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The crew of the "Max Bet" set the tone for the 49th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open arriving on the first day of the event with 2 blue marlin and 2 white marlin releases after trolling in deep water over 1000 fathoms, east of the Baltimore Canyon about 97 miles from Ocean City! The 4 marlin catapulted them into 1st Place in the Billfish Release Division with 420 points where they stayed winning \$127,760 in prize money. Fishing with Capt. Austin Robins were anglers Kelly Weber, Paige Bayliss, Nichole Scotti, Shelby Zimmer and Carla McMenemy (not pictured) with mates Chase Travers, Luke Hickey and Justin Ropp.





We got a lot of reports of anglers releasing their first marlins this week. Great for them and certainly an uptick in billfish activity! 9 year old Mikey Fitzgerald released his first while trolling ballyhoo inside the Baltimore Canyon. He was fishing on the "Sea Laser" with Capt. John Pasquariello, his dad Mike Fitzgerald and Tim Hogan. They also went 4 for 4 on yellowfin tunas.

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**This Week Last Year**

- It was this week last year that angler Billy Gerlach caught a 1,135 lb. blue marlin during the 30th Annual MidAtlantic Tournament deep below the Washington Canyon on the 471 lump. The fish won the tourney and set a new Maryland State Record. It was one of the more than 6 brought to the scales. Top white marlin was 82 lbs. caught on the "Sea Wolf" by Pete Roskovich in the Norfolk Canyon.
- Bigeye tuna dominated the tuna division at the MidAtlantic with the "Pipe Dreamer" bringing in 2 eyeballs from the Wilmington Canyon both over 200 lbs. with the tourney winner at 235 lbs.
- Big wahoo were being caught inshore at the Fingers and Sausages. Anglers commented the bigger ones hit on lines with longer leaders.

The offshore fishing was once again dominated by a tournament, this time it was the 49th Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girls Open hosted by Bahia Marina. The 'PGO', as it is known, is primarily a billfish release tournament, and despite a very difficult summer for marlin, there was good action in the Billfish Release Division with over 30 white marlin released, 10 blue marlin and a few swordfish. That was a decent showing for a fleet of 161 boats, almost 800 lady anglers and 161 fishing days! Top honors this year went to the crew of the "Max Bet" for the 2 blue marlin and 2 white marlin released on Day 1 of the event earning 420 points. 2nd were the anglers on the "Buckshot" who had 2 blue marlin and 1 white marlin release for 320 points on Day 2 and the team on the "C-Boys" slid into 3rd Place

as one of the last boats on the last day reporting 1 blue marlin and 2 whites for 310 points. Almost all of the marlin reports we saw last week were from deep water, east of the canyons. The "Max Bet" traveled 97 miles to get east of the Baltimore in over 1,000 fathoms for their catches. The "C-Boys" were a little further south in the Poor Man's Canyon, also in 1000 fathoms, and the "Buckshot" even further south on the 1,000 fathom line between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. The Junior Angler Billfish Release award was also notable. Summer Knupp released 2 whites while fishing on the "Pumpin' Hard, also in 1,000 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. She was part of team "Do it for Gavin" in memory of Gavin Knupp who recently passed away after a tragic hit and run accident.

but was pushed to 3rd when Lindsey Harrington brought in a 69.3 pounder to the scales on Day 3 that she caught in the Poor Man's Canyon on the "Billfisher".

The Meatfish Division was also active with lots of gaffer mahi brought to the scales in addition to many reporting double digit catches of bailer size dolphin. Another Day 1 fish locked in the top spot when Melinda Spedden on the "Fish On" brought in a 22.9 lb. fish from the Washington Canyon. The other 2 spots were filled in late on Day 2. The "Grande Pez" showed up first with a 22.5 lb. fish caught by Jessica Mistr that hit on their marlin spread in over 1,000 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. The very next boat at the docks was the "Reel Chaos" who jumped into 3rd Place with a 16.9 lb. mahi caught by Jessica Matarese who was also marlin fishing in 1,200 fathoms of the Poor Man's Canyon.

The Wahoo Category under the Meatfish Division was also busy, which was a nice surprise as these speedsters can be elusive this time of year. Meagan Phillips blew up the leaderboard on Day 2 with a 56.9 lb. wahoo she caught on the "Knot Right" just north of the 800/800 in the Washington Canyon using mono in 200 fathoms. Rounding out the leaderboard were Brook McGinnis' 47.8 lb. fish caught on the "Salty Sons" that took 2nd Place and a 45.9 lb. wahoo on the "Mikk's in it Up" caught by Alexa Mikk.

The big winner however was the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research that received a donation of \$100,000 from the tournament and the Harman family. That pushes

Unlike other recent tournaments dominated by bigeye tuna, the Tuna Division of the PGO saw only yellowfins brought to the scales making for a very competitive Division. The "Boss Hogg" set the bar on Thursday with a 72.4 lb. yellow caught by Jackie Pickering while trolling in 120 fathoms of the Poor Man's Canyon. The next 2 days saw a bevy of fish in the high 50 pound to low 60 pound range jockeying for the leaderboard's other spots, but no one could beat the "Boss Hogg" who finished in 1st Place. Angler Lisa Poole on the "Christine Marie" weighed a 66.9 lb. yellowfin on Day 2 to take 2nd place at the time

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the total contribution received over the life of the tournament to almost \$2,000,000.

Outside of the tournament we did see a small uptick in marlin releases. While still low, hopefully it is a harbinger of things to come! Given the slow tuna bite, we are also seeing anglers switch to tilefishing with good results for blueline and a few goldens, especially from the Wilmington.

A couple of other notable trips this last week included one on the "Restless Lady". The non profit Platoon 22, whose mission is to assist veterans returning to civilian life chartered the "Restless Lady" as part of their Platoon Outdoors program. The aspect of the group focuses on getting veterans together in outdoor activities like fishing & hunting to give them time to bond and support each other. On this overnight trip the boys boated a mess of fish, including 5 yellowfin tuna, a bunch of tilefish and released a hammerhead shark. The topper however was the 102" blue marlin caught by Michael Falzone in the Baltimore Canyon. The other one that caught my attention occurred during the Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder Open held last week. Angler Eamonn 'Irish' Carey was jigging with 6" Gulp on a chicken rig near the Light Ship when he connected with a 33" and 27.5 lb. bluefin tuna! Pretty nice catch on a 20 lb. braid flounder set up and the only bluefin catch we have

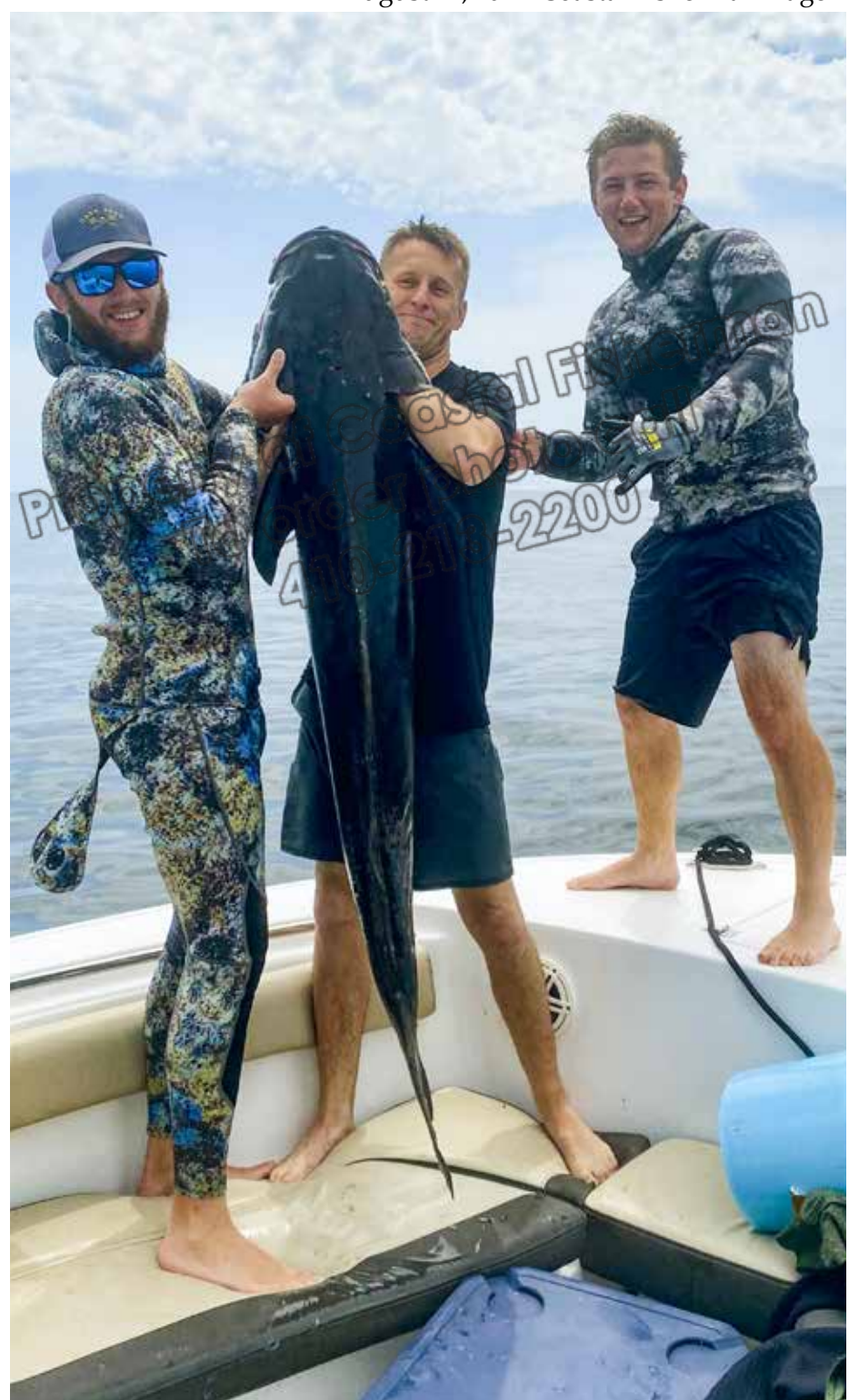
heard about in weeks.

The last big tournament of the season is upon us this week, the 31st Annual MidAtlantic. As I write this on Monday, I see 178 boats entered, competing for almost \$5M in prize money. 109 of those boats are based out of Ocean City, and with some of the best captains in the world and a decent weather outlook I expect to see some great action!

