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On the final day of the 2009 Ocean City Shark Tournament, Jim Hughes of Ocean City, MD landed this 876 lb. mako shark to win 1st place in the Mako Division and set a new Maryland state record in the process. Jim was fishing on the "Nontypical" with Tim McGuire, Bobby Layton, Ray Thompson and Capt. Terry Layton. The mako, measuring 137-inches overall with a 74-inch girth, ate a bonita fillet in 500 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons and took 1 hour to get to the boat. The "Nontypical" team won \$19,775 for their 1st place finish in addition to \$3,750 for finishing in 1st place in the Release Division with 8 mako and 1 dusky shark release. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



The local fishing community has lost a couple more unique figures recently. First, on June 6, Capt. Art Eisenhower, Jr. passed. Art, who everyone affectionately called "Captain Ike", died at the age of 68 after a lengthy illness. I guess you could say Capt. Eisenhower was "old school". I didn't know him all that well personally, but he always struck me as someone who went quietly about his business and was very good at what he did without having to crow about it. He ran the "Captain Ike" and the "Captain Ike II" out of Indian River Inlet since the mid to late 1980s, and on more than one occasion I took photos of his anglers with winning fish in local tournaments. He won categories in the White Marlin Open several times, as well as the Ocean City Shark

Tournament and the Ocean City Tuna Tournament. Another piece of the local fishing picture has faded, and he will be missed.

Just last week we lost another colorful character with the passing of "Skip" Johnston. Skip, whose real name was Earle, was the owner and operator of Skip's Metal Magic on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City. Skip was a talented and knowledgeable metal fabricator who often came to the rescue of local boat operators as well as building hood systems for many local restaurants and the popcorn cases for such well known businesses as Fisher's Popcorn. If it was metal, Skip could build it or fix it. He was also a talented artist who worked in metal. He built the big fishing reel mailbox at Ake Marine, and

I remember a beautiful tarpon and an outlandish big double-barreled shotgun replica crafted from stainless steel. He also made the giant fishhook weigh station at the White Marlin Marina. Skip loved to fish himself, both inshore and offshore. He fished tournaments for many years with his friend Capt. Dave Birkett on the "Shadowfax", but he would only rarely get his picture taken because he said his customers would complain that he was always fishing instead of working on whatever it was they were waiting for. Skip had a dry, cutting sense of humor, and he liked to tease, and there is now a big empty place on Sunset Avenue...

There is a well known charter boat in Ocean City called the "Virginia." It is run by Capt. Fred Phillips, who is probably the oldest working charter boat captain in the area. The boat is named for his classy wife, Virginia Phillips, and I want to wish her a belated "get well". Seems like Miss Virginia recently had a heart bypass

operation, and as someone who has been down that road I want to wish her a speedy recovery and all the best in the future...



Getting back to some nuts and bolts, there are more and more anglers who target flounder around ocean wrecks and artificial reef sites. The party boats are also doing well with the flatties on occasion and sometimes even target them. A reader recently asked me if you fished for flounder in the ocean the same way as you do in the bay. I'm not an expert on this fishery, but I guess my answer would be "yes and no." Yes, because you can just use your usual bay flounder rigs with frozen shiners or live minnows and sometimes do very well on fluke in the ocean. No, because many anglers who specifically target big flounder in the ocean often use slightly different techniques or baits. A friend of mine who used to fish the wrecks quite often preferred a large bucktail such as a two or three ounce Spro jig baited with a big strip bait such as a piece of

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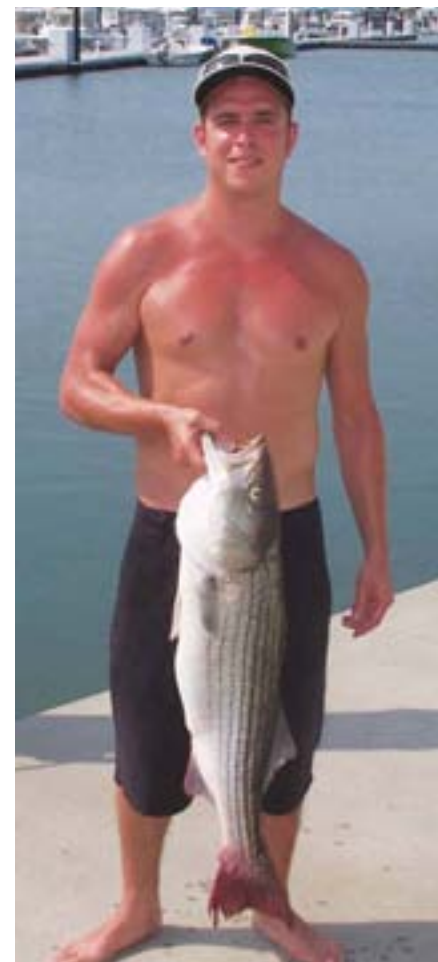


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Joe Waves of Wilmington, DE caught this 43 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Undertaker" with Capt. Bill Doherty. The tuna hit a skirted ballyhoo at the Lumpy Bottom. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Eric Zitzmann of Bethany Beach, DE was drifting a live spot in the Indian River Inlet when he caught this 39-inch striped bass that tipped the scales at 16 lbs. 7 oz. at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Michael Brinton of Lewistown, PA caught this 5 lb. 14 oz. flounder while drifting a Gulp! and minnow combination in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center.



This outstanding catch was put on the dock by anglers fishing on the "Reel Chaos" who ventured to 100 fathoms on the south end of Poor Man's Canyon and returned with 20 yellowfins and 5 dolphin. Pictured is Jon Acton and Don Shannon from Pennsville, NJ, Paul DiFebo, Jr. and Chad DiFebo of Wilmington, DE, Andrew Geib of Petersburg, NJ, Paul Davolos of Elkton, MD and Capt. Anthony Matarese. Not pictured is Anthony Matarese, Sr. The group also released 45 other yellowfins, all in water temperatures between 67 and 70-degrees.

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squid, bluefish or bunker, even sea robin or lizard fish. The new Gulp! baits also work well as a trailer, especially the seven-inch jerk bait style. Flounder respond very well to jigging techniques such as bouncing a big bucktail slowly along the bottom. Some anglers take the rig a step further by tying a dropper 18 to 24 inches above the bucktail jig with a baited hook that may or may not be dressed with Mylar or a spinner blade. A plain jig head with a big plastic twister in the 6 to 8 inch range can also work well for flounder, and you can still dress it with a strip bait. Sometimes big strip baits are best rigged with a "stinger" hook in or near the tail end of the "meat." I make a rig modeled after one used in Alaska for halibut. It is basically two 5/0 hooks snelled in tandem several inches apart for using big strip baits and has a large Spin 'N Glo® float just above the hooks for an attractor. The flounder like it, but I've found it is best fished when there isn't a lot of current. Some

anglers also jig flounder with a "metal" such as a Sting Silver or a Hopkins lure. A veteran boat captain, it might have even been Capt. Bob Gowar, once told me the flounder like to hang out on the northeast corner of a wreck or other structure. I haven't done it enough to know whether that is true or not, but I do know the flounder like to lay in scour holes created by the currents around structures, so you need to get your baits in pretty close...finally, my best advice would be to take a trip with someone like Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" who has been targeting ocean flounder...you might be amazed at what you can learn...



Talk about an incredible catch! Just a week after I wrote about the 857-pound mako shark that is mounted and on display at the south end of the boardwalk, angler Jim Hughes, Capt. Terry Layton and the crew on the "Nontypical" smashed the Maryland state record with an 876-pound mako caught during the Ocean City

Shark Tournament last weekend. Publisher Larry Jock took several photos of the "business end" of the big mako, and it is not a pretty sight that you would want to see if you were treading water out there in 500 fathoms. I wonder how many times she had bitten the tail off a swordfish gently sunning itself at the surface. The big female was 137 inches long overall, which is about 11.5 feet, and it had a tremendous girth of 74 inches. The existing state record mako, a 766 pounder, was caught by Frank Gaither on the "Slick Chick" in 1984. Fittingly, Frank was on the dock Saturday evening when the new record mako was brought to the scales. Congratulations go out once again to the gang on the "Nontypical" as they continue on their amazing hot streak...I just hope one of them went out and bought a lottery ticket...



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Bigeye tuna showed up in the Poor Man's Canyon over the weekend and Doug Rinicker of Millsboro, DE was there to hook this 102 pounder. Doug was fishing on the "Dana Lynn" with Rob Haas of Millsboro, DE and Capt. Bob Smallwood, and weighed the bigeye at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



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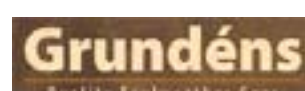
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



What a weekend of fishing we had in Ocean City with two new Maryland state records set, one by an angler in the Shark Tournament and the other by an angler wishing he was.

On Friday night, the "Toy Boy" created plenty of excitement at the Ocean City Fishing Center when they unloaded a 642 lb. thresher shark that set a new Maryland state record. The old record was 613 lbs. set back in 2003 by Don Lorden. Brent Applegit flew in from Boulder, CO and ended up catching the big thresher while fishing with his dad and brother. Incredibly, the shark was caught on 40 lb. test line and took only 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to the boat after being hooked at the Fingers. The fish arrived so late at the scales because it was too large to get into the boat and had to be towed to the dock. It really was an incredible catch!

Speaking of incredible catches, everyone by now has surely heard about the 876 lb. mako shark that was caught on the final day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament by Jim Hughes on the "Nontypical".



