

Deep dropping has certainly picked up the past few years with many anglers targeting inshore spots for golden and blueline tilefish as well as swordfish. This type of fishing can be intense as the lines are sent deep with heavy weights requiring anglers without electric reels to earn their keep raising these deep water fish. A nice surprise for some are black belly rosefish or 'rosies' like these caught by Bluewater Advisory's Mark Debinski. He was fishing with Capt. DJ Churchill about 40 miles out on the charter boat "Double Trouble" based at the Talbot Street Pier.



The crew of the "Reel Blessed" have been blessed this season with some nice fish. This trip with Sam Diebold, Xander Baugeuss, Mason Fritzges, Colt Price, Phil Lyons Sr. and Phil Lyons Jr. with Capt. Alex Caplan saw some hard work. They had to deal with rough conditions when they hooked up with this 180 lb. fish on a Nomad DTX, taking turns over the next 2.5 hours to get the big fish in the boat. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.





Local real estate czar Ed Balcerzak headed south last week to get in on the red drum action at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. He caught several reds including this one in 35 feet of water on an artificial lure. It took 35 minutes to land on 15 lb. test line. All were released!



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As we were preparing last week's paper for the printer, we got an excited call from Riley McClure about a flounder he plucked from the northern rocks at the OC Inlet. Initially interested in getting a Maryland Citation for his 29" flatfish, we also shared that it was the Heaviest Flounder we have heard of for the season at 8.05 lbs!



Young 9 year old Rylie Kerr from Glenn Mills, PA is in the tuna club early! She caught this 31 lb. yellowfin while fishing with Capt. Jon Azato on the charter boat "No Limit". Pictured at Hook'em and Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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Offshore Report

This Week Last Year

- The "Gret's Three J's" won the Big Fish category of the Big Fish Classic with a 436 lb. blue marlin caught in the Baltimore Canyon on the last day of the event. The "Pumpin' Hard" took top honor in the White Marlin Division with a 76 lb. white from the Wilmington Canyon winning the Big Fish for a second time.
- The marlin bite remained fickle, however another billfish jumped onto the scene with a dozen swordfish catches reported.
- The tuna action was all about bigeyes, with over 20 making their way to the Big Fish Classic scales. 11 of those were over 200 lbs. The Washington Canyon was the clear winner for finding big eyeballs.

The week that was offered posed several challenges for offshore anglers. Weather is always a prime consideration after the bite, and by weather we mean wind, waves and frequency! While there were some mild weather days, the week closed with the canyons awash in 6-8 foot seas with wave frequency as tight as 5 seconds. Friday and Saturday were so bad that the tournament directors of the Big Fish Classic extended the event by a day offering anglers an additional 32 hour fishing window from Sunday to Monday. This is only the second time in the tournaments 10 year history that accommodations were needed to be made due to weather. It certainly made the difference as 68 of the 69 boats registered chose that window! This is also why you do not see the winner of the Big Fish on

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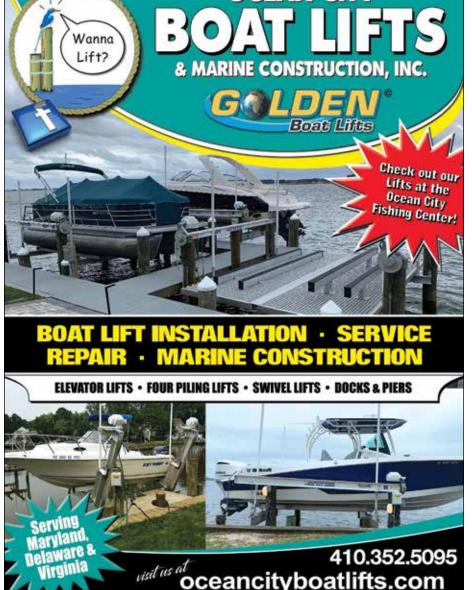
our cover this week as we send the paper to the printers on Monday! This is not to say there weren't some great catches this week, but they were sporadic.

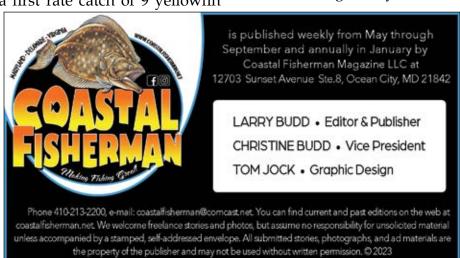
Tuna

The main action in the canyon remains tuna, and tilefish when the tunas aren't biting. week started strong with many boats getting out. The Poor Man's Canyon and just south of it proved to be the best place to raise yellowfin tunas. The "Pescatore" reported landing 2 yellowfins while trolling there with a brown cedar plug and green sidetracker being the baits that got hit. The "Boss Hogg" found 3 yellowfin, some mahi and a bunch of tilefish. The "Game On" made two trips to the Poor Man's last week doing well with dolphin on weed lines, but struggling to keep the tuna they hooked. While they did get some yellowfins in the box, most got sharked. The "Ro Sham Bo" had the best catch from that canyon bringing in an impressive 8 yellowfins to the Ocean City Fishing Center. While 8 is impressive, it was not the biggest tuna catch report we got last week. The charter boat "MARLI" hit the docks at Sunset Marina with owner Mike Bostic, Sr. aboard. He and the others in the 6 man crew caught 10 yellowfins at the Rockpile using Sterling Tackle Bars & Chains. The "Restless Lady II" had an overnight trip returning to the Talbot Street Pier midday with a first rate catch of 9 yellowfin

www.coastalfisherman.net tuna, 6 dolphins and 35 tilefish. They found this bounty in the Washington Canyon.

Speaking of the Washington, that was the spot for bigeye tunas. The "Reel Blessed" found another bigeye this season from there, this one was a 180 pounder that hit on a Nomad DTX and it took the crew 2.5 hours to get that one in the box. It was tuna master Capt. Chris Little on the "Talkin' Trash" that probably had the biggest catch last week. He too trolled in the Washington Canyon. The crew reported a very slow start with no action for the first 5 and a half hours! That doldrum was shattered when they had 4 yellowfins hit at the same time. Once those were on ice, they re-rigged and had another 8-10 hookups, but lost them all to sharks. After the yellowfin bonanza they had another 4 rods go down, this time with bigeyes. They even had a 5th one hit as they were fighting the first 4, so the mate got on the line. Luckily for the anglers that one broke off so the mate could help them! After about 40 minutes they got all 4 in the boat. Once back at the Ocean City Fishing Center, the 4 eyeballs weighed 379 lb. The yellowfins all together. were in the 40-45 pound range. The action cooled mid week with a few reports from the Poor Man's trickling in. Nick Gunther shared that he went out looking for inshore tuna at the lumps southeast of the Jack Spot and found little sea life at all and water surface temps up to 82°. Friday and Saturday saw everybody safe in the harbor. Of the 68 boats that headed out Sunday for the Big Fish, only one came to the scales. The "Morning Glory" out of





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Virginia Beach put a single 55 lb. yellowfin on the scale and is currently #1 across the tuna boards! That will of course change when the rest of the boats return Monday, but they will retain an \$8,000 prize from the Daily Calcutta.

Billfish

This is our first issue for August and that means it is marlin tournament season! This year the White Marlin Open is celebrating its 50th Anniversary! What an amazing accomplishment to grow from Jim Motsko's original concept in Ocean City to being the world's largest and richest billfish tournament in the world. Look for lots of extra activities and information about the tournament's history. We are even told that some of Jim's photos will be on display at the Marlin Fest being held in the Ocean City Inlet Parking lot.

The WMO is surrounded by a string of billfish events. Just prior is the Ocean City Marlin Clubs "Heels and Reels", and new for this year the "Marlins for Mason" billfish release tournament. After the WMO we have the Poor Girl's Open and the week long MidAtlantic so we expect a lot more action over the next 4 weeks! Check out more details in our Upcoming Tournaments section each week.

As for billfish for last week, the charter boat the "Wrecker" started off with two releases over two days in the Baltimore Canyon on the 100 fathom line. Mike FitzGerald on the "Sea Laser" shared that he wanted to get his 10 year old son Mikey out and on a marlin before he went back to school. He did that and more, releasing 3 marlins, 2 whites and a blue on a custom embossed VI Lure. They found these south of the Poor Man's. We have not heard directly of any others, but like last week captains have shared reports heard on the VHF and at the docks of a few others. I was at the scales for the Big Fish Classic on Sunday and we heard reports of white and blue marlin releases as well as some swordfish captures. We will have details on that next week!

Everything Else!

It has been good to see dolphin back in the catch mix, though not nearly as strong as in years past. Again, it was earlier last week that saw the best action with most being caught by captains targeting tuna. For example the "Boss Hogg" caught 9 on its tuna trip to the Poor Man's. Others did have luck finding a few further inshore with the 19 Fathom Lump being a hot spot. The "Fare Cut" caught their first mahi there and the ""J-Crew" had a mix of dolphin and lessor amberjack at an ocean structure.

That sums it up for this week

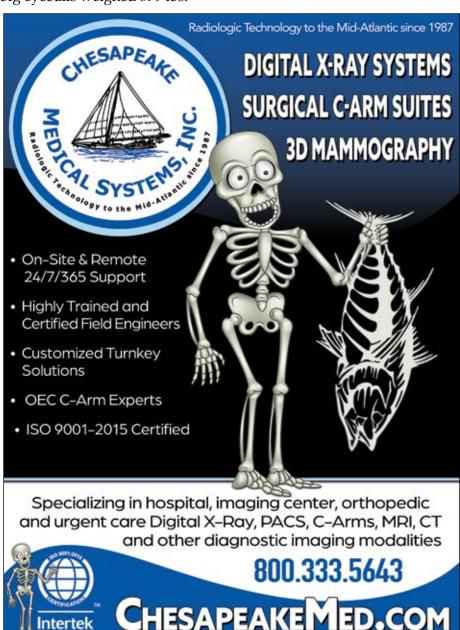
So until next time I will see you at the scales! §

Upcoming Tournaments

- The weekend of August 4-6 will host two concurrent tournaments. The first will be a new event, the Marlins for Mason, a billfish catch and release tournament to benefit the Dravet Syndrome Foundation. More MarlinsForMason.com. The other is the Marlin Club's 15th Annual Ladies' Tournament - Heels & Reels on August 4 & 5. This always fun filled event benefits the Marlin Club Crew of OC Scholarship fund. Weighins will be at Atlantic Tackle from 5:30 - 7:30PM. More at OCMarlinClub.com/ Tournaments.
- The big show of the summer is even bigger this vear as the White Marlin Open is celebrating its 50th year! Expect the largest and richest billfish tournament to offer lots of additional activities at Harbor Island and the Marlin Fest at the Ocean City Inlet. The Marlin Fest is a great place to watch the boats coming back into the OC Inlet, view the weigh station action on the jumbo-tron and check out all the vendors. Scales are Monday thru Friday from 4PM - 9:15PM and online via the MarlinCam at WhiteMarlinOpen.com/ MarlinCam.



There were some nice bigeye catches early last week as captains found their way into schools of the eyeballs. Anglers Ricky, Ron, Scott and Ben hit the Ocean City Fishing Center at 3:30AM to head out with Capt. Chris Little on the tuna slaying boat "Talkin' Trash". Their first 5 hours were a boat ride with no action, but that changed quickly when they had 4 rods bend at the same time with bigeyes in the Washington Canyon. Thanks to the anglers and mate Jacob Bialk all 4 made it to the box followed by 4 yellowfin, all within 2 hours. Once at the scales the 4 big eyeballs weighed 379 lbs.





Many anglers dream of catching a two foot flounder, so Joell Dougherty of Ocean View, DE was ecstatic when she caught two on a single trip and only 5 minutes apart! This one was $25\frac{1}{2}$ and over 6 lbs. while the other one was $24\frac{1}{4}$ and just under 6 lbs. Both were caught using bucktails with Gulp at the Old Grounds while fishing with Tom Swann on "The Right Time".



