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The largest shark we have seen caught in Delaware in many years arrived at the Indian River Marina on Friday when the Ostrowski family on the "Ocean Drifter" weighed a 667 lb. mako caught in the Fingers. The group was wrapping up a tuna chunking trip, and while cleaning up their tackle were surprised when the big mako showed up looking for food. After pitching it a ballyhoo and then a bunker, the mako showed no interest until they finally threw out a frozen trolling squid and the shark picked it up on it's second pass. Angler Christian Ostrowski fought the mako for 45 minutes after hooking it on 400 lb. mono with a wire leader in 110 feet of water. Rounding out the crew was David, Carmean and Capt. John Ostrowski. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



The largest yellowtail we have seen this year was caught by Raymond Shirk of Bernville, PA while fishing on the "Slaughterhouse" with Chris Zellner, Mark Fenstermaker, Jason Hess and Capt. Mark Hess. The 108 pounder was hooked on the chunk at the Hot Dog. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



A pink Gulp! artificial bait drifted in the Broadkill River by Matt and Mike Buczik was the downfall for this 23-inch flattie. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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On Saturday morning, anglers aboard the "Triggerfish" arrived back at Sunset Marina with 3 bigeye tuna caught at night in the Wilmington Canyon. The eyeballs were hooked in 150 fathoms between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on trolled spreader bars among the whales. The fish weighed 137, 163 and 171 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina. Pictured are Bill Landon and Briar Landon from Chestertown, MD, Capt. Wes Lang and mate Guy Cianci.

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Erin King of Willow Street, PA is all smiles after catching this 20-inch flounder on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet during the outgoing tide in the Thorofare. Erin was fishing with Shirley and Gary German.



This 34.4 lb. golden tilefish was cranked in by Kirsten Thompson of Ocean View, DE while deep dropping squid in the Poor Man's Canyon. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Big sharks have been wreaking havoc on hooked bigeyes and yellowfins in recent weeks and Mike Fritz on the "Snow Goose" captured a 272.5 lb. mako while drifting a false albacore fillet in the Wilmington Canyon. The big shark was lured to the boat with a chum slick of ground tuna and was hooked on a 20/0 circle hook on 400 lb. mono leader. Pictured with Mike at Lewes Harbour Marina is Mike Sigda, Bill Fintel, Dave Voorhees and Capt. Ed Sigda.

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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



The fishing season is in full bloom with good catches of fish showing up at the dock and marlin flags flying high.

Marlin Club Kid's Classic

The Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic was another success with 307 junior anglers entered. Although this is down from last year, when 388 anglers participated, the tournament and activities at the Marlin Club were loaded with smiling, happy anglers.

In past years, the action was dominated by stringers of croakers and spot, but this year dolphin definitely took center stage but we also saw good catches of flounder and numerous marlin releases. As expected, we didn't see many tuna weighed during the 2-day event, and surprisingly not a single bigeye came to the scale at Sunset Marina.

On Friday, the first day of the tournament, the "Haulin' N Ballin'" returned after an impressive day that saw Conner Jezierski releasing a blue marlin and Torri Jezierski and Shelby Frashure each releasing a white marlin in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. This was good enough for the kids to win 1st place in the Billfish Release Division. Anglers on the "Reel Fantasy" also had a great day on Saturday with Wil Kennington and Anna Pence each releasing blue marlin in 50 fathoms inside the Baltimore



John Sovero, Billy Barroll, Zach Goodrich, Gene Mazzilli, Ben Goodrich and Tim Goodrich were fishing on the "Migrator" at the Bass Grounds with founder belly, shiners and white Gulp! artificial baits and ended their trip with 22 flounder in the box. Their largest fish measured 22 1/2-inches and weighed an even 4 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.

Canyon.

Alex Clarke on the "Jackal" weighed a good size, 30.4 lb. dolphin caught in the Baltimore Canyon to take 1st place in the Dolphin Division.

The "Reel Chaos" came in on Saturday after keeping their junior anglers inshore at the

African Queen wreck and they threw an impressive 19 flounder on the dock, including a pair that weighed 3.5 and 3.6 lbs. These two flatties held on to win 1st and 2nd place in the Flounder Division.

Sunday was equally as busy with catches of flounder, croaker, spot and bluefish hitting the scales early. Towards the end of the session, Macy

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Layton on the "Nontypical" arrived with an beautiful 21.8 lb. dolphin that took 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. Right behind was Evan Winterbottom on the "Ridin' Thirty" with a 26.4 lb. wahoo caught while trolling an artificial lure at the Jackspot. This was the only qualifying speedster weighed in the tournament. On Saturday, Sofia Stafford on the "Triple S" did catch a 43 lb. wahoo, but the tournament requires circle hooks to be used for wahoo and Sofia's was caught on a J-hook. Still a nice catch!

Emma Campbell on the "Reel Estate" arrived on the final day with 3 white marlin releases at the East Wall of the Baltimore Canyon and took 3rd place in the Billfish Release Division.

The last boat to arrive at the tournament scale was "The Stacey" with Bradley Marks and Brian Marks each releasing a white marlin and Bradley adding a 61 lb. yellowfin that won 1st place in the Tuna Division. All were caught in 80 fathoms at the East Wall of the Baltimore Canyon.

Finally, one of the best parts of the tournament was the donation of \$4,455 made by the tournament to the Wish-A-Fish Foundation. The foundation chartered several bay headboats on Saturday and 83 kids and 72 parents/guardians were able to have a fun afternoon of fishing.

Marlin

We saw plenty of white and blue marlin release flags flying throughout the week. Early in the week, white marlin releases were recorded in the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. On Friday, the bite really turned on in the Baltimore Canyon. Blue marlin

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were released by anglers on the "White Lightning" and "Rhonda's Osprey". "Light's Out" (5), "Griffin" (4) and the "Billfisher" (3) all released white marlin in the Baltimore Canyon.

On Saturday, the action continued to center in the Baltimore Canyon where, as previously mentioned, the "Haulin' N Ballin'" released a blue marlin and 3 whites in the 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Reel Fantasy" was also in the Baltimore, but closer to shore in 50 fathoms when they released 2 blue marlin during the Kid's Tournament.

Several boats returned from the Baltimore Canyon on Sunday with white marlin releases, especially along the East Wall where junior anglers on the "Reel Estate" released 3 and anglers on "The Stacey" released 2 whites and a blue. Outside the tournament, "Grande Pez" and "Buckshot" each recorded 4 white marlin releases in the Baltimore Canyon and the "Poore Sport" released a white and 2 blues. The "Fish On" had the best day with 6 white marlin releases and a blue marlin release in the Norfolk Canyon.

Tuna

If you think that not too many years ago, we rarely saw a bigeye tuna arrive at the scale and now, it isn't uncommon to see a single boat return with several in the box. The "Fish Whistle" out of the Indian River Marina went on an overnight trip, leaving on Friday, and returned on Saturday with 6 eyeballs ranging from 111 lbs. to 186 lbs. All of their bites came on the troll at night in 200 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where Capt. Charlie Horning found 79-degree water.

Most of the bigeyes are still coming in from the Bigeye Hole in the Washington Canyon, but we also saw catches made in the Poor Man's, Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons as well. On Saturday, anglers on the "Triggerfish" caught 3 bigeyes in the Wilmington Canyon that weighed between 137 and 171 lbs. All of their bites came between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM,

which has been pretty typical so far this season.

The biggest challenge for those fishing in all the canyons has been the large number of big sharks taking chunks out of bigeyes and yellowfins during the fight. Many fish have been lost by recreational anglers due to sharks and I heard that commercial anglers are really hit hard by sharks.

Dolphin & Wahoo

Warm water has moved far inshore, bringing with it schools of dolphin and wahoo. Dolphin are literally all over the coast off Delmarva with catches coming in as close as Great Gull Shoal. Most of the mahi we are seeing are in the 4 lb. to 10 lb. range, but Alex Clark did catch a nice 30.4 pounder on Saturday in the Baltimore Canyon.

Numerous mahi were caught along the 20-fathoms line around the Fingers and the Jackspot.

Wahoo are showing up in the Canyons and as close as the Jackspot. "Reel Vibrations" weighed a 42.8 pounder caught in the Washington Canyon and the Jackspot gave up wahoo to Sophia Stafford (43 lbs.) and Evan Winterbottom (26.4 lbs.) over the weekend.

Tilefish

If you can get your hands on the GPS numbers for golden tilefish and blueline tilefish, you can really have yourself a great time. Last week, we saw good catches of golden tilefish coming in from deep droppers in the Washington. Squid is always the bait of choice for these bottom dwellers.

The charter boats, "Boss Hogg" and the "Marli" both seem to have this fishery wired, returning to Sunset Marina last week with quality goldens and bluelines. Remember, no electric reels if you are looking to set a world record. Time to hand crank!

Flounder

It was a slow pick last week for flounder fishermen with the best bite coming in from the East Channel. Anglers are seeing a lot of throwback flatties with the best bite coming in at the end of the incoming tide

when water temperatures hover around 73-degrees. Water temperatures at the end of the outgoing are a balmy 78-degrees, not ideal for chasing flounder. Gulp! Swimming Mullet is the bait of choice right now since crabs are so thick that trying to fish live minnows or cut bait is next to impossible.

Ocean structure continues to provide anglers their best chance for a keeper flounder. The African Queen wreck was especially productive for those dropping cut bait to the bottom. Headboats, such as the "Morning Star" and the "Angler" along with headboats "Fish Bound" and "Get Sum" all reported good catches of flounder on ocean structure last week. The "Fish Bound" had some exceptional days were boat limits of 32 flounder ended up in the box. On Saturday, private boat, "Migrator" hit the Bass Grounds and put 22 flatties in the cooler, all caught on Gulp! artificial baits, flounder belly and shiners.

Croaker

We are starting to see

catches of croaker in the bay behind Ocean City. They are all over the bay but the mouth of the Commercial Harbor tends to be a great spot for those seeking hardheads while using squid for bait.

Striped Bass

If you are looking for good catch and release striped bass action, the area around the Rt. 50 Bridge has been a good spot for those tossing rubber shads around the pilings. Don't be expecting any keepers though, but on light tackle, this fishery is fantastic.

