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During the 4th day of fishing in the 2014 White Marlin Open, John Bayliss from Bayliss Boatworks landed this 78 lb. white marlin and held on to win 1st place in the White Marlin Division and a check for \$1,290,411. John was fishing on the "Dream Time" with Clint Evans, Mike Atkinson, Brad Adam, Capt. Rob Mahoney and mates Sean Dooley, John Bayliss, Jr. and Cordes Lucas. The 71 1/2-inch white marlin was caught on a naked ballyhoo in 47 fathoms inside the Wilmington Canyon and was the only qualifying white marlin caught in the tournament. Pictured at the scale at Harbour Island.



Nadia, Reese, Cassidy, Stella and Caden Cote joined their dad, Sylvain Cote for a fun day of flounder fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Tyler Hasenei. They ended up with 5 keeper flounder in the box measuring between 16 and 19-inches. The fish were caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mullet and bunker in the Middle and East Channels. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Zach Elliott, age 10, took his first offshore trip and was rewarded with a 46 lb. wahoo while trolling ballyhoo at the Hot Dog. Zach was fishing on the "No Shop Talk" with Bill Elliott and Noah, Nate and Derrick Morris. Noah and Nate Morris each caught a dolphin during the trip in addition to releasing a sandbar shark. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Blake Witcraft, age 5, Burton Witcraft and Jack Strouse ventured out with John Monroe to the Jackspot where they boated dolphin, bluefish and false albacore tuna. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Steve Fink caught his limit of 4 flounder (2 pictured) with 2 coming from the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge and 2 caught in the Fenwick Ditch. All of the fish were hooked on live bunker and measured 17 to 19 1/2-inches.

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Jesse Laur from Mt. Airy, MD captured this 21.5 lb. dolphin on the 1st day of the 2014 White Marlin Open while fishing on the "Nati-Boht" with Gerry Inglesby, Capt. Todd Gillespie and mate Karl Zierfuss. The dolphin made the mistake of attacking a naked ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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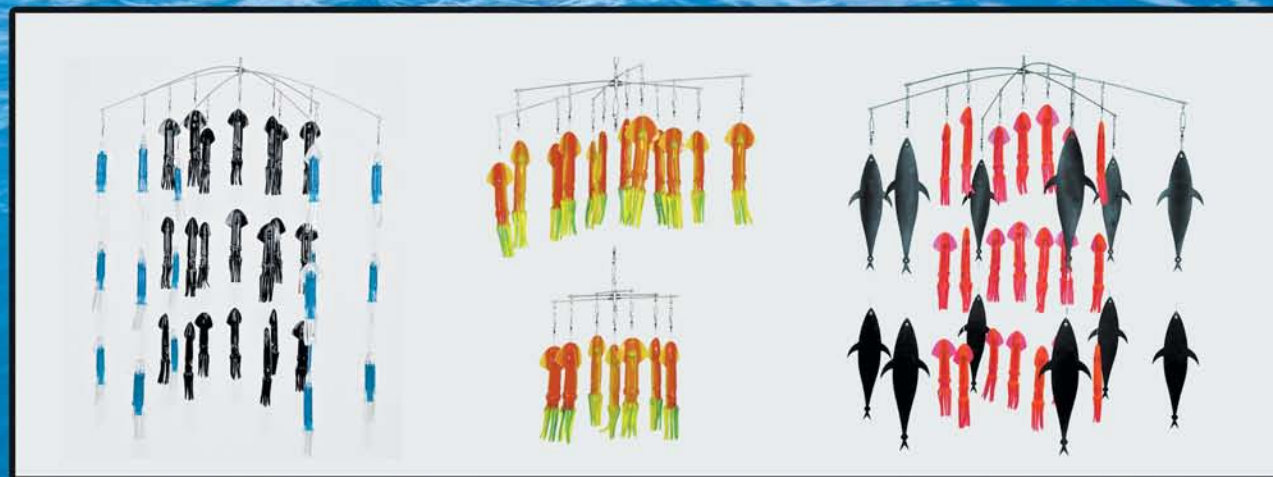
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This 46.5 lb. wahoo fell at the hands of Jim Rodgers of Landenberg, PA while fishing with Ed Specht of Doylestown, PA. The speedster was hooked on a naked ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Joe Coyle was working shiners and squid at Site 10 off the coast of Delaware when he hooked into this 6 lb. 6 oz. flounder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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BY LARRY JOCK



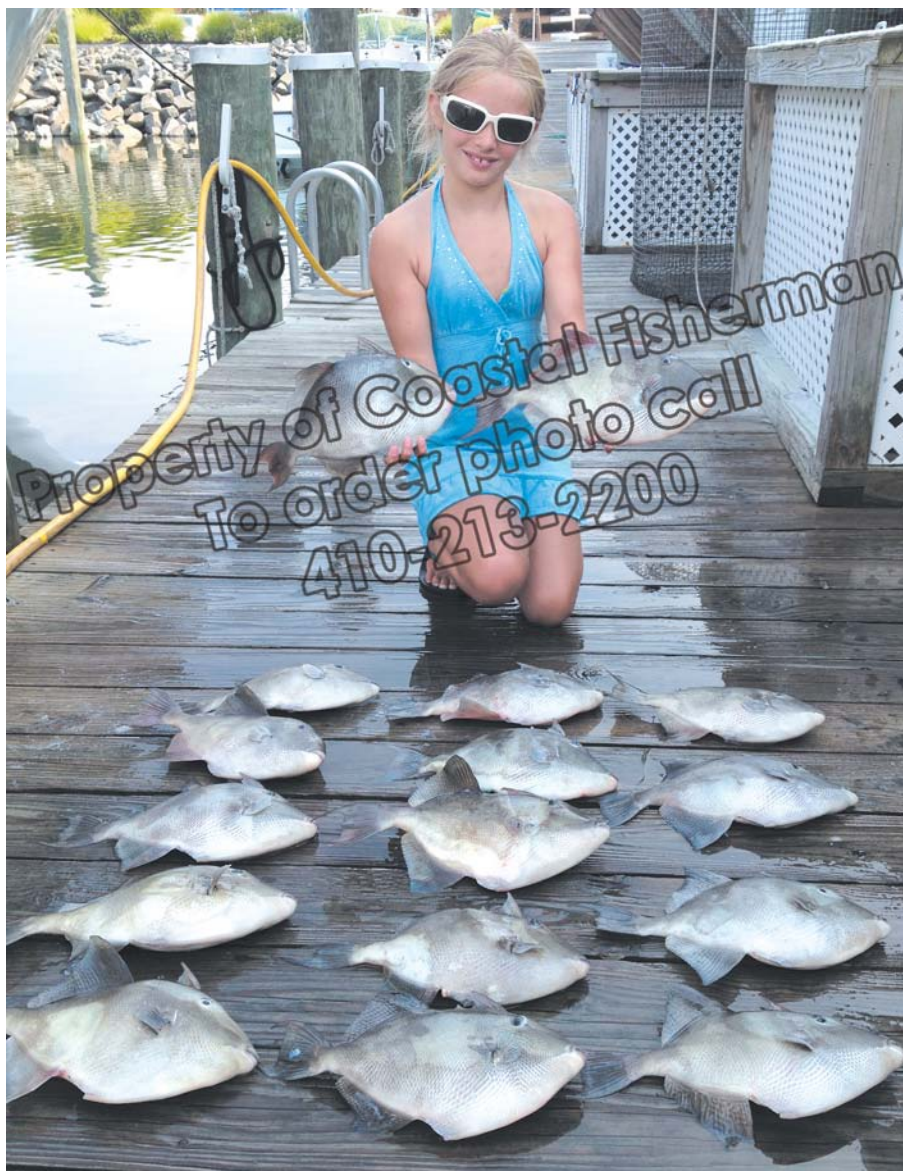


The 41st Annual White Marlin Open is in the books, and the action at the scales was both exciting and surprising, depending on the day.

Everyone was nervous when the first 3 days saw no qualifying white marlin weighed. Several were brought to the scales that reached the minimum length requirement, but did not meet the minimum weight of 70 lbs.

On Thursday, the 4th day of the tournament, the "Dream Time", a beautiful 80-foot Bayliss, arrived at the scale with John Bayliss' 71.5-inch white marlin that weighed in at 78 lbs. Capt. Rob Mahoney said that they hooked the winning white marlin in 47 fathoms inside the Wilmington Canyon. Bayliss' fish ended up being the only qualifying white marlin caught in the tournament and won the "Dream Time" over \$1.2 million dollars.

On Monday, most of the action centered around bigeye tuna being caught in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons and points in between. "Burn n Bills" arrived with a 170 pounder caught in the Wilmington Canyon and ended up winning the Small Boat Tuna Division. Right behind them was the "Plane Simple" with a 182 lb. bigeye, caught in the Baltimore Canyon and held on to win 2nd place in the Tuna Division. The "Constant Threat" then came to the scale with a 183.5 lb. eyeball, caught



Jordyn Disney was fishing with Darren Disney at Kelly's Reef when they ended their day with 16 triggerfish in the box, all hooked while using sand fleas for bait.

between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. The anglers had to sweat out the next 4 days before winning 1st place in the Tuna Division. Unfortunately for them, they were not in the tuna calcuttas, so their winnings were only \$2,000 compared to the 2nd place finishers who took home

close to \$400,000. The third place tuna was a 180 lb. bigeye caught on the "Pez Machine", also on Monday, while fishing in the Wilmington Canyon.

The only qualifying shark weighed in the tournament was a mako that was caught in the Norfolk Canyon on Monday aboard the "Edge Ryder II".

Tuesday was a relatively quiet day with not much

activity at the scale. Ken Lord on the "Iceman" did weigh what ended up being the 1st place wahoo when he brought in a 66 pounder. The rest of the day was dominated by good size dolphins and white marlins that did not qualify.

Wednesday originally looked like a good lay day with bad weather forecasted, but conditions changed on Tuesday afternoon and 120 boats headed offshore. The "Trophy Hunter" ended up weighing the 1st place dolphin, a 38 pounder caught in the Norfolk Canyon. We also saw a few bigeyes, between 160 and 170 lbs., hit the scale before the lights went out.

Thursday was an exciting day with 2 blue marlin arriving at Harbour Island in addition to Bayliss' winning white marlin. The "Gratitude" showed up with a 738.5 pounder that was caught between the Wilmington and Spencer Canyons. The fish ended up in 1st place in the Blue Marlin Division and was caught at the same time, only a 1/4 mile away from the 3rd place, 564.5 lb. blue marlin caught on the "Generation". Finally, on Wednesday the "Evidently" weighed a 34.5 lb. dolphin that ended the tournament tied for 2nd place.