Until next week, I will see you at the scales! §

### Upcoming Tournaments

- The 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament started on Monday, August 22nd and runs through the 26th. This elite and capacity limited tournament attracts some of the best boats and anglers in the world to compete for millions in prizes. Last year's payout was just under \$6M. This event has two locations for scales, the Canyon Club in Cape May, NJ and Sunset Marina in Ocean City. Hours are 4-9 PM. More at [TheMidAtlantic.com](http://TheMidAtlantic.com) and social media.
- The Ocean City Marlin Club is holding its traditional Labor Day White Marlin Tournament, the 64th edition of the event on September 2nd - 4th. Registration is on the 1st from 6:30 to 8:30 at the club. This is a fish 2 of 3 day format with scales open from 6:00 - 8:00PM each night at Sunset Marina's Tournament Scale. More at [OCMarlinClub.com](http://OCMarlinClub.com).



Travis Baker, Kyle Baker, Nick Smallwood, Dominic Catrino and Kai Cropper had an epic spearfishing trip to an inshore shoal close to the beach. Overall they got 6 tog, a box full of trigger fish, some flounder and this big 77 lb. cobia shot by Kai with his 90 cm speargun.

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Ella Chan Carvalho from Newmarket, NH was down in OC visiting her aunt and uncle, Pauline & Michael Chan, when they decided to try some fishing. She caught this 16 3/4" flounder with minnows off a dock near Bayshore Dr. in Ocean City.

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Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
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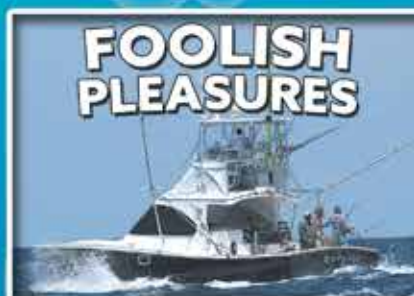
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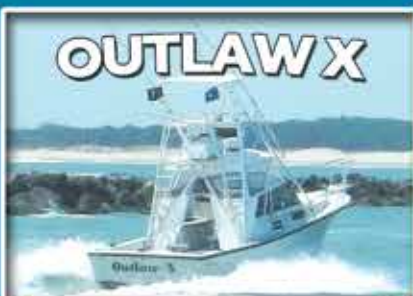
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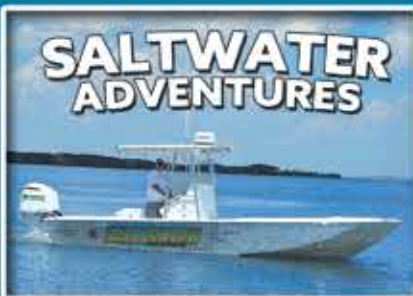
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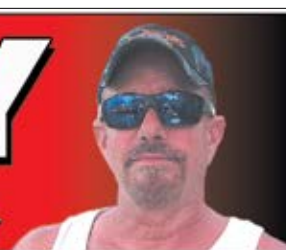
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# OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Ocean City saw a decline in tourists last week as many get ready for the start of high school and college. With less pressure on the water the fishing heated up. The bay catches were really hot with several quality fish coming back to the docks.

### Back Bays of Ocean City

"Luckone Outdoors" was out last week and said the day started off slow with lots of small sea bass bites but no flat fish. After changing to a top and bottom rig on the last drift they managed a nice 22 1/2" fluke that weighed 3.13 lbs. Just goes to show, never give up. The "Ocean City Guide Service" was out again tearing up the flounder. The clients returned each trip with several nice fish for dinner. Sofie and Margot Mattio from Closter, NJ landed 2 keepers from the East Channel on an outgoing tide. The first keeper measured 18.5" and the other was 17.5". They were using Nuclear Chicken Gulp for bait fishing with their poppy on his boat the "Rodfather". Ella Chan, 11 years old, caught a nice 16 3/4 " fluke from the

dock near Bayside Dr. 10 year old Briella Barnes got a 19" fish from the Thorofare on the boat "Sea The Island". I am really impressed how many junior anglers are catching quality fish this year. It's great to see our families getting the kids involved in fishing, and judging from the smiles on the kids faces, they are having a blast! Danny Cox caught two beauties from the Rt. 50 Bridge using bunker. The largest measured 21.5". The "Tortuga" had a good trip last week with Cailyn Motta getting a 16.5" flattie. Capt. Dave Caffrey from "On The Run" charters was out with Sam Minch of PA and got a nice 21 inch fish out of the Thorofare. The fish was caught using Gulp baits. Maddie and Brady Knier of Lititz, PA, got some nice fish behind the airport measuring 19", 17" and 17.5". Great catch! The holes behind the airport have always been a great spot for keeper fluke. Time must be spent to find the deeper spots and set up a drift over the descending bottom. Brandon Fisher, age 13, was fishing the East Channel on the boat "OCD" out of Berlin, MD,

and was rewarded with a 23", 4 lb. fish. Just another big fish for our junior anglers. I can't wait to see these kids grow up to dominate the fishing in the area!

Brian and Emily Steele, a father and daughter team from Fenwick Island, were behind Assateague Island and caught 3 keepers measuring, 17", 18", and 22 1/2". The fish were caught on a squid and minnow combo.

### Near Shore Reefs

"Topsy Tiki" captain Jeremy Michalski and Ron Greene went out to the African Queen and brought home a limit of fluke up to 22.5". They even had a shark try to steal their catch but managed to evade the predator. The African Queen was the hot spot last week with several wrecks holding nice fluke as well as several triggerfish. Frank Giordano was out on the boat "Double Trouble" and took the biggest fish pool, catching a 17.5" fish. The crew fished water in the 150 ft. range. Captain DJ reports squid was the bait of the day taking the majority of their fish. Also

fishing for sea bass was John Hunt from Atlanta, Georgia on the "Princess Queen" 12 miles out. He caught several black sea bass on fresh clam.

"Bad Wind Charters" were on the Reef Grounds putting their clients on some great fishing finding lots of big flounder and sea bass. The crew even found a few pots holding nice mahi. They said the biggest bull gave several nice jumps before finally submitting and coming to the boat. Mahi have been very hit or miss last week but the fish are still around. If you can find the right sea bass pot, they are thick and ready to bite.

Capt. Keith on the "Surface Tension" said the Nomad Jigs were the ticket last week bringing in the big bull mahi. He also mentioned the jigs produced some nice sea bass. The "Judith M" said the triggerfish have returned after being absent for the past several trips. "On The Run" was out and returned home with limits of flatties up to 23.5" and 5.25 lbs. caught on the reef with Gulp baits. Morgan McCollian of PA was the angler with the biggest catch.

Dion Ho was happy to report he finally got a few keepers this past week after a dry spell. Dion's fish measured

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between 17" and 19.5". He said it's always fun fishing but even better when they can join you for dinner!

### Other Species

Sheepshead in Ocean City remains a little slow compared to last year. With the big bite being up in the mouth of the Delaware Bay, not as many anglers are trying their hand in OC. Timothy Flayhart did hit the rocks at the inlet and managed to catch his first sheepy. These fish put up a great fight and are excellent table fare. Small circle hooks loaded with live sand fleas are your best bait, however cut blue crab or peeler crab will also work. Many tackle shops around the area carry sheep jigs. These lures are a small bucktail style jig made to bounce off the rocks and hold bait up for fish to target. Chong Chae, one of our Virginia anglers, makes these high quality lures at a reasonable price. Look on Facebook for him as well as tackle shops on the Virginia side of Rt. 13. I use his lures both here for sheepshead as well as in the Keys in the winter. On the rockfish side of things, it's been slow for the past few weeks, except of course for Big Bird and Shaun Flaherty who continue to pull keepers off the Rt. 50 Bridge at night. Big Bird said they got into a school of smaller rock but did manage a 29" keeper.

On the surf in Assateague, Dustin Fleck caught 5 short fluke but did manage to bring home 2 keepers. He said the hardest part was avoiding the ponies that kept trying to see what he was fishing for! Anderson Rarreick was fishing with his uncle and hooked a nice sandbar shark on a live spot. Young Mr. Anderson reeled the shark in from over 400 yards away. Again, our youth are showing up the adults, a great thing to see!

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Diane Cheek was fishing with Capt. Bill Cheek and family on the "JAZZBO" in the bay behind Assateague and caught these 2 fatties on white Gulp tipped with a live minnow. The largest was 24".



Young 9 year old Tucker Lloyd got some good lessons from his Uncle Dave Lloyd while they fished the suds at the 3R's. They were using bunker and caught this dogfish, flounder and a of couple sharks.

## OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

<b>WED. AUG 24</b>	<b>High 06:21 am</b> <b>High 07:20 pm</b>	<b>Low 12:55 am</b> <b>Low 12:22 pm</b>
<b>THUR. AUG 25</b>	<b>High 07:08 am</b> <b>High 07:57 pm</b>	<b>Low 01:34 am</b> <b>Low 01:06 pm</b>
<b>FRI. AUG 26</b>	<b>High 07:53 am</b> <b>High 08:33 pm</b>	<b>Low 02:08 am</b> <b>Low 01:46 pm</b>
<b>SAT. AUG 27</b> New Moon	<b>High 08:37 am</b> <b>High 09:08 pm</b>	<b>Low 02:39 am</b> <b>Low 02:25 pm</b>
<b>SUN. AUG 28</b>	<b>High 09:19 am</b> <b>High 09:44 pm</b>	<b>Low 03:09 am</b> <b>Low 03:05 pm</b>
<b>MON. AUG 29</b>	<b>High 09:59 am</b> <b>High 10:19 pm</b>	<b>Low 03:39 am</b> <b>Low 03:47 pm</b>
<b>TUE. AUG 30</b>	<b>High 10:39 am</b> <b>High 10:55 pm</b>	<b>Low 04:13 am</b> <b>Low 04:32 am</b>
<b>WED. AUG 31</b>	<b>High 11:20 am</b> <b>High 11:32 pm</b>	<b>Low 04:50 am</b> <b>Low 05:22 pm</b>

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 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide  
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# FROM THE VAULT

## "DRIFTIN' EASY" by Sue Foster

"I want to take the youngsters fishing!"

When grand pop takes the grandchildren fishing it's not about catching dinner. He wants the kids to have some action so they get interested in fishing and have a good time.

Summertime is a great time to prove that fishing is fun!

"We're taking out the pontoon boat; where should we go?"

It's the time of year that croaker and Norfolk spot are schooling in the bay. If you drift near the channel of the Route 90 Bridge, you're almost always guaranteed to catch some sort of scrappy little fish casting near the pilings with a combination of bloodworm and a little strip of squid on

size #6 hooks. Norfolk spot, sand perch, croakers, blowfish, small porgies, even grunts (pig fish) and small trout all seem to like this area. You can either drift or you can anchor and cast out.

These same types of fish tend to hang out in the mussel beds in the Sinepuxent Bay behind Assateague Island from buoys #8 to #10. The water is deeper there and you are even more likely to catch some bigger fish. I once caught a 7 1/2 pound flounder there while I was fishing with a size #6 hook and a strip of squid! I've hooked black drum, nice trout, in this hole, along with tons of baby sea bass you can hardly keep off the hook!

