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Last Thursday, anglers on the charter boat, "Marli" returned to Sunset Marina with 4 bluefins, measuring 34, 38, 46.5 and 52-inches, and a dolphin after trolling ballyhoo and Sterling spreader bars and daisy chains in the Baltimore Canyon. With no hard water temperature break, Capt. Mark Hoos worked the 100 fathom line where temperatures varied from 67.5 to 71-degrees. The largest bluefin tipped the scales at 82 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Mark and mates Dakota Bittner and Josh Lowery were Mike Kacher, Steve Cumor, Ray McCreary, Donna Gutridge, Dave Herman and Gary Gribble.



Big Bird Cropper caught the heaviest weakfish so far this year in Ocean City and "Neighbor Dave" Leizear added a good size bluefish to the box after tossing Roy Rigs on the inside of the South Jetty. Big Bird's weakie measured 21 1/2-inches and weighed 3 lbs. 5 oz. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Ave.

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Last Saturday, Derek Dengler, Phil Ford and Steve Merther headed to the Fingers and hooked into this 235 lb. thresher shark. The guys were using bluefish fillets for bait in 20 fathoms when they caught this thresher and another one at the same time, releasing the 2nd thresher. The big shark was hooked in the pec fin, so it took 2 hours to get it to the boat. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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During the Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament, Ryan Young boated the first yellowfin tuna of the year during a trip on the "Brenda Lou" with Justin Ribb, Brian Richardson, Andy Maddox, Allan Whitley and Capt. Frank Goodhart. The 18.4 lb. yellowfin was caught in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Frank reported water temperatures at 68-degrees. The anglers also boated a 33-inch, 21.8 lb. bluefin and some mahi during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



We haven't seen many weakfish caught so far this season, but Dennis Connell from Townsend, DE. hooked a 5 pounder at the Outer Wall and weighed it at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Little Chase Neumayer of Hanover, PA was flounder fishing in the East Channel near the Coast Guard Station when he muscled in this 18-inch bluefish after hooking it on a white Gulp artificial bait. Chase ended up releasing the bluefish and a short flounder during the trip with his dad, Dave Neumayer.



Jace Conrad from Lititz, PA was fishing in the Wilmington Canyon on "Gret's Three J's" with his dad, John and brother, Jackson when they caught their 2 "under" and 1 "over" bluefins in addition to releasing several others. The anglers were joined by mates John Griffith and Phil Knapp.

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FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock



This Week Last Year

- The "Marli" brought in a 291 lb. mako from south of the Marine Electric.
- First bluefin, yellowfin and mahi of the season were caught on the "Marli" while fishing in the Poor Man's Canyon. Water temp was 65-68 degrees.
- First thresher shark was caught at the Fingers.
- First bigeye was caught in 770 fathoms in the Poor Man's.
- Yellowfins were caught in the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons.
- Mako sharks were released in Massey's Canyon.
- Surf fishing continued to be slow.
- Bluefish were caught around both bridges.
- best flounder fishing was in the Thorofare & East Channel

Man, the wind blew a lot last week. It just wouldn't let up, making it unpleasant for offshore anglers and causing the bay to look like chocolate milk on many days.

The weekend forecast wasn't stellar, but a lot of boats made the trip offshore on Saturday.

The first tournament of the season was last weekend when the Ocean City Marlin Club held their 10th Annual Memorial Day Tournament. This started as a bluefish tournament, but has expanded to include a tuna category as well. The sporty seas kept registered boats down to 12 with a shore-based angler also fishing the tournament, and wouldn't you know it, he won 1st place in the Bluefish Division. Rob Moroney ended up fishing off the pier on 9th Street and caught 3 bluefish on cut mullet and spot. They weighed 4.2, 5.0 and 9.2 lbs. and his largest took top honors in the tournament.

Right behind Rob were the anglers fishing on "Just One More" with their two largest blues, weighing 5.8 and 7.0 lbs., winning 2nd and 3rd place in the Bluefish Division. They spent the day tossing bucktails and Gotcha plugs around the Rt. 50 Bridge.

In the Tuna Division, the gang on the new "Primary Search" fished in 200 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and caught 2 bluefins weighing 39.6 and 40.2 lbs., good enough to win 1st place and tie for 2nd place in the Tuna Division. They also released 18 other bluefins in 62 to 66-degree water. Tying the "Primary Search" for 2nd place were the anglers on the "Hall Pass" who caught their 39.6 pounder in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore.

Outside the tournament, we saw some yellowfin tuna hit the scales for the first time this season. On Saturday, anglers on the "Brenda Lou" brought the first one to the scale after catching it in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Frank Goodhart reported water temperatures at 68-degrees. Anglers on the "Talkin Trash" also caught yellowfins in the Poor Man's and the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" found them in the Baltimore Canyon.

The bluefin and mahi action was centered in the Baltimore Canyon all week and shifted to the Poor Man's over the weekend although some boats still opted for the Baltimore.

Several mako sharks were released over the weekend and we saw a nice size thresher shark caught on Saturday by anglers

on the "D'Angler" while fishing in 20 fathoms at the Fingers. They had 2 threshers hit at the same time, releasing one and keeping the 235 pounder after hooking it on a bluefish fillet. The fight lasted for 2 hours after it was hooked in the pec fin. They also released a mako during their trip.

Another thresher shark was caught on Saturday when Chris Zellner on the "Slaughterhouse" captured a 136 lb. thresher shark at the Fingers while fishing with a whole mackerel for bait. Like the "D'Angler" they released a mako during their trip.

Sea bass fishing looks like it has gotten off to a good start when the weather cooperates. Both headboats and private boats have returned with solid catches of knotheads from ocean structure, but they have had to travel a distance to find good action with the best coming in over 150-feet of water. The Great Eastern, African Queen and the San Gil have been solid places for sea bass fishing. As always, clams and squid were the top producers.

Tautog season closed on May 16th and will reopen on July 1st.

The first weakfish of the season was caught last Wednesday by Pat Samborski while fishing in the Thorofare. We also saw one caught by Big Bird Cropper on Saturday when he hooked a 21 1/2-incher by the South Jetty.

Action in the surf continues to be slow with anglers hampered by wind and a lot of weeds. Some stripers were caught in the suds early in the week along with some bluefish in North Ocean City. Ron Humphress caught a beautiful 48-incher off Assateague while using Fishbites for bait.