Upcoming Tournament

The 2nd Annual Big Fish Classic is this weekend with weigh-ins at the Talbot Street Pier on Friday and Saturday from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Sunday from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The inaugural event last year saw some fantastic action at the scale since anglers are allowed to fish overnight and were able to capitalize on the evening bigeye bite. I would expect the same this year.

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Damian Marchinizyn, Larry Cheyney and Greg Peters returned to Hook'em & Cook'em with a 39.5 lb. wahoo and a mahi after trolling ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Joe Shute skirt in the Washington Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Last \$" with Capt. Rodney Meyers.

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Kyle Mooney was fishing on the "Plum Crazy" when he landed this 11 lb. 4 oz. mahi while trolling an artificial lure between the 1st and 2nd Lump. Pictured at the boat ramp in West Ocean City.




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On Saturday morning, the crew on the "Reel Nauti" returned with a 159 lb. bigeye, caught by Thad Bittner of Ocean City, MD, a 59 lb. yellowfin and 4 mahi. The bigeye was hooked at 9:00 PM on a trolled ballyhoo in 333 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and took 2 hours to get to the boat. Thad was fishing with Dick Bittner, Bill Brown, Jimmy Parrott and Dakota Bittner, who caught one of the mahi on a fly rod.

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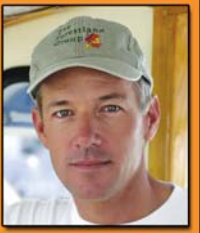
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BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON



Bait is something all fishermen need to pay attention to all the time. But before anyone gets all uppity and declares that they only fish with artificial lures and, therefore, don't need "bait", let me point out that there are two categories for bait; that which folks might buy in a tackle shop and eventually put on their hook, and that which is normally referred to as "natural bait" which resides in the waters the angler is fishing. And while the former provides the important task of attracting a fish onto someone's hook, natural bait is just as critical to angling success because it's what attracts fish to the general area in the first place. Without the presence of natural bait, it can make little difference what one hangs on their hook because there simply might not be anything around to eat it, so even the most ardent lure fisherman should appreciate finding and fishing in the presence of natural bait.

In the eat-or-be-eaten world beneath the waves, what an angler might consider to be natural bait is all relative to what they are pursuing, and I guess, what's doing the "eating" at the time. A back bay flounder fisherman might observe schools of shiners or minnows and decide that he's found a good place to drop his line in the same way that an

offshore angler hoping to snag a giant blue marlin will see schools of yellowfin tuna and figure he's found the right conditions for his own quest. What's bait to one might be prime table-fare to another!

Finding natural bait can be as simple as scanning the horizon for feeding birds or as arduous as driving all over the ocean with one's eyes glued to the screen of their fishfinder. But knowing a few basics about bait can help anglers locate it even in areas they've never fished before.

First, anglers should keep in mind that small fish are constantly under threat from predator fish patrolling beneath them while birds are always a threat from above. Therefore, given the chance, bait will often locate in areas where there is a dramatic change in depth, so that when pursued by big fish from below it can move up into the shallows and if attacked by birds it can retreat to deeper water. This is why bay fishermen will often observe bait at the edges of marshes or sandbars. Bait will also find refuge under docks, bridges and bulkheads. Offshore anglers are accustomed to finding bait under surface debris and weed-lines and will usually observe it on their fishfinders on the slopes and sharp edges of shoals.

Any bait, at any time or place, could have a predator fish dogging it while looking for an opportunity to strike, but not always, and it's to the fisherman's advantage to recognize signs that indicate bait fish are under siege when they aren't. Bait that's close to the top will ripple the surface. Known as "nervous water", this sight is an indication that bait is present but not necessarily that it's being chased or followed. Schools of small fish that are actually being preyed upon will often move erratically through the water making dramatic changes in their speed and direction of travel. When something down below is really pushing them hard, bait will often jump out of the water or rush the surface. Known as "showering", this activity is exactly what anglers want to see because it's an indication of very actively feeding predators.

Having a lot of bait in the area can be both a blessing and a curse because while lots of bait can bring larger predator fish into an area and give them a reason to stay there a while, it can also make it difficult to catch those fish when clouds and clouds of tasty, and relatively easy to catch food surrounds the fish you're trying to catch. It can be really hard to make them switch to something with a hook and line attached to it and anglers who find themselves in such a dilemma will often try to imitate as close as possible what the fish are feeding on by possibly catching some of the

same bait and then putting it out on small hooks, light line and fluorocarbon leader. In this case, the plan is to "match the hatch" as close as possible and hope to fool your quarry into thinking that your offering is what they've been feeding on.

When they are working baitfish, big fish will usually hang around the perimeter of the school and pick off individuals that wander to far from the security of the group, so it's not necessary to try and fish hooked baits right in among the actual schools. Rather than trying to precisely imitate the natural bait, which is sometimes impossible, another tactic is to fish a bait or lure that is totally different from what the fish are feeding on. Bigger, smaller, different color, cut chunks of bait or anything out of the ordinary is sometimes the ticket to getting otherwise unresponsive fish to bite. This is often a last-resort technique, but it sometimes works.

In one way, shape or form, bait is just as important to a kid on a dock with a can of worms chasing bluegills as it is to a fly fisherman pitching tiny feathers to trout. Whether you're using it on a hook or using it to locate your quarry, being around bait is always the first and maybe the most important part of successful fishing.

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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Pete Renzi from I.G. Burton was fishing on the "Fish Frenzy" with Chuck Wenzel when he caught a pair of good size mahi while trolling north of the Twin Wrecks.



Marie Renzi of West Ocean City, MD used a Gulp! and minnow combination to fool this 19-inch flounder while drifting in the bay behind Harbour Island on the "Fish Frenzy" with her husband Pete Renzi.

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Michael Angstadt used a live minnow to fool this 17 1/2-inch flounder while fishing in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Anglers on the "Skattebol" had a great season last year catching bigeye tuna and they are right back at it again this year, boating their 4th and 5th eyeball during an overnight trip on July 11th/12th. The doubleheader bigeyes hit trolled ballyhoo in 270 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon and took 2 1/2 hours to get to the boat. Preston Costella of East Berlin, PA boated a 170 pounder and Sean Cope muscled in a 185 pounder, the largest bigeye ever caught on the "Skattebol". Also fishing were Charlene Aldrich, Tom Over and Francois Aldrich. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Suzi Bortie and Sue Wojciechowski, both from Pasadena, MD were fishing at the Hot Dog on the "Hammertime" with Mike Pfeaffle and Nick Bortie when they caught a 40 lb. yellowfin and a 100 lb. bluefin.



Gary Duckett from Georgetown, DE pulled this 3 lb. sea bass from a wreck while fishing with squid on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.

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Kyle Amrhein (left) from Felton, PA was fishing on the "Bill Collector" with Capt. Eddie Keel when he caught and released his first white marlin. The fish ate a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon right at dusk.

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Mark Wharton of Frederick, MD released his first white marlin during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" with Capt. Steve Selander and mate Chris Watkowski (pictured). The fish was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon, where they released an additional white marlin and caught 4 mahi.

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Todd Goozh from Rockville, MD released his first white marlin while trolling between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. Todd was fishing on the "Billfisher" with Jason, Noah, Eli and Shawn Goozh, Capt. Jon Duffie and mate Chris Hornung.

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Ann Windsor was fishing at a wreck off the coast of Delaware when she landed a 7 lb. 15 oz. sheepshead and a 3 lb. 3 oz. flounder. Ann used a Gulp! artificial bait to fool the flattie and a sand flea to nab the sheepshead.

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Sea bass fishing was good one day last week when this group on the headboat, "Morning Star" captured some nice knotheads and a mahi. George Holochwost accomplished a difficult feat for this time of year and actually caught his limit of 15 sea bass during the trip. Also fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins (pictured) and mates Wes Pollitt and Dan Iacangelo were Randy Orr of Upper Hill, MD (who caught the mahi) and Jerry Sizmithski of South Aberdeen, VA. The sea bass was caught on clams on an ocean wreck and the mahi committed suicide on a trolled ballyhoo as the boat was moving between spots.



This 36-inch, 13 lb. 3 oz. mahi made the mistake of attacking the bait being trolled from the "Meals on Reels" in the Baltimore Canyon and 10-year-old, Matthew Duarte was there to muscle in the big, male dolphin. Matthew was fishing with Manny Duarte.

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Charlie Donohue, current Maryland state record holder for tautog, ventured down from the City of Brotherly Love and captured a couple of flounder while fishing at the Bass Grounds. The flatties, measuring up to 21 1/2-inches, were caught on Gulp! and minnows. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



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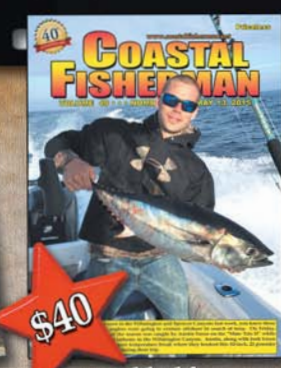


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On Saturday morning, Mike and Ryan Scott from Hagerstown, MD caught 3 flounder while fishing with Capt. Liz Brittingham on the charter boat, "Ivy Sea". Ryan led the way with a 20 1/2-incher caught on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Middle Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Flounder fishing has been rough lately, but on this day anglers aboard the charter boat, "Get Sum" returned with 7 keeper flatties in the box after fishing with cut mahi belly at Great Gull Shoal. The largest flounder measured 21 1/2-inches. Fishing with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham were Brent Archer from New Freedom, PA, Robert and Matthew Starkey from Baldwin, MD, Jordan Loundas from Bel Air, MD and Tom Starkey (not pictured).

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Marley Angelucci of Phoenixville, PA doesn't look too thrilled about holding her flounder but Lauren Brommer of Columbia, PA appears very happy with her 20-inch flattie caught during a trip aboard the headboat, "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberle. Lauren caught her flounder on a squid and shiner combination in the East Channel. Pictured back at the dock behind Hooper's.



Michael Kresge caught this 5 lb. 3 oz. sheepshead while fishing with sand fleas in the Indian River Inlet.

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Anglers Ethan Shetterly, Shawn Warg, Stephanie Paulauskas, Nathan Paulauskas, Steve Paulauskas and Nicholas Paulauskas ended their day with 11 flounder in the box after fishing in clear water at Russell's Reef aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker. The flatties were caught on a combination of Gulp! Swimming Mullet and squid. Their largest fish weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and 7 lbs. Pictured back at Frontier Town.