Capt. Luke Blume on the charter boat "C-Boys" was frustrated on this trip! He reported that he had literally tunas all around them non stop, but they were just not biting. At least the bites Bob Hewitt and crew did get all went tight and they returned to Sunset Marina with 5 yellowfin tuna and 3 dolphins.

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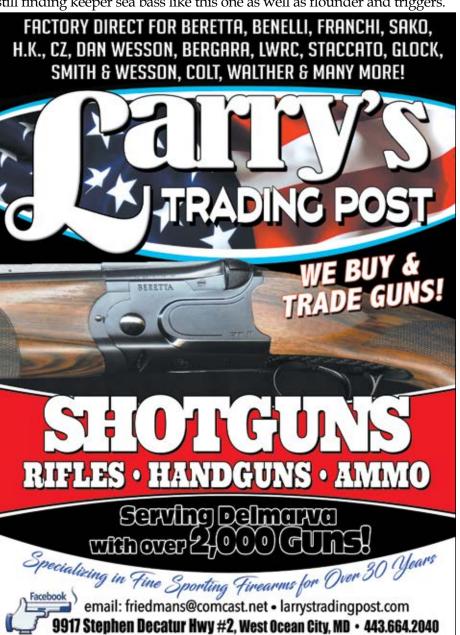


Bentley Heckrode of Sinking Spring, PA hooked up at the Old Grounds. He went fishing with his dad on the "Sea Child" and used Aqua-Clear rigs with Gulp Swimming Mullets from Rick's Bait &Tackle to land these 2 flounder with the largest at 23" and 4.8 lbs.





Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat "Angler" reports his crews have had to deal with hot weather, storms and some picky fish. Even with all that the action has been decent with anglers dealing with undersized fish, but still finding keeper sea bass like this one as well as flounder and triggers.



OCEAN CLIY FISHING REPORT by Capt. BJ Pietryak

Current weather conditions angling community. have ushered in scorching temperatures in the mid-90s, enveloping even the waters in a sweltering heat offering no relief to anglers. Nevertheless, amidst the challenging climate, fishing activities in both nearshore and back bay areas have proven to be remarkably especially fruitful, flounder. Additionally, the nearshore reefs near the Bass Grounds are teeming with spanish mackerel, ribbon fish, and a few sheepshead, drawing attention from anglers up and down the coast.

Nearshore Reefs

The nearshore reefs have been very productive with flounder and ribbon fish being the top prize. The deeper areas near the Great Eastern reef are still holding keeper sea bass, however due to the excessive heat most fish are throwbacks. Recent fishing reports from the Jack Spot are worth mentioning, as they highlight significant catches of large king fish, elevating the excitement among the

Mullennex from Harman, WV and Ted Proseus of Millsboro, DE were out on Brad Stauch's "Reel Strong" and caught a variety of fish including a 48 inch king mackerel. The crew on the "Scales And Whitetails" had to run out around 20 miles to find deeper and cooler water and landed a limit of sea bass before 11 AM. Nick Gunther was out Thursday just southeast of the Jack Spot and found sea water temperatures up to 82 degrees just 35 miles out. After trying for several hours to find some tuna with no luck, they decided to bring home some big knothead bass for dinner. Nick reports a thermocline about 40 ft. down, however, on the surface there was no life other than a few bluefish. hope now lies in the potential clearing of the current green hue in the water, as it may herald the arrival of mahi and tuna closer to shore. Nevertheless, sporadic reports of dolphin sightings on the inshore bass pots have been received, offering a glimmer of optimism.

Trent Inshore fishing has been both rewarding and challenging for the "Angler" crew during their recent trips. Despite the effort required, they were ultimately rewarded excellent catches, with boasting several substantial flounder among their haul. Moreover, keeper sea bass, including some unusually large knothead specimens for this time of year, made their presence known, with Michael Hackney of Bowie, MD landing an impressive 20-inch, 2-pound bass in late July. That my friends is a big bass for the end of July! The "J-Crew" with anglers Joe, Jason, and John Monar from Salisbury, MD on board last week. The crew threw metal jigs, swimming mullet, and Gulp over ocean structure and returned to the docks with a plethora of fish which included sea bass, mahi and flounder. Mike Alagana and Rob Moroney went to the Sue Foster Reef and pulled in two beautiful 19 and 23 inch flounder. They also got tied up with several ribbon fish. Many people think of ribbon fish as junk fish, however if filleted properly they are said to be great for fish tacos. The "2Far Out" had Emmerson Torres and Mario Castaneda on an offshore wreck and pulled in some trophy size

sea bass. As I mentioned, we don't see many bass this time of the year but those anglers targeting these tasty fish have been headed to deep water such as the Rockpile and other deep structures. The fish they are catching this year appear to be bigger then in the past. Captains on the headboat "Judith M" based at the Bahia Marina shared that before the winds and seas kept them tied to the dock, fishing nearshore was very good. Spadefish, which are usually seen around the boat but typically have lockjaw, really hit. They figured the coming blow must have put them into a feeding frenzy with several big fish coming over the rail to everyone's delight. They also reported that sea bass is in its normal summer mode close to shore; however keepers are still being found despite the warm water. Flounder are also showing up on many of their trips, being found just down current of the structure. Matt Moran reports the "Ocean Princess" has had its ups and down with the weather lately, but is still catching bass and fluke. Typical July is producing lots of shorts with some decent keepers thrown in. Captain DJ Churchill of "Double Trouble Charters" reports the inshore fishing remains great for trolling for macks and jigging for flounder and bass. Jim Welch of the "Klacker Club" picked up his rigs on Friday night and nailed a boatload of flatfish. Great job

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www.coastalfisherman.net Jim! Eddie Hearn also got in on the Klacker mania and pulled in his personal best with a fish that measured 26.5 inches.

Back Bays & Inlet

The back bay water is really heating up and yet the fishing remains strong. The behind Assateague Island is the hotspot for this week with the deeper holes producing some citation Rockfish, flounder. reds, and bluefish are still around at night however they are becoming harder to find. A few speckled trout are around and can be found like the one that Sam Butler got on his first cast off of Stinky Beach near the bridge. He was using his brand new rod with a strike king jig and pearl Gulp swimming mullet. The trout can be found in the inlet area or near Martha's Landing on a flood tide and is usually better at night or very early in the morning. Bucktails, Gotcha plugs, small metal spoons and swim baits are a great way to try for some of these fine eating and fighting fish. The area north of the Route 50 Bridge has also been productive for some big flounder, however use caution in this area as summer boat traffic has been very heavy. "Get Sum Charters" was at it again this past week with Captain Nick putting his clients on some big flat fish. Nick, having grown up on these waters, always seems to be able to find the right locations on the right days. On Assateague Island, Drew Ball along with his son and company managed two hog redfish and a few bluefish from the surf using steel leader and a 16/0 hook late Monday night. Good to see there are still some big redfish around at night. With all this fantastic fishing happening right now my only question is why are you not out on the water?

Till next week...
Tight lines and fins up §



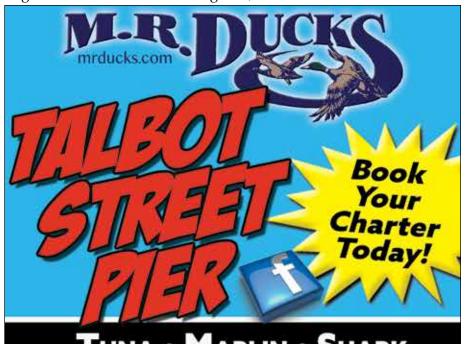


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Alex Artese headed over to Massey's Landing on a ditch between the Rehoboth and Indian River Bays to try for some sheepshead. He was fishing from the pier on the incoming tide using sand fleas when he caught this nice keeper flounder instead!



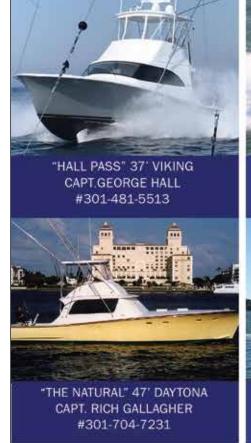


When the tuna bite did not materialize for anglers Steve McDonald, Tommy McDonald Jr., Greg Plaskon and Tom McDonald on the "McFish". They quickly switched gears and targeted tilefish at the Rockpile raising 10 big goldens and their limit of 12 blueline tiles to avoid getting skunked! Should they get extra points for the folding table?





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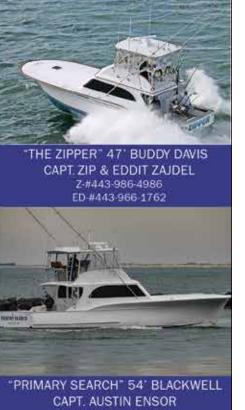








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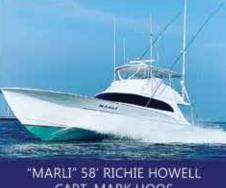
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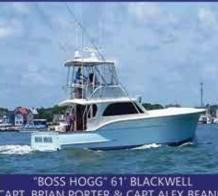
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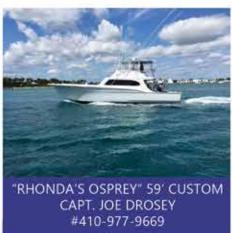
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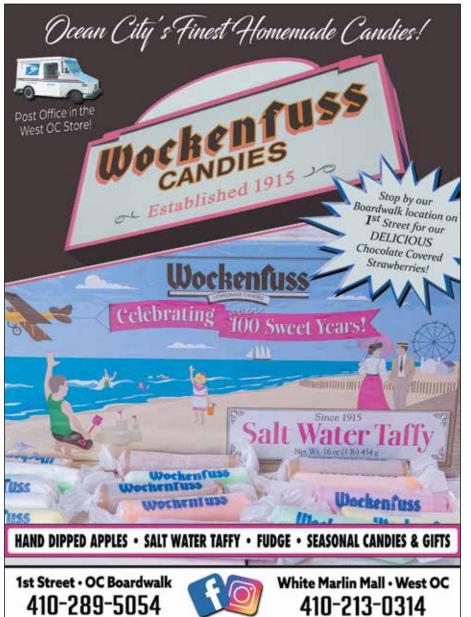
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The Falgowski family is competitive when if comes to fishing, they even hold a family fishing tournament! The year saw Ryan Falgowski come in first with a 6.53 pound flounder and Finn Falgowski in second place in the kid division with his 3.94 pounder.





August 2023 Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 8 - Thursday, August 11, 2023

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will meet Tuesday, August 8 – Friday, August 11, 2023. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Westin Annapolis or virtually via Webex webinar. Please see the August 2023 Council Meeting Page for webinar details, public comment deadlines, briefing materials (as they become available), and other updates.

A detailed agenda is available here. Below is an overview of the main topics to be addressed each day.