If you were looking just to bend a rod while striper fishing, there were plenty of short fish



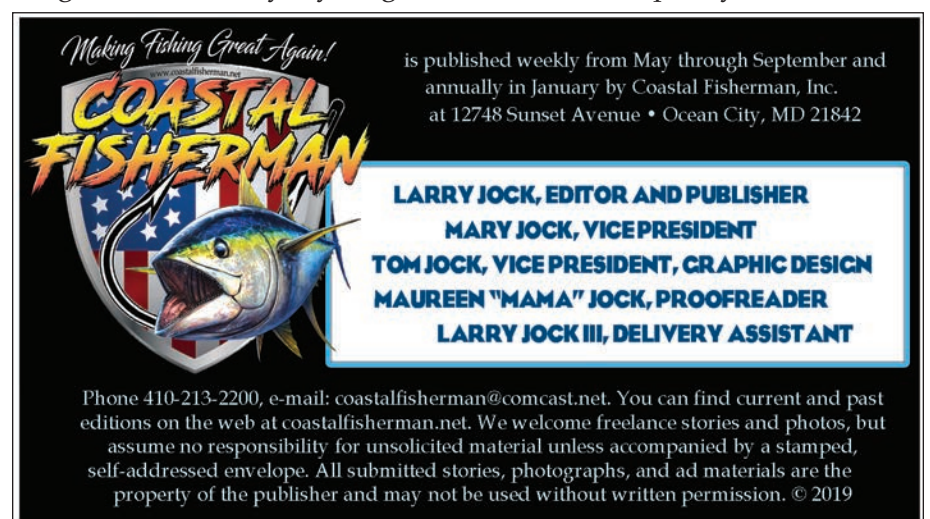
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The first sheephead of the season came in last Sunday when Mark Shwetz from Pasadena, MD boated a 10 pounder while fishing on the charter boat, "On the Run" with Spencer Shwetz and Capt. Dave Caffrey. Mark hooked the sheephead on a crab at the South Jetty and the duo each caught a keeper striped bass measuring 33 and 35-inches. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

around both the North and South Jetty's in addition to the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Sheepshead were caught at the South Jetty by an angler fishing on the charter boat, "On the Run". Mark Shwetz captured the first sheepshead of the year on Sunday when he hooked the 10 pounder while using crabs for bait.

With all of the wind and storms rolling through our area last week, you would have thought that flounder fishing would have been horrible, but looking back at the catches last week, it wasn't too bad. As expected, the bite on Saturday afternoon and Sunday wasn't

very good, but you can chalk that up to all the boat traffic.

We continued to see flatties caught up in the Thorofare, but we also saw several caught in the East Channel as well, both north and south of the Rt. 50 Bridge in addition to around the South Jetty. White Gulp Swimming Mulletts have been the top producer this spring, but the tried and true minnow and squid combination is always a good option.

Bluefishing is still the main fishery in the bay right now and larger fish have moved in, making it interesting for anglers that were targeting snappers on light tackle. The fish are

everywhere. It's tough to escape them. The Rt. 50 Bridge and the South Jetty were the two top spots, but you could also find blues roaming around the Rt. 90 Bridge, in the East Channel and at the Rt. 50 Bridge. Cut bait, shiny lures, bucktails and Gotcha plugs have all been doing the trick. These bluefish aren't picky. As a matter of fact, I have never seen so many bluefish being caught with bite marks on them, coming from either another bluefish or a shark.

The first white marlin of the season still hasn't been caught. Last season, it was caught on June 13th by Ron Bennett on the "Stalker". Once again, the prize money for the first white marlin of the season is \$16,000 with \$5,000 coming from the Marlin

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We have a rare off weekend for tournaments in Ocean City, which should give anglers plenty of time to prepare for the 23rd Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament at Bahia Marina on June 7th - 9th. With a 71-inch minimum for male makos and an 83-inch minimum for female makos, it should be an interesting tournament.

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Anne Black from Wilmington, DE used a chunk of clam to fool this 54 lb. black drum while fishing at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



On the "Get Bent", Thomas Preston and Corey Lednum (both pictured), Steve Lednum, Austin Bennett, Brett Young and Tim Parrill fished in 100 fathoms in the Spencer Canyon and returned with their limit of bluefin tuna in addition to releasing 9 others. The bluefin pictured measured 50-inches and weighed 80 lbs.



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Awards Banquet:
September 14, 6:30pm

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Betty Burgess, age 7, caught her first flounder of the season when she hooked this 19-incher on a white Gulp artificial bait in the Lewes Canal during the outgoing tide. Betty, pictured with her dad, Brad Burgess, was fishing on the "Reely Babe".

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Christine Conroy and Stephanie Moorefield show off the pair of bluefin tuna, weighing 20.2 and 20.8 lbs., that were caught on the first day of the Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament last Saturday. The lady anglers were fishing on the "A Salt Weapon 3" with Matt Moorefield, Josh Howard, Capt. Ryan Freese and mate Monica Freese. The bluefins, along with a half dozen dolphin, were hooked on ballyhoo and spreader bars in 70 to 200 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Ryan found water temperatures hovering between 68 and 70-degrees. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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The first weakfish caught in Ocean City this season was captured by Pat Samborski of Ocean Pines, MD while casting a spec rig tipped with a white 4-inch Gulp Swimming Mullet in the Thorofare. The 16-inch fish tipped the scale at 1 lb. 8 oz.

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STORIES

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



I was pulling out of the parking lot at Fisherman's Marina, having just completed an insurance renewal survey on one of the local charter boats when I saw my friend Capt. Bill walking up to the marina dumpster. Happy to see my old friend for the first time this spring, I pulled over to chat with him. As Capt. Bill walked up to the window of my truck I couldn't help but notice how little had changed since the last time I saw him in the fall. I am pretty sure he had the same cap on and he definitely had the same Eastern Shore aura about him. You know what I mean, equally at home in a duck blind or deer stand, casting from the beach or steaming to the east on the ocean. You could sense the sand in his shoes.

I have known Capt. Bill for about thirty years. For most of that time he was the owner and operator of the charter boat "Islander". He was never one for glory fishing, but day in and day out you could count on him

to put his charters on whatever was biting best. My friend and long time marlin fishing client, Brooke Duvall would take his grandsons on sea bass and tog trips with Capt. Bill each spring when they were little. When the bluefins showed up on the 20 fathom line in the early season, you could count on seeing the "Islander" fast-trolling cedar plugs and feathers along the edges of the most productive hills and ledges. As the summer wore on and the tunas scattered, Capt. Bill could be found catching king and Spanish mackerels, or whatever else happened to swim by. I always enjoyed fishing next to him.

A few years ago, Capt. Bill sold the "Islander". He told me that the days were getting a little long for him and the boat was a little too much to take care of the way he liked. The big boat was replaced with a 20-something foot outboard powered center console built by Mako Boats. I have spent quite a bit of time on Makos over the years

and they are nice rigs. Today, Bill and I talked about his Mako and the bay charters he is running these days. How a little water will get past the deck hatch lips when the rain is heavy. How most of his clients are just as excited to see the famous ponies on Assateague Island as they are to catch a fish. Bill's eyes lit up a little when he told me about how good the flounder fishing can be in the bay.

Just like fishing next to the Captain, I really enjoyed the time talking with him today. As I was driving home afterwards I was reminded of one of Dale Timmons' Fishing With Ben Sykes stories. For those of you not familiar with what I am talking about, Dale was the owner and editor of the Coastal Fisherman before Larry Jock took it over in 2005. Dale founded the paper back in the 70s and one of the main features was a weekly fictional column about the exploits of Ben Sykes. Ben has been one of my favorite characters in any fiction since I was a little kid. More of a hero to me than a made up person. Every week I would open the paper and read those stories first. Ben could catch anything, had the most interesting friends and adventures and more often

than not, would teach a valuable lesson by the end of each story. Dale even published a compilation of the stories in book form. It is one of my favorites on my shelf.

