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This crew on the charter boat "Game Changer" with Capt. Kurt Howell and mate Zane Rutt got to experience some of the best fishing of the summer last week before the effects of Hurricane Larry kept boats in their slips! Mike Shaulis reeled in this legit wahoo that weighed in at a huge 72" and 97.5 lbs. as well as releasing a blue marlin. Fellow anglers Jeff Brown, Rafael Merino, Corey Mayes, Christian Escobar and Louis Chen also released a white marlin and boated a tuna, all from in the Poor Man's Canyon.



The Smack boys from Annapolis, MD had an epic trip to the Poor Man's Canyon early last week. 16 year old James released this 70" white marlin, the first for their boat "Loaded Up". He also caught a gaffer mahi as did his 12 year old brother Robert, the largest at 22 lbs.! All fish were caught on skirted ballyhoos for this trip. Their dad Brian was at the wheel.

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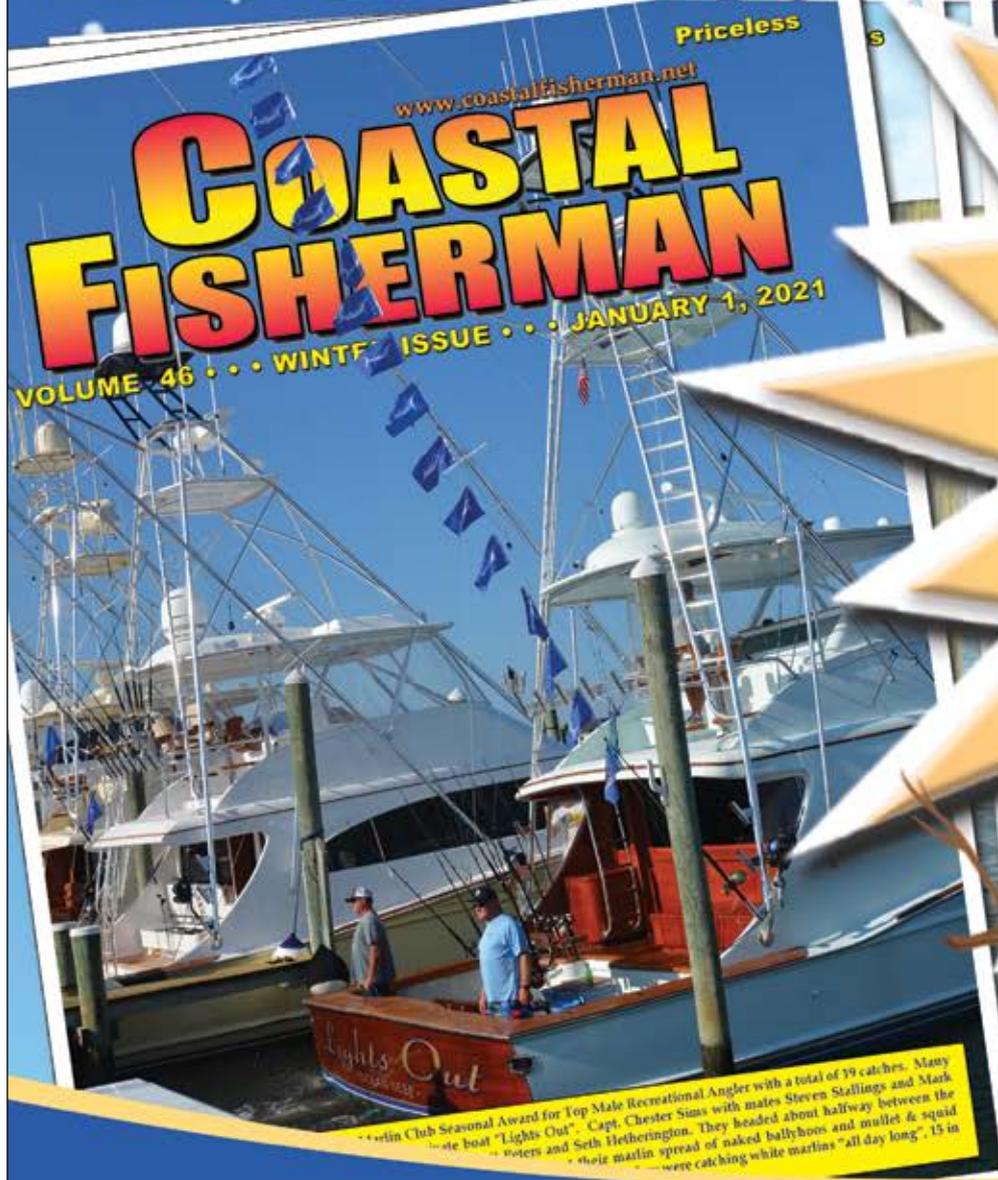


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Allan Reed, Alan McGregor, Dorothy Spilker and Mike Spilker spent their Saturday in the Washington Canyon aboard the charter boat "Boss Hogg" and certainly made the most of it! Capt. Brian Porter with mates Alex Beane and Jack Hannum put them on 10 yellowfin tunas and a mess of mahi all found on the troll.



The inner wall is still producing some sheepshead and triggers. Timothy Morris caught a 6.86 pound sheepshead and Kover Showell got a triggerfish today with sand fleas. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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The OFFSHORE REPORT

by Larry Budd

This Week Last Year

- The weather was not a friend to the offshore fisherman this time last year compliments of a lingering low pressure system.
- Before the weather there were many reports of 5 and 6 white marlin releases mainly from the Washington Canyon. The "Big Stick" and the "Buckshot" both released 6 whites on the same day.
- The tuna bite was scattered across the area with mostly single bites of both yellowfin and longfin including a 65.5 lb. longfin on the "Marli".
- The weather pushed the mahi offshore and the bite dropped significantly, but big dolphin were still being caught like the 42" fish Mike Orchulli boated in the Baltimore Canyon.

While not an offshore event, we did spend some time at the scales for the 16th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder Tournament last Sunday. This popular event mainly draws local participants, and this year was no different. 32 boats registered with 105 anglers all vying for the \$6,655 in prize money. This event limits anglers to the Ocean City Bays, and most we talked to shared that it was hard on Sunday. Only 5 boats came to the scales, but all with some nice fish. The "Screaming Hooker" started things off with a 3 lb. flattie from the bay behind Assateague Island, however it was the boats at the end that filled the top spots. Capt. Dave Caffrey and the crew on the "On the Run" headed out early and were rewarded with 3 flounder they caught before the water got dirty and were the only

ones for the day. The largest at 3 lbs. 7 ozs. was enough to take 2nd Place earning \$500. Almost last to the dock was last year's winners Rich Daiker and Kenny Schoen on the "Delicious". They brought a total of 7 fish to the scales with the heaviest at 3 lbs. 15 ozs., besting the next closest by 1/2 pound to lock in 1st Place. Both boats also tied for 3rd Place with matching flat fish at 3 lbs. 2 ozs. The final payouts were a combined \$5,995 for the "Delicious" and \$660 to "On the Run. More details and pictures can be found on page 54.

As for offshore fishing, last week was tough. Several days of wind as well as waves driven by Hurricane Larry kept most of the offshore boats snug in their slips. That weather however seemed to help the bite with some great reports from Saturday and fair weather expected for Monday and Tuesday, so let's break down what we do know happened last week.

white estimated at 70" that ate a skirted ballyhoo and the "Spring Mix II" found 3 whites in the Baltimore Canyon. After the blow on Saturday we saw more action with the "Big Stick" returning with 6 white marlin releases from the south end of the Washington in 500 fathoms.



Tuna & Mahi

Tuna, specifically yellowfin tuna, were more consistent and ranged from the Poor Man's Canyon to the Washington Canyon. Lots of multiple hookup were common in reports. The "Marli" kicked things off early last week bringing 14 nice sized yellows to the docks from the Rockpile. Before and after the wind the "Ro Sham Bo" did well, getting 4 yellowfin from the 800 Square on one trip before and 6 yellowfins last Saturday from the Poor Man's. The "Rhonda's Osprey" made a quick day landing 8 yellowfins after two quad hookups in the Baltimore Canyon. A real standout for the week was the 113 lb. allison yellowfin that Nick Fuldner caught on the "Primary Search" last Saturday in the Washington. It was a quest for Capt. Austin Ensor that he can now check off the list!