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

- Joint with ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Management Board
- Summer Flounder 2024-2025 Specifications
- Scup 2024-2025 Specifications
- Scup Commercial Discards Report
- Black Sea Bass 2024 Specifications (Review)

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

- Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework / Addenda
 2.0 Review progress and discuss next steps (Joint with ASMFC ISFMP Policy Board)
- Bluefish 2024-2025 Specifications (Joint with ASMFC Bluefish Board)
- East Coast Scenario Planning Initiative Review outcomes and discuss MAFMC next steps
- NOAA Fisheries Climate Governance Policy Review policy and discuss Council comments
- Award Presentations

Thursday, August 10, 2023

- Atlantic Mackerel 2024-2025 Specifications
- River Herring and Shad (RH/S) Review update and adopt 2024-2025 RH/S cap
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Electronic Monitoring and Reporting Grant Program
- Longfin Squid 2024-2026 Specifications
- Illex Hold Baseline Framework (FW Meeting #1 Review and approve range of alternatives)
- Research Set-Aside Program Redevelopment Update
- Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: National Standard 4, 8, and 9 Discuss Council comments

Friday, August 10, 2023

- Business Session
- Other Business and General Public Comment

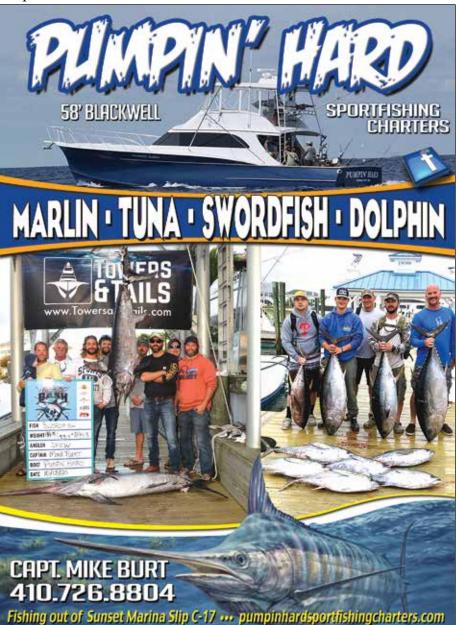
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The Geiger family managed a mix of fish on their charter with Capt. Mike Burt on the "Pumpin' Hard". They trolled the Baltimore Canyon and got one yellowfin in the box before switching to a deep drop for blueline tiles. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





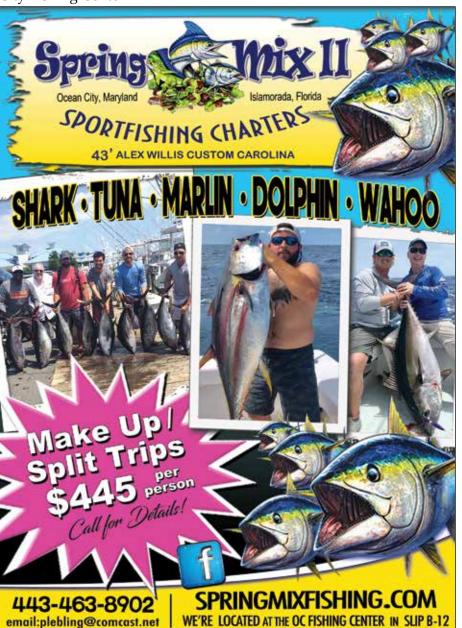
Capts. Rick Shoaff and Walt Hammond got their crew on the headboat "Judith M" onto some unique fish last week. On this trip they saw spadefish around the boat, but typically they don't take the bait, but they did that day! They also caught some flounder and nice sized sea bass.







Capt. John Prather of the "Ocean City Guide Service" put these boys onto 7 keeper flounder from the Ocean City Bay. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center





By any account Troy, Keoni, Bradley, Jan and Kevin Nies with Anthony Arroyo had a killer day in the Poor Man's Canyon with Capt. Willie Zimmerman on the charter boat "Ro Sham Bo"! The crew returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 8 yellowfin tuna in the box.



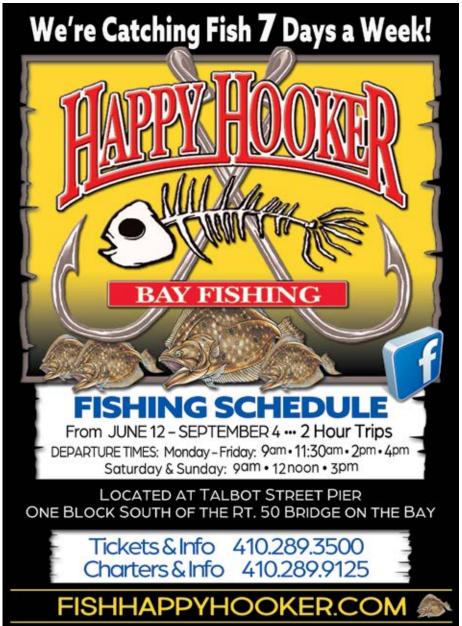
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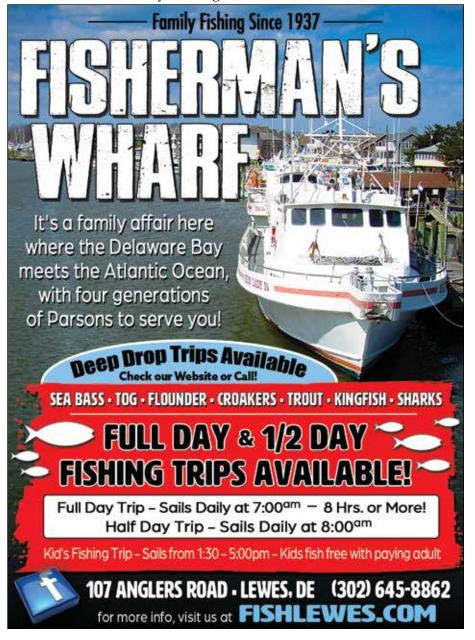


The bay fishing boat "Happy Hooker" based at the Talbot Street Pier has been getting their anglers onto some colorful keeper flounder. This one was caught just off the docks, south of the Pier!



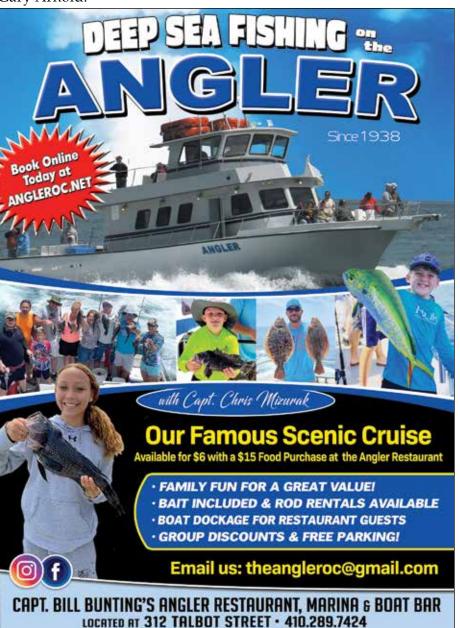
Capt. HD Parsons took a turn at the wheel of the headboat "Thelma Dale IV" out of Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE last week. Despite a late start due to weather, his patrons pulled quite a few keeper flounder over the rail. They also tucked back into the dock barely missing an afternoon thunderstorm!





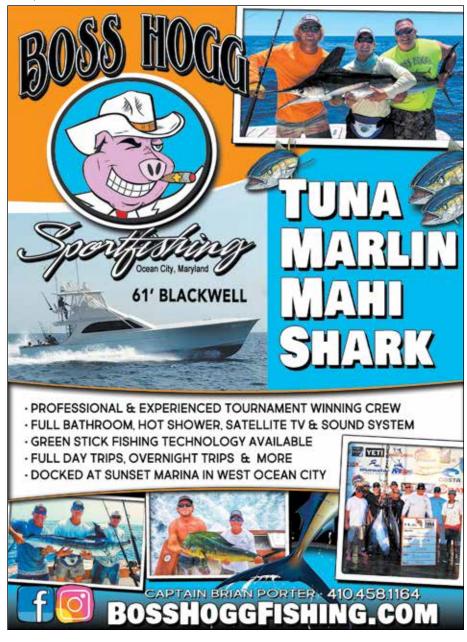


Amy Linebarger got a big fish and a big payout on this trip with Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat "Angler". She has the heaviest flounder for the day winning the cash pool. She is pictured with Gary Arnold.





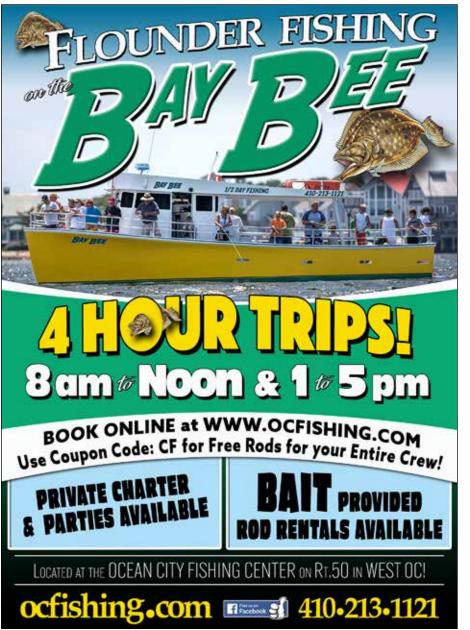
This crew got all the fish they could want to catch with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Alex Beane & Jack Hannum on the charter boat "Boss Hogg". They fished the Washington Canyon catching 3 yellowfin tuna, 9 mahi and a bunch of blueline tiles. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

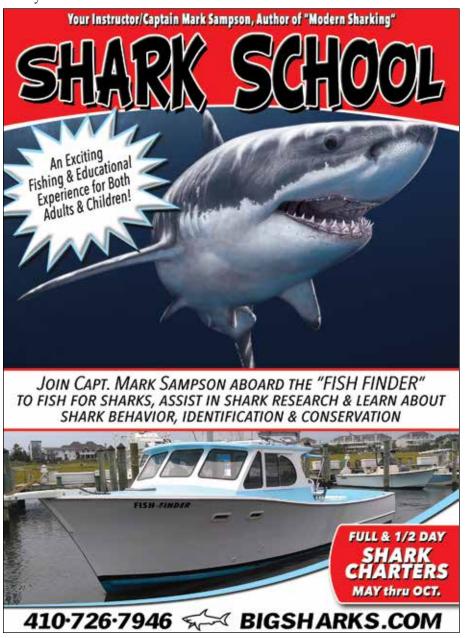






Monday is the day this year that the "Marli" owner Mike Bostic, Sr. takes the charter boat out for personal use and they have had some solid Mondays! On this trip with Capt. Mark Hoos to the Rockpile, Mike and fellow anglers Mike Bostic, Jr., Gary Fuss, Josh Mitchell, Mark Simerski, Jeff Harris and young man Parker killed it returning to Sunset Marina with 10 yellowfin tuna.

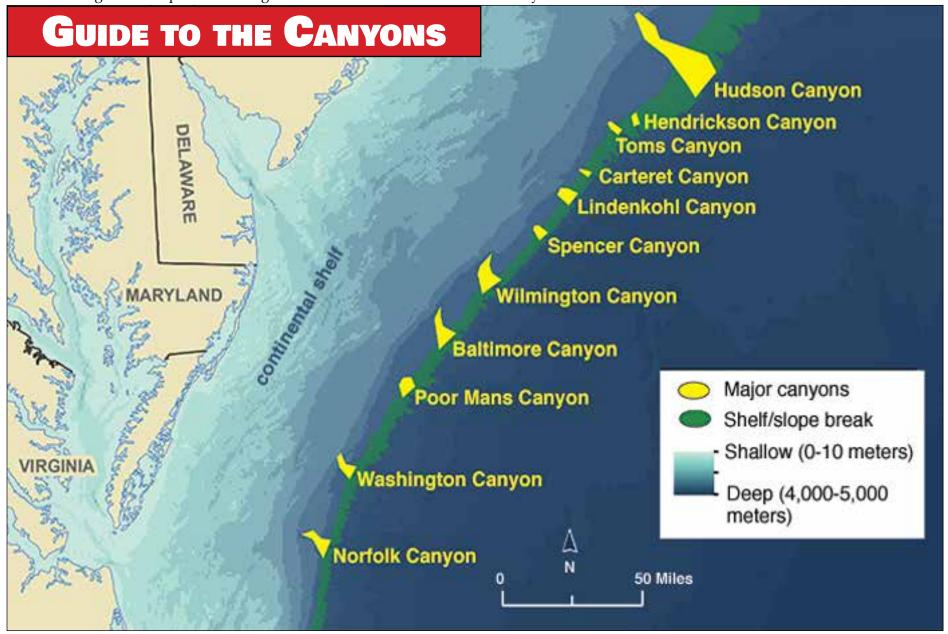


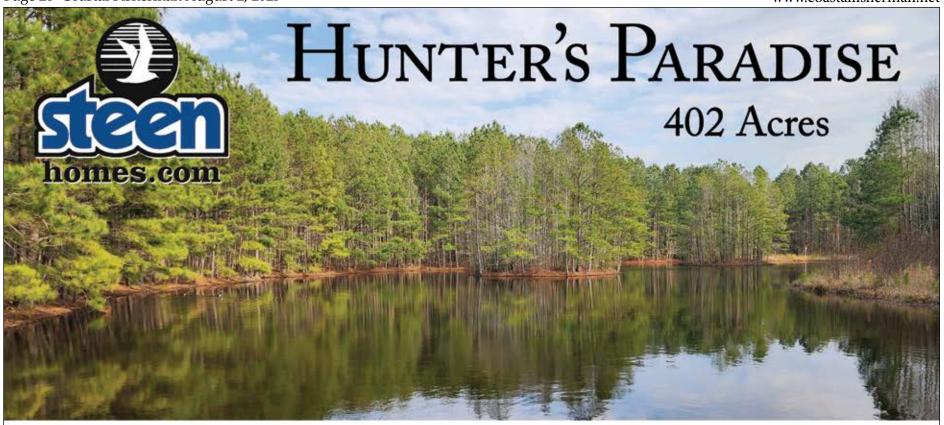






In a good sign for the upcoming marlin tournaments, the charter boat "Wrecker" with Capt. Alex Bean reported a white marlin release first thing in the morning on this trip while trolling in 100 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon.