Historically, the final day of the White Marlin Open always sees some exciting changes to the leaderboard and this year was no exception. "Off the Hook" weighed a 34.5 lb. dolphin to tie the "Evidently" for 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. Their mahi was caught between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. The "Shadow Fax" arrived a short time later with their 43.5 lb. wahoo, caught in 90 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon, and won 2nd place in the

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Wahoo Division. A few non-qualifying white marlin were weighed before the crowd was on it's feet, watching "Rhonda's Osprey" pull up with Lawrence Julio's 723.5 lb. blue marlin that took over 2nd place in the Blue Marlin Division. The blue marlin was caught on a Pakula lure in the Baltimore Canyon and took 1 hour to get to the boat.

Overall, it was another fun tournament to witness with 288 boats competing, 26 more than last year.

Tuna

As stated earlier, most of the tuna action in the WMO was in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. Over the weekend, we continued to see yellowfins caught by chunkers in the Wilmington Canyon, but also in the Washington Canyon as well. The best bite was early and the whales were still in the Wilmington when the "Reel Chaos" boated 10 yellowfins on Sunday. The "Boss Hogg" also had 10 yellowfins caught while chunking during the morning in the Washington Canyon. They added to their good time

by catching a load of blueline tilefish, sea bass and a couple of dolphin.

Flounder

Flounder fishing continues the typical summer tradition of smaller fish in the bay and larger ones being caught on ocean structure. Although the reef sites off the coast of Ocean City are holding nice fish, the better catches are coming in from Site 10 and Site 11 further north off the coast of Delaware. If you want to stay closer to home, the African Queen, Russell's Reef and the Bass Grounds have all been producing good catches of flatties.

In the bay, it looks like the charter boats are doing best when drifting in the Middle Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Most of the fish are in the 16-18 inch range, but a few nice ones are sprinkled in like the one caught at press time, a 25-inch, 6 lb. fish landed behind the Ocean City Airport. Minnows continue to be the top producer lately with white or pink Gulp! Swimming Mullet or live bunker coming in a close

second.

Upcoming Tournament

This week is the 21st Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open at Bahia Marina. This is the largest ladies only billfish tournament in the world and is always a great tournament to both participate in and also watch at the scales. The tournament is Thursday, Friday and Saturday with lady anglers allowed to fish 1 of the 3 days. Weigh-ins are Bahia Marina each day from 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Right after the Poor Girl's Open is The Mid Atlantic, formally known as the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000. This is a 5-day tournament, beginning on Monday, with weigh-ins each night at Sunset Marina from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. With the tournament being held in Cape May, NJ and in Ocean City, MD, it appears a rivalry has formed in recent years between the 2 sites and Ocean City has come out ahead for the past several years. This year should also be competitive, so the action at the scales could be very exciting.

See you at the scales!

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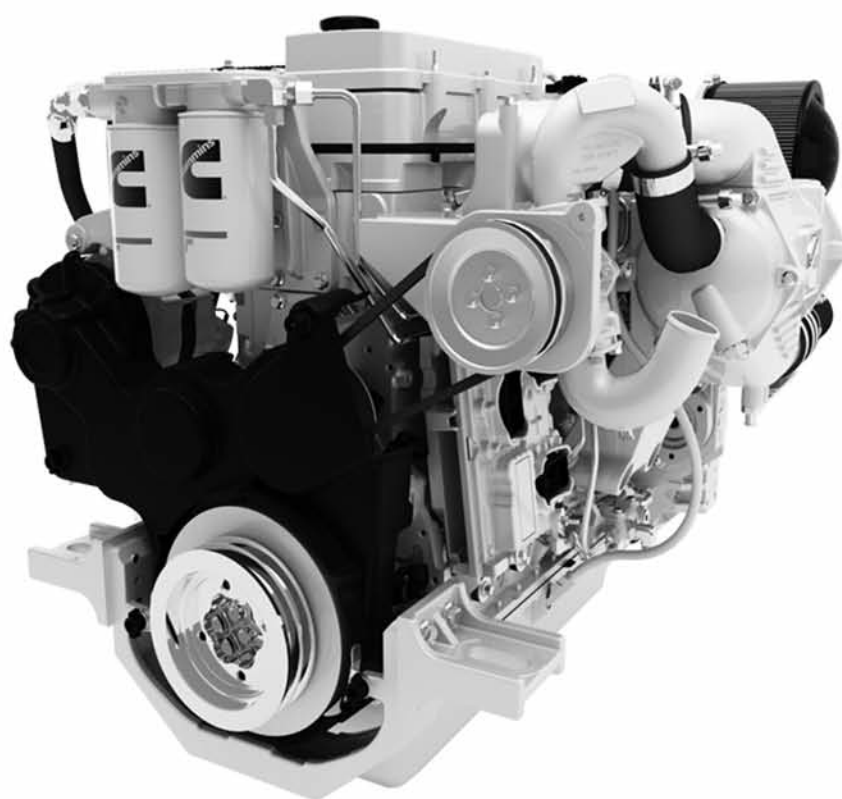
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I would say, on the whole,

for the average angler, "no." That does not mean I would not suggest using it. I would highly recommend using it in combination with your minnow or shiner bait. Many anglers use a high/low rig and put a live minnow or shiner bait on the bottom hook and a Gulp! 4-inch Swimming Mullet bait on the top hook. I like to slide a 4-inch Swimming Mullet on the hook first, just like you would slide any soft body on a jig head, and then attach my live minnow or frozen shiner to the hook. That's called a sandwich bait or a combination bait! It also gives you a larger bait, which hopefully will give you a chance to catch a bigger flounder! Bigger bait = bigger fish!

Flounder will eat only Gulp! on some days and other days they prefer real bait. That's why most good anglers and charter boat captains take both real and fake bait out with them to see which is working the best on that particular day. PLUS, you need a little finesse to work the Gulp! in the water. It's almost like a subtle twitch of your rod tip to make the Gulp! Swimming Mullet dance without jerking it all over the place and moving it too fast. Some anglers, fishing in relatively shallow water, which some locals call the "flats"

(water that is 4 to 7 feet deep) fish with a lead head and a Gulp! Swimming Mullet. Berkley Gulp! actually makes lead heads for their product and they work great. You can bait up with just Gulp, or fish with a combination bait of live minnow and Gulp!. Cast the lead head away from



the boat, and work it in slow. Or if the tide is running hard, simply drop it down and work it up and down off the bottom, letting some line out as you work it.

Some people also do this with a Spro bucktail in the ¾ to 2-ounce range in the bay. Offshore on the artificial reef sites, you can use the Spro

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bucktails in the 3 to 6-ounce range. When I am offshore, I like to use a long strip of fresh bait, such as sea robin, flounder, dolphin, bluefish or croaker belly along with a 5-inch Swimming Mullet. Slide the Swimming Mullet on first and then attach the strip of bait, hooking it only once so it dangles off the hook. Never bunch the strip bait up! (Hint: Change your strip bait if it gets muddy or has been on the hook for a long time.)

"Can I use Berkley Gulp! for croaker?"

You can, but they will tear up your Gulp! bait in a heartbeat. Keep jigging up and down until you hook them. It would be a lot easier on your pocketbook to use Fishbite Bloodworm, Fishbite Crab or Fishbite Clam because they stay on the hook a lot longer. Croaker eat about anything and a combination of Fishbites and squid will be a whole lot more economical.

"Can I use Berkley Gulp! for stripers?"

Sure, I would suggest using Berkley Gulp! in place of any soft body and attach it to your lead head or bucktail and use it like a lure. If you are fishing at the Inlet or off the Route 50 Bridge at night, this will work. Go to the Berkley Gulp! selection in your favorite tackle store and choose the Gulp! that best mimics the soft body you are using.

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"Can I use Berkley Gulp! in the surf?"

You can use it for stripers on a lead head and fish it like a lure. Other than that, you will be better off with Fishbite Bloodworm in the surf. Plus, once a snapper blue clips off the tail of your Gulp, it loses it's action. You can waste a lot of Gulp! in the surf without ever catching anything!

The one most important thing to know about Gulp is that like any other bait, you need to change it once in a while. When using Gulp! we call it "rejuvenating!" Take your Gulp! off the hook and put it back in

the juice in the package or tub and let the Gulp! soak the new juice back up. Then you can use it later.

The other two things you need to remember about Gulp! is that if you leave them on your hooks after you are done fishing, they will get as hard as cement and then they are very hard to get off your hook. Always take your Gulp! off the hook and put it back in the package or tub at the end of the day. If you are using the package of Gulp!, always seal it back up, or they will dry out and be useless to you.

Another nice thing about Gulp is that you can mix colors in your tub or package and they will not bleed on each other!

"What's the best color?"

White by far, then chartreuse. Pink would come in third.

Good fishing...

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Ella Hazlett caught a 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder on a strip of cut bait while fishing at the Star Site in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Bill Quinn from Bear, DE was fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Jacob Sturgill when he hooked this 25-inch flounder on a live minnow in the Ocean City Inlet.

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Nick Strait and Ethan Davis hooked a pair of mahi weighing 15 and 18 lbs. while trolling at the Hot Dog on the "Chasin' Tail" with Capt. Mike Faust. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Capt. Brent Wiest often catches the largest flounder during his trips on the charter boat, "Katydid" and this day was no exception. Brent caught this 6 lb. 3 oz. flattie while drifting squid and shiners at Site 11 off the Delaware coast. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Bo Remsburg and Michael Liebenderfor caught 4 keeper flounder while drifting with minnows in the Middle Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The junior anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Evan and Nolan Best ventured down from New York and took a trip on the charter boat, "Whatever" with Capt. Jeff Hurley. The duo ended their trip with a pair of flounder, measuring 19 and 23-inches, along with a load of crabs.

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This group of anglers on the headboat, "Flounder Pounder" had a great day fishing in the East Channel with Capt. Chase Eber, landing 7 keepers while using squid and shiners for bait. Pictured are Brad and William Bemserderfer, Brittany and Ted Schlitz, Joseph Prevatte and Morgan Meekins. Brad's flattie led the way, coming in at 24-inches. Pictured at the dock at Hooper's Crab House.



This 5 lb. flounder fell at the hands of Elijah Brown while fishing at a Delaware Bay reef site aboard the charter boat, "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Bryce Pack ventured all the way from Abilene, TX and caught this nice flounder while fishing with minnows in the Broadkill River. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Mike McIntyre caught this 68 lb. yellowfin while chunking in the Washington Canyon last week. Mike was fishing on the "Blue Runner" with Brittany Buchholz.



Brad Drotar of Perry Hill, MD captured this 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.