Croaker! Croaker are grand

pop's answer to entertaining the kids! It's no wonder anglers anxiously wait for them to come into our bays every year. Sometimes they stay for weeks, and other years, they come and go quickly. Every year is different, so hopefully they'll still be here by the time this hits the press.

Croaker generally show up in the Assawoman and Sinepuxent Bays around Ocean City, Maryland the last week of July and bite into around the third week of August. Then they begin to migrate out into the ocean where anglers can catch them into the fall.

Though Route 90 Bridge will always give you some action, larger croaker tend to bite in deeper holes. Anglers take the drift from the Route 90 Bridge towards the Thorofare in the west side of the bay and can get into the action. The Thorofare itself can be teaming with croaker in 9 to 15 foot of water. Drifting from the Thorofare towards Drum Point can be a great croaker drift.

Other spots? The deep hole just offshore of 33rd Street in the East channel almost always holds some good sized croaker, along with flounder, spot, blues and even trout. The drift close to the entrance to Harbor Island generally has croaker as well as flounder. Some nice giant sea robins can be caught around here!

Sometimes there's good croaker fishing in the Inlet, and sometimes not... Just around the corner and outside the inlet on the South side holds croakers, kingfish, flounder and spot.

The bay behind Assateague, also called the Sinepuxent Bay is a great place to catch croaker, spot and flounder. Just as you

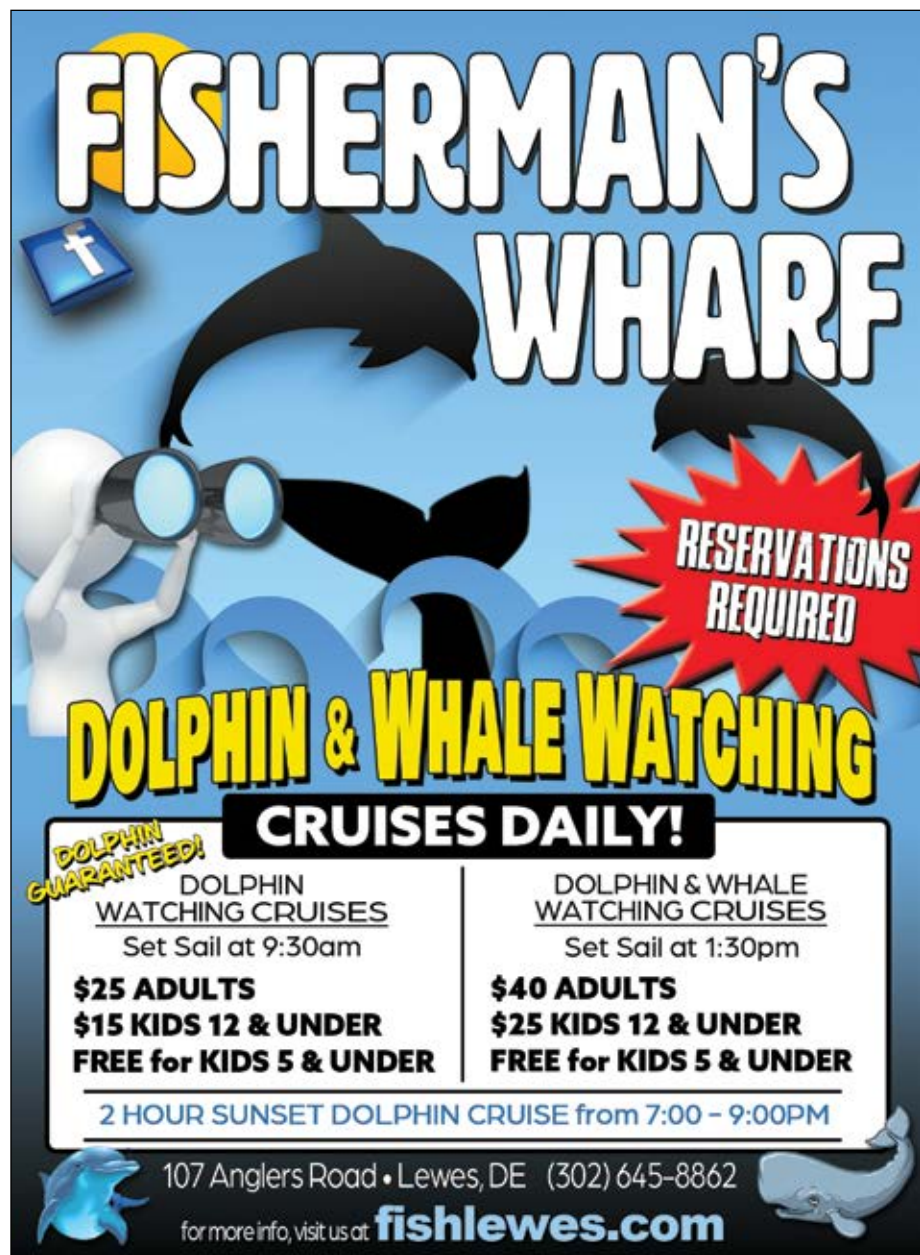
turn and go into the bay, drift along the houses there and you can catch some good size croaker. The drift in front of the Airport, the drift in front of Mystic Harbor and the drift in front of Snug Harbor are all popular places. And again, try the drift from buoys #8 to #10. You can anchor there as well.

"The croaker aren't biting today. We've caught some small spot, but the kids are getting bored. What should a Grand Pop do?"

Well, there are always flounder! Even though it's hard to catch a keeper sometimes, there's lots of action with the undersized flounder. Just be careful taking them off the hook when releasing them. Keep some of the live spot in the live well and use them for bait. Drift the main East Channel from 14th Street to the draw of the Route 50 Bridge on the slacking tide. Try to fish two hours before high tide and two hours after high tide for the best results. Frozen shiners or live minnows on a top-and-bottom rig will give you the most action. For a slower drift, (if the tide gets ripping), drift the inside channel along the big island. Locals call it Bird Island. You'll see the smaller pontoon bay party boats working these inside channels. This channel is just north of the Route 50 Bridge.

There's another "inside channel" on the South side of the Bridge between the two sand bars. The stretch from approximately mid-section of the Bridge to the Homer Gudelsky Park is a nice little drift. Sometimes there are bluefish and spot action in there as well as flounder.

The Thorofare usually holds a decent amount of flounder. The Thorofare is on the West side of the bay and runs from buoys #6 to #16. People call a wide area, the Thorofare. The original Thorofare was the deep water next to two islands that have disappeared. But it gets quite deep between the houses and the submerged islands, called Dog and Bitch Island, that you



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www.coastalfisherman.net will see on the local ADC Map of the Ocean City bay. Anglers drift from the deep water towards the shallow water, from 20 some feet into 6 feet. This shallower water is what local anglers call the "flats."

Party boats are catch and releasing anywhere from 40 to 100 flounder a trip, so the action is there! Two or three keepers per trip are the norm, so keepers are out there as well!

"We don't have a boat. Where can we take the kids for some action?"

The Oceanic Pier at the Southern most end of Ocean City will certainly give the kids action for flounder with shiners or minnows, or smaller fish such as croaker, spot, and little sea bass with bloodworm and squid.

The Route 50 Bridge is really good for all kinds of fish, big and small. But it is busy and quite noisy, so older kids would probably enjoy it, but young kids... I'd take them somewhere else.

The 2nd through 4th Street Bulkhead almost always has little sea bass pecking at the hook if you use sand fleas, shiners, worms, or squid. Fish straight down, or the kids will get frustrated fighting snags. You can also catch spot, croaker, and tautog. Anglers have luck with flounder on the slacking tides, but these are harder for the kids to catch because you have to cast out for those... and yes, the area is very snaggy when casting.

The 9th Street Pier is easier for kids. Spot, croaker, flounder, snapper blues. They are all there!

Around 40th Street behind Convention Hall is a place for smaller fish. Worms on size #6 hooks will catch you spot, croaker, and small flounder. Higher tides are a must!

Same is true for the Isle of Wight, the island in the middle of the Route 90 Bridge. It's not real deep here, but a nice place to take the kids with worms

and small hooks to catch spot, croaker, and sand perch. Crabs are here too!

Ditto for the pier behind the Recreational Center at Northside Park at 125th Street. Higher tides are a must, and bloodworms, night crawlers, or Fishbites artificial bloodworms on size #6 or #8 hooks will catch you spot, croaker, sand perch, and small flounder. Crabbing is fun here too.

Even the park along Jamestown Road which is really just a few blocks along the canal behind the Green Turtle is a good place to catch spot on higher tides with small hooks and bloodworm. Crabs are here too.

Homer Gudelsky Park on the West side of the bay (the old Stinky Beach) is a neat place to go. Parking is limited, so go early. I go here just to relax sometimes. Last time I went and took a pack of bloodworms and a two hook spot rig and caught all kinds of little fish. Sea bass, spot, grunts, small flounder was the fair for me. Other people were using big hooks and squid and not catching anything. I like to walk to the sandy part of the beach towards the entrance of the Fishing Center and cast out. Last year, I caught some nice croaker there, and once I caught a keeper flounder on a live mullet we castnetted from the beach.

Surf fishing from the beach will usually catch the kids something. A box of squid and a pack of bloodworms on a kingfish/spot rig catches spot, kingfish, croaker, sand sharks, snapper blues, or whatever happens to be biting that day (or evening.) Go when the ocean is calm. If it's too rough, the kids won't be able to hold bottom and will get bored with the fishing experience.

Whether you are fishing from a boat, or fishing from the shore, there's fish to catch in Ocean City, Maryland in mid-August for sure! Take a kid fishing now for some sun, fun, and action!