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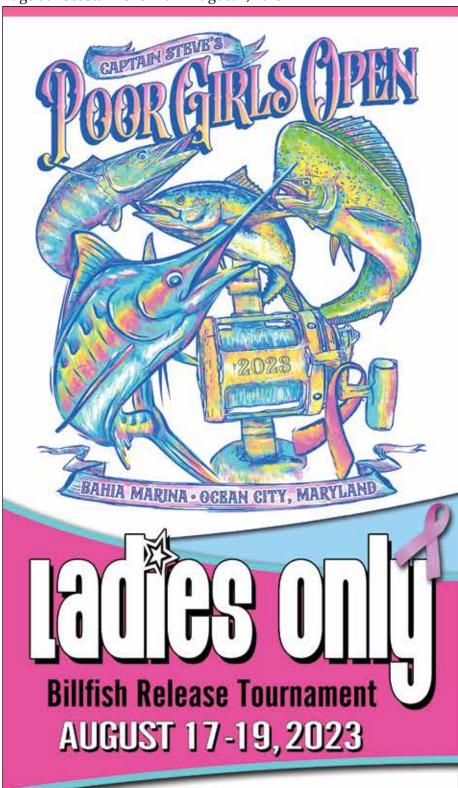
The charter boat "Savannah Lynn" has been working the hot shark bite in the Delaware Bay. On this trip the Clark family and friends had a busy day catching and releasing 18 sharks and 3 sting rays including this little guy.





Nick Schuler from York, PA caught himself a uniquely colored 23½" flounder at the Old Grounds. He was on the "Sidewinder IV" jigging with one of his homemade Spro/Glass Minnow Bucktails rigged with Gulp Swimming Mullet.





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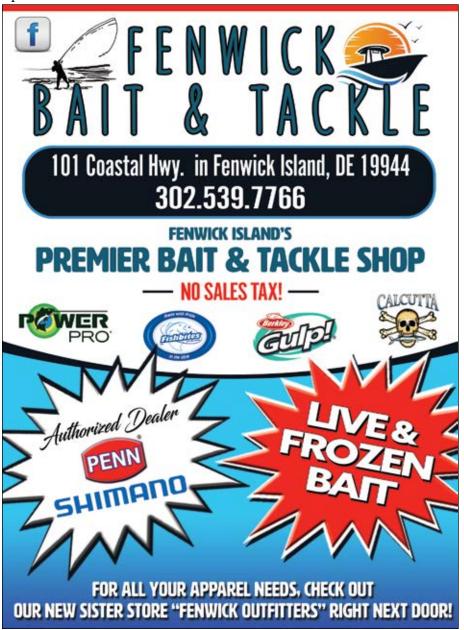
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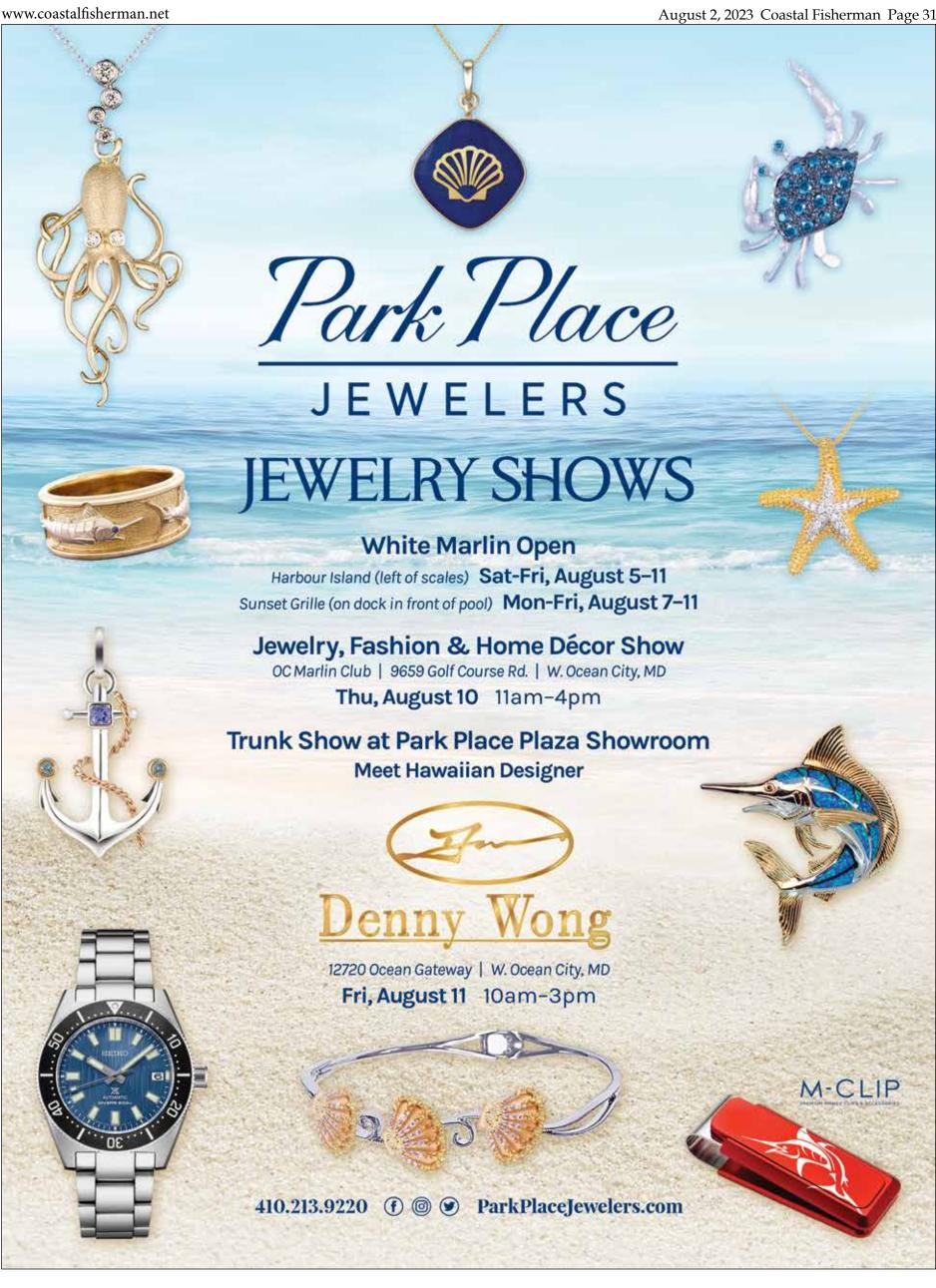
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Michael Halfen of Newark, DE spent 3½ hours trolling at the Fenwick Shoals on his boat "19 Somethin'". He caught 20 spanish mackerel on Clark spoons pulled behind planners keeping a dozen good sized ones up to 20½ for the dinner table!







It was a week of adventure his new jet ski for the first time in Delaware and a haven for anglers despite the scorching heat and some powerful storms. The ocean was hot too with water temperatures hovering around 75 degrees which may be contributing to its very green color. However, these conditions didn't deter anglers from experiencing some of the best flounder fishing they've seen in years. Anglers also had to compete for their catches as cutlass fish (ribbon fish) were particularly abundant, lurking in most fishing spots, eagerly striking at baited hooks meant for other fare.

Nearshore Reefs & Coral Life

nearshore reefs and wrecks were teeming with providing bountiful opportunities for anglers to reach their flounder limits with ease. While a few sea bass remain in the area, the warm water drives them to seek cooler water. Depths of 100 feet or more were required to find keepers. Jack Ditmars out of the Indian River fished the deeper waters and returned with a gratifying catch of keeper sea bass.

Jesse Buhler took to fishing off

and found a nice haul of smaller fluke about 4 miles out. But what really stole the show was the colossal 24-inch "doormat" flounder he managed to reel in. Venturing out on a halfday trip with the charter "Chasin Tail," Gerry Meklaus and his crew set their sights on ocean structures known to Captain Mike. Their efforts yielded a successful haul of impressive flounder, and a few keeper sea bass mixed in with many shorts. Thomas Cline showcased a remarkable achievement, checking in at Hook 'Em and Cook 'Em tackle with a four-man limit of 16 flounder, the heaviest weighing an impressive 5 pounds. Cline and his buddies, Ben Besosa and Chadwick Spence, found the bounty at the Old Grounds, returning with their four-man limit before lunchtime.

Ray Maxwell showed us how you do the Lewes Harbour Stretch when shared a trophy sized 7.63 pound flounder he caught while fishing on the "Katydid". Great job Ray! Nick Schuler from York, PA, was out at the Old Grounds on the "Sidewinder IV" jigging a homemade spro/glass and

minnow bucktail and caught qualifying as

www.coastalfisherman.net reported a few other limit trips with fish up to 5 pounds. Chris Smith ventured out to Site 10 and Site 11 and found plenty of small sea bass, and amidst them, a few keeper flounder. He humorously noted that the "tax man" was present, with a shark measuring around 6 or 7 feet. The keeper flounder were predominantly caught at Site 11. The "Capt Ike 2" decided to take a break from offshore fishing and secured a limit of sea bass, a handful of flounder, and even pulled in a few ling and a mahi, finishing their day's work by 11 am. Getting quick limits seems to be the norm for this year. Fred Robinson and Joseph Nicholas, along with Daryl Mergenthaler caught a quick 3 man limit of flounder and a couple sea bass at an ocean structure. They too had to deal with sharks snatching their catch. They also hooked a monster from the deep which almost spooled his spinning rod. The big fish won that battle as well as the

Back Bays & Inlet Adventures

Inlet Tackle shared promising reports of flounder in the bay, with some weighing over five pounds. Additionally, sand fleas drifting at night along the Inlet rocks were producing small undersized Despite the heat, rockfish. many anglers found delight in catching multiple rockfish at night, even if they didn't all

a truly humongous fluke measuring 23 inches. Bentley Heckrote from Sinking Spring, PA caught two big flounder, a 21.5 inch & 3.6 pounder and a 23 inch & 4.8 pounder while fishing at the Old Grounds on his dads boat the "Sea Child". The fish were caught on Aqua-Clear rigs and Gulp from Rick's Bait and Tackle. Joell Dougherty of Ocean View, DE, shared a memorable fishing expedition to the Old Grounds, catching two almost identical fish while on Tom Swann's boat "The Right Time". The first weighing 5.8 pounds and the second tipping the scale at 6 pounds. Catching one sixpound flounder is a feat in itself, but landing two on the same trip made this outing truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Meanwhile, Michael had a productive time at the Fenwick Shoals, using small spoons to reel in around 20 spanish mackerel, with about a dozen good-sized keepers. Eddie Hearn from Millsboro, DE, fishing with "Bad Wind Charters," had his personal best flounder catch, a 26.5-inch & 7.5-pound fattie, taken with a Bad Wind Klacker and strip bait. The charter also



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meet the size requirements. The Inlet flounder population seemed to cling close to the rocks. The Bay also offered juvenile spanish macks and bluefish sightings during the day. One angler, Lorrie Shumake, had a memorable day on the Bay catching flounder limits. This year, keeper fluke were more abundant and in better numbers compared to previous years. Tom Passwater had a productive solo fishing session in the Lewes Canal, landing three nice keeper fluke. Similarly, Taylor Parisi also worked the Bay and got his limit of flounder, including some impressive specimens weighing over 4 pounds. Meanwhile, Billy and Jules Mister managed to limit out on fluke, in addition to catching 15 sea bass while fishing in the Delaware Bay.

