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On opening day of the 17th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girl's Open, the lady anglers on the "Fin-ness" really had the crowd buzzing when they released 10 white marlin deep in the Spencer Canyon and held on to win 1st place in the Billfish Release Division. Fishing with Capt. Howard Lynch and Mate Josh Farr were Angela Keith, Isabella Keith, Kasey Keith, Amanda Dorsey, Robin Lee and Alissia Beristoff. The "Fin-ness" released 5 more white marlin than 2nd and 3rd place finishers, "Samurai I" and the "Playmate". For their 1st place finish, the anglers won \$27,275 in award money. Isabella was also named Top Junior Angler for her performance in the tournament. Pictured at Bahia Marina. Full tournament coverage begins on page 24.



# Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



Anglers and crews who fish in big money billfish tournaments like the recent White Marlin Open or this week's Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 often have to rely on quick measurements before deciding whether or not to boat a white marlin. Unfortunately, those measurements, even if accurate, are not always a reliable indicator of weight. To paraphrase an old axiom, it all depends on how a fish carries its weight, or in other words, "it has to be fat all the way back to its tail." An example of this struck home for me at the Open. We weighed two white marlin back to back (actually one was a roundscale spearfish), and they had exactly the same fork length, total length and girth measurements. The only difference was that one

weighed 74 pounds, while the other tipped the scales at 67 pounds, a 7-pound difference. On a 70-pound marlin, that's a full 10 per cent! All I can say again is, look for the one with "a big head and a fat rear end"...



Speaking of marlin tails, Andy "El Cheapo" Szypula is known as the White Marlin Open's number one fan. He has spent a lot of years helping out at the scales, and during that time he has collected several marlin bills and tails, along with a few sets of shark jaws. He dries the artifacts out and uses them to entertain and inform the youngsters in the crowd during slow periods at the scales. This year he had a blue marlin tail that has been stripped down to the bare

essentials, and even I was amazed at the construction of the engine that drives this powerful fish. Each side of the tail consists of at least 20 "bones" (though I'm not sure what material they actually are) that are bundled together by connective tissue. Each one is tapered from about three eighths to half an inch where they connect to a center "bone" out to a point that is actually "feathered". All of the bones are held together by tissue, which was gone in Andy's tail (he had held the original structure together with duct tape, since he said he could never get it back together if it had come apart). Another example of the amazing designs nature has evolved. The "bundle" structure of the tail no doubt gives it more flexibility, and probably even strength, than a single bone would have. Incidentally, he also had a stripped down blue marlin dorsal fin, and each one of the "rays" that stick up and fold down in the fin are connected by a separate joint that allows them to move

independently...



Speaking of marlin, I received an e-mail last week from an organization called "Keep America Fishing". It urged support for a House bill (H.R. 5804), introduced in July by Rep. John Shadegg (R-AZ), which will prohibit the commercial harvest, sale and importation of billfish throughout the United States. It has been illegal to sell marlin caught in the Atlantic Ocean for years, but a loophole in that law allows the sale and importation of billfish caught in the Pacific, as long as the proper paper trail documents where the fish came from. The e-mail says that "according to a study commissioned by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA), the U.S. is the world's largest importer of billfish, buying about 3 million pounds of marlin in 2006 - or between 10,000 and 15,000 fish a year - for sale in restaurants and grocery stores." H.R. 5804,

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Mike Vaughan from Ocean City, MD caught the largest yellowfin tuna so far this year, a 93 pounder, while fishing on the "Evidently" with Capt. John Thibodeau and Mate Mike Wesson. The 52-inch tuna was hooked on a naked ballyhoo in 70 fathoms near the Rockpile and weighed at Fisherman's Marina.

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On Tuesday, August 10th, the crew on the "Partner-Ship" ventured down to the Rockpile and ended their day with a grand slam. Nick Lane from Millsboro, DE released a sailfish and Bradley Layfield, also from Millsboro, DE released a white marlin and a blue marlin. Also on the trip were Troy Purnell from Berlin, MD, Susie Cropper from West Ocean City, MD, Capt. Mark Cropper and Mate Spencer Cropper. The anglers went 1 for 3 on white marlin and hooked it on a naked ballyhoo. The blue marlin, estimated at 175 lbs., was hooked on an artificial lure. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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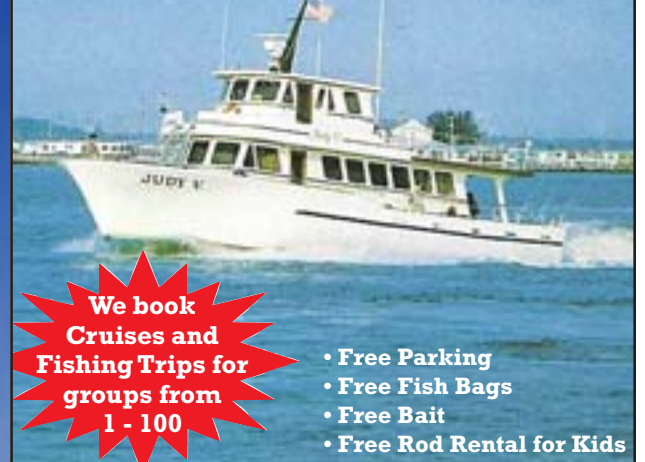
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It's that time of year when we often see strange or unusual fish, sometimes tropical species, as the water is at its warmest. Last week I saw a new one, and I still haven't been able to identify it. Maybe someone out there reading this can shed some light. Capt. Ed "Greenie" Greene of the Ocean City Fishing Center had thrown his cast net over a school of small bunker that he planned to use for chum on a cobia trip. I was watching him pack them for the freezer when I realized there were several other fish mixed in with the bunker. They were about four to six inches long, and they looked very much like small bluefish, except that they sported a bright yellow stripe down their sides, right along the lateral line. I have seen plenty of

juvenile bluefish, and I'm confident these fish were something different. They did have the beginnings of pretty sharp teeth, but the eye was relatively large, larger than on a bluefish. I went to a couple of my books that usually are very helpful, but came up empty. I showed one of the fish to Capt. Mark Sampson, and he had never seen one either. A little help, maybe...?




It has been a very productive year for cobia. It started with the spring migration, when anglers sight casting off Cape Hatteras were catching as many as 40 to 50 fish per day, then moved up to the Chesapeake Bay-Bridge Tunnel, where there was an excellent bite for bottom fishermen in the early summer, and last week sight casters were claiming as many as 15 fish a day. In the past couple of weeks, the bounty has moved up to Maryland and Delaware, where better than normal catches of "ling" (as they are

known in some areas) are coming from areas like Great Gull Shoal and Fenwick Shoal. Most of the local cobia catches have come on boats that were anchored or drifting while chumming and fishing with either cut baits or live baits such as spot, eels or small bluefish. Cobia can also be caught by looking for them near the surface around buoys or even along tide lines. When most people first see a cobia, they often think it's a shark. In this case, you can throw a live eel, spot or bluefish to the fish, but some anglers, especially in the cobia's face, but a little ahead of and beyond the fish. The same works for lures—cast ahead of and beyond the fish,

then bring the lure rapidly on a path that crosses that of the cobia. Hopefully the fish will react to the lure and hit before it realizes what it is. Even if you are bottom fishing with live or cut bait, it is a good idea to keep a rod rigged with an artificial in case you see a fish come up to the surface near the boat. Cobia are attracted to anything floating on the water, including boats, so don't be surprised if you see one suddenly appear. They will also hide under stingrays swimming near the surface, so if you see a school of rays, be sure to check them out. Lastly, if you are lucky enough to get a "cobe" in the boat, be careful, since they are known to go crazy in a cockpit. A gentleman several years ago sent me a graphic photo of a large hook buried in his leg. It was put there by a cobia that was definitely not happy...