Anyhow, talking with Capt. Bill reminded me of one particular Ben Sykes story. In the story, Ben was helping out one of his charter captain buddies for the day. When they got in with their catch he struck up a conversation with the fish cleaner at the marina. You see, Ben had known the fish cleaner for years. The man was a retired mechanic, had run boats, fished everywhere and had a lifetime worth of knowledge to share (I am sure I am not getting those details exactly correct, but you get the gist). Towards the end of the story, somebody on the dock needed help fixing their engine. Ben overheard someone else tell them to ask Ben's friend, and they said, "Why? He's just the fish cleaner..." Again, I am sure I don't have the details quite right, but the general idea is there.

Capt. Bill has semi-retired from charter fishing, but he is still taking clients out on the bay. Over the years, I have known quite a few Captains



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that have taken similar paths. Some have served as the dockmaster in marinas or managed a tackle shop. Others made the same switch from the blue water of the canyons to the green water of the bay like Capt. Bill has done. I even know a few that became fish cleaners like Ben Sykes' buddy in the story. These old salts have some of the best stories to share and it is always worth the time to stop and chat with them. You never know what you might learn! Now I think I am going to pull out my book of Ben Sykes stories and pay a visit to his old friend the fish cleaner.

Capt Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call" which is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center, owner of Pettolina Marine Surveying, Inc. and multi-term President of the Ocean City Marlin Club.



After fishing for most of the morning in the Thorofare without a bite, John Evans decided to pull up lines and search for warmer water than the 62-degree water he had during the incoming tide. John headed a little further north and found 71-degree water and within a couple of minutes was hooked up with his first keeper. His next 2 drifts produced a pair of 19-inchers caught while using minnows for bait.

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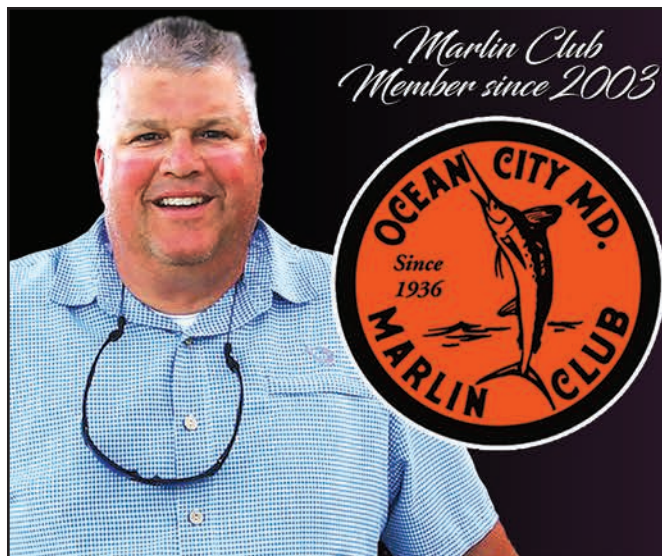
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Last Saturday, Roman Pierce from Stevens, PA was fishing in the East Channel on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente (pictured) and mate Marshall Freng when he hooked this 20 1/4-inch flounder while using a white Gulp Swimming Mullet for bait. The "Get Sum" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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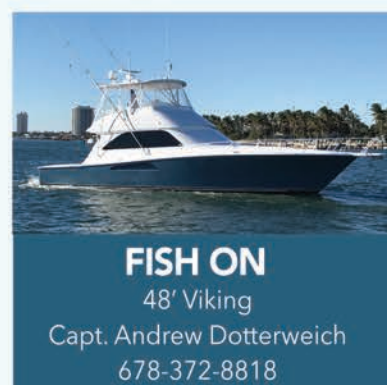
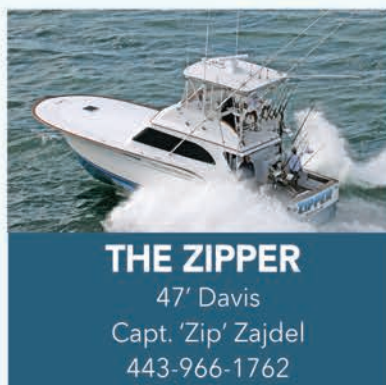


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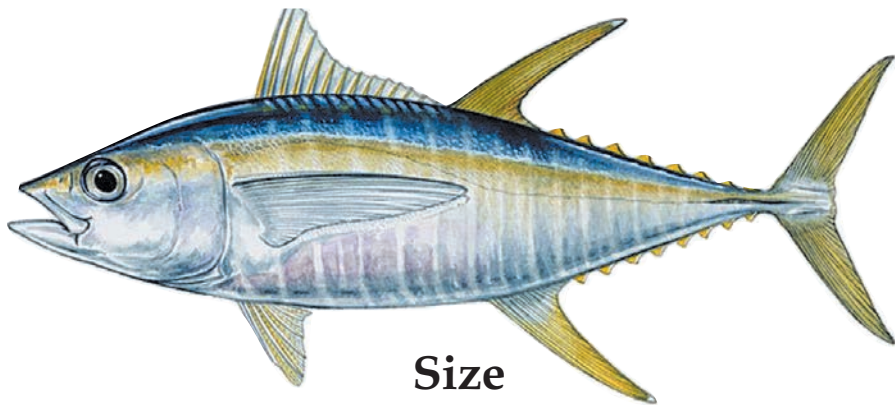
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Robert Jacobs caught this 90 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "American Flyer" in the Wilmington Canyon. The 54-inch tuna was in 67-degree water when it ate a trolled ballyhoo in 500 fathoms.

Yellowfin Tuna vs Bluefin Tuna



Size

Commonly 1.5-feet to 5.5-feet, up to 6.3-feet and can weigh greater than 350 lbs.

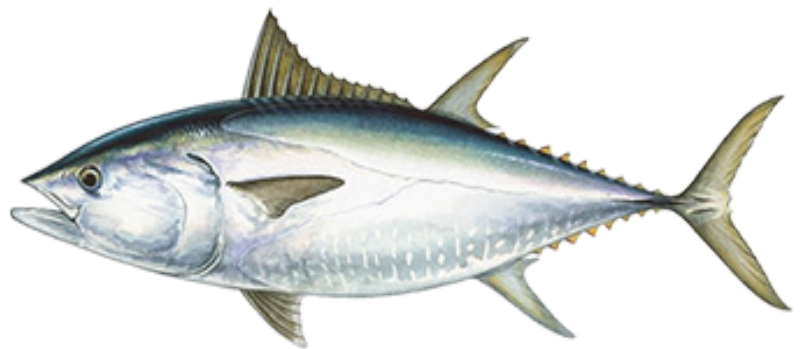
Distinguishing Characteristics

- Second dorsal and anal fins are bright yellow, very elongated and get longer with age
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- Finlets are lemon yellow with very narrow black margins
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Bluefin tuna - has shorter pectoral fins ending well before the origin of second dorsal fins.

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Before the wind picked up, James Cathell caught this 17-inch flounder while drifting with minnows in the Thorofare. He also caught a couple other flatties that just missed the 16 1/2-inch mark.

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Ivy and Gloria Rivera were at it again, this time landing a 62 lb. black drum while fishing with clams at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Eric, Courtney, Peyton and Carson Gish from Mount Joy, PA took a trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and caught some good size bluefish, including a pair of 8 pounders around the Rt. 50 Bridge.