Brent Applegit of Boulder, CO set a new Maryland State Record for thresher sharks, landing this 642 pounder while fishing on the "Toy Boy" with his dad Russell Applegit of Ocean Pines, MD and his brother Todd Applegit of Buffalo, NY. The big thresher was hooked on a mackerel and squid combination, using 40 lb. test line, at the Fingers and took Brent 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to the boat. The previous record was 613 lbs. set by Don Lorden in 2003. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Yep, the same "Nontypical" that caught the first mako of the year, released the first white marlin of the year, won

first place in the Mako Mania Shark Tournament and now has won first place in the OC Shark Tournament AND set a new Maryland state record. Talk about being on a roll!

Jim was fishing in 500 fathoms between the Washington and Poor Man's Canyons with Tim McGuire, Bobby Layton, Ray Thompson

and Capt. Terry Layton.

Here's how the catch went down. The shark was drawn to the boat by Capt. Mac's Monster Mash Chum and was originally hooked but came loose after biting through 580 lb. monofilament with a 6-foot leader of 19-wire. It then moved over to a bonita fillet that was attached to a set-up with 100 lb. braid and a 600 lb. cable leader. This time it came tight, and the fight was on.

According to Jim, the shark immediately dove, but after some of the pressure was taken off the line, it surfaced and Jim was able to get it to the boat after a 1 hour fight. Jim said the fish actually towed the boat for the first 10 minutes.

After the fish was gaffed, it was tail roped and towed backwards in an effort to subdue it and eventually finish it off. The shark was then lashed to the side of the boat, and the "Nontypical" headed for the dock. Unfortunately, the peck fins made the ride too unstable and the trip was aborted. The crew then tried for over an hour to get the fish into the boat without success. At that point, Capt. Marty Moran arrived on the "Marlin Magic", and after clearing it with the Tournament Director, the mako was loaded onto the larger boat and brought to the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Truely impressive in size, the shark measured 137 total inches with a 74-inch girth.

Terry was extremely grateful to the entire crews of both the "Marlin Magic" and the "Pumpin' Hard".

"I would like to thank Gary

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Stamm and the crew of the "Pumpin' Hard" and Capt. Marty Moran and the crew of the "Marlin Magic", said Layton. "Gary and his crew were in 1st place, and knowing that our fish was larger than his, they still offered to stay around and assist us. That was a true gesture of sportsmanship. A special thanks goes out to Capt. Marty Moran and his crew for hanging around for almost 2 hours after fishing time had ended, and delivering the fish to the scales for us. Even though we had storms heading our way, the "Marlin Magic" crew offered to stay with us through the entire ordeal."

The previous Maryland state record for mako shark was 766 lbs. set in 1984 by Frank Gaither, who was in the crowd when Jim's 876 pounder was weighed. It was a great scene to see the torch being passed, and Frank should be very proud to hold the record for almost 25 years.

If you want to see the weigh-in, you can view it on our website at www.coastalfisherman.net.

Two other notable shark catches in the Ocean City Shark Tournament were the 271 lb. mako caught by the "Pumpin' Hard" and the 243 pounder caught by the Canyon Crusher. In a "normal" shark tournament, both of these makos could have easily claimed the top prize, but if you are going to get beaten out, there's no better way to go than by a state record.

Overall, it was a fantastic tournament with another final day filled with great catches. I'm already looking forward to next year.

YELLOWFIN TUNA

Before a stint of bad weather heading into the weekend, we saw some great catches of yellowfin tuna early in the week. On Tuesday, the "Restless Lady" arrived at the Talbot Street Dock with 11

yellowfins, all caught in 100 fathoms at the southern end of the Poor Man's Canyon. In addition to the 11 yellowfins kept, the crew released 12 others.

Also on Tuesday, the "Reel Chaos" really blistered the yellowfin, coming back with 20 in the box and releasing another 45 yellowfins. These fish were also caught in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.

Most of the yellowfin caught were hooked on ballyhoo and spreader bars.

BLUEFIN TUNA

With most boats either fishing for yellowfins or sharks, and with the bad weather moving in mid-week, we didn't get many reports on bluefins.

Early in the week, huge schools of cookie cutter bluefins in the 40 lb. range were seen cruising on the 20 fathom line, just north of the Washington Canyon.

In the Ocean City Shark Tournament, only one bluefin tuna was weighed. The "M.R. Ducks" arrived at the scales with a 41 pounder caught on a green machine.

STRIPED BASS

After several weeks of a good striper bite around the South Jetty, this past week seemed slow with not many being caught. Water temperatures in the Inlet are ranging from the upper 60's to the mid-70's, so those fish have probably moved on to our northern neighbors.

FLOUNDER

The best flounder bite seems to have moved to the East Channel, between the Rt. 50 Bridge and Harbour Island. Anglers are still having to weed through short fish to get their keeper, but some nice fish were definitely caught.

Bad weather kept most anglers at the dock during the

week, but those that ventured out over the weekend found a pretty good bite in clean water.

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Those anglers venturing out to ocean wrecks and reefs are finding some nice sized flounder.

BLUEFISH

After a couple of weeks of snapper bluefish roaming our bay waters, it looks like some larger choppers are beginning to congregate around the Rt. 50 Bridge area. One angler told me on Monday that it is "all the fish you want" when drifting around the bridge at night.

SEA BASS

Anglers hitting the ocean reefs and wrecks are still coming back with some nice catches of sea bass, although a lot of patience is needed since the throwback ratio is still high. Squid and clams seem to be the best baits.

IN THE SURF

Surfcasters are finding mostly sharks and rays, although some chopper bluefish are also being caught. Most are finding snapper bluefish feeding during the early morning hours and these fish can be a blast on light tackle. Any kind of cut bait will do, or for that matter, casting an artificial lure will also do the trick.

This weekend is the MSSA Tuna-ment at Sunset Marina. The Ake Flounder Pounder scheduled for Saturday has been cancelled.

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Randy Doyle caught this 10 lb. bluefish while trolling at the Hambone aboard the "Skipjack" with Capt. Chris Thurman.

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George Walton of Havertown, PA caught another nice striper, this one measuring 38-inches, while casting a Storm lure in the Indian River Inlet. The striped bass weighed 19 lbs. 6 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Jeff Schoen, David Schoen and Chris Manteria, all from Long Island, NY, Marc Fierz of Bethel, CT and Rob Viccari of Bayville, NY teamed up to land 11 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mate Rich Hastings. The yellowfin, along with 12 others that were released, were caught in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon on ballyhoo and spreader bars. The heaviest yellowfin tipped the scales at 38 lbs. at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Heather Rice caught this 20.5-inch flounder and would not let it go after hooking it on a live minnow, east of "DB" Buoy aboard the "Blue Collar Man" with Capt. Jim Mahoney.



Grant Calimer of Waynesboro, PA, Richard Mogel of Bowie, MD, Preston McGee of Odenton, MD and D.J. Hutton of Perry Hall, MD caught some nice sea bass and flounder during a trip aboard the 'Morning Star' with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. Preston's flounder took Heaviest Fish honors, weighing in at 4 lbs. 12 oz. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Curtis Diering of Aberdeen, MD along with Keith, Darlene, Dale, Dale Jr., and Jeremy Wagner, also from Aberdeen, MD returned with 4 keeper flounder in the box after fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. All of the fish were caught on squid and shiner combinations in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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by Sue Foster



"I want to go crab fishing from the shore!"

Vacationers come to Ocean City to go to the beach and then... we get one of those cloudy, drizzly days that is just not good beach weather. What do we do with the kids besides go to the boardwalk? A lot of families decide to go crabbing but have no idea how or where to do it.

"Do we need a license?"

In 2009, in Maryland, you do not need a license to fish or crab. You need one in Delaware though, but in Ocean City you are fine. This could possibly change in 2010, so it is always a good idea to ask every year. Many people are confused in Ocean City because the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries require a license to fish and crab, but Ocean City waters are a tributary of the Atlantic Ocean and is free for at least another year!

"How do you crab? We're only here for a couple days and don't want to spend a fortune!"

Crabbing is a past time that can be done inexpensively. First and foremost, you have to decide if you want to use traps, hand lines or both. Hand lines give the kids more to do, but you may lose some of the crabs pulling them in. To make hand lines, simply buy a ball of string and a handful of small sinkers, or better yet, buy a

half dozen of these gadgets called "crab throw lines" that cost around \$2 each.

A crab throw line is a triangle of wire with a weight molded into it. It is wrapped with 25 feet of



string and works like a huge safety pin. Unwrap the line to the desired depth, run the chicken neck onto the wire, and tie the line to the pier or bulkhead. Throw it into the water and wait for the tell tale sign of a tugging crab. Pull it in very, very slowly, and dip-net the crab when you see it beneath the water. Be sure not to hit the crab with the rim of the net! Put your crabs in a bucket or cooler. It is not necessary to keep crabs in water, just be sure that they are cool, shaded, that their shells remain damp, and that they are right side up in the container.

When you are finished crabbing for the day, simply wind the line back on the crab throw line triangle, and be ready for another day. (Hint: When using crab throw lines, always make sure they are tied to the triangle if you are using the whole 25 feet of

line. Sometimes the workers at the factory forget to tie the line to the triangle!)

"A dip net?"

Yes, you need a crab net to scoop up the crabs if you are using hand lines. The inexpensive variety costing around \$5.00 has a wooden handle around 5-feet long with shallow green mesh netting. Longer 6-foot wooden nets are available for around \$7 or \$8. Metal nets are also available for around \$20. You can even buy extension crab nets for around \$25! Some families like to buy the nets with a fine mesh called shrimp nets so the kids can use them to catch little minnows, grass shrimp, or use them at home in fresh water. They will work OK for crabs and cost around \$11.