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Anglers have been catching a few cobia around Great Gull Shoal and on Wednesday, Kim Bounds from West Ocean City, MD captured this 40 pounder while fishing on the "Moppet" with her husband, E.R. Bounds. The fish was caught on a live spot and weighed at Sunset Marina.



Roger and Trey McKenzie, Brandon Sass, Jen Hoover, Nick London and A.J. Bloom, all from Curwensville, PA had a great trip fishing on the "Samurai I" with Capt. Jeremy Blunt and Mate Mark Stephens. The crew ended their day with 19 dolphin in the box and a blue marlin released by Roger. All of the fish were caught in 50 fathoms near the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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# Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Well, after weeks of excellent fishing, this past week definitely won't go down as one of the best of the season. An abundance of warm water along with an uncooperative Mother Nature, made things challenging.

## Poor Girl's Open

Very rarely do you see a single boat dominate a local tournament, but we certainly saw it in the Poor Girl's Open when the "Fin-ness" took 1st place in the Billfish Release Division, 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Tuna Division and 1st and 3rd in the Dolphin Division. This was some incredible fishing, especially when the crew had to deal with 4-8 foot seas.

On the first day of the tournament, the "Fin-ness" blew away the competition with 10 white marlin releases deep outside the Spencer Canyon in 1,000 fathoms.

On the second day of the tournament, worsening sea conditions prevented Capt. Howard Lynch from getting to his "honey hole", and kept him closer to home in the Poor Man's Canyon. Here, the lady anglers picked up three yellowfin tuna weighing 76.5, 68.2 and 66.0 lbs. They also caught a few dolphin, with the largest weighing 43.5 lbs. All of the fish were fooled with Squidnation teasers and hooked on dink baits.

Overall, you had to admire the lady anglers in this year's tournament. Those that ventured out braved some less than ideal conditions. Others wanted to



**Harry Schneider from Lutherville, MD landed this 10 lb. flounder while fishing near Buoy #4, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The 30-inch doormat was hooked on a live spot while fishing on the "OC Duck".**

head offshore, but their captain decided it was not a good idea.

The big winner of the tournament is the American Cancer Society, with a \$50,000 donation from the tournament.

## Flounder

Now, don't get excited about the flounder you see in the picture above, thinking it was caught this past week, because it wasn't. The 10 pounder was actually caught in mid-July and

we just found the picture. It is the largest of the year so far out of Ocean City.

Unfortunately, this past week was a tough week for flounder fishing, with bad weather creating sub-par water conditions. However, we did see a couple larger fish hit the scales. On Sunday, Zach Baker landed a 26-incher while fishing with live spot between the East and West Channels. This location has been a good spot over the last couple of weeks and tends to be less crowded than the East Channel.

Anglers are still having to weed through a good number of throwbacks to get their keeper. It is still running around 10 to 1.

The good news is that ocean reefs and wrecks are starting to produce some nice catches. The "Morning Star" has been bringing back more and more flounder each day with some making it over 4.5 lbs. In the middle of the week, Sean and Liam Campiglia teamed up to catch a 5 lb. 1 oz. flattie on an ocean wreck while fishing on the "Ocean Princess".

We are seeing some interesting developments regarding flounder bait this year. Sure, the old reliable minnows, squid, shiners and spot will work, but Gulp! baits are really taking the bay fishing world by storm. The Swimming Mullet continues to produce, but anglers fishing with the bigger Gulp! baits are definitely catching larger fish. In particular, we have seen some nice, larger flounder caught on the 6-inch Gulp! Grub. Honestly, it looks like nothing more than a Swimming Mullet on steroids, but it definitely has the attention of bigger flatties. Check with your local tackle shop for availability.

## Croaker

We still haven't seen any good croaker catches this summer and anglers are anxiously awaiting their arrival.

## Cobia

A few cobia are still being caught around the Great Gull area by anglers fishing with live spot. The "Fish Finder", with Capt. Mark Sampson at the helm, seems to have the best bead on the "man in the brown suit", landing another one last week. This one tipped the scales at 25 lbs.

Kim Bounds on the "Moppet" also landed a 40



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pounder in the same area while fishing with her husband, E.R. Bounds.

Unfortunately, Capt. Mark didn't report any more tarpon around the boat and I haven't heard of any anglers that were able to hook one while they were here.

### Sea Bass

It has really been an interesting year for sea bass fishing. Some days it is excellent, but most days it is sporadic. Ocean reefs and wrecks just aren't producing as expected and nobody knows why. Is the water too warm? Are the fish just spread out over more reefs? If anyone has any theories, I'm all ears.

### Dolphin

Like last summer, dolphin seem to be the star of the show this time of year with several boats loading up on bailers. In particular, the headboat "Angler" came back from a couple of trips last week with good catches of dolphin up to 21 lbs. Mate Dean Lo reported that most of the fish were caught on whole squid.

The largest dolphin we saw this week was the 43.5 pounder caught on the "Fin-ness" in the Poor Girls' Tournament. This fish was hooked deep outside the Poor Man's Canyon.

The closest catch to the shoreline that we saw was a 48-inch caught early in the week at the Twin Wrecks.

### Wahoo

We only saw a couple of speedsters caught last week, both by boats out of the Indian River Marina. A 62 pounder was caught on the "Fish Whistle" in the Baltimore Canyon and a 52.8 lb. wahoo was hooked around the Triple Wrecks, which is just east of the Teacup.

### Billfish

Early in the week, the best billfish action was in the Washington Canyon/Rockpile area where several boats recorded multiple releases.

On Tuesday, the "Partnership" recorded a grand slam when they released a sailfish, a blue marlin and a white marlin around the Rockpile.

On Wednesday, the bite moved to the Baltimore Canyon where the "Reel Joy" released 7

white marlin, the "Billfisher" released 6 whites and the "D.A. Sea" released 5 white marlin. Several other boats released a couple of whites and the "Reel Naughty" even picked up a sailfish in 55 fathoms on the 966 line.

As mentioned earlier, the best catch of the week was on the "Fin-ness" when they released 10 whites on Thursday. Capt. Howard has been pretty closed mouth on the location of the catch, understandably so with the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 this week, but most are speculating that he found them deep in the Spencer Canyon. Wherever it was, it was one heckuva a catch!

### Tuna

The yellowfin bite has slowed dramatically over the last week due to poor weather conditions and an abundance of warm water. Early in the week the bite centered around the Washington Canyon/Rockpile area but moved north to the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons by mid-week.

A good bite did pop up in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's over the weekend where the "Canyon Blues" even boated a couple of longfins. The large yellowfins caught on the "Fin-ness" during the Poor Girl's Tournament were caught deep outside the Baltimore Canyon.

The highlight of the week was Mike Vaughan landing a 93 lb. yellowfin in 70 fathoms near the Rockpile on Tuesday. Mike was fishing with Capt. John Thibodeau and Mike Wesson.

### In the Surf

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "In the surf, we're having summertime action with kingfish, spot, croaker, some bluefish (mostly at night), sharks, rays and skates. There were a couple really good runs of croaker on Assatague and the Delaware State Park.

### Upcoming Tournaments

By the time this issue comes out we will be halfway through the 19th Annual Mid-Atlantic \$500,000. Weigh-ins are at Sunset Marina from 5 PM to 9 PM.

The next tournament on the schedule is the Marlin Club Labor Day Tournament on September 4th, 5th and 6th. Weigh-ins are at Sunset Marina.

See you at the scales.



Susan Smith, Charlotte Beck, Lucy Sugiyama, Donna Haffer and Stacy Sweeney had a great day fishing on the "Canyon Blues" with Capt. Larry Weekley and Mate Elson Myers. The lady anglers released 4 white marlin and caught 5 dolphin in addition to Donna and Lucy each landing longfin albacore tuna. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.