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Danny Cox was fishing with minnows in the Thorofare when he captured this pair of flounder that measured 18 1/2 and 19-inches.

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Joe Norton from West Ocean City, MD (pictured) and Noah Holloway from Columbia, MD were kayak fishing off Broadkill Beach when Joe caught and released this black drum, estimated at 45 lbs, that he hooked while using clams for bait.

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Dylan Mulligan caught the biggest sea bass of the trip on this day while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Dylan hooked the 19 1/2-inch while using squid and clams for bait.



Laurel Ensor, Heather Owensby and Courtney Ensor returned to Sunset Marina with 3 bluefin tuna, measuring 35, 42 and 52-inches. The fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon with Capt. Corbin Ensor on the "Tunafowl".

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Taking time off from their boy band practice, Phillip Anthony, Gus Esham and Nick Matha joined Mike Matha (not pictured) for a sea bass fishing trip at the Madrugra wreck, located in 120-feet of water outside the Marine Electric. The guys caught 40 keepers and a few bluefish while using clams for bait.



Ralph Pitsch from Pittsburgh, PA caught himself a beautiful 17-inch flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "On the Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey. The fish was hooked on a Gulp artificial bait in the Fish Bowl, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge.

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Dominick Vavala caught an 18-inch flounder but LeAnn Jolly edged him out with a 19 1/2-incher, plus 3 throwbacks, all while drifting white and pink Gulp artificial baits in the Lewes Canal. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Before tautog season temporarily closed in Delaware, Dan Barnes from Lincoln University, PA captured this 9 lb. 10 oz. tog while fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Dan hooked the big blackfish with a green crab on ocean structure.

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This 33-inch, 15 lb. bluefish fell at the hands of Adam Michael while tossing topwater plugs near the Inner Wall with Luke Attanasi. The guys caught 10 blues measuring 24 to 33-inches. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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With today's sales and marketing efforts from marine electronics manufacturer, what boater wouldn't want a CHIRP (Compressed High Intensity Radar Pulse) sonar system? They offer improved detail over traditional systems and depending on frequency, can provide a lifelike image of the bottom, including detail of the underwater structure unseen by traditional sonar systems. All this at a price comparable to traditional transducers.

What's the best way to operate a CHIRP sonar system? Years ago, with traditional fixed frequency 50/200 kilohertz(kHz) or similar, many captains adjusted the sonar before they left the dock and never changed it throughout the day. Some captains did adjust the gain (power) settings to compensate for deeper or shallower water, but many were happy as long as they had the bottom and/or fish echo blips on the screen.

With the increased

capabilities of today's CHIRP systems, many Captains find it beneficial to make constant adjustments to get the best picture, and therefore, the most accurate representation of the water column below their boat.

Frequency

Different frequencies can show different levels of detail. For example, a high-frequency such as 200 kHz setting shows excellent detail in shallow water, but its range is limited in deeper water. A low-frequency such as 50 kHz penetrates deeper into the water column, but shows less detail. The transitional depth at which one should use high frequency versus low frequency is dependent on many factors, mainly transducer type, placement, sensitivity and power output. For boats with high performance CHIRP transducers and top-of-the-line hardware, 300-feet is a good starting point for the crossover point from high frequency to low frequency. One of the best ways to

determine what is best for your system is to set your machine on split screen using the high frequency and low frequency at the same time. This will allow you to compare side-by-side results in real time and the performance of your system at varying depths.

CHIRP Frequency

A CHIRP system sweeps a frequency range, not just a single frequency like a traditional tone burst sonar system. Instead of a 50 kHz or 200 kHz tone burst signal, a CHIRP transducer sweeps 42 kHz to 65 kHz on the low frequency and 150 kHz to 250 kHz for the high frequency. This example of CHIRP frequency range is for the popular Airmar B275LHW transducer. Other transducers have different, but similar ranges.

Not all fish are created equal when it comes to sonar. The fish composition, swim bladder size, muscle mass, etc. all contribute to a sonar echo that may be more visible at a given sonar frequency. Using a CHIRP sonar allows your system to scan a wide band of frequency range, as much as 100 kHz range on the B275LHW transducers high frequency, giving the sonar system the information to

create a detailed echo image comprised of a wide range of frequencies.

Most CHIRP systems also allow you to dial in and set a specific frequency of your choice, within the range of operation for that transducer model. In the example above, you could set the high frequency at 180 kHz if that turns out to be a good frequency for your needs. Even setting a CHIRP traducer at a traditional fixed frequency of 50 kHz or 200 kHz is generally better than a tone burst transducer due to the low Q factor of a CHIRP transducer. The Q factor, or quality factor, is a calculation involving the bandwidth and acoustic pulse accuracy of the ceramics. The lower the Q factor, the better the performance of the transducer.

In general, a higher frequency shows more detail, but has limited working depth. A low frequency travels deeper but shows lower detail.

Cone Angle

The ceramic elements in a transducer are similar in function to a stereo speaker, sending out a sound wave in the direction that it is pointed. Some transducers send out a narrow signal, such as a 6-



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degree beam angle on high frequency and a wide signal, such as a 25-degree cone angle on low frequency. Why does this matter? With a narrow beam width angle, you can be more assured that a fish echo on your sonar screen represents a fish under your boat. With a wide beam width angle, you cover much more area, but a fish in the cone could be far away from your boat. If you know the beam width angle of your transducer, you can calculate your coverage area. For example, in 100 fathoms a transducer beam width angle of 10 degrees gives you bottom coverage area of 105-foot diameter circle, where as a 25-degree beam width gives you a 266-foot diameter circle of bottom coverage and increased water column coverage due to the larger cone. Most anglers like a wide beam angle since it lets them cover much more area in a single pass and if a fish echo is seen on the screen they know

the depth and approximate lateral distance, and can therefore make multiple passes in that area in the attempt to catch that fish.

It is important to experiment with your system, try different frequencies, adjust the gain, TVG, scroll speed, noise rejection, interference, color gain and other variables to see what works best for the type of fishing you are doing that day. Different depths, sea state, salinity, water temperature etc., may require different settings. Learning about your sonar and understanding the echoes on the sonar screen will help you spend more time catching and less time fishing.

Captain Steve Katz is the owner of Steve's Marine Service and holds NMEA, AMEI and NMEA2000 certificates along with ABYC Master Technician certification and factory training from many manufacturers. To reach Steve, call 410-231-3191.



Dominica Bavino from Troy, NY is all smiles after boating this doubleheader of good size black sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Judith M" with Capt. John Bunting. The sea bass were caught on natural bottom, 20 miles off the coast while using clams for bait. The "Judith M" is docked at Bahia Marina.

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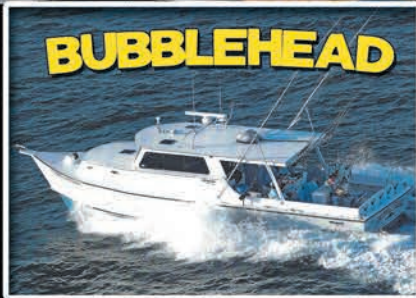


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The wind was howling when this group of anglers aboard the headboat "Morning Star" left the dock, but the seas laid out by 10:30 in the morning and the sea bass started chewing. The group ended up just shy of a boat limit of knotheads with several doubleheaders coming over the rail. The largest fish of the day was a tie among several anglers with 19-inch sea bass caught on clams and squid. Pictured are Steve, Craig and Corey Lednum, Rachael Cohen, Dawan Powell, Steve Moore, Casey Schaffer, Alexa Stern and Shawn Stevens.