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The new Furuno TZT2

Introduced during this past winter's boat show season, Furuno's newest chartplotter is finally available for purchase. This new offering is a lot more than just another chartplotter. Two new models are available, called the TZtouch2, sometimes referred to as TZT2. The new models are the TZTL15F and TZTL12F. These are the same except for the screen size. The TZTL12F has a 12.1-inch display and the TZTL15F has a 15.6-inch display.

I will jump right into the top 5 highlights, and then explain the details:

- edge-to-edge glass touch screen with no control buttons or knobs (one power button)
- built-in GPS antenna
- built-in fishfinder
- RezBoost fishfinder digital signal processing
- built-in Wi-Fi.

Maybe the best feature for everyone is the built-in owner's manual, called eGuide, which allows you to access the owner's manual on the display screen.

This new chartplotter takes an interesting turn from the last few Furuno chartplotters, The NavNet3D and the TZtouch were both based on the windows

computer platform and this chartplotter is based on the Android operating system, packaged in a lightweight case and includes convenient pigtailed for wiring connections instead of rigid connectors on the back.



The edge-to-edge, glass touch screen looks and feels sleek and smooth while providing a great surface in which to swipe to access the controls and features. You can "Edge Swipe" from all four sides to access various options. Swiping from the left of the screen reveals the NavData panel, where you can customize contents to simplify navigation and chart usage. You can set the autopilot, check tide information and much more. Swipe down from the top of the screen and display page options that drop down for quick and easy access. Swipe the right side to view contextually appropriate menus, and swipe from the bottom for chart for data layer options. Rather than digging through

menus, all of the important options are now just a swipe away. As with the last TZT device, Furuno uses its MaxSea TimeZero™ technology here in the TZT2, allowing seamless chart handling, zooming and panning without the screen disappearing.

The built-in, 56 channel WASS GPS is great for many boats, saving time on installation costs. If needed, a NMEA2000 external GPS antenna from most

any manufacturer can easily be connected. The built-in Wi-Fi will allow you to access the chartplotter from an Android or Apple iOS device. More wireless capabilities are coming soon, including connection to the Active Captain Service that delivers crowd-sourced points of interest, Community Charts that allow users to report changes such as depth, obstructions, etc., and in the future a TimeZero Cloud Data Service that will allow you to back up and synchronize your data across your TimeZero devices.

Connecting the TZT2 to existing devices is easy. It will interface with most modern Furuno hardware such as the popular Furuno sonars DFF1, BBDS1, DFF3 and DFF1-UHD

and it will connect to compatible radars used with the Navnet 3D and TZT systems, all through an Ethernet interface. The TZT2 is compatible with Furuno and third party devices on the NMEA2000 network, such as GPS antennas, speed sensors, depth sensors, engine data and most NEMA2000 devices. Of course, the system easily integrates with modern Furuno autopilots, allowing you to control the autopilot from the chartplotter screen. Satellite weather modules, FLIR cameras, video cameras, AIS, HDMI output, compasses and remotes are just a partial list of compatible hardware that is easily connected with these new chartplotters.

Speaking of engine data, if properly connected to a NMEA2000 engine, the Furuno engine data screen is fully customizable, in the size, type and location of the way the engine data is displayed. This is the most flexible engine data display screen on any chartplotter.

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TZT2 is not necessarily a replacement for an existing TZtouch, but a complimentary product to the existing NavNet line-up, which includes NavNet3D, TZtouch and now TZtouch2. These chartplotters are currently available and cost \$3,995 for the smaller TZTL12F and \$5,995 for the larger TZTL15F.

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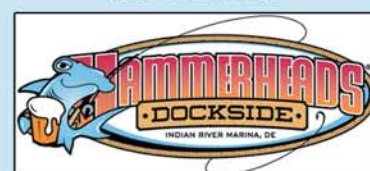
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Nick Schlesner (right) battled this 201 lb. bigeye tuna for a little over 2 hours before getting it on the deck of the "Coolin Out" with David and Daniel Grossman, Rudi Schlesner (pictured), and John Ijams. The bigeye, and a 17 lb. mahi, were caught while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon.





Dave Leizear from Powellville, MD was drifting a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge when he tangled with this 22-inch 4 lb. 7 oz. flounder while fishing on the "Shark Bait".



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Last Saturday, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens on the charter boat, "Marli" ventured out to the Washington Canyon and their anglers deep dropped squid for 17 golden tile fish and trolled ballyhoo for 1 yellowfin. Pictured at Sunset Marina are Mark Sauer, Bill Sauer, Matt Sauer and Pat Colarusso, all from Reading, PA.

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Matt Dimperio from Strasburg, PA caught this 7 lb. 2 oz. spadefish on a minnows and Gulp! combination in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Nate Sheirburn and Sam Heimer, both from Pittsville, MD were fishing with their grandfather, Steve Hoffman on the "Just Add Sauce" when they caught 12 quality flounder (11 pictured), 3 triggerfish, weighing up to 3 lbs. and a 3 lb. 12 oz. tautog while fishing at an inshore wreck, south of the Ocean City Inlet. Dolphin belly was used to fool the flatties and green crabs were used to attract the triggerfish and tog. They also released 4 spinner sharks during their trip.

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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said he checked in a real nice mako on Saturday. Ed Sigda and his crew aboard the "Snow Goose" drifted in 82-degree water in the deep of the Wilmington Canyon on Friday night. They deployed a chum slick of ground tuna and bunker, and baited with false albacore fillets, using 20/0 circle hooks on 400 pound mono. Mike Fritz hooked up a shark, and boated the blackeye after an hour battle. The circle hook mono rig had done its job, lodging right in the corner of the jaw. Back at Lewes Harbour, the male mako was weighed in at 272.5 pounds. At the cleaning station, a deteriorating longline J-hook on mono was discovered lodged in the back of the stomach. Evidently the shark swallowed and bit off the bait some time ago. Had a circle been used, the hook would like have ended up outside the cutting teeth.

Wilmington Canyon trollers hooked bigeyes while pulling ballyhoos behind Joe Shutes and Iland Lures between 6 and 11 pm. Other offshore reports told of a chunk bite for bluefins and yellowfins at the 19 Fathom Lump. Captain Brent's Sunday crew on the "Katydid" chunked the Lump to bring home 11 yellowfins. Captain Carey set up the "Grizzly" there as well on Sunday, and his chunkers put a 45-inch bluefin, 7 yellowfins and a 16 pound mahi in the box. They also released several small yellowfins. Evan Falgowski chunked at the Hot Dog on Sunday and said light fluorocarbon leaders were necessary to get bites. Finesse



Tom Wood reeled in an 8 lb. 3 oz. flounder during a trip to ocean structure aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest, Robbie Wilson and Ron Mistretta. Robbie caught himself a pair of flatties, weighing up to 6 lbs. 12 oz. and Ron's heaviest tipped the scale at 7 lbs. 5 oz. All of the fish were fooled with squid, shiners, smelt and Gulp! artificial baits. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

fishing paid off for Evan's crew with three yellowfins, weighing up to 50 pounds, and a pair of gaffer mahis.

Trollers picked up a few tuna and good numbers of mahi around Massey's Canyon, the Hambone, Hot Dog and the Fingers. Back inshore, flounder action was decent on the Old Grounds, and over Reef Sites 9, 10 and 11. S&S Bucktails with Gulp! teasers, and hair skirted rigs sporting strips of fresh meat like cut sea robin, bluefish or croaker have worked well. Smelts and shiners were also popular baits. Captain Brent's flukers on the "Katydid" had quite a catch of quality flatfish while working ocean structure on Saturday. They put 34 keepers in the box, with several between 5 and 6 pounds. Ron Mistretta added a 7.33 pound citation earner, and Tom Wood topped the take with his 8.19 pound doormat. Conditions were tough on Friday, but

persistent anglers on the "Katydid" managed 20 keepers.

Wednesday's regular "athletes" had an early bite for 24 keepers. Flounder poundin' brothers Joe, Dave and Michael Walker teamed up to bring back 10 fine flatties weighing up to 4.75 pounds from ocean structure on Wednesday. On Monday, Joe Walker, Ron Mistretta and Bob Murphy made the circuit of Sites 9, 10 and 11 to assemble their limit of 12 flounder weighing up to 5 pounds. Captain Ted took the "Pirate King II" to the Old Grounds on Monday and returned with 18 good keepers for his party of flounder seekers. On Sunday, Joe Pergeorelis, Josh Wilkers and Doug Mickowski drifted the Old Grounds for their limit of flatties to 4.5 pounds. Fred Robinson, Joe McNeal and Daryl Mergenthaler decked their limit of 12 fine fluke by bucktailing the Old Grounds on Sunday.

In the Delaware Bay,

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boaters had to contend with hard running currents, but caught some flatties at the end of the tide around Reef Sites 5 and 8. Alex Robertson reeled in a 20-inch flounder, and her Uncle Kirk Robertson captured a 22-incher during their morning trip to Site 8 on the "Lil' Angler II". Landon Burkhart and Dalton Stanley scored four flatfish to 23-inches while drifting Nuclear Chicken Gulp over Site 5 at the beginning of flood tide on Sunday morning. Wes Grove and his guys pulled 5 chunky keepers off Bay structure on Sunday. Bob Bryant and his crew also drifted Bay reefs on Sunday to capture 10 stout flounder to nearly 5 pounds. Croakers and kingfish continued to come from reef rubble as well.

The Roosevelt Inlet is still giving up flatties. Larry Taylor and Lou Chudnofsky had five keepers while fishing minnows during the incoming tide on Saturday morning. Mike Buczik boated a 23-inch fluke while working a pink Gulp! in the Broadkill River.

Some of the nicest croakers around came from the Canal. Edward and Jason Miller had a batch of 12 plus inch golden beauties while using small bucktails tipped with Fishbites, between the Drawbridge and the Train Bridge.

Slot striper action has been good on the Canal. Drifting eels or bottom fishing with squid heads and clams near the bridges worked well. For those who prefer artificials, casting swimming and topwater plugs and soft baits along the marsh banks is also effective. Jake Mundok stopped by with his two rockfish limit that fell for Yozuri plugs.

