my shark guru buddy Capt. Mark Sampson says, the line in the movie Jaws is wrong. These things are not just eating machines. This mammoth mako swam through the slick and didn't pay one minute of attention to any of my baits. The crew was very dejected to say the least. And to make it worse we did not have any bites the entire rest of the day.

Around 3:30 in the afternoon Dad told me we should probably think about winding the baits in and



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heading for home. I was still thinking about what could have been if only that beast that swam through our slick in the morning had bit. Well, maybe "The Genie" can read thoughts, because right at that moment we got bit. It was not an exciting bite. No big splashes. No blistering runs. Just a steady pull and a long battle.

A little under two hours later we got the first look at what we had hooked. Scratch that. Unless there were was another mastodon sized mako in that spot that day, we got the second look at what we had hooked. And it was incredible. It was the biggest mako I had ever seen at that point in my life. All these years later I will say that it still ranks in the top three I have ever seen size-wise, and is definitely the biggest I have ever had hooked.

As the leader was coming into range for me to grab, I looked up at Dad and told

him that I would need help gaffing this one. He told me to let him know when I wanted him to come down from the fly bridge and give me a hand.

The fish was swimming lazily, slightly on its side. It sure looked tired. As I took a set of wraps on the leader I told Dad it was time. The boat was coasting ahead slowly and the fish appeared to be beat. Dad left the helm and started down the bridge ladder to the cockpit. And then it all went wrong. I swear that fish looked at me and then looked at Dad. I know. Sounds far fetched. But that great big black eye made contact with mine and I am sure it looked at Dad next. The fish righted itself and made some powerful thrusts with its tail. I held onto the leader for all I was worth as the fish shot forward. When I first took hold of the leader I was in the aft starboard corner of the cockpit. When

the fish surged forward I was dragged along the covering boards until my ribs cracked against the side of the deckhouse. I can still see the water flying and Dad taking a desperate swipe at the fish with the flying gaff as it went under the bow of the boat... just before the leader broke.

Fish are always big when you lose them. I mean I seldom if ever lose a fish, let alone a small one, so I won't commit to paper how big I think that fish was. If you catch me at the right time, on the right evening, I may give you my guess. But let's just say it was big.

And if I ever find that "Genie" I may just be able to tell you exactly how big it was. And dig out the picture to prove it.

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

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Jim Thompson of Selbyville, DE was soaking a chunk of bunker in the suds off Fenwick Island when he hooked into this 29-inch striper.

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Alexis Ludlum caught this 25-inch bluefish on a finger mullet while surfcasting from the beach at Herring Point. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



One of the final boats to arrive at the scale on the first day of the 21st Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament was the "SeaYa" with Gene Bauerle's 158 lb. mako shark caught 8 miles south of the Hot Dog. Gene was fishing with Jeff Blatt, Keith and Kevin Imbody and Capt. Denny Lorah. The 74-inch mako ate a whole bluefish in 64.5-degree water and took 30 minutes to get into the boat. The anglers also released a hammerhead shark during their trip. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Joe Huk was fishing with his son, Chris Huk at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay when they caught 4 black drum, keeping a pair that weighed 26 and 46 lbs. All of the boomers were hooked on clams. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Lamont Hilbert had a pair of keeper flounder and 4 throwbacks after drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the south bay behind Castaway's Campground. The keepers measured 19 and 24-inches.

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On the first day of the 2017 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Jeff Jones of St. Petersburg, FL arrived at the scale with a 156.4 lb. mako shark caught on a whole mackerel in 45 fathoms south of the Baltimore Canyon. Jeff was fishing with Kevin Jones of St. Petersburg, FL, Ken Jones of Clarksburg, MD, Capt. Dave Black and mate Stedman Birch. The anglers also released a blue shark during their trip. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Mike Marisa and Mike Leibfreid caught their limit of black sea bass and released a mako shark while fishing at the Marine Electric.

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Tammy Simington muscled in this 23-inch flounder last Saturday while fishing on the "Unsupervised" with Rob Simington, Mark Cooper and Karen Cooper. The big flattie ate a pink skirted minnow in the East Channel during the incoming tide.



Christian and Jeff Shockey, Peyton, Kelvin and Kyle Jones and Travis Gesford took a nighttime fishing trip on the "Pirate King" with Capt. Chris Ragni and caught this pair of black drum at the Coral Beds. The fish were hooked on clams and measured 26 and 30-inches. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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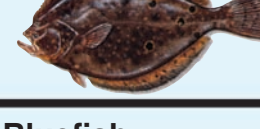







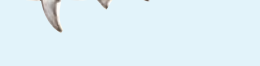

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Species	2017	2016	Species	2017	2016
Sea Bass 	May 16, 2017 Tom Vaughan "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	May 15, 2016 Steve Billingsley "Morning Star" Sue's Reef	Mako Shark 	April 28, 2017 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Triple 0's	May 14, 2016 Brian Leader "Keep Er Wet" Poor Man's Canyon
Tautog 	January 1, 2017 Pat Scida "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2016 Dave Moore "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	White Marlin 	None Reported	May 27, 2016 Andy Urban "In the Black" Norfolk Canyon
Striped Bass 	April 28, 2017 Jack Austin Cape Henlopen Surf	January 14, 2016 Connor Metz "G-FORCE" Little Gull	Blue Marlin 	None Reported	May 28, 2016 Bo Appel "Boss Hogg" Norfolk Canyon
Weakfish 	May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Ice Breakers	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall	Bluefin Tuna 	April 30, 2017 Dale Christensen "Wrecker" Triple 0's	April 21, 2016 Joe Cantianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon
Flounder 	April 7, 2017 Lukas Layton Rt. 90 Bridge	April 16, 2016 Hannah Johnson "Lucky Break" Sinepuxent Bay	Yellowfin Tuna 	April 30, 2017 Corbin Ensor "Tunafowl" Triple 0's	May 7, 2016 Jeff Rosenkilde "Mate Trix" Baltimore Canyon
Bluefish 	April 17, 2017 Ayrton Pryor Assawoman Bay	April 15, 2016 Sean Fox Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna 	None Reported	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkohl Canyon
Black Drum 	April 20, 2017 Tom Fox Assatague Surf	March 31, 2016 Billy Powell Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna 	May 27, 2017 Mark Robbins "Husevo" Norfolk Canyon	May 26, 2016 Denise Rust "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Sheepshead 	NEW May 31, 2017 Paul Lebling South Jetty	May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef	Dolphin 	April 30, 2017 Megan Humphrey "Wrecker" Triple 0's	May 20, 2016 Randy Tracey "Talkin Trash" Washington Canyon
Thresher Shark 	May 27, 2017 Anthony Pino Fingers	May 20, 2016 Chris Stafford "Reel Nauti" Jackspot	Wahoo 	None Reported	June 2, 2016 Ryan Morris "Jade II" Washington Canyon

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Brad Richwine caught a 19-inch flounder and Jeannie Strausbaugh boated a pair measuring 17 and 18-inches, both while fishing behind Harbour Island with cut bait and minnows. The duo were joined on the "PA Posse" by Karen Richwine.