Mahi continue to be in the peanut to gaffer range and seem to be mainly by catch while trolling for tuna, others are targeting them around the sea bass pot markers near the Baltimore Canyon. For trolling, the Poor Man's remains a hot spot with some gaffers in the mid 20's, with some still being caught inshore at the Hot Dog and reefs. However, the notable for this week was a 58 lb. bull caught on the "Fin Chaser" by Brad Brin. He hooked up to this one on a small spinning reel and took over

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Billfish

The pickings were slim and have been slim for white marlin for a while, despite this being prime season for whities. Last Wednesday before the blow we did see some low single digit releases mainly from the Poor Man's Canyon. The "Game Changer" released a white as well as a blue marlin in 1200 fathoms. The "Loaded Up" released a single



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As for other species, tilefish are consistent with some nice goldens being caught. Our own BJ Pietryak did well in the Baltimore Canyon in 850 ft. raising some nice sized goldens.

Upcoming Tournaments

• The Delaware Seashore Fall Surf Fishing Classic hosted by the Old Inlet Bait & Tackle is on the books for September 25-26. This year's event offers over \$15,000 in cash and prizes and of course the prestigious bronze statues for the winners. More at oldinlet.com.

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There are also more fall events so keep an eye on our schedule in the paper and on-line to keep up to date!

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James and Dave Weller rounded up some nice 'convicts' earlier this month from the South Ocean City Jetty while fishing on the "Turn me Loose". Sand fleas are a favorite bait for sheepshead and they did the trick for these boys!

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Flounder pounder Timothy Goodman was at it again over the Labor Day Weekend. He fooled this 19½" and almost 3 lb. flounder on a minnow on the top teaser hook of his double rig. He was fishing in the Indian River Bay, south of the inlet near the VFW.



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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week brought some welcome cooler weather and less humidity. The water while still slightly muddied due to the passing hurricane was actually very productive. On the nearshore reefs, flounder was the biggest catch with several true trophy fish coming on board many boats. Sea bass are still being caught despite the warm water and spadefish as well as triggerfish are on many wrecks.

Back Bays & Beaches

The back bays of Ocean City are alive with fish. Flounder are found in every cut and channel and croaker are throughout the bay.

Rockfish and blues are still being caught at the bridges and along the jetty rock walls. Craig "Big Bird" Cropper was

at it again with double limits of stripers and blues while fishing his Roy Rig near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Craig and Shawn reported that the fish were boiling on the surface and just waiting to be caught. As the weather continues to cool many will turn toward rockfish as a main targeted fish. Swim baits as well as live spot should be your go to choices to fool the stripers, especially live spot on a long leader with a circle hook. Use a 3 way swivel with a light leader on one side leading to a weight to hold the rig near the bottom. The second swivel should have approximately 15-20 ft. of 20 lb. fluorocarbon line with a 5/0-8/0 circle hook. Attach the live spot and drift the bait along the bottom, bouncing the bait up and down to trigger strikes. As a

reminder, when you feel a bite, drop your rod tip down to the fish to allow them to take the bait into their mouth. That rig will account for many rockfish catches this fall! "Beach to Bay Guide Service" also caught a few nice stripers this week. They targeted the back bay area along the docks and rip wrap area by casting swimbaits and jigs.

The back bays have also been producing some nice flounder this week. Barbara Dean was fishing on the "Get Sum" near Harbor Island with white Gulp when she caught a nice 18" flounder. Michael Skowronski was fishing on the "Tortuga" when he caught a nice 20½" flounder along the Thorofare while using a minnow and squid combo. Dave Neumayer was fishing with his son Chase

on board the "Double D's" on an outgoing tide and ended up with a nice flounder along the south Jetty Wall. Joe Koziol also got in on the hot flounder bite in Ocean City by catching a nice 18" keeper flounder using white Gulp along the West Channel. The main areas to target are the Thorofare and Main Channel along the entrance to the bay.

Speaking of the entrance to the bay, spadefish and sheepshead are being caught in good numbers from the deep hole just outside the inlet. James and David Weller on the "Turn Me Loose" caught some nice size convicts from out front using sand fleas. Sand fleas are the favorite bait when targeting these picky fish.

Near Shore Wrecks & Reefs

The nearshore reefs are on fire this week with flounder and keeper sea bass being the most common catches. The African Queen as well as across the Bass Grounds have been closer

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in hot spots. For as warm as it's been it's surprising that keeper sea bass are still being caught in this shallow water. Further offshore at the Great Eastern Reef, keeper sea bass are much more prevalent. Capt. Eric Shoaff on the headboat "Judith M" fished the Bass Grounds this week with several keepers, with many of those being true knotheads, which is a rare sight this time of year. Constantine George did not find the mahi when he went out, but did manage a few nice sea bass. Victor from the "Ocean Princess" shared that he found a better class of fish this week but wished they would have bitten a little better. Many anglers did manage a limit of flounder.

Overall the Great Eastern Reef was the hotspot of the week for sea bass and big flounder. Niko Papoutsis managed sea bass and flounder limits over a 3 hr period while he was fishing there this week. Kane Bounds took a charter out this week and reported the best fishing he has seen all year with big catches of flounder, sea bass and triggerfish. David Sliwinski was fishing on the "Ocean Princess" and was rewarded with a beautiful 24 1/4" flounder. Similarly Bob Telford was fishing on the "Angler" and got his limit of flounder up to 5 lbs. This is some of

the biggest flounder we have seen all year being caught on a regular basis.

If you're looking to catch a trophy flounder, now is the time. Over the next few weeks the water should begin to cool, sending the flounder off to deeper water. Squid and Gulp are the primary baits being used by most charters and headboats, however if you truly want a big fish try drifting a live spot along the bottom. You will not get the amount of bites you do if you use squid, but the bites you get will mostly be of a better quality.

Pompano are showing up in the surf at Assateague Island and many anglers are capitalizing on these tasty treats. Sand fleas or squid are your best baits and mid day seems to be the best time for catching them. A few black drum as well as some big redfish are also coming off the surf of late. These numbers should really increase as the water cools. The end of September into mid October is some of the best surf fishing that Assateague Island enjoys during the year.

The stripers will also begin to show up on our shores as the water cools.

Until next week...

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Labor Day weekend overall was slow, however there were some standout catches like this 58 lb. dolphin that Brad Brin caught on a spinning rod in the Poor Man's Canyon! The mahi ate cut bait in 55 fathoms and took nearly an hour to land. The crew of Jesse Hylton, Wess Brin, Brad Brin and Shane Sanner with Capt. Dan Stauffer & mate Joey Marowski also used light tackle to land 4 other mahi with two at 25 lbs. as well as deep dropping for tilefish in the same area. Pictured at Talbot Street Pier.

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All charter boat captains have a bucket list and Capt. Austin Ensor on the "Primary Search" is no exception! He got to check one of those off last week when angler Nick Fuldner connected with this 113 lb. allison yellowing tuna in the Washington Canyon. The allison's are rare and known for their overall size and the large tail with long pectoral and anal fins. Rounding out the crew were Tyler Breitenbach, Anthony Clark, Sean Rosa, Pedro Paz, Chris Riley and mates Brian Suschke and Josh Ensor.

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 Bluefish	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 Mako Shark	July 1 Vince Cusimano Poor Man's 250 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Black Drum	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	June 17 Rory Badger Old grounds 458 lbs.
 Cobia	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 Bigeye Tuna	July 28 John Edward Washington Canyon 257 lbs.	July 11 Fiore Celano Poor Man's 171 lbs.
 Flounder	July 4 Richard Rudell Old Grounds 10 lbs.	July 20 Mark Bonk Site 10 8.8 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sea Bass	May 27 Michael DePalma Jack Spot 4.05 lbs.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna	July 17 Kayler Michael Baltimore Canyon 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	July 14 James Williams OC Inlet 13 lbs.	August 16 Tom Smith Outer Wall 13.6 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna	July 24 Shane Surrency Spencer Canyon 111 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin	August 11 Mike Hendrickson Poor Man's 49 lbs.	July 15 Bill Dickinson Poor Man's 26.6 lbs.
 Tautog	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 Wahoo	September 4 Hudson Wise Rockpile 101 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Weakfish	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	May 27 Cole Singer Indian River Bay 8 lbs.	 White Marlin	August 6 Butch Wright Norfolk Canyon 85.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported

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Young Wesley Gray from Frankford, DE has to smile after his big day fishing on "The Gray Boys". He was at the sea bass pots near A Buoy when he caught this 11 lb. dolphin and several other peanuts as well as some sea bass and 3 nice keeper flounder. Time to fire up the grill and pull some recipes from The Galley!