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Capt. Pete Haines on the "Top Fin" nabbed himself another nice flattie while fishing with a minnow and strip bait combination over a Delaware Bay reefsite. Pete's flounder weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina, home of the "Lewes Harbour Stretch".

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Alfred D'Amico from Bayonne, NJ (center) released 2 white marlin while fishing on the "Fish Bonz" with his sons, Al D'Amico from Germantown, MD and Charles D'Amico from Bushkill Falls, PA, Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp. The fish were hooked on naked ballyhoo near the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Sean and Liam Campiglia from Haddonfield, NJ teamed up to land this 24-inch, 5 lb. 1 oz. flounder while fishing with live minnows on the "Ocean Princess" with Capt. Victor Bunting and Mate Steve Smyth. Weighed at Talbot Street Tackle.

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Ray Brown from Linthicum, MD, Bob Matula from Putnam Valley, NY, Jake and Sascha Demetris from Gibsonsia, PA and Timothy Wolf from Parkville, MD had a busy day bailing dolphin in the Baltimore Canyon on the "Cah-Ching". The anglers were fishing with Capt. Justin McGinnis and Mate Adam Lankford. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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# Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



When I sit at my desk and decide what to write about, I often think about the most asked question in my tackle store that week. Well, this week has got to be, "What's the best bait and rig to use off the surf?"

Vacationers come to Ocean City and they are staying in one of the condos or hotels that are facing the ocean. The kids play on the beach all day, and Dad wants to try his hand at fishing without driving somewhere, so he decides to fish "out front." Usually he wants to get his family involved in the action as well.



The first thing to know is that it's summertime! There are all kinds of pan fish out in the surf for anglers to catch if they don't go overboard on the hook size. The best rig to start out with is a kingfish rig for the surf, which is a high/low rig made with two size #6 hooks with two small Styrofoam or cork surf floats. At the bottom of this rig will be either a snap or a loop to attach a pyramid or hurricane style of sinker. Sea

Striker makes a dozen different variations of this rig. Assateague Tackle Company makes a regular kingfish rig and a Magnum Kingfish Rig which has slightly larger hooks.

Bait up the kingfish rig with either a real bloodworm or an Artificial Fishbite Bloodworm. The artificial bloodworms are great for the surf. It's like hooking on a little piece of dried bubble gum tape. Once it hits the water it becomes real red and gooey and lets out some secret ingredient that smells just like a real bloodworm. I like to combine this bait with a little tiny strip of box squid or a little strip of fresh or frozen bunker, finger mullet, or spot. Some anglers use just plain box squid, the least expensive of all the baits (\$4 or \$5), and they catch OK. Personally, I'd invest the \$8.00 and buy the Artificial Bloodworm and combine those baits. The artificial bloods



don't go bad and you can save the package and fish later, or even next year!

The thing we hear the most in the tackle store is: "I didn't catch anything!"

Well, what size hook were you using?, we ask. "A number 4/0!"

That's OK if you want to fish strictly for sharks and big rays, and that 1 in a 100 chance of a striper swimming by or the 1 in 1,000 chance of catching a cobia or a big drum. But if you have your kids out there and you just want to catch something, at least try the kingfish rig for a while and see what you come up with. Fish one rod with a big hook and cast out as far as you can throw it, but fish another rod or two with the smaller rigs in close.

"How far do I have to cast?"

Now this is a question that can only be answered by looking at the beach where you are fishing. At low tide, the angler generally can walk far out into the water and cast out as far as he can. You want the bait to be just slightly beyond the crest of the wave (the dark water), just before it hits the shallower water and breaks that create the white, foamy water.

When you are on the beach swimming with the kids, you can really see the contours of the beach at low tide and you can decide where to fish later that afternoon and evening when the lifeguards go off duty. Fishing the beach at the higher tide is always productive as long as you are fishing in a good "hole." At low tide look for pools of deeper water close to shore. Anglers call these troughs. These troughs may only be 3 feet at low tide, but at high tide, they will be deep enough to hold fish. In this instance, you only need to flip out your baited rig a little ways, to "fish in close" to the beach. If you are fishing on a beach where there is a rock jetty, there will usually be a "deeper" side. Note where this is at low tide; then fish the deeper side at high tide. Look for "rips"

where the water sucks out quickly on the outgoing tide and making a strip of "dirty water" (backwash) further out past the "breakers." Fish each side of this "back wash" early in the morning before the lifeguards come on duty (around 10:00 AM) or later after the lifeguards go off duty (around 5:30 PM)

Here's an e-mail I got last week, telling me about a trough that suddenly had fish in it as the tide came in. The fishermen didn't catch keepers, but they didn't care! The angler just wanted his son to catch his first fish! Dave Jermellaro e-mailed in this Assateague report: "I went down to Assateague with my son Max on Saturday. We arrived around 8:30 on the falling tide. I caught a small flounder early and then there was nothing for quite a while. There were some crabs stealing our bait though. When the tide started coming back in, we got into a school of small flounder. They were in a trough inside the bar...fairly close in. We ended up catching 7 more, including Max's first ever, between 11 and 15 inches. We lost 4 more in the wash and had some other strikes where we couldn't hook up. No keepers, but a fun time."

"What kind of fish will we be catching?"

Kingfish (whiting), spot, croaker, sand perch, snapper blues, blowfish, flounder, sea trout, sand sharks, and maybe even a pompano can be caught on small hooks in the summer. With the larger hooks on the extra rod, you can bait up some of the fresh spot you catch or a kingfish head, and go for bigger sharks, big rays, or the lonesome striper that just might be cruising by. Buy a pack of finger mullet and cut it into one inch chunks for snapper bluefish or croaker at night.

Surf fishing is always fun.

Good fishing....

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



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Luke Mergott from Berlin, MD caught a 20-inch flounder and Jake Gaddis caught a 22-incher, both while fishing with Dan Mergott in the bay near Harbour Island.

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Brian Handel from Perkasio, PA caught this big flounder while drifting a live spot near Harbour Island. Brian was fishing on the "Covert Mission" with Jacob Kettner from Parksburg, PA, Walt Handel and John Preston. Pictured at Ake Marine.



Tiernan Brunner from Towson, MD caught this 48-inch dolphin while fishing at the Twin Wrecks aboard the "Old Skool" with Capt. Tony Riggio. Tiernan also released a brown shark and a bonita during the trip.

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Shaun Baynum landed this 66 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on “The Office” in the Poor Man’s Canyon. The fish was caught on a trolled ballyhoo and weighed at Sunset Marina.



Tina Doak from Parsonsburg, MD released her first white marlin while trolling in 80 fathoms between the Poor Man’s and Baltimore Canyons. Tina was fishing on the “But Honey...” with Tyler and John Doak. The group also released another white marlin and a small mako shark during the trip.



Neal Crosley caught this 5 lb. 12 oz. flounder while drifting a minnow and squid combination outside the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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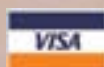


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# The Galley

by Mama Jock



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4 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch cubes  
2 strips bacon, diced  
1 large onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
4 cups chicken stock  
1 (16 ounce) bag frozen corn or kernels cut from 4 ears corn  
1/2 pound raw medium shrimp, peeled  
1 1/2 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. Tabasco  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
2 TBSP. fresh thyme leaves  
2 TBSP. chopped fresh dill  
Garnish, 1/2 cup sour cream, optional

In a stock pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat.

Add sweet potatoes and

bacon and cook for 4 minutes.

Add onion and garlic; cook 2 minutes.

Add chicken stock and cook until potatoes are just tender.

Remove 1 1/2 cups sweet potatoes from pot and mash with a fork.