Julie Stevenson poses in front of the Breakwater Lighthouse off Cape Henlopen with a pair of bluefish, weighing up to 8 lbs., that she hooked on spoons. The lighthouse was originally commissioned in 1828 and took 40 years to complete.

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Ceeter Carmean of Georgetown, DE reeled in this 135 lb. mako shark while fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Will Hall, Paige Lynch, Joby Lewis, Bruce Kenney, Stephanie Jackson, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The mako took a bluefish fillet offered in 30 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Cindy and Morgan Harris from Enola, PA had a nice catch of black sea bass while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The Harris' caught their fish on clams at an artificial reef.

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Chris Meyer from Joppa, MD used a strip of squid to fool this 21-inch sea bass during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The fish was caught in 110-feet of water at an artificial reef and weighed just over 4 lbs. on the scale at Bahia Marina.

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Shannon Gompers and Eric Moore caught a pair of sea bass while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. The anglers caught the fish on clams at an artificial reef. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Landon Johnson was fishing at Herring Point when he hooked this 23-inch bluefish on a chunk of finger mullet. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Brian Bader and Jess Johnson of Ocean City, MD and Damian Priznar of Willards, MD caught 5 bluefish (3 pictured) while fishing just before low tide around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Their largest chopper measured 33-inches and weighed an even 8 lbs.

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Angelina Watts was tossing topwater plugs around the Rt. 90 Bridge one evening last week and is pictured with one of the many nice size bluefish hooked while fishing with Rich Watts.



Kyle Peet (left) caught a 34-inch striper and Erik Mateer boated a 30-incher, both while tossing plain bucktails with Dave Caffrey at the South Jetty during high tide. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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On opening day of the 2017 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Nate Leader captured this 135.5 lb. mako while fishing on the "Keep 'Er Wet" with Michael Sumpter, Capt. Dave Sumpter and mate Brian Leader. The big mako was hooked at the Sausages where they also released 3 dusky sharks and a pair of blue sharks during their trip. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Lex Robertson is all smiles after boating this 3 lb. 3 oz. sea bass while fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. The fish was part of a boat limit and was hooked on a chunk of clam on ocean structure. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Junior angler, Gabriel Capriglione of Newport, DE was fishing with his dad, Mike Capriglione when he caught this 9 lb. 2 oz. bluefish in the Indian River Inlet while using a minnow for bait. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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Last week, John Klerlein of Millsboro, DE muscled in this 202 lb. mako shark while fishing on the charter boat, "No Quarter" with Randy Tewell, Robert Klerlein, Chuck Wallace, Capt. Kyle Peet and mate Erik Mateer. The mako ate a whole mackerel in 30 fathoms at the Sausages where Capt. Kyle found 60-degree water. They also released 15 blue sharks and broke off another mako during their trip. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock




It was a pretty weekend. Winds died down in the morning, but definitely picked up in the afternoon.

This time of year is when anglers like to target big sharks, particularly threshers and makos. The Mako Mania Shark Tournament was last weekend and I know quite a few Delaware boats entered this year. Threshers were found in 20 to 30 fathoms with the winning 583 pounder coming in from the Fingers and the 2nd place fish was caught inshore of the Rockpile. There were also some caught in Massey's Canyon. Makos were caught in 30 fathoms around the Hot Dog, Sausages, Tea Cup and down inshore of the Washington Canyon. The area around the Hot Dog was

definitely the best location for makos last weekend. Water temperatures were in the very low 60's.

At Lewes Harbour Marina, Tommy reported that the flounder bite is improving in the Lewes Canal, both in the number of fish being caught and in average size. Minnows have been the bait of choice, but anglers are also having good luck with Gulp! artificial baits, specifically the Swimming Mullet. Smaller striped bass are also being hooked in the Canal, with the average size being around 28 to 29-inches.

Like elsewhere up and down the Delmarva coast, the bluefish bite is definitely slowing down and we really aren't seeing the number of big choppers that we saw for

quite a while last month. Mostly what we are seeing are fish in the 5 lb. range but they are still going after practically anything thrown their way. They love the swim shads, and those lures are deadly, but it can be an expensive outing if you decide to go with the rubber. Sticking to metal lures or topwater plugs will still produce good numbers of fish and keep your expenses down.

Those looking for black drum are hitting their prime time with big fish over 70 lbs. being pulled from the area around the Coral Beds and on the "dark side" closer to Jersey. Clams, both chowder and surf, have been the bait of choice for big drum.

In the surf, bluefish have

been more scarce but kingfish are being caught along with a couple of stripers. Tommy said that the quality of stripers has improved in the suds.

Not many weakfish have shown up at the cleaning table, a few snipers have been targeting them around the Coast Guard Station.

Outside the inlet, sea bass fishing has been very good. Anglers on the charter boat "Katydid" have put a whooping on knotheads while fishing with clams on ocean structure and natural bottom. Early in the week, Lex Robertson's 3.2 pounder was part of a boat limit caught on clams. The best spot this spring has been the Del-Jersey-Land reef site. Headboats have reported smaller sea bass closer to shore with larger fish in 100 to 120-feet of water.

Down in Fenwick, Rick at Fenwick Tackle said that he didn't see much this past

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week, only some stripers caught from the beach in Bethany on Saturday and a few bluefish, also from the surf. Flounder fishermen that come into the store have been targeting the Thorofare flats for their fish with slow trolling belly meat or Gulp! Swimming Mulletts providing the best results. There were no reports of fish coming out of the Ditch.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle shop in the Indian River Marina, the big news was the 461 lb. mako shark caught by John Pendell, Jr. during a trip to outside the Elephant Trunk. The 100-inch mako ate a bluefish fillet.

A few boats ventured further offshore in search of marlin, tuna and mahi. Frank Perna on the "Indian Giver" caught an 84 lb. bluefin tuna in 61.7-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon on Saturday. They also released another bluefin similar in size during their trip.

In the Indian River Inlet, a few flounder have been caught including a 6 pounder by Tommy Cline and a 7 lb. 10 oz. flattie by John Billbrough. Tommy hooked his on a jig head tipped with a chartreuse Gulp! bait and John caught his 30-incher on a bucktail. Most of the flounder are coming from the areas around Burton's Island, the Coast Guard Station and the VFW.

Anglers fishing off the rocks are primarily getting small bluefish and a few short stripers.

The headboat, "Judy V" has been targeting bluefish closer to shore and customers have come back with quite a few in their coolers. Those looking for larger sea bass have had to run further off the beach into 110+ feet of water.

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During a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley, Anthony Meyer caught this 20-inch citation black sea bass on a chunk of squid at an artificial reef. The 3 pounder, like all of the bigger sea bass so far this season, was caught in over 100-feet of water. The bite was hot and the boat returned to Bahia Marina with a limit of 120 sea bass.