Surf Fishing, Clams & Crabs

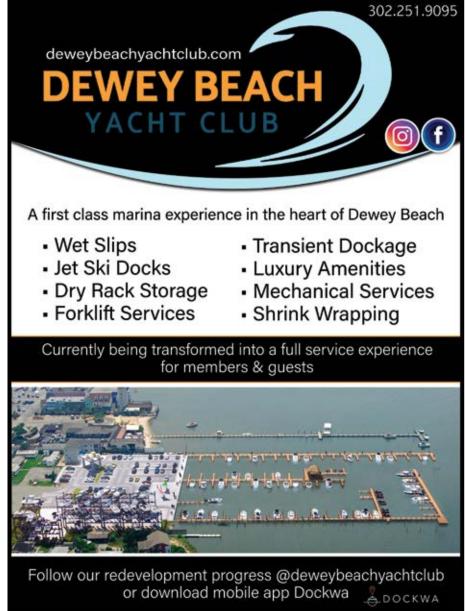
Surf fishing enthusiasts found success with pompano rigs, reeling in nice kingfish, as well as encountering several sharks and skates. Bob Morris's recent venture just north of Tower Shores proved fruitful when he used bunker chunks to hook a large ray. Wayne Edward Dean's time in the surf led him to a pod of small bluefish, though he kindly returned them to the ocean to be caught another day. Crabbing remained robust, but anglers adopted a two-day rotation to avoid leaving crabs in the shallow water, where the excessive heat was harmful for extended periods. Clamming remained a rewarding endeavor, though the popular clam grounds had been under considerable angler pressure, leading to a scarcity of smaller clams.

As the week drew to a close, the fishing community in Delaware continued to bask in the joy of their successful angling exploits. The waters remained inviting, promising new adventures and bigger catches in the days to come. Until next week, tight lines and fins up, as the excitement of fishing in Delaware shows no sign of waning. §



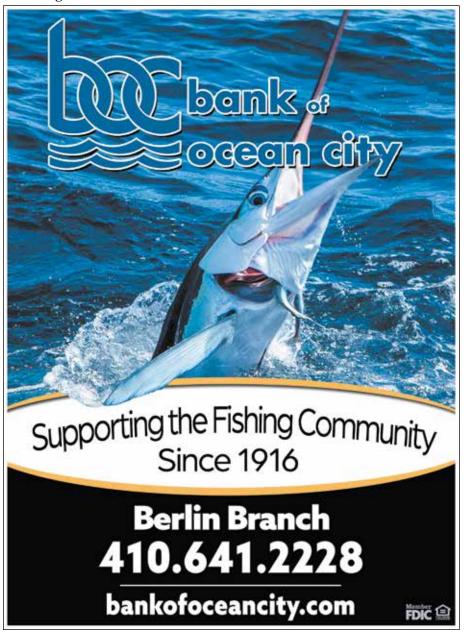
Jeff, Jack, Mike and Logan teamed up with Capt. Aaron Hurd of "Gale Force Charters" to slam some flounder. They caught these 18 keepers in the Indian River Inlet. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Marina.







9 year old Allison Snyder from Shippensburg, PA was fishing with her dad Chris, uncle Chuck Brightbill and grandfather Capt Les Brightbill at the Old Grounds when she caught both her 1st keeper flounder and first sea bass. The crew ended the day with a total of 20 flounder caught 6 making the cooler and a few sea bass.





While Long Neck, DE anglers John Schnaitman, Michelle Schnaitman, Wes Major, Bob Bryant Sr. and Capt. Bob Bryant, Jr. may look crazy, they certainly were not on this trip on the "Knot Krazy"! They fished an ocean structure and got their boat limit of 20 flounder with the largest at 25".





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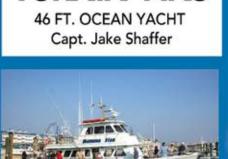


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As some captains change to chunking for tuna at the inshore lumps, we don't think they are expecting to catch billfish! Angler and Capt. Kyle Sisofo from Townsend, DE took his "Salty Reel" out of the Indian River Marina to the Hot Dog and set up for chunking butterfish for tuna. Instead he caught and released this 53 lb. sailfish while fishing with Gabe Kirk, Mike Sisofo and John Tompkins!

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Tonya took an afternoon trip on the headboat "Tortuga" based at the Bahia Marina and reeled in this almost 20" flounder from the West Channel well north of the Rt. 50 Bridge.



New gear is always awesome, especially when it catches fish on the 1st cast! Sam Butler from Bel Air, MD got a new rig and headed out to Stinky Beach to break it in. He set it with a Strike King Jig with a Pearl Gulp Mullet and nailed this speckled trout.



Shrimp & Mahi Kabobs with Jalapeno Butter

Ingredients:

1/2 pound shrimp deveined, shells removed, tails intact

- 1/2 pound mahi mahi
- 2 limes juiced
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic crushed

Salt and freshly ground pepper

- 1/4 Cup butter room temperature
- 1 small jalapeno deveined, seeds removed, finely chopped
- 2 Tablespoons cilantro leaves chopped, for garnish

Chives for garnish optional Directions:

Prepare the seafood. Peel and devein shrimp. Cut the fish into cubes to somewhat match



the size of the shrimp for even cooking.

Make the marinade: put the squeezed juice of 2 limes with the olive oil and garlic in a large

bowl. Mix thoroughly to blend and add some salt and pepper. Put the prepared seafood in the marinade and stir gently until it is completely coated. Cover and chill for 1 hour.

Remove seafood from the marinade and thread alternately on skewers. Grill or broil , turning occasionally, until cooked and tender. Approximately 5 minutes. Baste with more marinade if the pieces appear to be drying out.

In the meantime make the jalapeno butter; blend the softened butter with the chopped chiles and thoroughly blend.

Arrange the skewers on plates on a bed of rice. Pat chili butter over all. Scatter with torn cilantro leaves. www.coastalfisherman.net

Broiled Spanish Mackerel

Ingredients:

6 (3 ounce) fillets spanish mackerel fillets

1/4 cup olive oil

1/2 teaspoon paprika

Salt and ground black pepper to taste

12 slices lemon

Directions:

Preheat the oven's broiler and set the oven rack about 6 inches from the heat source. Lightly grease a baking dish.

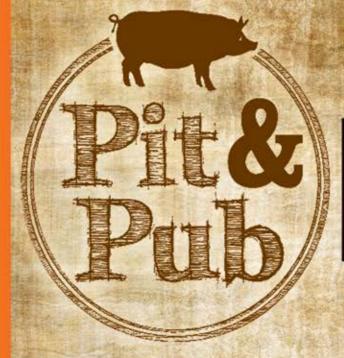
Rub both sides of each mackerel fillet with olive oil and place with the skin side down into the prepared baking dish. Season each fillet with the paprika,











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salt, and pepper. Top each fillet with two lemon slices.

Bake the fillets under the broiler until the fish just begins to flake, 5 to 7 minutes. Serve immediately.

Cornmeal Crusted Trigger Fish with Dilly Farro Salad

Ingredients:

For Fish:

4 fish fillets, about $2 - 2 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

1 cup buttermilk

1 cup cornmeal

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. salt

2 tsp. paprika

1 tsp. black pepper

1 tbsp. grape seed oil

For Farro Salad:

1 - 8 oz. box Farro Orzo (can substitute whole wheat orzo)

1 - 5 oz. bag fresh spinach, washed

1 cucumber, diced

1 bunch of asparagus, cut into 1 inch pieces



1 pint of tomatoes, halved Juice of 1 lemon 1 bunch of dill, chopped 4 tbsp. olive oil

Salt and pepper to taste Directions:

Pour buttermilk in a non-reactive dish. Add fish and allow to marinate for 30 minutes while you prep the Dilly Farro Salad.

Dilly Farro Salad:

Cook farro per instructions on box and drain. Add fresh spinach to a large bowl. Pour drained hot farro over top and mix (the hot farro will help wilt the spinach). Heat large skillet over medium high heat. Add 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Cook asparagus for 4-5 minutes, until tender crisp. Pour contents of pan over farro and spinach and

stir. Allow to cool for 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, cucumber, and dill. Whisk remaining 3 tablespoons of olive oil and lemon juice together and add to farro salad. Mix well and add salt and pepper to taste. This salad can be served warm or cold. To save time, make the salad ahead and store in fridge.

For the Cornmeal Crusted Trigger Fish:

Pour cornmeal, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper into a baking dish large enough to accommodate dredging the fish and mix well. Remove fish from buttermilk and dredge in cornmeal, turning to coat both sides. In a large nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon grape seed oil (or other high burn point oil) over medium heat. Place two trigger fish fillets in the skillet. Cook until crust is browned and fish is firm, 4 to 5 minutes on each side. If crust is starting to turn too brown, reduce heat. Transfer fish to plate and keep warm. Cook remaining two fillets. Serve immediately with





season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Lemon Butter Scallops

Ingredients:

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1 pound scallops

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

For the Lemon Butter Sauce:

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

3 cloves garlic, minced

3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Directions:

Melt butter in a large cast iron skillet over medium high heat.

Remove the small side muscle from the scallops, rinse with cold water and thoroughly pat dry.

Season scallops with salt and pepper, to taste. Working in batches, add scallops to the



skillet in a single layer and cook, flipping once, until golden brown and translucent in the center, about 1-2 minutes per side. Set aside and keep warm.

Serve scallops immediately with lemon butter sauce,

garnished with parsley, i desired.

For the Lemon Butter Sauce:

Melt butter in the skillet. Add garlic and cook, stirring frequently, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in lemon juice;

Skate Wings

Ingredients:

2 skate wings, (6-8 ounces each) skinned

1/4 cup flour

2 Tbs olive oil

1/4 cup minced shallots

2 tablespoons capers

Juice from 2 lemons

1/2 cup dry white wine

2 sticks of cold butter, cut into cubes

1 Tbs. finely chopped fresh parsley leaves

Salt to taste

Freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Season the skate with salt and pepper. Season the flour with salt and pepper. Dredge the skate in the flour, coating completely. In a large sauté pan, over medium heat, add the oil. When the oil is smoking



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hot, sauté the skate for 2 to 3 minutes on each side. Remove the fish from the pan and set aside.

Add the shallots and capers. Season with pepper. Sauté for 1 minute. Add the lemon juice and wine. Bring the liquid to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium low and simmer until the liquid reduces by half,

about 6 to 8 minutes. Whisk in the cold butter, a cube at a time. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in 1 tablespoon of parsley. Add the fish back into the sauce and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from heat and serve topped with capers and sauce and use the side of your choice. I sautéed some mixed vegetables to accompany the fish. §

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Cool off the heat with a Peach Mojito!