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After the weather and swells brought on by Hurricane Larry, Capt. Joe Drosey got right back on it last Saturday. Their crew that day were all owners at the Ocean Princess condos in Ocean City and had never been offshore. Jim Flannery, Donald Wroe, John Calalhan, Steve Shockey with Steve and Felix Bortkiewicz followed the directions of mates Matt and Joe catching these 6 yellowfin tuna plus 2 more while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon. They got them in two separate quad hookups landing all 8! Pretty sweet for a first trip offshore.

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Capt. Eric Shoaff on the headboat "Judith M" has been finding the sea bass lately on their half day trips including this one to the Bass Grounds. This angler got onto a nice sized knobhead and others found triggerfish as well.



Michael Skowronski from Dupont, PA only had one bite on his two hour trip aboard the headboat "Tortuga" on Labor Day, but it was the bite that counted. He caught this 20 1/2" and 3.4 lb. flounder in the Thorofare using a minnow and squid combo. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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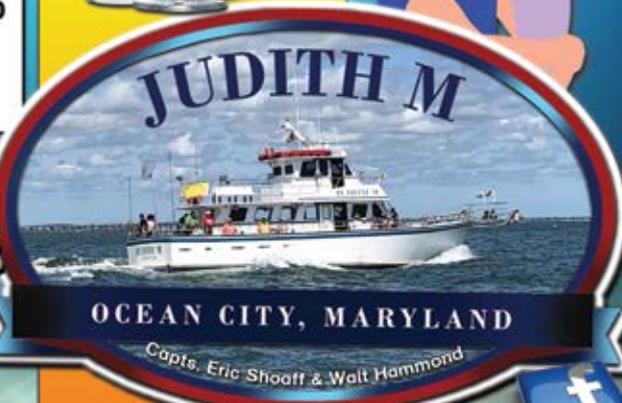
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Steve Sauble got his limit of flounder fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak at a natural inshore reef using squid on the headboat "Angler".



After a fairly slow start to the Labor Day Weekend, Capt. Mark Hoos with mate Danny Prettyman on the charter boat "Marli" picked up the action Sunday bringing back 14 yellowfin tuna. They were trolling east of the Rockpile and at one point had 8 on at once landing 7. Despite a salty ride home and sore arms, anglers Dean Miller, Jim Arms, Matthew Arms and Rick Miller were all smiles. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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The offshore action has picked up a little bit after the remnants of Hurricane Ida blew through and before the effects of Hurricane Larry showed up! The charter boat "Spring Mix II" with Capt. Chris Watkowski took this group of Andrew, Vinny, Brice, Justin Sr. Justin Jr. and Travis Arttrip out to the Baltimore Canyon for an action packed day. Mate Jacob Bialk kept the anglers busy catching 20 bailer mahi of off sea bass pots or floating debris and they also boated 7 yellowfin tuna and released 3 white marlin.

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The action was hot before the wind and swells of Hurricane Larry barreled through late last week. Charter boat "Ro Sham Bo" headed out to the 800 Square last Thursday and put anglers Lisa Williams, Albert DeCesaris, Kelly Carrino, Mike Carrino, Bradley Bell and Lindy Stamp on some nice fishing. They caught these 4 yellowfin tuna on Sterling Wide Tracker bars as well as released 3 white marlins that ate naked ballyhoo. Capt. Willie Zimmerman was at the helm with mates Daniel Ames and Evan Evans working the lines.

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Always one of the first to get on the fish as they move into the area, Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat "Lucky Break" put angler Norm Thurston from Pasadena, MD onto a nice pair of black drum at the Rt. 50 Bridge using clams. Pictured with mate Ethan Nock .

Deborah Szarko is a regular on the headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich & Steve. She jumped on a trip recently to get in on the hot inshore dolphin bite and caught this nice gaffer mahi at a wreck using squid.

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Dave Neumayer from Hanover, PA caught this 17 3/4" flounder during the outgoing tide on the ocean side of the Ocean City South Jetty using the bunker. He finally found clean water after the murky water all weekend. Pictured with his son Chase aboard the "Double D's".



Lewes Harbour Marina's own Robbie Baxler's 20th Birthday was last week and he, his dad Rob, Capt. Keith and Matt went fishing on the "Surface Tension". The birthday boy caught a citation 29 lb. mahi, a 21 lb. golden tilefish and released a white marlin. At the end of the day the wheelbarrow was full of golden tiles, bluelines and yellowfin tuna!

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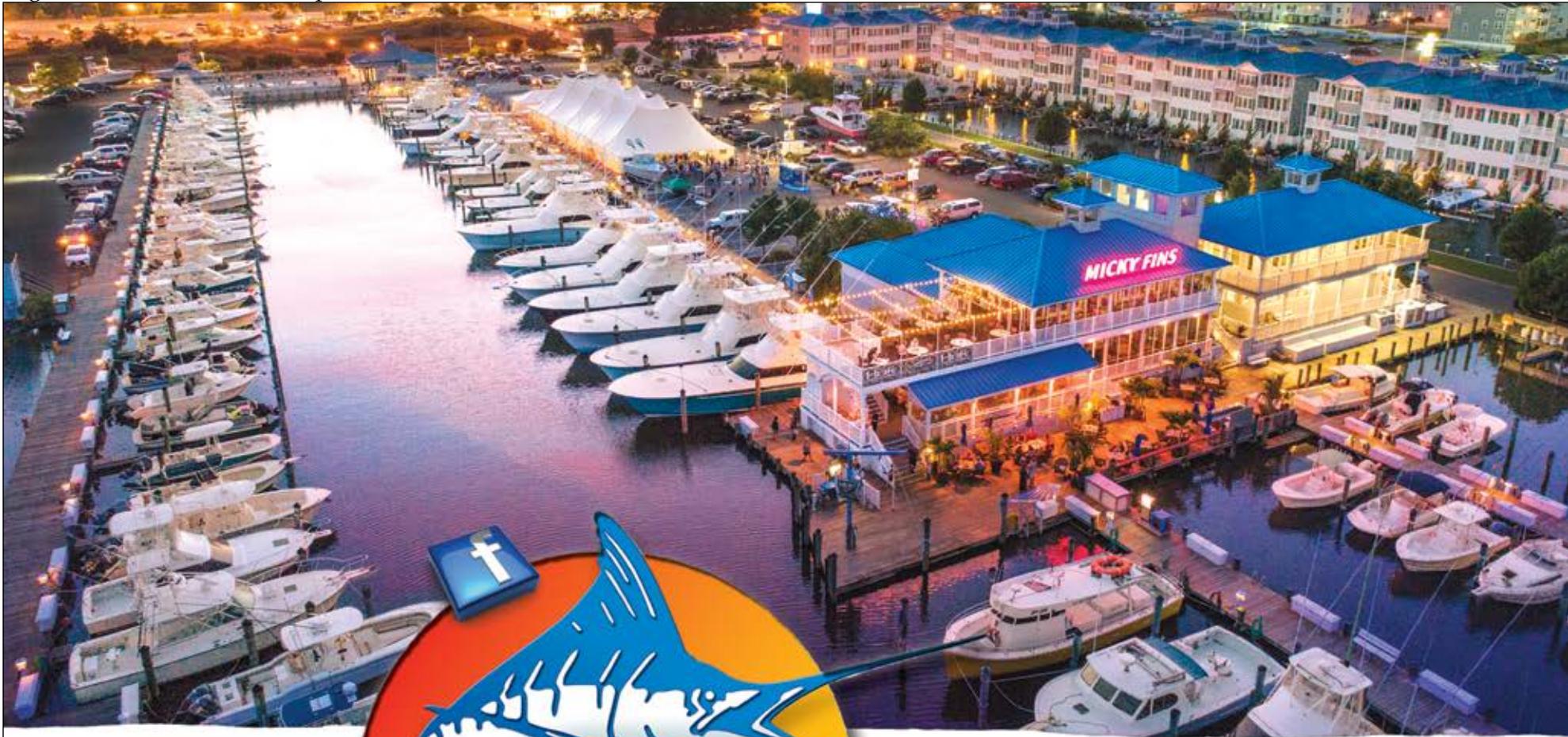
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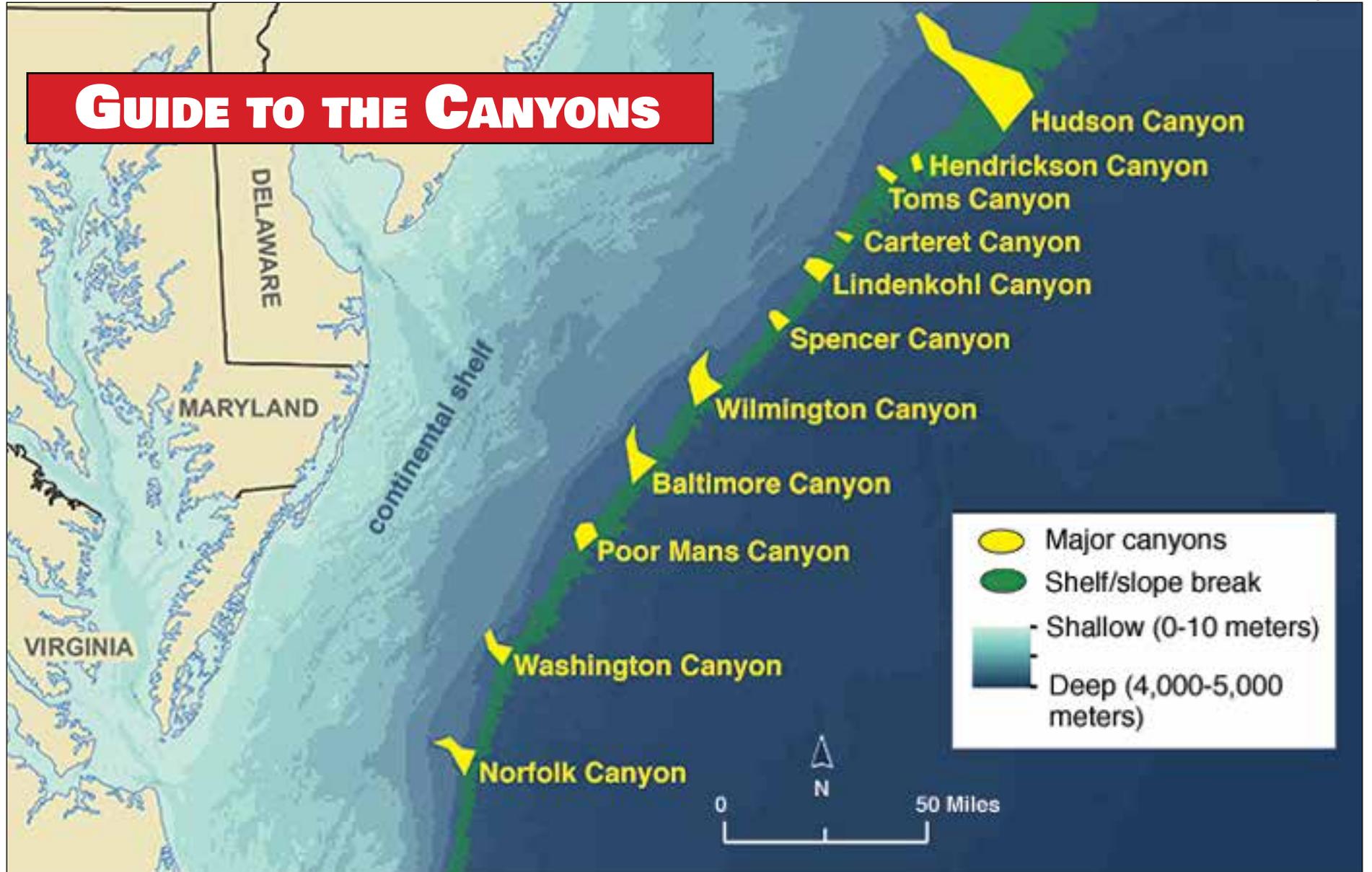
Angler Kathy Miller from Mohnton, PA was fishing on the "Livinlarger" and boy was she living large on this trip. She caught this citation sized 26½" flounder that tipped the scales at 7½ lbs. using a combo of minnow and squid.