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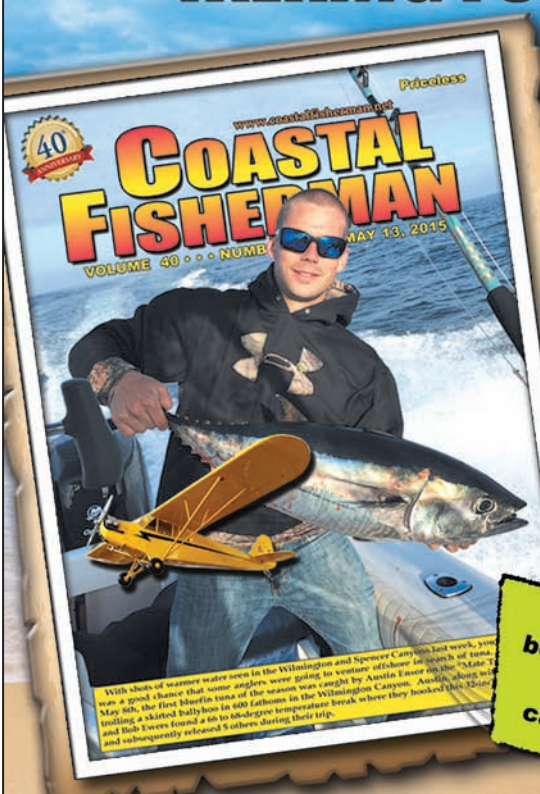
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Jo Cook used a minnow to fool this 21-inch, 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing in the bay off 25th Street in Ocean City.



Mason Coursey of Centreville, MD put a whooping on this 221 lb. thresher shark after hooking it on a mackerel fillet in 20 fathoms on the "Pandion II". Mason was fishing with Tyler Hudson and Joe Hudson of Kent Island, MD and Kayla Coursey of Centreville, MD. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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tank. This growth is often mistaken as algae which needs light to live and grow; there is no sunlight in a closed fuel tank so algae cannot survive.

Microbes are everywhere; they need food and water to live. In this case, the diesel fuel is the food and if there is water in the fuel, the microbes can easily make a home in your fuel tank. Once they start to grow and multiply they can eventually damage your fuel supply.

These "bugs" can be viewed with a microscope, though the presence of microbes is usually more often discovered by looking at your used fuel filters. If the fuel filter is coated with stinky, slimy black goo, then you probably have a microbe problem. There are laboratory tests available that can analyze

your diesel fuel and report back the presence of contamination and microbes in your fuel.

Removing bugs

If you have a microbe problem in your fuel, the best way to eliminate them is to remove the water, then kill and remove the remaining microbes. If not done properly, the microbes can easily grow back.

While you cannot sterilize your fuel and tanks, you can reduce and discourage biological activity to a level where microbes are not a problem.

There are fuel additives called biocides that can kill the living microbes and are often added to the fuel tank as a maintenance dose or kill dose. If you add a kill dose, expect the microbes in the tank to die resulting in a bigger problem until the fuel returns to its normal composition. The dead microbes will clog up your fuel filters until all of the debris are eliminated from the

tank. This do it yourself approach can take days or weeks to rid the tank of live and dead microbes, with numerous fuel filter replacements while operating your boat.

If you have a bad microbe infestation, it is best to call in a professional fuel cleaning company. They will have the proper tools and equipment to pump out your contaminated fuel, filtering it multiple times and returning your cleaned fuel to the tank. During this process, the interior of the tank needs to be cleaned too, since the microbes can attach to the sides of the tanks and baffles. Generally the cleaning companies use high pressure fuel to wash down the tank sides and bottom. A process like this can take a day or more on a large boat.

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Dissolved water is the result of diesel fuel being hygroscopic. Diesel fuel can attract and hold water from the environment. This can be from humidity in the air or water forming by condensation on the inside of the fuel tank.

Emulsified water is when water is thoroughly mixed into the diesel fuel. This situation is similar to a bottle of vinegar and oil salad dressing. Shake it up and it is mixed nicely, let it rest a while and the dressing settles back into two components. On a boat, emulsified water can occur after refueling or a rough day at sea and usually settles out once the agitation action has stopped.

The most common form of water in a fuel tank is free water. This is water that gathers at the bottom of the fuel tank. Water is heavier than fuel and therefore will settle to the bottom of a fuel tank. A fuel tank's pick-up lines that supply fuel to the engine are often an inch or more off the bottom of the tank, allowing water and contaminants to remain at the bottom of the tank without being ingested into the engine. Once the level of water increases above the pick-up, water will be introduced into your filters and possibly the engine. If you get water in your fuel filters, there is probably more water in the bottom of tank. The easiest way to check the fuel tank for water is to use a

water finding paste, coated on a dipstick that can reach to the bottom of the fuel tank. This will allow you to determine if you have water and the amount.

Removing water

If you do find water in your tank, it needs to be removed or else microbial growth will occur. The water at the bottom of the tank serves as a perfect medium for these microorganisms to live in. The microbes feed and live at the fuel/water interface and can even float in the free water below that level. Some fuel tanks have a way to drain water from the bottom of the tank, while other tanks may need to be pumped out using a tube or hose that can reach to the bottom of the tank.

Sampling your fuel and testing for water and microbes should be part of your preventative maintenance schedule. Some boats are equipped with a fuel polishing system, a way to filter your fuel when the engines are not in operation. Changing fuel filters at regular intervals or even more often is a good practice. There is no such thing as "too clean" when it comes to your fuel.

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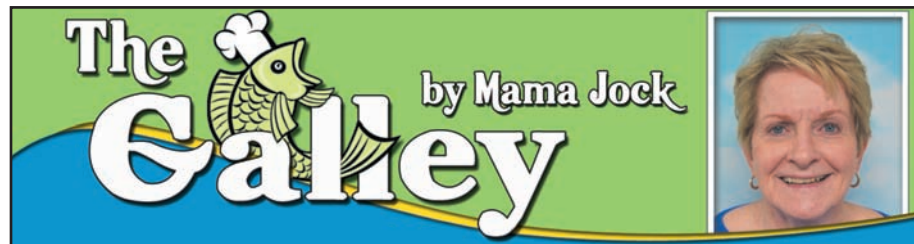
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1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup finely chopped parsley
2 TBSP minced garlic
2 TBSP finely chopped basil
1 TBSP minced fresh ginger
2 TBSP fresh lemon juice
2 tsp. kosher salt
1 tsp. crushed red pepper
2 1/2 lbs. large shrimp
1 TBSP vegetable oil
1 TBSP minced fresh ginger
1 large garlic clove
3 stalk fresh lemongrass
1 1/2 lb. tomatoes
1 TBSP fresh lime juice
2 TBSP Chopped cilantro
Kosher salt

In a large bowl, mix the vegetable oil with the parsley, garlic, basil, ginger, lemon juice, salt, and crushed red pepper.

Add the shrimp and toss to coat.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 4 hours.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, heat the vegetable oil.

Stir in the ginger, garlic, and lemongrass and cook over moderate heat until fragrant, about 2 minutes.

Add the tomatoes and cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, about 10 minutes.

Let cool to room temperature, then stir in the lime juice and cilantro.

Season with salt.

Transfer the sauce to ramekins.

Light a grill.

Loosely thread the shrimp onto 10 skewers.

Grill over moderately high heat, turning once, until lightly charred and cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Transfer the shrimp to plates and serve with the tomato sauce.

Sheet Pan Mahi Fajitas

4 Mahi fillets
1 red pepper, sliced
1 yellow pepper, sliced
1 poblano pepper, sliced
1 onion, sliced

Marinade:

1/3 cup olive oil
1 TBSP chili powder
1 1/2 tsp. cumin
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Line large baking sheet

with parchment or foil.