"What is the least expensive trap I can buy?"

The 2-Ring Crab Net is also called a double ring crab net or simply a cloth crab ring.

The crabber simply ties the crab bait in the center of this cloth net, along with an ounce of two of sinker weight if he/she is crabbing in an area with tide or current. Simply throw or drop it into the water. Every five to 10 minutes, quickly pull the net up. These traps, which have the advantage of no assembly and no foul ups, are also available in wire. They cost around \$4 in the cloth and \$5 to \$6 for the wire type. (Hint: If you use these crab traps you may want to invest in a pair of crab tongs.)

"How about the crab traps with sides and a top?"

Collapsible crab traps are great and easy to use. I stay away from the pyramid shaped crab traps because they foul up so easily. I like the box style traps. There are several of them on the market and many are locally made and come preassembled. All you have to do is add some extra rope and buy some bait. Some have bait holders or a strap in the bottom to hold in the bait so you don't have to tie it into the bottom of the trap.

You drop the traps off a dock or pier and wait 5 or 10 minutes for the crabs to wander in. Pull up the trap and the crab will be trapped inside. Let one side fall down, while holding the other one closed. Simply drop the crab into a cooler if it is legal, or overboard if it is not.

"How do you measure a crab?"

Measure a crab from point to point of its shell. In Maryland, you cannot keep any female crabs. In 2009 the size of crabs in Ocean City is 5-inches from tip to tip of the shell.

"What kind of bait?"

Chicken necks are most popular for hand lines. Most tackle shops sell these. Use chicken or bunker for traps. Any kind of chicken or turkey will work as long as it is raw and not too meaty. Whole calamari squid or fish heads will also work.

"Where can we go?"

The fishing and crabbing pier behind Northside Park at 125th Street is very good on the higher tides. (Note: The city will close the area a few days around the 4th of July for the fireworks.) You can pull in at 127th Street and walk straight back to the pier or you can pull in at 125th Street, park on the side of the street, and walk towards the right across the field towards the pier.

The pier behind Convention Hall at 41st Street is another public crabbing area. Crabbing is best during the higher tides.

A few crabs are caught on 9th Street Pier on the bayside.

South Point Boat Ramp is another good spot. Go down Rt. 611 towards Assateague. Instead of turning left towards Assateague, go straight at the end of Rt. 611 and follow the signs for South Point Public Boat Ramp.

If you go to Assateague, there is a crabbing pier on the west side of the Verrazano Bridge with plenty of parking, or you can go into the National Seashore State Park, pay to get into the park, and follow the signs to two other crabbing areas. Be sure to take some bug spray when you go to the marshy areas such as these.

The Isle of Wight is an island in the middle of the Rt. 90 Bridge. Going west across the Rt. 90 Bridge make a left at the Isle of Wight. There is a sign there. You can park there and crab off the pier. It is a little high for regular nets, so traps or crab rings work best here. If you hand line, buy a long net, or tape a broom handle or piece of wood to your crab net, or buy an extension crab net.

Vacationers can crab any place there is an empty lot and access to the bay. Always be sure to clean up your trash when you leave. The lagoons in and around Ocean City all have some amount of crabs in them. There is a public area right on Jamestown Road

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 behind Oyster Bay Tackle that is
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 crab.

Creek areas always have good
 crabs. Crabbers can crab
 underneath the little bridge
 between Berlin and Ocean City
 called Herring Creek.
 Unfortunately, there is no parking
 area here so it is best for someone
 to drop you off. The same is true
 for Ayres Creek.

To get to Ayres Creek, go
 down 611 towards Assateague.
 Take a right on Route 376, and
 you will see a little bridge there.
 There is no parking anymore, so
 you have to be dropped off.

If you are in Delaware, there
 is Camp Barnes that has 3
 crabbing piers. It is in the middle
 of nowhere, so I would suggest a
 stop at the Bethany-Fenwick
 Chamber of Commerce to get a
 map of the area. To get to Camp
 Barnes go west on Rt. 54
 approximately 5 miles, take a
 right on Route 381 which is a
 small road next to a big gas
 station and car wash. You will
 pass over Derrickson Creek.
 Follow the signs for Camp
 Barnes. They aren't very big or
 very many, so watch carefully.
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Sue Foster is an outdoor writer
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Tommy Gist of Lewes, DE caught this 40-inch striped bass while casting a peeler crab from Broadkill Beach. The striper weighed 18 lbs. 10 oz. on the scale at Henlopen Bait & Tackle.



Jay Cranston of Ashton, PA landed this 144.7 lb. mako shark after hooking it on a whole mackerel in the Poor Man's Canyon. Jay was fishing with John McCrae, Bob Ficoturo and D.J. Ficoturo, all from Ashton, PA. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Eric Bausch of Manassas, VA captured this 15 lb. 12 oz. dolphin while fishing on the "Rain-E-Daze" with Capt. Dave Raine and Mate John Wood. The dolphin hit a chunk of bluefish at the Lumpy Bottom and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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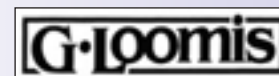
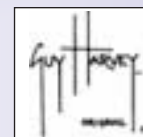
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3 TBSP. olive oil or butter
4 cups sliced mushrooms
8 scallions, chopped
1/3 cup white wine
1 1/2 lbs. flounder
2 TBSP. chopped fresh tarragon or 1 tsp. dried
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. paprika

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Coat a 13x9 baking dish with cooking spray.

Warm the butter or oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

Add the mushrooms and scallions and cook until the mushrooms begin to release their liquid.

Add the wine, cook 5 minutes longer.

Place the fish in the prepared baking dish.

Stir the tarragon into the mushrooms and spread the mixture over the fish.

Sprinkle with the salt and pepper and paprika.

Bake until the fish just flakes when tested with a fork, 15 to 20 minutes.

Serves 4.

Grilled Striped Bass with Mint-Cilantro Yogurt

1/4 cup plus 2 TBSP. plain Greek yogurt
2 TBSP. sour cream
1 TBSP. chopped parsley
2 tsp. chopped fresh mint
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Pinch of red pepper
4 striped bass fillets
2 tsp. vegetable oil

In a small bowl, combine the yogurt, sour cream, parsley, mint, salt, 1/8 tsp. black pepper and red pepper.

Coat a grill rack with cooking spray.

Preheat the grill.

Brush the fish with the oil, and season with the rest of the black pepper.

Place the bass on the rack and cook until golden, 5 to 6 minutes.

Turn and cook another 3 to 4 minutes.

Serve topped with the mint-parsley yogurt.

Serves 4.

Shark with Citrus Pesto

1 bunch fresh basil, stems removed
1/2 cup pine nuts, toasted
1 clove garlic
1 lemon, zested and juiced
1 orange, zested and juiced
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1/2 cup extra-virgin oil
1 cup grated Parmesan
4 (6 oz.) shark steaks
Extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and black pepper to taste
Garnish with lemon slices

Blend basil, pine nuts, garlic, zests, juices, salt and pepper in a food processor until mixture is finely chopped.

With the machine running, gradually add olive oil until mixture is smooth and creamy.

Transfer to a bowl and stir in Parmesan.

Place a grill pan over medium-high heat or preheat a gas grill.

Brush both sides of fillets with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Grill for 3 to 4 minutes on each side for a 1 inch fillet.

Transfer the grilled fish to serving plates, top with citrus pesto; garnish with lemon slices.

Serves 4.

Greek-Style Mahimahi

3 medium tomatoes, each cut into 8 wedges
2 TBSP. plus 2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 TBSP. red wine vinegar
4 pieces mahi-mahi fillet with skin
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup crumbled feta
3 TBSP. chopped mint
2 TBSP. chopped dill
1 tsp. fresh lemon juice
8 very thin lemon slices

Preheat broiler.

Toss tomatoes with 2 TBSP. of oil, vinegar, and 1/2 tsp. salt.

Line broiler pan with foil and lightly oil fish.

Place fish skin side down on pan and season with 1/4 tsp. each of salt and pepper.

Whisk together mayonnaise, feta, herbs, and lemon juice and spread over top of fish.

Put 2 lemon slices on center of each fillet.

Drizzle lemon slices with remaining 2 tsp. oil.

Broil fish 8 inches from heat until just cooked through, 14 to 16 minutes.

Cover with foil if topping browns too quickly.

Serve fish with tomatoes.

Serves 4.

Flaming Mr. Fish Cocktail

1 1/4 oz. vodka
2 1/2 oz. white sambuca
Raspberry Lemonade

Put vodka and white sambuca into a shaker with 3-4 ice cubes.

Shake and strain into a hurricane glass and top with raspberry lemonade.

If you would like to submit your favorite seafood recipe for possible publication in "The Galley" you can email it to coastalfisherman@comcast.net.





We saw some bigeye tuna arrive in our canyons over the weekend and Rob Haas of Millsboro, DE caught this 84 pounder while fishing on the "Dana Lynn" with Capt. Bob Smallwood. The bigeye was caught on the troll in the Poor Man's Canyon and weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Brandon Godwin of Ocean City, MD was all smiles when he weighed this 4 lb. 4 oz. flounder at Oyster Bay Tackle. Brandon caught the 22-inch flattie while drifting near the Rt. 50 Bridge, using live minnows for bait.