Last week it was Rob Buhzar from Elliott, MD with Jami Adams of Pasadena, MD that got to spend time on the "Lost Time" with local legend Big Bird Cropper. They caught 5 bluefish overall including Jami's first using Roy Rigs of course!

An advertisement for Bank of Ocean City. The top half features a large bluefish jumping out of the water, with a fishing hook visible in its mouth. The logo for Bank of Ocean City is in the top left. Below the fish, the text reads "SUPPORTING THE FISHING COMMUNITY SINCE 1916". At the bottom, it says "West Ocean City Branch 410-213-0173" and "BANKOFOCEANCITY.COM".

An advertisement for Rx Design & Tattoo. The top part features a large stylized "R" and a tattoo machine. Below this, two text boxes provide location information: "Boardwalk Location 201 North Atlantic Ave. Ocean City, MD 21842" and "Salisbury Location 105 West Gordy Rd. Salisbury, MD 21801". The bottom half of the ad shows a photograph of the storefront on a boardwalk, with signs for "PIERCING" and "SKATE". At the bottom, it includes a Facebook icon, the website "Rxtattoomd.com", and the phone number "443.235.1899".



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Labor Day was a good day on the charter boat "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Willy Poole. Barbara Dean caught this 17.5" flounder near Harbor Island using white Gulp. She was fishing with Kenny & Suzanne Albers.



Last Saturday saw the tuna bite turn on and brothers Ben, Josh and Nate Ramsay with friends Justin Pollock, Devin Safco and Allen Shipley from the Harrisburg, PA area hit it hard boating 8 yellowfin tuna, 7 mahi and a skipjack. They were fishing on the "Instigator" with Capt. Josh Wentling and mate Kyle Shipp between the Poor Man's and the Washington Canyons with most of the action coming from the Poor Man's.

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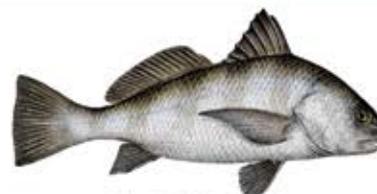
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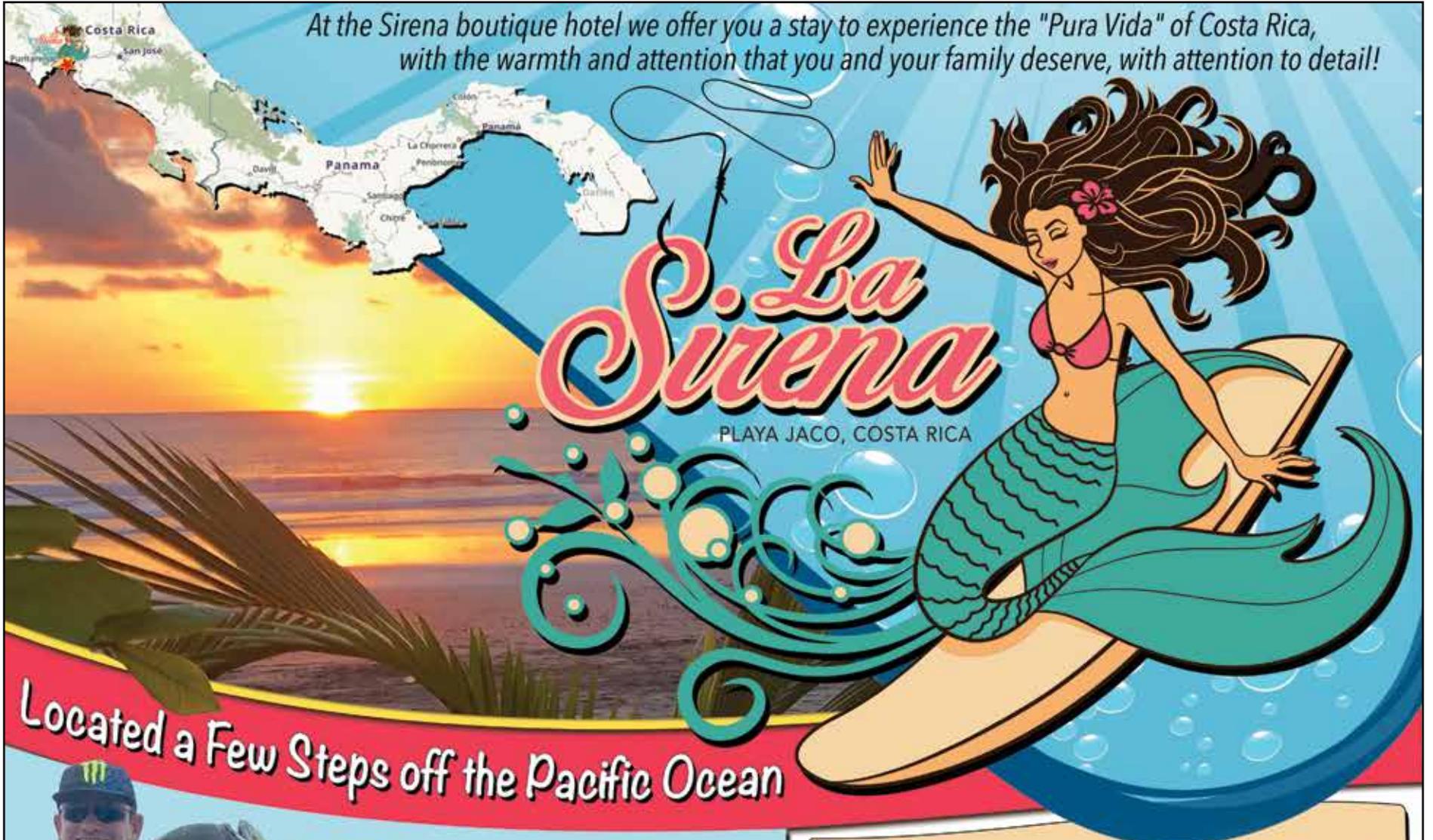