Return potatoes to pot.

Add corn, shrimp, salt, hot sauce, pepper and fresh herbs, stirring to combine.

Return soup to a simmer and cook 5 minutes; be careful not to over cook.

Serves 10 cups.

## Fried Flounder Sandwich with Remoulade Sauce

Oil for frying  
2 1/2 lbs. flounder fillets  
3 TBSP. seafood seasoning  
2 cups flour  
2 cups panko bread crumbs  
3 eggs beaten

1 large French baguette, cut into 4 servings  
12 tomato slices  
1 small red onion, sliced thin  
8 lettuce leaves

## Remoulade Sauce:

1 tsp. hot relish  
2 TBSP. capers  
2 TBSP. Dijon mustard  
2 tsp. chopped fresh tarragon leaves  
1/2 tsp. chopped anchovies  
Pepper  
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 lemon, juiced  
1 tsp. hot sauce  
1 1/2 cups mayonnaise

Place all ingredients into a blender except mayonnaise; pulse 1 minute.

Place in bowl and add mayonnaise; mix well and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Preheat oil in large saute pan.

Pat flounder with paper towels.

Lightly sprinkle with seafood seasoning on both sides.

In 3 separate bowls, place flour mixed with 3 TBSP. seafood seasoning, panko and 3 beaten eggs.

Dredge fillets into flour, egg, then panko.

Fry in oil for 4 to 6 minutes.

Remove to towel lined platter.

Spread remoulade sauce on both sides of the toasted baguettes, then layer the fish, lettuce, tomato and red onion.

Serves 4.

## Cheesy Crab Sauce Over Beef Fillets

6 beef fillets  
2 TBSP. vegetable oil  
1 tsp. each salt and pepper  
4 TBSP. butter  
1/4 cup flour  
1/2 cup whipping cream  
3/4 cup grated Romano cheese, divided  
1/2 lb. jumbo lump crabmeat  
2 TBSP. chopped fresh chives  
1 TBSP. lemon zest  
2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice

Preheat broiler to 500 degrees.

Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine

fillets, oil, salt and pepper, making sure fillets are well coated.

In a medium saucepan, melt butter, add flour to butter, whisking until smooth.

Reduce heat to medium-low; add cream, whisking until smooth.

Add 1/2 cup cheese; blend well.

Cook until thickened, 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly.

Add the crabmeat, chives, lemon zest and lemon juice, mixing well.

Remove from heat and set aside.

Heat a skillet over medium-high heat.

Sear fillets, 2 at a time, 1 to 2 minutes per side.

Remove from pan and place on prepared baking sheet.

Repeat with remaining fillets.

Broil fillets 5 inches from heat for 5 minutes and remove from oven.

Spoon 2 TBSP. of crabmeat mixture on top of each fillet.

Top evenly with remaining 1/4 cup cheese.

Return to oven; broil until fillets reach desired degree of doneness, 3 to 4 minutes.

Serves 6.

## Spicy Shrimp Kabobs

2 TBSP. lemon juice  
1 tsp. ground coriander  
1 tsp. ground cumin  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
1/2 tsp. lemon zest  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1 lb. large shrimp, peeled and deveined

In a small saucepan, melt butter; add the lemon juice, spices, lemon zest and salt.

Thread shrimp onto eight metal or soaked wooden skewers.

Place skewers in a greased 15x10 inch baking pan.

Broil 3 to 4 inches from the heat for 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until shrimp turn pink, basting occasionally with the butter mixture.

Makes 8 kabobs.

*If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share with Coastal Fisherman readers, you can email it to [coastalfisherman@comcast.net](mailto:coastalfisherman@comcast.net) or mail it to Mama Jock, Coastal Fisherman, 12748 Sunset Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842.*

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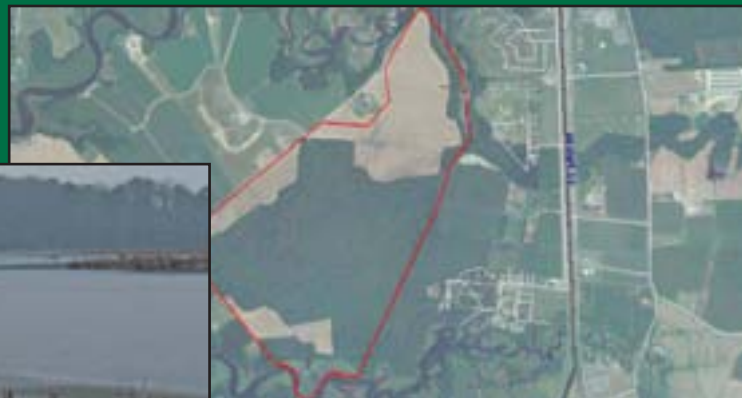
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Grey Jacobs from Chester Springs, PA caught this 24.5-inch, 5 lb. flounder while drifting a strip of squid in the East Channel. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



John Mitchell and Matt LeRoy from Reading, PA, Rick Snook and Lee Filbert from Leesport, PA, Steve Kissling from Bernuit, PA and Terry Meredith from Wernersville, PA went deep dropping on the "Banshee 2" with Capt. J. W. Widmayer and Mate Nick Psaroudakis, and returned with 2 golden tilefish, a grey tilefish and some blackbellied rosefish. The largest golden tilefish weighed 35 lbs. and was caught in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



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Bob Witte and Capt. Pete Haines did some Delaware Bay wreck fishing at Site #10 on the "Top Fin" and ended up with 7 keepers in the box. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Michael Solt from Mertztown, PA caught this 52.8 lb. wahoo during a trip aboard the "Unbelievable" with Harvey Sterner, Doug Krisher, Barry Sheetz and Terry Fegley. The wahoo was caught on a trolled ballyhoo at the Twin Wrecks. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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On the final day of Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girl's Open, the crew on the "Samurai I" took 2nd place honors in the Billfish Release Division with 5 white marlin releases in 1,000 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons. Fishing with Capt. Jeremy Blunt and Mate Mark Stephens were Jessica Bradford, Nora Duke, Dawn Andrews, Angela Houck, Jennifer White and Jeannie Dark. The anglers recorded their last release at 1:27 PM, only 1 hour and 56 minutes before the "Playmate", breaking the tie for 2nd place. The "Samurai I" crew won \$16,365 for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



The first boat to hit the scales of the 17th Annual Poor Girl's Open was the "No Worries" with Chrissy Jamgochian's 27.3 lb. dolphin that held on to win 2nd place in the Dolphin Division and a check for \$2,957. Chrissy was fishing with Candace Michulka, Tina Hutchins, Carol Elliott, Denise Richmond, Lanna Culver, Capt. John Ratliff and Mate Donnie Culver. The dolphin was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in 70 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Kathleen, Shawn and Joslyn Harman from Bahia Marina, along with Tournament Co-Chair Earl Conley from the Bank of Ocean City, are shown presenting a check for \$50,000 to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. Representing the Cancer Society is Susan Braniecki and Kathy Mathias. Including this year's contribution, Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girl's Open has donated \$359,000 from tournament proceeds to the American Cancer Society during its 17 year history. Pictured at the Ocean City Marlin Club.



