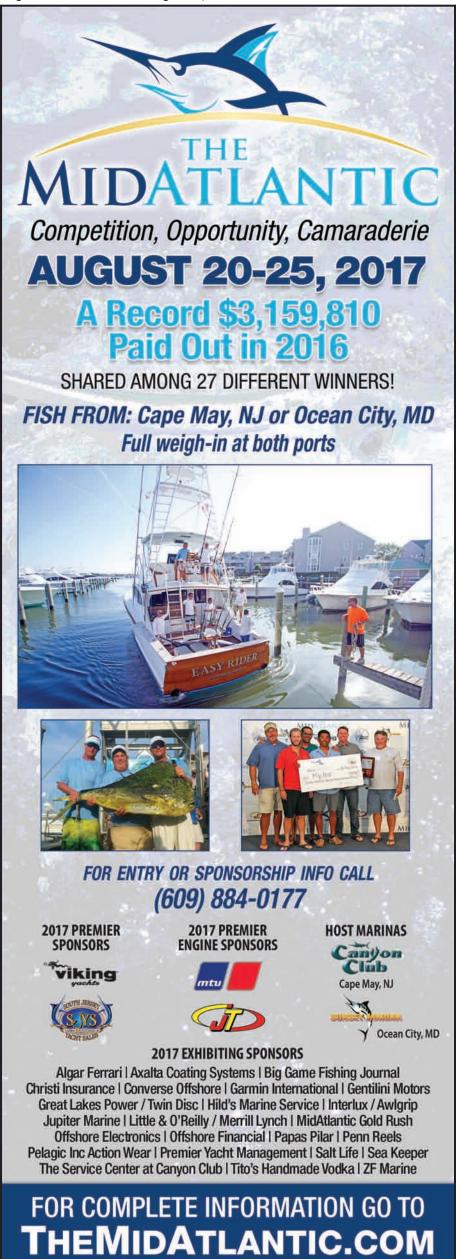


On the final day of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, Glen Frost of Stevensville, MD captured a 95.5 lb. white marlin, the 3rd largest in tournament history, to win 1st place in the White Marlin Division. It was Glen's very first white marlin and was caught while fishing on the "Wirenut" with Mike Williams, Jeff Jarvis, John Sippel, Jr., John Sippel, III, Capt. John Sippel and mates Brian Arni and Kevin Rohe. The 73-inch fish sported a fat, 30-inch girth and was hooked on a Black Bart Marlin Candy lure in 73-degree water, south of the Baltimore Canyon. Superstitiously, Glen offered up a \$.25 donation to the Fishing Gods and minutes later had the winning white marlin on the hook. For their 1st place finish, the "Wirenut" team earned \$1,654,800 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



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This 29-inch, 9 lb. 8 oz. doormat flounder was caught by Brian Coyne of Pylesville, MD while jigging a Spro bucktail tipped with squid at Site 10 off the coast of Indian River.







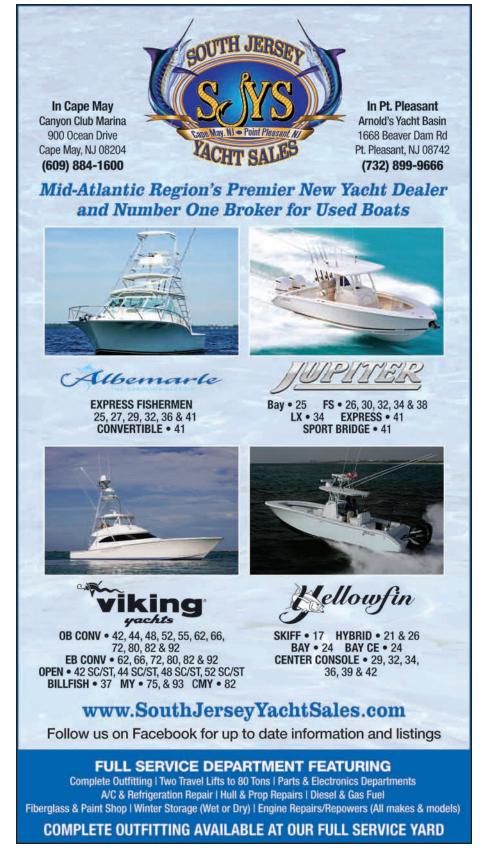




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After United States District Judge, Richard D. Bennett ruled that the crew on the "Kallianassa" was not entitled to the \$2,818,662 in prize money for their catch in the 2016 White Marlin Open, and the money was redistributed, the team on the "Hubris" took home \$2,792,137, the largest payout in tournament history. Pictured with Tournament Founder, Jim Motsko are Capt. Damien Romeo, Rich Kosztyu and Brian Suschke.





It was "thumbs up" for six-year-old, Colton Rhoad of Berlin, MD after catching an 18-inch flounder during a trip on the headboat, Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. Colton cranked the flattie in himself after he hooked it on a Gulp and cut bait combination. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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On the final day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, angler Brad Julio captured this 62 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with his dad, Lawrence Julio, John Facelo, Bob Brown, Jack Melocik, Capt. Joe Drosey and mates Andrew Dotterweich and Sasha Lickle. The yellowfin was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Weighed at Harbour Island in Ocean City.

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This 24-inch, 5 lb. flounder made a big mistake when it ate the squid and minnow combination being offered by Sherri Correll while fishing at the Old Grounds. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



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Ocean City Fishing Report by Larry Jock

We aren't seeing the best fishing out of Ocean City right now, but it sure ended up being enough to make the 44th White Marlin Open interesting.

Overall, it was a slow week. For example, during last years tournament, anglers hooked 1,389 white marlin, but this year only 409 were either boated or released. Blue marlin were fairly close with 30 last year versus 34 during this years tournament.

However, just because the total numbers were down didn't mean that the scales weren't exciting. Wednesday, Mike Donohue on the "Griffin" weighed an 86 lb. white marlin, the 9th largest in tournament history, to take a commanding lead in the White Marlin Division, a lead that not too many people thought would be overtaken. Mike's catch in the Baltimore Canyon sat on top of the leaderboard until the final day when Glen Frost and the crew on the "Wirenut" arrived at the scale with a 95.5 lb. white marlin to take over 1st place. This fish was a

stud, measuring 73-inches and sporting a 30-inch girth. The fish hit a naked ballyhoo, south of the Baltimore Canyon and was the 3rd largest white marlin caught in the tournament's 44-year history.

The final day of the event was super exciting with every early-arriving boat causing a change in the leaderboard. The white marlin on the "Wirenut" wasn't the only fish that had the crowd on it's feet. The "MR Ducks" hit the right before scale "Wirenut" with a 79.5 lb. white marlin caught by Joe Andrews that ended the tournament in 3rd place in the White Marlin Division. Their marlin was caught on a ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon, evidence that boats were spread out, searching up and down the coast for the winning white marlin.

The next boat in was the "Restless Lady" with the only shark weighed during the week. The 126 lb. mako was caught by Frank Snover in 50 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.

Next in line was the "Silly

Money" with the qualifying dolphin weighed throughout the week. Outside of billfish the numbers, having only 1 qualifying dolphin evidence of how slow the fishing was. Andy Cohen caught the winning dolphin on a naked ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon.

Following the "Silly Money" was the "Lisa" with a 59 lb. yellowfin that took 1st place in the Small Boat Tuna Division. Their fish was caught while chunking in Massey's Canyon. Incredibly, we didn't have any bluefins or bigeye tuna weighed the entire week.

The final day ended up with Jimmy Michael on the "Dawg Haus" bringing a 58 lb. yellowfin to the scale to take 2nd place in the Small Boat Tuna Division.

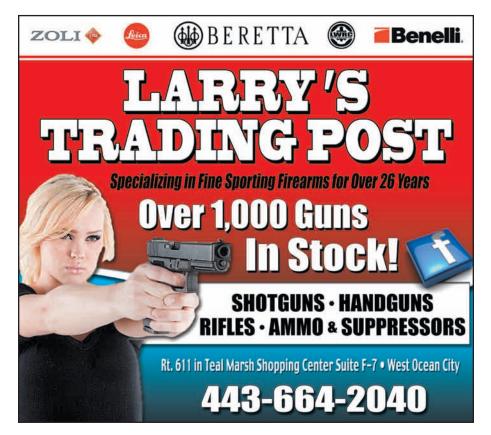
There were no blue marlin brought to the scale and only a couple of wahoo. The largest wahoo of the tournament was caught on the first day by Gary Capuano on the "Hog Wild". The 55 pounder was hooked on a rubber ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. The 2nd place wahoo came in on Thursday when Seth Obetz on the "G-FORCE" boated a 53.5 pounder, also in the Baltimore Canyon.

As mentioned earlier, the Tuna Division was wide open

www.coastalfisherman.net with only yellowfins being weighed throughout week. We all wondered when a bluefin or bigeye was going to arrive to break things open, but it never materialized. Joseph Sadler took 1st in the Tuna Division with a big 68.5 lb. yellowfin caught on Thursday in the Spencer Canyon that knocked a 67 pounder caught Wednesday on the "Blue Runner" out of the top spot. Earlier, the "Warden Pass" weighed a 67 lb. yellowfin that sat in 1st place for 15 minutes before being knocked out by the "Intents" and tying the "Blue Runner" for 2nd place.

The number of fish may have been down, but between the microburst that stormed through the weigh station on Monday and the battle in the White Marlin and Tuna Divisions, there was plenty of excitement to go around. Hats off to all of the tournament organizers and volunteers for another Marlin successful White Open.

Outside of the tournament, anglers fishing in the bay continue to struggle with small flounder dominating the action. Those looking for bigger fish looked in the deeper holes of the East Channel, but without much luck. Luckily, the flounder bite on inshore structure continues to get better and better with the Old Grounds still the top spot for bigger numbers and larger flounder. Fishing with strips of sea robin, strips of mahi belly and even Gulp artificial baits have been the top baits so far this





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Sea bass fishing continues to be hit-or-miss. Fish are there to be caught, but don't expect to get good numbers by fishing a single spot like most do successfully early in the season. Hitting several spots throughout the day with clams or squid will be the best way to return with a nice catch of knotheads.