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Red drum (AKA; redfish, channel bass, puppy drum) are not a fish that most local anglers tangle with. And that's not so much because they aren't available, but because they're more of a specialty fish that rarely show up in the kind of huge numbers that makes it easy for any old "Joe fisherman" to go out and intentionally or even accidentally catch. A fair number of the smaller "puppy drum" are taken in the back bays and inlet area each season but when it comes to the big fish, most are taken by surf anglers who pretty much have the knowledge to deploy the right bait and tackle at just the right time when the fish are moving past our coast. Landing a big red in the surf is certainly a great accomplishment and testimony to the skills of anyone who enjoys fishing from the beach.

Local surf anglers know that late September and October is the time when migrating drum give them the best shot of hooking one of these big

"bulls" from the beach. But as they move down the coast the drum can also be found from the shoreline and out five or more miles, so the joy of doing battle with these fish isn't necessarily reserved strictly to surf casters. Right now anyone who has a boat that's capable of taking them even just a mile or two offshore can have a chance to tangle with these coveted game fish.

Before going much farther I'd better point out that most, if not all of these nearshore drum run 40-50 inches in length. While that makes for a nice big fish, anglers need to know that it's too big to show the gang back home anything but a photo of. Red drum have a "slot-limit" which allows only fish that are between 18 and 27 inches in length to be kept. So keep in mind that this is strictly a catch-and-release fishery. Anglers who can't handle such a thought had better avoid the temptation and steer clear of these fish altogether!

This nearshore drum fishery is not one that's widely recognized or even publicized by those who know about it, but for at least a few weeks each fall it allows anglers a fun and somewhat unique fishing opportunity. I sort of stumbled into these fish accidentally while bottom and shark fishing over the years in areas such as Little Gull Shoal, McCabes, and the south end of Great Gull Shoal. Usually what happens is the big fish hit our bottom rigs intended for trout and croaker or they snap-up one of our deep shark baits. Since these fish usually run 30-50 pounds it's easier to get them to the boat when they take the tackle intended for sharks, but even when they hit our light bottom tackle (two-hook rig baited with squid) we're fortunate to land most of those that we hooked.

Just because they're caught in one place today doesn't mean they'll be in the same spot tomorrow, so nearshore anglers will not likely encounter the big reds every time, or even most of the time that they go fishing, therefore, catching one is an accomplishment that usually requires persistence and

dedication on a part of the angler. When deciding where to fish I usually look for places where my fish finder shows a good presence of baitfish and a lot of trout and croaker on the bottom. Pulling into such areas the machine will sometimes "mark" big fish close to the bottom but there's no way to tell for certain if they are drum or sharks unless the fish show up in a definite "school" which is not a characteristic of sharks.

When a likely spot is found I usually prefer to anchor the boat and allow the moving fish to come to us. In most cases we simply go about our business of bottom and shark fishing and figure that if the drum pass by we'll get our shots on whatever lines they chose to take. But if drum are the primary target then single (circle) hook bottom rigs baited with clam, crab, or larger strips of squid or cut fish are used. Such baits must be checked frequently as this time of the year they are easily stolen off the hook by snapper blues and other small fish.

The areas these fish might be found could range in depths anywhere from 25-feet on top of a shoal to 70-feet in the middle of a slew.

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Unless the drum is caught on the shallow side of that spectrum, anglers should be prepared for the fact that the fish might not be able to swim back to the bottom after it's been released. This is caused by a change in pressure on the fish's swim bladder which allows the internal gases to expand and act like a life jacket for the fish.

All the drum needs to do is swim down a few feet so the gases can re-compress, but particularly if the fish was taken on light line, the struggle often saps so much energy from the fish that it has trouble getting down. Anglers who have a "venting" tool can use it to vent the gas and allow the drum to descend, but those who don't have such a tool can make a "lowering device" by tying a tiny hook and a pound or more of weight to the end of a long cord - I use the sash-

weight and line that anchors my wreck-marking buoy. The hook is put through a thin sliver of flesh on one of the drum's lips and the fish and weight is lowered 30 or more feet down. Then, by snatching on the cord the small hook will pull free and the fish will be at a depth where it can maintain.

Since any drum caught must be released as quickly as possible, anglers should keep their photo sessions short and if a lowering device is to be used it should be made up ahead of time. I know this all sounds like a lot to go through just to release a fish, but when you figure that these big drum are the mature breeders of the species, it only stands to reason that they should be given every chance possible to survive their encounter with what will surely be a very happy angler! §



Our own Capt. BJ Pietryak did a little fishing report research with his friends Daryl Barthelmess, Rick Garufi and Capt. & Titan Yacht owner Russel Garufi. They fished the Baltimore Canyon in 850 ft. and caught 125 lbs. of tilefish including these 2 goldens and 3 dolphins using squid.



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FRI. SEPT 17	High 05:40 am High 06:35 pm	Low 11:26 am Low -----
SAT. SEPT 18	High 06:37 am High 07:24 pm	Low 12:27 am Low 12:26 pm
SUN. SEPT 19	High 07:28 am High 08:06 pm	Low 01:15 am Low 01:19 pm
MON. SEPT 20 <i>Full Moon</i>	High 08:13 am High 08:43 pm	Low 01:57 am Low 02:07 pm
TUE. SEPT 21	High 08:55 am High 09:17 pm	Low 02:36 am Low 02:51 pm
WED. SEPT 22	High 09:33 am High 09:49 pm	Low 03:12 am Low 03:35 pm

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



Last year's Bahia Marina's Flounder Pounder champ Rich Daiker did some prepping for this year's event but has been finding only dirty water recently in the Ocean City Bay. This trip on the "Delicious" yielded 3 flounder up to 20½" and about 25 stripers that were all undersized!

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Sandy Miller was on her first offshore trip with Sam Hadley, both of Berlin, MD and caught a couple of nice mahi on the troll at the Hot Dog on skirted ballyhoo. Harlow Hadley of Ashburn, VA also on board caught her first keeper 22" flounder on squid at the Jack Spot. They were fishing aboard the "FISHBOX" with Capt. Steve Hadley.

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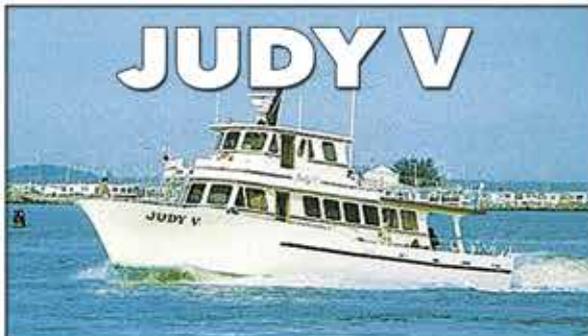
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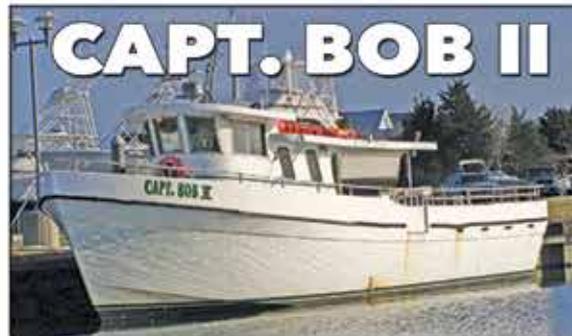
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Ingredients:

- 8 oz. black sea bass, cut into 2 fillets
- 1/4 cup + 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs or use regular breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees
Pat each fillet dry with a paper towel.