The first few spot were caught in the Lewes Canal on bloodworms and Fishbites.

Tautog season was off to a slow start. Only a handful of keepers were taken by

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toggers along the Inner and Outer Walls and Ice Breakers.

At the Indian River Marina, there were a couple of notable catches last week.

On Friday, the dock was buzzing with excitement when angler Christian Ostrowski and his crew on the "Ocean Drifter" arrived at Hook'em & Cook'em with a 667 lb. mako shark. The guys had just wrapped up their day of tuna fishing at the Fingers, and were in the process of cleaning up their gear when the beast showed up looking for something to eat. They tossed it a ballyhoo, but the shark didn't have any interest. The same happened when they threw it a bunker. However, the third time was the charm when they tossed out a frozen squid and on the second pass, the shark took it and ran. Christian fought the shark for 45 minutes after hooking it on 400 lb. mono with a wire leader in 110-feet of water. Rounding out the "Ocean Drifter" crew was David, Carmean and Capt. John Ostrowski.

The "Fish Whistle" had another great trip fishing for bigeye tuna. On Friday night, they headed to the Baltimore Canyon and ended up with 6 bigeyes weighing 111, 140, 141, 143, 174 and 186 lbs. The 111 pounder had 3 bites taken out of it by a shark during the fight. All were caught at night on trolled ballyhoo in 200 fathoms where Capt. Charlie Horning found 70-degree water. Fishing with Capt. Charlie was Mike Horning, Bill Pino, Aussie Matt and mate John Horning.

Finally, on Sunday, the crew on the "Dream Girl" boated a big 84.2 lb. wahoo while trolling skirted ballyhoo inside the 30 fathom line, just north of the Hot Dog.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass	June 7, 2015 Gary King "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 15 oz.	May 30, 2015 Mike Surowiec "Katydid" 3 lbs. 3 oz.	 Mako Shark <i>100 lb. minimum</i>	June 5, 2015 Joe Stein "Marli" 281.6 lbs.	NEW July 18, 2015 Christian Ostrowski Fingers 667 lbs.
 Tautog	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" 28.8 lbs.	February 7, 2015 Shawn McCulley Ocean Wreck 15 lbs. 2 oz.	 Thresher Shark	June 6, 2015 Jeff Green Fingers 500 lbs.	June 7, 2015 "Indian" Crew "DB" Buoy 509.5 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 16, 2015 Phillip Gray Ocean City Surf 42 lbs. 8 oz.	May 4, 2015 Noulack Mouyniung Indian River Inlet 43 lbs. 2 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	June 24, 2015 Lawrence Sutter "That's Right" 129 lbs.	June 19, 2015 Ed Brown Poor Man's Canyon 104.9
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Yellowfin Tuna	July 12, 2015 Valerie Dunn Washington Canyon 63 lbs.	July 7, 2015 Bobby Dunn Washington Canyon 72 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	June 23, 2015 Bob Weaver East Channel 9 lbs. 6 oz.	April 30, 2015 Bill Ream VFW Slough 9 lbs. 10 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	June 30, 2015 Crew "Pumpin' Hard" 296 lbs.	July 7, 2015 George Merrick Washington Canyon 242 lbs.
 Bluefish	May 14, 2015 Matt Peel East Channel 13 lbs. 9 oz.	May 6, 2015 Bob Hilton Indian River Inlet 19 lbs. 8 oz.	 Dolphin	July 12, 2015 Fred Billings Washington Canyon 44 lbs.	June 27, 2015 Dominic Albanese Tea Cup 18.9 lbs.
 Sheepshead	July 10, 2015 Scott Burns South Jetty 10 lbs.	June 16, 2015 John Lindsay Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 11 oz.	 Wahoo	NEW July 14, 2015 Judd Fitchett Hambone 84 lbs.	NEW July 19, 2015 Dean Dibler Hot Dog 84.2
 Black Drum	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf 20 lbs.	May 25, 2015 Kyle Moore Coral Beds 71 lbs.	 White Marlin	NEW Most Releases in One Day July 19, 2015 "Fish On" 6 releases	June 12, 2015 "Saint Connie" 2 releases

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Last Saturday, George, Karim, Mark and Mario Dahr joined Pankat and Pranay Sanwal for a 1/2 day trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The anglers were rewarded with 23 keeper flounder, led by Mario's 25-incher. All were caught on Gulp! and squid. Pictured at Bahia Marina on 23rd Street in Ocean City.



Robert Wiczorkowski, Jr. and Gavin Still, from Bel Air, MD, Kurt Howell and Scott Adams from Ocean Pines, MD and Robert Wiczorkowski from Joppa, MD returned to Sunset Marina with a 42.8 lb. wahoo and a yellowfin tuna after trolling in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Both fish were caught in 77-degree water on trolled, skirted ballyhoo while fishing on the "Reel Vibrations".



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James DeMoss was drifting a white 4-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Ocean City Inlet when he hooked this 17 lb. 15 oz. black drum. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Anglers Steve Lewis and Jim Clark, both from Frankford, DE went on an expedition to the Old Grounds where they jigged up their limit of flounder on Gulp! Swimming Mullets and cut bait. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Jack Brzoska from Lewes, DE enticed this 24-inch, 5 lb. 7 oz. flounder with a live minnow while drifting in Bakers Channel. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Jim Hazel from Stevensville, MD and Jason Fischer from Silver Spring, MD each released a white marlin and Bill Peake from Chester, MD released a blue marlin, all while fishing on the charter boat, "White Lightning" with Lennon Peake from Ellicott City, MD, Sean Cunningham from Glen Burnie, MD, John Fugitt, Capt. Luke Blume and mate John Griffith. The marlin, in addition to 14 mahi, were all hooked on trolled ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The largest mahi weighed 35 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.

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4 large flounder fillets
1 TBSP. Dijon Mustard
1 jar (6 oz.) marinated artichoke hearts
4 TBSP. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. dried marjoram or oregano leaves
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 cup chicken broth
2 green onions, chopped
1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Cut fish into serving pieces.

Place in a baking dish and spread them with the mustard.

Drain marinade from the artichoke hearts and reserve.

Combine marinade, lemon juice, marjoram and black

pepper.

Pour over fish.

Cover and marinate 1 to 2 hours in the refrigerator, turning once.

Heat broth, pour around the fillets.

Sprinkle with the onions and top with artichoke hearts and cheese.

Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes.

Serve with some of the sauce spooned over the top.

Serves 4.

Marinated Yellowfin Tuna

2 yellowfin tuna steaks
1 cup soy sauce
1 clove garlic, crushed (for each steak)
4 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil



The bigeyes just keep snapping in the Washington Canyon, but on this day they were found in the Wilmington Canyon by John Coleman, Jake Knox and John Coleman, Jr. The anglers were trolling Joe Shute lures when they hooked the pair of eyeballs that weighed 152 and 164 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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1/2 cup lemon juice
Salt and pepper, to taste

In a shallow 9x13 glass dish, mix all of the ingredients for the marinade.

If you have more than 2 steaks, you will need to adjust the ingredients to marinate.

Marinate both sides of the steaks.

Let sit in refrigerator for 30 minutes, NO LONGER, before grilling.

Wipe the grill grate with the oil, or spray with PAM, so the steaks don't stick.

For medium-well steaks, grill for 4 minutes or less on each side for 1-inch steaks. If you prefer the steaks to be more rare, grilling time should be reduced to 2 1/2 minutes on each side.

Serves 2.

Baked Sea Bass with Lemon Caper Dressing

4 sea bass fillets
Olive oil for brushing

Lemon Caper Dressing:

3 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
Grated zest of 1 lemon
2 TBSP. small capers
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
Salt and pepper to taste
2 TBSP. chopped flat leaf parsley

To make the dressing, mix the oil with the lemon zest and juice, capers, mustard, some salt and pepper and 1 TBSP. of water.

Add parsley when serving.

Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Line a baking tray with baking parchment and place the fish, skin side up, on top.

Brush the skin with oil and sprinkle with a little salt.

Bake for 7 minutes or until the flesh flakes easily when tested with a knife.

Arrange the fish on warm serving plates, spoon the dressing over the fillets and sprinkle with the parsley.

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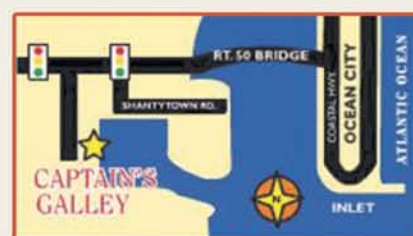
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- 1 TBSP. chili powder
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 (4 oz.) can green chili peppers, chopped
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 1/2 cups canned peeled and diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup small shrimp
- 1/2 lb. cod fillets
- 3/4 cup plain nonfat yogurt

Spray a large saucepan with vegetable cooking spray over medium high heat.

Add the onions; saute, stirring often for 5 minutes.

Add the garlic and chili powder; saute for 2 minutes.

Add the chicken broth, chili peppers and cumin, stirring well.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 25 minutes.

Add the tomatoes, green

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bell pepper, shrimp and cod.

Return to a boil, reduce to low, cover and simmer for another 5 minutes.

Gradually stir in the yogurt until heated through.

Serves. 4

Grilled Mahi-Mahi Steaks

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tsp. peeled and grated fresh ginger or 1 tsp. dried
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper, to taste
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Salt, to taste
- 4 mahi-mahi steaks

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Baked Scallops with Tomatoes and Pesto

1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
1 TBSP. minced cilantro
2 TBSP. minced fresh parsley
1 TBSP. minced fresh oregano
1 TBSP. minced fresh chives
2 cloves garlic, minced
Salt and pepper, to taste
Juice of 1 lime
1 cup olive oil
1 1/4 lbs. sea scallops
2 or 3 large tomatoes

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Combine the herbs, garlic, salt, pepper, lime juice, and 2 TBSP. of the olive oil in a blender or food processor.

Turn the machine on and add the remainder of the oil in a drizzle (the sauce will

remain thin).

Taste for salt, lime juice and garlic.

Drizzle a few TBSP. of the sauce on the bottom of a glass dish that is large enough to hold the scallops in one layer.

Add the scallops and season with salt and pepper.

Slice the tomatoes about 1/4-inch thick and layer over the scallops; season again.

Spoon most of the rest of the sauce over the tomatoes.