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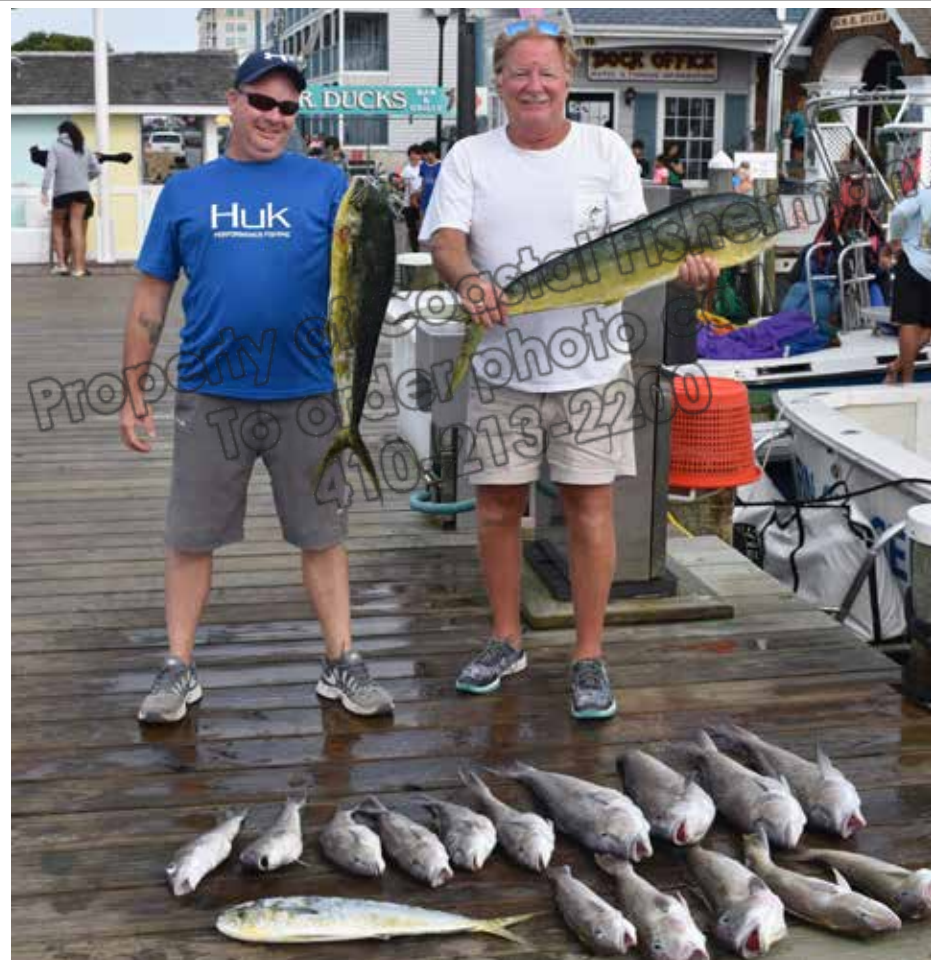
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# FISHING CHARTERS



For her first fishing trip, Cailyn Motta from Arnold, MD did it right. She went out on the headboat "Tortuga" from the Bahia Marina with her uncle John Berwind. She caught this 16½" flounder using squid and shiners that tied for biggest flounder for the day!



Carlisle, PA anglers Brian Fisher and his son Roy got to cross a few more species off of their bucket list. They were fishing on the "Skeets" out of the Talbot Street Pier and returned with 2 gaffer mahi and a mess of blueline and golden tilefish in the box.

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Nate and Matias Moore from Annapolis put some meat on the cleaning table last week that they caught at an inshore reef. They were fishing with Capt. Dave Caffrey on the charter boat "On the Run". Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Anglers Amanda Evans, Sara Pierzthalski, Lisa Adams, Christa Swanke, Ashley Leichling and Sarah Atkinson were team 'Tidal Waters' during this year's Poor Girls Open! They were fishing on the charter boat "Troublemaker" with Capt. Kayvan Bahrami in the Poor Man's Canyon when they caught this 63.9 lb. yellowfin tuna and a gaffer mahi.

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It was a day of bonding and reflection for these veterans participating with Platoon 22 and their Platoon Outdoors program. Platoon 22 is a non profit that assists vets to transition back to civilian life and Platoon Outdoors is one of their programs for vets to spend time together. Anglers Brennan Hammett, Andre Kersey, Joshua Sandes, Matt Harmon, Dennis Harmon and Michael Falzone took an overnight trip on the charter boat "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Kevin Kurtz to the Baltimore Canyon. Overall they boated 5 yellowfin tuna, a mess of tilefish, released a hammerhead shark and boated this 102" blue marlin that did not survive the fight to the boat. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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The tuna fishing has been tough lately so when the gang from Parsell Funeral Homes took their monthly fishing trip on the charter boat "Billslayer" with Capt. Chris Ragni, they only tried trolling for a little bit before switching to tilefishing. They put a mess of tiles in the box along with some mahi and even got buzzed by some Navy jets from a US Carrier they saw!



The headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak had a solid week catching flounder. On this trip Darrell Doupnik snagged this 4 lb. flounder caught at a natural inshore reef.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



The charter boat "Finatic" was the first boat to the scales during this year's Poor Girls Open. The 'Beach Jeannie' crew of Rose Kolodich, Rebecca Carbaugh, April Gershenfeld, Barbara Elek, Stephanie Palarino and Jeannie Taylor set the bar with this 60.7 lb. yellowfin tuna from the Baltimore Canyon.



Andrew Dwarshuis from Pasadena, MD shares a nice flounder and a smile at the Fenwick Island Bait & Tackle. He caught the 24" and 5.3 lb. fattie on a white bucktail with Gulp in the Indian River Bay while fishing on the headboat "Judy V".

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# FISHING CHARTERS




Leah & Bobby Grasso from Long Valley, NJ had a great trip on the party boat "Judith M" based at Bahia Marina. Capt. Eric Shoaff had them and their fellow anglers at the Bass Grounds for a 1/2 day trip, and the crew caught sea bass, triggerfish and flounder using clams, squid and shiners.



The charter boat "C-Boys" was one of the last boats to the dock during this year's Poor Girls Open. Angler Sandy Bass released 2 white marlin and Michelle DiMatta released a blue marlin to slide them into 3rd Place in the Release Division! They were fishing the 1000 fathom line in the Poor Man's Canyon with fellow anglers Lisa Penrod, Mary Stang with Capt. Luke Blume and mates Josh Blume & Nate Lang.

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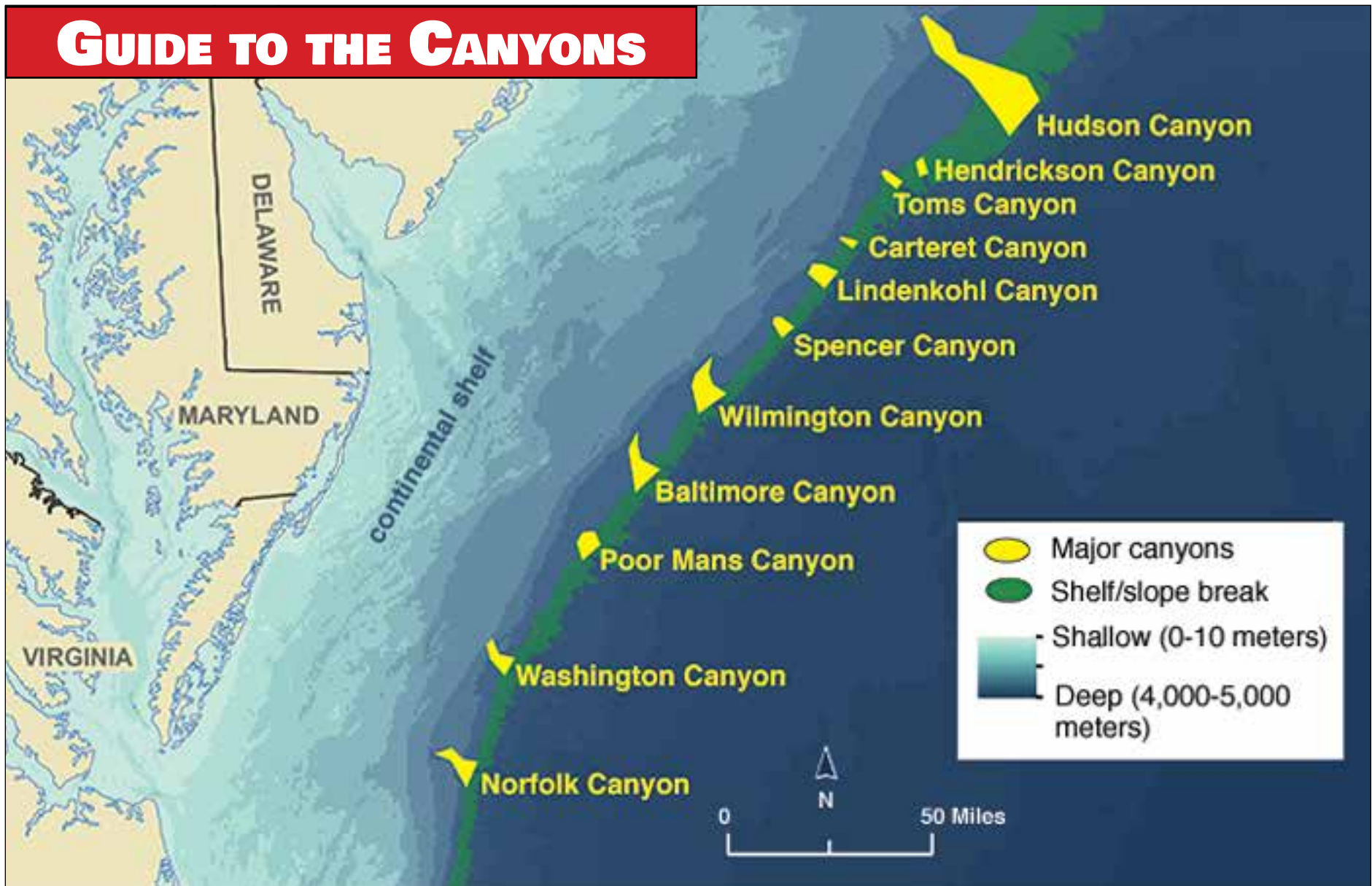
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# Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson

Last week someone told me about how they lost a big tuna after it ran under the boat and got the line fouled in the prop or rudder. "Is something under the hull? We could feel the fish pulling," he said, "but the line was sliding across something down there that wouldn't allow us to get it free from the bottom of the boat. So we just cut the line and went back to fishing."

"You cut the line?" I said in disbelief, "Didn't you try...?" I listed three different tricks for clearing a line from under a boat. None of which he had attempted or for that matter - knew anything about. But before we get into how to clear a line from the bottom of a boat, let's look at how not to let a fish get hung up in the first place.

It doesn't matter if it's a tuna, a rockfish, a blue marlin or a bluefish, while fighting a fish of any size or description, anglers and crew must pay attention to which way the fish is going, and if it looks as though it's going to pass underneath, steps need to be taken right away to prevent the line from contacting the boat. If the engine is running it's usually easy for the captain to spin the boat one way or the

other to keep the fish clear, but if the boat is anchored it's all up to the angler to do what needs to be done to prevent a foul up.

The problem usually starts in the latter part of the fight when the fish is getting tired, done with any of its long runs and begins making big circles down deep. As the angler works to lift the fish up from the depths its circling brings it under the boat and out - under the boat and out... and so on. The closer the fish gets to the boat the greater the chance that the fish might pull the line into contact with the hull.