Combine all marinade ingredients in a small dish.

Reserve 2 TBSP of marinade to brush on fish.

Toss chopped veggies in remaining marinade and spread onto prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 10 minutes.

Brush fish fillets with reserved marinade.

Nestle fish fillets on top of veggies.

Bake for additional 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Serve with all your favorite fajita condiments.

Grilled Lobster with Charred Chili Sauce

2 large plum tomatoes
1 Spanish onion
1 Scotch bonnet or habanero chili
2 medium cloves garlic
1 TBSP olive oil
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1/4 cup chopped fresh

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- 2 TBSP finely chopped fresh mint
- 1/3 cup sesame oil
- 2 TBSP low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 lobsters (1 1/4 to 1 1/2 lbs. each)
- 4 TBSP unsalted butter

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Toss tomatoes, onion, chili, and garlic with the olive oil.

Arrange mixture on a rimmed baking sheet and sprinkle with thyme.

Roast, shaking the pan periodically to ensure even cooking, until all vegetables are well charred, about 30 minutes.

Remove pan from oven and let vegetables cool to room temperature.

Put the charred vegetables in a food processor.

Add cilantro and mint, and process to a coarse puree.

With the motor running, drizzle in sesame oil, then add

soy sauce, and puree until smooth.

Place lobster halves cut side up in a large baking dish or other container large enough to hold them in a single layer.

Spoon half of chili sauce over lobsters.

Cover loosely with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Reserve remaining sauce.

When ready to cook lobster, preheat a gas grill or a ridged grill pan to medium or prepare a fire in a charcoal grill, letting the coals burn down until covered in white ash.

Oil the grill rack.

Lift lobster halves from marinade and turn them over, letting any excess marinade run off.

Put them cut side down on the grill, and cook for 5 minutes.

Use tongs to turn them over and grill, using a brush to baste meat with the butter, for another 5 minutes, or until

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On the first day of the Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Donnie Dyott, Jr. from Trappe, MD brought a 146.8 lb. mako shark to the scale after a day of fishing on the charter boat, "Foolish Pleasures" with Donnie and Brennan Dyott, Capt. Dale Lisi and mate Eddie Braxton. Donnie hooked the 75-inch mako on a whole bunker in 30 fathoms, south of the Hot Dog. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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meat turns opaque and begins to pull away from shell.

Put 1 lobster half on each plate and the remaining sauce in a bowl.

To serve, spoon remaining chili sauce over lobster.

Healthy Tuna Egg Salad

1/2 lb. tuna fillets, cooked as desired
5 TBSP light mayonnaise
4 large eggs
1 cup celery, diced
5 TBSP pickle relish
4 tsp. mustard or spicy brown

To Hard Boil Eggs:

Place eggs in a small, uncovered pot.

Cover with cold water and set heat to medium-high.

Bring to boil.

Remove from heat and cover.

Set timer for 13 minutes.

Drain and add cold water and ice cubes to cool eggs.

Once cool, peel and grate with a food processor or chop into small pieces.

In a medium bowl, add tuna and break up with a fork.

Add mayonnaise and mix well.

Stir in grated eggs, celery, pickle relish and mustard.

Mixture can be stored in refrigerator for up to 3 days.

To make lettuce wraps, top each lettuce leaf with 1/4 cup tuna egg salad and spread a little over leaf.

Top each lettuce wrap with a slice of tomato.

Makes 5 lettuce wraps, each with a 1/4 cup of tuna egg salad

Smoked Flounder with Paprika Butter

1 lb. flounder fillets
2 TBSP butter, melted
1 1/2 tsp. smoked paprika
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Lemon slices, for serving

In a small bowl, combine the butter and smoked paprika and stir until smooth.

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Sprinkle fish with salt and freshly ground black pepper and brush the paprika butter over both sides of the fish.

Preheat oven to 400-degrees (or if broiling, preheat broiler).

Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and coat with cooking spray.

Place the prepared fish on the baking sheet and roast in preheated oven until the fish flakes easily with a fork, usually less than 10 minutes..

Serve with sliced lemon.

Serves 2 to 4.

BBQ Bacon Wrapped Shrimp with Basil Stuffing

15 slices thin bacon cut in half

30 basil leaves coarsely chopped

2 TBSP freshly grated

Parmesan cheese

1 tsp. fresh minced garlic

30 large shrimp, peeled with tail shells on

Sauce:

1 1/4 cups BBQ Sauce

1/4 cup apple sauce

1/4 cup pure maple syrup

1 TBSP balsamic vinegar

Mix together the basil, cheese and garlic.

Cut deep down the back of each shrimp and remove the vein.

Fill the cut with 1/2 tsp. of the basil stuffing.

Wrap each shrimp with 1/2 slice of bacon and tuck the loose end or secure the bacon with a toothpick, leaving only the shrimp tail exposed.

When the grill temperature reaches 400°F, place the shrimp on the grill away from the coals and with the tails pointing up.

Close the lid and cook the shrimp for 14 minutes.

Drain the shrimp on a paper towel lined platter.

Stir the sauce ingredients together in a small bowl.

Holding the shrimp by the tail, dip each into the sauce, and return it to the grill away

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Josh and Emily Blume of Berlin, MD got into some flounder and bluefish while fishing with their dad, Luke Blume last week. The pair of flounder were caught on minnows in the East Channel and the bluefish were hooked in the bay behind Assateague Island. Josh's flounder measured 18 1/2-inches and Emily's was just an inch shorter. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Ave.

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from the coals.

Close the cooker lid and allow the sauce to caramelize (about 1–2 minutes).

Serve the sauce while hot.

Prepare a grill for indirect cooking, situating the coals on only one side of the grill, leaving the other side void.

Cook the bacon in a large skillet until halfway done, about 2–4 minutes.

Drain and cool on paper towels.

Serve.

Crab Pot Pie

2 TBSP plus 1/2 cup unsalted butter, divided
3 cups chopped leeks
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped carrots
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups peeled, diced russet potatoes
2 (8 oz.) bottles clam juice
2 tsp. lemon zest
1 1/2 tsp. seafood seasoning
1/2 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. ground red pepper
1 cup frozen peas
1 lb. lump crabmeat, drained and picked
1 package refrigerated pie crusts
1 large egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 375-degrees.

Melt 2 TBSP butter in a large Dutch oven over medium heat.

Add next 3 ingredients and cook for 5 minutes.

Stir in flour; cook 1 minute.

Add potatoes and next 5 ingredients.

Bring to a boil.

Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Remove from heat.

Melt remaining 1/2 cup butter in a small skillet over medium-low heat.

Cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring constantly, until butter is golden brown and fragrant.

Stir browned butter, peas, and crabmeat into vegetable

mixture.

Unroll pie crusts on work surface.

Invert 6 (10 oz.) ramekins or custard cups onto pie crusts.

Cut around edges of ramekins with the tip of a sharp knife to make circles.

Spoon crab mixture evenly into ramekins.

Whisk together egg and 1 TBSP water.

Brush pie crust circle edges with egg wash

Place 1 circle, egg wash side down, over crab mixture in each ramekin, pressing down to seal.