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On the final day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament, Jeff Kirk of Ocala, FL caught this 10.2 lb. bluefish to win top honors in the Bluefish Division. Jeff was fishing on the "Tuna Box" with Ryan Kirk, Jeff Pfarr, Mike Pfarr, Capt. Shane Heimer and Mate Don Reynolds. The bluefish ate a mackerel fillet at the Tea Cup and earned the "Tuna Box" team \$6,263 for their 1st place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Tony Garrity of Bishopville, MD captured this 41 lb. bluefin tuna to win 1st place in the Tuna Division of the Ocean City Shark Tournament. Tony was fishing on the "M.R. Ducks" with Ezequiel Cembalo, Fuzzy Cochran, Victor Rios, Joe Stein, Capt. John Runkel and Mate David Walker. Tony's bluefin was the only tuna weighed during the tournament and was worth \$1,800 in award money. The "M.R. Ducks" team also won 2nd place in the Release Division, with 5 makos and a dusky shark released during their 2 days of fishing. The team won \$2,250 for their 2nd place finish.



On an exciting final day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament, the next-to-last boat to hit the scales was the "Hoo's Your Daddy" with angler Craig Johnson's 126 lb. blue shark, good enough to win 2nd place in the Open Division. Craig was fishing with Capt. Joe Thorpe and Mate Tony Nicastrì when the shark ate a whole mackerel at the Fingers. The "Hoo's Your Daddy" team earned \$10,863 for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the last day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament, Lou Goodman of Bel Air, MD landed this 9.9 lb. bluefish to win 2nd place in the Bluefish Division. Lou was fishing on the "Full Load" with Joe Litzinger, Kevin Hall and Capt. Bob Ewars when the chopper ate a whole mackerel east of the Hotdog. The "Full Load" team won \$1,500 for their 2nd place finish. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the second day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament, John Schmitz of Westminster, MD caught this 271 lb. mako shark to win 2nd place in the Mako Division while fishing on the “Pumpin’ Hard” with Capt. Gary Stamm and Mates Mike and David Burt. The big mako ate a bluefish fillet near the 461 Bump and earned the “Pumpin’ Hard” team \$12,033 in award money. Capt. Gary Stamm was also named “Sharker of the Year” for his performance in both the Ocean City Shark Tournament and the Mako Mania Shark Tournament, earning him \$2,160 in award money.



Dion Stanton of Woodbine, MD caught this 227 lb. thresher shark on the final day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament to win 1st place in the Open Division. Dion was fishing on the “Capt. Ike II” with Bill Miller, Scott Peters, C.J. Miller III, Capt. Dave Collins and Mate Mike Magee. The big thresher hit a mackerel fillet in the Shipping Channel and earned the “Capt. Ike II” team \$18,605 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



29th Annual OCEAN CITY SHARK TOURNAMENT RESULTS

<h3 style="color: red; margin: 0;">MAKO DIVISION</h3>		
1st Place Jim Hughes “Nontypical” 876 lbs. \$19,775	2nd Place John Schmitz “Pumpin’ Hard” 271 lbs. \$12,033	3rd Place Greg Garman “Canyon Crusher” 243 lbs. \$7,242
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3 style="color: red; margin: 0;">OPEN DIVISION</h3> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3 style="color: red; margin: 0;">BLUEFISH DIVISION</h3> </div> </div>		
1st Place Dion Stanton “Captain Ike II” 227 lb. thresher \$18,605		1st Place Jeff Kirk “Tuna Box” 10.2 lbs. \$6,263
2ND Place Craig Johnston “Hoo’s Your Daddy” 126 lb. blue shark \$10,863		2ND Place Lou Goodman “Full Load” 9.9 lbs. \$1,500
3rd Place Ken Selby “Mako Me” 116 lb. blue shark \$4,182		3rd Place Cori Cluster “Game Over” 9.9 lbs. \$1,000
<h3 style="color: red; margin: 0;">RELEASE DIVISION</h3>		
1st Place “Nontypical” 34 points \$3,750	2nd Place “M.R. Ducks” 22 points \$2,250	3rd Place “Seaduction” 19 points \$1,000
<h3 style="color: red; margin: 0;">TUNA DIVISION</h3>		
Tony Garrity “M.R. Ducks” 41 lbs. \$1,800		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <h2 style="color: red; margin: 0;">SHARKER OF THE YEAR</h2> <p>Capt. Gary Stamm of the “Pumpin’ Hard” \$2,160</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"> <p>54 Boats Registered 14 Sharks Weighed-In 136 Sharks Released</p> </div> </div>		



On the second day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament, Greg Garman of Ephrata, PA landed this 243 lb. mako shark to win 3rd place in the Mako Division. Greg was fishing on the "Canyon Crusher" with Mike Tenuto, Joe Sharky, John Conrad, Capt. Mike Henry and Mate Doug Krisher. The "Canyon Crusher" team won \$7,242 for their catch. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The first boat to hit the scales of the Ocean City Shark Tournament was the "Mako Me" with angler Ken Selby of Pasadena, MD and Scott Hicks of Annapolis, MD. Ken caught this 116 lb. blue shark and held on to win 3rd place in the Open Division. The shark ate a whole mackerel at the Fingers and earned the duo \$4,182 in award money.

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On the final day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament, Cori Cluster of Berlin, MD caught this 9.9 lb. bluefish to win 3rd place in the Bluefish Division. Cori was fishing on the "Game Over" with Capt. Steve Pfeiffer and Nick Pfeiffer when the chopper ate a whole mackerel northeast of the Hotdog. Although Cori's bluefish weighed exactly the same as the 2nd place finisher, Cori's was declared the 3rd place winner based upon time weighed and earned the "Game Over" team \$1,000 in award money.



Capt. Gary Stamm (left) on the "Pumpin' Hard" was named Shark of the Year for his team's performance in both the Ocean City Shark Tournament and the Mako Mania Shark Tournament, earning him \$2,160 in award money. The "Pumpin' Hard" team earned 483.1 points by bringing in two mako sharks weighing 182.1 lbs. and 271 lbs., along with earning 30 mako release points. Pictured with Capt. Gary are his mates Mike and David Burt and angler John Schmitz.



In a great show of sportsmanship and camaraderie, Frank Gaither, the previous Maryland state record holder for mako shark, congratulates Jim Hughes for setting the new record at 876 lbs. on the final day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament. The previous record of 766 lbs. was set by Frank in 1984.



Third place in the Release Division of the Ocean City Shark Tournament was won by the team on the "Seaduction" with 19 points earned by releasing 4 makos, 1 blue shark and a sandbar shark. The "Seaduction" team won \$1,000 for their 3rd place finish and consisted of Bob, Matt and Rob Keeney, Dereck Henneh and Corey Carvell. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Paul Forrest of Schwenksville, PA muscled in this 143 lb. mako shark while fishing at the Tea Cup with Walt Segle, Jay Frease, George White and Paul Forrest, Jr. The mako ate a whole mackerel after being lured close to the boat with bunker chum. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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Greg White of Berlin, MD and Lee Larimore of Snow Hill, MD were fishing on the "Wee Three" in the bay behind Assateague when they hooked into these flounder, measuring 21 and 22-inches. Both fish were caught on live minnows.

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Angler Michael Fritz boated this 168 lb. thresher shark while fishing near the Triple Wrecks aboard the "Snow Goose". Michael was fishing with Bill Fintel and Ed Sigda. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Kevin Lehnert and Dustin Hoover of Pasadena, MD, along with Kevin Carlisle of Davidsonville, MD, teamed up to land this 111 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Osprey" at the Sausages. The anglers also released 7 blue sharks and a brown shark during the trip. All of the sharks were caught using bluefish for bait. Weighed at Ake Marine.



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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! I know I must sound like a broken record, but the weather just will not get right. On days when the water clears a bit, the fishing seems to improve.

The back bays are still producing flounder and blues, and a few stripers are scattered throughout. Spot have started to show in the Indian River and in Massey's Ditch. The Indian River Inlet is giving up stripers to those using live spot, live eel, or bucktail and white worms. The bluefish in the Inlet have been very thick on the incoming tide and will hit just about anything you throw at them.

The weather is also hampering the offshore fishing. The Hambone seems to be giving up a few bluefin tuna to those who are trolling. Jeff and Will Courtney had a 41-inch



Butch Brooks from Newark, DE captured this 10 lb. 13 oz. flounder, the largest flattie we have seen so far this year, while fishing with a white bucktail in the Indian River. Butch was fishing with his grandchildren Brandon, Holly and Sammy Brooks, also of Newark, DE. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

bluefin eat a ballyhoo capped with a Zuker. They also had one bluefin break off.

Bob Smallwood on the "Dana Lynn" took Erin Hurd, Scott Rinicker, Doug Rinicker, Jay Little, Jon Bixler and Rob Haas to the Poor Man's Canyon. They scored on tuna and dolphin, with Doug Rinicker tying into a 102 lb. bigeye, while Rob Haas battled an 84 pounder.

Captain Mike Rivera on the "On Delivery" had a trip to the Lightship to tangle with a 350 lb. thresher, and he also went to the Fingers for an 89 lb. mako.

Back bay fishing was good for Bill Logan, who weighed in a 4 lb. 7 oz. flattie, which put him in 3rd place in the Pot-Nets Tournament. Ron Soltes weighed in a 6 lb. 2 oz. flattie that put him in the lead in the same tournament. Don't forget to sign up for the Annual Pot-Nets Flounder Tournament. There is no charge to enter, but you must sign up by 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 27th. The final weigh-in is Sunday, June 28th at 3 p.m.

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Bill's Sport Shop on Rte. 1 in Lewes tells us they had a great flounder tournament. Randy Jensen took 1st place with a 7.87-pounder, Tom Bailor took 2nd with a 7.34-pounder and Dillon Mitchell finished 3rd with a 6.1-pounder.