One trick that sometimes works when a fish is heading for trouble is to thump the deck hard with your foot, a brush handle, a heavy cooler, or anything else that might send a sound wave down to the fish and spook it in the other direction. However, when a hooked fish does pass under the boat the best thing an angler can do to prevent the line from being fouled is to stick the rod tip straight down and deep into the water (almost to the reel) and then "sweep" the rod around the stern (or sometimes the bow) and to the other side

of the boat where the fish is. Of course this relatively simple process can be very challenging for anyone fishing from a boat with two or more outboards hanging from a bracket off the back or from vessels with very high sides. Unfortunately, too many fishermen wait too long to perform this relatively quick and easy task and end up with a dilemma to unravel.

So let's say that, despite all efforts, the fish shoots under the boat and ends up on one side with the angler holding the rod on the other. To make matters worse, the fish is up high enough that the line is rubbing on the hull and probably passing across the rudder, prop, transducer, lower-unit, or anything else that might be projecting from the hull. What now?

The first thing to do is to lighten up the drag so the line won't so easily chafe off on the boat. Then you need to figure out which direction the fish is from the boat. Did it head straight out on the other side? Or is the line looped around something under the hull and the fish is back on the same side as the angler? In clear water with

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high-vis line you might be able to simply look around the boat and see where it's running off to the fish. However, in most conditions you'll need to drag a rod, a gaff, a boat hook, or something around the boat to locate the line. My favorite way to locate the line is to drop a weighted treble hook down on a spinning rod and walk the rod around the boat. The line with the treble will easily snag the line going to the fish and allow me to come up with a plan to free it.

Usually, the line will be going off the opposite side of the boat and if you have a long enough boat hook you might be able to use it to clear the line by pushing the section coming off the rod tip straight down below the hull and then walking it around to the side that the fish is on. Another way is to attach a relatively heavy sinker to the line with a snap or a string and then let it slide from the rod tip down to wherever the line is snagged on the hull. By keeping just enough drag tension that the line stays straight until the sinker reaches the snag and then slackening up on the drag so that the sinker pulls the belly in the line straight down, then walking the rod around to the other side of the boat, it's often possible to clear a line with a fish on the other end.

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options that are a bit radical but can work if you're a little gutsy. First, if you're able to snag the line off the side of the boat that's going to the fish, you might be able to literally handline the fish to the boat as the angler (on the other side) cranks in the slackening line. Once the fish is landed the line should then be cut so that the terminal tackle is not later pulled into whatever it was impairing under the hull.

Another way to successfully land a fish that got under the boat again starts with snagging and getting a good hold of the line going to the fish. Then, one person holds the line while someone else cuts it. The angler then cranks the other end of the line in from under the boat and someone then quickly and carefully ties the two ends back together with a decent knot for whatever type of line they're using. This is a tricky operation and best done with the fish far out from the boat so that line stretch will provide a little extra "tying time" should the fish start moving away.

A third method is to literally jump in the water, swim beneath the boat and clear the line. **WARNING:** This is dangerous!! And the danger is not from sharks but from the boat itself. Swimming under a boat in open water is not like going under in a quiet cove or marina. Even in calm seas, someone beneath a rolling boat runs the risk of being hit on the head by the hull or the propeller. People have been killed or seriously injured doing just that so anglers really need to consider the risk involved before attempting to clear a line in that manner. I keep a mask, fins, and a helmet aboard to use anytime I need to go under the hull offshore.

A nice fish on the line that somehow got hung up under the boat is nothing new to most fishermen - we've all been there. Whether or not the fish is landed depends not upon luck, but by the resourcefulness of the crew. "Where there's a will there's a way" and cutting the fish loose is not an option. §



Celeb Dinges of Spring Grove, PA poses with his first keeper 17" flounder that he fooled with orange Gulp in the Thorofare. He was fishing on the "Power On" with Capt. Brent Leppo and his father Chad.

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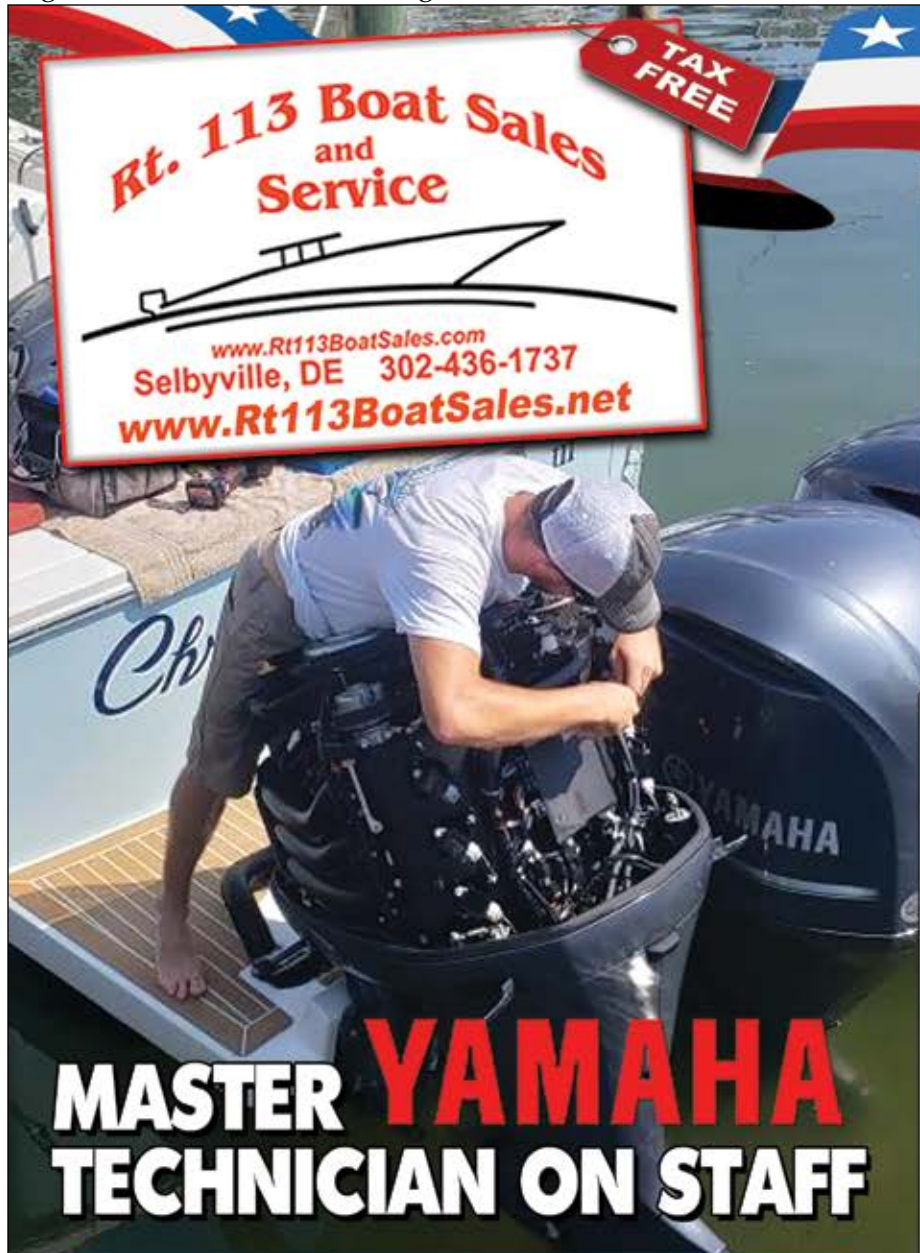
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# THE GALLEY

by Chef Christine



## Caribbean Style Grilled Wahoo

### Ingredients:

- 4 Wahoo steaks
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 Tablespoon lime juice
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 Teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 Tablespoon finely minced cilantro
- 1/2 Teaspoons finely minced scotch bonnet pepper

### Directions:

Whisk together olive oil, lime and lemon juice, paprika, and red pepper in a small bowl.

Place wahoo in a dish. Pour the marinade mix over the fish, place in refrigerator, and let stand for half an hour.

Remove steaks from fridge, remove from pan, and grill



directly over charcoal for 12 minutes, turning once at about 7 minutes.

Use the leftover marinade mix to baste the fish while it is grilling.

### Wahoo Nutrition Notes:

Grilled wahoo is an excellent source of healthy, extra lean protein. It is also low in saturated fat and low in sodium. It is rich in niacin, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, phosphorus and selenium. Wahoo also provides about 375 mg of omega-3's (DHA and EPA) per 4 ounce serving of fresh fish.

## Blackened Cobia

### Ingredients:

- 1 cobia fillet (6 oz)
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Pinch of cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme or oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 lemon



### Directions:

Rinse cobia in cold water and pat dry with paper towels.

Mix spices in a small bowl and cover the fish entirely with it.

Heat butter in a skillet (it has to be very hot!) and place fish in it. Cook for 3 minutes on one side and another 3 minutes on the other side.

Move to the plate and squeeze lemon on top. Serve immediately.

### Notes:

Do not move fish during cooking otherwise it may stick to the skillet.

You can check the internal temperature by sticking a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the fish. It should read 145 degrees Fahrenheit when fully cooked.

Top fish with chopped green

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onions, lemon slices, chopped cilantro or parsley.

If you want to slice the fish, move it to the cutting board and slice into equal pieces using a sharp knife.

## Spicy Shrimp Ramen Bowls

### Ingredients:

- 3 packages of ramen noodles, seasoning packet discarded
- 1 1/2 lbs. med-large shrimp peeled and deveined
- 6 cups chicken, vegetable or seafood stock
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1-2 tablespoons sriracha, depending on your heat level
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 cups shredded green cabbage
- 3/4 cup carrots thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup sweet peppers thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup onion thinly sliced
- Juice of 1 lime
- Cilantro

### Directions:

In a skillet on medium heat add 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add shrimp, season with salt and pepper and cook for 1-2 minutes on each side or until firm and pink. Set aside

In a large pot on medium-high heat add 1 tablespoon olive oil. Add carrots, onions, cabbage and peppers and cook for 2-3 minutes add garlic and ginger cook another minute. Add stock, soy sauce, brown



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sugar, lime juice, and sriracha mix until combined. Bring to a rapid boil then reduce heat to medium and let simmer for 8 minutes.

Add the dry ramen noodles to the broth and cook for another 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat and serve into bowls, add in shrimp and garnish with cilantro.

Notes:

If you don't plan on eating this right away make the ramen noodles separately then add them together as served. The noodles soak up the broth and become more soggy if they sit for a long time.

### Mussels with Tomatoes & Garlic

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 15-oz. can diced tomatoes
- 1/2 c. dry white wine
- 2 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley, plus more for garnish
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 lb. mussels, scrubbed and debearded
- Grilled bread, for serving

Directions:

In a pot over medium-low heat, melt butter. Add onion and cook until fragrant and soft, 5



minutes, then add garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more.

Add diced tomatoes, wine, and parsley and stir until combined. Season with salt and pepper.