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Gulnaz Usmanova, Kim Benton, Anna Merrick, Taylor Cox, Anton Bozhko, Vaily Nikolaev, all from the Bethany Surf Shop, had a fun day fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mate Anthony Frascatore. The anglers caught 12 yellowfins and released an 80-inch white marlin.



Jeff Ring was fishing on an ocean wreck with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Nick Pfeiffer on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" when he muscled in this 26-inch, 6 lb. 4 oz. flounder after fooling it with a bucktail tipped with squid. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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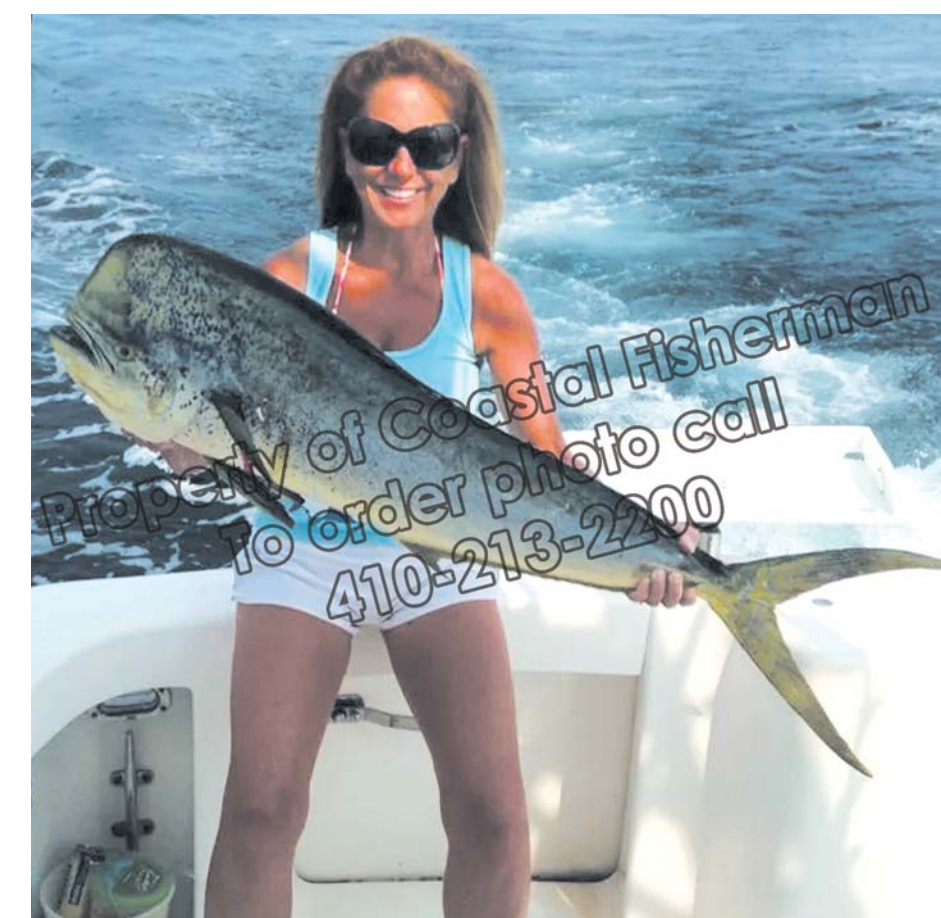
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Bill and Tyler Northsea from Gainesville, FL caught a 23-inch flounder and an 18 lb. dolphin during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins (pictured) and mates Jake Shaffer and Jake Knox. The dolphin was caught on clams and the flounder ate a strip of cut sea robin. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Lynn Runk was fast on her feet, beating her husband, Mike Runk and Bill and Bradley Hubbard to the rod to land this good size bull dolphin while fishing on the "Second Chance". Lynn caught the mahi 14 miles off the beach on ballyhoo dressed up with a purple and black sea witch.

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Dave Taylor, Sr. from Dewey Beach, DE, Ray Talabis from Timonium, MD, Nick Bankert from Baltimore, MD and Dave Taylor, II from Towson, MD caught 10 yellowfin tuna, 2 dolphin and a load of sea bass and blueline tilefish while fishing on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" with Capt. Tucker Colquhoun and mate Will Wangel. The fish were all caught in the Washington Canyon with the tuna being fooled on the chunk and the sea bass and tilefish hooked on squid. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On opening day of the 2014 White Marlin Open, Tom Long of Annapolis, MD boated a 76.5 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Jackal" with Richard Olson, Brian Wentworth, Alex Clark, Tom Wootton, Capt. Kevin Clark and mate Mike Riley. The yellowfin attacked a trolled ballyhoo in 600 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.

OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



On Saturday, this 15 lb. mahi was hauled in by Jessica Hitchcock of Ocean City, MD while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.



John Cacchio of Richboro, PA captured 2 flounder, measuring 19 1/2 and 20-inches, while fishing with a bucktail tipped with a white Gulp! artificial bait at the African Queen.

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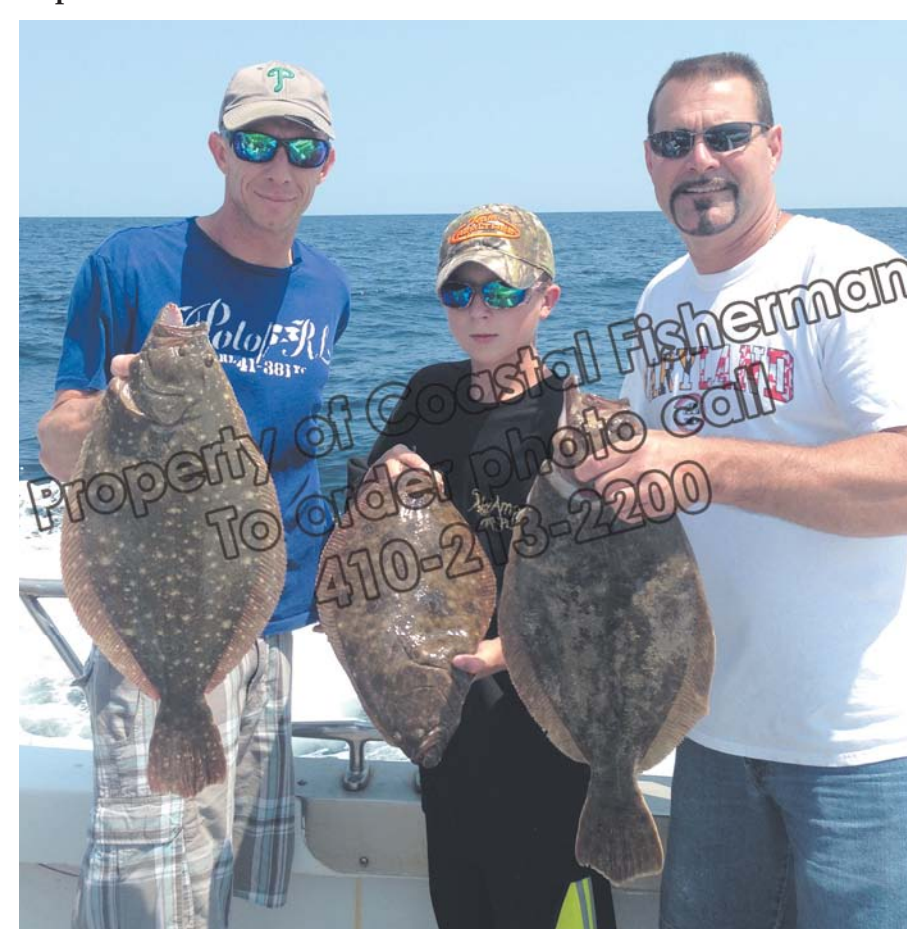
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Ed McNulty of Philadelphia, PA, Byron Toler from Glen Burnie, MD and Vince Sarro from Queenstown, MD each caught big flounder during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. Ed's flattie led the way, coming in at an even 6 lbs. Byron's flounder weighed 4 lbs. 8 oz. and Vince's tipped the scale at 4 lbs. 12 oz. All were caught on an ocean wreck while using flounder belly for bait. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in downtown Ocean City.

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Jennifer, Marc, Arne and Tyler Lassen joined Trent Hoffmeister for a trip on the "My Cin" with Capt. Dave Black and mate Mike Aikens and landed 2 dolphin weighing 26 and 32 lbs. Marc also released a white marlin during the trip.



On the final day of the 2014 White Marlin Open, the crew on the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" arrived at the scale with a 25 lb. dolphin and ended the tournament in 5th place in the Dolphin Division. Joe Yakim of Bel Air, MD hooked the mahi on a naked ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon while fishing with Paul Lebling, Ayron Pryor, Kurt Wallace, Jim Herald, Scott Steele, Cliff Wallace, Mike Merollini (not pictured), Capt. Steve Selander and mates Chris Watkowski and Robby Paquette. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Steve Terriault from Crownsville, MD, Chuck Carlson from Riva, MD, Chris Dubosq from Trappe, MD, Bruce Boyd from Royal Oak, MD, John Cuttrel from Middletown, NJ and Eric Werner from Tilghman Island, MD caught 10 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" with Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr. and mate Richie Hastings. The yellowfins were caught on the chunk in the Wilmington Canyon where they found 78.5-degree water. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Camden Eberly and Marty Kvesko, both from Ocean City, MD were fishing on the "Last One" with Capt. Dave Williams and mate Jason Bloom when they found 78.6-degree water at the 3rd Lump. The anglers ended up hooking 2 dolphin on trolled ballyhoo with the largest mahi tipping the scale at 19 lbs.

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Gregg, Peter and Caleb Cempa joined up with Jody Leonard for a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Nick Pfeiffer and ended their day with 16 flounder and a couple of sea bass. The flounder weighed up to 5 lbs. 8 oz. and the sea bass each weighed 4 lbs. All were caught on an ocean wreck while using squid and Gulp! for bait. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Andrea Monetti used a squid and shiner combination to fool this 5 lb. 10 oz. flounder while fishing at a Delaware Bay reef site aboard the charter boat, "Katydid".