In other action from Bill's, we received reports of the following successes. Price Lindsay boated a keeper flounder weighing 5 lbs. on a Finesse rig while drifting out of Lewes. Lanson Cochran was fishing the surf and beached a keeper trout and some nice kingfish. Barry Keller caught two stripers at the Indian River Inlet weighing in at 13.75 lbs. and 13 lbs. on live spot. John Kitchen went to the Hambone with Jason and Jen Raup and boated a 42.12 lb. Bluefin tuna

and released another around the same size. Vahn Moua caught a 12.21 lb., 32-inch striper off the rocks at the Indian River Inlet on an eel. Heather Rice, age 8, from Lincoln, DE, caught her first keeper flounder on a minnow that measured 18.5-inches while fishing aboard the charter boat "Blue Collar Man" at B Buoy. "Blue Collar Man" charters has had some very successful sea bass trips with keeper flounder also hitting the deck around B Buoy.

Captain Les Clemmer of the "Martha Marie" charter boat called to say he has been scoring flounder out of Lewes with about a 30% keeper rate. The charter boat "Reliable II" out of Bowers Beach has been having great luck catching very nice flatties. Captain Ed Meeds reported his anglers have even boated some keeper size tautog that had to be released.

At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road, Ron tells us that there are plenty of flounder being caught in the back bays. The problem is you have a tough time finding keepers. A few trout have been taken in the Indian River Inlet using live spot. Thresher sharks are being chummed to the boats from DB Buoy to the Delaware Light.

John at Henlopen Bait & Tackle on Savannah Rd. in Lewes reported flounder in the Lewes Canal and the Broadkill River. John says the weather has been a major factor in keeping folks from fishing the Delaware Bay.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle at North Shore Marina in the Delaware State Park, Bert reported plenty of small flounder in the back bays with a few keepers taken now and then. This past week has provided good flounder action in the Indian River Inlet. Butch Brooks Sr. used a bucktail to trick a 10 lb. 13 oz. doormat. Live spot and GULP! have been the hot baits. Incoming tides have been bringing in the bluefish, and stripers have also been plentiful but again most are shorts.

Ocean bottom fishing is consistently providing small sea bass. The flounder fishing is

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slowly improving and hopefully will continue to improve as the water warms. Offshore action has yellowfin tuna and dolphin in the Washington and Poor Man's Canyons. At the Hambone, the "Stress Relief" boated their limit of bluefins with the big one weighing in at 128 lbs. Threshers and makos are also being caught.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said that Delaware Bay structure has been yielding some decent flounder. Gary Welsh was drifting the Star Reef Site on the "Forever Young III" when he connected with a 7.65 lb. doormat. Dr. Mike Junck decked a 6.01 pounder at the Brown Shoal Reef Sites. The big flattie was part of a catch of 8 quality keepers taken by Dr. Mike, Bob Witte and Allen Quillen aboard "Top Fin".

Other reports of flatfish action came from the channel edges between #14 and #19 Buoys. Fluke also continued to come from the Lewes Canal, the Broadkill River and the Roosevelt Inlet.

Shallow water along Broadkill Beach and the Cape Henlopen, Cape Shores and Port Lewes piers produced fish as well. John Northeimer checked in a 5.42 lb. flounder that ate a chartreuse Gulp! in the Lewes Canal. Bill Rybinski used a chunk of soft crab to tempt a 4.9 pounder from the Roosevelt Inlet.

Stripers and a few trout were taken from the Roosevelt Inlet as well. "Barracuda Bob" McNamee and Frank Gaworski had a pair of 3 lb. trout and several stripers in the 20 to 26-inch range while casting Bass Assassin Sea Shads to the inlet jetty during flood tide.

Boats working the Reef Site #11 and the Old Grounds surrounding DB Buoy in the ocean found sea bass and flounder. The majority of bass were below the 12.5-inch minimum, but some nice knotheads ended up in the coolers. Dave Gallen got a 3.07 pounder on the "Skipjack", and Lucas May boated a 3.63 pounder aboard "Jam-Man".

Sharkers tangled with threshers and makos on

structure between twenty and thirty fathoms. The Fingers, Sausages and the Hambone gave up nice sized sharks. Michael Fritz bested a 168 lb. thresher while drifting near the Triple Wrecks aboard the "Snow Goose" with Ed Sigda and Bill Fintel. The crew also released a mako that grabbed a trolled tuna lure.

Bluefin tuna action was good at the Hambone early in the week, but slowed down towards the weekend. Trollers had success pulling Green Machines, cedar plugs and spreader bars. The largest tuna seemed to have responded to ballyhoo/Ilander lure combinations that were towed way, way back.

Yellowfins came from the deep of Poor Man's, the 461 Lump and the 800 Square of Washington Canyon.

'Til next week, have fun and be safe!

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Tautog 	January 4, 2009 Billy Collins "Ocean Princess" Offshore Wreck	February 4, 2008 Joe Restuccia "Karen Sue" Wreck	White Marlin 	June 10, 2009 Terry Layton "Nontypical" Poor Man's Canyon	June 9, 2008 Jim Miner "Judge" Norfolk Canyon
Striped Bass 	January 3, 2009 Baron Daiker "Baron Sea" Little Gull	January 1, 2008 RJ Roppelt "Reel Persuasion" Little Gull	Blue Marlin 	June 10, 2009 Jake Burger "Marlin Magic" Poor Man's Canyon	June 9, 2008 Jason Hinton "No Limits" Middle Sausage
Weakfish 	May 13, 2009 Rich Bell Sinepuxent Bay	May 16, 2008 Nick Sharp Roosevelt Inlet	Bluefin Tuna 	May 23, 2009 Butch Bradshaw "DILLIGAF" Baltimore Canyon	April 11, 2008 Greg Hook "Stress Reel-ief" Wilmington Canyon
Flounder 	April 18, 2009 Bo Smeltzer "Gotta Jones" Verrazano Bridge	March 23, 2008 Preston Walls Rt. 90 Bridge	Yellowfin Tuna 	June 8, 2009 Kelly Horning "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon	May 25, 2008 Kevin King "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Bluefish 	May 13, 2009 Henry Busby Bethany Surf	April 24, 2008 John Foreman Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna 	None Reported	June 20, 2008 Jim Short "Not Right" Baltimore Canyon
Black Drum 	April 25, 2009 Chris Tenbusch Assateague Surf	April 24, 2008 Capt. Mac Simpson Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna  	June 19, 2009 Michael Branson "Reel Compromise" Washington Canyon	August 25, 2008 Bert Long Wilmington Canyon
Sheepshead 	May 23, 2009 Tassos Argyros Ocean Wreck	June 5, 2008 Joe Shaffer North Jetty	Dolphin 	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon	May 25, 2008 Janan Mohamed "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Thresher Shark 	May 25, 2009 Ron Skenk "On Delivery" Lightship	May 24, 2008 Justin Michalski "Uptite" S.E. of Jackspot	Wahoo 	None Reported	July 1, 2008 Matt Migliore "Marli" Lumpy Bottom

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Past the Breakers

by Sam Kilgore



One of the most intriguing aspects of surf fishing is the fact that you never know what you are going to catch.

"GO-GO-GO!" I do not know if I am talking to my rod or the fish or my feet, but each time I say that word, my voice becomes louder and my feet move faster. As I watch the tip of my fishing rod bend toward the horizon, I find it difficult to contain my enthusiasm. Why do I always put the best bait on



Sam Kilgore is pictured here with a rough-tail stingray caught and released off Assateague Island on a whole bunker. The stingray measured 122-inches from its nose to the end of its tail and took 1 hour and 35 minutes to beach.

the rod furthest from my beach chair?

As I get closer, the rod is still bending and now the reel's drag is "singing". I know this sound is a good indicator of a big fish because I tend to keep my drag set fairly tight. This also ensures the circle hook sets correctly. I pull my rod out of the sand spike and the tension I feel pulling against me confirms I have really hooked into something powerful.

About fifteen seconds later, the fish slowed down and I carefully pull back my rod to get a "feeling" of how the critter fights. It is definitely heavy and constantly moving, but it does not fight like anything I had ever felt before.

After fighting a few fish, an angler learns how to distinguish one fish from another by comparing the strength, speed, direction and vibrations on the line. For example, the headshakes of a big striper or red drum are much different than the slow but powerful pull of a large stingray. Most fish have a unique feeling, however you never REALLY know until you get a good look at the critter.

Within a few minutes, I begin making progress by regaining some of my line. Standing in knee deep surf, I scan the water's surface for signs of fins, tail splashes or anything "fishy". The last thing I expected to see on the end of my line was another fishing rod!

Now, in case you ever find yourself fighting another fishing rod, keep in mind it can be tricky business! Do your best

to let go of all preconceived expectations and just keep reeling.

As I watch the bottom of the rod repeatedly surface and submerge, I do not even consider what is causing this. After all, my sinker and the reel should be weighing it down, causing it to drag along the bottom of the ocean floor. I'm still amazed at the weight of this rod but I am able to bring it in close enough to grasp the handle and secure a firm grip. Luckily, I have a friend standing next to me who is able to take my rod while I quickly separate the line from my "new" 11' St. Croix.

Now standing in waste deep water, I briefly glance from the bottom of the rod to the reel and am surprised how clean it is compared to other "items" I have accidentally snagged in the past. I pull the rod completely out of the water to get a better look and find the main line still attached! It is almost as if the fish and I simultaneously realize the same thing. I feel another very strong pull and prepare myself for round two, this time holding a completely different rod. Without looking, I reach for the handle of the reel, attempt to make the first turn, and the spool does not budge. I quickly realize the reel's gears are full of sand.