We still haven't seen any large influx of croaker in our bays, but anglers are picking at them around the Rt. 90 Bridge, at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor and in the East Channel. Sabiki rigs tipped with Fishbite bloodworms is a proven technique to hook hardheads.

Around the Rt. 50 Bridge, anglers are finding small striped bass and snapper bluefish interested in their offerings of live spot.

Finally, we received some good news from NOAA. Effective September 5th, previously closed Federal waters for cobia fishing will

be reopened with changes in size and creel regulations. Check out the news column on page 59 of this issue for more details.

Upcoming Tournaments

This weekend is the famous Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girl's Open at Bahia Marina. This is considered the largest womens-only billfish tournament in the world with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. Weigh-ins are on Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning at 4:00 PM.

The following Monday is the start of The MidAtlantic Tournament. This event has really grown in popularity, with anglers fishing out of both Cape May, NJ and Ocean City, MD. It's a big money, 5-day tournament with local weigh-ins at Sunset Marina each night from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

See you at the scales!







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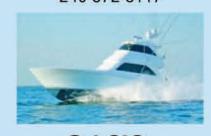


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After trying for many years, Bridget Bittner finally caught and released her very first white marlin while trolling a Fathom lure around the Rockpile on the "Reel Nauti".







On the 3rd day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, Mike Logan on the "Business" caught this 71-inch (LJFL), 76 lb. white marlin on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Mike was fishing with Dave Johnson, Scott Parker, Mike and Kyle Rich, Bob Shomo, Jr., Mike Rich, Jr., Tanner Johnson, Dave Bohan, Capt. Dave Goddard and mate CJ Janiszewski. The anglers also released a white marlin during their trip. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Mike Harrison from Wilmington, DE boated a pair of big flounder during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. Mike hooked the fish, measuring 23-inches and 24-inches, on strips of sea robin while fishing near "B" Buoy off the coast of Delaware.



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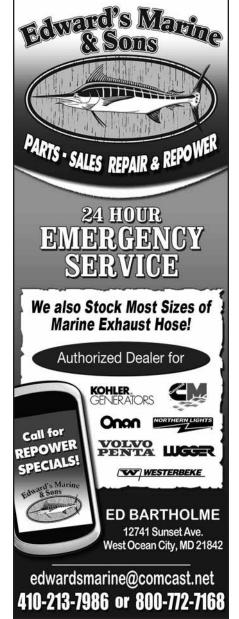
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I had a really good idea for my column this week. It actually came to me as I was writing my column last week. I have spent so much time writing about the White Marlin Open over the past few weeks that I thought it would be really cool to write about my experience as it happened this year. I was going to keep a journal from bait rigging on Sunday through fishing on Monday and beyond. This journal would have a breakdown of times, fish caught and anecdotal info from the week. For the folks that are fishing the tourney it would be a chance to see it through another pair of eyes. And for those who didn't have the chance to fish the tournament it would let them join in the fun. A really cool idea. Or so I thought. Well maybe it still is. Let me show you how it has panned out thus far. It is currently Thursday morning and I am on my second lay day.

Sunday August 6: First thought of the day, Sheeeweeee! I am a little hungover! Nothing better

than a breakfast at the Full Moon Saloon to clear the cobwebs and get me ready for some bait rigging. After wolfing down the Longliner Special it is time to head to the "Last Call" and get a little fishy. My mate, Mr. Evans, and I prep somewhere around four dozen baits, double check the tackle and give the boat a clean-up after fishing in the Ocean City Marlin Club Heels and Reels Tournament the previous day (Love me some mahi!!! My girls came through yet again!)

My charter for the week shows up around noon to square away our game plan. Three of the guys have been with me for a while and two of them are new. We make acquaintances. Enthusiasm level is high. To quote our leader for the week (and make sure you are singing it in tune) "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" The guys depart for the sign-up and tournament meeting. Mr. Evans and I square away the rigging, ice the drink coolers and triple check everything one last time. This has all been done under the watchful eye of my Dad, the senior captain on duty. The guys call and let me know that we are boat #241.

We will now pause for a brief highlight of Sunday evening. Over 350 boats in the tournament. Close to 5 million in prize money up for grabs. My good luck rum cake from Miss Paula of Sea Witch Rum Cakes was finally delivered by her hubby Capt. JoJo of the American Lady (best darn rum cake on the planet!!!). Sharknado 5 is on the TV. Look out Whitey, here we come!

Monday August 7: At 4:00 am the rods are out and ready. Everything is all loaded up. We are a little apprehensive about weather, but the wind isn't blowing yet. All the guys arrive by 4:15 and we are out of the slip by 4:30. There is a steady line of boats coming out the Ocean City Inlet, but it's not too crowded. The WMO fan base along the sea wall is there and cheering. I know I have friends waving and rooting us on, but it is too dark to pick them out. We pass the Sea Buoy and turn to our heading of 165 degrees. Southbound and down. Time to harass Whitey!

YO! WHITEY! Didn't you get the memo? Where

www.coastalfisherman.net are you? Why are you ignoring me? WT (ok, family friendly publication, we will just stop at What The???)

Several hours and building seas later, my day is wrapping up with 3 lonely mahi in the box. Nothing big enough to weigh. Thank goodness the seas are behind us or this could be an awful ride home.

At this point I think it is appropriate for you, my loyal reader, to set the paper down and go fill a bucket with water. After all I thought this would be a good way for you to share in the WMO experience with me. great. Do you have your bucket of water? Good. Dump it on your head. That's right, you heard me, dump it on your head. Because that is what it was like for the 3 hour ride home on Monday. Buckets of water dumping on our heads, the whole way. Talk about rain! But I guess it was even worse at the beach all day. Tornados tearing through the WMO headquarters at Harbour Island. All sorts of damage. And to top it off, no qualifying marlin at the scales.

Tuesday August 8: Lay Day! Regrouping time. Most of the fleet thought the same way as I did. After 130 some



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boats fished Monday, only 12 ventured out on Tuesday. The day starts with breakfast with my Mom and Wife. Dad was worried he would have to pick up the check so he stayed home... (and now we can pause for him to hit me with a rolled up Coastal Fisherman as he reads this!!!) But seriously, Mr. Evans stayed home for the exact same reason! Breakfast is followed up by trips to Walmart, Atlantic Tackle and All Tackle. No matter how prepared you are, there are always more dollars to be spent in the fishing world (and we will pause for Dad to hit me with a rolled up paper Several dozen again). ballyhoo later we are all set for fishing on Wednesday. It has to be better than Monday. As the scales close on Tuesday there are still no

Wednesday August 9: No wind. No rain. We roll out a little after 4:15 am. We

qualifying marlin.

are heading a little north of where we fished on Monday. And a little deeper. The seas are calm. For those of you that don't know, most boats have a Gremlin that lives on them. Apparently the Gremlin that lives in the engine room on my boat got mischievous during all of the rain on Monday. One of my electric outlets for my dredge teaser set up on the port side isn't working. Thankfully we have redundant systems, and with a quick switch up of tackle we are back in Around 10:30 business. something grabbed a hold of my port dredge teaser. After a game of tug-of-war, I pull in a balled-up mess of my red Squidnation dredge. The fish is never sighted and it never bites anything else. But the Gremlin was still going about his dirty business and now my electric dredge reel is stuck in the retrieve setting. So now we are out of electrically assisted back-ups.

Good thing we have a manual back-up plan. Two hours later something grabs our 80 pound outfit in the center of the spread. Unfortunately for us the excitement is very short lived and as quick as the bite came it went away. With the exception of some incredible laughs, we come home empty handed. El Skunkaroo. Yuck. Actually double yuck. WT!?!?! I hate getting skunked.

Overall, fishing was pretty slow on Wednesday, but a handful of white marlin were weighed, and a few of them made the minimum weight of 70 pounds. Right now, 86, 76, and 70.5 pounders are on the board. All of them are good sized fish.

Thursday August 10: That brings us to now. Lay Day number 2 at 10:15 am. I am almost done my column. Mr. Evans is meeting me at the boat in about 20 minutes

to put some new worms on the hooks, so to speak. My truck needs an oil change. I have a Gremlin to track down and spank. Some bills need to be paid. I hear about people having all sorts of fun on Lay Days. Maybe next year for me.

How will my 2017 WMO journey end? What does the tourney have in store for today everyone and tomorrow? Will I capture the Gremlin before he wrecks anything else on my boat? And more importantly, will I find the right fish tomorrow? All of these questions, and I am sure many others, including the roast beef for marlin bait technique, will be answered in next week's Fish Stories.