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Jim Edwards from Sedalia, MO caught this cool looking flounder, weighing 4 lbs. 12 oz., while fishing on the charter boat, "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlevek. The two toned flattie was hooked on a strip of squid at the Old Grounds and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Richard Spilman and Chris Varacco were chunking with cut sea bass at Russell's Reef and returned with 2 cobia, weighing 27 lbs. and 37 lbs. 8 oz. They also landed a 14 lb. dolphin. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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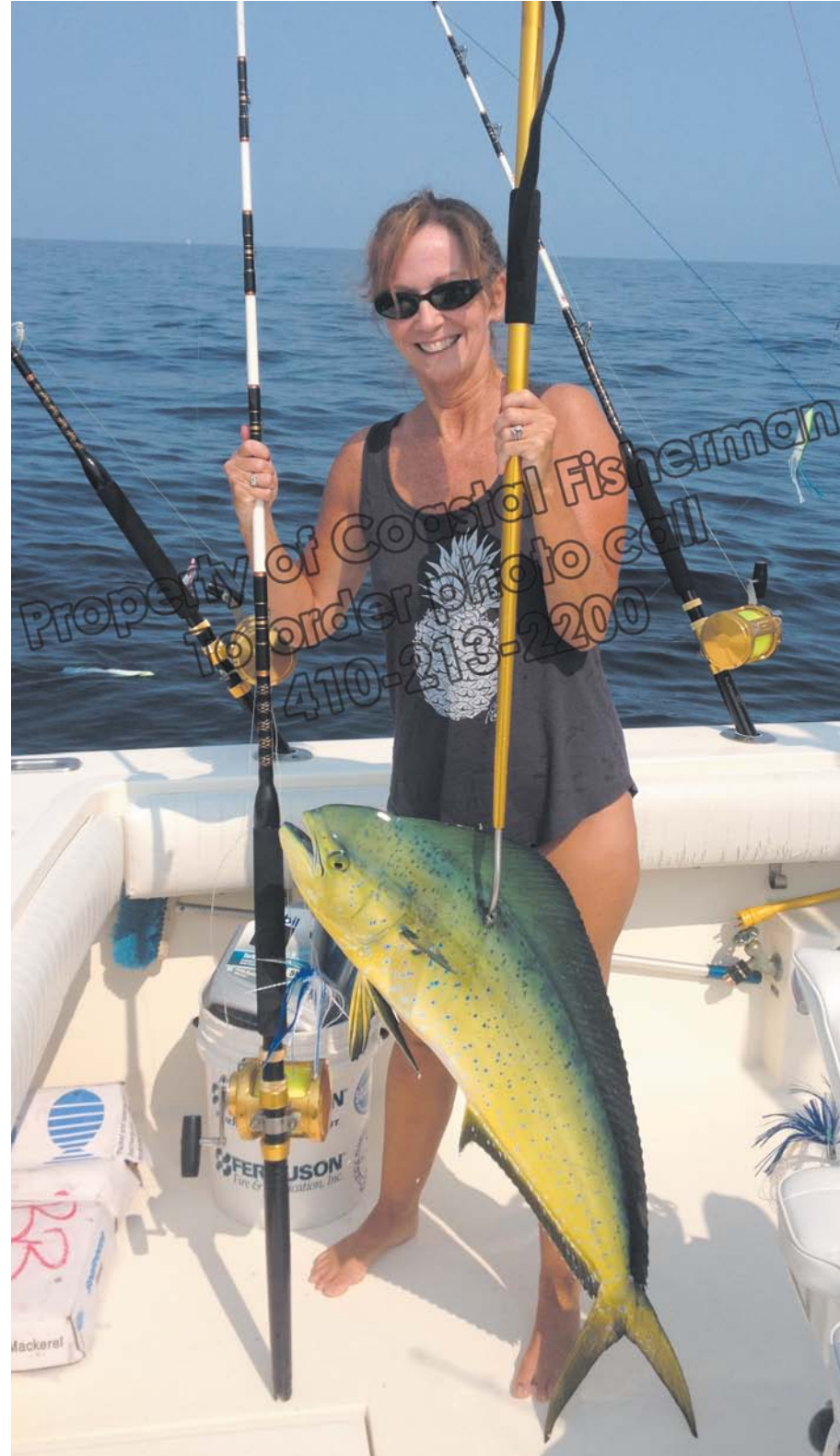
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Joann Jordan was fishing on the "Redemption" with Capt. Joe Jordan when she boated her first mahi on a trolled, skirted ballyhoo just outside the Hot Dog.



Price Lindsay used a Gulp! and mackerel strip combination to fool this 9 lb. flounder while fishing at Site 10 off the coast of Delaware. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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BY LARRY JOCK

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said it may sound like a broken record, but flounder action is as good as it gets! Strong full moon currents made for tough fishing in the Delaware Bay, but it didn't bother ocean flatfish, and fluke fed hungrily through the end of the week. Not only were there big numbers of fish caught, but severable sizeable specimens were brought back as well.

Steve Friend and Price Lindsay worked the popular Reef Site 10 on Saturday, and were rewarded with an impressive limit. Their take included a 9 pounder for Price and Steve's awesome 10 pound doormat (see picture on right). Gulp! and strips of cut mackerel proved to be the downfall of those big fluke. Reef Site 11 off the Delaware coast yielded many flatties during the week too. Captain Brent ran the "Katydid" to that location regularly and returned with boat limits just about every trip. Those catches increased the growing amount of flounder brought in by the boat so far this summer, and Saturday's group helped Captain Brent hit the 1,000 mark. They added another 40 fish limit to bring the total number of keepers aboard the "Katydid" this season to 1,008. Captain Brent recorded flatfish of 6.2 and 6.8 pounds himself from Site 11 in the past few days. Congratulations to the



This 10 lb. doormat flounder fell for a big strip of cut mackerel from Steve Friend while fishing at Site 10 over the weekend. This was Steve's personal best and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

crew.

Many limit catches hit the cleaning table at Lewes Harbour during the week, with numerous nice fish. "Top Fin" Captain Pete Haines had a 6.9

pounder. Art Shapiro scored one weighing 6.07 lbs. and Scott Ayars had a 5.5 pounder at Site 10. John Jacobs used a minnow at the Outer Wall for his 6.6 pounder. Bobby Bryant boated

a 5.6 pounder. Robert Karpovich captured a 5.88 pound fluke from an ocean reef and Renee Pergeorelis put a 5.5 pounder in the cooler.

In addition to reef structure, live bottom of the Old Grounds was pretty productive. Captain Brian worked the Old Grounds Saturday on the "Lil' Angler", and had his 24 flounder limit after only a few drifts. With perfect drift conditions on Sunday, Wayne DeMarco, Paul, Joe and Renee Pergeorelis and Josh Wilkers jigged a limit of fat fluke on the Old Grounds and were back at the dock by lunchtime. Renee was on a roll, and after catching the largest fish Saturday, she did it again with flatties weighing 5.12 and 5.63 pounds. Bucktails adorned with a 6-inch Gulp! or a smelt did the trick.

In the Delaware Bay, reefs 5 and 8 held croakers, spot, spike trout, blowfish and kingfish. Paul Matthews checked in a chunky 1.22 pound citation kingfish. Some decent triggerfish also came from the sites, such as Sarah Canale's 3.38 pounder caught on the "Angler". Flounder bit on reefs during slack water and the first half hour of moving current, but then it was over. Tog action was slow, but some triggers came from the Ice Breakers and Outer Wall. Snapper bluefish chased silversides in the rip at the north end of the Wall and in current swirls around the Lighthouse. They would respond to bucktails and flashy metal lures like Kastmasters and Stingsilvers.

Offshore, yellowfins were caught late in the day among the whales in the Wilmington

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Canyon. Geoff McCloskey and his crew aboard "Tutta Benne" found the whales at dusk in the Wilmington on Saturday, and deployed live spot to hook three husky yellowfins weighing 56, 68 and 69 pounds. Captain Brent had the "Katydid" in the Wilmington Canyon on Sunday and also found yellowfins with whales. His guys chunked butters and sardines to connect with 5 stout tuna weighing up to 72.7 pounds. They already had the big fish box filled with blueline and golden tilefish up to 25 pounds, so with yellowfin icing on the cake, they headed for the dock, in anticipation of a long night at the cleaning table.

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Jeff Schmidt of West Ocean City, MD was fishing with live bunker when he nailed this 20 1/4-inch flounder while fishing off the 2nd Street bulkhead on Saturday.



Chris Zellner, Larry Wehr, Larry Lacey, Raymond Shirk and Capt. Mark Hess decked 4 longfins and a yellowfin while fishing at the Rockpile aboard the "Slaughterhouse".



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We don't see too many blue runners off the coast of Delmarva, but with warmer water this summer, Joe O'Brien was able to hook this 4 pounder on a chugger lure while fishing on the charter boat, "Lil' Angler" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



A box crab dropped at the Outer Wall by Booker Bookwalter was the fatal mistake made by this 7 lb. 7 oz. tautog before being weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Vance Jenkins, age 9, was fishing with his dad, Randy Jenkins around the South Jetty when he boated a couple of 17-inch weakfish after hooking them on Yo Zuri Crystal Minnow lures.



Addison and Brynll Lane returned to the dock with 2 keeper flounder after catching them on pink and chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullets off Martha's Landing. The girls were fishing with their parents, Nick and Lara Lane of Georgetown, DE and Admiral Susie Cropper of West Ocean City.



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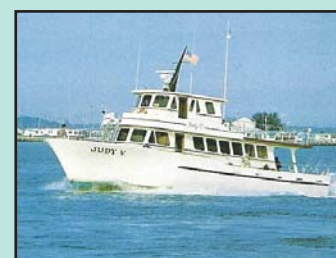
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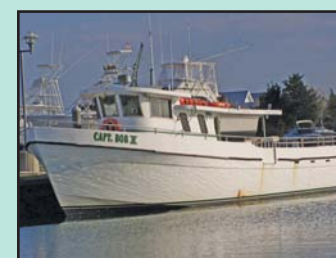
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Vickie Rothchild from Pasadena, MD and Debbie Walls from Ridgely, MD caught 3 flounder, weighing up to 4 lbs. 10 oz., while drifting live bunker in the East Channel. The lady anglers were fishing on the "One More Drift" with Preston Walls. Photo courtesy of Adam Hoerner at Bahia Marina.



On the 1st day of the 41st Annual White Marlin Open, Todd McConnell of Pitman, NJ boated a 164.5 lb. bigeye tuna while fishing on the "Seakeeper" with Brian Stevens, John Bosely, Paul Pesce, Capt. Pete Nolan and mate Brook Stevens. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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This 24.5-inch flounder was decked by Garrett Hoffman of Deep Creek Lake, MD while fishing with live bunker around the Rt. 50 Bridge on the "Gracealicious".