I begin to feel tension building up inside of me as the fish puts more stress on the line. Realizing there is nothing I can do at this point but hold on and wait, I scan the water hoping for a glimpse of the critter I am fighting. As the line snaps, I see a large, brown stingray break the water's surface about thirty yards in front of me. I am exhausted, still a little dazed, but very satisfied.

With the increase in surf water temperatures, you will find many unique species of stingrays in the surf, both large and small. They primarily feed on crustaceans and smaller fish but will not hesitate to chew on a fresh piece of bait.

To many new anglers, making the distinction between a skate and a small stingray can

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Wil Kennington and Caroline Kennington, both from Allen, MD, along with Zachary Rosenthal of Delmar, DE, had a great day of flounder fishing on "Popsy's Pontoon" with Corey Kennington. Caroline's fish measured 21.5-inches, while both of the boys' flatties measured 18.5-inches.

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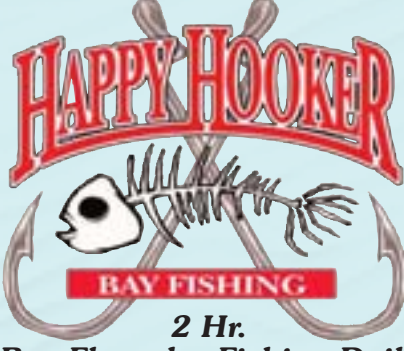
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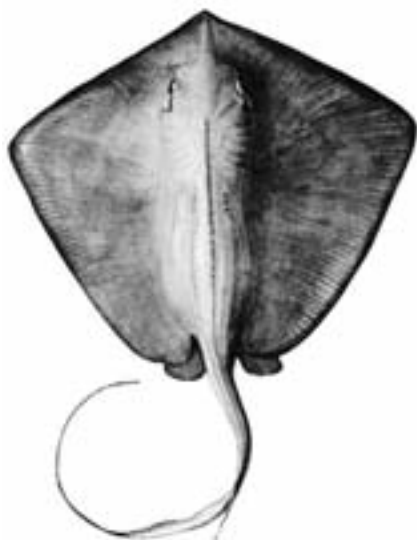
Past the Breakers continued:

be confusing. The commonly found Clearnose Skate will have small prickly spikes covering the entire top of its body,



including the tail. While the small spikes can cut you and cause a stinging sensation (similar to a bee sting), they are not considered very dangerous.

The southern stingray is similar in size; however the top of its body is smooth. At the base of the ray's long, slender tail will be a very dangerous



barb used for defense against predators. This barb easily

blends in with the tail and is covered with a black, slimy protein-based toxin. All stingrays caught from the Delmarva surf will vary in size and have different characteristics, and nearly all of them will have this toxic barb.

I have caught many stingrays over the past few years and have learned many valuable lessons, one of which put me in the hospital and left me with a scar on my wrist. While rays can be fun and challenging to beach, keep in mind, they are being pulled out of their element and will do their best to defend themselves. I want to make sure I am clear on the fact that this barb is the stingray's main defense against natural predators. Rays do not actively seek swimmers and try to "sting" them. I also strongly encourage all saltwater anglers to research the different characteristics of both skates and stingrays.

People are occasionally punctured by this jagged barb, but most cases are due to accidentally stepping on a ray in shallow waters. If you catch any type of stingray, use extreme caution when unhooking and releasing them. If you happen to be punctured by a stingray's barb, the first thing you should do is find someone to help you.

For me, this toxin caused severe pain unlike anything I have ever felt. After forty-five minutes of thinking I could handle it, I passed out on the way home. Luckily, it was a rare occasion when I was able to convince my wife to join me on the beach and she was driving.

She does not fish with me much anymore for some reason...

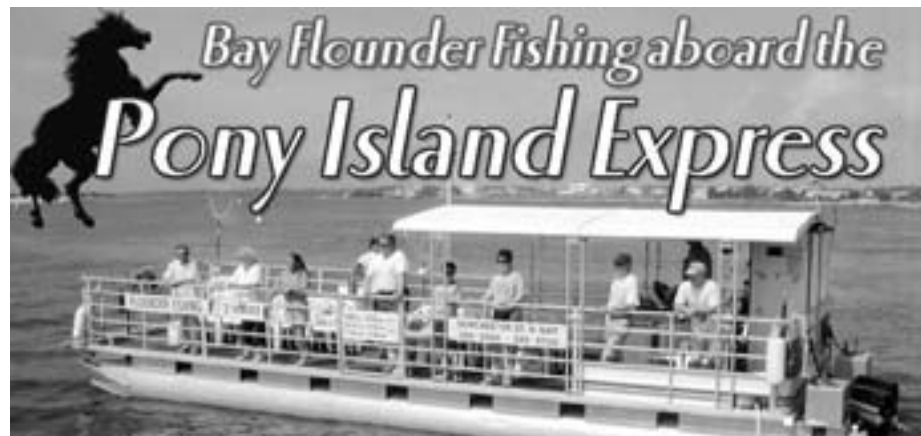
The only thing that will immediately alleviate the pain is submerging the wound in very hot water (don't burn yourself of course) or pressing a hot pack against punctured area. Then, seek immediate medical attention. Even if you think you can handle the pain after applying hot water, there can be a significant amount of bacteria in the wound along with broken, jagged pieces of the barb.

Stingrays can be very powerful creatures and when one of the larger ones grabs your bait, you had better have strong knots and a stronger back! Of course setting your drag properly and having a solid, deeply set sand spike will help you keep your favorite rod on the beach. Although, I can always use another!

Sam Kilgore is an avid surf fisherman and administers AtlanticAnglers.com, a free, family friendly website devoted to helping anglers learn all aspects of fishing.



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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



TIPS ON USING YOUR FISH FINDER

If you do any fishing with your boat, you must have some type of depth finder/fish finder/sounder to keep you aware of the depth of the water and the presence of fish. Today's fish finders are fairly sophisticated and offer many great features but they do you little good if you don't understand what they are and how to use them. So let's go over some of the basic features:

BOTTOM LOCK: If you are interested in seeing fish that are known to be bottom feeders, this feature can be your best friend. You select a section of water up from the bottom that you want to see and then activate the bottom

lock. The screen will split in two horizontally. On one half is the full picture with the section that you selected indicated. On the other half is that selected area expanded. The bottom is transformed into a straight line and the images are magnified. If a target near the bottom is fish, they will be enlarged and will become obvious. If the target is not fish but a wreck instead, it will not be magnified and will not show at all. The depth finder has recognized it as an extension of the bottom and has made it part of the straight line.

MARKER ZOOM: Use this feature to zoom in on a portion of water for more detail. Move the zoom markers to the desired area and watch the screen. That

portion will then be enlarged and shown on a side-by-side screen. This feature is very useful for getting a closer look at a fish mark to see if it is a single fish or a school. It can also be helpful in determining how close the fish targets are to the bottom. It's really just like the zoom feature on a camera.

BOTTOM ZOOM: This is very similar to the marker zoom and is also used to get more detail. In the case of bottom zoom, however, the marker automatically follows the bottom contour. It even stays in place if you change depths. It is used a lot by those who fish or dive on wrecks. It operates just like the bottom lock except that the bottom is selected manually.

SPLIT SCREEN: On dual frequency units, you can have 200Khz and 50Khz images displayed simultaneously. 200 KHz is better for detail but 50Khz covers a wider area and is generally preferred when you are running and searching

for fish. With split screen, you can show both so you can cover the wider area to search. When an image shows up on the 50Khz but not the 200Khz, you know you are not exactly over the target. Make a slow circle until you see the image on both screens. Then you will be over it and you can see good detail via the 200 KHz display.

A-SCOPE: This feature splits the screen in two vertically. On one side is the conventional picture. On the other or "scope" display is a vertical line with a bubble or pear shaped blob near the bottom that represents the seabed. The bubble moves up and down as the depth varies. Any other shape that appears on the vertical line in between the surface and the bottom is fish. The main advantage to this image is that it shows the fish right away instead of a few pulses later. If you look carefully, you will see the fish bubble on the "scope" display before it ever appears on the

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If you have not been using these features on your fish finder, you don't know what you're missing. The manufacturers have gone to a lot of trouble putting them there so use them. Take each feature one at a time and experiment with it. You can't hurt anything and if you get totally confused, just turn the unit off and back on. That will reset it back to the original display.

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



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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



One day last week we were drifting for sharks about 26-miles offshore when my mate stuck his head in the cabin to tell me that we had a school of tuna passing under the boat. His assertion was immediately confirmed with the beeping of the fish alarm on the depth finder which had a glob of red showing about 20-feet below the hull. We had four shark lines out and two light spinning rods rigged in case

we saw some bluefish, but the tuna came and went so quickly that we didn't have much of a chance to do anything to enhance our odds of hooking one. For the few fleeting seconds opportunity was knocking, we just weren't prepared to open the door.

No matter what kind of fishing someone is engaged in, there's always a chance that something besides their targeted species will show up and give them a shot at hooking something special. It doesn't matter how good they are, no one can capitalize on every surprise encounter – there's just too many possibilities. (We were striper fishing this past January when a humpback whale surfaced beside the boat, and I didn't have a single harpoon on the boat – darn the bad luck!) But, anglers who plan ahead by considering what "could" happen and having bait and tackle on hand "just in case" can sometimes pull off extraordinary catches during otherwise routine fishing trips.

One of the best things anglers can do to take advantage of surprise encounters is to have their tackle (rods, rigs, leaders, lures, etc.) assembled and ready for immediate deployment. When something unexpected shows up, anglers

might have only a few seconds to put the right bait or lure in its face if they hope to get a bite. If they have to waste time tying on swivels, untangling leaders, or finding a particular plug or jig, the game might be over before it even gets started. Imagine hooking a dolphin while trolling and as you get it to the boat the entire school follows it in. If your light rods are set-up and ready it could take less than a minute to get the tackle on deck, chunk up some baits, and start bailing fish. Otherwise, by the time hooks are tied to leaders and leaders to line, the school might be long-gone!