Bake until the tomatoes begin to liquefy, 10 minutes.

Serve immediately; pass the remaining sauce when serving.

Serves 4.

Spicy Louisiana Flounder Fillets with Sautéed Vegetable Relish

1 (8 oz.) container
prechopped tomato,
onion and bell pepper
mix (found in produce
section)



Anglers fishing on headboats have been surprised with quality inshore mahi catches this season as shown by the 10 pounder caught by Ron Davis (left) of Ia Plata, MD while fishing on the headboat, "Angler". The mahi ate a strip of squid at Great Gull Shoal.

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4 flounder fillets
2 TBSP. water
2 tsp. Louisiana hot sauce
1 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh
thyme
1/2 tsp. salt
2 TBSP. butter

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; coat pan with cooking spray.

Add tomato mixture; saute 2 minutes.

Remove from pan.

Coat pan and fillets with cooking spray; add fish to pan.

Cook 2 minutes or until lightly browned.

Turn fillets over; add tomato mixture, spooning mixture over and around fillets.

Cover, cook 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily or until desired degree of doneness.

While fish cooks, combine 2 TBSP. water, hot sauce, thyme and salt in a small bowl.

Remove fish and tomato mixture from pan; place on

serving platter.

Reduce heat to medium; add hot sauce mixture and butter to pan.

Cook until butter melts.

Spoon butter mixture evenly over fish and tomato mixture.

Serves 4.

Seared Tuna Steaks with Onion Marmalade

Marmalade:

2 slices pancetta or 1/4 lb.

thick bacon

1/4 cup olive oil

2 large white onions,

thinly sliced

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar

1/4 cup sherry vinegar

1/2 cup water

1 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. ground white
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2 tsp. sugar

1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper

Unroll the pancetta, if using.

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crosswise into strips, 1/2-inch thick.

Warm the 1/4 cup of olive oil in a saute pan over high heat.

Add the pancetta or bacon; cook until slightly crisp.

Add the sliced onions and saute until the onions are golden brown.

Stir in the balsamic vinegar, sherry vinegar, water, salt pepper, sugar and cayenne.

Bring to a boil over medium heat.

Boil until the liquid evaporates completely, 12 to 15 minutes.

Cook the tuna steaks 5 minutes before the marmalade is ready.

Warm the 2 TBSP. olive oil in a separate pan over high heat.

Sprinkle both sides of the tuna with salt and pepper to taste.

Place the steaks in the hot pan cook turning once, until done to your liking.

Transfer the tuna to

warmed plates and top with the marmalade.

Serves 4.

Soft-Shell Crabs with Garlic Vinaigrette

Vinaigrette:

- 1/4 tsp. salt
- Black pepper
- 1 TBSP. Dijon mustard
- 2 TBSP. sherry vinegar
- 1/4 cup corn oil
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic peeled and minced
- 2 TBSP. chopped fresh tarragon
- 2 TBSP. chopped fresh chives
- 2 TBSP. chopped fresh chervil

Crabs:

- 4 medium soft-shell crabs
- 1 TBSP. flour
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 TBSP. corn oil

To make the vinaigrette, in a mixing bowl, whisk together the salt, pepper, mustard and



Kyle Shelton of Bishopville, MD was fishing in 20 fathoms at the Fingers when he hooked into this 11 lb. mahi.

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vinegar.

Whisking constantly,
slowly drizzle in the corn oil
and then the olive oil.

Stir in the garlic and herbs.
Set aside.

Coat the crabs lightly with
the flour.

Season both sides with salt
and pepper.

Heat the corn oil in a large
nonstick skillet over high heat
until oil smokes.

Add the crabs top side
down; saute 1 1/2 minutes.

Turn the crabs over, lower
the heat to medium and saute
until browned and cooked
through, about 3 1/2 minutes.

Spoon a pool of the
vinaigrette into the center of 4
plates.

Pat the crabs dry and place
in the vinaigrette.

Serve immediately.

Serves 4.

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favorite seafood recipe with
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Mike Gettier caught his very first wahoo, and it was a nice one, weighing in at 62 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina. Mike was fishing on the "Oppor-Tuna-Ty" with Ken Sproul and Capt. Ken Thompson. The speedster ate a skirted ballyhoo between the 19 Fathom Lump and the Tea Cup.



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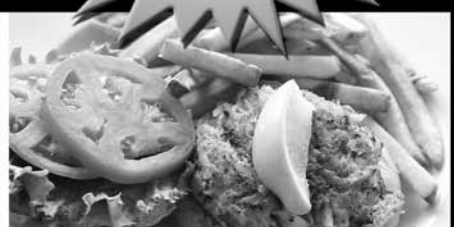
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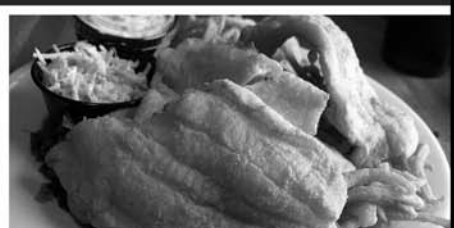
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In early July, Noah Goozh (pictured) from Rockville, MD caught and released a longbilled spearfish during a trip aboard the "Billfisher" with Jason Goozh, Noah Goozh, Todd Goozh, Shawn Goozh, Capt. Jon Duffie and mate Chris Hornung (pictured). The anglers also released 2 white marlin, including Todd's first, and caught a dozen mahi while trolling between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons.

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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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Early last week, anglers on the charter boat, "White Lightning" caught this 220 lb. bigeye tuna while trolling ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Luke Blume and mate John Griffith (pictured) were Joe Burger, Paul Crampton and Joe Garza (all pictured), Kendall Bass, Vicky Burger and Sandy Bass. They also released a white marlin and caught 4 mahi during their trip.



Danathan, Gary, Cooper and Conner Helm, all from Lansdale, PA caught 3 flounder, measuring up to 23-inches, while drifting white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the West Channel. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Maryland DNR adjusts dates for 2015 black sea bass season

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces the season, catch limit, and minimum size for the recreational black sea bass fishery for 2015, effective 12:01 a.m. July 17, 2015. NOAA Fisheries issued a correction to the season effective June 19, 2015. This notice corrects the season, is consistent with NOAA Fisheries requirements and replaces the notice that was effective January 1, 2015.

The season will be open May 15, 2015 through September 21, 2015 and October 22, 2015 through December 31, 2015. The season is closed all other dates in 2015.

Anglers may keep up to 15 black sea bass per person per day. The minimum size is 12.5 inches.

Major reductions in flounder quota could be coming

According to the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, part of NOAA, the government agency responsible for overseeing management of all fisheries, the most recent stock assessment for summer flounder showed a large decrease in juvenile flounder, creating enough concern that a possible 40% in 2016's flounder harvest will be discussed at their meeting on July 22nd.

Current flounder regulations were set on results of prior assessments, done every 3 years, and based upon the latest study, overfishing of summer flounder has been occurring.

In 2015, recreational anglers were allowed to keep 4 fish per day, 16-inches and larger. The commercial fishing minimum size, caught by gear other than hook and line is 14-inches. Both would be severely impacted by this massive quota reduction.

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When the fishing is good in the bay, it can be fairly easy to catch a limit of flounder. Other times, the wind, water clarity or tides can keep you from landing a keeper all week. Good fishermen adapt, and anyone who loves the outdoors knows that there is much more to do in our coastal bays than just fishing.

While Ocean City may not be as famous as the Chesapeake Bay for its crabs, and we certainly don't see the consistent catches of jumbos like they do over in the Wye River, it usually isn't too difficult to harvest a few dozen legal size crabs in a day or even half day of trying. Manage to ice down some decent blue claws, and throw in a keeper flounder, rockfish or even bluefish, and you have caught yourself a decent dinner! While gathering these ingredients may end up costing you more than a meal at a fancy restaurant, there is no greater satisfaction than sitting down to a family dinner that you all helped to create. Besides having a decent meal at the end of the day, you will most likely end up with a bunch of great pictures of smiling faces.

Crabs are fairly simple creatures. They spend their lives skittering across the bay bottom in search of leftovers or perched on pilings waiting to ambush unsuspecting minnows. Typically, when the water is stirred up and too dirty to fish in, crabbing is at its best. Crabs use their sense of smell extremely well and are much more likely to hang onto a handline or trotline

when they cannot see you looming overhead. There are basically 4 methods of harvesting crabs that are legal in our coastal bays. Handlining, trotlines, collapsible traps and crab pots all have their advantages and disadvantages.

Handlining is perhaps the simplest way to crab and also the method that entails user reflexes the most. If you have children, this is one of the most exciting ways to get them involved in crabbing. It can also be one of the most frustrating.

The equipment needed for handlining is far and away the cheapest and most simplistic. In essence, all that is required is some line, bait, lead weights and a dipping net. Crabbing line can be found in any local tackle store and is basically very small gauge white rope. For a dipping net, the wooden handled ones with the green mesh are the most commonly used. If you can find an all-wire one that is basket shaped, buy it! These wire nets hold up the best and make getting crabs out of the mesh much easier. For bait, chicken parts are the easiest to find, last the longest and attract crabs extremely well. Local tackle shops, and even most grocery stores in town, carry inexpensive chicken necks or chicken backs. At these same locations, you can usually find handline weights which are basically large metal, triangle-shaped pins with a weight molded on. If you cannot find these crabbing pin-rigs, you can tie a 1 to 2 ounce bank sinker

onto the end of the line, wrap it around the chicken piece a couple of times and tie a few overhand knots in it. How much line to use depends on how deep the water is in which you are crabbing. If you are in around 6-feet of water, use approximately 10-feet of line per bait. This will allow you to tie one end to something above water and allow the crab to move off with the bait a foot or two. When crabbing from a pier, I like to cinch the tag end of my crabbing line into the small split ends of the 2x6 or 2x8 pieces of wood that make up the walkway of the dock. Once your baited and the weighted line is ready to go, drop it straight down or toss it out a few feet, making sure that you leave a foot or two of slack line. Rig up a dozen or more of these, spread them out along the walkway every 8-feet or so and keep a keen eye on each one. When the slack in one of the lines begins to disappear and the line becomes taught, or you notice the line moving off in a direction opposite of the tide/current, you have a crab munching on your bait! Slowly, 6-inches or so at a time, begin to pull the line back in toward the pier. Once the crab is in sight it is time for the net. Water clarity will usually dictate how you should "swoop" for a crab. If the water is very clear, the crab may not hang onto the bait until it reaches the surface and you will need a very fast dip in order to get them. If the water is dirty however, crabs may hang onto the bait right to the surface and you can stick the net in the water and get away with a much slower attack.