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Bo Schultz from White Marsh, MD was fishing at the Rt. 50 Bridge with his son, Doug Shultz when he landed this 8 lb. bluefish. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



Readers of the Coastal Fisherman this season have followed the fantastic flounder fishing for anglers on the charter boat, "Katydid" out of Lewes, DE. This group of flounder fanatics helped Capt. Brent Wiest hit the 1,000 mark with their 40 fish limit caught at Site 11, bringing the total number of keeper flounder this season to 1,008. Pictured are Ian and Lauren Wolk, Joe McNeal, Tyrone Waters, Charles McLeod, John Gudknecht and John Furbush. Capt. Brent Wiest, mate Chris Vann and anglers Bob Cannon are not pictured. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Matt Aquino of Hartsdale, NY must have slept good last Monday night after battling this 152 lb. bigeye tuna for 6 hours on 30 lb. test line. Matt was fishing on opening day of the 2014 White Marlin Open aboard the "Incorrigible" with Brandon Hodges, Paul Adams, Greg Fellers and John Gazbrowitz when he hooked the eyeball on a trolled ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Bob Meyers is all smiles after landing this 3 lb. triggerfish at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay while using sand fleas for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Kelsey Boehm of Finksburg, MD loves to fish but isn't too keen on touching her catch as shown by the 17-inch flounder she landed in the East Channel on a pink, Gulp! Swimming Mullet.

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Randy and Daniel Button from Kent Island, MD were on their way back from flounder fishing at the African Queen when they came upon this 38 lb. cobia at Great Gull Shoal. The anglers were able to hook the "Man in the Brown Suit" with a white bucktail. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.



Billy Harding of Smyrna, DE was fishing with live spot in the Indian River Inlet when he hooked into this 28-inch, 6 lb. 8 oz. flounder. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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1 large egg
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¼ tsp. salt
½ cup cubed fresh pineapple
1/3 cup ketchup
1 tsp. soy sauce

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place a wire rack on a large baking sheet; coat with cooking spray.

Place cereal in a large zip-top bag, roll with a rolling pin until crushed.

Place crushed cereal, rind, and ¼ tsp. pepper in a shallow

dish.

Combine juice and egg in another shallow dish and stir with a whisk.

Sprinkle fish evenly with ¼ tsp. pepper and salt.

Dip fish in egg mixture; dredge in cereal mixture.

Arrange fish on prepared rack; bake for 12 minutes.

Combine remaining ½ tsp. pepper, pineapple, ketchup and soy sauce in the bowl of food processor until smooth.

Serve ketchup mixture with fish sticks.

Serves 4.

Low-Fat Clam Chowder

4 lbs. clams, scrubbed
2 large red-skinned potatoes, peeled, cut into ½ inch cubes
1 slice lean bacon, chopped
1 medium onion, diced

1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. fresh thyme
2 bay leaves
1 cup fat-free half and half
Salt and black pepper
4 tsp. butter sliced
2 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley
2 TBSP. chopped fresh chives
½ tsp. paprika

Place the clams and 2 cups of water in a large pot.

Cover, bring to a boil; cook 5 minutes.

Uncover and cook until clams open (discard any that do not open).

Transfer clams to a bowl and pour liquid into a large measuring cup.

This makes 3 cups; add water if necessary.

Wipe out pot.

Pour the liquid back into the pot through paper towel-lined sieve.

Add potatoes, cover, simmer until tender.

Remove 1/3 of the potatoes.

Continue to cook remaining potatoes until soft.

Puree in batches in a blender until smooth.

Return soup to the pot.

Cook the bacon until crisp.

Add onion and celery, cook until soft.

Add the garlic, thyme, and bay leaves, cook 3 more minutes.

Add bacon mixture and reserved potatoes to the soup.

Cover, cook 5 minutes.

Remove clams from their shells and roughly chop.

Stir the clam meat and half and half into the soup, remove from heat, cover and set aside. 20 to 30 minutes.

Serve topped with a slice of butter, parsley, chives and paprika.

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basil, mint, and or
chives
2 TBSP. white wine vinegar
1 tsp. lemon zest
2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice
¼ tsp. dried crushed red
pepper
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tsp. salt, divided
2 lb. peeled and deveined
large raw shrimp
3 TBSP. olive oil
½ tsp. black pepper
2 lb. small tomatoes, sliced
or quartered
Garnishes: fresh dill, basil,
mint and chives

Coat cold grill grate with
cooking spray.

Preheat grill to 350 degree
heat.

Whisk together olive oil and
next 6 ingredients in a small
bowl; whisk in ½ tsp. salt.

Arrange tomatoes on a large
serving platter or large bowl
and drizzle with ¼ cup
vinaigrette.

Sprinkle with salt and
pepper to taste.

Toss shrimp with 3 TBSP.
olive oil, ½ tsp. black pepper,

and remaining ½ tsp. salt.

Grill shrimp, covered with
grill lid, 2 minutes on each side
or just until shrimp turn pink.

Toss grilled shrimp with
remaining vinaigrette and
arrange over tomatoes.

Serves 6.

Grilled Tuna with Potatoes and Tomato Relish

1 small red onion, vertically
sliced
4 tuna fillets
1 lb. small red potatoes
1 TBSP. chopped fresh
thyme
2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive
oil, divided
1 tsp. salt, divided
½ tsp. black pepper
1 pint grape tomatoes,
quartered
2 TBSP. finely chopped
fresh mint
1 TBSP. capers, chopped
2 tsp. sherry vinegar
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
Cooking spray

Place onions in a small

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Shirley Herbert of Berlin, MD was flounder fishing with her husband, Bruz Herbert and her dog, Chance when she landed this 24-inch, 4 lb. 15 oz. flounder on a minnow in the East Channel.

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bowl; add water to cover.

Let stand 30 minutes. Drain. Set aside.

Preheat grill to medium-high.

Pat fish dry with paper towels.

Boil potatoes in a large saucepan.

Simmer until tender.

Drain; cool slightly and cut potatoes in half.

Combine potatoes with thyme, 1 TBSP. olive oil, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/8 tsp. pepper in a bowl, tossing to coat.

Thread potatoes onto 4 (6 in.) skewers with cut side facing out.

For the relish, combine onion, remaining 1 TBSP. oil, 1/8 tsp. salt, 1/8 tsp. pepper, tomatoes, mint, capers, vinegar, and mustard in a bowl; toss gently. Set aside.

Sprinkle remaining salt and pepper evenly over fish.

Place fish and potatoes, cut sides down, on grill rack coated with cooking spray.

Cover and grill potatoes 6 minutes without turning.

Grill fish 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Serve the tuna with the potatoes and top with the tomato-onion relish.

Serves 4.

Mahi-Mahi Panini with Vegetables

1 small eggplant or zucchini

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Salt

1/2 to 3/4 lb. skinless mahi

Extra-virgin olive oil

1 large red bell pepper or 2 canned pimentos

1 (10 in.) round, crusty loaf of bread

1 tsp. capers

6 to 8 black or green olives, pitted

4 to 6 anchovy fillets or to taste

4 canned artichoke hearts, rinsed

2 or 3 thick slices fresh tomato

Chopped parsley, or basil

Black pepper to taste

Juice of 1 lemon

Rinse the eggplant or zucchini and slice it lengthwise; place in a colander and salt liberally.

Let sit 30 or 45 minutes; rinse and dry.

Preheat grill, heat should be moderate.

Marinate the fish in 2 TBSP. of oil. Grill the fish for 2 or 3 minutes per side (mahi is white when done).

At the same time, oil the eggplant lightly and grill it until lightly browned on both sides.

Grill the red peppers until skin blackens and blisters all around.

When the peppers are cool enough to handle, peel and core them; cut into strips.

Cut the bread in half horizontally.

Remove some of the white

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crumb from each half to make the bread somewhat hollow.

Then build the sandwich, placing the mahi, eggplant, artichoke hearts, tomato, herbs, salt and pepper.

Drizzle liberally with more oil and sprinkle with lemon juice.

Close the sandwich and wrap it well in aluminum foil.

Place it on a plate, with another plate on top, and weight the second plate with whatever is handy, to make 15 lbs. or more.

Let sandwich sit overnight or refrigerate if the room is warm.

When ready to eat, unwrap and cut into wedges.

Serves 4.

Holiday Shrimp Bisque

- 6 TBSP. olive oil
- 4 cups chopped green onion
- 6 cloves garlic, chopped
- ¼ to 1 tsp. cayenne pepper, to taste
- 2 lbs. shrimp, shelled and deveined



Charlie, Hank and Jason Brinkman, Bob Shaw, Rob Barb, Sr., and Rob Barb, Jr. returned to the dock with a sea bass, 3 dolphin and a 57 lb. yellowfin tuna, all caught on trolled ballyhoo outside the Great Eastern Reef. The anglers were fishing on the "Overboard" with Capt. Dustin Lorah and mate Trevor Stauffer.

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Sarah Canale is all smiles after landing a 3 lb. 6 oz. triggerfish while fishing with clams at a Delaware Bay reef site. Sarah was fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. D.J. Churchill and weighed her catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.

½ cup brandy or cognac
 ½ cup dry sherry or white wine
 1 stick butter
 ½ cup flour
 4 cups whole milk
 1 (6oz.) can tomato paste
 4-8 cups seafood stock or more as desired
 Worcestershire sauce and hot sauce on the side

In a medium skillet, heat the oil over medium-low heat.

Add the onion and cook until tender but not brown, stirring frequently.

Add the garlic; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.

Add the cayenne and shrimp; cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add alcohol; cook 3 minutes.

Remove from heat and set aside.

In a large stock pot over medium-low heat, melt the butter.

Add the flour and stir constantly for 1 minute, until it forms a thick, creamy paste.

Gradually add the milk,

starting with a few tablespoons at a time, stirring constantly until smooth and thickened.

Stir in the tomato paste; stir well to dissolve.

Slowly add the seafood stock or water as desired (usually a total of 7 cups).

Serve hot with Worcestershire and hot sauces on the side.

Serves 13-16.

Flounder with Herbed Couscous

¾ cup loosely packed Italian parsley
 2 scallions including green tops, chopped
 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
 4 TBSP. canola oil
 2 ¼ cups water
 1 ¼ tsp. salt
 ¾ tsp. black pepper
 1 1/3 cups couscous
 2 lbs. flounder fillets cut in 4 pieces
 ¼ cup flour

In a blender, puree the parsley and scallions with the lemon juice, 2 TBSP. oil, ¼ cup

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water and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. each salt and black pepper.

In a medium saucepan, bring remaining 2 cups water to a boil with $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. salt and $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. pepper.

Stir in 3 TBSP. of the parsley puree and the couscous.

Cover, remove from heat and let sit for 10 minutes.

In a large nonstick fry pan, heat remaining 2 TBSP. of oil.

Sprinkle fish with remaining salt and pepper.

Dust fish with flour, shaking off any excess.

Saute fish until brown on both sides.

Serve flounder on couscous with remaining parsley puree on top.

Serves 4.