Ingredients:

- 4 peaches
- 4 Tablespoons fresh mint
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 4 oz white rum

Ice as needed

4 oz club soda as needed

Directions:

Slice two of the peaches for garnish and chop the remaining two peaches.

Place the chopped peaches in a muddler or cocktail shaker and add the sugar and rum.

Muddle the peach, sugar and rum together until well combined and the sugar has dissolved.

You can either strain with a cocktail shaker or directly pour the peach-infused rum evenly

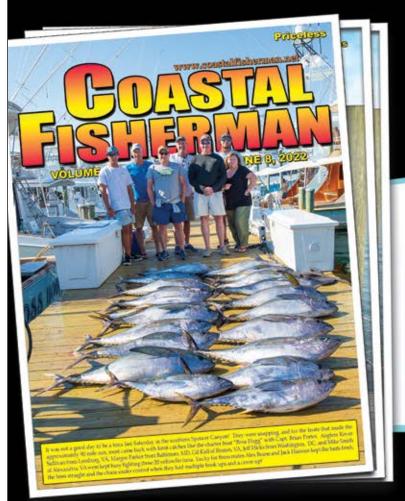
into your two serving glasses filled with ice, mint, and peaches.

Garnish with additional peaches.

Add a splash of club soda, as desired.



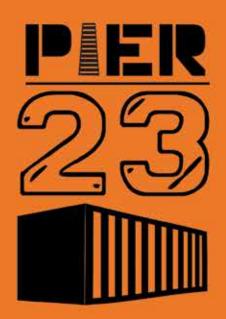
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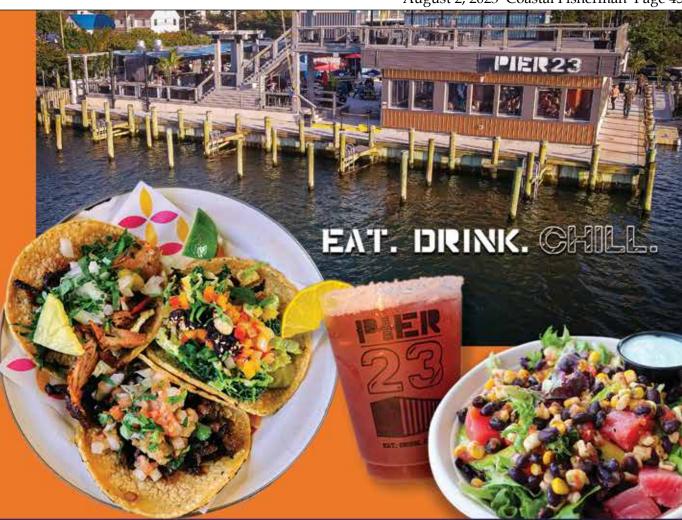
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by Capt. Mark Sampson

Recently, while heading out of the inlet with a strong outgoing current, I was reminded of an event that occurred one day a few years ago when I was heading in and noticed a small boat floating upside-down about 20-yards off the tip of the south jetty. Since there were no other boats around and I hadn't heard any Coast Guard warnings on the VHF radio about the hazard, my first thought was "this has just occurred and there might be people in the water." As I called the Coast Guard, I slowed the boat crawl, alerted my crew to look for victims, and headed to the stricken vessel. In just a few moments we were able to spot three men swimming for the rocks.

As none of them were wearing life-jackets we were relieved to watch as all were able to safely climb up on the rocks. My boat was too large to safely approach the south jetty so the best we could do at that point was to hold our position and monitor the situation until more

help arrived. It didn't take long, in just a few minutes a Maryland NRP, a Tow Boat US, and a Coast Guard boat came zooming in on the scene which gave us the opportunity to break-off and head home.

About an hour later as we were heading out the inlet for an afternoon fishing trip, we saw the tow-boat bringing the stricken Boston Whaler back in tow. I never did hear exactly happened that put those fellows in such a bad way, but I can only imagine that it had something to do with the prevailing sea conditions at the mouth of the inlet that day. There was a fairly good ground swell coming in from offshore, which made for some big surf along the beach, but since the winds weren't blowing much the ocean and bay waters were quite calm. The problem was the fact that we were at the bottom of the falling tide and the current was going out very hard. That day the inlet was a perfect example of what happens when an

incoming swell crashes into an outgoing current.

The inlet and the ocean were both smooth, but right where the two met there were tall, steep, standing waves running very close together. By "standing waves" I'm referring to waves that don't travel across the water like most waves do but instead they simply hold in one position for an indefinite period of time, in this case the waves would remain until the current eventually goes slack. Standing waves created at the inlet can be 3-5 feet tall and very steep, which means that they're not like swells that a boat going slow can gently "ride over" but are more like walls of water that boats traveling at any speed will simply "slam into." Large boats with high bows can stay above such waves but the typical small runabout (like a 17-foot Boston Whaler) is going to have real problems when standing encounter they waves.

To make matters worse, since standing waves at the

www.coastalfisherman.net inlet are created by a strong outgoing current, even with her engines in neutral an outbound vessel is going to be pushed into the standing waves at speeds of up to 6-knots just by the current alone. So there's almost no way for a small boat not to take a wave or two (or three, or four) over the bow if they find themselves in the wrong part of the inlet at the wrong time. Over the years many boats and a few lives have been lost due to standing waves.

The good news is that there is usually a way for even small boaters to avoid the perils of standing waves at the Ocean City inlet. By taking a hard look at one of the buoys inside the inlet and noting the speed and direction of the current before they venture out, boaters will have an idea what they'll be dealing with when entering the ocean. If the current is coming in everything should be good, but if it's going out a skipper should transit the inlet with great caution and be ready to do a quick U-turn before they reach the waves if conditions at the mouth appear too hazardous. Sometimes it's just a matter of waiting until the current changes.



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www.coastalfisherman.net buoys and running the inlet the way it's marked sends a vessel through the most hazardous stretch of standing waves. The worst of the standing waves typically occur at the southern twothirds of the inlet's mouth, so much of the problem can be avoided by transiting through the Ocean City (north) side of the inlet. Though this is not the "marked" channel there's plenty of water on that side for all but the largest of boats.

By the way, as I noted, the fellows in the stricken boat were in the water but not wearing life-jackets. I imagine that things happened so fast that they didn't have time to don their PFD's before finding themselves in the water and swimming for the safety of the inlet jetty. Obviously if they were wearing their life-jackets before the trouble ensued there would not have been as much risk of tragedy.§



Joseph Perzanowski got out on the sands of Assateague Island with his friends and family and set up for some shark fishing. They used a kayak to get their chunks of bonito bait out about 400 yards. They landed a few sharks including this sand tiger that was released.

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Mike FitzGerald wanted to get his son Mikey hooked up with a marlin before the fall school season. This trip did that and more! The pair headed out on the "Sea Laser" to south of the Poor Man's Canyon and set the troll with a custom embossed "Sea Laser" VI Lures with a skirt on ballyhoo. 10 year old Mikey got this white marlin as well as another and released a blue marlin to boot!



Ocean City Marlin Club Weigh-master extraordinaire Rob Mahoney made a quick run out to the Sue Foster's Reef with Mike Alagana. Mike hooked into these two matching 23" flounder and another keeper. It seems Rob could not get past the ribbonfish!





NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and



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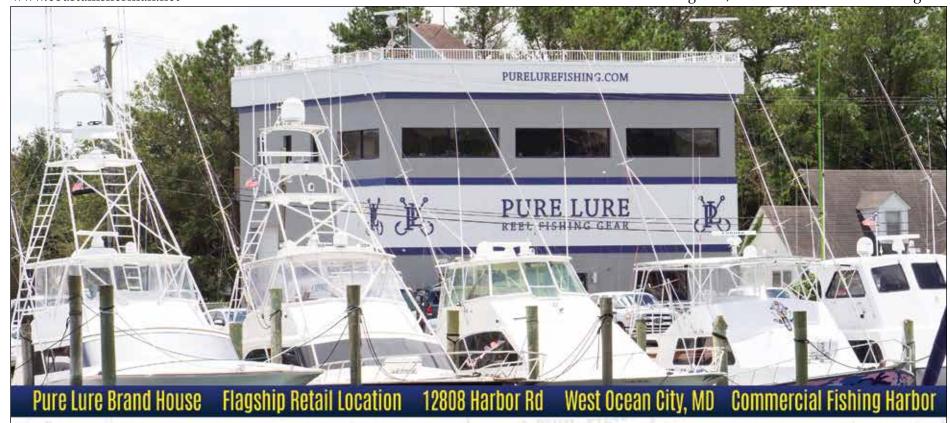
54" Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose

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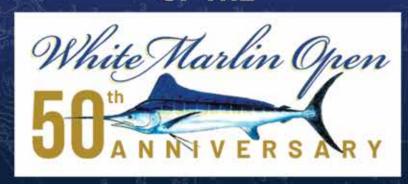






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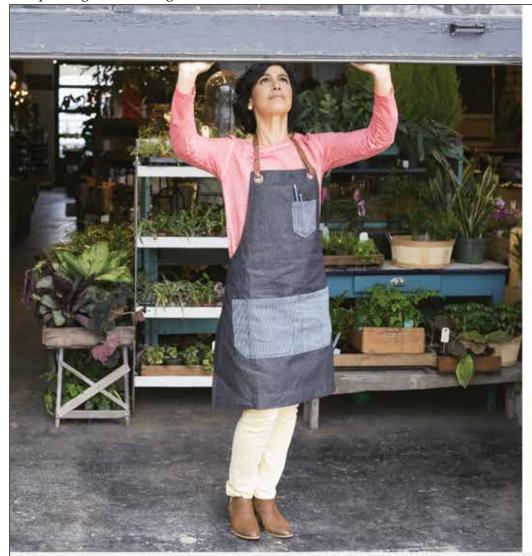
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Fred Robinson, Joseph Nicholas and Daryl Mergenthaler caught a quick 3 man limit of flounder and a couple sea bass at an ocean structure. They also hooked some sort of monster from the deep which almost spooled his spinning rod. The big fish won that battle as well as the lure.



We got a report from our favorite Canadian 'summer birds' Gerry & Lilianne. While their adventures fishing in the bay remain a challenge, their neighbors Jim & John Scheivert from Hampton, PA with Rick Saxon of Abbottstown. PA and Capt. Bill Scheivert abord the "Reel Rythem" found better luck offshore. They spent the day in the canyons without a nibble and started to head in when the finally got a hit! They caught and released this white marlin, their first!





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STEVE'S MARINE SERVICE by Steve Katz

When Nature Calls

A toilet of some sort on a boat is a necessity for many boaters, anglers and especially guests. While there are some people who think its perfectly acceptable to do their business "over the side," it may be frowned upon or illegal depending on where you are. Marine sewage is often referred to as "black water, which is different than "gray water" which is the water discharging from your sink and shower.

Currently, in the United States, there are no federal requirements for the containment of gray water.

The days of the manual hand lever operated Jabsco marine toilet have been flushed away. Now here are a myriad of options of fancy touch panel electric or vacuum toilets, with seats and bowls just like at home or even better!

Interestingly, the main environmental concern with marine sewage is not the urine but the feces. Human feces contain bacteria, pathogens, and nutrients. The reason behind federal regulations concerning sewage on boats is

to keep untreated sewage out of our inland and coastal waters, so we do not have to swim in it or drink it – yuck.

Rules

So, what is the big deal about using the sea water as a big bathroom? Turns out there are a few rules and regulations regarding marine toilets, technically referred to as a "marine sanitation device"

an installed head (toilet), a waste-treating device (MSD), and/or a holding tank. As with most Coast Guard Certified equipment, there are different classifications to cover most every marine application.

In Maryland, A No Discharge Zone (NDZ) is an area of water where the discharge of all boat sewage is prohibited. This means that the boat's sewage needs to be collected



(MSD) devices depending on where your boat is operated.