Collapsible traps are another very effective way of putting some crabmeat in your belly. These traps can be found at most any local tackle shop and may require some assembly. You can buy them unrigged in plastic packages or pay a bit more and buy them ready to go. If you decide to assemble your own, you will also need some light rope and floats to go along with the metal traps. These traps can be used both from a boat and from shore so 10 to 15-feet of line should be plenty for each one. The workings of a collapsible trap are fairly simple but can often require slight adjustments throughout the day. Whether you buy pre-rigged traps or put them together yourself, make sure that

all four "doors" open when the trap is on the floor and the line is slack above it. When you pull up on the line the doors should slam shut in order to capture your crustaceous target. Again, chicken parts are the most readily available and used bait, and they are attached to the center-bottom of the trap with either a rope or wire tie. Sometimes you may pull a trap to find that your bait has been stolen and needs to be replaced. Using the reusable wire ties that can be cinched and uncinched is the most practical way to go because they allow baits to be quickly and easily replaced. When using collapsible traps from shore, your best bet is to drop them straight down. If you attempt to toss them out they may land incorrectly and not work properly.

I like to keep 25 of these traps stored under the deck and ready to go. When I get tired of flounder fishing, the conditions stink, the nieces and nephews are down or I just get a craving for crabs, I will break them out and head north of the Route 90 Bridge. When it comes to crabbing in the bay behind Ocean City, I have found that locations further north and near the mouths of feeder creeks are the best. There are a plethora of smaller creeks that dump into the bay and they can all be excellent places to crab. I will typically run my traps in about 6-feet of water just north of the Route 90 Bridge and set them in the straightest line possible. When setting traps over the side from a boat, allow at least 50-feet between traps so that you have time to account for wind and tide when pulling them. I have found that the cheapest and most reliable floats are orange pool noodles cut into 10-inch or 12-inch sections. Make sure that there is enough slack between the float and the trap on the bottom so the doors of the trap stay open. If you do not have enough line (and you may need more if the wind is howling or the tide is running hard), your float will tug on the trap and cause the doors to move or remain closed. Once your line of traps is set, allow 5 to 10 minutes and then begin pulling them from the down-current or down-tide end of your string.

Unlike handlines, traps should be snatched up fast and pulled in quickly in order to keep the doors closed and the crabs

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inside. Starting down-current/wind/tide will allow you to pull the traps up easier and give you more control of your boat. On my pontoon boat, I simply open the front gate and we take turns on who gets to kneel down and pull the traps. Being the captain can be extremely frustrating while doing this as the slow speeds required between floats/traps makes for an awful lot of wheel turning. Whether or not a trap has a crab in it, try to get it right back over the side to maintain your straight line. Be careful not to throw the traps overboard because the line may become tangled in the trap and the trap will not work properly. Instead, simply drop the trap right over the side after you have set it on the boat's floor to make sure that all four doors open properly. Sometimes you may not be successful in the original depth that you set your traps in. If your depthfinder tells you that most of your crabs are coming from 8-feet of water at one end of your string, try moving some or all of your pots into that depth range. Once you can figure out which depth is producing the most keeper crabs, try to move your entire string into that area.

If you are without a boat or do not feel like renting one, there are quite a few places in and around town where you can crab from shore. Northside Park can have plenty of crabs crawling around the muddy bottom. Just be sure not to go on an extremely low tide or you may find no water in which to crab! There is also a public pier on the island which connects the two sections of the route 90 bridge. This location is usually uncrowded and while there may not be many fish to catch here, the crabbing

can be great. The 9th Street Pier and the Oceanic Fishing Pier are probably the best choices for crabbing downtown. At the Oceanic Pier, keep your traps/handlines in the shallower water at the beginning of the pier as opposed to the deep water near the end.

Off of Route 611 in West Ocean City, just before you go over the Verrazano Bridge to Assateague, there is an excellent spot to park and set out some crab baits. Each of these locations also hold the opportunity for small baitfish to be caught while crabbing so bring along a five-gallon bucket with some holes drilled in it and another with a lid to get your catch back home. I am primarily talking about Norfolk spot here. They can be caught on very small hooks or Sabiki Rigs baited with bloodworms, Fishbite bloodworms or fresh clam and they are perhaps the greatest bait one can use for flounder, rockfish, seatrout and bluefish in the bay. Next week I will discuss the various live baits available to fishermen in Ocean City, how to catch them and how to keep them alive, so stay tuned!

Trotlining for crabs is a practice often used in the Chesapeake Bay and by commercial fisherman in our back bay. If you REALLY want a bushel or more of crabs, this is the way to go. Running a trotline is also the most expensive and complex way of crabbing. If you decide to go out and spend the money on the line, the anchors and anchor chains and the buoys, you'd better be a die hard crabber who is going to get a lot of use out of it. Explaining the intricacies of trotlining is a bit beyond the scope of this week's column, but if you decide that



Lance Smith and his dad, Tom Smith were drifting live mullet and bucktails tipped with white Gulp! artificial baits in 7 to 12-feet of water in the bay behind Ocean City when they captured 4 flounder, measuring 18 and 21-inches.

this is the way to go, hop on board a friend's boat who is already knowledgeable with the technique.

The large crab pots available at most tackle shops in town are another way to get your hands on some keeper crabs. Per regulations set forth a few years ago, these traps are only allowed to be set off of private piers by folks who don't possess a commercial crabbing license. Even so, if you happen to be renting or own a house on one of the many canals in Ocean City, these large pots can be baited and set every morning. I like to keep a separate wooden holding cage so that once a day I can put my keepers in that, throw the small ones back, and reset an empty trap. Just about any bait will do for these pots. I like to use leftover flounder or mahi carcasses, tuna bloodline or regular old raw chicken. For some reason, bluefish tend to actually repel crabs from these

pots so don't bother. If you have decided to rent a house or apartment on a canal in Ocean City, you can actually set a pot (as long as the owners name and address is on the buoy), put out some handlines and use some collapsible traps all at the same time. If it is too windy or rainy to go to the beach, this can keep children entertained all day long.

There are a handful of charter boats available here in the pages of the *Coastal Fisherman* that would be more than happy to take you and your family out for a day of crabbing or split your day with some fishing and crabbing. After all, it isn't really about the catch, it is about the adventure! Good luck, keep your fingers and toes intact and please check the local regulations for size limits as they are subject to change throughout the summer.

Lance Smith is an outdoor writer and Captain of his family's boat, the "Longfin".

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Fred Riefner from Carney, MD was fishing a Roy Rig under the Rt. 50 Bridge when he caught this 21-inch flounder during the incoming tide.



Jeff Schmidt of West Ocean City, MD stuck as many live bunker on the hook as possible and caught this 17-inch flounder while fishing off the 2nd Street Bulkhead.



Jason Wanex from Cambridge, MD caught 3 nice flounder and some sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. All of the fish were caught on squid at an ocean wreck.




Dean Dibler from Grandville, PA boated this 84.2 lb. wahoo last weekend on a skirted ballyhoo inside the 30 fathom line, just north of the Hot Dog. Dean was fishing on the "Dream Girl" with Mike Zimmerman of Jonesville, PA, Michael Russell and Chuck Sorcsek of Palmyra, PA. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



This 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder was hanging around the Lewes Canal Train Bridge when it ate a Storm Shad tossed by Marty Riley while casting for stripers. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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"JACKAL"
30.4 lbs.
2nd Place
"NONTYPICAL"
21.8 lbs.
3rd Place
"NO LIMITS"
19.0 lbs.

TUNA

1st Place
"THE STACEY"
61.0 lb. Yellowfin
2nd Place
"WIGGONE"
14.6 lb. Yellowfin
3rd Place (TIE)
"SEADUCTION"
4.6 lb. Albacore
"CHRISTINE
MARIE III"
4.6 lb. Skipjack

SHARK

1st Place
"MAVERICK"
Dusky 10:45am
2nd Place
"MAVERICK"
Dusky 11:30am

WAHOO

1st Place
"RIDIN' THIRTY"
26.4 lbs.

BLUEFISH

1st Place
"WRECKER"
2.8 lbs.
2nd Place
"TRIPLE S"
2.2 lbs.
3rd Place
"WRECKER"
1.4 lbs.

FLOUNDER

1st Place
"REEL CHAOS"
3.6 lbs.
2nd Place
"REEL CHAOS"
3.5 lbs.
3rd Place (TIE)
"REEL CHAOS"
"LITTLE CRITTERS"
2.6 lbs.

SPOT

1st Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
0.8 lbs.
2nd Place (TIE)
"PARTNERSHIP"
"JEB CREW"
0.6 lbs.

CROAKER

1st Place
"PARTNERSHIP CREW"
3.4 lbs.
2nd Place
"PARTNERSHIP CREW"
3.0 lbs.
3rd Place (TIE)
"BLACKJACK"
"ASHY'S BOAT"
2.2 lbs.