Stir-Fried Shrimp with Garlic and Green Beans

1 lb. large shrimp, shells on
1 cup water
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. sugar
2 TBSP. soy sauce
1 clove garlic, sliced
1 tsp. salt
1 TBSP. dry sherry

2 tsp. sesame oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. green beans, trimmed
2 TBSP. peanut oil
2 TBSP. minced garlic
1 TBSP. peeled and minced fresh ginger
 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. chili-garlic paste
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup minced scallions, green and white parts
Juice of $\frac{1}{2}$ lime

Peel shrimp and simmer the shells for 5 minutes.

Drain and reserve $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of the liquid.

Marinate shrimp in mixture of $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. sugar, 1 TBSP. soy sauce, garlic, salt, sherry, and 1 tsp. of sesame oil.

Parboil the beans for 1 minute, then plunge them into ice water.

If they are large, cut them in pieces.

Preheat wok or 12 inch skillet over medium-high heat.

Add 1 TBSP. of peanut oil and raise heat to high.

When it begins to smoke, add the garlic, the shrimp and its marinade.

Cook shrimp 1 minute on each side.

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Abby and Pete Roskovich boated a pair of flounder during a trip to the Thorofare where they fooled the flatties with 4-inch white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts during the incoming tide. The flounder measured 18 and 20-inches.

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Jim Nalles from New Freedom, PA captured this 5 lb. sea bass while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The knothead made the mistake of attacking the strip of squid that Rich was dropping on a natural ocean reef.

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Spoon shrimp out of wok or skillet.

Put the remaining peanut oil in wok, still over high heat, and when it smokes, add the ginger, followed immediately with the green beans.

Cook, stirring occasionally, until they are lightly browned, then add the shrimp stock; let it bubble for 1 to 2 minutes.

Return the shrimp to the wok or skillet; add the chili-garlic paste, scallions, and the remaining sugar and soy sauce.

Cook 1 minute.

Turn off heat, drizzle with the lime juice and the remaining sesame oil and serve.

Serves 4.

Sea Bass with Pasta

- 2 TBSP. oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, cut in chunks
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- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
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- ½ tsp. black pepper
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- ¾ lb. sweet potatoes, peeled
- 2 cups canned chick peas, drained
- 1 lb. sea bass fillets, skinned, cut into cubes

In a large pot, heat oil over low heat.

Add onion and bell pepper; cook, stirring constantly 4 minutes.

Stir in paprika, coriander, cayenne, ginger, cinnamon, black pepper and 1 tsp. salt.

Add broth, tomatoes and

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sweet potatoes.

Simmer until potatoes are almost tender.

Stir in chick peas, fish and remaining ½ tsp. salt into the sweet potato mixture. Simmer until fish is just done, about 4 minutes.

Serve the fish and veggies over any small pasta, such as orzo, cooked according to package directions.

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BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON



Most of the time, when anglers in these parts talk about "structure fishing" they're referring to the many artificial and natural reefs and wrecks that lay off our coastline, anywhere from less than one to as many as thirty or more miles offshore. Some of these structures can produce fish 12-months of the year and at times prove to be a paradise for fish as well as for the fishermen who happen upon them when they are loaded up with hungry tenants. Black sea bass, flounder, triggerfish, spadefish and tautog are the fish most anglers associate with this type of habitat, but as seasoned anglers know, from striped bass to bluefin tuna, when conditions are right, anything that swims

might be found on, in, over or around underwater structure.



Although offshore wreck and reef fishing is pretty much reserved for those who have boats capable of safely carrying them out into the ocean, folks who have small bay-type boats, or, for that matter, no boat at all, shouldn't feel slighted that they don't have access to good fishing structure because the inshore waters hold plenty of opportunities for anglers to fish on structure if they wish to

pursue it. Inshore structure fishing is different than what is done offshore in both what is being fished over, how it is fished and often what is being fished for, but it's structure fishing none the less and at times can be just as, if not more productive, than what's done offshore.

When considering inshore structure, most anglers will likely think first of the Ocean City Inlet's stone jetties as well as the Rt. 50, Assateague and Rt. 54 Bridges. All of these structures feature key elements that help make them annual destination spots for both fish and fishermen, including solid mass that allows for the attachment and growth of marine plants and animals, good current flow through the area with still-water eddies that form behind various parts of the structures, areas of both deep and shallow water and plenty of places for fish and other

marine animals to hide from larger predators. Another good thing for fishermen is that these fishing-holes are easy to locate. At least I hope no one needs a GPS to find the Rt. 50 Bridge!

Other inshore structures that can hold fish, or at least give them a reason to hang out for a while, include wood, steel and stone bulkheads, piers, hard bottoms covered by mussels or shells, any kind of debris on the bottom and aids to navigation such as the chains and anchors of floating buoys or the wooden poles for day-board markers. Even the edges of shoals or marsh-banks that have been carved steep or undercut by strong currents can create an environment that holds a bunch of fish or gives a few of them a place from which to hide and ambush their prey.

Fishing inshore structure usually requires that anglers first consider the current and

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come up with a strategy that will allow their baits, lures, flies or whatever they'll be fishing with to get down to the fish and work properly once it's there. Since the size and position of most bay structure is seldom conducive to drift-fishing, anglers fishing from boats will usually find that the best way to position themselves is to either anchor the boat or hold it in position with their motor. When fishing bay structure, an electric trolling motor can be a huge asset when trying to hold position.

In most cases anglers will want to position themselves up-current of the structure and then either drift their baits back to it or cast their artificials beyond it and crank them back into the current. Since no scrap of cut bait is going to drift against the current, anglers should allow them to float naturally back from their boat to the structure and any waiting fish. Lures, however should normally be cast beyond the structure and then cranked back against the flow of water, which gives the artificial the best action and allows it to be worked slower and remain in the strike zone longer.

Some of the bay's most productive and heavily

fished structure is that which is located in or close to the inlet, such as the stone jetties, the Rt. 50 Bridge along with the steel bulkhead just north of it, and the stone seawall off Martha's Landing at the south end of Gudelsky Park. At one time or another, everything that swims will poke around these structures but they are most known for producing tautog, small sea bass, sheepshead, stripers and bluefish. Structure in other parts of the bay is more likely to be frequented by sea trout (weakfish), stripers, bluefish, flounder and drum.

Both in the bay and on the ocean, "structure" usually equals fish and the key to getting those fish on the line is working a strategy that allows one to effectively fish the different structures under different conditions of wind, current, tide and the problems associated with having other fishermen and/or boaters nearby. Like anything else, "practice makes perfect" and the more experience one has with fishing a particular piece of structure, the more they will learn how and when to get the most out of it.

Captain Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat "Fish Finder".

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Satellite Communications

It started back in February and is now a reality, the new satellite hotspot devices have arrived! Six months ago, two major satellite communication carriers announced new, similar products that would let customers use voice and data through these new devices that communicate with satellites high in the sky.

The new Iridium Go! and the Globalstar Sat-Fi are both great products with reasonably priced hardware and air time plans.

If you plan to get one of these devices to surf the internet, you will be disappointed. The data speeds are very slow compared to what we are used to with cable modem and 4G phone service. Globalstar and Iridium use data compression to help the transfer of data, but actual speeds are slower than the days of the dial-up modem. Globalstar advertises their data speed is 4x faster than Iridium Go!, but still only 9.6kbps. While some limited web browsing may be possible, it will be slow. Emails with text should be fine, although picture attachment will require a small file size.

While there are significant differences in the products, but some basic functions are the same. These new devices consists of a small antenna mounted with a clear view of the sky to send and receive signals from the boat to the Globalstar or Iridium satellites orbiting the earth.

The antenna connects to a small, below deck device (black box) powered by the boats electrical system. This hardware device has a built-in Wi-Fi router, creating it's own wireless network (hotspot) aboard the boat. It's a very simple system. The rest of the system hardware is up to you, so you will need to bring your own device (BYOD).

Iridium Go! and the Globalstar Sat-Fi both have applications (apps) that run on Apple or Android smart phones, tablets etc. It is these apps that connect you to the hardware and allow you talk on the phone, send email or browse the internet. You will use your everyday iPhone or Android phone too make and receive satellite calls through the satellite hotspot. This also allows you to have your address book and contacts available for satellite calls too. For example, you would get on your boat, turn on the new satellite system, take out your smartphone, connect to the

boats Wi-fi system with a password, open an app to make a call or send email through the satellite system.



The Globalstar system hardware is designed to be permanently mounted below the deck. The hardware is a black box, about 6" square and 2.5-inch tall, with one button/indicator light on the front and power and antenna connections on the back. The box has a Wi-Fi coverage range of about 100 feet. The box is designed for 12volts dc power and comes with adapters to permanently wire the device, a cigarette lighter style plug for temporary installation and a wall adapter for connecting to household power. The external marine antenna is about 10" tall and designed to fit on a standard marine mount. Two small coax wires run from the antenna and connect to the below deck hardware. The Sat-Fi system allows up to eight users to be connected at once to the hotspot, though all users share one satellite phone line.

The Iridium GO! Hardware is designed to be mobile, with a built-in antenna and battery. The device is heavy duty, designed to be

used outside in weather and rain, meeting military-grade ruggedness (MIL-STD 810F) and Ingress Protection (IP65). The device is hand held, measuring 4.5" x 3.25" x 1.25" and weigh about 10 ounces. There is a small display on the unit to show signal strength and battery life along with other information. The rechargeable battery has about 6 hours of talk time and 16 hours of standby time before a recharge is needed. An optional power cord is available to provide constant power from the boat. Additionally an external antenna is also available that will allow you to mount the unit inside the boat. The Go! system allow up to 5 users to be connected to the system at one time.



Both of these systems have excellent coverage in the United States and offshore waters, though the Iridium system has coverage that extends around the entire globe, where the Globalstar coverage only extends through the Bahamas and Caribbean and does not currently include Central America. Be sure to check the coverage maps from each provider.

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remember the poor coverage and unreliable satellites from Globalstar in the past. Last year, Globalstar completed the launch of its second generation of 32 Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) satellites. These new satellites are designed to last for 15 years, twice the lifespan of Globalstar's first-generation satellites.

The Iridium Low earth orbiting satellite constellation consists of 66 active satellites, providing global coverage. Next year, Iridium plans to begin launching new satellites as part of the upcoming NEXT constellation, a second generation system to replace the older satellites constellation that was launched in the late 1990's.

So how much does this all cost?

The Iridium Go! Hardware has a list price of \$899. The Iridium service plans start at \$50/month and go up to \$200/month. The upper plans include unlimited data and pre-paid plans are also available. The optional external marine antenna, adapter and cable starts around \$500.

The Globalstar Sat-Fi has a list price of \$999 and includes everything you need for a permanent marine installation. The Globalstar price plans begin at

\$40/month and go up to \$150/month with unlimited voice and data. Globalstar also has annual plans with the same pricing but the minutes and data can be used anytime in the year.