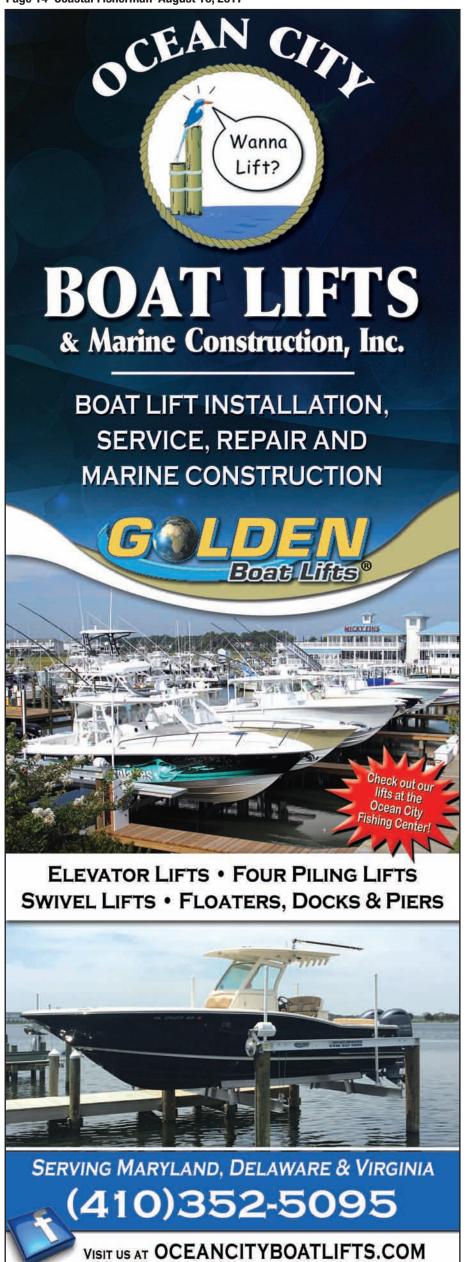
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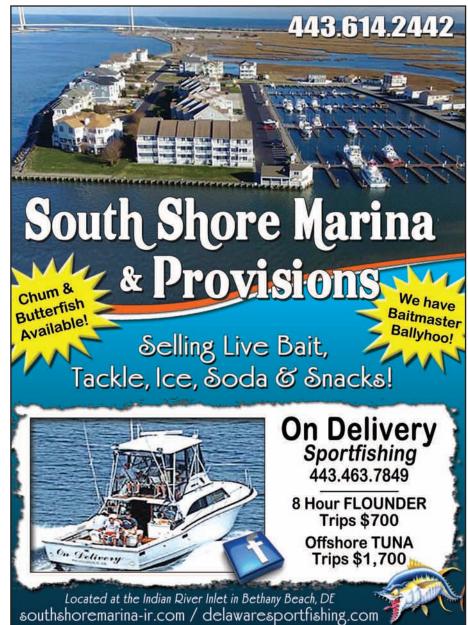


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Greg Pusak from Limerick, PA boated this 3 lb. black sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. Greg hooked the knothead on a chunk of clam over an artificial ocean reef.





The crowd was probably looking for free samples, but all the "Tito's Handmade Vodka Fishing Team" brought to the scale on the final day of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open was a 70.5 lb. white marlin caught by John Jackson from West Palm Beach, FL. John hooked the 72-incher on a naked ballyhoo 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon while fishing with Adam Dobson, Capt. John Mitchell and mate Andrew Eget. The also released a white marlin during their trip. Weighed at Harbour Island.



Chris Negley from Harrisburg, PA muscled in this 19 1/2-inch flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Chris hooked his flounder on a white Gulp in the East Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City, MD.



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Mike Glavich from West Ocean City, MD caught a 23-inch flounder on a Gulp and minnow combination while fishing with Mike Hoffman behind the Ocean City Airport.



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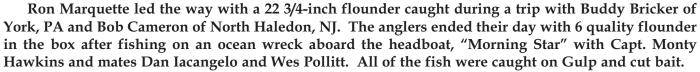
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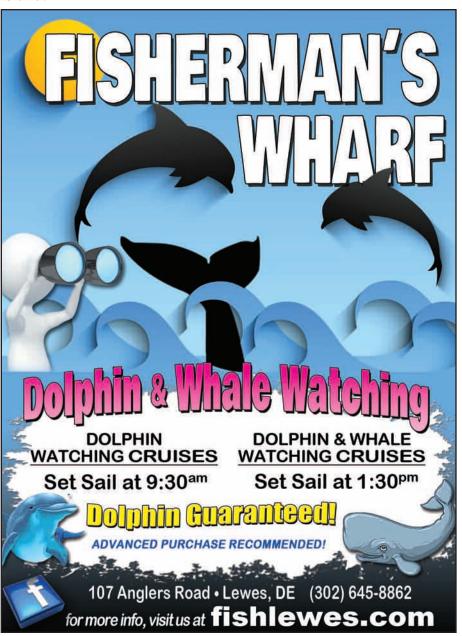
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During the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, Jeff Story captured this 58.5 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Ditch Digger Too" with Randy Sinnott, Randy Sinnott, Jr., John Whalen, Capt. John Ferm and mates John and Dominic Albanese. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The sea bass were snapping for this group of anglers fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt with fish caught up to 18-inches on clams and squid at an artificial reef. Pictured are James Bresnahan, with an 18-incher, Discus Hans, Mark Ozolins, David Konick and Jason Kolbe. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.







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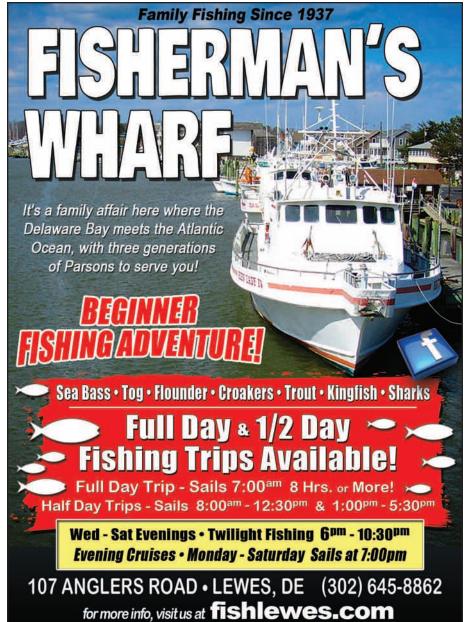


On the final day of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, Valerie Dunn from Grasonville, MD captured a 62 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "DA Sea" with Ed Dunn, Tony Trskov, Bob Wilson, Michael Varga, Capt. Butch Cox and mates Will Wangel and Climaco Rodriguez. The yellowfin ate a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.



Anthony Brozosky and Jason Destafney fished some ocean structure with live minnows and returned with 4 good size flounder. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.









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OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Thomas Guber, Justin Mease, Jeff Mease, Chad Gutshall, Pat Benson, Frank Felbaum and Mike Nauman hauled in some good size flounder, weighing up to 4 lbs. 3 oz., during a trip aboard the "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. The fish were caught while fishing with squid on ocean structure. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



On the 3rd day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, Casey Roohan from Stone Harbor, NJ caught this 70 1/2-inch, 70.5 lb. white marlin on a trolled, naked ballyhoo while fishing on the "Team Player" with Bill Roohan, Hook LeConey, Thomas DeRose, Mike Fitzpatrick, Doug Vaules and Capt. Will Roohan. The anglers also recorded a white marlin release during their trip. Pictured at Harbour Island.







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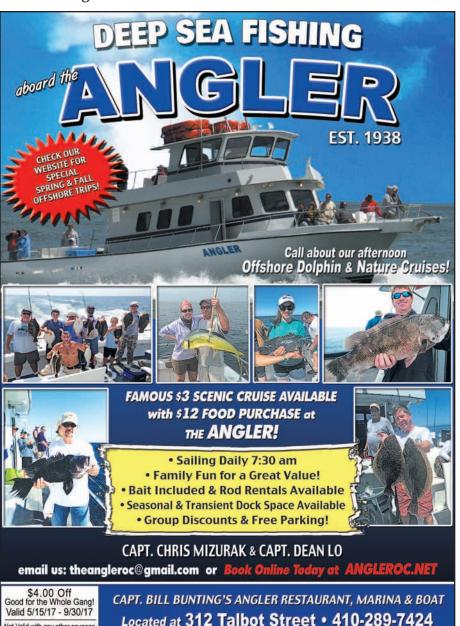
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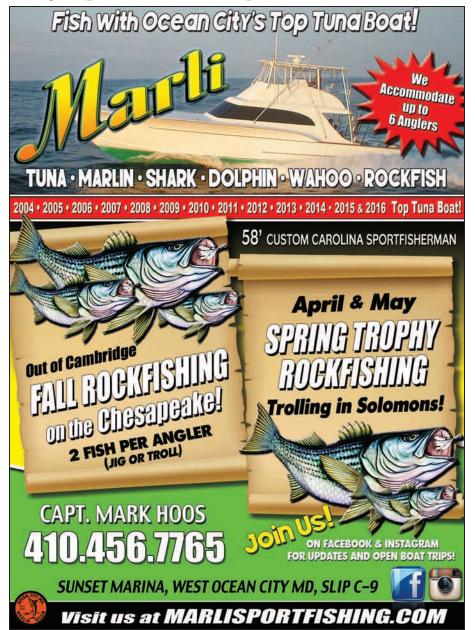
During a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts, angler Youseff Bouchentouf boated a pair of flounder, weighing up to 3 lbs. 8 oz., while fishing with clams at an artificial ocean reef site.



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While chunking inside of Massey's Canyon, Steven Daugherty and his dad, Wayne Daugherty captured this 50 lb. yellowfin tuna during a trip aboard the "Reel Escape".





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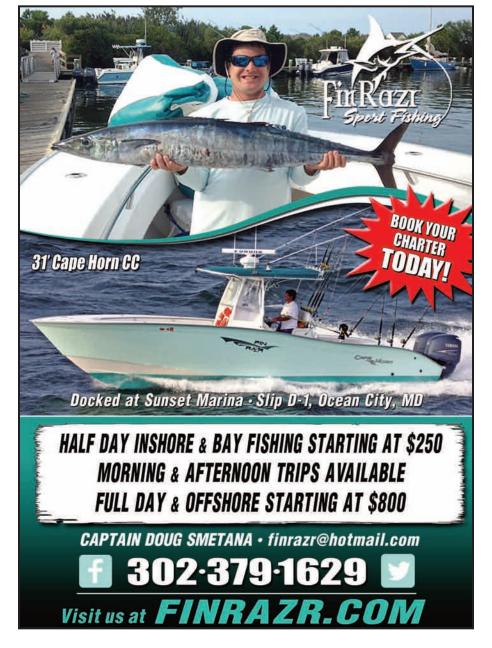
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While chunking at the Hot Dog on the charter boat, "Fin Razr" with Capt. Doug Smetana, angler Justin Burghauser from Baltimore, MD hooked into this good size female dolphin, estimated to weigh around 16 lbs. The "Fin Razr" is docked at Sunset Marina.