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FISHING REPORT

by Larry Jock



This Week Last Year

- bright spot was offshore tuna bite in 300-500 fathoms outside the Baltimore & Poor Man's Canyons.
- surfcasters catching schoolie stripers, black drum and bluefish.
- flounder, weakfish and small stripers were caught in the Lewes Canal.
- black drum bite was good at the Coral Beds but much better on the Jersey side of the Delaware Bay.
- plenty of shad in the IR Inlet.
- larger stripers caught off the IR Jetty rocks.
- sea bass bite cooled down on ocean structure.

At Rick's Bait & Tackle, Capt. Mike reported that the flounder bite in the Lewes Canal seemed to slow down last week, but some nice flounder were caught by those drifting squid, minnows and Gulp artificial baits.

Mike said that there are a lot of shad in the Indian River Inlet right now and snapper bluefish are being caught during the incoming tide. Shad are being hooked on shad darts and small spoons.

Bluefish are eating anything thrown their way.

The black drum bite at the Coral Beds is still going strong, but those looking for boomers are finding better luck on the Jersey side of the bay.

Sea bass fishing was good on deeper wrecks for anglers fishing in 150-foot or greater with squid and clams. Mike said that he still hasn't heard of any flounder caught yet on ocean structure.

Tautog season is closed from May 16th to June 30th.

At the Cape Henlopen Pier, anglers are tangling with bluefish and Mike did hear of some larger stripers being caught there as well.

Matt at Fenwick Bait & Tackle reported a few kingfish being caught in the Fenwick surf last week by anglers fishing with bloodworms. The bluefish bite was particularly good on Saturday with several fish landed that weighed over 10 lbs.

At Hook'em & Cook'em, Capt. Bert said that small bluefish are dominating the action in the Indian River Inlet. Unfortunately, Bert said that they didn't see any

flounder come in from the Inlet last week.

A few keeper striped bass were caught off the beach at night by surfcasters fishing SP Minnows in the suds north of the Inlet.

Tommy at Lewes Harbour Marina said that the flounder bite did slow down in the Lewes Canal, but if you put your time in you can return home with your limit in the cooler. Anglers in the Canal are still finding bluefish, stripers and weakfish interested in their offerings of both meat and plastic.

Tommy agreed with Mike that the black drum bite is still rolling along at the Coral Beds, but those who are taking night time jaunts to the Jersey side off Cape May are doing well.

As mentioned earlier, weakfish are being caught in the Lewes Canal and also at the Outer Wall and Delaware Bay reef sites by anglers using peelers, bucktails and clams. Dennis Connell from Townsend, DE caught a weakie at the Outer Wall that weighed a little over 5 lbs.

Big bluefish are roaming all over the Delaware Bay.

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Adam Michael caught a 15 pounder at the Inner Wall and teamed up with Luke Attanasi to catch 10 choppers measuring between 24 and 33-inches. Steve Stacharowski caught a nice pair of bluefish while fishing around the Cape Henlopen State Park. Steve's heaviest gator weighed 13 lbs.

Around the Cape Henlopen State Park, bluefish are being caught in the surf along with some slot striped bass. Tommy said that an occasional flounder is even being caught at night off the Pier.

Offshore, weather conditions made it tough, but boats found bluefin tuna in the Wilmington, Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. In addition, a few yellowfins were caught as well in the Baltimore and the Poor Man's.

Boats trolling for tuna found small to medium size mahi in the Canyons going after their ballyhoo and spreader bars.

A few thresher sharks were caught in 20 fathoms at the Fingers by boats fishing out of Ocean City.

Upcoming Tournament

There aren't any Delaware tournaments on the schedule, but the South Jersey Shark Tournament will be held out of Cape May on June 5th through the 8th.

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Spread the cup of flour on
a shallow dish or dinner plate.

First, dredge the fish in the
flour, then into the egg/milk
mix and then back into the
flour.

Lay fillets in a single layer
on a flat surface like a plate or
baking sheet.

Allow the battered fish
fillets to sit while making the
sauce.

Start by melting butter in a
large, wide skillet over low
heat.

Continue cooking for
about 6-7 minutes, until butter
is golden brown and milk fat
solids have browned lightly as
well.

Add pecans and cook for
about one minute, until they

are shiny and slightly toasted
in the butter. The butter will be
foamy at this stage.

Remove from heat.

Whisk in the kosher salt,
champagne vinegar and
lemon juice.

Set aside.

Add the olive oil to a skillet
and heat over medium-high
heat.

When the oil starts to
shimmer, add the fillets.

Cook about 2 minutes per
side. Don't overcook the fish,
because it will dry out.

Set fish fillets on plate.

Whisk the parsley into the
sauce and then divide it
between the two fish pieces.

Serves 4.

Pan Seared Scallops with Lemon Caper Sauce

1/3 cup kosher salt, plus
more for seasoning
1 cup hot water
1 lb. large scallops, about
14 to 16

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4 cups ice water
3 TBSP olive oil
1 TBSP unsalted butter
2 TBSP garlic, minced
1/2 cup white wine
1 cup unsalted chicken
broth
1 tsp. lemon zest
2 TBSP lemon juice
2 TBSP capers, rinsed
1 TBSP dijon mustard
Black pepper, for
seasoning
1 TBSP dill, chopped
1 tsp. chives, chopped
6 lemon wedges

In a medium-sized bowl
combine salt and hot water,
stirring to dissolve the salt.

Add ice water to cool the
brine.

Add scallops to the brine
and let stand for 10 minutes.

Line a sheet pan with
paper towels and set aside.

Drain the scallops.

Rinse under cold water
and then arrange in a single
layer on the paper towel-lined
sheet pan.

Place another paper towel



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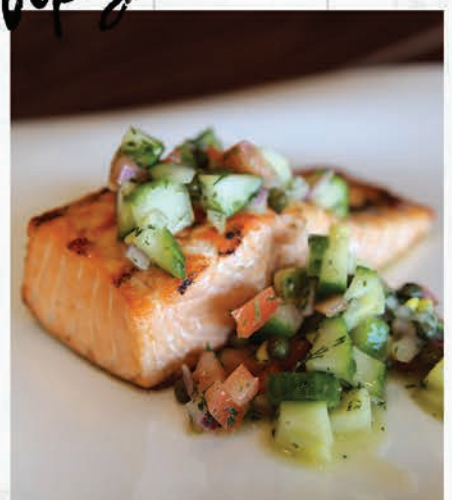
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on top of the scallops and gently pat scallops dry. Remove as much surface moisture as possible for the best browning results when cooked.

Allow scallops to sit for 10 minutes at room temperature before cooking.

In a 12-inch saute' pan or cast iron skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat until oil ripples and just begins to smoke.

Sprinkle scallops lightly with salt on both sides.

Place scallops into the hot pan without crowding.

Gently press scallops with a spatula to make direct contact with the pan.

Sear scallops without moving them, continuing to cook until bottoms are a rich golden brown, 3 to 3 1/2 minutes.