Put 4 slits in each crust to vent.

Place on a foil or parchment-lined baking sheet.

Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve.

Seafood Nachos

1/2 lb. crabmeat, shredded
1/2 lb. shrimp, cooked and chopped

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11/2 cup low-fat sour cream

1 (4 1/2 oz.) can green chilies, diced

1 tsp. chili powder

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1/4 tsp. salt

1 cup salsa

1 cup shredded monterey jack pepper cheese

1/2 cup black olives

2 scallions, sliced

Tortilla chips

Mix crab, shrimp, sour cream, chili peppers, chili powder, cumin and salt.

Cover bottom and sides of a 13x9 dish with tortilla chips.

Cover chips with seafood mixture and top with salsa, cheese, olives and scallions.

Bake at 350 degrees for 16 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

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During an overnight trip to between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons, Stanley Smith and Jeff Griffin caught 6 dolphin and 3 bluefin tuna (released 1) while trolling skirted ballyhoo and spreader bars in 600 to 800 fathoms. All of the fish were caught in 62.5 to 64-degree water. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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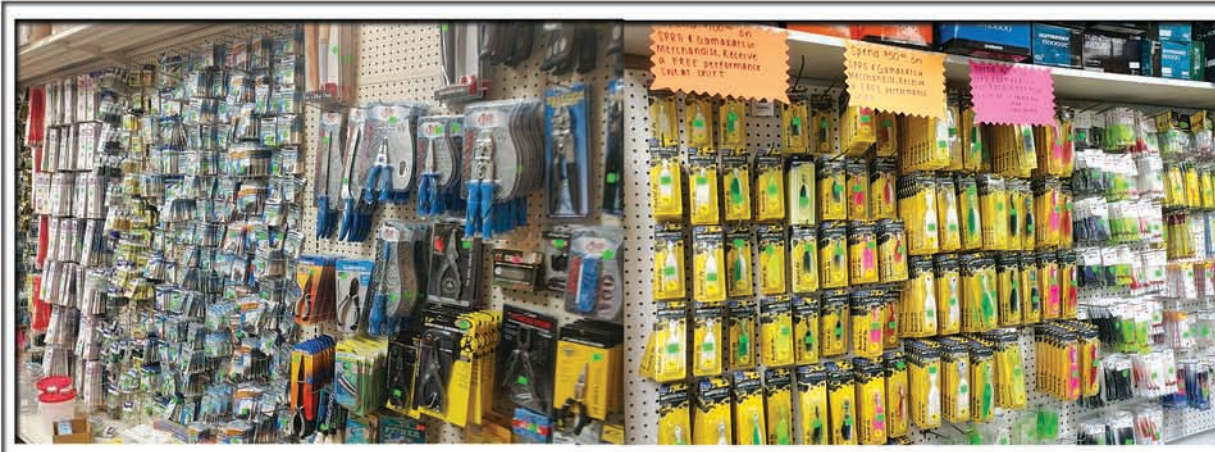
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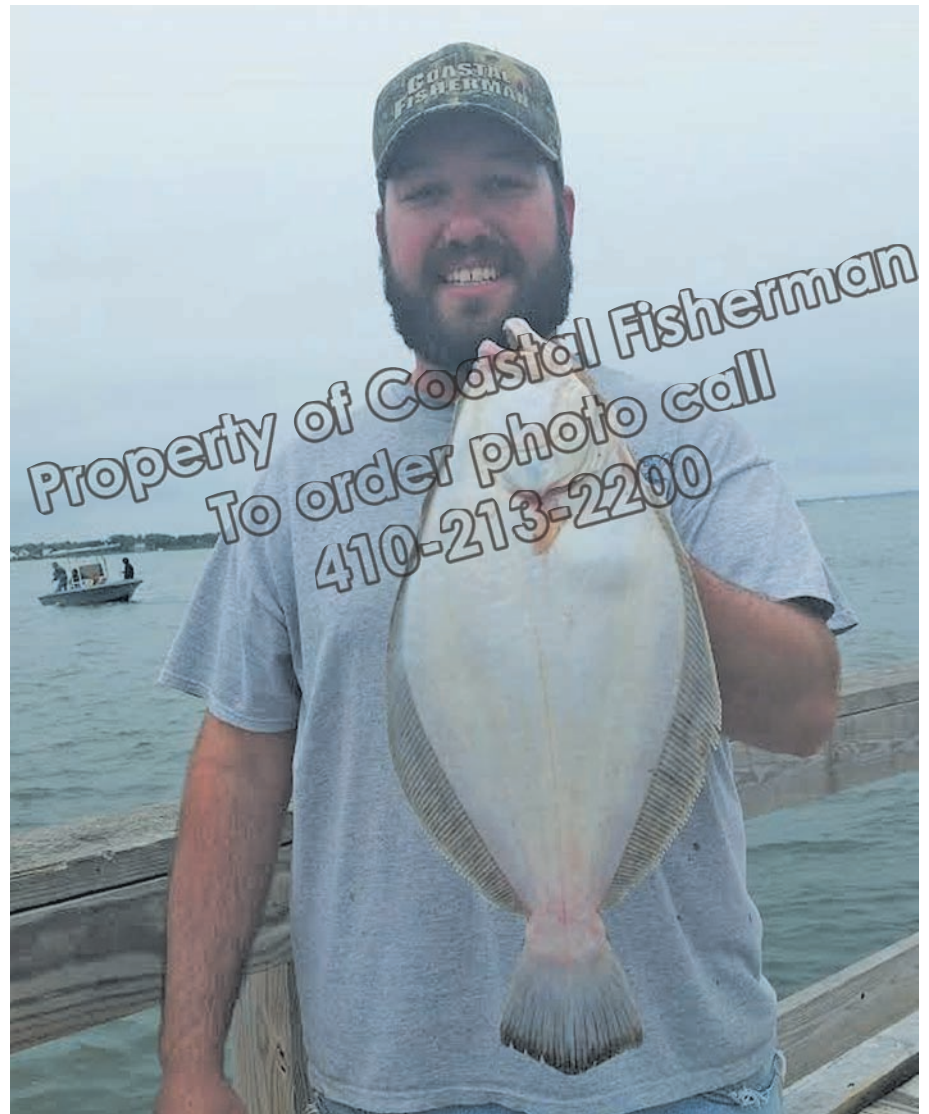
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Probably more so than any other part of the bay, there has always been a lot of fishing activity in the downtown waters that include the Ocean City Inlet, the Rt. 50 Bridge area, the "Fish Bowl" and the "East Channel" that runs north to about 9th street. Throughout this zone flounder, bluefish, rockfish, tautog and shad are such regular catches that it's not surprising this is the most heavily fished section of the bay with anglers dropping lines from boats, the bridge, Gudelsky Park, the North Jetty, as well as the Oceanic Fishing Pier, 9th Street Pier and 3rd Street Bulkhead.

With so many fishermen vying for so many different types of fish using a multitude of tackle and

techniques including spinning gear, bottom rods, fly rods, surf rods, live bait cut bait, jigs, plugs, spoons and flies, there's a lot of crazy stuff that goes on in that chunk of water! But despite all the differences that might exist from one angler to another, the one commonality that all downtown anglers share is the need to deal with the current that flushes through that area. Whether they are in a boat, on a pier or dropping lines from the bridge, every fisherman must take into consideration what the current will do to their bait or lure each time they make a drop or cast into the water.