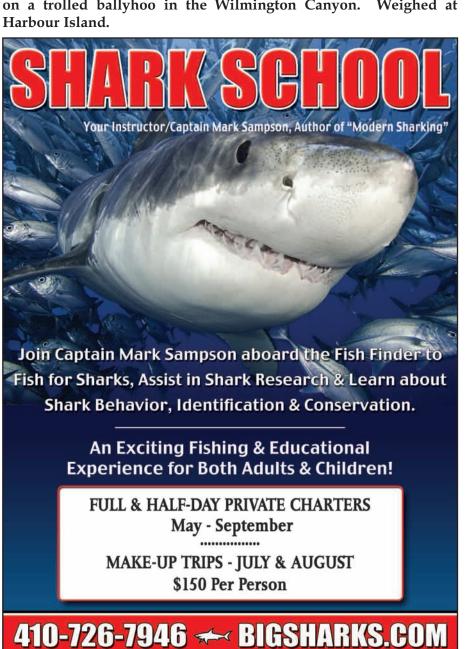
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Angler Stephen Schwing of Catonsville, MD caught this 55 lb. yellowfin tuna on the 3rd day of the White Marlin Open while fishing on the "Fish Whistle" with Dave Gorelick, Pat Horning, Capt. Charlie Horning and mate Walt Schrade. The fish was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. Weighed at Harbour Island





Angler Tyler Hudson boated this dolphin, estimated to weigh 10 lbs, while fishing in the Baltimore Canyon on the "Pandion II" with Mason Coursey, Kayla Coursey and Capt. Joe Hudson.



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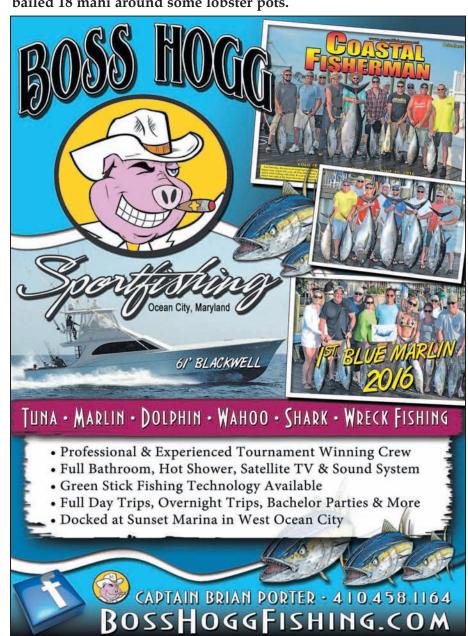
Phoebe, George and Alec Steiger from Belcamp, MD pose with part of their catch while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. The flounder was 20-inches and ate a Gulp and cut bait combination over natural ocean bottom.



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Jeff Fenstermacher, Jock Bowers, Brian Fenstermacher and Jim Whittam ventured down to the Washington Canyon where they bailed 18 mahi around some lobster pots.

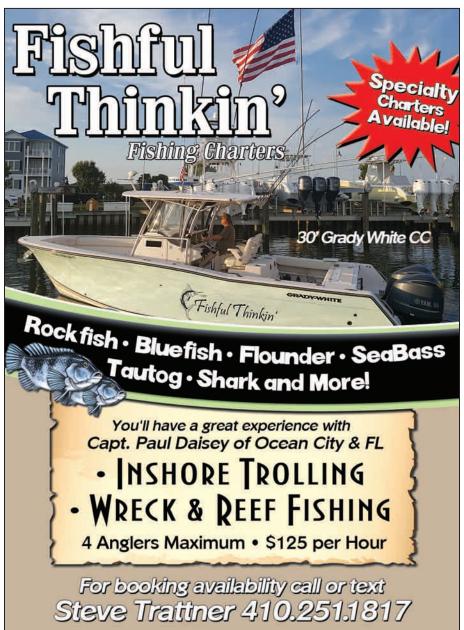








Dave and Chris Iredell took a trip on the headboat, "Judy V" and caught a pair of flounder on squid and shiner combinations. Chris' flattie led the way, measuring 24-inches and weighing 4 lbs. 10 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.





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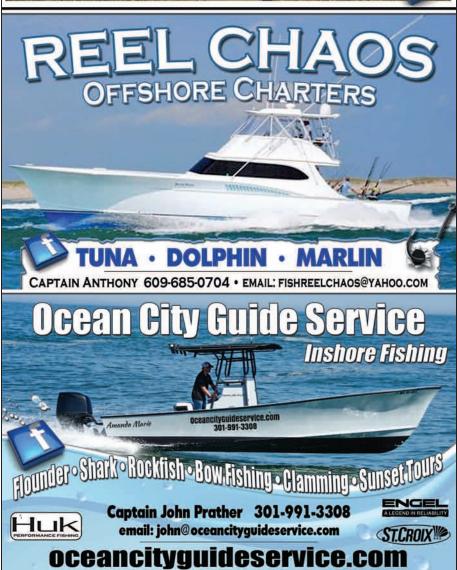
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OCEAN FISHING CHARTE



Kayla Coursey (pictured), Joe Hudson and Tyler Hudson were trolling in the Baltimore Canyon on the "Pandion II" with Capt. Joe Hudson when Kayla captured this female dolphin. The anglers also recorded 2 white marlin releases and caught another 5 mahi.







Shane Glatfelter (pictured), Matt Wiltison and Capt. Brett Glatfelter were fishing on the charter boat, "Just Got Reel" at a Delaware Bay reef site where they found a 3 to 1 throwback ratio but managed to pull in knotheads weighing up to 3 lbs.

LICENSE FREE FISHING AREAS

There are several locations in Worcester County where anglers are not required to purchase a fishing license. Anglers are required to observe all other fishing laws and regulations. A free MD/PRFC angler registration is also required for anglers fishing without a license in designated license free fishing areas, you may register online through the Maryland licensing system at:

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BAY FISHING CHARTERS



Shana Sborz from Minersville, PA took largest fish honors during a trip aboard the headboat, "Tortuga" with an 18 1/2-inch, 2 lb. 6 oz. flattie hooked on a squid and shiner combination in the East Channel. Shana was fishing with John Barrick of Harrisburg, PA, who caught an 18-incher in the bay behind Assateague Island, Capt. Drew Zerbe and mates Serge Garder and Matt Harris. Pictured back at the dock at Bahia Marina.



Mark Ensor was fishing with a live spot around the Rt. 90 Bridge when he hooked into this 20-inch weakfish.







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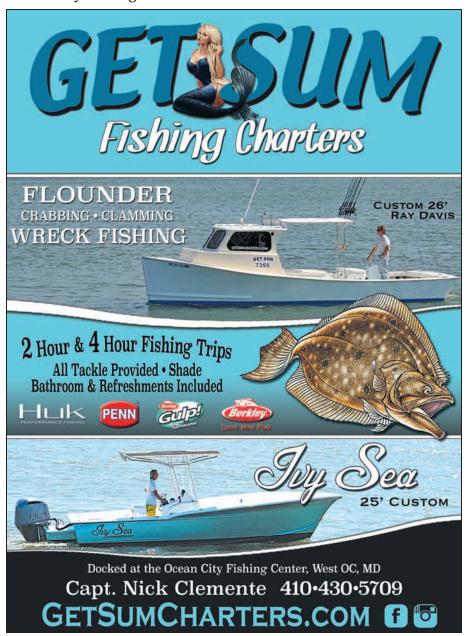
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Gary Helm muscled in this 25-inch, 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Cooper and Dantha Helm, Brooke Duvall, Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The big flattie, along with an 18 1/2-incher, was hooked on a white Gulp in the East Channel. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Jimmy Dove is smiling on the inside after catching a couple of flounder in the Indian River Inlet. Jimmy hooked both fish on 5-inch Gulp Swimming Mullets with one flattie coming in at 20-inches and weighing 3 lbs. and the other measuring 23-inches and weighing 4 lbs. 6 oz. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.







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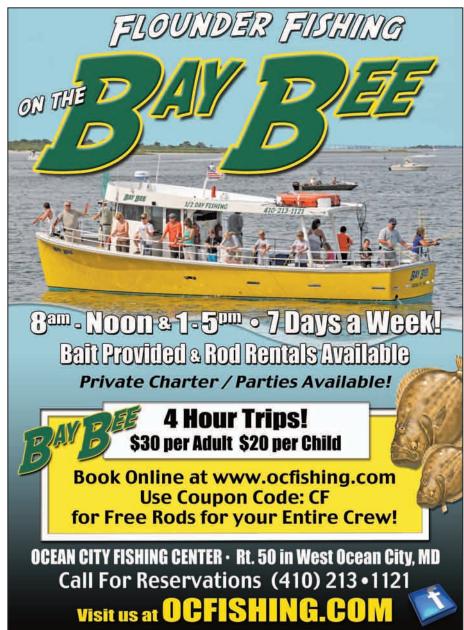


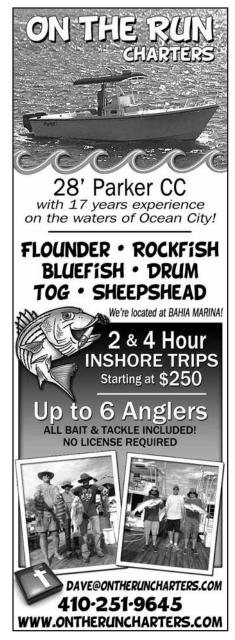
Michael Brelick from Newark, DE caught his very first keeper flounder while drifting a live minnow in the Indian River Inlet. Michael's flattie measured 22-inches and weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



John Carpenter and Lisa Barnhart from Frederick, MD returned with an 18-inch flounder in the box that was hooked on a Gulp artificial bait in the East Channel. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "On the Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey.











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Delaware Pishing Report by Jarry Jock

Every summer, we hit a couple of weeks where it seems like fishing really slows down, and we are definitely in that time period right now. Every person you talk to, no matter where they are fishing, is complaining about the same thing.

Capt. Bert Adams at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina said that fishing is slow all around Indian River right now. In the Inlet, like down in Ocean City, everyone is complaining about the large number of small flounder. Some have said that they had to catch 40 short flatties before they got their keeper. The 1 or 2 keepers a day that they are seeing in the shop are

mainly being caught at the end of the incoming tide by the Campground and near the Coast Guard Station.