On the last day of the 2010 Poor Girl's Open, the lady anglers on the "Playmate" released 5 white marlin to win 3rd place in the Billfish Division. The "Playmate" crew consisted of anglers Joni Queer, Kelly Freburger, Karyn Basle, Kristen Purdy, Nina Pannell, Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mates Justin Hart and Jeremy Shandrowski. The last release was recorded in 1,000 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon at 3:23 PM, just an hour and 56 minutes later than the "Samurai I", pushing the crew into third place, worth \$10,910 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





On Day 2 of Capt. Steve Harman’s Poor Girl’s Open, the lady anglers fishing on the “Fin-ness” really hit the jackpot. Kim Willey caught a 76.5 lb. yellowfin to win 1st place in the Tuna Division and \$5,658 in award money. Jessica Hill landed a 68.2 lb. yellowfin to win 2nd place in the Tuna Division and a check for \$2,795, and crewmate Allyson Airey muscled in a 66 lb. yellowfin to win 3rd place in the Tuna Division and \$1,863 in award money. In the Dolphin Division, Wendy McCabe landed 43.5 pounder to win first place and \$5,928. Kim also landed a 21.4 lb. dolphin and held on to win 3rd place in the Dolphin Division and a check for \$1,971. Other crew members on the “Fin-ness” were anglers Adel Melson and Sharon Branthover, Capt. Howard Lynch and Mates Josh Farr and Bill Pino. The fish were caught in 700 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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Total Boats - 79  
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Days Fished  
Day 1 - 22  
Day 2 - 9  
Day 3 - 48

**TUNA**  
  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Kim Willey  
“Fin-ness”  
76.5 lb. yellowfin  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Jessica Hill  
“Fin-ness”  
68.2 lb. yellowfin  
\$2,795

3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Allyson Airey  
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66.0 lb. yellowfin  
\$1,863

**DOLPHIN**  
  
1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Wendy McCabe  
“Fin-ness”  
43.5 lbs.  
\$5,928  
  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Chrissy Jamogochian  
“No Worries”  
27.3 lbs.  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Kim Willey  
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21.4 lbs.  
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1<sup>st</sup> Place  
“Fin-ness”  
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“Samurai I”  
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Mike Blake from Owasso, OK was fishing with daughters Lauren and Carra and sister Cheryl Blake from Norfolk, VA when he landed this 5 lb. 7 oz. sea bass while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder. The knothead was caught on a chunk of clam at an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Travis Smith from Hanover, PA muscled in this 9 lb. 4 oz. flounder on Saturday while drifting in the East Channel by the cement plant. The flounder measured 29-inches and was tricked with a 1 oz. bucktail tipped with a 6-inch Gulp! grub. Travis' son, Tyler did a great job netting the big flattie. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

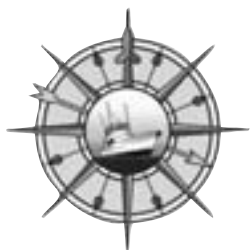




Daina Kazmaier of the Coastal Fisherman took Brian Behe to school... AGAIN, landing this 4 lb. 3 oz. flounder while fishing on the "Buffalo Hunter". The flattie ate a live minnow in the Inlet and was weighed at Sunset Provisions.

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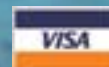


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Krissy, Logan, Mason and Scott Pennypacker along with Michele Moyer, all from Pottstown, PA had a good trip on the “Get Sum” with Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The group ended up with 2 flounder that each measured 19.5-inches and a 1/4 bushel of crabs. The fish were caught on Gulp! and peanut bunker while drifting over some deep holes south of Gudelsky Park.

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Tommy Fowler from North Bay Marina was fishing with his son Noah in the Washington Canyon when they caught this yellowfin tuna.



Drew McMenamin caught his first tuna, a 43 lb. yellowfin, while fishing on the “Teaser” with his dad, Kevin McMenamin from Annapolis, MD and Capt. Keith Neal. The yellowfin ate a skirted ballyhoo just east of the 21 Mile Hill off the Wachapreague Inlet.





Capt. Sean Welsh on the "Restless Lady" passed along this picture of rarely photographed Cuvier's beaked whales that were spotted during a fishing trip in 1,200 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. Cuvier's beaked whales are also known as goose-beaked whales, can live up to 40 years and are widespread in deep waters across the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. The average adult is 18 feet long and weighs 5,400 lbs. According to a NOAA biologist, "The older animals turn to a lighter color and are noted for lots of scratches which are the result of interactions with other beaked whales. The males have two large teeth that protrude from the lower jaw. They use the teeth to challenge other males, so the scars on the animal would be from battling other males. I would say that your images are of an older male and two females."



A.J. Sinibaldi from Newark, DE caught a 9 lb. 6 oz. flounder on a minnow and squid combination in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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# Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! No need for a big boat this time of year! All of the action is in the back bays.

Putting a bend in your rod should not be a problem if you are baiting up with bloodworms, minnows, squid, or FishBites. The croakers are still a bit on the small side, but that should change very soon. The neat part is there are plenty of fish, and there is no better way to recruit a new fishing buddy than to put them on a school of croakers. It doesn't matter whether they are young or old, there is plenty of fun to be had!

For those of you not getting in on the fun, try this and you will understand what I am talking about. Take someone who is not real keen on fishing and put your boat near Buoy #20 in the Indian River. Rig up with #6 or #8 hooks and a 1 or 1 1/2 oz. weight. On your hooks, put a small piece of

place.

Bernie from Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Rd. told us that there are plenty of flounder in the Indian River Inlet. Minnows, squid and Berkley Gulp! are the baits of choice for the flatties. Bloodworms or FishBites artificial bloodworms are the best baits to fool the croakers in the back bays. The stripers in the Indian River Inlet are taking a liking to live spot.

Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes gave us the following report: Dave Tkatch and James Forsyth fished the Old Grounds and Site 11, using shiners and Gulp! to boat 5 sea bass and 2 keeper flounder over 21-inches. Croaker fishing is also good and consistently getting better. Blowfish have also been a big hit on many of his recent trips. The crew had some good catch-and-release action with inshore sharks. Spot and croaker are being pulled over the rails at the pier. Surf fishermen are reporting spot, croaker and kingfish in the suds. Bluefish are being caught at the Indian River Inlet on the incoming tide.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle in the Indian River Marina, Deanna told us the surf report is pretty normal for this time of year with some kingfish, some spot and croaker being caught with the good old standard FishBites Bloodworm or the real deal. There has been a lot of talk about all those big sharks being brought in at night from the South Bethany area. If you want to give that a try, you need to get yourself some tuna belly or fish carcasses. Mahi and blue fish work the best. Or, you can also use whole bluefish for bait. This type of fishing is best done by taking your whole rigged baits and kayaking them off the shore about 50-100 yards. Then, just sit back and wait for the action to happen.

The inshore report has been getting better everyday, with more and more keeper sized black sea bass and flounder showing up. These fish have been caught anywhere from Site 10, the A-Buoy, and down to the Washingtonian. Some flounder have been coming in from the Old Grounds as well as the B-Buoy. Bruce Nowakowski of Nassau, DE caught a 7.3 lb. flounder while fishing out at Site 10 with green squid and a white teaser. Sean



Johnny Horning was fishing on the "Fish Whistle" with his dad, Capt. Charlie Horning and brothers Larry and Owen, when he hooked this 62 lb. wahoo in the Baltimore Canyon. The 64-inch speed demon was caught on a skirted ballyhoo and weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

bloodworm or a small piece of squid and let the fun begin. Not only will you hook some croakers, but that non-fisher adult or child will be hooked on fishing!

There are plenty of flounder in the back bays, but you will have to weed through a number of throwbacks to get a keeper. Minnows, squid or Berkley Gulp! are the tickets for some flounder action. The Indian River Inlet is giving up some flounder, bluefish and stripers. In the inlet, your best baits would be live spot, eels or bucktails. Berkley Gulp! also works quite well in that area. Ryan Grogg of Spring Grove, PA fished along the south shore using live spot to score a 6 lb. 1 oz. flattie that measured 25-inches.

Massey's Ditch is giving up a few flounder, some blues, and a few short stripers. Sandy Hufnal of Clayton, DE was fishing

Massey's and caught a very nice 7 lb. 3 oz. tog. Capt. Chuck Cook of "First Light Charters" was fishing the Outer Wall at Lewes and scored flounder weighing up to 7 lbs. 10 oz. using his homemade floating bucktails.