Add butter to the pan.

Turn the scallops over and cook the second side.

Use a spoon to baste the scallops with the butter, tilting the pan to collect the butter as

needed.

When the scallops are opaque in color and firm to the touch, about 1 to 2 minutes, turn off heat and transfer to a plate. Do not discard pan.

In the same pan used for cooking the scallops, turn heat to medium.

Add garlic and cook for 1 minute, until fragrant but not browned.

Increase heat to medium-high and add wine.

Simmer wine, stirring as needed until the wine is reduced by half, about 3 minutes.

Turn heat to high and add the chicken stock, lemon zest, lemon juice and capers to the pan.

Cook until sauce is reduced by half, about 1/2 cup, 8 to 10 minutes.

Turn off heat and whisk in Dijon mustard.

Turn heat to medium and add scallops back to pan, cook until warm, 2 minutes.

Taste sauce and season with salt and pepper as



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needed.

Garnish scallops with chopped dill, chives and serve immediately with lemon wedges.

Marinated Grilled Shrimp

2 lbs. raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
 1/3 cup olive oil
 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
 3 tsp. minced garlic
 3 TBSP chopped fresh parsley, save 1 TBSP for garnish
 2 TBSP Worcestershire sauce
 1 TBSP honey
 1/4 tsp. salt
 Pinch of pepper
 Fresh lime wedges

In a zip lock bag, combine all of the marinade ingredients.

Shake until completely combined.

Place shrimp in a large zip-top bag.

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Pour the marinade in the bag with the shrimp.

Seal the top of the bag and place shrimp in the refrigerator to marinate for at least 20 minutes, but not more than 2 or 3 hours.

Remove shrimp from the bag and discard the marinade.

Thread shrimp onto skewers and grill over high heat for 4-6 minutes, or until done.

If you prefer, you can also broil the shrimp on a sheet pan in the oven for about 7-8 minutes.

Garnish with fresh lime wedges and additional chopped parsley.

Serve.

Steamed Mussels with White Wine Broth

2 lbs. mussels, cleaned
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Max Thumma took some time off from his mate responsibilities on the headboat, "Judith M" to drop some squid and clams onto natural ocean bottom and came up with a pollock and a sea bass. Pictured at Bahia Marina in Ocean City, MD.

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4 flounder fillets
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1 cup panko breadcrumbs
Salt
Pepper, freshlyground
1 TBSP thyme

Preheat oven to 400-degrees.

Lightly grease a large, shallow baking dish.

Arrange flounder fillets on prepared baking dish and brush with 1 TBSP butter.

Combine remaining 3 TBSP butter with breadcrumbs, Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper and thyme in a bowl.

Sprinkle mixture over

stock
1/2 cup dry white wine
Splash heavy cream
1/4 cup roughly chopped fresh parsley
Salt and fresh ground black pepper
Lemon wedges, for serving
1 baguette, warmed for serving

Melt butter in a large pot with lid over medium heat.

When the butter begins to bubble, stir in the shallot and garlic.

Cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add the chicken stock, white wine and mussels. Toss.

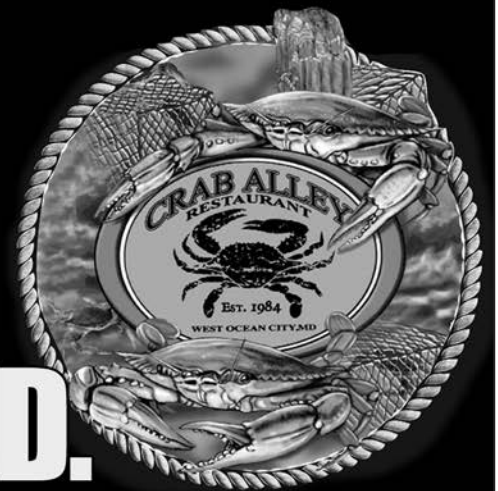
Cover the pot with the lid and cook until all of the mussels have opened, 6 to 10 minutes.

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Carefully transfer fillets to a plate with a spatula.

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2 celery stalks, roughly
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2 cups packed fresh
cilantro

1 leek (dark green top
only), roughly
chopped

Juice of 1/2 lemon

Pinch of kosher salt

1 lb small fingerling
potatoes

4 sea bass fillets

Kosher salt

2 TBSP olive oil

8 scallions, trimmed

1/2 cup Greek yogurt

Cilantro sprigs for garnish

Puree celery, cilantro, leek,
lemon juice and pinch of
kosher salt in blender until

smooth.

Pour into a fine-mesh
strainer set over a medium
bowl.

Let sit, stirring mixture in
strainer occasionally so all
juice drains.

Place potatoes in medium
microwave-safe bowl and
microwave on high 4 minutes
or until tender.

Heat large skillet over
medium-high heat until skillet
is very hot.

Pat fish dry with paper
towel and season with salt.

Pour oil in pan and place
fish skin side-down in pan.

Cook 4 minutes or until
skin is very crisp.

Turn and cook 2 minutes
longer. Transfer fish to plate.

Place scallions in same
skillet; cook 1 minute or until
slightly softened and charred
in spots.

Divide yogurt, potatoes,
fish and scallions between 4
plates.

Spoon green juice around
fish and garnish with cilantro.

Serves 4.

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Connor Shoff, age 7, from West Ocean City, MD proudly shows off the 19-inch flounder he muscled in while drifting white Gulp Swimming Mulletts in the Thorofare.

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Tom Tataum caught a pair of flounder while drifting in the Thorofare with pink Gulp and minnow combinations. Tom's flatties measured 16 1/2 and 17-inches and were boated at the beginning of the outgoing tide.



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by Capt. Mark Sampson



Doing a weekly outdoor column always keeps me on the lookout for ideas that can be translated into next week's piece. Sometimes content is easily dictated by current events, like when an outstanding fishing opportunity opens up, or perhaps an upcoming tournament, a new product hits the market or when new and controversial fishery regulations are proposed. Other times, coming up with something that's "new and interesting" to pass along that week can be a mind-racking nightmare!

Fortunately for those of us who do "hook and bullet" type writing, we always have "how-to" articles to fall back on when we hit one of the inevitable voids in our fresh idea files. In the thirty-some years that I've dabbled in the "not all that it's cracked up to be" profession of outdoor writing, I can honestly say that I've hammered out more than my share of how-to articles.

How to catch a fish, cast a line, choose a boat, winterize an outboard, set-up a tree stand, prepare for a storm, make chum, catch bait, freeze

fish, mount shark jaws, anchor in deep water, butcher a deer, tan a hide, cook a bluefish, avoid mosquitoes and a whole bunch of other topics I can't even think of right now.

But I don't consider writing a how-to article as a cop out. Such material is most often welcomed and eagerly devoured by sportsman of all experience. That's why we subscribe to outdoor magazines, watch videos, visit sport shows and attend lectures. It's exciting to read someone's story about shooting a monster buck or catching a record fish, but we will always want to hear how we can enhance our own outdoor adventures as well. I guess it's that "quest for knowledge thing" that we just never grow out of.

While pondering what to write about this week, I was struck by the question of what the ultimate how-to article would be. Could there be a concept, an idea, a tip, a tool or some technique that would be most useful to both hunter and fisherman? After all, both are in pursuit of wild game and both do so while at the mercy of Mother Nature and at the

schedules and seasons of the quarry she may or may not send their way.