Small fish aren't limited to flounder either. Short striped bass are also being caught along the rocks at night.

There was one night last week where anglers found an influx of bluefish, but the bite didn't last very long.

In the back bays, Bert said they are hearing about short flounder, in the 14-inch range, in addition to triggerfish being caught along the rocks at Massey's Landing boat ramp.

In the Delaware surf, Bert said that angles are hooking into small croakers and a lot of sharks. Smaller sharks are being caught during the day and larger ones have been hungry at night. Sand tigers have been absent, but surfcasters are catching sandbars in the 5-foot range and duskies measuring 3 to 5-feet in length.

On the inshore lumps, anglers are still finding small, snapper bluefish along with king mackerel, some triggerfish, black drum, weakfish and flounder. Triggerfish and black drum have been eating sand fleas offered by anglers anchored over inshore wrecks.

Bert said that the ocean flounder bite is definitely improving, but the conditions have to be good. If conditions aren't www.coastalfisherman.net

favorable, it's not even worth trying. The Old Grounds continues to be the hot spot for those looking for larger fish. Dropping Spro bucktails tipped with bellies or Gulp have produced the best results.

Offshore anglers have been really disappointed lately with slow bites all around. Bert did say that yellowfins some were caught by a group of anglers chunking in Massey's Canyon, but other than that not much was brought back to the dock. Anglers looking for marlin are really spread out, searching everywhere from the Spencer Canyon down to the Washington Canyon. The results from the White Marlin Open provides a good snapshot on white marlin fishing right now. Last year, there were 1,300 whites released during the 5-day tournament. This year, there were 390. For





blue marlin, the results were pretty similar year-over-year (34 vs 30).

At Rick's Bait & Tackle, Mike Behney hasn't been hearing much from anglers drifting in the Lewes Canal. Some are even telling Mike that they are giving up because the flounder bite has been so bad. Like everywhere, anglers are incredibly frustrated with the large number of short flounder.

Out at the Ice Breakers and the Walls, sheepshead and triggerfish continue to be caught by anglers who are using sand fleas for bait.

A lot of small weakfish are in the Delaware Bay right now, especially around Sites 8 and 10, but anglers are finding a lot croakers milling around Site 10 interested in bloodworms.

The flounder bite around Site 10 had picked up quite a bit lately and those using the larger, 5-inch white Gulp artificial baits are finding better results. Action also improved on the south end of the Old Grounds, closer to "A" Buoy with fish coming into Rick's Bait & Tackle weighing up to 6 lbs.

On the east side of the Shipping Channel, between "A" Buoy and the Lightship, trolling spoons will give you a good shot at catching Spanish mackerel.

Mike said that a few of his customers caught keeper flounder off the pier at Massey's Landing along with bait size spot mixed in with small croakers. He also heard of triggerfish being caught along the rocks in the Indian River Inlet.

Offshore, Mike reported that anglers looking for tuna are still pecking away at yellowfins while chunking at the 12 Fathom Lump, but they have needed to go down to 30 lb. leaders,

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resulting in quite a few broken off.

At Fenwick Tackle, Matt Shoup said that The Ditch is producing small stripers in the 20 to 25-inch range along with some short flounder.

Anglers fishing around the Rt. 90 Bridge are still finding some croakers interested in Sabiki rigs tipped with Fishbite bloodworms. A few smaller red drum are also being found around the Isle of Wight Pier.

Matt said surfcasters are hooking into a few kingfish in the suds but most are targeting sharks, skates and rays at night

Upcoming Tournament

This weekend is the Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder Open on August 18th, 19th and 20th. Anglers can fish on 2 of 3 days in both Delaware and Federal waters with lines in the

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water at 7:00 AM and out by 5:00 PM. They can also leave from any port between Ocean City and Cape May.

It's definitely turned into a big money tournament with the winner receiving the choice of \$100,000 or a new boat. This year, the tournament is adding a 4th and 5th place to the standing with 4th place worth an estimated \$10,000 or a new jet ski from Short's Marine. Fifth place will earn the angler \$5,000 or a new jet ski. The winner of the Flounder Pounder Open will win \$100,000 or opt to receive a new boat from Short's Marine.

Registration is now closed and at presstime, I heard that over 300 boats had entered the tournament.

The tournament will donate \$50 per boat to the Beebe Tunnel Cancer Center.

Until next week, tight lines!







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John Webb, Jeremy Cooper, John Gravatt and Krystal Casey caught some nice flounder while fishing in the Delaware Bay. Their largest flattie measured 22-inches. Photo courtesy of Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



Paul Adamchick and Cam Adamchick caught 3 black drum, a triggerfish and a couple of croakers during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker. All were caught around the South Jetty with the largest black drum measuring 31-inches. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town on Rt. 611 in Berlin, MD.







Congratulations to all the White Marlin Open Tournament participants and winners. Multiple days in a row of tournament fishing can put a strain on the boat and crew. Long hard days on the water can put a strain on the best of shipboard systems and easily affect systems that are not up to the task.

An autopilot system is a necessity for the long runs to the fishing grounds in our area. A well tuned autopilot can make the 2 to 3 hour trip offshore much more enjoyable and comfortable for the captain and crew, in addition to saving fuel and time since the autopilot should keep your vessel in a straight line to your the way on destination.

An autopilot system is made of only a few parts, but all of them very critical and must be matched for each other and your vessel. An autopilot consists of a hydraulic pump, heading sensor, rudder feedback and computer. Outboard boats may omit the rudder feedback in lieu of the modern "virtual feedback" technology.

The autopilot hydraulic

is basically pump additional helm station that steers the boat using an electric pump instead of the helm wheel. This pump is usually a reversible DC powered motor, able to operate in either direction to pump the oil through the steering system, turning the boat as needed. While this is the most common, there are other set-ups for special power steering systems and the newer electronic steering systems like the Yamaha Helm Master and the Viking Viper system.

This autopilot pump needs to be of the proper size for your vessel and the size of your steering system. The pump size is selected by determining the capacity (volume) of the steering cylinders and selecting the pump based on a chart supplied by the autopilot manufacturer. Selecting an oversized pump can make the boat steer too quickly and an undersized pump can make the boat respond too slowly, both causing difficulty and ineffective autopilot control.

The installation location of the pump is also critical for



Ellie Adams from Havre de Grace, MD caught the largest flounder on the trip last week while fishing on the headboat, "Tortuga" with her dad, James Adams, Caitlin Kennedy, Capt. Drew Zerbe and mates Serge Garder and Matt Harris. Ellie's pool winning 19-inch, 2 lb. 14 oz. flounder was caught on a squid and shiner combination in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured back at the dock at Bahia Marina.

the performance and longevity. A recent autopilot troubleshooting call revealed a wet, salt encrusted autopilot pump mounted in the lazarette (under the aft deck) near the rudders on a large sportfish that is prone to having water on the decks in rough weather and while backing down on fish. The constant exposure to saltwater



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ruined the pump just when it was needed most, in rough, wet weather. For this application, there are better places to install the pump that will be just as effective in it's operation and would extend the life of the pump.

The heading sensor is another critical component. It is basically an electronic compass that tells the autopilot computer which way the boat is pointed and how much the boat turns when the autopilot pump The newest heading sensors incorporate modern solid state sensors, similar to what is inside a smartphone and can measure movement in many axes at the same time, helping to better control the autopilot. The mounting location of the heading sensor is very critical, far away from metallic objects that can affect the unit (just like a regular compass), out of the weather and preferably low and on the vessels center. A recent call to investigate an

autopilot system that suddenly began to steer "all over the place" was due to the crew storing metal spreader bars used for fishing too close to the heading sensor, causing erroneous heading readings that told the autopilot to steer the wrong way.

It should be noted that on an integrated navigation system with chartplotters and autopilot, if your boat icon on the chartplotter screen is crabbing (boat bow is not pointed in the direction you are headed) then you probably need to re-calibrate the autopilot heading sensor if no other problems are found.

On an inboard boat, a rudder feedback sensor is critical to autopilot performance, while some autopilot manufacturers indicate that a feedback sensor is not mandatory, your system will operate much better using rudder feedback. This is a small device that is mounted next to the rudders and connected by a small arm that

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moves the sensor in time with the rudders. This sensor also provides the information to the rudder display so the captain can see where the rudders are turned to or if they are centered before you get to the dock.

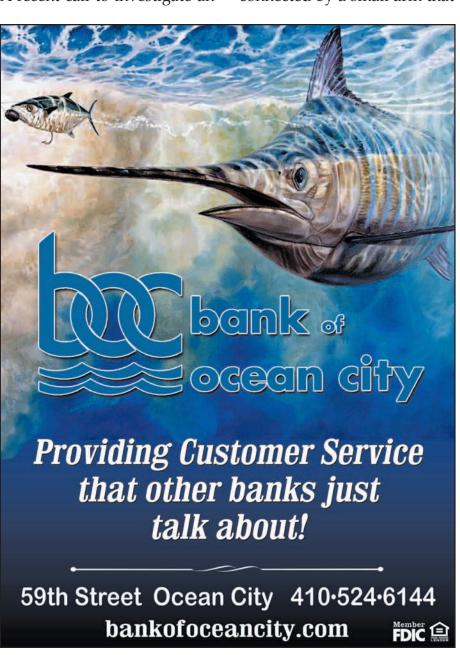
The autopilot computer is the brains behind the system and usually where all of the external components are connected. This computer should be mounted in a clean, dry location, usually at or near the other navigation electronics and is controlled using a dedicated display and or a chartplotter display.

While there are other components of some autopilot

systems, they make up the most critical parts, and all of these pieces need to be selected for your specific vessel and installation method.

The set-up, calibration and adjustments are very critical and may need to be completed more than once to optimize the system for your needs.

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.