Offshore action has been slow. A lack of tuna and abundance of rough seas does not make for good fishing. It was rough going for those involved in the 3rd Annual Rick's Bait & Tackle/Sea Side Gas & Grill Offshore Tournament. There were no tuna brought to the scale and only a few dolphin. Rough sea conditions made it tough for all, and impossible for some. Money winning boats included Mike Eddinger and his crew aboard the "SeaDuction" at the top with a 28 lb. dolphin. Scott Fluharty and crew aboard the "Sea Side Slammer" took second and third

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Leiby of Philadelphia, PA caught 4 keeper flounder while fishing on the "Horizon" out at the Old Grounds with a squid and minnow combo. If the water gets too rough for you, you could stay a little closer in and try your hand at fishing at the Pipe Line down off Bethany for triggerfish and maybe you will get some croaker or kingfish as well.

The half-day trip on the "Judy V.", as well as the full day trip on the "Capt Bob II" are picking up more and more keepers everyday. Thomas Palm of Baltimore, MD, who went fishing on the full day trip on the Capt. Bob II with Capt. Roger Meekins, came back with a 4.6 lb. black sea bass and other keeper-size bass as well. Captain Roger Meekins also brought back a 5.3 lb. black sea bass, his largest ever.

The offshore report has been a little slower on the action as of late. There have been a few boats that have tried their hand at it over the past couple of weeks, and most brought in mahi with just a few yellowfin showing up. A few wahoo have also come to the dock. The first was from the boat "Unbelievable", with a 52-pounder that was caught out near the Triple Wrecks, east of the Tea Cup. This was the largest of the season at the Indian River until the "Fish Whistle" went out fishing last Tuesday and brought in one to top that weight. This one weighed in at 62 lbs. and was caught by Johnny Horning while fishing out at the Baltimore Canyon. The only tuna that were seen in any large numbers were from the gang on the "Chain Reaction". They brought in 5 yellowfin, all ranging between 50 to 60 lbs. after trolling around the Washington Canyon.

In the Inlet, the striper fishing has slowed down with the warmer water temperature, but you will still find an occasional keeper mostly at night and primarily with live spot or eels. Flounder are still coming in, with a lot of large ones in the mix. Steve Sheets of Quarryville, PA brought in one that weighed 8 lbs. and was caught using live mullet. He was fishing on the South side of the Indian River Inlet. Joseph and William Thieme of Catasauqua, PA caught three flounder while fishing in the Indian River Inlet using live spot. The heaviest fish

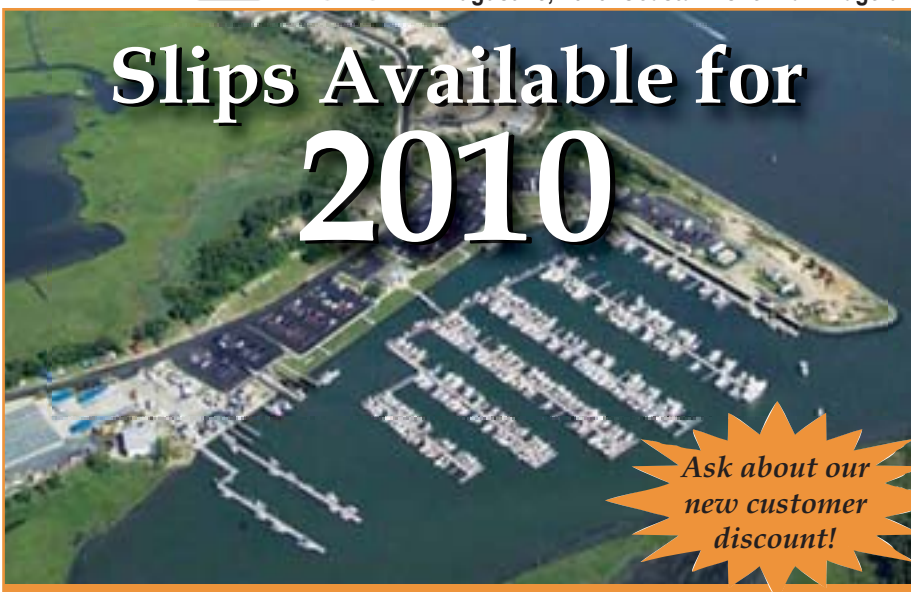
weighed in at 7.7 lbs. AJ Sinibaldi of Newark, DE was fishing in the Indian River Inlet with his parents and hooked up with a 9.4 lb. flounder while using minnows and squid. Christopher Adams was asked to go fishing with Mike Esham and his friend in the Inlet, and they were just one fish away from landing their limit on live spot. Bluefish continue to bite on both the incoming and outgoing tides. The "Gale Force" has been bringing in some stripers, flounder, a few croakers and some larger bluefish for their charters.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said croaker fishing was real good in the Delaware Bay. Hardheads have been plentiful around the artificial structure of Reef Sites 6 and 8, and the fish have also been a little larger on average. Although the majority of croakers came from the reefs, fish were also found on open bottom. Edges outside the Outer Wall and between "F" and "G" Buoy in the Anchorage held hardheads. Clams, bloodworms and FishBites were the baits of choice. Anglers lining the rails at Cape Henlopen Pier caught lots of big spot up to 10 inches using bloodworms and Fishbites. Good numbers of spot were also pulled from the Lewes Canal. Tidal currents around the new moon ran hard, making for tough drift conditions, so flounder action was spotty. But, a few fluke came in during the week. Captain Chet's Sunday group on the "Lil' Angler" had a half dozen chunky keepers to 24 inches while anchored on Site 6.


Billfish trollers saw some good action in the deep. There were numerous white and blue marlin in 500 to 1,000 fathoms in both the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons. Dolphin have been hanging out on floating stuff offshore. Bill Swords and his buddies worked lobster gear balls in the Baltimore Wednesday for 44 dolphin to 15 pounds. They switched to bottom dropping, and finished off the trip with 10 golden tile to 25 pounds. Anglers aboard the "Tranquila" boated 16 nice dolphin on Sunday in the Baltimore.

Until next week, have fun and be safe!

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<b>Sea Bass</b> 	May 31, 2010 Nate Leader Artificial Reef 6 lbs.	June 1, 2010 Jolly Paily Site #11 3 lbs. 12 oz.	<b>Mako Shark</b> 	June 17, 2010 Paul Seaberger "All In" 471 lbs.	June 7, 2010 Bob Wiles Hot Dog 229 lbs.
<b>Tautog</b> 	February 2, 2010 Frank Graziano "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 10 oz.	April 22, 2010 Ryan Falgowski Outer Wall 11 lbs. 2 oz.	<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	June 4, 2010 Kevin Taylor Hot Dog 627.6 lbs.	June 11, 2010 Jay Richwine "Saltwater Cowboy" 560 lbs.
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	<b>Cobia</b> 	June 24, 2010 Juan Franzetti African Queen 61 lbs.	July 27, 2010 Porter Krisher "A" Buoy 51.9 lbs.
<b>Weakfish</b> 	No Weights Reported	June 6, 2010 Domenic Caputo Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 2 oz.	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	July 7, 2010 George Poveromo "That's Right" 126 lbs.	July 3, 2010 Thomas Miles Southeast Grounds 109 lbs.
<b>Speckled Trout</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>  <b>NEW</b>	August 10, 2010 Mike Vaughan Rockpile 93 lbs.	July 16, 2010 Johnny Horning "Fish Whistle" 74.9 lbs.
<b>Flounder</b> 	July 18, 2010 Harry Schneider East Channel 10 lbs.	July 27, 2010 Lisa Koshinskie Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 11 oz.	<b>Longfin Tuna</b>  <b>NEW</b>	August 14, 2010 Donna Haffer Poor Man's Canyon 35 lbs.	July 16, 2010 Jimmy Saunders Spencer Canyon 47.3 lbs.
<b>Bluefish</b> 	June 5, 2010 Jeremiah Leader Inside Rockpile 14 lbs. 5 oz.	June 12, 2010 Kyle Falgowski Hot Dog 12 lbs. 6 oz.	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	June 13, 2010 Ron Los, Jr. "Marli" 211 lbs.	June 26, 2010 Tony Burr Linden Kohl Canyon 170 lbs.
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	August 7, 2010 Gary Redcay Ocean City Inlet 9 lbs. 9 oz.	July 23, 2010 Herbie Shorthose Ice Breakers 12 lbs. 15 oz.	<b>Dolphin</b> 	August 2, 2010 Cory Bubbs "Top Gun" 53.5 lbs.	July 8, 2010 Jere Bryant "Wave Dancer" 37.8 lbs.
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**TAUTOG**  
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Ham McPartland joined Jake and Austin Demech for a day of flounder fishing and ended up with 2 flatties in the box after drifting Gulp! and minnows near Harbour Island. The fish measured 20 and 22-inches. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Kurt Hofschild was fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island when he hooked this 24-inch, 4 lb. 12 oz. flounder on a live minnow. Weighed at Buck's Place.