SEA BASS

1st Place (TIE)
"BUCKSHOT"
"JEZEBEL"
2.2 lbs.
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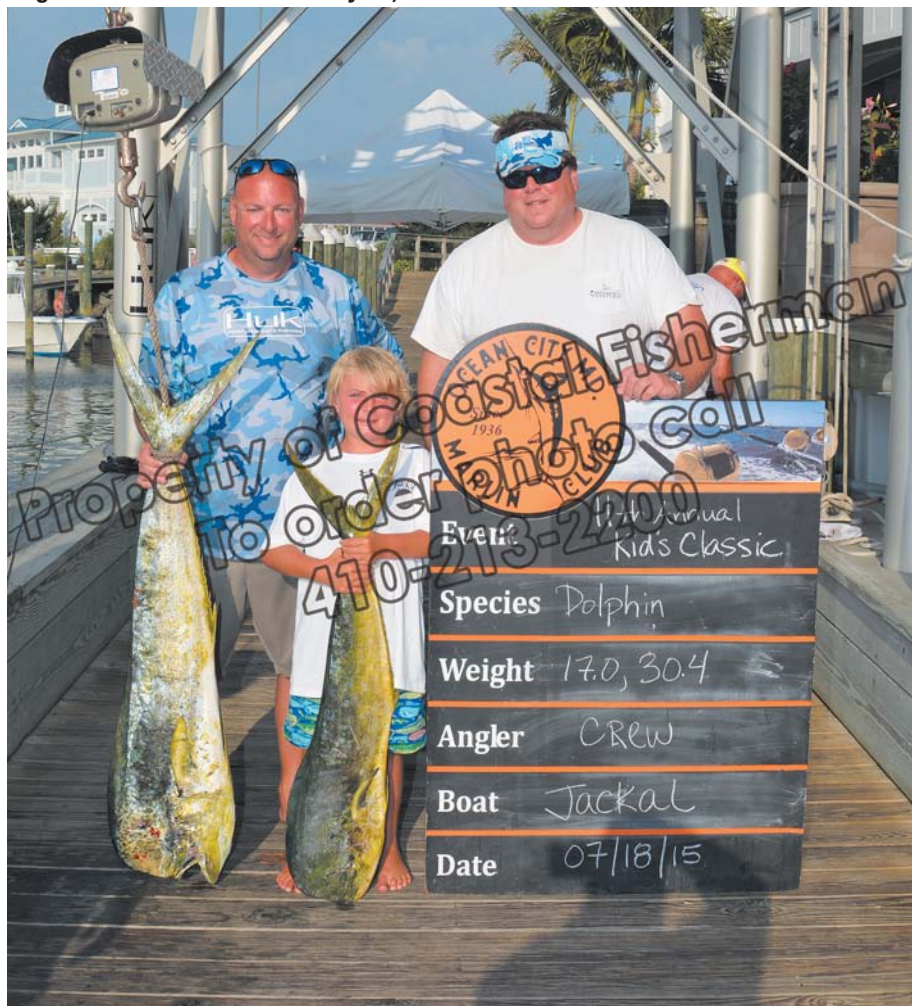
On opening day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, the Wish-A-Fish Foundation chartered the "Calico Jack", "Tortuga" and the "Judith M" for 83 anglers and 72 parents/guardians. The anglers had a good day fishing in the bay behind Ocean City, catching 18 flounder, 7 sea bass, 11 croakers, 6 sea robins, 2 bluefish and a houndfish. After a day of fishing, the group was treated to a banquet at the Ocean City Marlin Club where the Wish-A-Fish Foundation received a check for \$4,455 raised from area organizations in addition to private and corporate donors. Pictured on the deck of the Ocean City Marlin Club.



Junior anglers on the "Haulin' N Ballin'" returned to Sunset Marina on the first day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic with a blue marlin release and 3 white marlin releases, ending the tournament in 1st place in the Billfish Release Division. Conner Jezierski released the blue marlin and Torri Jezierski, Colby Frashure and Shelby Frashure each released a white marlin while trolling ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Also fishing was Kaleigh Jezierski. They also landed 3 dolphin during the trip. Pictured with the junior anglers are mate Tyler Green, Ryan Frashure and Aaron Jezierski.



On the first day of the 11th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, the junior anglers on the "Reel Chaos" had an incredible day fishing at the African Queen wreck. Emma Jean Matarese, Harper Hastings and Walker Hastings caught 19 flounder, sea robins, bluefish and puffers. Their two heaviest flounder, caught on squid and cut bait, weighed 3.5 and 3.6 lbs., good enough to win 1st and 2nd place in the Flounder Division. The anglers were fishing with Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr., Anthony Matarese, Sr. and mates Rich Hastings and Mike Matarese. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On opening day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Alex Clarke caught a pair of good size dolphin, weighing 17.0 and 30.4 lbs. The heaviest dolphin ended the tournament in 1st place in the Dolphin Division. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Jackal" with his dad, Kevin Clarke, Todd Cannady and Sean Haviland (not pictured). Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Addison and Brynlee Lane caught a stringer of spot, weighing 0.8 lbs. to win 1st place in the Spot Division. They also caught a stringer of croaker that weighed 3.4 lbs. to win 1st place in the Croaker Division. The junior anglers were fishing on the "Partnership" and caught their fish on artificial baits in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the last day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Evan Winterbottom from Pasadena, MD caught a 26.4 lb. wahoo to win 1st place in the Wahoo Division. Evan also released a white marlin and caught a 12 lb. dolphin and a 2 lb. albacore. The winning wahoo was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Ridin' Thirty" with Steve Wagner, Mike Hatcher, Brandon Cassady, Josh Thompson and Tom Faulkner. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the final day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Bradley Marks won 1st place in the Tuna Division after capturing a 61 lb. yellowfin tuna on a trolled ballyhoo in 80 fathoms at the East Wall of the Baltimore Canyon. Bradley, who also released a white marlin during the trip, was fishing on "The Stacey" with his brother, Brian Mark, who also released a white marlin, their dad, Jeff Marks, who released a blue marlin, Jimmy Dempsey and Joel Fryberger. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the final day of the 11th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Rachel, Luke and Lee McAteer, Piper Blunt and Grason Dougherty returned to Sunset Marina with 10 bluefish, the heaviest weighing 2.8 lbs., good enough for 1st place in the Bluefish Division. They also caught a 7 lb. dolphin. All of the action took place at the Jackspot while fishing on the "Wrecker".



Macy Layton muscled in a 21.8 lb. dolphin to win 2nd place in the Dolphin Division of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Macy was fishing on the "Nontypical" with Dylan and Ethan Peterson (both pictured), Capt. Terry Layton and mates Dave Peterson and Andy Smelter when she hooked the dolphin on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On opening day of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Cash Stanton, Amelia Caple and Naomi Geiwitz returned to Sunset Marina after fishing on the "Buckshot" with a catch of sea bass, blue line tilefish, a pair of dolphin and a white marlin release by Cash. Their largest sea bass weighed 2.2 lbs. and tied for 1st place in the Sea Bass Division. The white marlin was hooked in the Poor Man's Canyon and the other fish were caught just inshore of the Poor Man's.



Sofia Stafford captured a 2.2 lb. bluefish to win 2nd place in the Bluefish Division of the Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Sofia was fishing on the "Triple S" when she hooked the bluefish on a trolled cedar plug at the Jackspot while fishing with her dad, Chris Stafford and her mom, Katy Stafford. Sofia also muscled in a 43 lb. wahoo after hooking it on a skirted ballyhoo, but it was on a J-hook and the tournament required wahoo to be caught on a circle hook. Great catch by Sofia! Pictured at Sunset Marina.



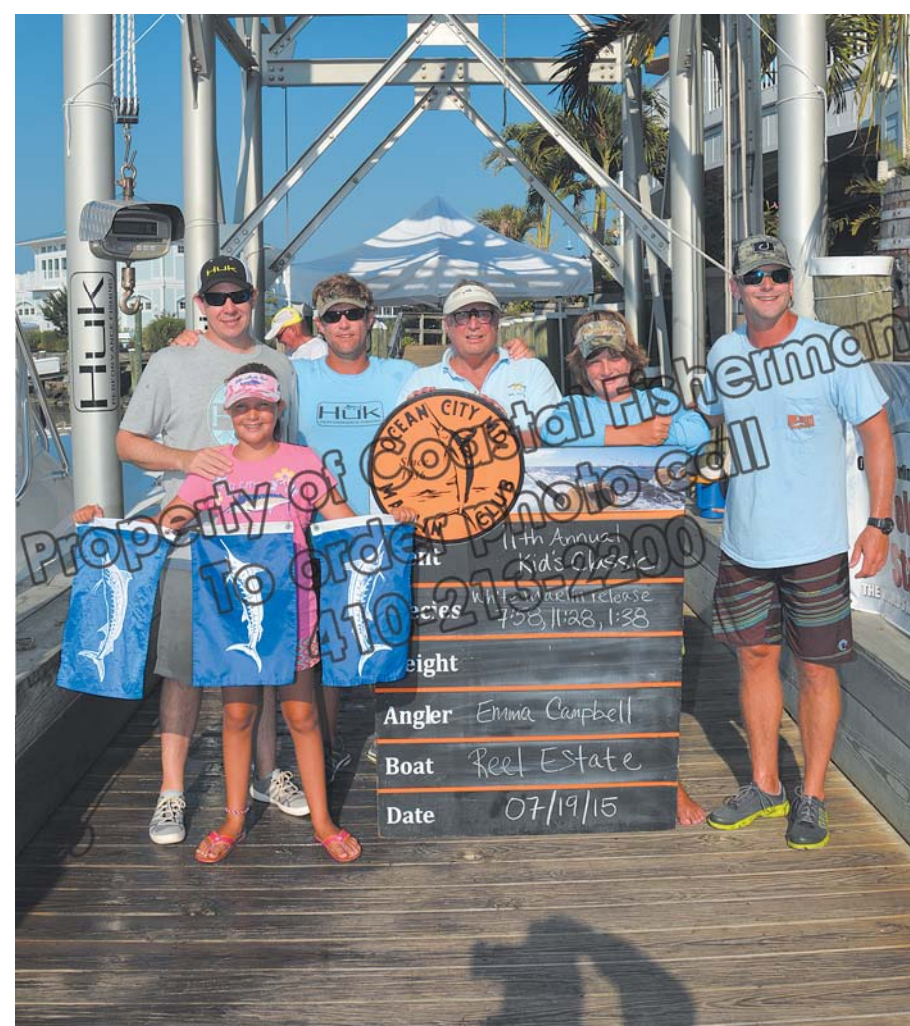
In the 11th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, the crew on the "Jezebel" tied for 1st place in the Sea Bass Division with a 2.2 pounder caught at the Fingers. Fishing on the "Jezebel" were Jacob and Ella Wozar, Miles, Carter and Riley White, Carson, Carliegh and Cameron Neville and Lucia Monfredo. The anglers also caught a 5.2 lb. mahi during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, anglers on the "Reel Fantasy" had a great tournament, winning 2nd place in the Billfish Release Division with 2 blue marlin releases on the 1st day of the tournament. Wil Kennington and Anna Pence each released a blue marlin in the Baltimore Canyon. Also fishing on the "Reel Fantasy" were Cortney Grady, Caroline Kennington, Emma Helwig and Ashton Cherivtch. The anglers also boated 3 dolphin during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On opening day of the 11th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Hanna Zajdel and Ashton Clarke caught 5 dolphin and a 14.6 lb. yellowfin while fishing on the "Wigg One" with Mike Wiggins, Bob Clarke, Jr., Bob Clarke, Sr. and Wayne Clarke. The yellowfin was caught on a trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone and ended the tournament in 2nd place in the Tuna Division. Also pictured at Sunset Marina is Morgan Clarke and Jake McGeorge.