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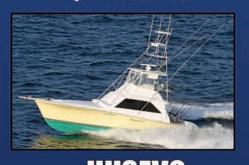
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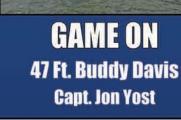


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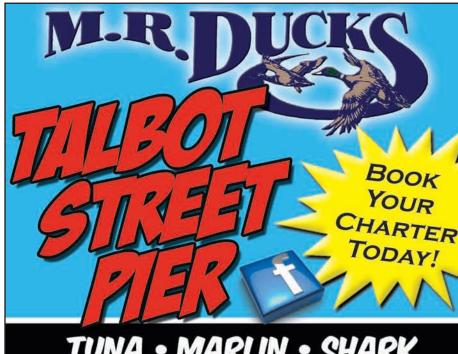
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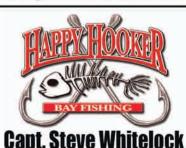
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On the fourth day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, Jim Murray caught a 64 lb. yellowfin tuna on a green machine in the Washington Canyon. Jim was fishing on the "Caitlin" with Nick Carbone, Greg Murray, Pete Murray, Mike Murray, Capt. Jason Kittle and mates Dan Fret and Jerry Malanga. Pictured at Harbour Island.







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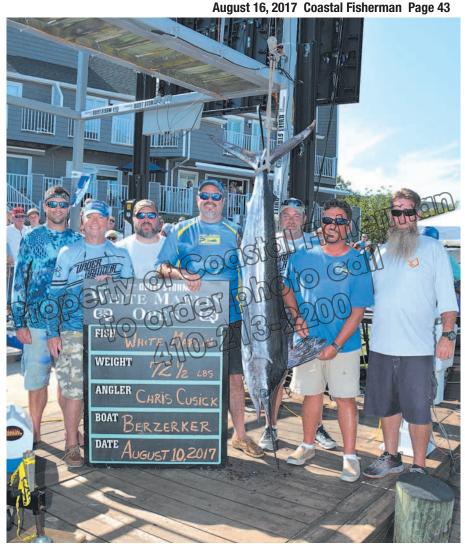








The first shots have been fired in "The Great Flounder Battle of Frankford, DE"! Bruce Lynch and Scott Taylor ended their day with 8 flatties and a 3 lb. 14 oz. sea bass in the box after fishing with belly meat at the African Queen. Bruce's 24 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 15 oz. flounder was the largest caught during the trip. Opposition forces led by David Steen and his mates will be looking to regain the lead from Bruce and his team. Stay tuned!



On the fourth day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, Chris Cusick of Severn, MD caught a 68 1/2-inch, 72.5 lb. white marlin while fishing on the "Berzerker" with Jason Wetzel, Drew Somerville, Rob Grimes, John Bohn, Capt. Ed Gross and mate Rich Sies. The white marlin sported a 24-inch girth and was hooked on a trolled naked ballyhoo behind the Rockpile. Weighed at Harbour Island.

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	MD	<u>DE</u>
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"
Bluefish	34"	14 lbs. or 33"
Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Cobia	44"	-
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
Red Drum *	36"	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"

^{*} Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program

Shark:		
Blue Shark *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
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Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Bluefin ***	55 "	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size

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^{***} Use curved-fork-length measurements



to pan and cook 3 minutes.

Turn fish over, and bake for 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork or until desired degree of doneness.

Serve with salsa.

1 TBSP olive oil

Shrimp Scampi Cheesecake Appetizer submitted by Cindy Schmus

1 onion 6 tsp. minced garlic

1 lb. fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined

12 shells puff pastry, baked

4 TBSP butter

3 (8 oz.) packages cream cheese, softened

4 eggs

1/2 cup heavy cream

16 oz. smoked Gouda, grated

2 tsp. salt

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Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large skillet over medium-low heat, warm oil and saute onions and garlic until onions are translucent; set www.coastalfisherman.net

aside to cool.

When cool, pour off liquid

reserving garlic.

Cut shrimp into 1/2-inch

pieces, reserving 12 uncut for garnish.

In a large skillet over medium-low heat, melt butter

of the shrimp.

Cook shrimp for 2 to 4 minutes or until done.

and add reserved garlic and all

Remove center circle and a small portion of inside of cooled puff pastry shells.

In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese until creamy; add one egg at a time and beat until well mixed. Add cream, Gouda, onions, shrimp and salt.

Spoon filling into puff pastry shells.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until filling is browned on top.

Garnish with whole shrimp and chopped chives.

Serve.

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61/3 TBSP salt



Pink Peppercorn Mahi With Tropical Salsa

Salsa:

11/4 cups pineapple, chopped

1/2 cup red onion, chopped

1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

2 TBSP sweetened flaked coconut

2 TBSP fresh lime juice

1 jalapeno pepper, finely chopped

2 tsp. pink peppercorns, crushed and divided

Fish:

1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs

3 TBSP macadamia nuts, finely chopped

1/2 tsp sea salt, divided 1/2 cup light coconut milk

2 TBSP low sodium soy sauce 4 mahi fillets

1 1/2 TBSP olive oil cooking spray

Preheat oven to 400-degrees. Combine first 6 ingredients and 1 tsp. peppercorns in a bowl and set aside.

Combine panko, nuts, remaining 1 tsp. peppercorns, and 1/4 tsp. salt in a shallow dish.

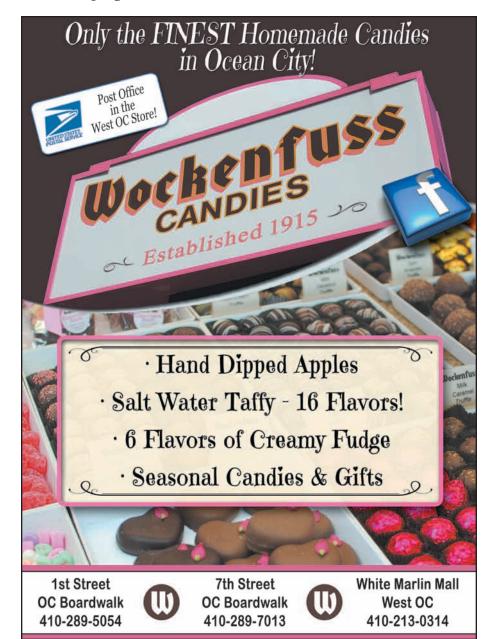
Combine milk and soy sauce in another shallow dish.

Sprinkle fish with remaining 1/4 tsp. salt.

Dip one side of fish in milk mixture and dredge dipped side in panko mixture.

Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat.

Add fish, crust side down,





- 3 2/3 TBSP ground celery seed
- 2 1/2 tsp. dry mustard powder
- 21/2 tsp. red pepper flakes, ground
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 tsp. ground bay leaves
- 11/2 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. ground cloves
- 1 tsp. ground allspice
- 1 tsp. ground ginger
- 3/4 tsp. ground cardamom
- 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Mix the salt, celery seed, dry mustard powder, red pepper, black pepper, bay leaves, paprika, cloves, allspice, ginger, cardamom, and cinnamon together in a bowl until thoroughly combined.

Store in an airtight container.

Shrimp and Zucchini Noodles

1 lb. shrimp, medium 2 cups cherry tomatoes

1/2 cup corn
2 cloves garlic
Zest of 1 Lemon
2 zucchini, medium
3 TBSP lemon juice,
freshly squeezed
Kosher salt

Freshly ground black pepper

1 TBSP sugar

1/4 cup apple cider vinegar

6 TBSP olive oil

Pine nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

To make the vinaigrette, whisk together olive oil, apple cider vinegar, lemon juice, lemon zest and sugar in a small bowl; set aside.

Lightly oil a baking sheet or coat with nonstick spray.

Place shrimp and tomatoes in a single layer onto the prepared baking sheet.

Add olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper, to taste.

Gently toss to combine.

Place into oven and roast just until the shrimp is pink, firm and cooked through, about 6-8 minutes.



During some pre-tournament scouting in preparation for the Paradise Grill Flounder Tournament, Carson Hazzard of Milford, DE caught this 22-inch flounder at the Old Grounds while fishing on the "Fish Frenzi" with Pete Renzi. The flounder was fooled with a Gulp Swimming Mullet. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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Gannon and Evan Burris from Lewes, DE were fishing with sand fleas on ocean structure when they caught this good size sheepshead. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Using a spiral vegetable slicer, cut zucchini into long thin strands, cutting through the strands with kitchen scissors for easier serving.

To assemble the noodles, place zucchini strands in a large bowl and top with shrimp, tomatoes and corn.

Pour lemon vinaigrette on top of the salad and gently toss to combine.

Serve immediately, garnished with pine nuts, if desired.

Parmesan-Crusted Crab Cake Bites

1/2 lb. fresh crabmeat, lump or backfin, drained

6 oz. cream cheese, softened

2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided

3 TBSP mayonnaise

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

3/4 tsp. Old Bay seasoning

1/2 tsp. lemon zest 1 egg yolk

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1 1/2 TBSP chopped fresh parsley

1 1/4 cup Japanese breadcrumbs (Panko)

1/4 cup butter, melted

Chive Aioli:

1/2 cup mayonnaise 1 TBSP chopped fresh

chives 1 tsp. Dijon mustard

1 garlic clove, pressed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients for chive aioli in a small bowl and set aside until needed.

Generously grease a 24 cup mini muffin pan.

Pick crabmeat, removing any bits of shell.

Stir cream cheese in a large bowl until smooth.

Add 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese and next 6 ingredients, stir until smooth.

Fold in crabmeat and parsley.

Combine remaining 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, breadcrumbs and melted butter in a medium bow.

Toss with fork until





breadcrumbs are moistened.

Spoon 1 TBSP breadcrumb mixture into each muffin cup.

Press into bottom and up sides to form crust.

Spoon 1 TBSP crab mixture into each crust.

Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool in pans for 5 minutes.

Run a knife around edges of crab cakes to loosen and gently lift cakes from pan.

Serve warm or at room temperature topped with Chive Aioli.