In a shallow bowl mix the



panko breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese, thyme, parsley, paprika, salt and pepper and stir until combined. Set aside. Pour the 1/4 cup olive oil into another shallow bowl.

Dredge the black sea bass in the olive oil and then into the dry ingredients making sure both sides are coated. Place on

a clean plate.

Heat a cast iron skillet or a regular skillet over medium heat, warm the oil until a few water droplets sizzle when carefully sprinkled in the skillet. Sear the sea bass, skin side up, until it is well browned and easily releases from pan, about 3- 4 minutes. Flip over and cook until seared, about 1 minute.

Transfer the pan to the oven and roast about 4-5 minutes or cooked to the desired degree of doneness, at least 145 degrees F.

Serve with sautéed spinach and roasted tomatoes.

- 1 cup butter
- 1/4 teaspoon marjoram
- 1/4 teaspoon seafood seasonings
- 1/8 teaspoon thyme
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly-ground black pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 pinch ground oregano



Mako Shark Steaks in Herb Butter

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds mako shark steaks (or mahi mahi), rinsed in cold water and patted dry
- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 lemon or lime, cut into wedges

Directions:

Melt butter in saucepan over low heat and add whole garlic, onions, seasonings and herbs. Remove from heat and allow to steep (one hour).

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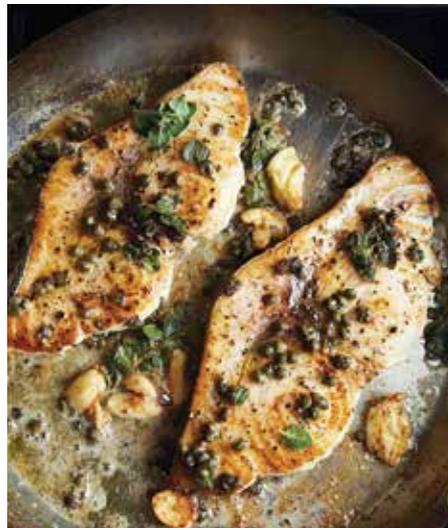
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dish and pour herb butter over fish. Cook at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until the fish is cooked and can be flaked with a fork and serve garnished with parsley and lemon or lime wedges to the side.



Swordfish-Like Steak with Crispy Capers

Ingredients:

- 2 (8-ounce) swordfish steaks, preferably center cut
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) unsalted butter
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 2 anchovy fillets
- 2 tablespoons capers, drained
- 4 sprigs fresh marjoram, oregano or rosemary

Directions:

Season the swordfish with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sear the swordfish until

golden brown on both sides, about 4 minutes per side. Add the butter, garlic, anchovies, and capers. Once the butter has melted and begun to brown, tilt the skillet toward you (carefully) and spoon any pooling melted butter over the swordfish a few times.

Remove the skillet from the heat and add the herbs (stand back a second, because the butter will splatter a bit), swirling to coat them in the browned butter, continuing to spoon everything over the swordfish for another minute or two.

Serve the swordfish with the

butter and herbs spooned on top.

Cajun Shrimp and Rice Skillet

Ingredients:

- 1 1/3 cups uncooked long grain white rice
- 2 2/3 cups chicken broth
- 1 pound large or jumbo shrimp peeled and de-veined
- 4 tablespoons butter - melted, divided
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- cajun seasoning - see below
- For cajun seasoning:
1 1/2 teaspoons paprika

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano - may sub an Italian herb blend or Herbs de Provence
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Directions:

Whisk together all of the ingredients for the cajun seasoning. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Stir in garlic, half of the cajun seasoning, and the

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rice.
Stir in chicken broth, bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cover. Cook for 15 minutes, stirring 1-2 times throughout.
While rice is cooking, prepare the shrimp by stirring together remaining 2 tablespoons melted butter and remaining cajun seasoning. Pour over shrimp and toss to coat.
Stir shrimp into the rice, cover and cook 3-5 minutes longer until shrimp is pink and opaque. Garnish with chopped

parsley if desired and serve.

Notes

For browned shrimp, you can saute the shrimp in the pan at the start of the recipe, transfer to a plate and cover to keep warm until the end, then stir into rice and serve.

Herb Baked Tautog

Ingredients:

For the herb butter:

- 1 stick (1/2 cup) butter
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh dill
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

For the fish:

- 4 tautog fillets (about 2 lbs.) or any white flaky fish
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions
- Old Bay seasoning



Fresh cracked black pepper

Directions:

Preheat your oven to 400 degrees F.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add remaining herb butter ingredients and stir to combine. Reduce heat to low while preparing fish.

Place filets in a baking dish sprayed with cooking spray.

Pour herb butter over fish filets. Sprinkle with desired amounts of Old Bay Seasoning and pepper. Top with sliced green onions.

Bake (uncovered) for 10-15 minutes, or until fish are fully cooked and flaky.

Open-Face Flounder Sandwich

Ingredients:

- 1 lemon, halved
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 shallot, minced
- 1 tablespoon pickle relish
- 1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds flounder or other firm white fish, cut into 4 portions
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 slices sourdough bread, toasted
- 4 cups mixed herbs and greens, such as parsley, chives, basil, cilantro and spinach coarsely chopped.

Directions:

Juice half of the lemon. Cut remaining half into wedges. For sauce, in bowl combine juice, mayonnaise, shallot, relish, and mustard. Season with black pepper.

Lightly season flounder with kosher salt. Sprinkle flour onto a large plate. Dip fish into flour, shaking off excess. In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Carefully add fish to skillet (do not crowd; cook in batches if necessary). Cook 4 to 6 minutes per half-inch thickness or until fish flakes easily with a fork, turning once.



Spread sauce on each bread slice; sprinkle with half the herbs. Top with fish and remaining herbs. Serve with lemon wedges.

6 Minute Seared Yellowfin Tuna Steaks

Ingredients:

- 2 yellowfin tuna steaks about 4 oz. each, at least 1.5" thick
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil see notes
- 1 tablespoon honey see notes
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil or olive oil
- Green onions, toasted sesame seeds, and lime wedges for serving (optional)

Directions:

Pat the tuna steaks dry with a

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Mix the soy sauce, toasted sesame oil, honey kosher salt, pepper and cayenne pepper until honey is fully dissolved. Pour over the tuna steaks and turn over to coat completely. Allow to marinate for at least 10 minutes, or up to overnight in the refrigerator. Reserve a spoonful or two of the marinade before coating the fish for drizzling on top after you've cooked it.



Heat a medium skillet (preferably non-stick or a well-seasoned cast iron skillet) on medium-high to high until very hot (or medium medium-high for nonstick). I recommend giving cast iron 3-5 minutes to get hot and nonstick about 1 minute, depending on how thick it is.

Note: different burners get hotter depending on your stove. Use your best judgment whether you use medium, medium-high, or high heat, as the marinade may burn if too high heat is used.

Add the canola oil to the hot pan. Sear the tuna for 2 minutes on each side for medium rare, 1.5 minutes on each side for rare and 3 minutes on each side for medium.

Remove to a cutting board and allow to rest for at least 3 minutes. Slice into 1/2 inch slices and serve garnished with green onions, toasted sesame seeds, and a squeeze of fresh lime juice, if desired.