Properly working the current is one of the most critical factors in fishing because most inshore species

of fish base most of their movements and feeding around the stages of the currents and tides. Notice that I made a distinction between "currents" and "tides." Tides are properly described as the vertical movement of water (up or down) and are caused by the gravitational pull of the moon and are, therefore, very predictable and reliable. Tides either rise, fall or stand. While currents, on the other hand, are the horizontal movement of water which is certainly affected by what the tide is doing, but wind, rain and other natural forces also influence the current. Currents are known to "flood" when coming in, "ebb" when going out or "slack" when they are not moving. Anglers and boaters must keep in mind that currents and tides do not always work together. That's why it's common to have a rising tide with an ebbing current or the other way around. While that might not seem to make sense, trust me - it's true!

Just focusing on currents and how they affect downtown anglers, it's good to be aware that the strength of the current will vary depending upon just where you're dropping your line. Because the east and west side of the bay are fairly close together, the water is relatively shallow and the bridge pilings create a bit of a damming effect, the current closest to and below the Rt. 50

Bridge is some of the strongest in the bay. All of those factors add up to help make it a great place for fish to hang out and fishermen to have some fun. The strong current can also make the Rt. 50 Bridge area a challenging and sometimes dangerous place to fish.

Those who spend much time fishing on, under or around the bridge know that when the current is pushing hard the strength is not the same in all locations. The velocity of the current at any given spot depends upon the depth of the water and the proximity to the shoreline and nearby sandbars. When anglers find that the water is moving too fast, or even too slow, for whatever type of fishing they are trying to do it's often possible to simply move east or west to find better conditions. The same holds true for waters above and below the bridge as the maze of channels, islands and shoals create variations in the current flow.

Obviously, just how the current will affect an angler's efforts is determined by what they're trying to do. The most difficult scenario is when the current is ripping and you're fishing from a stationary platform such as the bridge or an anchored boat. Under those conditions it can be really challenging to get a bait or lure down to where the fish might be hanging, but there are a few techniques that will sometimes make things work

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- such as casting up-current, and cranking the reel just fast enough to keep the line tight and allow the bait or lure to work as intended. If the current is really strong, this will require a super fast retrieve and unless the angler can cast a country mile they won't have a lot of fishing time between each cast.

Anglers can also cast across and slightly into the current, like at the 10 and 2 o'clock position, and allow the lure or bait to be swept along as you work it back. The result will be that the end of your line will travel in a large arc, then, once it gets down-current it will be "game-over" until the next cast. Just like when you're casting directly into the current, if you cast across the current you'll only be in the strike zone for a short while before it'll be time to throw again.

Bridge fishermen can only cast to their left or right if they are on the down-current side of the bridge, otherwise their terminal tackle will end up being swept into the bridge pilings. They can, however, use the current to their advantage by using a float above a bait or lure that's set at a specific depth and allow the flow of water to pull their offering way out and away from the bridge.

When currents are strong, anglers might do well to leave the extra-light line behind and use tackle that can apply adequate pressure to bring a decent size fish into a strong flow of water. Particularly around the bridge where it's always possible to hook into a big-dog rockfish that will turn side-to in the current and just let the flow of water help keep it away from the angler trying to bring it in. Considering how much the bridge pilings just love to liberate big fish, anglers should always fish around them with heavy enough tackle to haul a good fish in before it becomes just another fish story about the one that got away!

Strong currents running toward the bridge can create a real safety concern for those fishing from boats. An engine failure at the wrong time can allow a boat to be quickly swept into some very unforgiving concrete and steel. No matter where they are operating, boaters should always have an anchor rigged and ready to deploy in case they have a malfunction and need to stop the boat from drifting into dangerous territory. This is especially important when operating near a structure such as a bridge. It's common for folks to anchor up-current of the bridge and allow the boat's

stern to drift close to the structure so anglers can cast beneath it. There's nothing wrong with this tactic but anglers must make darn sure their anchor and line are in good working order and set properly because, if it starts to slip, a boat could slide into the bridge in just a few seconds.

Pier fishermen should also be very careful when fishing over water with a strong current because, if by some accident they should end up taking an unexpected plunge they could end up fighting a losing battle as they struggle to keep from being swept out of the inlet or some other hostile place.

Strong or even moderate currents can create wonderful opportunities for anglers to hook into some nice fish, but such areas are likely to come with special challenges and hazards. Anglers need not shy away from fishing areas such as our downtown waters, but they should always be ready with a plan that allows them to not only catch fish, but also be safe while doing it.

Capt. Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat, "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center

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After losing several bluefish due to a poor netting job by his grandfather, Hunter Smith, age 7, of Middletown, DE finally boated his first keeper while fishing in the Delaware Bay off Lewes, DE.



Big Bird Cropper and Dave Hrycyk put a whipping on bluefish last week and on this day they ended up with their limit of 20 after fishing around the South Jetty and the Rt. 50 Bridge. They also released 17 more bluefish and 25 stripers during their trip.



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Aidan Hudson from Milton, DE shows off the flounder he caught on an AquaClear flounder rig tipped with a minnow while fishing in the Lewes Canal. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



During a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt, Caitlynn Levingood of Lancaster, PA reeled in this sea bass all by herself, but drew the line when it came to taking it off the hook. She hooked the fish on a chunk of clam on an ocean wreck.

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John Cacchio of Richboro, PA used the deadly combination of a Gulp! artificial bait and a minnow to fool this 18-inch flounder in the Thorofare. John was fishing in only 3 feet of water and had 4 throwbacks during his trip..



With his wedding date fast approaching, Ryan Ellerman of West Ocean City, MD made the most of being a "free man" and took a day to go fishing in the East Channel in front of M.R. Ducks. Ryan ended up hooking a 17-inch weakfish and 7 bluefish during his trip.



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Scott Cornew landed this 48-inch, 43 lb. striper while soaking a mullet rig in the surf off South Bethany Beach, DE.



Chopper bluefish haven't been as plentiful lately, but don't tell that to Vinny Mattamira of Newark, DE who caught this pair, measuring 33 and 35-inches, while tossing spoons and bucktails from the Cape Henlopen Pier. Vinny ended his day with 4 gators in the cooler. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Conner McDonald whacked this 31 3/4-inch bluefish and Mike Shockley caught a 32-inch striper, both while fishing with spoons and bucktails off Broadkill Beach. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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The heaviest flounder caught so far this year in Delaware was brought in over the weekend by John Bilbrough of Lester, PA. John captured the 30-inch, 7 lb. 10 oz. flattie while jigging a bucktail in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Last week was Nick Ager's birthday and he celebrated it with a trip to Assateague Island where he landed the biggest bluefish of his life. The 34-incher was hooked on a finger mullet during a trip with his dad, Nick Sr.



The anglers on the "Miss Darlene" picked a bad year not to enter the Mako Mania Shark Tournament, landing this 100-inch, 461 lb. mako shark last Saturday. Angler John Pendell, Jr. of Birdsboro, PA hooked the big mako on a bluefish fillet, just outside the Elephant Trunk while fishing with John Pendell, Sr. and Rick Brown. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.