Crock Pot Lobster Bisque

- 2 whole shallots (or 1/2 mild onion), finely minced
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 29 oz. canned petite diced tomatoes with the juice
- 32 oz. chicken broth, low sodium
- 1 TBSP Old Bay seasoning
- 1 tsp. dried dill
- 1/4 cup fresh parsely chopped
- 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. paprika
- 4 whole lobster tails
- 1 pint heavy whipping cream

Put minced shallots and garlic in a microwave safe bowl and microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes or until the shallots are wilted and starting to turn translucent.

Add shallot and garlic mixture to a 4-quart or larger crock pot.

Continue adding tomatoes, chicken broth, Old Bay seasoning, dill, parsley, pepper and paprika to the crock pot.

With a sharp knife cut off the fan part of the very end of the lobsters and add those to the crock-pot.

Stir, cover and cook for 6 hours on low or 3 hours on high.

Remove the lobster tail ends and discard.

Using a blender or immersion blender, puree the soup mixture to your desired chunkiness.



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One of the early boats to arrive at the scale on the first day of the 2017 White Marlin Open was the "Slab Jack" with a 57 lb. yellowfin caught on a trolled ballyhoo. Tom Parlacoski hooked the tuna while fishing with George Csapa, Brian Dwyer, Capt. Mike Dwyer and mate Jared Brown. Pictured at Harbour Island.

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Add the soup back into the crock-pot if you used a regular blender.

Add your lobster tails to the soup, cover and cook for 45 minutes on low or until the shells turn red and the lobster meat is cooked.

Remove lobster tails from the soup and let cool slightly.

While the lobster is cooling add the cream and stir.

With a sharp knife cut each lobster tail in half long-ways and remove the lobster flesh from the shells.

Discard shells and roughly chop lobster meat.

Add back into the soup. Serve.

Fresh Linguine with Tuna and Sun-Dried Tomatoes

1 lb. fresh linguine 1/2 cup oil-packed sundried tomatoes

2 cloves garlic

1/4 cup pitted kalamata olives

2 TBSP chives, chopped 1/2 lb. fresh tuna

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Crushed red pepper

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook the linguine until al dente, about 5 minutes.

Drain the pasta, reserving 1 cup of the cooking water.

Transfer the pasta to a large bowl.

In a food processor, pulse the sun-dried tomatoes with the reserved oil and the garlic until finely chopped.

Add 1/2 cup of the pasta cooking water and pulse to blend

Add the sauce to the pasta along with the olives, chives, tuna and the remaining 1/2 cup of cooking water.

Season with crushed red pepper and toss well.

Serve immediately.

Skillet Tuna Melt

1 large baguette, torn into bite-size pieces

1 lb. fresh tuna

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1/3 cup mayonnaise Juice of 1 lemon





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1 TBSP yellow mustard
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 TBSP chopped fresh
parsley

Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350-degrees. In a large bowl, combine baguette, tuna, cheddar, mayo, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and parsley.

Season with salt and pepper. Butter an oven-proof skillet and transfer tuna mixture to skillet.

Bake until mixture is warmed through and cheese is melted, 18 to 20 minutes.

Serve.

Flounder with Corn and Tomatoes

2 cups corn kernels1/2 cup sun-dried tomatoes1 tsp. freshly grated lemon peelSalt

Pepper 4 skinless flounder fillets

1 small leek 4 sprigs fresh thyme 8 tsp. dry white wine 2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil 8 oz. spinach

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a bowl, mix corn, tomatoes, lemon peel, and 1/8 tsp. each of salt and pepper.

On a 12x15-inch sheet of aluminum foil, arrange 1/4 of vegetables on 1 side.

Fold 1 fish fillet into thirds and place on top.

Top with 1/4 of leek, 1 sprig thyme, 2 tsp. wine, 1/2 tsp. oil and a pinch salt.

Fold other side of aluminum foil over fish.

Starting at 1 corner, fold edges of paper over by 1/2-inch all around, overlapping folds until sealed.

Repeat to make 4 packets.

Bake in a pan for 15 minutes.

Place spinach in a glass bowl and cover with a damp paper towel.

Microwave on high for 2 minutes or until wilted.

Stir in 1/8 tsp. each of salt



While fishing off the Oceanic Pier at the Ocean City Inlet, Eric Bahn from Dillsburg, PA and Shawn Detmer from Salisbury, MD muscled in this 6-foot wide butterfly ray after hooking it on a Charlie Brown lure.







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Open packets; serve with spinach.

Mahi-Mahi Fish Tacos with Chipotle Slaw and Roasted Pinapple Sauce

Pinapple Sauce

2 cups chopped peeled
and cored fresh
pineapple

1/2 yellow bell pepper,
halved lengthwise a
gain and seeded

1 fresh red jalapeño,
halved lengthwise and
seeded

Juice of 1 lime juice

Salt

Black pepper

Slaw
1/2 head white cabbage,
thinly sliced
1/2 head red cabbage,
thinly sliced
1 bunch red radishes,
greens trimmed and
radishes sliced thin
1 bunch cilantro, stems
reserved for another
use and leaves thinly

sliced or minced

Dressing
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
3 chipotles in adobo,
 minced, plus 4 TBSP
 adobo sauce
1 tsp. garlic powder
Salt and freshly ground

Fish
1 lb. mahi mahi fillet,
skinned
1 TBSP sweet paprika
1 TBSP cayenne pepper
Salt
Black pepper
8 corn or flour tortillas
Cilantro sprigs for garnish

black pepper to taste

Make the pineapple sauce:

In a grill pan over moderately high heat, sear and soften the pineapple, bell pepper and jalapeno, turning occasionally with tongs.

Transfer the pineapple to a blender and add the lime juice.

Puree the mixture.

Season the sauce with salt and freshly ground black

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pepper and keep at room temperature.

Prepare the slaw:

In a large bowl toss together the cabbages, radishes, and the cilantro.

Make the dressing:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the dressing ingredients and season it with salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste.

Prepare the fish and warm the tortillas:

Prepare a grill for moderately high heat.

While the grill is heating, cut the fish crosswise into 1-inch wide strips.

In a small bowl whisk together the paprika and the cayenne and sprinkle it evenly all over the strips.

Season the strips well with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Divide the tortillas into 2 stacks and wrap each stack in foil.

Warm the tortillas on the

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grill, turning once or twice until heated through, about 3 minutes.

Remove the packets from the grill and keep warm in a kitchen towel.

Oil the grill rack, then grill the fish, covered, turning it once until it is opaque and just cooked through, about 6 minutes total.

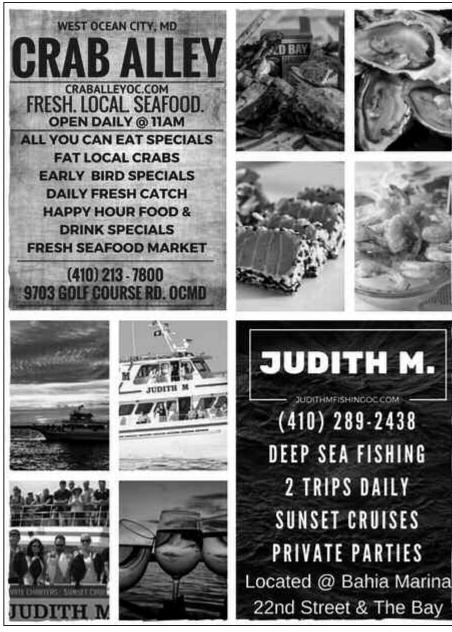
Transfer the fish to a platter and keep it warm, covered.

Assemble the tacos by drizzling the dressing over the slaw and toss it well.

Divide the fish among the tortillas and top it with the slaw.

Garnish the tacos with the cilantro sprigs and serve them with the pineapple sauce on the side.

If you would like to share your favorite recipe with Coastal Fisherman readers, you can email it to MaureenJock@comcast.net or mail it to Coastal Fisherman, 12748 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842.





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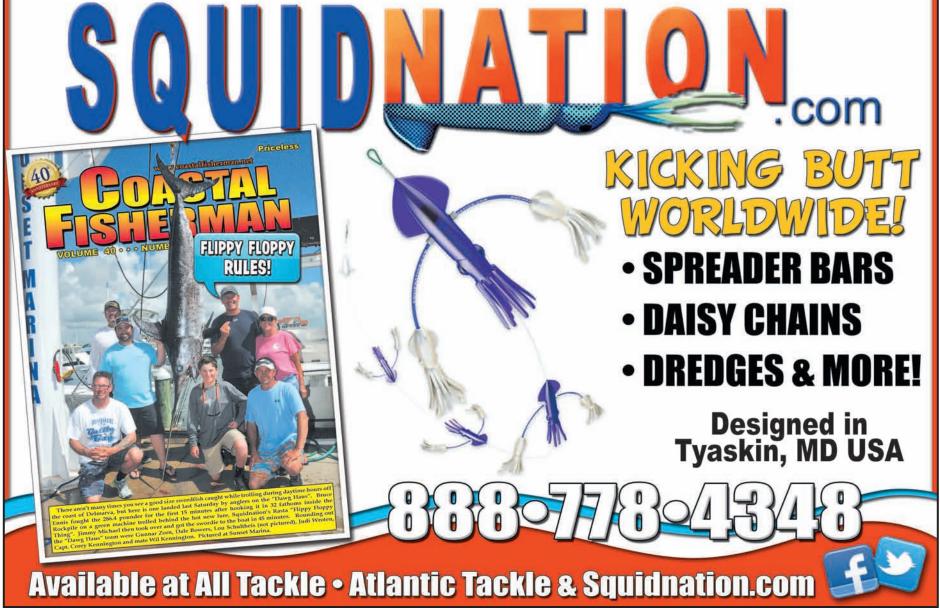
Connor Shoff, age 5, from West Ocean City, MD was drifting a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Thorofare when he hooked his first keeper flounder. Connor's flattie measured 17-inches and weighed 1 lb. 6 oz.



This lit-up white marlin, hooked by Mason Coursey, was 1 of 2 released this day by anglers trolling in the Baltimore Canyon on the "Pandion II". Joining Mason were Tyler Hudson, Kayla Coursey and Capt. Joe Hudson.