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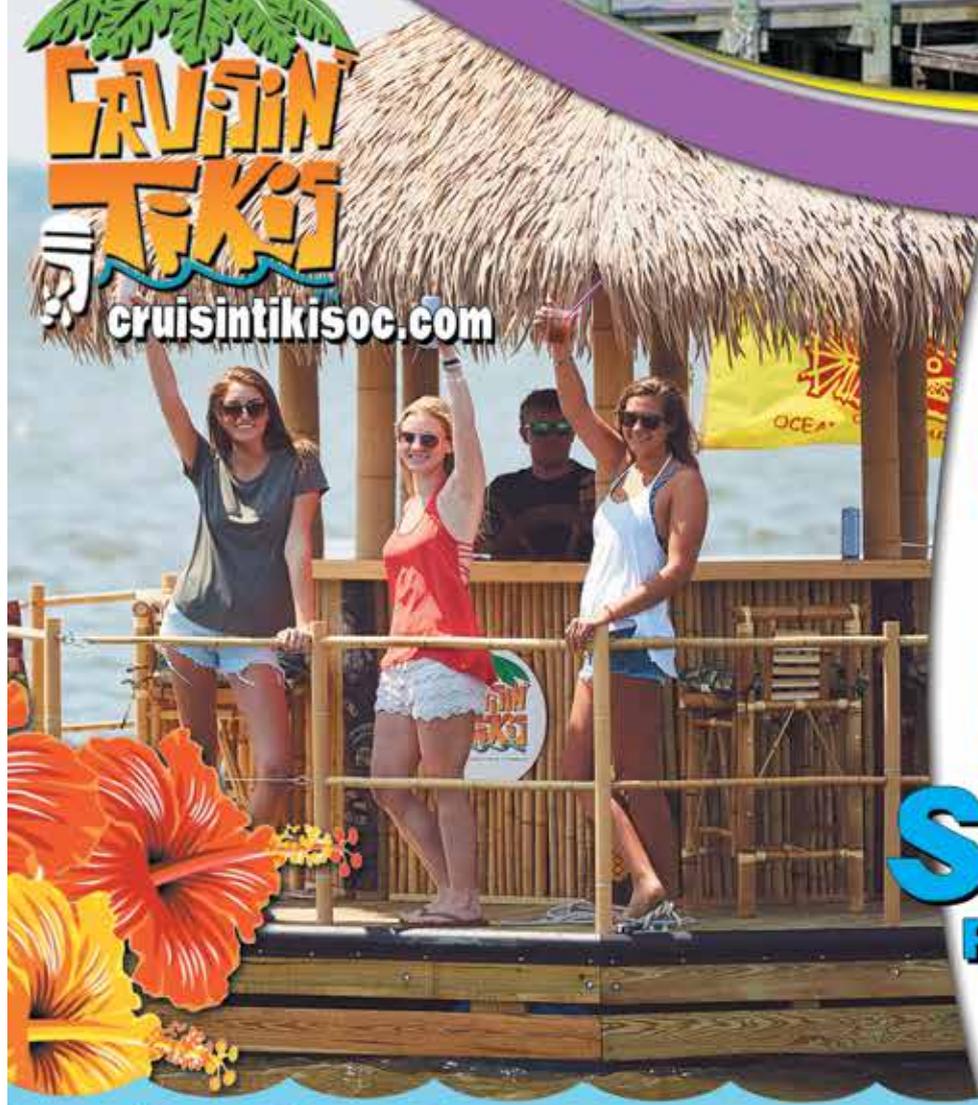
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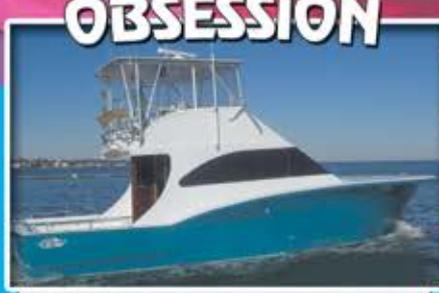
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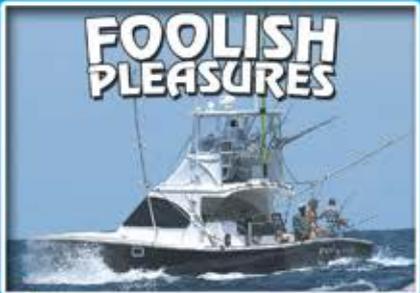
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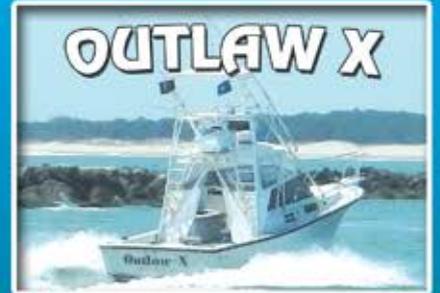
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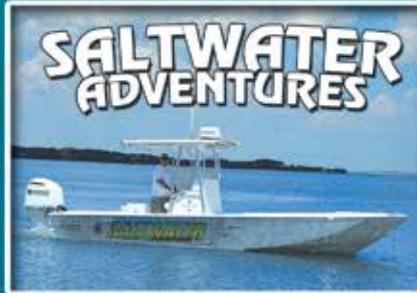
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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week brought cooler weather and great fishing. Sea trout and flounder are your most abundant species at the moment. The crowds are gone, kids are back in school and the coast is clear. Now is the time to take yourself out fishing! Lower fishing pressure and an abundance of different fish to catch is the time of the year many locals wait for.

Back Bays & Surf

The back bays have been alive with fish. The wall leading into the Delaware Bay is alive with spanish mackerel as well as triggerfish, tog, and flounder. Pitching your baits to the wall and icebreakers leading up to a high tide has produced the best results. The shoals leading into the bay have also been holding some big flounder. Drifting live spot as well as large Gulp baits have resulted in some trophy flounder coming over the rails. Albert Bitici caught a few nice sized spanish mackerel. Leslie Raffensperger from Angola caught a nice 4 lb. flounder

on minnows.

Looking towards the Indian River Inlet, George Magaw hooked a huge 26" 6.9 lb. flattie... a trophy fish by any standard! Shawn Croney got a limit of flounder with the biggest being 25" and a nice 5.5 lbs. Steve Sipe caught a 21" flounder near the Coast Guard Bulkhead. Further back in the bay the VFW channel was also a prime stop this week again with Timothy Goodman catching some nice flounder up to 20" on a double rig tipped with minnow.

The channel out front of the VFW has been most productive on an incoming tide with the best location being at the opening closest to the inlet mouth. Big Gulp baits have been the most widely used however those using live minnows have been getting a better quality of fish. Nick Garcia and crew were at it again this week catching some really nice flounder up to 23". Nick also reports they caught tons of spot and croaker in the

back bays. Seems he has the bay fishing dialed in and is always posting nice catches weekly on social media.

Further up the bay small blues and redfish can be found near the Indian River Power plant however an oil spill in the area this week had slowed fishing in the area. The back channels leading into the creeks off Indian River are a great location to target this time of the year. The fish will target the bait fish in the cooler creek openings.

This week I did not receive any reports of tarpon tailing in the back bays, however I'm sure with the water temps still high there are still a few around. Along the inlet rocks, weakfish and spadefish can be found by casting a shrimp towards the rocks and allowing it to settle towards the bottom. Looking to the beaches most catches have been small blues and rockfish in the evening and night hours. During the day pompano have been caught at 3R's with Ingrid

Bennett catching a big 15" on a Maws rig and sand fleas. Andrew Hansen also got some pompano fishing in this week. He stated that the pompano fishing has been very good this week with late afternoon being the best time to target these fish. Ellis Gaulden took his kids out for a last fishing trip before school began and was rewarded with a nice rockfish. Although not a keeper, this is still a great catch in the surf. Way to go guys.

The bay has also been producing some big crabs. The pots have been averaging about 10-14 keepers per pot with many being jumbo male crabs. Deeper water in the 5-7 ft. account for the bigger crabs.

Near Shore Coral, Wrecks & Artificial Reefs

The near shore fishing has been extremely good this past week with the main catch being flounder. Ray Messick got a nice limit of flounder this week with a few big sea bass thrown in for good measure. Daryl Mergenthaler and crew ended up with limits of flounder before 9:30am. Joseph Nicholas and Fred Robinson were fishing on

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the "Katydid" and reported that the captain made quick work of putting them on the fish resulting in catches of some big flounder.

Along with the big flounder many sea bass are still being caught. Penny Sarro was fishing the wrecks with floating sea bass rigs. The group caught several keeper sea bass as well as some nice flounder. Charlie Donohue and Ben Samiatin reported they had tons of throwbacks but did manage a few nice flounder up to 19" as well as sea bass to 14". Weslie Gray was fishing with the boys and caught some sea bass and flounder as well as a nice 11 lb. mahi near A Buoy. Weslie reports they caught many other peanut mahi in this area. Strip squid baits cast to the passing fish were the right bait to trick them into biting.

The mahi bite has been a little slower this week, however,

searching the areas near A Buoy and casting or trolling small plugs near the sea bass pot balls has been producing the best results.

The area of the Fenwick Shoals is still very good for both spanish mackerel and triggerfish. Trolling a small Clark spoon at around 5-6 mph will trick the mackerel into biting. When you have your fill of catching the mackerel target the wrecks and drop small pieces of squid or sand fleas down to the bottom to catch a few triggerfish. The drop off on the south side of the Fenwick Shoal has also produced some nice flounder.

Small bluefish are starting to show up at the shoals also as well as a few cobia. Chumming with small live eels has been the most productive for cobia.

Until next week...