Standards have been set by the Environmental Protection Agency, and regulations have been Issued by the Coast Guard and State governments overing the certification and use of Marine Sanitation Devices.

Sanitation systems consist of

in a holding tank or that the toilet needs to be locked out and inaccessible for use in the no discharge zone. In the Ocean city area, the NDZ includes the tidal waters of Ocean City Inlet, Sinepuxent Bay, Isle of Wight Bay, Assawoman Bay, and their tributaries.

Additionally, the federal government indicates that

www.coastalfisherman.net treated and untreated sewage discharges are prohibited in: freshwater lakes, reservoirs and other freshwater impoundments, whole inlets or outlets are such as to prevent the ingress or egress by vessel traffic. Rivers not capable of navigation by interstate vessel traffic. No-discharge zones (NDZs) (as applicable). In these areas, sewage effluent must be retained onboard in a holding tank (Type III MSD). Operators of vessels equipped with flowthrough MSDs (Type I or Type II) must secure the device to prevent overboard discharge.

As you can see there are many regulations and many MSD systems, a routine vessel boarding by the authorities often includes and "inspection" of your MSD system and status, be sure you are prepared for compliance, otherwise there may be violations and or fines if found out of compliance.

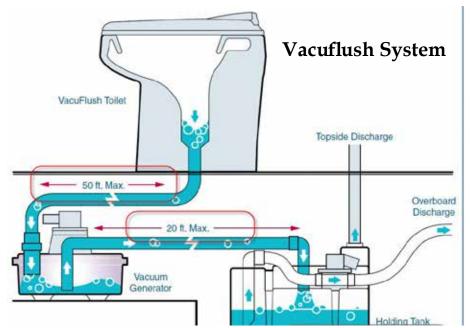
Note: Untreated sewage discharges are permitted farther than three miles from the ocean shoreline.

Hardware

There are numerous types of MSD systems, ranging in cost from \$1000 up to thousands of dollars, here are a few possible combinations.

Installed toilet w/USCG Certified Type I or Type II system, installed toilet w/Type III holding tank with "Y" valve





and last but the simplest -a portable toilet you carry off the boat to empty.

The toilets – the part you sit on come in a variety of technologies that can modernize and automate the filling, flushing, and pumping of the waste. There are two basic types; electric macerators (like a blender) and pulverizes as found in the headhunter and Vacuflush systems. Most all systems have a series of valves, solenoids, and control to operate the system.

When it comes to maintenance, i.e., a clogged toilet, often there is a blockage of some sort, usually something other than human waste that would flush away at home but not on a boat. Most marine toilets have a rubber one way valve in their plumbing system, often called a duckbill valve due to the

shape. These can wear out and lose their shape, flip inside out or just become clogged. This is a good first place to check for a blockage when troubleshooting a non-function toilet. When troubleshooting, it is best to start from the toilet and examine the components along the way, pumps, hoses, valves etc., be sure to wear gloves and a mask. Those who have inadvertently removed a hose from a vacuum toilet system understand the need for full protective gear when working on a toilet system.

Learning about your boat's specific MSD, location and function of the components, preventative maintenance, and the legal classification for operation in different geographic areas will help to keep your crew and guests happy while out on the water. §



Fenwick Islanders Capt. Colby Hook with angler Greg Hook put in some work in the Washington Canyon. They headed out on the "WaterBuck" and did some deep dropping with a buoy rod rig and hooked up with this 131 lb. swordfish using squid. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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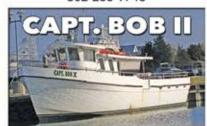
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"Nothing felt like the correct choice for either of us. Being an avid boater with experience dating back to my childhood years, I thought having a somewhere near the age of 16, their son Zak expressed interest in taking over the business.

Glen said he and Karen didn't think it would stick, but they told him if he wanted the It did stick, and after years of learning the ins and outs – sweeping, bottom painting, technician training – Zak took over as general manager.

"Karen and I did not expect this to last, but Zak proved us wrong," said Glen, pointing to Zak's Master Technician Certification from Yamaha, which he earned in June 2021. "What an accomplishment. We are very proud."

It's not just new boats; Rt. 113 Boat Sales is also a full-service new boat and motor dealership.

"We do it all related to our industry," said Glen.

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It was a 43-foot Pursuit, with four 425-horsepower Yamaha motors on the back, that had a price tag of well over \$1 million, said Glen. It's a far cry from the first boat the company sold for \$15,500, he said.

After working for the same Chicago-based information technology company, the Smiths fulfilled a lifelong dream and moved to the beach in June 2001. After about 18 months, Glen said, the couple realized they were way too young to stop working and started looking for something

small new boat and motor dealership would be fun and something we would love to do," said Glen. "We purchased a small commercial building on Route 113 just a few feet north of the Maryland/ Delaware line, renovated it ourselves and took the leap of faith and purchased our first 12 boats. We were terrified."

Glen said the plan was for him and Karen to run the business until both their children finished high school. After that, he said, it was going to be another attempt at retirement. Those plans changed when, opportunity to take over, he would have to learn and master every aspect of the business from the ground up.





Eddie Hearn of Millsboro, DE caught his personal best flounder last week. The 26.5" fish was caught at an ocean structure using a Bad Wind Klacker rig tipped with strip bait.





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Bluefish	May 19 Rich Daiker OC Jetty 14.5 lbs.	June 8 Dexter Long Indian River Inlet 12 lbs.	Thresher Shark		
Black Drum	April 4 Tom Berry Assateague 19 lbs.	May 19 Eric Feinauer Delaware Bay 53 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna	July 10 Crew "Ro Sham Bo" Washington Canyon 246.4 lbs.	July 1 Crew "Reel Passion" Washington Canyon 234 lbs.
Cobia	July 8 Nick Smallwood Little Gull 39 lbs.		Bluefin Tuna	May 29 Crew "Marli" Baltimore Canyon 216 lbs.	July 4 Bri Stevenson 12 miles of S. Jersey 88 lbs. 2 oz.
Summer Flounder	June 21 Haleigh Davis Ocean Structure 7 lbs.	June 26 Mlke Lewis Old Grounds 9.6 lbs.	Longfin Tuna		
Sea Bass	May 20 Wayne Small Ocean Structure 5 lbs.	May 22 Richard Krauss Ocean Structure 4.3 lbs.	Yellowfin Tuna	July 23 Elmer Bass Poorman's Canyon 156 lbs.	July 13 Laszo Kacso Hot Dog 88.9 lbs.
Sheepshead	June 24 Rob English Ocean City Jetty 14 lbs.	June 5 Paul Mathews Outer Wall 13.78 lbs.	Dolphin	July 14 Tina Boykin Washington Canyon 32 lbs.	
Striped Bass	June 1 Buddy Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs.	May 22 Chic Stearrett Bethany Beach 18.7 lbs.	Swordfish	June 16 Crew "Wrecker" Poor Man's Canyon 100 lbs.	
Tautog		May 6 James Milano Ocean Structure 22.9 lbs.	Blue Marlin		
Wahoo			White Marlin		



The Ocean City Marlin Club's Marlin Club Crew of OC awarded their annual scholarship funds in recognition of outstanding local high school students from all Worcester County graduating seniors. The Crew conducts fundraising events each year for this and other selected non profits connected to the boating and fishing community. This year's \$20,000 award went to these students Riley Moyer, Cooper Hooks, Parker Tingle, Griffin Jones, Kameron Harris, Sophia Krasner, Summer Wakefield, Anne Carter, Ava Hinkle and Natalie Canham as well as Summer Banks, Kayla Boyles, Emily Sandt and Kathy Zhang who are not pictured.



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Young George Fenstermacher from Schuylkill, PA got a taste for deep water fishing when he went out to the Washington Canyon with his father Brian. They were fishing on the "Bite Me II" when George caught this 5 lb. blueline tilefish.



We have not seen many black drum lately, but that changed when we got this pic from Joey & Carter Pruitt. They were wreck fishing off of Ocean City on the "Silent Partner" with Matthew Tribbitt, Nick Mudry and Capt. Mathew Mundry where they caught these 2 blackies.

ATLANTIC COAST

	MD	DE **	VA
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-	8 lbs. or 22"
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"	80 lbs. or 46"
Black Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	5 lbs.
Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"	16 lbs. or 36"
Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size
Cobia	44"	45 Lbs. or 48"	55 lbs. or 50"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	3 lbs. or 20"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	25 lbs.
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	6 lbs. or 26"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	30 lbs.
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	1.5 lb. or 16"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"	20 lbs.
Red Drum*	36"	45"	V.
Sailfish*	Any Size	i i	7 <u>4</u> 7
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	10 lbs. or 24"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	4 lbs. or 26"
Speckled Trout	24"	-	5 lbs. or 24"
Striped Bass	40"	44"	44"
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	9 lbs. or 23"

	MD	DE **	MD
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"	35 lbs.
Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"	30"
White Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size
SHARK:			
Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Hammerhead*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Thresher*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Tiger*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Swordfish	47"	Any Size	100 lbs.
TUNA:			
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"	40 lbs.
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"	32"
Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"	70 lbs.
Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"	70 lbs.

- * Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program
- ** DE Lengths only apply to Live Release
- *** Use curved-fork-length measurements

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Andy Amrhein Jr. with Andy Amrhein IV came over from Baltimore, MD to try their luck with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Wyatt Bostic on the charter boat "Lucky Break". They started around the Little Gull Shoal where they caught 16 spanish mackerel and then headed to the East Channel to bag 6 keeper flounder up to 16".



Jason White of Ocean City, MD caught his first mahi on his first offshore trip on the private boat "Fare Cut". He was trolling with Capt. Kevin Gibson of Bel Air, MD and Greg & Dylan Lawrence from Hanover, PA at the 19 Fathom Lump when this 11 lb. dolphin hit on a black & purple stinger off of a spreader bar.



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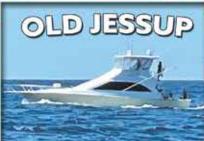


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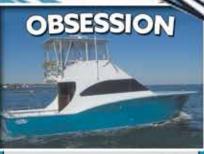
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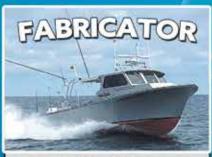
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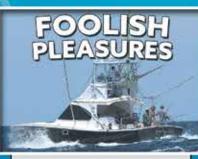
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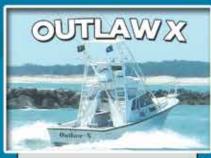
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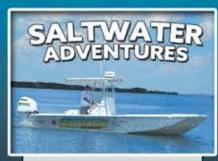
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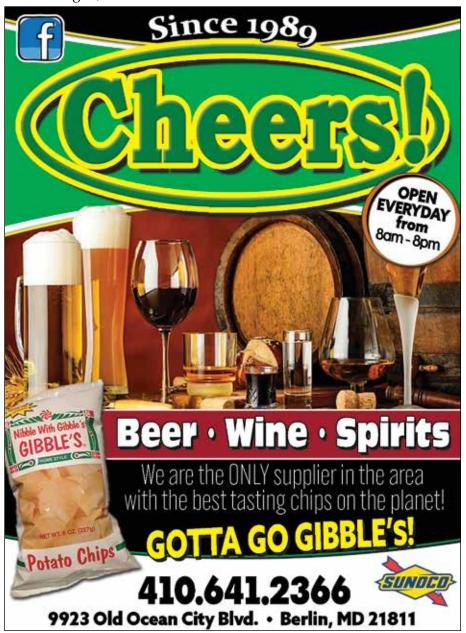
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Nathan Moon of Shelltown, MD landed a whopping 8 lb. flounder on a smooth water day at the Blackfish Bank Reef Site off of Chincoteague, VA.