The more I thought about it, the clearer it all became. We can possess the latest in fish finding electronics, but we cannot make the fish arrive sooner or stay longer than their natural migrations allow. We can have the best camouflage clothing, but we cannot make a deer walk within our effective shooting range. We can have the freshest bait on our hooks, but we cannot make a fish eat it. We can have the best hand painted decoys money can buy, but we still cannot make a flock of ducks fly into them.

For all these things to happen, sportsmen must possess one more thing - patience. We can have all the toys and do everything right under the best of conditions, and we still will not be successful in taking fish or game unless we're patient.

Unfortunately, if it's true that "patience is a virtue" then it's an asset that must be depreciating. Our society has certainly embraced the premise that time is money and faster is better. It's the new millennium, and from highway speed limits to home computers we're all moving along at warp speed. At the same time, those at the controls keep telling us we're only creeping along in first

gear! No wonder some folks are not happy that their fishing boats will "only" do 30 knots in six-foot seas and it takes "two whole minutes" to heat a cup of tea in the microwave!

But when we walk into the woods or to the edge of the water, we no longer have control over the progression of how and when the natural events will unfold around us. We can travel a thousand miles to the best places in the world to hunt or fish and then, by wind or tide, choose our spot and set about our task with the liveliest bait, the best shotgun, fanciest lures, most high-tech bows, precision reels or whatever else we deem necessary to fill our tag or catch our limit - but no matter what we do there's still no getting around the eventual waiting game. We can only set the stage, then be patient and wait for nature to send in the actors and start the show. Patience is truly a virtue that, over time, all dedicated outdoorsmen come to know, understand and most importantly accept.

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learned that, while all are out for a fun day, just how a "fun day of fishing" is defined and how long each individual is willing to wait for it to unfold varies considerably. It's become obvious that, while the definition of a fun or productive day outdoors may vary even among sportsmen with the same skill level, the attribute of "patience" is most common in those with more overall experience. It seems that veteran sportsmen, as long as they know they're giving the pursuit their best effort, are willing to hunt or fish for hours or even days with no action at all and still maintain an optimistic and enthusiastic attitude, knowing that the "big one" is just a moment or two away.

On occasion, I also share my boat with anglers who can't go more than an hour between fish before they get antsy and start asking me questions like: "Are you sure we're using the right bait? Should we move to another

place? How are the other boats doing?"

It would only make sense that after spending enough time in the woods or on the water that sportsmen would eventually just accept and live with the fact that good things are worth waiting for and nature cannot be rushed. It's the old "if they're not biting now they'll surely be hungry later" attitude. Or, as long-term optimists might put it, "if we don't get'em today, we'll get'em tomorrow."

Patience, it's the best all-round hunting and fishing how-to advice I can possibly imagine. Sit tight, hold on, be still, take it easy for a while and let things happen. Then just relax and enjoy Mother Nature's show!

Capt. Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat, "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center. During the winter months, Capt. Mark runs charters in the Lower Keys.

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Bluefins were snapping in the Baltimore Canyon and both Bret Groff and Kyle Corbin caught their first ever tunas while fishing on the "Scales & Tales" with Brad Fry, Kenny Arndt, Jason Arndt, Heath Berger and Chad Tingle. The anglers ended their day with 4 bluefins in the box, led by a 52-incher caught on a trolled spreader bar.

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Bluefish 	May 9, 2019 Clark Haller Assateague Surf 9 lbs. 8 oz.	May 15, 2019 Nam Dong Herring Point 16 lbs. 2 oz.	Mako Shark 	May 18, 2019 Brandon Malamphy Wilmington Canyon 140 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	NEW May 22, 2019 A.J. Marta Delaware Bay 64 lbs.	Thresher Shark 	May 18, 2019 "Over-Board" 296 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Bigeye Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder 	May 3, 2019 Randy Garner Thorofare 3 lbs. 10 oz.	May 17, 2019 Tim West Lewes Canal 5 lbs. 15 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	May 7, 2019 Scot Wells "Restless Lady II" 90 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sea Bass 	May 15, 2019 Bobby Eberhard Ocean Wreck 5 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead 	NEW May 26, 2019 Mark Shwetz "On the Run" 10 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	NEW May 25, 2019 Ryan Young "Brenda Lou" 18.4 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Striped Bass 	May 9, 2019 Dan Rivera Ocean City Inlet 37.5 lbs.	May 9, 2019 Bob Holsberger Indian River Surf 15 lbs. 6 oz.	Dolphin 	No Weights Reported	NEW May 19, 2019 Kevin Huey "Reel Precision" 11 lbs.
Tautog 	May 7, 2019 Eddie Santiago "Fish Bound" 20 lbs.	January 7, 2019 Steve Kiibler Site 11 19 lbs. 13 oz.	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	NEW May 25, 2019 Big Bird Cropper South Jetty 3 lbs. 5 oz.	NEW May 22, 2019 Dennis Connell Outer Wall 5 lbs.	White Marlin 	Most Releases in 1 Day (trolling only)	
				No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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During a trip aboard the "Magic Moment" with Capt. Jim Bugg, angler Bill Miles captured a 42 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing with Richard Hutchison and Mike Halsey. The bluefin was caught on the troll in the Baltimore Canyon.



Big chopper bluefish have been caught around the Cape Henlopen Pier and Steve Stacharowski muscled in a pair weighing 7 and 13 lbs. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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They had to cut their day short since the weather got nastier and nastier, but that didn't stop this group of anglers from putting some nice knotheads in the cooler while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Jake Shaffer led the way with 9 black sea bass, but Bob Houser was right on his heels with 8 sea bass. Richard Gunion took largest fish honors (19 1/2") and he also had the second largest as well (19"). Also pictured are Chuck Burnham, John Chacos, Mark Smish, Lorraine Matarese, Joe Sim and John Nines.

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Steve McDonald, Carol Lukehart, Pam Warr, David Jones, Holly Cooper, Tina Sigafoose, Jen Brown, Kishawn Washington and Mckenzie Haynes returned to Bahia Marina with 9 keeper flounder, caught during a trip the bay headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe. All of the fish were caught on squid and shiners in the Thorofare with Holly's 2 lb. 9 oz. flattie taking largest fish honors.

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Mike Karsnitz from West Ocean City, MD was fishing in Tangier Sound for red drum when he hooked into this 54-inch black drum that sported a 38-inch girth. Mike successfully released the big boomer.