No matter what type of offshore fishing we're doing we always keep a couple 10-pound test spinning rods ready, one rigged with a surface popper and the other with some kind of jig so that in seconds we can fire-off a cast to bluefish, dolphin, bonito, jacks or any other modest size fish that comes our way. We also keep a couple 20-pound spinners rigged with snap swivels that allow us to quickly attach whatever we need to hook a tuna, cobia, big dolphin or small sharks. Of course, with a cabin boat I've got a lot of stowage space. Small boaters might be limited to only one "just-in-case" rod in which I would opt for a medium 12-15 pound test spinner rigged with a floater/diver type plug.

Inshore anglers should also consider keeping an extra rod or two for unexpected opportunities because whether they're bottom fishing for flounder or dropping sand fleas or crabs down to inlet tautog, there's always a chance to be surprised by a school of bluefish, shad, stripers or any number of other species that are not expected. Again, a light spinner pre-rigged with a jig or plug can make the difference between hooking these fish or crying as an entire school passes you by.

Besides having tackle

rigged and ready, another consideration is to have some kind of special bait at hand "just in case." Whether someone is offshore trolling for billfish, chumming for sharks, or chunking for tuna, having bait aboard such as a one pound box of whole squid, 3-4 live spot or eels, or even a couple dozen live minnows can sometimes mean the difference between having a great day or coming home skunked. Though these baits are not exactly associated with offshore big-game fishing, they're all readily available, inexpensive, easy to keep, and will tempt a bite from most anything with fins.

When fishing over artificial reefs or chumming for sharks, we've also used these unconventional baits to catch seabass, cobia, sharks, drum, king mackerel, flounder, bonito, big bluefish and false albacore that wouldn't take our "regular" baits or lures. And these baits don't have to be reserved only for times when certain fish show themselves. Optimistic anglers can put them out ahead of time so that just in case something comes along, even if they don't see it, they'll be ready. Imagine drifting the bay for flounder and having a live spot on a separate rod wiggling under the boat. Maybe you'd go 15 times and never get a bite on it, but if on try #16 that big striper just happens to pass under your hull it could make it all worth while! And I guess, for that matter, if you're drifting for sharks and you happen to have a live eel squiggling under your boat when a school of bluefin passes, the outcome could be a whole lot better than ours was last week. It's never a pretty sight to see a captain cry!

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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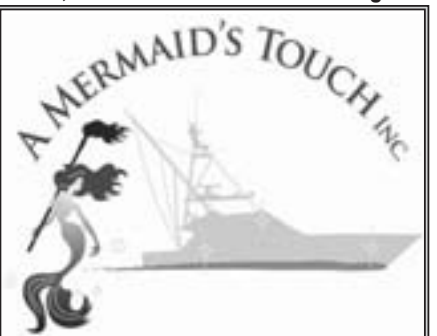
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Sea Bass 	March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs.	February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz.	Mako Shark 	NEW June 20, 2009 Jim Hughes Washington Canyon 876 lbs.	June 9, 2009 Kelly McCullars Fingers 169 lbs.
Tautog 	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	May 3, 2009 Bill Gable "#1 Hooker" 14 lbs. 10 oz.	Thresher Shark 	NEW June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.	NEW June 20, 2009 David Bixler "On Delivery" 347 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.	May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	June 12, 2009 Debbie Timchula "Jo Jo" 135 lbs.	NEW June 20, 2009 Greg Hook Hambone 128 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	NEW June 20, 2009 Allison Bucher Washington Canyon 42.4 lbs.	June 8, 2009 John Horning "Fish Whistle" 34 lbs.
Flounder 	May 14, 2009 Scott Peters Thorofare 7 lbs. 12 oz.	NEW June 20, 2009 Butch Brooks Indian River 10 lbs. 13 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	June 7, 2009 Roland Hubbard "Jezebel" 10.4 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	NEW June 19, 2009 Michael Branson Washington Canyon 165 lbs.	NEW June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
Sheepshead 	June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barn's Table Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" 30 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Ron Frank "Da Chief" 19.6 lbs.
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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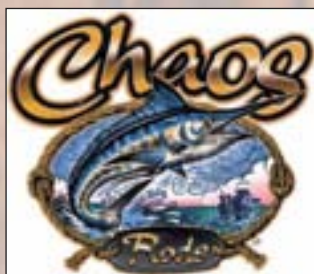
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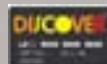
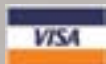
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



Summer officially started last week, and the summer fishing trend should continue as soon as the wind subsides. Most anglers will resume their chase for the latest big attraction, cobia. Although the bite off Hampton has slowed up, fish are still coming from the Eastern Shore side of the bay, where chummers sitting on Latimer Shoal and the Inner Middle Grounds are having luck. Sight casters continue to pick fish off the CBBT proper on calmer days.

Flounder action is off and on, depending on who you ask. Although anglers are still working hard for their limits, plenty of "barely shorts" are keeping them interested. According to Connie at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle, a few doormats are coming from the CBBT area, where anglers are having good luck with live bait and jigging. Robert Hodge of Richmond landed a nice flatfish weighing in at 10 lbs. 4 oz. on a live spot while fishing with Captain Craig Paige aboard the "Paige 2" recently. Fish are also coming from the Cell, Buoy 42, Back River Reef, and Oyster, as well as Lynnhaven and Rudee



Katie Elrod from Lewes, DE caught this 38-inch striped bass while trolling in the Chesapeake Bay. Photo courtesy of Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road in Long Neck, DE.

Inlets. One angler fishing from the jetties scored with a 7 lb. 11 oz. doormat inside Rudee this week.

Spadefish are still commanding considerable attention from anglers, with the CLT still the favorite location. Reports indicate there were over 60 boats anchored at the Tower last weekend. Larger fish have moved in, with the biggest coming from the upper bay hot spots, such as the Cell and Wolf Trap Light. Roland E. Murphy of Richmond was fishing at the Cell aboard the "Kingfish," when a massive 14 lb. 14 oz. spadefish took him for several laps around the

boat. At the weigh-in, it was determined that this amazing catch may secure the new IGFA All Tackle World Record, as well as the new Virginia State record for this species.

Black drum all but deserted the shoals, and are now starting to show around the islands of the CBBT, with scattered hook-ups reported. These fish require extra time while reviving them in order to increase their survival rate. Big red drum are still taking baits along the Eastern Shore shoals and near Buoy 10, especially at night on an incoming tide.

The Spanish mackerel bite along the Virginia Beach

oceanfront is heating up, although according to Captain Jake Hiles, skipper of the "Matador" out of Rudee Inlet, most fish are on the smallish size. Small spoons trolled at 5 to 6 knots are enticing the best response. It's only a matter of time until reports of the first catches of king mackerel start rolling in from near the Little Island Fishing Pier.

Although tricky, some anglers are finding some luck with sheepshead. Many anglers are reporting sightings of pods of large sheepshead cruising the surface behind cobia. Triggerfish are making another good showing this year, with plenty of fish already entertaining anglers near the four islands of the CBBT.

Larger croaker pushing 2 to 2.5 lbs. are lurking around the James River Bridge, the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel, and off Ocean View. Surf anglers are finding a mixed bag along the ocean front, with loads of sea mullet pushing to nearly a pound, and scattered puppy drum providing most of the commotion.

When deep droppers can get out, they are still going strong with good limits of tilefish, grouper and rosefish. The Rudee Inlet Head Boats running out of the Fishing Center are finding decent sea bass action at the Triangle Wrecks lately.

The offshore scene is boiling with yellowfin tuna. Boats are hooking dozens of tuna, with many too small to keep. Several fish are falling into the 20 to 40 lb. class, with some nice dolphin also in the mix. The best action is coming from north of the Triple O's in 100 to 500 fathoms of water. A bigeye tuna caught aboard the "Blue Eyed Suns", skippered by Capt. David Smith, stole the limelight this past week when it tipped the scales at 180-pounds at Fisherman's Wharf Marina.

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John Morton of Baltimore, MD caught this 55.8 lb. bluefin tuna to win 1st place in the Tuna Division of the Small Boat Tournament held at Sunset Marina. John was fishing on the "Reel Estate" with Connor Campbell, Steve Moel, Capt. Bruce Campbell and Mate Curtis Campbell. The bluefin was caught on a spreader bar southeast of the Parking Lot and was worth \$1,985 in award money.