Add mussels and simmer until all shells are open. (Discard any shells that aren't open.)

Garnish with more parsley and serve with grilled bread.

### Spicy Ahi Tuna Poke

Ingredients:

- 12 oz fresh or frozen sushi quality ahi tuna steaks, cut into small 1/2" cubes
- 3 green onions, sliced thinly
- 1 tbsp finely chopped red onion
- 1 tsp finely chopped jalapeño, seeds removed
- 1/2 tsp toasted white sesame seeds
- 1/4 cup low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tbsp sesame oil
- 1 1/2 tbsp rice vinegar
- 2 tsps sambal olek chili paste

1 tsp honey

Directions:

Add all marinade ingredients to a medium mixing bowl, and whisk well to combine.

Cut tuna into small cubes and toss in the marinade. Cover bowl with plastic wrap, or transfer to an airtight container.

Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes and up to 1-2 hours before serving.

Best if eaten eaten within 48 hours. Keep chilled.

Serving suggestions: Rice bowl, cauliflower rice bowl, with wonton chips.



### Grilled Swordfish Skewers with Italian Salsa Verde

Ingredients:

For the swordfish:

3 (1 3/4-2 lbs. total) swordfish steaks

2 large lemons thinly sliced, plus more for serving

For the Italian salsa verde:

2 cups finely chopped parsley

2 anchovies

1 large garlic clove

1 Tbsp. capers drained

1/2 lemon zested and juiced

Pinch of red pepper flakes

1/2 tsp. Kosher salt

1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

Directions:

Make the sauce. Using a sharp knife, finely chop all Italian salsa verde ingredients, then place in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk with olive oil. Next, stream in the olive oil and whisk until thoroughly combined. Taste and adjust seasoning as needed.



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Preheat the grill. Preheat a grill with the lid down until an temperature of 450-475F is reached.

Prepare the swordfish. Carefully slice off swordfish skin, then discard. Cut remaining swordfish steaks into large, roughly equal sized pieces about 2" wide.

Season generously on all sides with Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Assemble the skewers. If using metal skewers, simply alternate pieces of seasoned swordfish cubes with folded over slices of lemon. We recommend 3-4 pieces of swordfish per skewer. If using wooden or bamboo skewers, soak in water for 1 hour first, then assemble the skewers.

Grill swordfish. When the grill is hot, lightly grease the grates with olive oil or grill spray. Carefully place the skewers down, then cook 2-3 minutes on the first side, or until the swordfish easily pulls away from the grates. Flip the skewers



over (wearing grill gloves helps tremendously!) and cook an additional 2-3 minutes or until swordfish registers with an internal temperature of 130-135 F° is reached. Remove from the grill and serve immediately with salsa verde.

### Oyster Po'Boys

Ingredients:

For the coleslaw:

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
6 cups bagged carrot and cabbage mixture

For the oysters:

36 large oysters (about seven 6-ounce jars)

3/4 cup yellow cornmeal

3/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour

1 tsp. sea salt, plus more for sprinkling

1 tsp. each of granulated garlic, dried oregano, dried basil, paprika

1/2 tsp. each of thyme, granulated onion, ground white pepper, dried mustard

2 eggs, beaten

Vegetable oil for frying

To assemble:

6 French bread rolls

Optional Ingredients:

Mayonnaise, for serving

Ketchup, for serving

Directions:

Whisk together the mayonnaise, vinegar, and lemon juice in a large bowl. Add the carrot and cabbages law mix and toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate.

Line a plate with paper towels, rinse the oysters, and let them drain on the lined plate.

Mix the cornmeal, flour, salt, granulated garlic, oregano, basil, paprika, thyme, granulated onion, white



pepper, and dried mustard in a large bowl.

Whisk the eggs in a medium bowl.

Transfer the oysters to the egg mixture to coat, letting the excess drip off, then coat them one at a time in the dry mixture. Set aside.

Line another plate with paper towels and set aside.

Heat the oil in a large cast-iron skillet or heavy-bottomed frying pan over high heat until very hot. (Sprinkle a little of the dry spice mix in the oil and if it sizzles, the oil is ready.) Working in batches so as not to overcrowd the skillet, fry the oysters about 2 minutes on each side, until golden brown.

Remove the oysters to the lined plate. While still hot, sprinkle them with salt.

Preheat the oven to 375 F.

Slice open the rolls and warm them in the oven for 3 minutes. Spread both sides of the bread with mayonnaise and ketchup. Place 6 oysters on the bottom of each sandwich and top with coleslaw. Top the sandwiches and serve immediately! §

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John Hunt from Atlanta, GA hooked into a double sea bass catch while fishing on the "Princess Queen". One hit on a shiner and the other on a clam, and look to be decent sized knotheads.



It was a triple catch for Maddie and Brady Knier from Lititz, PA. They caught these 3 flounder in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport using a combination of Gulp and minnows.

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It was a family fishing day for the Milanese of Lutherville, MD. They worked the Indian River Inlet on their boat "Reel Salty" where Maddie caught her first 17" keeper flounder and Allie snagged a 14" sea bass using minnows and squid. Along for the ride was their father Capt. Michael, mom Devyn and granddad Nino.



Angler Sporto Grey was at it again in the Delaware Bay where he tricked this beautiful example of a sheepshead using sand fleas.

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breaks- do you bring a spare? What spare parts should you bring? What parts can I get at my destinations? How can I ship parts to my destination and how fast and how much

### Traveling Spares

During peak fishing tournament season, there is a service truck for every marine trade in the parking lot at nearby marinas and boat yards. Engine mechanics, propeller companies, fiberglass, and paint contractors, electrical and electronics companies, all the trades and parts you would need to build a boat are readily available day and night during tournament season. While this is convenient for captains and crews, it is not the normal way of getting parts or service for most boaters. What happens when you travel away from the mainstream areas or popular fishing destinations?



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I recently traveled to Nantucket to work on a

sportfish boat. While the island is packed with fishing boats and yachts, there are not many marine retailers or service providers on the island. Cape Cod is 30 miles away and Mainland Massachusetts is 60 miles away. Finding boat supplies or service in Nantucket feels like millions of miles away when you need help. Not too much different than a trip up the Assawoman Bay into Delaware or south to Chincoteague Virginia. Boating and fishing in distant areas require planning and preparedness.

will it cost? Do you have room to bring all of this with you?

### What to Bring?

Let's skip the typical spares and supplies such as filters, oil, bulbs, fuses, screws, nut & bolts and the other supplies. How do you determine the parts you should bring on your trip?

The first way to be prepared is to bring parts that your boat has a history of needing, - could be shore power cord ends, fuses, float switches, latches, etc. Review the part numbers, sizes, serial numbers etc. to be sure you have the correct parts for your systems. What about the parts you do not know you need? You can bring spare parts that could be used in more than one situation!

### Plumbing Spares

Carry a good high-capacity seawater pump. This pump could be used for your air conditioning systems or it could also be used as a live well pump, ice maker seawater pump, water maker low pressure pump,

While it is hard to be prepared for every situation that can sideline your boating or fishing activities, a few critical spare parts can save your trip. Carrying a good cross selection of spare parts can allow you to make temporary or permanent repairs while away from your home port. One boat owner who prided himself in his spare parts inventory mentioned finding a technician was easier than getting the needed parts. What if something critical

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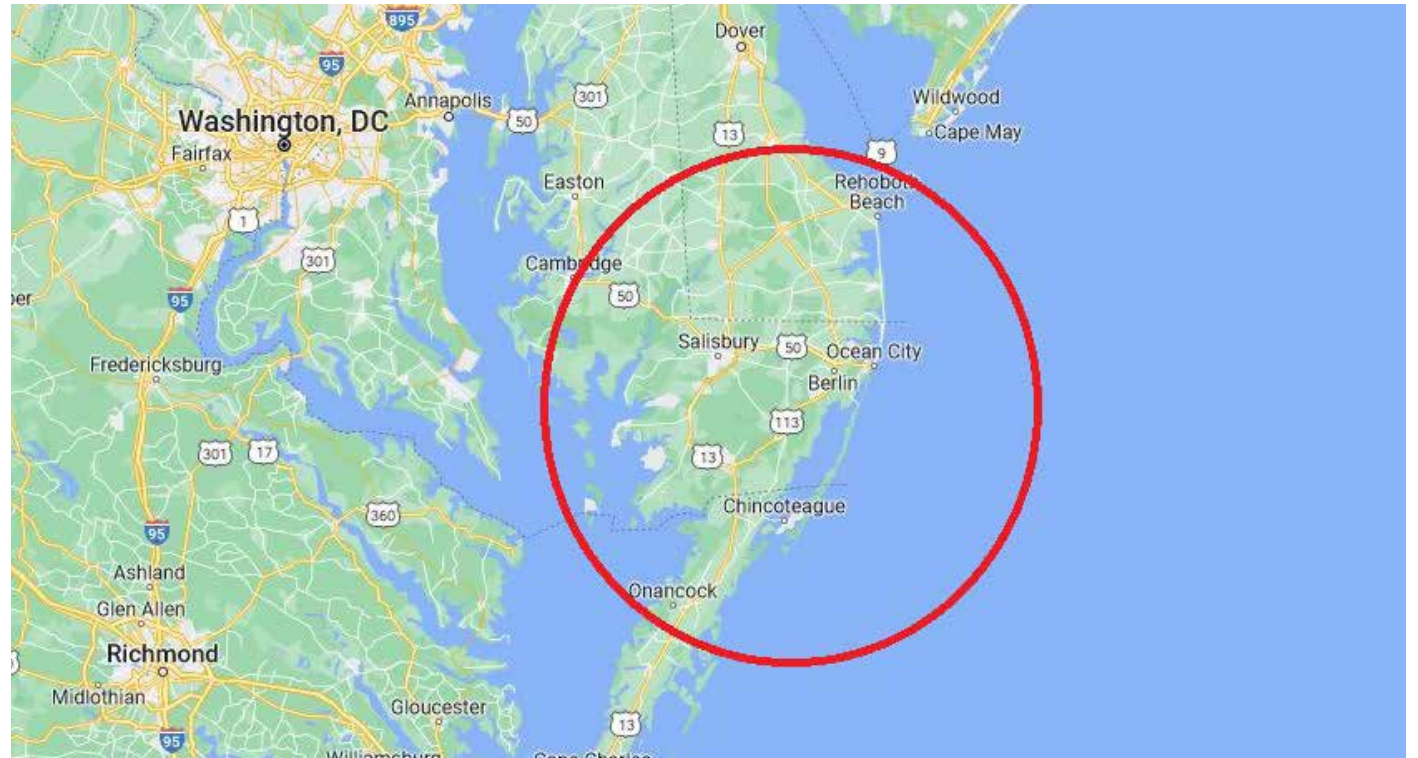


freshwater pump, saltwater wash down pump or even an emergency bilge pump. You may need to get creative for the connection and operation of a pump in a nonstandard application. Carrying a few sizes and long lengths of plumbing hose is a clever idea and carrying lots of smaller lengths of different diameter hoses can allow you to use a short piece of hose as an adapter to step-up or step-down for a temporary repair.