While these plans and hardware may not be cost justifiable for everyone, the costs are significantly less than the conventional voice and data satellite systems that are in the \$17,000 (KVH TracPhone V3IP) range and service that runs thousands of dollars a month.

Does it work?

A recent install of the Globalstar Sat-Fi went smoothly after working through the limited documentation provided by Globalstar for set-up and configuration. Yes, the system works good so far. Phone calls are clear, with only a slight delay (voice calls are made using Voice Over IP or VoIP similar to Vonnage, Skype etc). The Iridium Go! just started shipping last week and I do not yet have any first hand reports as of yet.

Captain Steve Katz is the owner of Steve's Marine Service and holds NMEA MEI, AMEI, NMEA2000 certificates, ABYC Master Technician certification and factory training from many manufacturers.



Rich Hellwege of Rehoboth, DE and Courtney Jackson of York, PA each caught a 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder and Bob Telford from Pocomoke, MD landed his limit of flatties up to 4 lbs., all while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizark and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The flounder were caught on cut bait at an artificial reef.

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For complete Maryland Fishing Challenge rules and online registration information, go to:

www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/challenge/



Croix Souders of Boonsboro, MD took his first offshore trip last week and was rewarded with an 8 lb. dolphin and a false albacore caught on trolled feather at the 1st Lump. Croix was fishing on the "Islander" with his mom, Melinda Kendle, David Klein, Capt. Bill Duncan and mate Rocco Massey.



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Scott Walton from Churchill, MD was fishing with minnows in the bay off 32nd Street when he hooked into this 20-inch flounder.



Christopher Godfrey from York, PA muscled in this 22-inch flounder while drifting bunker in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Christopher was fishing with Steve Fink.



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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass July 25, 2014 Bob Van Allen "Angler" 5 lbs.		May 30, 2014 Adam May "Katydid" 4 lbs. 15 oz.	 Mako Shark <i>100 lb. minimum</i> May 30, 2014 Sean Hogan Baltimore Canyon 314 lbs.		June 8, 2014 Tommy Dukes Baltimore Canyon 317 lbs.
 Tautog February 9, 2014 Bob Rochelle "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 2 oz.		May 10, 2014 Paul Matthews Outer Wall 12 lbs. 13 oz.	 Thresher Shark June 6, 2014 "Fin Chaser" Crew Fingers 610 lbs.		July 2, 2014 Dave Janney "DB" Buoy 417 lbs.
 Striped Bass May 19, 2014 Bob Murphy Assateague Surf 26 lbs. 9 oz.		May 21, 2014 John Green Indian River Inlet 31 lbs. 11 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna May 21, 2014 Francois Aldrich Baltimore Canyon 202 lbs.		May 25, 2014 Geoff McCloskey Wilmington Canyon 114.5 lbs.
 Weakfish May 17, 2014 Dave Watts Rt. 50 Bridge 8 lbs. 2 oz.		June 2, 2014 Joe Larocca Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 8 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna June 20, 2014 Howard Todd Baltimore Canyon 83.3 lbs.		July 26, 2014 Guy Warrington Wilmington Canyon 75.2 lbs.
 Speckled Trout No Weights Reported		May 25, 2014 Nathan Allison Fenwick Ditch 5 lbs. 4 oz.	 Longfin Tuna June 15, 2014 William Karashin "Restless Lady" 57.2 lbs.		June 16, 2014 Addison Baumgardner Poor Man's Canyon 57 lbs.
 Flounder June 29, 2014 Jacob Cockman Ocean City Inlet 9 lbs. 8 oz.		June 29, 2014 Danny Cox, Jr. Site #10 10 lbs. 6 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna July 6, 2014 Keith Puller Washington Canyon 267.2 lbs.		July 1, 2014 Johnny Horning Washington Canyon 253 lbs.
 Bluefish June 9, 2014 Matt Keller "Wrecker" 11.4 lbs.		July 18, 2014 John Lindsay Indian River Inlet 12 lbs.	 Dolphin August 1, 2014 Bernadette Mumford Baltimore Canyon 49.6 lbs.		July 6, 2014 Butch Emmert Baltimore Canyon 56.9 lbs.
 Sheepshead July 11, 2014 Bill Klinedinst North Jetty 14 lbs. 4 oz.		June 8, 2014 Greg Biener Outer Wall 12 lbs.	 Wahoo July 1, 2014 John Schar Rockpile 131 lbs.		July 31, 2014 Jim Rodgers Poor Man's Canyon 46.5 lbs.
 Black Drum May 21, 2014 Marcus Crowley Assateague Surf 80 lbs.		May 25, 2014 Tom Newsham Broadkill Beach 86 lbs. 10 oz.	 White Marlin Most Releases in One Day July 29, 2014 "Let It Ride" 7 releases		June 21, 2014 "First Light" 2 releases

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



Andrea Hastings of Berlin, MD headed down to Marathon Key, FL in late June and caught her first mahi while fishing on the "Canyon Pearl" with Glenn Hastings, Capt. Tom Fowler and mate Gail Fowler. Andrea muscled in the 12 lb. mahi after hooking it on a trolled ballyhoo.



Bob Weaver, Curtis Day and Dan Mattio were fishing in the Thorofare when they caught 4 keeper flounder measuring between 17 and 22-inches. All of the flatties were caught on large minnows during the incoming tide.

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"GRATITUDE"
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\$511,417

2ND PLACE

LAWRENCE JULIO
"RHONDA'S OSPREY"
723.5 LBS.
\$105,539

3RD PLACE

ROBERT GUARINI SR.
"GENERATION"
564.5 LBS.
\$70,526

SHARK

1ST PLACE

SPENCER WATSON
"EDGE RYDER II"
156 LBS.
\$6,500

TUNA

1ST PLACE

DOUG MAZZULLO
"CONSTANT THREAT"
183.5 LBS.
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2ND PLACE

MIKE KALAJAIN
"PLANE SIMPLE"
182 LBS.
\$397,836

3RD PLACE

GREG MELARA
"PEZ MACHINE"
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\$69,210

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1ST PLACE

KENNY LORD
"ICEMAN"
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\$33,640

2ND PLACE

PAUL GENTRY
"SHADOWFAX"
43.5 LBS.
\$32,640

DOLPHIN

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38 LBS.
\$15,656

2ND PLACE

BOB AMBROSE
"EVIDENTLY"
34.5 LBS.
\$14,156

2ND PLACE

THOMAS KERR
"OFF THE HOOK"
34.5 LBS.
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2ND PLACE

LARRY MCKINLEY
"SEA TOY"
455 POINTS
TIME: 11:52

3RD PLACE

KELLI ROOF
"GAME ON"
455 POINTS
TIME: 14:48

TOP RELEASE BOATS

1ST PLACE

"SEA TOY"
945 POINTS
TIME: 13:02

2ND PLACE

"FULL PULL"
770 POINTS
TIME: 12:48

3RD PLACE

"BILLFISHER"
700 POINTS
TIME: 13:39

STATISTICS

**BOATS
REGISTERED**

288

**WHITE
MARLIN**

Boated 11
Released 411
97.39%

**BLUE
MARLIN**

Boated 4
Released 30
88.24%

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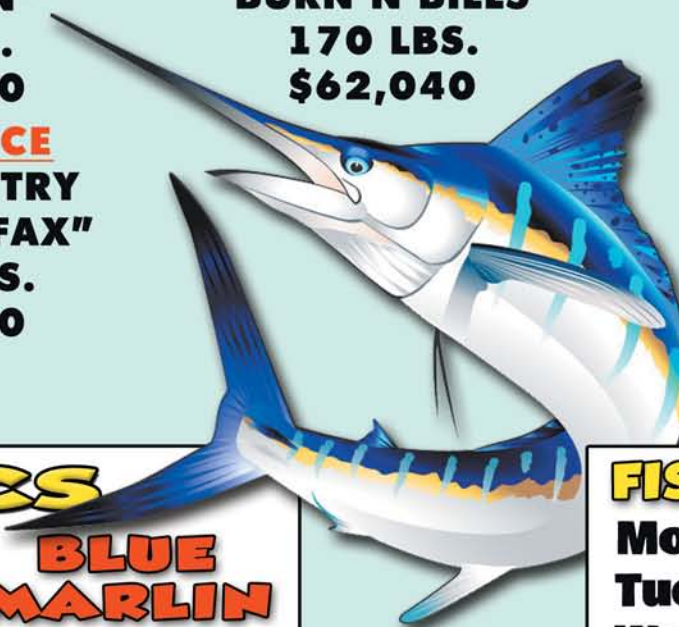
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In the 41st Annual White Marlin Open, Eric Siegel from Aldie, VA boated this 38 lb. dolphin and ended the tournament in 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Eric was fishing on the "Trophy Hunter" with Jeff Snow, Geoff Pence, Bobby DiFebo, Rob Bavar, Mike Killelea, Capt. Kenneth Brown and mates Nick Gowitzka and Barry Daniels. The winning dolphin was hooked in the Norfolk Canyon and earned the team \$15,656 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



On the 1st day of the 41st Annual White Marlin Open, Doug Mazzullo of Kent Island, MD captured this 62-inch, 183.5 lb. bigeye tuna and held on to win 1st place in the Tuna Division. Doug was fishing on the "Constant Threat" with Ken Thompson, Arthur Hamel, Capt. Doug Howell and mate Charlie O'Reilly. The bigeye was hooked on a naked ballyhoo between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons and won the "Constant Threat" team \$2,000 in award money.



On the 4th day of the 2014 White Marlin Open, Sam Lancelotta of Ellicott City, MD showed a lot of patience as this 738.5 lb. blue marlin followed a trolled ballyhoo for a good 3-4 minutes and was finally hooked between the Spencer and Wilmington Canyons. Sam's blue marlin, caught on the "Gratitude", ended the tournament in 1st place in the Blue Marlin Division and was worth \$511,417 in award money. Sam was fishing with Paul Spencer, Danny Gough, Tim Gough, Phil Blevins, Jack Fusco, Capt. Daniel Spencer and mate Austin Robins. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The first boat to arrive at the scales on day 2 of the 41st Annual White Marlin Open was the "Iceman" with Ken Lord's 66 lb. wahoo caught on an artificial lure. Ken's speedster ended the tournament in 1st place in the Wahoo Division and was worth \$33,640. Also fishing on the "Iceman" were Eddie Kaye, Eric Eberspacher, Richard Barnett, Jenni Lewis, Capt. Jamie Harrington and mates Andy Willey and Dave Elliott. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The only qualifying shark caught in the 2014 White Marlin Open fell at the hands of Spencer Watson of Morehead City, NC while fishing on the "Edge Ryder II" with Paul Ordakowski, Capt. Scott Peterson and mate Warren Kibler. The 156 lb. mako shark, caught on the first day of the tournament, was hooked on a chugger in the Norfolk Canyon and earned the team \$6,500 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Lawrence Julio from Reisterstown, MD said that he had a good feeling heading into the 2014 White Marlin Open, and he was right. Lawrence landed this 723.5 lb. blue marlin to win 2nd place in the Blue Marlin Division while fishing on "Rhonda's Osprey" with Brad Julio, Bobby Brown, Jack Melocik, John Facelo, Capt. Joe Drosey and mate Ryan Greenway. The 122-inch blue marlin sported a 68-inch girth and was hooked on a Pakula plug in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Rhonda's Osprey" team won \$105,539 in award money and are pictured at Harbour Island.