Angler Mike Johnston of Selbyville, DE (not pictured) hooked into this 7.8 lb. bluefish and won 1st place in the Bluefish Division of the Small Boat Tournament. Mike was fishing on the "Start Me Up" with Jimmy Willey and Brad Robillard. The chopper was caught on a live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge and was worth \$540 in award money. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

29th Annual Small Boat Tournament Results June 20 & 21, 2009



37 Boats Registered

Total Prize Money - \$8,425

FLounder DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: Wil Kennington
Boat: "Señor Cigar"
Weight: 6.4 lbs.
Winnings: \$500

2ND PLACE

Angler: Kristen Lenox
Boat: "Pop Pop's Pontoon"
Weight: 4.0 lbs.
Winnings: \$0

3RD PLACE

Angler: Bradley Kostyak
Boat: "B&B"
Weight: 3.7 lbs.
Winnings: \$112

BLUEFISH DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: Mike Johnston
Boat: "Start Me Up"
Weight: 7.8 lbs.
Winnings: \$540

2ND PLACE

Angler: Mike Johnston
Boat: "Start Me Up"
Weight: 2.6 lbs.
Winnings: included in 1st place total

3RD PLACE

Angler: Mike Johnston
Boat: "Start Me Up"
Weight: 2.6 lbs.
Winnings: included in 1st place total

TAUTOG DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: Pam Hess
Boat: "2FAROUT"
Weight: 6.2 lbs.
Winnings: \$270

2ND PLACE

Angler: Al Rittmeyer
Boat: "2FAROUT"
Weight: 5.0 lbs.
Winnings: \$162

3RD PLACE

Angler: Phil Cathell
Boat: "Ocean Rebel"
Weight: 4.4 lbs.
Winnings: \$45

SEA BASS DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: Bill Regan
Boat: "Polecat"
Weight: 2.2 lbs.
Winnings: \$270

2ND PLACE

Angler: Sharon Rittmeyer
Boat: "2FAROUT"
Weight: 1.8 lbs.
Winnings: \$162

3RD PLACE

Angler: Donna Gutridge
Boat: "Salti"
Weight: 1.2 lbs.
Winnings: \$63

BLUEFIN DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: John Morton
Boat: "Reel Estate"
Weight: 55.8 lbs.
Winnings: \$1,985

SHARK DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: Doug Curtiss
Boat: "Odd Couple"
Weight: 153.6 lbs.
Winnings: \$1,695

DOLPHIN DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: Tim Brinker
Boat: "Carol's Teakettle"
Weight: 9.4 lbs.
Winnings: \$390

YELLOWFIN DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Angler: Allison Bucher
Boat: "Brenda Lou"
Weight: 42.4 lbs.
Winnings: \$195

2ND PLACE

Angler: Mike Hall
Boat: "Squidnation"
Weight: 35.8 lbs.
Winnings: \$1,500

3RD PLACE

Angler: Dave Sikorski
Boat: "Squidnation"
Weight: 35.0 lbs.
Winnings: included in 2nd place total

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Bill Regan of Red Sun Custom Apparel won 1st place in the Sea Bass Division of the Small Boat Tournament, muscling in this 2.2 pounder while fishing on the "Polecat" with Mark Thomasson, Brad Regan and John Lewis. The sea bass was caught on a live mullet at the Great Eastern Reef and was worth \$270 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



In the Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, Tim Brinker of Selbyville, DE caught this 9.4 lb. dolphin to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Tim was fishing on the "Carol's Teakettle" with Tom, Jim and Mazie Brinker, all from Selbyville, DE. The dolphin hit a trolled ballyhoo at the Lumpy Bottom and was worth \$390 in award money. The anglers also caught a 120.2 lb. mako shark and a 8.8 lb. bluefish during the trip. The bluefish didn't officially finish in the top 3 positions since the anglers were not entered in the Inshore Division.



Pam Hess of Millsboro, DE (second from left) captured this 6.2 lb. tautog to win 1st place in the Tautog Division of the Small Boat Tournament. Pam was fishing on the "2FAROUT" with Mark Hess, Sharon Rittmeyer and Capt. Al Rittmeyer. The winning tautog was caught at the Great Eastern Reef and was worth \$270 in award money. Capt. Al caught a 5 lb. tautog to win 2nd place in the Tautog Division, while Sharon landed herself a 1.8 lb. sea bass to win 2nd place in the Sea Bass Division.



Doug Curtiss of American Global Yacht Group boated this 153.6 lb. mako shark to win top honors in the Shark Division of the Small Boat Tournament over the weekend. Doug caught the mako in 600 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon aboard the "Odd Couple" with Capt. Pat Svelha and Mate Bill Fenwick. The mako hit a ballyhoo skirted with a blue and white Hawaiian Eye and was worth \$1,695 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In the Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, Allison Bucher of Lititz, PA landed this 42.4 lb. yellowfin tuna to win 1st place in the Yellowfin Tuna Division. Allison was fishing on the "Brenda Lou" with Michael Conner, David Conner, Richie Toro and Capt. Frank Goodhart. The yellowfin hit a green machine on a bird in the Washington Canyon and was worth \$195 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Wil Kennington, age 8, of Allen, MD won 1st place in the Flounder Division of the Small Boat Tournament with this 6.4 pounder caught on the "Señor Cigar". Wil was fishing with his dad, Corey Kennington and his sister, Caroline Kennington in the bay off 22nd Street, using live minnows for bait. Wil earned \$500 for his 1st place finish.

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Bob Lowther, Mike Antlitz, Dana Lusby, Ryan Johnson and Greg Loker ventured out to the Poor Man's Canyon on the "MEGA-BITE" with Capt. Tom Murphy, and returned with 14 yellowfin tuna. The keepers, along with another 12 releases, were all caught on a mixture of skirted ballyhoo and artificial lures. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Michael Branson of Haymarket, VA landed the first bigeye tuna of the year on Saturday morning while fishing on the "Reel Compromise" with his fiancée, Lone Bjork, their daughter, Lexa Branson, Capt. Kevin Williams and Mate Chuck Dammann. The 73-inch bigeye weighed 165 lbs. and was caught on a trolled, imitation Ilander lure in 500 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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Greg and Colby Hook of Selbyville, DE caught these bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Stress Reel-ief" with Capt. Fred Windward. The largest bluefin weighed 128 lbs., while the smaller tuna tipped the scales at 42 lbs. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Zach Menas from Boonsboro, MD was fishing off of the 9th Street Pier when he hooked into these two flounder, measuring 18.5 and 19-inches. Zach used minnows for bait and weighed his catch at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Dan Potter of Ocean Pines, MD caught his first keeper flounder of the year, an 18-incher, while fishing from his kayak just south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Dan used a bucktail tipped with a minnow during the outgoing tide. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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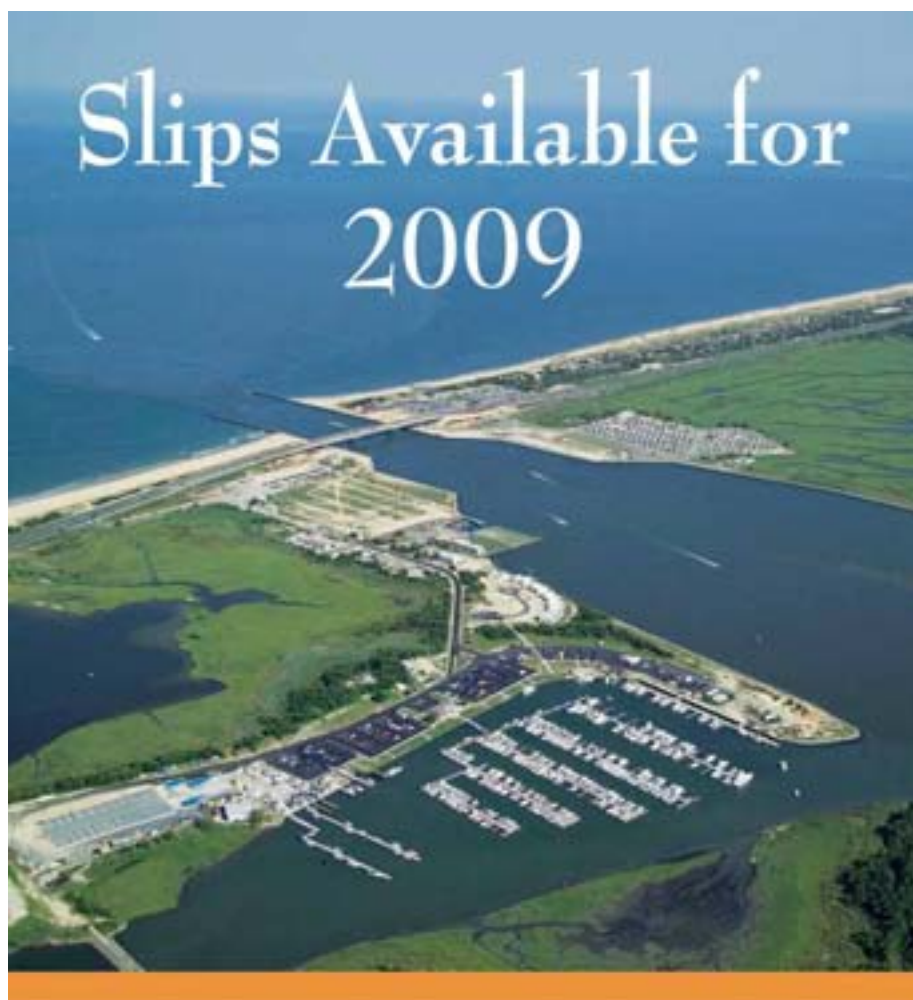
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Randy Jensen took first place honors in the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament that ended on June 12th. Randy landed a 7.87 lb. flattie and won \$1,000 for his effort. Pictured with Bill Baker, Jr. of Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.



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David Bixler of Carlisle, PA caught this 347 lb. thresher shark while fishing inside the Lightship, using whole bunker for bait. David was fishing on the "On Delivery" with Capt. Mike Rivera and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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Alan and Jackie Poulson from Hallwood, VA, Jack Lynch from Parsonsburg, MD and Curt Conley of Harrington, DE had a great trip fishing out of Greenbackville, VA on the "Topless" with Capt. Perry Romig and Mate Kyle Krabill. The group ventured down to the Norfolk Canyon where they put 10 yellowfin tuna in the box and released 5 others. The yellowfins were caught on ballyhoo.



Shawn Thomas of San Antonio, TX muscled in this 45-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Topless" with Capt. Perry Romig and Mate Kyle Krabill.



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