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Sea Bass 	May 28, 2017 Lee Vincent "Fish Bound" 5 lbs. 4 oz.	May 20, 2017 Julie Cullen Del-Jersey-Land Reef 3 lbs. 6 oz.	Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum 	April 30, 2017 Rob Griggs Triple 0's 249 lbs.	NEW June 4, 2017 John Pendell Elephant Trunk 461 lbs.
Tautog 	February 21, 2017 Sam Furest "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 4 oz.	April 14, 2017 Mike Haas Site 10 9 lbs. 13 oz.	Thresher Shark NEW 	June 4, 2017 Mike Fritsch Fingers 583 lbs.	NEW June 4, 2017 Mason Coursey Fingers 221 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 10, 2017 Lee Savage Assateague Island 39 lbs. 8 oz.	NEW June 5, 2017 Scott Cornew Bethany Surf 43 lbs.	Bluefin Tuna 	April 30, 2017 Dale Christensen Triple 0's 49 lbs.	NEW June 4, 2017 Frank Perna Baltimore Canyon 84 lbs.
Weakfish 	May 27, 2017 Jan Rogers Ocean City Inlet 5 lbs.	May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Delaware Bay 7 lbs. 2 oz.	Yellowfin Tuna 	April 30, 2017 Corbin Ensor Triple 0's 48 lbs.	May 20, 2017 Chris Seramone Norfolk Canyon 53 lbs.
Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder 	May 28, 2017 Mike Arnold East Channel 5 lbs. 1 oz.	NEW June 5, 2017 John Bilbrough Indian River Inlet 7 lbs. 10 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	May 27, 2017 Mark Robbins Norfolk Canyon 57.4 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	May 4, 2017 Emma Matarese "OC Guide Service" 15 lbs. 12 oz.	April 21, 2017 Alex Neiss Cape Henlopen Surf 18 lbs. 8 oz.	Dolphin 	May 17, 2017 Chris Middendorf Norfolk Canyon 46 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead NEW 	May 31, 2017 Paul Lebling South Jetty 6 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum 	May 11, 2017 Zach Nagler Assateague Surf 40 lbs.	May 18, 2017 Matt Garrison Coral Beds 55 lbs.	White Marlin 	Most Releases in One Day (trolling only) None Reported None Reported	

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The fog was thick on this day last week but that didn't stop Harry Johnson of Fruitland, MD from catching a pair of 18-inch black sea bass. Harry hooked the knothooks on chunks of clam on natural bottom while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Mason Herrholtz and Jordan Shaulis, both from Ligonier, PA, took advantage of a good bluefish bite over the weekend and even added a 17 1/2-inch flounder for good measure. The guys were fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham when they caught their fish on white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the East Channel.

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Ben Semiatin was fishing with Charlie Donohue near the Twin Wrecks when they caught 10 keeper sea bass and 15 throwbacks. Their largest weighed an even 3 lbs. and was caught by Ben while using clams for bait.



This 33-inch bluefish made the mistake of going after the whole mullet that Dan Hurdock of Ocean View, DE was soaking in the suds off 3R's Road, just south of the Indian River Inlet.

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Scott Just of Baltimore, MD and Stephen Hrusovsky from Boston, MA had a blast fishing in the Indian River Inlet, landing bluefish up to 7 lbs. 15 oz. on bucktails tipped with Gulp! artificial baits. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Jim Sheehy from Fallston, MD was fishing with Mike Brockmeyer and Bob Miller when they caught 6 keeper flounder (2 pictured) while drifting minnows and Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague Island. Jim's 2 flatties measured 17 1/2 and 18 1/2-inches.

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Addendum XXVIII:

- Shore mode for Island Beach State Park only: 17-inch minimum size limit; 2-fish possession limit and 128-day open season.
- Delaware Bay only (west of the COLERG line): 18-inch minimum size limit; 3-fish possession limit and 128-day open season.
- All other marine waters (east of the COLERG line): 19-inch minimum size limit; 3-fish possession limit and 128-day open season

The implementation of these measures is necessary to achieve the conservation goals and objectives of the FMP to end overfishing of the summer flounder stock. In order to come back into compliance the State of New Jersey must implement all of the above measures. Upon notification by the Commission, the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior have 30 days to review the recommendation and determine appropriate action, which may include a federal moratorium on fishing

for Summer Flounder in New Jersey's state waters. For more information, please contact Toni Kerns, Director, Interstate Fisheries Management Program, at tkerns@asmfc.org or 703-842-0740.

Public Hearing Date Set for DE Flounder Regulations

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)/ Division of Fish & Wildlife proposes to amend Delaware's tidal finfish regulation 7 DE Admin Code 3511 Summer Flounder Size Limits; Possession Limits; Seasons, increasing the recreational minimum size limit from 16 inches to 17 inches to prevent overfishing and remain compliant with Addendum XXVIII to the Summer Flounder, Scup, [and] Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan.

A 17-inch recreational minimum size limit for Summer Flounder is currently

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in place through an emergency Secretary's Order No. 2017-F-0012. This action proposes to adopt the measures through the normal regulatory process.

The proposed amendments may be inspected at the Department's offices located at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, or are available by contacting the Fisheries Section at (302) 739-9914.

A public hearing on the proposed amendments will be held June 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the DNREC Auditorium, located at the Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901.

The hearing record on the proposed amendments to 7 DE Admin Code 3511 will open June 1, 2017. Individuals may submit written comments or request additional information regarding the proposed amendments via e-mail to Lisa.Vest@state.de.us or via the USPS to Lisa Vest, Hearing Officer, DNREC, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901 (302) 739-9042.

Virginia Regulations

Coastal State Waters Only

 <p>BLACK SEA BASS 12 1/2-inch minimum 15 per person 5/12 - 9/21 & 10/22 - 12/31</p>	 <p>BLUEFISH No minimum size 10 per person/day</p>	 <p>BLACK DRUM 16" minimum 1 per person/day</p>	 <p>COBIA 40" minimum 1 per person or 3 per vessel when 3 or more anglers are on board. Only 1 allowed over 50". 6/1 - 9/15</p>
 <p>CROAKER No limit</p>	 <p>RED DRUM 18" - 26" 3 per person/day</p>	 <p>SHEEPSHEAD No minimum size 4 per person/day</p>	 <p>SPECKLED TROUT 14" minimum 5 per person Only 1 fish may be greater than 24-inches</p>
 <p>STRIPED BASS 28" minimum 1 per person</p>	 <p>TAUTOG Season closed 5/1 - 9/19</p>	 <p>SUMMER FLOUNDER 17" minimum 4 per person/day</p>	 <p>WEAKFISH 12" minimum 1 per person/day</p>



TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Mako Division

"MOORE BILLS"	228 lbs.	Shane Moore	\$64,580
"MAKO ME CRAZY"	196.3 lbs.	Mike Adams	\$9,558
"JENNY POO"	191.2 lbs.	Cheri Coley	\$13,952
"SEAYA"	183 lbs.	Denny Lorah	\$5,040

Thresher Division

"TEASER"	583 lbs.	Mike Fritsch	\$15,765
"GET REEL"	501 lbs.	Kevin Rohe	\$8,559
"GAME ON"	434 lbs.	Vaughn Charlton	\$5,706

Bluefish Division

"TEASER"	11.2 lbs.	Rick Windsor	\$7,233
"TEASER"	7.3 lbs.	Rick Windsor	\$3,087

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"RHONDA'S OSPREY"	5 Mako Releases	\$1,000
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Total Prize Money \$134,480



On the second day of the 2017 Mako Mania Shark Tournament held at Bahia Marina, Mike Adams of Pasadena, MD captured this 196.3 lb. mako shark and held on to win 2nd place in the Mako Division and a check for \$9,558. Mike hooked the mako on a whole bluefish in 59.6-degree water at the Hambone. Joining Mike on the "Mako Me Crazy" were Pat Myers, John Adams, Eric Distin, Capt. Patrick Snell and mate Eric Schline.