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# Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Anyone who has fished with me is probably aware that when it comes to fishing, I'm



really not into following along with what everyone else is doing. If most of the fleet is

fishing for one thing, I'll likely be fishing for something else. If everyone is fishing in one area, I'll be somewhere else. Not that I don't wish everyone else all the luck in the world, I just don't feel a need to be around them while they're having it. Give me a stretch of water with a couple fish in it and not another boat in sight and I'm a happy camper. Fishing out on my own, away from the rest of the gang, gives me the personal satisfaction of knowing that the fish brought to the boat that day were by my own doing, not because I simply got in the same checkout line as everyone else.

That crossed my mind the other day as I was perusing the pages of one of the big national fishing magazines and was struck with the realization that when it comes to outdoor writing, I'm right there fishing in the same pond with every other writer. Except maybe for the fact that most of them probably get paid a heck of a lot more than I do and are much better writers, we all share the commonality that we're always writing about "how to catch fish." Rig the baits this way or that way, fish deep, fish shallow, look for drop-offs, temperature breaks and structure, pay attention to details, have the latest electronics, the fastest boat, the sharpest hooks, the thinnest line, and the freshest baits. Yea-yea-yea, we've got it because we've read it over and over again; it's the same story just fluffed-up this way or that way to accommodate different fish and different locations!

But as every fisherman knows, catching fish doesn't happen every trip. In fact, I think that for a lot of folks "not" catching fish is a much more common occurrence. So I got to thinking that maybe I'm missing a great opportunity to

tap into an overlooked segment of the outdoor market by directing my efforts on those fishermen who are tired of always reading about how to "catch fish", and instead write about how "not to catch fish" because that's a topic that all fishermen should be able to relate to!

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

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

"hot" pink squid or baked ballyhoo!

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

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

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

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Ann Marie Logullo from Milton, DE was fishing off the coast of Bermuda when she caught this wahoo while on the “Knock Down”.



Tyler Martin landed these two flounder while fishing behind the Ocean City Airport with live minnows. The fish measured 19.25-inches and 19.5-inches, with the heaviest tipping the scale at 2.7 lbs. at Buck’s Place.

it was.

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

I could go on and on about ways not to catch fish but I’m

thinking that most anglers already have their own list of methods to ensure that they don’t have to clean fish or the fish box at the end of the day. Besides, I’m now thinking that this could be good book material, something like “101 Ways Not To Catch Fish” or “How To Fish and NOT Come Home Smelling Like One.” Anyway, I wish everyone a good week of fishing – and I hope I don’t see any of you out there!

Captain 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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# Ship To Shore

— . . . . . by Pat Schrawder



## MUSIC FOR LISTENING AND BOATING

I spend most of my time providing articles about safety and navigation but there is one item that definitely adds to a day of fun on your boat and that is your stereo equipment. Putting totally aside the belief by some fishermen that music played on the boat creates a vibration that attracts fish, there is just the pleasant environment it creates to help pass the time when you are traveling to and from a destination or you are drifting and waiting for a bite.

However, all music systems are not created equally. Many of the lowest cost units are simply car or home units that are not designed to stand up to the

variations of temperature, moisture and voltage that one finds in the harsh marine environment. This is an area where the phrase "You get what you pay for" could not be more correct.



Fortunately, there are a number of stereo systems that have been manufactured specifically for marine use. One of the ones I like the best is manufactured by the Poly-

Planar Group. When it comes to a full line of stereos, speakers and accessories designed for the marine environment and sold at very reasonable prices, Poly-Planar is hard to beat. The mainstay of their line is the MRD60 AM/FM/CD watertight stereo that has a powerful 180 watts of total power. In addition to being truly designed for the marine market, it offers many accessories. To name a few:

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Poly-Planar is not the only company to offer marine stereos but you need to be very careful to read all of the fine print. There is a big difference between water-resistant and waterproof. So read the warranty that comes with the equipment and make certain you see the term "waterproof".

Of course we are talking about music and not a critical item of equipment for your safety but, if you're going to have music on your boat, it might as well sound good and the Poly-Planar systems do just that.

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This 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder was caught by Bill Wolf of Perry Hall, MD while fishing on the "Miss O'Webb" with Capt. Dave Webb. The 22.5-inch flattie was hooked on a strip of squid near Harbour Island. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Angler Eric Maurer from Annapolis, MD released a white marlin while trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon aboard the "About Time" with Capt. Scotty Marsden.

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# VA / NC Fishing Report

Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
"The Saltwater Review"

## Chincoteague

According to Donna at Captain Bob's kingfish and croaker were caught in the area last week, with the largest ones caught near Buoy 10. Croaker averaged 15 to 18 inches and were found at the Chincoteague Channel, Queen Sound, the USCG base, and the Canal. Flounder were more difficult to catch with the aggressive croaker taking baits instead. Gulp! and jumbo minnows were the best baits to catch flounder (instead of croaker). Queen's Sound, Four Mouths, Memorial Park, and Tom's Cove were productive flounder areas. Bull sharks (up to 8 feet) were reported from Kendall Creek; Buoy 5 at Four Mouths, the Inlet, and Queen Sound were also productive. Overall, the outgoing tide was the best for just about everything!

Offshore, the wrecks

provided great action with spadefish, tautog, black sea bass, and flounder! Action for bluefin tuna was pretty widespread with the Lumpy Bottom and the Parking Lot being the favorites of blue-water anglers. Some albacore tuna were brought in over the weekend as well. You will still have to go to the Canyons for the yellowfin tuna. Dolphin, cobia, and wahoo were also brought to the docks. From the surf, spot, kingfish, croaker, sea robins, rays, skates, and sharks were the primary catches.

## Wachapreague

Several citations, including three white marlin releases and a 33-pound dolphin, were reported from Captain Zed's last week. Marlin were found in the Norfolk Canyon. Inshore, anglers were catching numerous small flounder with very few

keepers. Small croaker were also spotted, although the large ones have yet to show up.

## Cape Charles

According to staff at Chris' Bait and Tackle, croaker were biting very well in Oyster last week. Sea mullet were also being hooked around Lattimer Shoals (a 3-pound sea mullet was weighed in last week). Several large cobia (70 and 55 pounds) and flounder (over 8 pounds) were reported as well. There were also reports of spadefish biting at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

## Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

Three cobia citations were reported from Cobb's Marina last week (55 inches, 57 inches, and 54 inches). All of the cobia were caught at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Keeper-sized flounder also came in from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel last week.