Tight lines and fins up \$



The Old Grounds continues to produce. Chris Baker caught this 23" and 4.8 lb. flounder there last Wednesday using Pink Shine colored Gulp. Measured at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



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Now that is the kind of smile we all want to see on a kids face! Six year old Jack Riley Peden from Arlington, VA was fishing the outgoing tide in the Lewes Canal from his uncle's dock on Pilottown Rd. when he snagged this 20½" flounder. The flatfish hit on a minnow that was on his bottom rig.



Tricia Derkasch from Ocean View, DE had a real surprise and a treat when she went fishing in the surf off of Fenwick Island State Park last week. She was using a Fishbites artificial bloodworm to see what she could get and found this uncommon for our area pompano.

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Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
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Mike Landis from Reading, PA worked hard in the Indian River Bay, but was rewarded with this 22" and 3.8 lb. fattie he caught using a white bucktail with a minnow.



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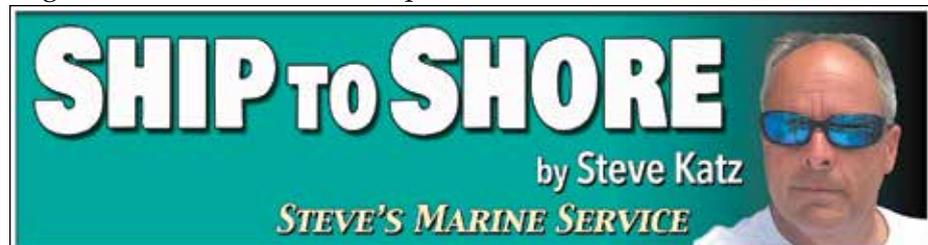


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The last few articles have reviewed first aid, insurance, and fires, unfortunately these topics became more relevant with recent trouble on the water in our area, our thoughts and prayers go out to all.

In keeping with recent topics, this week's article will review fire detection and protection systems on-board boats. Fire was ranked 5th on the Geico/ Boat US insurance company causes for boat loss claims (2015-2019). When it comes to fire safety aboard boats, there are four areas of focus to protect life and property:

**Prevention • Detection
Egress • Suppression**

Two years ago the 120-foot Azimut private yacht

"Andiamo" burned and sank in a Miami marina - the cause? A candle lit by the crew to illuminate the guest's cabin during an lighting outage on board the yacht. Two small candles caused \$6.3 million loss to the vessel and \$480,000 in damage to the Miami marina and adjacent vessels. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) who just concluded its findings, also found that the on-board fire detection and alarm system was not working properly which was known to be inoperable by the crew.

As a result of the fire, the Marshall Islands (the registry of the yacht) issued a yacht safety advisory on April 20, 2020, based on its investigations of

four registered yacht fires during the previous year. The advisory highlighted three major areas of concern: preventing fires; ensuring fire-detection and extinguishing

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systems are fully functional; and ensuring yacht crews are prepared to respond to a fire. These areas of concern are applicable to all boat owners, without regard to the size of the boat.

Fire Detection & Extinguishing Systems

Each boat is unique in its configuration, layout, use and accommodations, therefore fire detection and suppression systems need to be custom tailored to each boat. In addition to the original manufacturer of the boat, often a local fire prevention company or equipment manufacturer can advise on how best to equip your boat properly for fire detection and extinguishing systems.

Boat builders adhere to many codes, regulations and standards when designing and building a boat. When it comes to pre-installed fire detection systems, it seems that there is a wide variety of adherence to numerous and complex standards. The code of Federal Regulations (CFR) chapter 46 contains standards that require smoke detectors be installed in the sleeping compartment of small, inspected vessels. The International Standard Organization (ISO) standard

spaces. The American Boat and Yacht council (ABYC) has a standard A-4 that addresses firefighting equipment on pleasure craft.

The USCG and National Fire Protection Association standards reference the (Underwriters Laboratory) UL217 as the standard for smoke detection equipment. Though the UL standard UL217 is not specifically geared towards boats, it is still a good idea to be sure your smoke alarm equipment meets the UL217 standard.

Detection

If you are starting from scratch with no detection or prevention system or upgrading your systems, there are a few companies that specialize in fire detection systems for boats, such as Aqualarm, Fireboy and Sea-Fire. While not specifically designed for boats, a residential system such as the First Alert Onelink could be used on a boat as a DIY detection system. The Onelink system is a wirelessly interconnected system, so that if one sensor is triggered, all other sensors alert to that problem and even indicate the "zone" of the alert. Be sure that a detection system is present in every sleeping quarter of a boat, and of

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course machinery spaces. Be sure any system you install or have installed meets the requirements of your flag state, local jurisdictions and of course your insurance company.

Fire Suppression

Most boaters think of fire suppression as the fire extinguishers that the USCG "makes" you have on board. Often boaters never mount these or store these in an area that is accessible when there is a need to use them. The USCG standards are the minimum recommendations, it is a

from being wastefully removed from the space by the air intakes from engines, generators fans etc. before the extinguishing agent can extinguish the fire.

In 2016 new USCG regulations took effect where the USCG changed their approval system for portable fire extinguishers, the USCG now includes by reference the UL performance-based classification system for portable fire extinguishers and the USCG has also adopted the NFPA 10 standard for the inspection of fire extinguishers while



good idea to exceed the basic requirements and be sure that handheld fire extinguishers on your boat are of adequate size and type and are located in an area where they can be readily accessible and used effectively.

Larger boats often have a fixed fire suppression system located in the engine room, this system is often both automatic and manual - it is automatically deployed when the system's temperature sensor reaches a certain high point (175° F) or when activated manually by the crew.

Additionally, these systems in the machinery spaces should be interconnected with the engine(s) and other machinery in that compartment to shut off the machinery during a discharge event, preventing the extinguishing agent

eliminating the USCG developed rating system for portable fire extinguishers.

While most fire extinguishers installed before 2016 had both the USCG and UL ratings, they are allowed to remain on board as long as they are still in good working order and of the size and type for the application.

When it comes to safety and the possibility of a fire on-board a boat, review and find solutions on your boat for the following four areas, they are critical in protecting life and property:

- Prevention
- Detection
- Egress
- Suppression



Brody and his dad Kent got a ride with local fishing all star Rich Daiker on his boat "Delicious". It was a short afternoon trip to the Rt. 50 Bridge but they still managed to land these 2 keeper flounder as well as having good action with short striper.

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BAHIA MARINA 16TH ANNUAL FLOUNDER POUNDER RESULTS



Rich Daiker and Kenny Schoen once again dominated the 16th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder held last Sunday securing 1st Place again this year with a 3 lb. 15 oz. fattie. They caught 7 flounder for the day around the Rt. 50 Bridge using bunker, one of which also tied for 3rd Place at 3 lb. 2 oz. earning the pair a combined total of \$5,995 in award money.



Capt. Dave Caffrey of "On the Run" Charters got anglers Tyler Smith, Chris McConnell and Anthony Sousa on some nice flounder during the 16th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder. They caught these 3 early in the day before the water got dirty, and the largest at 3 lb. 7 oz. was enough to secure 2nd Place! They also tied for 3rd Place winning a total of \$660 in prize money.



Berlin, MD locals Chris Scharpe, Chris Shaw and Capt. Jason Shaw kicked off the 16th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder in style with a 3 lb. fattie. They were fishing on the "Screaming Hooker" in the bay behind Assateague Island and caught 2 for the day using white Gulp and minnow.



Frank Lynch and Jen Kansler from Whaleyville, MD had a fun day during the 16th Annual Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder held last Sunday. They were one of the few that made it to the scales that day with this 2 lb. 9 oz. flounder that took 2nd Place at the time, but slipped out of the top 3 by the end!



For 20 years now the Ocean City Fishing Center has hosted a Spot Fishing Tournament to create a fun kids event and remember the events of 9/11. This year's tournament was held on Sunday the 11th and had over 40 anxious anglers ready to go at 5PM for the 1 hour event. In the prestigious Spot Division for anglers "10 & Under" Jake Hunter (8) and Nicky Niebauer (4) tied for 1st Place with matching 22cm spots. The pair also took top Male and Lady Angler awards. Andy Maynard (12) lead the "11 to 16 Year Old" Division for his 18.5cm spot. Durene Maynard cleaned up with 1st Place and the only angler to place in the "17 & Up" Division with her 18cm fish as well as taking Top Adult Angler honors. For Most Unusual, Abbott Eschenburg (8) won for his oyster cracker catch as did Mason Swelter (6) for a horseshoe crab. Little Southerland Spencer was the Youngest Female Angler at just 2 years old. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West OC.

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