Third place in the Billfish Release Division of the 2015 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic was won by the junior anglers aboard the "Reel Estate". Emma Campbell released 3 white marlin at the East Wall of the Baltimore Canyon on Sunday while fishing with Connor Campbell, Bruce Campbell, Steve Noel, Brad Burgess and Capt. Curtis Campbell.



Donald Bounds of Pittsville Ford in Pittsville, MD muscled in this 180 lb. bigeye tuna during a trip to 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Donald was fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with George Donaway from Salisbury, MD, Cody Landreth from Pittsville, MD, Jodi Danzi from Bishopville, MD, Jennifer Naugle from Delmar, DE, Gavin Roystuart from Delmar, DE, Capt. John Oughton and mates Mike Mason and Sean O'Donnell. The bigeye was caught in 80-degree water while chunking with sardines.

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VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

BY DR. JULIE BALL
I.G.F.A REPRESENTATIVE

The summer fishing trend is in full swing, with good catches happening most everywhere inshore. On the other hand, the bluewater action could use some improvement. The offshore fleet is working hard for their catches lately, but this trend should improve when the billfish become more plentiful in a few weeks.

Inshore, limits of respectable cobia continue to keep anglers content. These fish are certainly easy to come by as they are spotted cruising in lower Bay waters. Most cobia are ranging around 30 to 45-pounds, with scattered 60 to 70-pounders in the mix.

Steady action is keeping chummers on their toes, but this activity is still hindered by trash fish and bothersome sharks. The best locations for chumming are the seaside areas

of Fisherman's Island, the Nine Foot Shoal, and Latimer Shoal. Red drum are also providing top water action as they school around the mouth of the Bay, especially near the Baltimore Channel.

The flounder scene experienced an upswing in the abundance of fish last week. Many boats are limiting out with nice sized flatties, with many averaging around 4-pounds or more. Anglers dropping live bait and jigs on lower Bay structures and inshore wrecks are finding responsive fish, especially around the 1st, 3rd and 4th Islands at the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Within the Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, flounder enthusiasts are finding good catches measuring up to around 20-inches recently.

Sheepshead action is still

very good, with fish ranging between 10 and 13-pounds taking fiddler crabs presented along the Bridge Tunnel complex, with few sheep coming from the Seagull Pier last week. Plenty of greedy triggerfish are still available in these same areas, with some fish weighing over 2-pounds.

Spadefish are schooling at the Chesapeake Light Tower, on nearshore wrecks and along much of the span of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Most of these fish are weighing between 3 and 5-pounds. Inshore wrecks are also harboring some nice sea bass and flounder.

Spanish mackerel continue to hit very well off the Virginia Beach oceanfront, from Rudee Inlet to Sandbridge. Captain Jake Hiles, skipper of the "Matador" from Rudee Inlet,

www.coastalfisherman.net reports the fish are holding in anywhere from 15 to 30-feet of water lately. Plenty of tailor bluefish are also mixed in with the Spanish. Some king mackerel are available in the same areas, with scattered rumors of hook-ups. Shark fishing is still very good in this vicinity, with some big sharks common lately.

Bottom bouncers are having a good season, with croaker hitting most everywhere in lower Bay waters and inlets. Small to medium-sized spot are also making a showing along the oceanfront and Rudee Inlet, with sea mullet rounding out catches, especially on the Eastern Shore side of the Bay near the High Rise section of the CBBT and the Concrete Ships.

The tarpon scene on the Eastern Shore continues to develop, but not many are talking about it. Sliver kings have been sighted, with some hook-ups and jump-offs reported recently.

Deep droppers are still pulling in good numbers of



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tilefish, rosefish, wreckfish and grouper, along with a smattering of sea bass near the Norfolk Canyon edges. Amberjack are ready for action on several ocean wrecks and at the South Tower. Jigs and live bait work well for these powerful fighters.

On the offshore scene, some wahoo, yellowfin tuna and nice bigeye tuna are around, but huge sharks are making it difficult to get the tuna to the boat. Some decent mahi are also hitting, with a few gaffers weighing in at over 25-pounds caught last week. Some boats are catching mahi along weed lines around 20-miles off the coast, and false albacore made a good showing near the Fingers and other inshore sea mounts last week. Some billfish are showing up, but the bite is still happening for mostly live-baiters.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A Representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For more information, go to drjball.com.

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Judd Fitchett from Chincoteague, VA muscled in this 84 lb. wahoo after hooking it on a skirted ballyhoo at the Hambone. Judd was fishing on the "Miss Evelyn" with Eric McDonough, Kayla McGee, Alex Reda, Brandon Arbogast and Dale Payne. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.



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 Layton's Restaurant - 92nd Street
 Coffee Beanery - 94th Street
 Clarion Hotel - 101st Street
 Denny's - 112th Street
 Oyster Bay Tackle - 116th Street
 Wawa - 120th Street

OCEAN CITY (cont'd)

7-Eleven - 120th Street
 Montego Bay Market - 130th Street
 Primo Hoagies - 132nd Street
 7-Eleven - 139th Street

WEST OCEAN CITY

Ocean City Visitors Center
 Wawa - Rt. 50
 Superfresh - Rt. 50
 Wockenfuss Candy - Rt. 50
 All Tackle Ocean City - Rt. 50
 Ocean City Fishing Center
 Ocean City Marlin Club
 Harborside Bar & Grill
 Captain's Galley
 Atlantic Tackle (formally Ake Marine)
 Sunset Marina
 Sunset Provisions
 Harbor Marine
 Food Lion - Rt. 611
 Larry's Trading Post - Rt. 611
 Optical Galleria - Rt. 611

CHESTER, MD

Island Tackle Outfitters - Main Street

ANNAPOLIS, MD

All Tackle - Somerville Road

BERLIN & PITTSVILLE

Walmart - Rt. 50 (both entrances)
 Berlin Post Office
 Buck's Place - Rt. 611
 Assateague Market - Rt. 611
 7-Eleven - Rt. 589
 Ocean Pines Marina
 Crabs To Go - Rt 50
 Local's Beer & Wine - Rt. 50
 Pittsville Motors
 Coffee Beanery/Coastal Drug - Barrett Bldg.

FENWICK/SELBYVILLE & FRANKFORD

Fenwick Bait & Tackle
 Crepes & Crazes
 Mancini's Italian Restaurant
 North Bay Marina
 Uncle Willie's
 Rt.113 Boat Sales
 Harris Teeter
 Jim's Bait & Tackle

BETHANY, OCEAN VIEW & MILLVILLE

Hook 'em & Cook 'em Outfitters - Rt.1
 G&E Supermarket - Cedar Neck Rd.
 G&E Hardware - Cedar Neck Rd.
 Hocker's Deli - Rt. 26
 Hocker's Supermarket - Rt. 26
 Bethany Auto & Marine - Rt. 26

INDIAN RIVER

Indian River Marina
 Hook 'em & Cook 'em

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Pier Point Marina
 Lewes Harbour Marina
 Ice House Bait & Tackle
 Bill's Sport Shop
 Superfresh - Rt. 1

LONG NECK

Short's Marine
 Rick's Bait & Tackle

TIDES & MOON PHASES

OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. July 22	Low 06:48 am Low 07:08 pm	High 12:28 am High 01:04 pm
Thurs. July 23 First Quarter	Low 07:26 am Low 08:00 pm	High 01:12 am High 01:54 pm
Fri. July 24	Low 08:06 am Low 08:54 pm	High 01:59 am High 02:49 pm
Sat. July 25	Low 08:51 am Low 09:51 pm	High 02:51 am High 03:46 pm
Sun. July 26	Low 09:40 am Low 10:50 pm	High 03:46 am High 04:41 pm
Mon. July 27	Low 10:34 am Low 11:46 pm	High 04:41 am High 05:34 pm
Tues. July 28	Low 11:29 am Low -----	High 05:34 pm High 06:24 pm
Wed. July 29	Low 12:37 am Low 12:23 pm	High 06:26 am High 07:14 pm
Thurs. July 30	Low 01:24 am Low 01:16 pm	High 07:18 am High 08:04 pm
Fri. July 31 Full Moon	Low 02:10 am Low 02:08 pm	High 08:13 am High 08:54 pm
Sat. August 1	Low 02:56 am Low 02:59 pm	High 09:07 am High 09:43 pm
Sun. August 2	Low 03:42 am Low 03:53 pm	High 10:01 am High 10:31 pm
Mon. August 3	Low 04:31 am Low 04:48 pm	High 10:54 am High 11:19 pm
Tues. August 4	Low 05:21 am Low 05:48 pm	High 11:49 pm High -----

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
- subtract 45 minutes to low tide
Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide
- 21 minutes for low tide
Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

... JULY ...

2nd Annual Big Fish Classic

July 24-26 • Talbot Street Pier • 410-213-0325

7th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament

July 31 - Aug 1 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

... AUGUST ...

8th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament

August 1 • Pines Point Provisions • 410-641-5306

42nd Annual White Marlin Open

Aug 3-7 • Harbour Island Marina • 410-289-9229

22nd Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open

Aug 13-15 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

24th Annual MidAtlantic

Aug 17-21 • Cape May, NJ & Sunset Marina
609-884-2400

4th Annual MSSA Beach N' Boat Tournament

Aug 22 • Atlantic Tackle • 410-255-5535

... SEPTEMBER ...

57th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament

Sept 4-6 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

10th Annual Flounder Pounder

Sept 13 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

37th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Challenge Cup

Sept 18-19 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

... OCTOBER ...

Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament

October 31 • Lewes, DE • 302-645-6227

36th Annual Mid-Atlantic Surf Fishing Tournament

October 1-3 • Ocean City, MD • 410-251-2203



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CAROL LIBBY - 2013 60' Spencer
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SHIP'S CAFE - 1987 60' Merritt
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1988 58' Monterey
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Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields



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