### Electrical Spares

In addition to the specific components, bring supplies that can serve multiple purposes. For example, you can bring a spool of 10/3 wire - this could be used for AC power 115v or 230v or two wires in the jacket could be used for DC power such as 12v or 24v. The three individual wires can be removed from the jacket to form a single wire.

You could double up the #10 wire which would be similar in capacity to a single #6 wire. Note: Using electrical wire in the above situation is only recommended for a temporary repair or use to keep you going - the wrong wire size and color should not be used for permanent repairs.



Fuses and circuit breakers - with so many styles, shapes and capacity how do you decide what to bring? The popular toggle breaker (often sold by other companies such as Blue Sea Systems or Paneltronics) is used on many systems on a boat and can easily be temporarily substituted for most other style circuit breakers and fuses. These breakers are often rated for both AC and DC use, allowing you to reduce the spare inventory needed. Carrying a few sizes (amp ratings) of these breakers allow them to be substituted to replace most over-current protection devices. You may need to adapt the breakers

with new wires or terminals if it is not an exact replacement.

### Navigation Electronics

Modern navigation electronics seem to operate flawlessly in a stand-alone system, but a complex electronics network with mixed brands and a lot of accessories could be troublesome if something fails. If a system problem occurs, you may be able to reconfigure the navigation electronics network and simplify your system by temporarily disconnecting a problematic device from the large network. You may need some specialty cables to do this, and be sure test out your "backup" configuration at

your home port.

### Backup Systems

Another way to be prepared for a breakdown is to have redundant systems, like a spare, but the spare part is already connected and ready to be put into use if there is a problem. These redundant systems are often found on critical systems such as freshwater pumps and sea water pumps for air conditioning systems.

While there is not enough room for all the spares you would like to carry, carefully selecting the spare parts that match your boat, and a little bit of ingenuity is the best way to be prepared. §

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 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 5 Mike Botsaris S. OC Jetty 12.5 lbs.	July 18 Tommy Schlauch Jr. Fenwick Ditch 12 lbs. 3 Oz.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	May 30 Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 16 CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	May 22 Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	July 23 Crew - Wrecker Washington Canyon 276 lbs.	July 4 Crew "Reel Fast" Washington Canyon 220 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	<span style="color:red">★</span> <b>August 17</b> Kai Cropper Inshore Shoal 77 lbs.	July 15 Scott Brooks Off Bethany Beach 89.2 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	June 10 Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 <b>Flounder</b>	July 29 Mike Brockmeyer East Channel 7.85 lbs.	July 20 Jesse Norman Ocean Structure 10.4 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	July 31 Zach Bower Wilmington Canyon 38.5 lbs.	June 5 Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	May 31 Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	May 26 Kase Andrews Ocean Structure 3.125 lbs.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	June 30 Brian Mayer Washington Canyon 85.5 lbs.	June 10 John Savoca Baltimore Canyon 75 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	June 27 JC Dennis OC Inlet 13.75 lbs.	<span style="color:red">★</span> <b>August 18</b> Vee Sisounthone Lewes Wall 16 lbs.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	August 11 Frank Sinita Jr. Poor Man's Canyon 59.5 lbs.	
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 20 Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 <b>Swordfish</b>	June 30 Steve Stallings Poor Man's Canyon 288 lbs.	
 <b>Tautog</b>	April 22 Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	April 22 Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 <b>Blue Marlin</b>	July 31 Mike Tenuto Wilmington Canyon 436 lbs.	
 <b>Wahoo</b>	August 7 Jake Melcher Baltimore Canyon 85 lbs.		 <b>White Marlin</b>	July 31 Mike Dahl Wilmington Canyon 76 lbs.	

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The Lambie family killed it on this trip to the Old Grounds on their boat "Audry V". Brian, Ken, Michael Lamie with Charles Flagg caught 6 keeper flounder on a squid and shinner combo with the 2 largest over 4 lbs.

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Todd Adams of Mechanicsburg, PA shares a 23" flounder he caught in the Thorofare using white Gulp. It was one of 18 keepers caught by Todd with fellow PA anglers Caity Reed, Kolby Bond, Drake Gratz and Chase Bond.



Another good trip for anglers James & Julie Trickey from Wilmington, DE on their boat "Reel Trickey"! This trip saw a catch of 3 mahi's around some Bass Pots and a 60 lb. wahoo they caught speed trolling with a Nomad Minnow between the Hot Dog and the Hambone.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week saw the famous Flounder Pounder tournament out of Paradise Grill on Indian River. With over 280 boats fishing the largest flounder tournament in the world were full of anglers targeting the prize winning fish. The inshore coral grounds and bays were packed, and the scales for the weigh-ins were also packed. Some really big fish came to the stage and top positions changed every day.

## Flounder

With all the boats fishing the tournament, the shipping channel was loaded with boats and anglers. Even with all the traffic, several big fish came over the rails and made it back to land! Robert Karpovich was out and brought back a citation 7.47 lb., 28" long citation flattie. The fish was weighed in at Lewes Harbour Marina for the citation. Captain Frank didn't enter the Pounder but did bring back a beauty of a

fish weighing 8.8 lbs. and the rest of his crew had two more over 7 lbs. Flounder fishing really turned on last week! Andrew Dwarshuis was out on the "Judy V" and using a bucktail tipped with a white Gulp brought in a 24", and over 5 lbs.

The "Audrey V" took out the Lambie family and brought back a load of fish, the biggest being 4.2 lbs. Tim Tribbits got a boat load of flat fish with several in the 5 lb. range but knew he needed at least a 7 pounder to be in the money of the tournament. Unique week when catching several 5 lb. fish isn't good enough, but that is nothing new with the Flounder Pounder!

The big news in flounder fishing was the Flounder Pounder out of Paradise Grill. The scales changed daily with bigger and bigger fish coming in each day. Even with a strong blow on the first day of the tournament, some quality

fish came to the scales. The next 4 days saw both the weather and fish getting better. For those of you that are unfamiliar with this tournament, to even make the leader board a fish of at least 5 lbs. is necessary, with the leader often being close to or over ten lbs. Anglers from NJ, PA, MD, and even VA, are drawn to this prestigious tournament. Even on day one, with a steady northwest blow and only a handful of boats fishing, the first place leader was team "Yahoos" with a 7.6 lb., 25.8" fish, and right behind that was "Top Notch" with a 5.3 lb., 23.75" fish. The competition is fierce, and for many, only a fish of a lifetime will make the cut. In the end the top prize winner of \$107,000 was won by the team "Bankers Hours" with a fish weighing 9.1 lbs., 2nd place was captured by the team, "Big Bone" with a 8.3 lb fish, and 3rd place was the team "Little Yipps" with a 8.1 lb. fish. Team "No Limit" was the 4th place at 7.9 lbs. and 5th place was held by team "Flatty Wagon" with a 7.8 lb. fish. Congratulations to all the teams that placed either in the overall or daily prize money. Team "Yahoos", who were in first place at the end of day one ended the tournament in 7th place. On the last day of the tournament, 16 year old Joe on the team "Reel Swim Shady" brought a big 6.4 lb. fish to the scales.

## Bay Areas

Despite the heavy traffic, several nice fish came from the Indian River Inlet and bays this week. Jim Fisler was fishing the bay with a pearl white Gulp and brought in a nice 4 lb. fluke. The fish was weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle. Maddie and Ellie Milanese from Lutherville, MD, were fishing the inlet where Maddie caught her first keeper flounder at 17", and Allie caught a nice 14" sea bass. The girls fished their family boat, the "Reel Salty". The fish were caught on minnows and shiners. Mike Smith fished the Rehoboth Bay and caught a total of 7 fish, with a nice 21" fluke caught on cut bait, however he reported that many of the fish caught were short of keeper size. Robin Goodman from Lancaster, PA landed a

pair of flatties from near Massey Ditch measuring up to 19.75" and weighing 3 lbs. The fish were caught on Gulp. Scotty Eckrote of Ocean View, DE got a nice 19.5" fish bottom bouncing along the inlet on his boat the "Minnow Too". The best spot for flounder have been the areas along the rock jetty at the inlet as well as Massey's Ditch. A few fish have come from the gut in front of the VFW but the activity here seems to have slowed down. Gulp baits and minnow/squid combos are your prime baits, and a full tide is the best time to target the fish.

## Other Fish Near Shore

The tog bite has really slowed as we continue with the warm summer temperatures. Tony Walls managed a nice 16 1/4 " tog but the fish are much harder to find in the heat. Michael Spencer found 2 keepers on the nearshore wrecks. He said the fish are very leader shy and you really have to pay attention to get a bite. Julia May Mister was fishing frozen sand fleas and managed to catch a keeper out on the outer wall.

Triggerfish are on many of the inshore wrecks with the Fenwick Boiler spot being a prime location. Squid strips and sand fleas are accounting for most of the hook-ups. Once you get one on the line many of its friends will follow it up, allowing you to hook even more of them.

Sheepshead continue to be great this summer. Chyya Muth was using peeler crab on the Pier and caught a nice 24" sheepy. Vee Sisounthone was out at the Breakwall and caught a 16 lb. fish along with a smaller one. She also caught 2 tog and a 19" flounder. That's one great day of fishing Vee!

## Beach Fishing

Lots of sharks and rays in the surf along with several spot and kingfish. Tucker Loyd, age 9, was on the beach with his mom Kristen and caught a plethora of fish, including flounder, kingfish and sharks. Way to go Tucker! Angie Lawruk got a nice keeper flounder off the surf. I am getting more reports of keeper flounder coming in from the beach as the weeks continue into the end of the summer. Dragging the baits or Gulp along the bottom slowly will often entice these fish into biting.

Until next week ...

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11 year old Dalaina Briggs finally got her first keeper flounder. The 17" flatfish fell for a top and bottom rig baited with Gulp near the Indian River Inlet.



Avid angler Morgan Mericle and his buddies Will and Taylor ran over to the Breakwater National Refuge and caught these 3 snakeheads using rod and reel vs bow hunting at night. Morgan's weighed in at 17¾ lbs.