On opening day of the 2014 White Marlin Open, Robert Remo muscled in a 170 lb. bigeye tuna and held on to win 1st place in the Small Boat - Tuna Division. Robert was fishing in the Wilmington Canyon on the "Burn n Bills" with Taylor Thornton, Jake Pilkerton, Chester Cernava, Craig Van Pelt, Capt. Bill Thornton and mate Jim Pilkerton. The eyeball ate a trolled ballyhoo dressed up with a Joe Shute lure and took a little over 2 hours to get to the boat. The "Burn n Bills" team took home \$62,040 in prize money for their catch. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Mike Kalajian of Melbourne Beach, FL picked a good time to land this 182 lb. bigeye tuna while fishing on the "Plane Simple" with Brian Baney, Glenn Melrose, Jim Jensen, Robin Barth, Kevin Alberts, Capt. Jimmy Werling and mates Ryan Beal and Noah Beaman. The bigeye, ate a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon on day 1 and ended the 2014 White Marlin Open in 2nd place in the Tuna Division, earning the team \$397,836 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



In the 2014 White Marlin Open, Bob Ambrose from Pasadena, MD boated a 34.5 lb. dolphin and finished the tournament tied for 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. Bob was fishing on the "Evidently" with Preston Schumann, Rob Loudermilk, Frank Wilbourne and Capt. Jason Gartside. The 2nd place dolphin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo outside the Poor Man's Canyon and won the "Evidently" team \$14,156 in award money. Also pictured at the Harbour Island scale is Meade Baldwin and Lloyd Butts.



On the final day of the 41st Annual White Marlin Open, Tom Kerr from Glassboro, NJ captured this 34.5 lb. dolphin to tie for 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. The mahi was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. Tom was fishing on the "Off The Hook" with Chris Winans, Capt. Bob Kelleher and mate Mike Kerr. For their 2nd place finish, the "Off The Hook" team won \$2,500 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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In the 2014 White Marlin Open, Paul Gentry of Snow Hill, MD caught this 43.5 lb. wahoo on the final day of the tournament and ended up winning 2nd place in the Wahoo Division. Paul was fishing on the "Shadowfax" with Mike Simpson, John Simpson, Joe Simpson, Don Werre, Capt. Dave Burkett and mate Johnny Vince. The 2nd place wahoo was hooked on a plug in 90 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon and earned the team \$32,640 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



In the 2014 White Marlin Open, the "Sea Toy" took top honors for Most Release Points in the tournament and was named "Top Boat", scoring 945 points for releases of 9 white marlin, 1 blue marlin and 2 sailfish during their 3 days of fishing in the Norfolk and Washington Canyons. Fishing on the "Sea Toy" were Tommy Fowler (4 white marlin & 2 sailfish), Larry McKinley (4 white marlin & 1 blue marlin), Randy Merritt (1 white marlin), Donna Haffer, Brian McKinley, Dave Wood, Blake Fowler, Brent Hofmann, Capt. Bull Tolson and mate D.J. DeJarnette. The team won over \$69,000 in the tournament and a spot in the Offshore World Championship



Third place in the Blue Marlin Division of the 2014 White Marlin Open was won by Rob Guarini, Sr. of Wildwood Crest, NJ with this 564.5 pounder caught on the fourth day of the tournament aboard the "Generation". The blue marlin was hooked between the Spencer and Wilmington Canyons at the same time, less than a 1/4 mile away, as the 1st place fish caught on the "Gratitude". Rob was fishing with Rob Guarini, Jr., Matt Walsh, Matt Traber, Mike DiPalantino, Craig DeGenova, Jason Kephart, Capt. Brad Wright, mate Shorty and mascots Captain Ranger and Master Chief. For their 3rd place finish, the "Generation" team took home \$70,526 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The top three finishers in the Tuna Division of the 2014 White Marlin Open were all landed on the first day of the tournament when the "Pez Machine" arrived with a pair of bigeyes weighing 178 and 180 lbs. The larger bigeye, caught by Greg Melara of Voorhees, NJ, ended the tournament in 3rd place after being hooked on a skirted ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. Fishing with Greg were Mark Reitter, who landed the 4th place, 178 pounder, Lee and Doug Hitchner, J.P. Brescia, Capt. Stew Hitchner and mates Brian Cartlidge and Doug Adams. The "Pez Machine" team took home a check for \$69,210 for their 3rd place finish and another \$26,884 for their 4th place fish. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Another super moon occurred last weekend. The influence this phenomenon had on local fisheries, is anyone's guess. But as summer presses on, many favorite species are available. Most of the buzz is still focused around the unofficial flounder comeback, which shows no signs of slowing anytime soon.

As the flounder scene continues to sizzle, anglers are thrilled with plentiful bounties of big flatties, with many weighing over 7-pounds rounding out catches. Some super-sized doormats are also available, with some weighing up to 10-pounds hitting the scales last week. Flatfish are striking at jigs and live bait presented along most any structure located in the lower part of the Bay. The Cell area, the CBBT structure and lower

Chesapeake Bay wrecks are just a few of the best flounder hot-spots lately. Some nearshore and offshore wrecks also performed well over the past weeks, while local inlets and shallows are also giving up good numbers of flatfish up to around 20-inches.

The cobia action was on the upswing again last week, with pods of fish appearing on the surface in lower Bay waters and along the oceanfront. Many fish were pushing to well over 50-pounds last week, with a few bruisers skimming the 80-pound mark. Sightcasters are leading the way with solid catches of respectable fish, although this is highly dependent on the cloud coverage. Anglers are reporting that many of the bigger fish are spooky and refusing offerings as these fish begin their late

summer trend of favoring buoys and bridge pilings. Die-hard chummers have scored with a few decent takers last week.

Schools of big red drum are still roaming around the lower Bay, especially near the 3rd and 4th Islands of the CBBT, making easy targets for sightcasters. Schools of jack crevelle were still streaking near the entrance of the Bay last week. Black drum are still meandering around the artificial islands of the Bridge Tunnel, but expect the blacks to begin moving off the islands soon.

Croaker are still available everywhere from the HRBT to the CBBT. The bite out of Oyster continues to yield coolers full of nice hardheads from the deeper part of the channel.

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Medium-sized spot are still hitting near Ocean View, off the Concrete Ships and from Lynnhaven, Rudee and Little Creek Inlets.

Very good puppy drum action is still going on within the Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, with many pups pushing to around 24-inches. These young reds will hit a variety of baits, with fresh cut mullet and Gulp! mullets the top choices lately.

Some speckled trout encounters are also occurred in Lynnhaven and Rudee last week, with nicer specks responding on the Poquoson Flats, Back River, the Bayside and seaside creeks on the Eastern Shore and the Elizabeth River. These fish are back on the menu after enduring a closure of several months.

Interest in spadefish is waning, but nice fish weighing around 5-pounds are still available along the northern span of the CBBT, the four artificial islands of the CBBT and on many inshore structures. Big sheephead are

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	MD	DE		MD	DE
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-	Shark:		
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"	Blue Shark *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
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Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size	Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Cobia	44"	-	Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
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Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	Tuna:		
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Red Drum *	36"	45"	Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-	Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
Speckled Trout	24"	-	White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"			
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still cooperating, with crab, clam, and fiddlers presented along the pilings and tubes of the CBBT enticing bites.

Triggerfish are everywhere on lower Bay structures and inshore wrecks. These feisty fish can be a nuisance, stealing most bait offerings for other species.

Inshore trollers are finding lots of accommodating Spanish mackerel from the middle Bay on out to the Chesapeake Light Tower. With all of the easterly winds lately, a few anglers are also encountering mahi along the Chesapeake Bay buoy line and near the Light Tower and nearby wrecks. Captain Pete Bregant of Virginia Beach earned a citation for a nice Spanish mackerel he landed while live-baiting off the Virginia Beach oceanfront last week.

With a good number of sharks showing in local waters, several varieties of sharks such as sand tigers, hammerheads, black tips and spinners are sniffing out chum slicks along the coastal and lower Bay

waters. Some of these fish are pushing to over 6-feet. Be sure to check these regulations carefully.

Amberjack stretching up to around 50-inches are still providing opportunities on offshore wrecks and at the Southern Towers. Deep dropping is good off Virginia, with big blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, grouper and black-bellied rosefish the norm.

Offshore, billfish action is still heating up, with some white marlin releases, along with a smattering of blue marlin, sails and roundscale spearfish encounters. The best results are still happening using live-baiting techniques. Tuna are still scattered, but the yellowfins hitting the docks are in the 50 to 70-pound class and there are still a few nice dolphin around, along with some wahoo. An occasional big eye is also a possibility

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Lucas Franzetti speared these triggerfish and spadefish at the African Queen with Capt. P.J. Laviola on the "Xstasea".



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Sat. August 16	Low 06:47 am Low 07:33 pm	High 12:46 am High 01:34 pm
Sun. August 17 Last Quarter	Low 07:42 am Low 08:36 pm	High 01:42 am High 02:42 pm
Mon. August 18	Low 08:38 am Low 09:38 pm	High 02:43 am High 03:50 pm
Tues. August 19	Low 09:35 am Low 10:39 pm	High 03:47 am High 04:52 pm
Wed. August 20	Low 10:31 am Low 11:35 pm	High 04:45 am High 05:45 pm
Thurs. August 21	Low 11:25 am Low -----	High 05:36 am High 06:30 pm
Fri. August 22	Low 12:24 am Low 12:14 pm	High 06:22 am High 07:11 pm
Sat. August 23	Low 01:07 am Low 12:59 pm	High 07:04 am High 07:48 pm
Sun. August 24	Low 01:44 am Low 01:39 pm	High 07:46 am High 08:23 pm
Mon. August 25 New Moon	Low 02:18 am Low 02:19 pm	High 08:27 am High 08:58 pm
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