At Sunset Boating Center, a few flounder were reported over the weekend, including one 9-pound, 12-ounce citation fish. Several citation-size cobia were weighed in as well (57 pounds, 6 ounces, 56 pounds, and a release of 58 inches). All the large fish were reported from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Flounder and cobia citations were also reported from Salt Ponds Marina last week. Two flounder (10 pounds, 9 ounces and 7 pounds, 4 ounces) were hooked at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, and a 53-inch cobia was released as well this week.

Over the past week, Wallace's Bait and Tackle has weighed in 36 cobia!!! From angler's reports, cobia are everywhere in the Bay! Six citations were recorded, and the largest was 70 pounds. There were multiple flounder citations and a 10-pound, 5-ounce citation sheepshead caught at bluefish rock last week.

According to staff at the York River Fishing Center, flounder

fishing has been good overall this week, with several keepers coming from the Bay (an 8-pound, 12-ounce flounder was brought in from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel last week). Staff believes the hot weather has affected the croaker bite somewhat, and they are expecting spot to show up in the next few weeks.

## Virginia Beach

Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA International Representative for Virginia Beach, contributed the following:

Decent weather was providing anglers with some good opportunities lately. The top species last week was still cobia. The biggest fish of the season are hitting the docks lately, with many fish ranging between 60 and 80 pounds. Cobia continue to transition into their late summer trend of grouping into large schools and cruising on the surface near the mouth of the Bay and along the oceanfront. More fish are also starting to opt for rendezvous with structure, such as bridge pilings and buoys. This late season movement is providing a new approach for many cobia hunters. Hoards of anglers are now getting in on the sight-casting action, with great results.

The flounder action is still going strong. Dozens of doormats, with some weighing up to 12 pounds, are hitting the scales. Big flatfish are striking at jigs and live bait presented along varying bottom structures in the lower part of the Bay. The Cell area, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel structure, and lower Bay wrecks are just a few of the best flounder hot-spots lately.

Red drum are still roaming around the lower Bay, especially near the 3rd and 4th islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Reds are also beginning to frequent the coastal waters off Virginia Beach. Schools of crevalle jack were still spotted roaming the lower Bay this week. Black drum are still meandering around the artificial islands of the Bridge Tunnel, but expect the black drums to begin moving off the islands soon. Good puppy drum (juvenile red drum) action is still going on

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within Lynnhaven and Rudee inlets. These young reds will hit a variety of baits, with fresh cut mullet and Gulp mullets the top choices lately.

According to local charter captains, Spanish mackerel fishing along the coastal Virginia Beach is still very good. In general, the fish are on the larger side, with many pushing over 2 pounds. Plenty of tailor bluefish are also around.

With a good number of sharks showing in local waters, these toothy critters are becoming a targeted species lately. Several varieties of sharks such as sand tigers, hammerheads, blacktips, and spinners are sniffing out chum slicks along the coastal and lower Bay waters. Some of these fish are pushing over 8 feet.

Interest in spadefish is waning, but smallish fish are still available along the northern span of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, the four artificial islands, and many inshore structures. Sheepshead are cooperating lately. Crab, clam, and fiddlers presented along the pilings and tubes of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel can entice a sheepshead bite. Triggerfish are everywhere on lower Bay structures and inshore wrecks. These feisty fish will take most any offering.

Croaker are everywhere, and the bigger hardheads are now moving into lower Bay waters. The larger fish are coming from the deeper areas north of the 3rd island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, the Monitor-Merrimac Bridge Tunnel, Back River Reef, and the Cell. Many fish are ranging over a pound. Anglers fishing Oyster are still filling coolers from the backwaters. Spot are hitting within Rudee, Lynnhaven, and Little Creek inlets on bloodworms, with some fish still coming from off of the concrete ships. Nice-sized sea mullet are still available near the concrete ships and Fisherman's Island Inlet.

Amberjack are providing good opportunities on offshore wrecks and at the Southern Towers. Some boats are even bringing AJ's home to try. Deep-dropping is good off of Virginia.

Offshore, billfish action is still heating up, with a decent

number of white marlin releases, along with a smattering of blue marlin, sails, and spearfish. The bite is spread out from the 400 to the 900 line, in anywhere from 40 to 100 fathoms. Tuna are scattered, but those hitting the docks are in the 60-to 70-pound class, and there are still a few dolphin around, along with some wahoo.

#### Outer Banks, NC

Offshore fishing out of Nags Head has slowed down compared to last week. Yellowfin tuna, blackfin tuna, dolphin, and amberjacks were around, but limits were hard to come by. Billfishing, however, remained good with sailfish, blue marlin, and white marlin. Bottom fishing in the deeper waters produced blueline tilefish, sea bass, triggerfish, and assorted snappers and groupers. King mackerel, striped bass, and red drum were being caught around eight miles offshore. The artificial reefs had black drum, sheepshead, spadefish, triggerfish, and tautog. Nearshore boaters were chasing bluefish and Spanish mackerel. The bluefish and Spanish mackerel were also available to pier and surf fishermen as they were just outside the breakers. In addition, pompano, spot, croaker, flounder, red drum, and rays were caught on cut baits in the area. In the sounds and inlets, speckled trout were around the Melvin Daniels Bridge, but you had to be there early in the morning. A few striped bass were around the bridges as well. Small flounder were in the shallows of the inlet, but there were a lot of throwbacks.

South of Oregon Inlet, surf fishing has been good. Red drum, Spanish mackerel, and bluefish were at the point and the jetties in the evenings. Sea mullet were in the Avon area and Ramp 44. Pompano were being caught around Ramp 49.

Offshore fishing out of Hatteras Inlet was good with dolphin leading the way. Wahoo were a pleasant surprise for the lucky anglers chasing the dolphin as well. A few sailfish were caught by bill fishermen. Inshore, Spanish mackerel, bluefish, and flounder were caught.



Terry Koshi from Powellville, MD landed this 23-inch 5 lb. flounder on a Gulp! and minnow combination in Folly Creek near Accomac, VA.

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WEDNESDAY, July 14, 2010: Flounder are still snapping. Haven't heard much on tuna. Seas were rough today.

John Davis caught a 20-inch flounder while fishing with minnows off Gude's Park.

"Get Sum" had 3 keeper flounder during the morning trip. Largest was 20.25-inches, caught on Gulpi swimming mullet.

TUESDAY, July 13, 2010: Tuna bite slowed and the seas were rough, making it difficult to get to the Wilmington/northern Baltimore Canyon where the tuna have been caught.

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Rick Irwin, Riley Whitfield and Doug Whitfield, all from Meyersdale, PA and Michael Sigmunk from Newark, DE caught a 63 lb. yellowfin tuna, a 27 lb. dolphin, some smaller dolphin and released a blue marlin, estimated at 400-500 lbs., all while fishing in the Washington Canyon on the "Goodtime".



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Diane Downs from Wilmington, DE caught herself a sea bass and Jarrett Goggin from Johnstown, PA and Daniel Davidson from Chalfont, PA each caught a flounder while fishing on the “Morning Star” with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. The flounder were caught on dolphin belly and the sea bass was caught on a chunk of clam. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Ron Kuntz from Walnutport, PA caught this 24-inch flounder while fishing with bunker off 30th Street in Ocean City.

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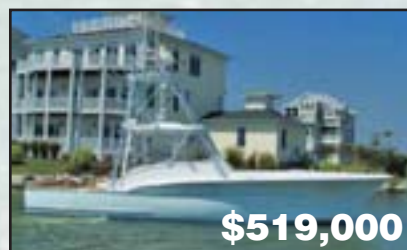
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