# 2022 MARYLAND REGULATIONS

## STATE WATERS ONLY

 <p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - December 11</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFISH</b> 8" minimum 3 per person/day or 5 per person/day Charter</p>	 <p><b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 1 per person/day up to 6 per boat/day</p>	 <p><b>COBIA</b> 40" minimum 1 per person/day 6/15 - 9/15 Boat limit 2 for up to 2 anglers</p>
 <p><b>CROAKER</b> 9" minimum 25 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 18-27" minimum 1 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> 4 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 14" minimum 4 per person/day</p>
 <p><b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28-35" Less than 3 miles from shore 1 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>TAUTOG</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1 - 5/15 2 per person/day 7/1 - 10/31 4 per person/day 11/1 - 12/31</p>	 <p><b>WEAKFISH</b> 13" minimum 1 per person/day</p>

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# Blue Marlin



## DESCRIPTION

The current World Record is 1,402 lbs.

Females are often 3 or 4 times larger than males when they are fully mature.

Their bill is very long and thin, but it is also very powerful for helping them get food (see below).

The body has 24 vertebrae and is created to allow them to swim fast and easily without using very much energy.

They can reach speeds of up to 60 miles per hour.

The upper part of the body is a dark blue color. Underneath is a white or cream color.

## DISTRIBUTION

They spend most of their life in the deeper locations of the Atlantic Ocean.

They prefer warmer water and can be found as far north as George's Bank and the canyons along the continental shelf off Cape Cod. In 2011, a 575-pound Atlantic blue marlin traveled 4,776 nautical miles in just 120 days, swimming from Puerto Rico across the Equator and ending up near the coast of Angola, Africa.

## FEEDING

Blue marlin congregate along deep-water edges and seamounts where bait is prevalent.

They've been known to feed on a wide range of bait but their diet consists mostly of finfish and squid.

Some top menu choices include mackerel, anchovies, sardines, small tunas and flying fish.

A 2007 Japanese study of stomach contents of fish captured in a commercial trolling fishery found that 130 undigested prey items obtained from 227 blue marlin had spearing, slashing and other injuries that were judged to have been inflicted by the bill.

## REPRODUCTION

Females are mature for mating at 265 lbs. or below. For males it occurs when they are about 3 years old.

Maturity often has to do more with size than with their age.

The late summer and early fall are the mating times for the Atlantic blue marlin.

Females may spawn up to 4 times per season and can release up to 7 million eggs per season.

However, less than 1% of them will ever make it to the age of maturity.

These eggs offer a huge feeding source for various forms of aquatic life.

The average lifespan is 27 years for females and 18 for males, but depends heavily on conditions.

## CONSERVATION

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# VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



When you think of August your mind tends to contemplate on summer ending with kids getting ready for school, hot humid heat and afternoon squalls that keep fishermen's eyes on the horizon to the west. However, the temperature has been bearable, school bells remain silent and rain gear is in good supply. So get out there and enjoy ESVA!

The biggest story of the week has been the onset of the Chesapeake late summer bull red drum run. Some of these drumming dino fish stretch out to the 50 plus inch range and are truly a fish of a lifetime. Super spot tails are being tempted with chunks of cut spot, hardhead, bluefish and kingfish offered on a fishfinder rig with 7/0-9/0 preferably circle hooks on 80-100 pound leader. The area slightly below Onancock

down to just south of the cell reef have produced bent rods and big smiles. Small hills and sloughs in 15-30 foot depths have been the scene of some bullish battles and extreme Eastern Shore trophies. Make sure you're prepared to have plenty of baits on hand as you will encounter numbers of bait stealing blues, sharks and rays that will facilitate feelings of frustration that can only be remedied by the head shaking runs of an ESVA bull.

Spanish mackerel have also been adding some excitement to our little corner of the world. Anglers have pursued these speedy spotted quarry from Smith Island all the way down to the CBBT. Trolling silver, gold, chartreuse and pink Clarkspoons behind #1 and #2 planers have been the dinner bell calling these toothy trophies to the supper table.

Some of these fish have raised a brow or two. In fact, our good friend "Earning Stripes Sportfishing" out of Cape Charles had a massive 5.5 lb., 28 inch magnum this past week.... What a fish!

In the offshore waters of the Atlantic, mahi have taken center stage with good numbers of small to medium sized fish around bass pots and other floating flotsam from the canyon to the 20 fathom line.

The nearshore reefs, while still producing spades and triggers have witnessed a decline in flounder action. However, the slight cool down in water temp has helped reinforce a very late summer inshore flatfish bite. Fisherman have targeted the last of the flood and first of the ebb to obtain the coolest, cleanest water that contains these tasty fillets that would

make just about anyone's mouth water. Chartreuse, pink and white teasers coupled with Gulp and tipped with minnows and or silversides are the tools of choice to stretch lines and fill coolers.

The slight cool down has refreshed our shallow water bite as well as our shallow water fisherman's enthusiasm. Specs, rock and even a few pups have chased down paddle tails and surface walking baits to give anglers a glimpse of what the fall has in store for all of us who love to cast the shallows of the Chesapeake.

This past week I was fortunate enough to be spending time with clients, who I am proud to call friends, in search of some brawling bulls in the southern Chesapeake. As dusk approached, we were immersed in a heavenly sunset that would rival sights found anywhere in the world. It was a beautiful painting directly from the brush of God and given to the best folks in the world who call this wonderful place home. \$

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Virginia Fishing Report author Matt Abell took the family out to scout for red drum in the lower Chesapeake Bay for future charters. Matt with his wife Michelle, son Sammy and daughter Isabelle found the spots boating 5 red drum with 3 at Virginia State Citation sizes!

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Greg and Nick Lorman of Easton, PA were joined by Heath Lorman visiting from London, UK on a trip on the charter boat "Michael D" with Capt. Bruce Coffey out of the Indian River Marina. They headed to the Wilmington Canyon and reeled in a limit of blueline and golden tilefish using mullet.



The mahi bite has really picked up, especially for gaffers in the low 20 pound range. Capt. Keith Beebe on the charter boat "Surface Tension" got this group on some nice dolphin and sea bass using Nomad jigs from Lewes Harbour Marina.

# 2022 DELAWARE REGULATIONS

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 <p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - December 11</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFISH</b> No minimum size 3 per day / 5 per day Charter</p>	 <p><b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 3 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>COBIA</b> 37" Minimum • 1 per person or vessel</p>
 <p><b>CROAKER</b> 8" Minimum • No Limit</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 20-27" minimum 5 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> No limit</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 12" minimum No creel limit</p>
 <p><b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28-35" except 20-25" only from 7/1 - 8/31 in DE Bay 1 per person/day Catch &amp; Release only from 4/1 - 5/31 on Spawning Grounds</p>	 <p><b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>TAUTOG</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1 - 5/15 4 per person/day 7/1 - 12/31</p>	 <p><b>WEAKFISH</b> 13" minimum 1 per person/day</p>

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LINDSEY HARRINGTON  
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#### 3RD PLACE

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LISA POORE  
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TOTAL BOATS - 161 TOTAL ANGLERS - 797

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	37	89	35

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This crew on the "Boss Hogg" brought the fish and the fun to the 29th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open! On the first of the event anglers Jackie Pickering, Lori Middleton, Gina Dean, Dawn Bahen, Debra Alms and Sydney Sebold with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Alex Beane & Jack Hannum rolled into the scales with a chunky 72.4 lb. yellowfin tuna caught by Jackie in the Poor Man's Canyon in 120 fathoms. Despite numerous challenges over the next 2 days, the big fish finished the tournament in 1st Place in the Tuna Division earning the team \$12,300 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



There were a lot of mahi brought to the scales during the 3 days of the 29th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open. Fortunately for the crew on the "Fish On" of Stacey Irrgang, Susan Smith, Melinda Spedden, Jennifer Helfenbein, Jennifer Martin and Courtney Chipourhs, the 22.9 lb. dolphin that Melinda caught on the first day in the Washington Canyon held on to take 1st Place in the Dolphin Division earning \$12,232 in prize monies. Overall Capt. Anthony Dotterweich and mates Jake Emche & Jamie Barnett got the girls onto 15 mahi for the day.

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Day 2 of the 29th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open kicked off with a bang when anglers fishing on the "Knot Right" arrived just after the scales opened with Meagan Phillips' 56.9 lb. wahoo that was caught just north of the 800/800 in 200 fathoms. Several nice speedsters were brought to the scales, but none could top this one earning the team of Meagan, Kendra Briglia and Mary Beth Phillips with Capt. Hunter Taylor and mate Ryan Pruitt 1st Place in the Wahoo Division and \$11,490 in award money.



Day 2 saw most of the action during the 29th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open with lots of leaderboard changes across the Divisions. One of those came from the crew of the "Buckshot" when they arrived with a report of 2 blue marlin and 1 white marlin releases. Capt. Gary Stamm had the crew of Lindsey Stanton, Ashley Ridder, Sarah Fry and Jenn Depaola east of the canyons on the 1000 fathom line around the 650/850 where they each released a marlin. This mix slid them into 2nd Place in the Release Division where they remained earning \$26,976.

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The Tuna Division of the 29th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open saw only yellowfins at the scales and lots of changes over the 3 day event. It would be the "Billfisher" that would close out those changes. They brought in the only tuna on day 3 at 69.3 lbs. from the Poor Man's Canyon securing 2nd Place in the Division and \$6,480 in prize money that they graciously donated back to the American Cancer Society. Fishing on the "Billfisher" were tuna angler Lindsey Herrington with Jessica Gearrina, Amanda Prather, Sarah Evans, Sarah Delligatte, Amy Burbage and pictured with Kourtney Duffy and Camilia Ingram.

It was a bitter sweet win for Summer Knupp during the 29th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open. She was fishing on the "Pumpin' Hard" on day 3 of the event with fellow anglers Tiffany Knupp, Nichole Ehinger, Jaime Daily, Caroline Barber and Jordon Hyle on team "Do it for Gavin" to commemorate Gavin Knupp who passed away recently. Capt. Mike Burt with mate David Burt had the girls in over 1,000 fathoms on the eastern edge of the Poor Man's Canyon where Summer caught and released two white marlin, taking top honors as the Junior Release Angler and \$1,500 in prize money.



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One of the great traditions of the Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open is the Costume Contest. The lady anglers compete for billfish release point and top fish, but also create themed team names and costumes. This year's award went to crew from the "Talkin' Trash" with their team "Save the Boo-Bees" made up of Cathy Ericson, Kathy Alcott, Debbie Travis, Peggy Alcott and Debbie Scheuerman as the 'Bee Keeper'! They won a free Cruisin' Tiki trip from CruisinTikisOC.com. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Anglers Kelly Weber, Paige Bayliss, Michele Scotti, Shelby Zimmer and Carla McMenemy (not pictured) are joined by Capt. Austin Robin and mates Chase Travers, Luke Hickey & Justin Ropp at the 29th Annual Poor Girls Open Luncheon where they accepted a check for \$127,760 in prize moneys for winning 1st Place in the Billfish Release Division. On their one day fishing, they released 2 blue marlin as well as 2 white marlin. Pictured at the Ocean City Convention Center.

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