A.J. Marta, mate on the "Angler" out of Lewes, DE, took a minute to drop a chunk of clam on the Jersey side of the Delaware Bay and hooked into this 50-inch, 64 lb. black drum. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Species	2019	2018	Species	2019	2018
Bluefish 	April 17, 2019 Big Bird Cropper South Jetty	May 1, 2018 Big Bird Cropper South Jetty	Mako Shark 	May 18, 2019 Brandon Malamphy "FINATIC" Wilmington Canyon	May 23, 2018 Fred Weinhold "Marli" Marine Electric
Black Drum 	April 9, 2019 Allen Sklar Assateague Surf	April 19, 2018 Allen Sklar Assateague Surf	Thresher Shark 	May 18, 2019 All Anglers "Over-Board" Jackspot	May 26, 2018 Don King "Shallow End" Fingers
Cobia 	No Reported Catches	July 10, 2018 Mitchell Clark "Judith M"	Bigeye Tuna 	No Reported Catches	May 26, 2018 Tanya Devine "Wrecker" Poor Man's Canyon
Flounder 	April 4, 2019 Kristin Lenox Sinepuxent Bay	April 14, 2018 Mike Tuel Thorofare	Bluefin Tuna 	May 7, 2019 Scot Wells "Restless Lady II" Wilmington Canyon	May 24, 2018 Donna Gutridge "Marli" Poor Man's Canyon
Sea Bass 	May 15, 2019 Tom Lane "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	May 15, 2018 Wayne Diaz "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	Longfin Tuna 	No Reported Catches	June 9, 2018 Mike Lloyd Wilmington Canyon
Sheepshead 	NEW May 26, 2019 Mark Shwetz "On the Run" South Jetty	June 4, 2018 Hanna Bartell "On the Run" South Jetty	Yellowfin Tuna 	NEW May 25, 2019 Ryan Young "Brenda Lou" Poor Man's Canyon	May 24, 2018 Mike Curran "Marli" Poor Man's Canyon
Striped Bass 	April 12, 2019 Kern Ducote Rt. 90 Bridge	January 2, 2018 Jon Pulsifer Little Gull Shoal	Dolphin 	May 19, 2019 Bill Johnson "Bubblehead" Wilmington Canyon	May 24, 2018 Steve Cumor "Marli" Poor Man's Canyon
Tautog 	January 4, 2019 Dan Iacangelo "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	January 3, 2018 Dennis Muhlenforth "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	Wahoo 	No Reported Catches	July 12, 2018 Jon Gross "Restless Lady" Washington Canyon
Weakfish 	May 19, 2019 Jackson Chin Indian River Inlet	June 2, 2018 Matt Boyer Indian River Inlet	White Marlin 	No Reported Catches	June 13, 2018 Ron Bennett "Stalker" Poor Man's Canyon

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Although we hate selfies, angler Craig Costantino is a Coastal Fisherman favorite, so here's 1 of 2 keeper flounder (20-incher) he caught while drifting white Gulp Swimming Mulletts in the Thorofare with Sean Reese. The duo also caught 12 throwback stripers around the Rt. 90 Bridge.

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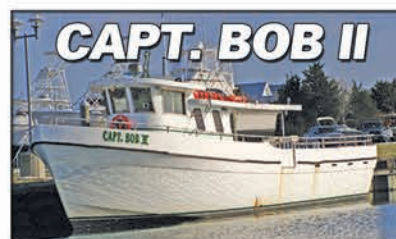
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Jean Graybill from Morgantown, PA had a great time catching bluefish on cut mullet around the Rt. 50 Bridge, with most of the fish measuring between 20 and 26-inches. Jean was fishing on the "Hoobilly" with Kevin Graybill.



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Carol Riccio from North East, MD caught this 3 lb. 3 oz. flounder while drifting minnows in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



John Murter of Whiteford, MD posed for a picture before releasing this 25 1/2-inch, 11 lb. 8 oz. female tautog during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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There were 12 boats and one shore-based angler entered in last weekend's Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament and that one shore-based angler was Rob Moroney who ended up taking 1st place in the Bluefish Division with a 9.2 lb. chopper. Rob hooked the winning fish on a mullet while fishing off the pier on 9th Street in Ocean City. Rob also caught a couple of other bluefish that weighed 4.2 and 5.0 lbs. on the tournament scale at Sunset Marina. For his 1st place finish, Rob took home \$500 in award money.



Anglers Paige Miller and Nick Lane were fishing with Capt. George Hall on the "Hall Pass" when they captured a couple of bluefin tuna in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The largest bluefin, caught by Nick, measured 39-inches and weighed 39.6 lbs., good enough to tie for 2nd place in the Tuna Division of the Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament. Their other bluefin, caught by Paige, measured 35 1/2-inches and tipped the scale at 23.6 lbs. For their 2nd place tie, the team won \$1,462 in award money.

10th Annual OCMC Memorial Day Tournament Results

May 25 & 26, 2019

TUNA

1ST: PRIMARY SEARCH	40.2 LBS.	\$5,585
2ND (TIE): PRIMARY SEARCH	39.6 LBS.	\$1,462
2ND (TIE): HALL PASS	39.6 LBS.	\$1,462

BLUEFISH

1ST: ROBERT MORONEY - From Shore	9.2 LBS.	\$500
2ND: JUST ONE MORE	7 LBS.	\$396
2ND: JUST ONE MORE	5.8 LBS.	\$144

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The first boat to arrive at the scale on Day 1 of the Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament was the "Just One More" with 3 bluefish weighing 3.8, 5.8 and 7.0 lbs. Their two largest choppers ended the tournament in 2nd and 3rd place in the Bluefish Division, worth \$540 in award money. The fish were caught on white bucktails and Gotcha plugs around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Fishing with Capt. Tom Perry and mate Paul Daisey were Jason DeLuca, Kevin Conrad and Jeremy Shandrowski. Also pictured at the Sunset Marina scale is official team photographer, Marie Perry.



On the first day of the Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament, Capt. Austin Ensor pointed the bow of the new "Primary Search" to the Baltimore Canyon in search of bluefin tuna. The team ended their day with a pair of bluefins in the box in addition to a good haul of mahi. Their bluefins weighed 39.6 and 40.2 lbs., good enough to take win 1st place and tie for 2nd place in the Tuna Division. The bluefins, along with 18 that were released, were all hooked on trolled ballyhoo in 200 fathoms where Capt. Austin found water temperatures between 62 and 66-degrees. Joining Capt. Austin and mate Brian Suschke were Daniel Bell, Aaron Colegrove, Tommy Clark, Aaron Bellmyer, Gus Everhardt, Jordan Bosse and Kyle Barney. For their 1st and 2nd place finishes, the "Primary Search" team won \$7,047 in award money.

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Loghan and Mickey Slaughter joined Mark Harris for some flounder fishing in the Lewes Canal and they ended up with 7 keepers caught on minnows during both the incoming and outgoing tides. The fish measured between 16 1/2 and 19-inches. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Here is a pair of happy junior anglers after they caught their limit of 20 bluefish during a trip aboard the headboat, "Capt. Bob". The fish, ranging in size from 12 to 18-inches, were caught at Fenwick Shoal on bucktails tipped with squid. Pictured are Luke and Jake Luzier from Selbyville, DE.

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Fri. May 31	Low 12:16 am Low 12:07 pm	High 06:11 am High 06:47 pm
Sat. June 1	Low 01:02 am Low 12:48 pm	High 06:55 am High 07:31 pm
Sun. June 2	Low 01:46 am Low 01:29 pm	High 07:40 am High 08:16 pm
Mon. June 3 NEW MOON	Low 02:30 am Low 02:12 pm	High 08:26 am High 09:02 pm
Tues. June 4	Low 3:14 am Low 02:57 pm	High 09:14 am High 09:50 pm
Wed. June 5	Low 04:01 am Low 03:45 pm	High 10:03 am High 10:38 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
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 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide
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