After the first day of the 2017 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, it looked like Kevin Rohe's 501 lb. thresher shark had a lock on first place in the Thresher Division, but it ended up getting knocked into 2nd place when the "Teaser" brought a 583 pounder to the scale on the final day of the tournament. Kevin hooked the monster on a bluefish fillet in 40 fathoms, south of the Rockpile while fishing on the "Get Reel" with Paul Irwin, Rob Grimes, Dillon Grimes, Tim Romberger and Capt. Brian Arne. For their 2nd place finish, the team won \$8,559 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



In the 21st Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament held at Bahia Marina last weekend, the big money winner was Shane Moore and the team on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" with a 228 lb. mako shark caught on the second day of the tournament that held on to win 1st place in the Mako Division. Shane hooked the winning shark, worth \$64,580 in prize money, on a bluefish fillet in 30 fathoms below the Tea Cup and boated it in only 12 minutes after lines were in the water for only a half hour. Joining Shane on the "Moore Bills" were Austin Moore, Bryan Marks, Greg Maliszewski, Josh Maliszewski, Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Brian Behe. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



In the 21st Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament held at Bahia Marina last weekend, Cheri Coley of Pasadena, MD (second from right) captured a 191.2 lb. mako and held on to win 3rd place in the Mako Division. Cheri was fishing on the "Jenny Poo" with Jenn Pastorius, Capt. Bobby Pastorius and mate Vence Benedict. The mako was hooked on a bluefish fillet in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog in 60.8-degree water and earned the team \$13,952.



On the second day of the 2017 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Vaughn Charlton of Landenberg, PA muscled in a 434 lb. thresher shark that ended the tournament in 3rd place in the Thresher Division. Vaughn was fishing on the "Game On" with Al Rosenberg, Shelby Derrickson, Debbie Charlton and Susanne Jarome. The 96-inch thresher ate a whole mackerel dressed up with a black and green skirt in 63-degree water and took 90 minutes to get to the boat. For their 3rd place finish, the team took home a check for \$5,706. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Looking at this picture, you might think that the 241.6 lb. thresher shark was the star of the show but the money winners are the two bluefish caught by Ricky Windsor on the "Teaser". On opening day of the 2017 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Ricky was joined by Mike Fritsch, Capt. Rich Daiker and mate Mike Miller for a trip to the Fingers where Ricky boated the big thresher and the 7.3 and 11.2 lb. bluefish. The blues were hooked on cut bait and earned the guys \$10,320 in award money. The thresher was caught on a whole bluefish in 62-degree water and sat in 3rd place in the tournament until they knocked themselves out with a 538 pounder caught on the final day. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Terry Koshi took her granddaughter Lucy out for a flounder fishing trip in Folley's Creek and they returned with a 28-incher in the box that was hooked on a minnow and squid combination.



Eli Goozh caught this 22-inch flounder on a white Gulp! artificial bait by the duck blinds behind Assateague Island during a trip with his family on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather.

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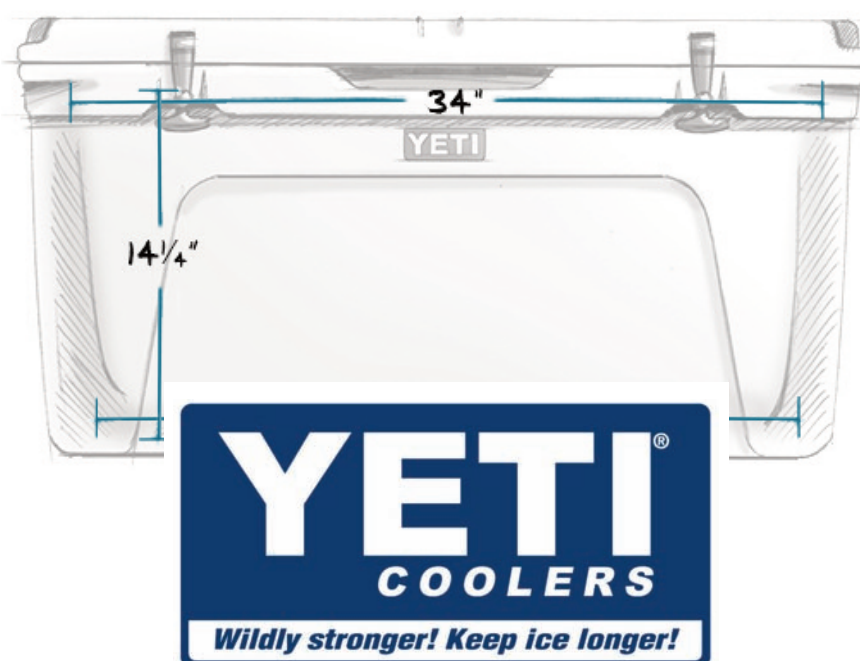
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Thurs. June 8	Low 02:03 am Low 01:46 pm	High 07:46 am High 08:27 pm
Fri. June 9 Full Moon	Low 02:42 am Low 02:20 pm	High 08:27 am High 09:04 pm
Sat. June 10	Low 03:19 am Low 02:54 pm	High 09:09 am High 09:42 pm
Sun. June 11	Low 03:56 am Low 03:30 pm	High 09:51 am High 10:20 pm
Mon. June 12	Low 04:33 am Low 04:08 pm	High 10:33 am High 10:59 pm
Tues. June 13	Low 05:12 am Low 04:52 pm	High 11:15 am High 11:38 pm
Wed. June 14	Low 05:52 am Low 05:40 pm	High 11:58 am High -----
Thurs. June 15	Low 06:35 am Low 06:33 pm	High 12:19 am High 12:44 pm
Fri. June 16	Low 07:20 am Low 07:30 pm	High 01:03 am High 01:36 pm
Sat. June 17 Last Qtr. Moon	Low 08:08 am Low 08:30 pm	High 01:53 am High 02:33 pm
Sun. June 18	Low 08:57 am Low 09:33 pm	High 02:48 am High 03:33 pm
Mon. June 19	Low 09:50 am Low 10:39 pm	High 03:46 am High 04:32 pm
Tues. June 20	Low 10:46 am Low 11:43 pm	High 04:43 am High 05:29 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
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Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
- subtract 45 minutes to low tide
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- 21 minutes for low tide
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June 23-July 29 • Dewey Beach, DE • 302-227-2808

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