Capt. Scott Stapleford with mate Gary Sergent on the charter boat "Game On" had a couple slow tuna days in the Poor Man's Canyon, but managed a good amount of mahi they found along weed lines. They also hooked a couple yellowfins but definitely had to deal with sharks.`





Anglers Chris Warthen & Ryan Beall of Severna Park, MD with Chris and Max Warthen from Ellicott City, MD all caught their first tunas last week. They were on the "Have At It" south of the Poor Man's Canyon with Capt. Robert Beall and Brandon Beall, also of Severna Park, when they landed these 3 yellowfin tuna up to 55 lbs.



FISHING REPORT by Capt. Matt Abell

When we said that nothing is hotter than the fishing on the ESVA.... we were wrong...the weather is definitely hotter than the fishing on this little spit of land between the Chesapeake and the deep azul of the Atlantic. This heat wave has caused the water to warm, the fish to tighten their lips, and sushi to be in short supply as these temperatures ensure that your catch is half cooked before you throw a line on the dock. Maybe it's not really THAT hot, and next week promises to be more hospitable. So grab a cold water (or other beverage), take solace in the fact you didn't really like your fish raw to start with, and get out there and take the dull out of summer doldrums.

The inshore waters of the Atlantic have produced the most bent rods and big smiles as reefs sites like the Blackfish Banks area, have produced good numbers of flounder. Most of these camouflaged creatures of the deep have been lured with jigs adorn with gulp curl tails or tipped with a healthy strip of cut bait.

On some of the same wrecks and reefs, triggers and spades have been encountered by fishermen and divers alike. These tropical trophies can be tricked into a drag screaming tussle with a small piece of clam suspended on a #4-#1 octopus style hook (sometimes red in color) tied with 20# fluorocarbon leader. Chumming, while not always necessary, can improve your chances of a exotic looking and most excellent meal.

While making way through the swells of the ocean, keep an eye out for spanish mackerel and cobia. The mackerel have been spotted jumping like maniacs around shoals off Chincoteague and Wachapreague. A 0 sized Clark spoon behind a #1 planer will ring the dinner bell for these trolled up toothy treasures. The coastal cobia seem to be more confined to floating objects like buoys and flotsam and can be engaged by casting a brightly colored jig of live eel within the gaze of the brown suited brawler.

The flounder fishing inside the inlet has been fairly good as well. If the water is clean and clear the fish are cooperative. Fishing from Quimby Inlet all the way to Chincoteague has been pretty consistent with the best activity culminating during the last part of the flood tide. The water seems to cool

www.coastalfisherman.net down and clean up during this tidal driven time frame. Gulp and squid strips tipped by silversides and bull minnows on pink, chartreuse, white and orange teaser rigs help ensure the need for a good dip net and your favorite seafood breading.

The lower Chesapeake has produced spanish mackerel on the troll while folks continue the quest for cobia to cast to. In the shallows, the hot water and thick grass have made spec fishing difficult. The folks that are stubbornly seeking the trout with spots have been rewarded not with numbers, but with size. A good friend of mine Capt. Drew Sturgis broke the 28" mark with a SPEC-tacular trophy fish amidst the steamy temperatures and less than splendid surroundings.

Don't let a heat wave rock your boat and keep you from enjoying the greatest place on earth. Get out there, feel the cool salt spray on your face, stretch your line, and never forget how great it is to be in this awesome place that we call home! §





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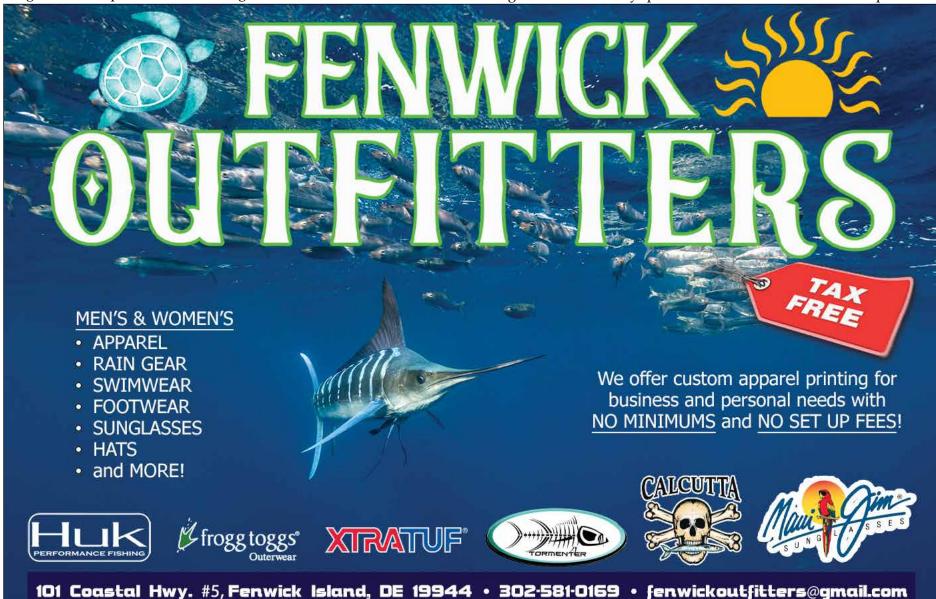
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Capt. Drew Sturgis of Exmore, VA reported some hot weather, and yet, great fishing in the southern Chesapeake Bay behind Cape Charles. He caught this 28" speckled trout casting in the late afternoon.



Rae Tribbitt from Ocean View, DE rolled down to Cape Charles with her dad Tyler for some near shore action. They were site casting for cobia using live eels when they spotted this one. It was Rae's first keeper at 43".





Anglers John, Jacob and Jared Monar of Salisbury, MD landed a great mix of fish on this trip on the "J-Crew" to an ocean structure! They used squid on metal jigs and Gulp Swimming Mullets to land sea bass, mahi, flounder and even some lesser amberjacks.

find and aved High 08:51 am Low 02:50 am WED. AUGUST 2 High 09:38 pm Low 02:44 pm High 09:49 am Low 03:38 am **THUR. AUGUST 3** Low 03:40 pm High 10:28 pm High 10:45 am Low 04:27 am FRI. AUGUST 4 Low 04:37 pm High 11:16 pm High 11:40 am Low 05:17 am SAT. AUGUST 5 Low 05:37 pm High ---High 12:04 am Low 06:07 am **SUN. AUGUST 6** High 12:37 pm Low 06:41 pm High 12:53 am Low 06:59 am MON. AUGUST 7 High 01:38 pm Low 07:45 pm High 01:46 am Low 07:50 am **TUE. AUGUST 8** High 02:47 pm Low 08:49 pm 3rd Qtr. Moon High 02:44 am Low 08:43 am WED. AUGUST 9 High 03:58 pm Low 09:53 pm source: usharbors.com

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Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide - 21 minutes for low tide Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

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Capt. Al Rittmeyer decided to take a break from chasing pelagic fare in the canyons to spend time on his boat the "2FAR Out". He and Emerson Torres with Maria Castañeda picked a calm day and headed to an offshore wreck. They caught their limit of sea bass, including this big knothead that is the biggest one Al has caught in a very ling time!



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Species	2023	2022	Species	2023	2022
Bluefish	April 19 Dave Moore Assateague Island	April 26 Morgan Mericle South OC Jetty	Thresher Shark		May 20 Mike Eid "HotLine" Fingers
Black Drum	April 3 Jeremy Zinn 145th Street, OC	March 29 Jay Phillips Assateague Island	Bigeye Tuna	May 5 Jeff Rosenkilde "Full Service" Baltimore Canyon	June 12 Richie Widmayer "HotLine" Baltimore Canyon
Cobia	July 4 Gabriella Kendus Faithful Steward	June 11 Numen Bilal Fenwick Island Beach	Bluefin Tuna	May 29 The Crew "Marli" Baltimore Canyon	May 17 Andrew Dietz "Take Em" SE Poor Man's
Summer Flounder	March 27 Dakota Bittner Thorofare	April 3 Scott Lenox Thorofare	Longfin Tuna		June 5 Chad Tingle "Sea Bear" Wilmington Canyon
Sea Bass	May 15 Mike DePalma Sr. Great Eastern Reef	May 15 Jeremy Michalski Jack Spot	Yellowfin Tuna	May 6 Chris Kroh "Kilroy" Poorman's Canyon	May 17 James Haren "Take Em" SE Poor Man's
Sheepshead	May 5 Anthony Carrieri Ocean City Jetty	June 4 Blake Gunther OC Inlet	Dolphin	May 6 Brad Hubbard "Talkin' Trash" Poorman's Canyon	May 29 Adam Davidson "HotLine" East of Poor Man's
Striped Bass	April 15 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	April 20 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	Swordfish	June 16 Crew "Wrecker" Poorman's Canyon	June 4 The Crew "Espadon" Poor Man's Canyon
Tautog	January 31 Josh Schwemiein Ocean Structure	March 27 Michael Guigley Stinky Beach	Blue Marlin	June 1 Steve Sylvester "Talkin' Trash" Norfolk Canyon	June 13 The Crew "Rhonda's Osprey" Poor Man's Canyon
Wahoo	June 9 Josh Short Poorman's Canyon	June 30 Tim McCartney "Chasin Tides" Hot Dog	White Marlin	June 2 Joe Huk "RESTLESS LADY II" Baltimore Canyon	June 6 Kevin Gibb "WRECKER" Baltimore Canyon



Ross Kendall, Jack Strouse, Burton Witcraft and Black Witcraft got in a trip before the blow to the Poor Man's Canyon last week. They headed out of Ocean Pines on the "Reel Wild" and Ross boated this 65 lb. yellowfin tuna that hit on a Sterling Wide Tracker spreader bar.



The Talbot Street Pier is going to need a bigger dock if the charter boat "Restless Lady II" continues to raise this many fish! Anglers Brian Canoles, Teddy Pararigan, Scott Fisher, James Grimes, Tim Curtis and Connor Curtis took and overnight trip to the Washington Canyon with Capt. Chris Huk and mate Tanner Virden. Overall they boated 35 tilefish, 6 mahi and 9 yellowfin tuna.

ESTIMATED MARLIN WEIGHT CHART

White Marlin LENGTH GIRTH POUNDS 24 43.20 26 50.70 60 28 58.80 60 61 28.25 59.90 43.90 61 61 61 62 62 62 26 51.50 27 55.60 28 29 59.80 64.10 29.25 24 65.20 44.60 26 27 52.40 56.50 28 29 30.25 62 62 60.80 65.20 62 63 70.90 24 45.40 63 63 26 53.20 27 57.40 63 63 28 28.75 61.70 65.10 63 64 30 70.90 24 46.10 64 26 27 54.10 58.30 64 64 65 28 28.5 62.70 65.00 29.75 70.80 24 46.80 65 65 65 65 65 26 27.25 54.90 60.30 28.37 63.70 65.40 29.37 68.30 70.10 66 66 24 25 47.50 51.60 26 28.25 66 55.80 65.80 66 29.25 30.25 66 70.60 66 75.50 66 67 67 67 31 79.30 24 48.20 24.5 25 50.30 52.30 67 67 67 68 68 68 68 68 27 61.10 28 65.70 30 75.40 80.50 22 23 41.10 45.00 25.5 55.30 26.75 60.80 27.75 65.50 70.30 28.75 68 68 76.50 30 32 87.00 69 69 22 41.70 24.25 50.70 69 69 25.25 55.00 26.5 60.60 69 69 27.5 28.5 65.20 70.10 69 69 29.5 30 75.10 77.60 69 70 32 88.30 22 42.40 70,70,70 24 50.40 26.25 60.30 27.25 65.00 28 68.60 元 29 20 29 30 73.60

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79	42	174.00
80	38 40	144.40
80	42	176.40
80	44	193.60
81	40	162.00 170.20
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81	43	187.21 164.00
82	42	180.81
82	44	198.44
82	46	216.89 168.00
84	48	241.90
84	50	262.50 378.00
84	40	172.00
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108	54	393.70
108	60	486.00
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