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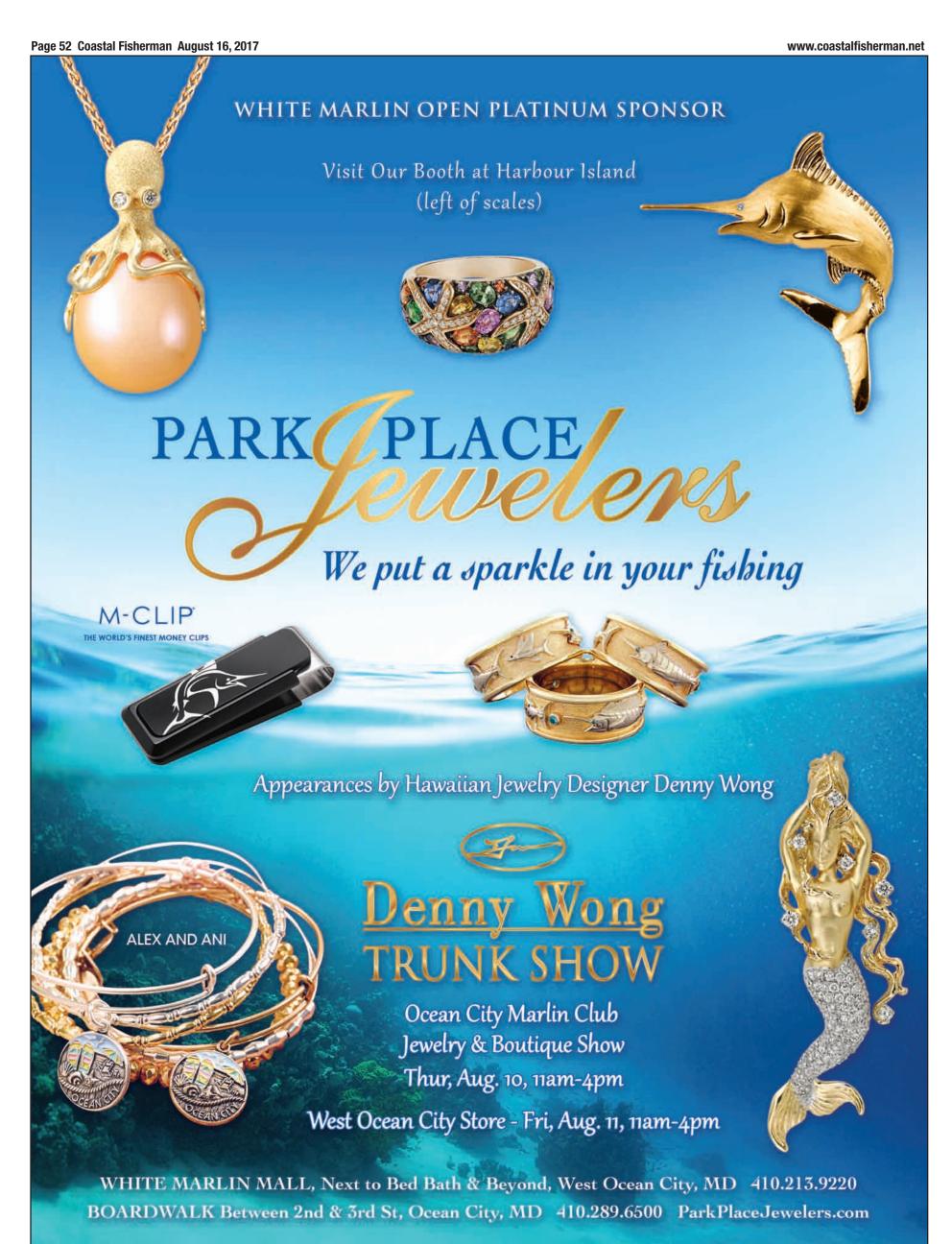




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On the final day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, Alan Sadler caught this 63 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Intents" with Joseph Sadler, Capt. Rhett Bailey and mates Garrett Penley, Kyle Francis and Van Wichers. The yellowfin was fooled with a trolled ballyhoo in the Spencer Canyon. Pictured at Harbour Island.



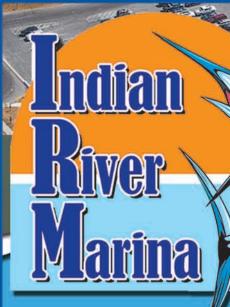
Connie and Sam Groff from Spring Valley, PA took a full-day trip on the headboat, "Capt. Bob II" and Connie caught her limit of 4 flatties (2 pictured) and Sam added another 2 fish to the box. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.





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Derek Porcollo and Xzauran Waters, both from Pasadena, MD caught 4 keeper flounder on bull minnows in the West Channel. The fish ranged in size from 17 to 20-inches and were caught on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Hayden Mass, Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Lee Baker.



Diane Crawford from Sag Harbor, NY was fishing over an ocean wreck on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts when she hooked this 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder on a bucktail.

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The nor'easter that pushed through here a few weeks ago gave me a couple days off to finish a project I've been trying to get done for over a month. Late last January, when I hauled it out of the water, I realized that the little 15-foot wooden boat that my wife and I use for clamming, exploring, trips to Assateague and just playing around in the bay, needed some serious TLC. The stem (bow) had some serious rot going on and needed to be replaced. Even for a little boat like that, such a project is not something you do in a couple days, so I had to table the task until after I got back from Florida in early May. Of course, by then I was knee deep in our fishing season up here and could only pick at

the little boat whenever I had a spark of free time over the last three months.

Finally, last Sunday with a brand new stem, fresh paint, a couple handfuls of fasteners, some globs of 5200 adhesive and a dab of West-System epoxy, the little boat slid down the ramp and back into the water where it belongs and will hopefully stay until the end of January.

The little plywood boat was built in 1968 and started it's life as part of a fleet of rental boats at "Captain Joe's Marina," which sat just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge where the Lazy Lizard Restaurant is now. We bought the boat about 20-years ago from Captain Joe's widow after the marina was long gone. It's my understanding that the owner

and his helpers made all their rental boats and this one he kept for himself after selling the marina. When we acquired the boat it had been sitting in an old chicken house off of Sunset Avenue for I don't know how long.

Suffice to say that it's an "old" wooden boat, and to keep her "right" over the years I've had the pleasure of replacing the transom, the seats, a couple of the bottom runners, as well as sanded off and re-applied more gallons of paint than I want to think about. Yea, compared to shiny, waxed fiberglass boats she's "different" but still "pleasing to look at" and my wife and I have had her so long she's certainly both a labor of love and a joy that has allowed us countless good times on the water.

Whether it's made of wood, fiberglass or metal, maintaining any boat is a constant learning experience that will have you dabbling in engine repair, sanding and painting, carpentry, fiberglass work, sanding and painting, working with knots and lines, sanding and painting, cleaning, waxing, varnishing, and did I mention that there would be a lot of sanding and painting? Folks don't usually buy boats just so they can maintain them. They get a boat so they can go out on the

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water and use them to do whatever they wish to do with them, whether it's fishing, skiing, sailing, hunting, cruising – whatever. But one lesson every boat owner quickly learns is the value of taking care of what they have. Boats cannot be neglected - they won't allow it

After a few months of being tied-up in a slip or parked in your driveway, without any attention at all, how much confidence will you have in that boat? Do you think that with nothing more than a turn of the key, your boat will be ready to whisk you out for a trouble-free day of offshore fishing? Boats don't just need our attention, they demand it, and if we let them down they're sure to do the same to us when we need them most to perform at their best. When you think about it, owning a boat, maintaining a boat and using a boat mimics the relationships we have with our friends and family. Boat ownership can teach us some a really good and basic lesson on life - "treat me right and I'll do the same for you."

Considering the aforementioned benefits of owning and taking care of a boat, I wish I could suggest that every kid should have one of their own - but we all know that wouldn't work.





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There are some kids that for one reason or the other should not be left alone to push around the waterways with their own boat. But for some kids, having the opportunity to maintain and operate a boat will translate to many good (and sometimes hard) lessons learned.

The first boat I had use of was nothing more than a little 10-foot dingy that my sister and I would paddle around the bay. The tough plastic hull was unsinkable, and aside from scooping out the mud and sand that collected from our daily jaunts to the local marshes and sandbars, the virtually boat was maintenance free. It was the perfect starter boat for an eight-year-old. Aboard that boat my eyes were first opened to the abundance and diversity of life that thrives in the shallows of Delmarva's back-bay waters.

The next boat my parents turned me loose on was a 14-

foot McKee Craft with an Evinrude 25 horsepower outboard. I was about 12 at the time and suddenly my world expanded from where I could "row" to how far I could "go" on a 6-gallon can of gas. Now that I had more of a "real" boat to take care of I began to learn much more about maintenance, repair and certainly the expense of keeping a boat. I also learned my first lesson neglecting a boat when I was in such a hurry to get it in the water one spring that I didn't paint the bottom first. In midsummer I realized the price of my impatience when the boat was so fouled up with growth that it wouldn't come up on plane. Days of scraping barnacles, sanding and finally painting had my boat back in shape and this kid back on the water with a hard lesson learned about getting work done first before going out to play.

Boat number three was a 19-foot center console with a

horsepower single 150 outboard and the first boat I actually ran offshore. I had the boat a number of years before I got my first LORAN (GPS hadn't even been invented yet) so I can't say exactly how far I pushed the little boat offshore, but I'd guess we regularly ran 20 to 30 miles off the beach. Since we never knew exactly where we were, and I only had a CB radio if we needed assistance, I became very aware of the importance of being able get out and back on my own. Routine and preventative maintenance was something I knew was important, but didn't know a lot about. So I made an effort to learn as much as I could, as fast as I could, and did my best to keep the boat in top condition. In 12-years of running offshore, she always brought me home. Running that little boat offshore taught me a lot about watching the weather and knowing that sometimes, no matter how

much you "want" to go fishing, there will always be times when Mother Nature suggests in her own way that you need to sit one out.

There are countless lessons in life that await young and old boaters with young or old boats. Our little wooden skiff is now pushing 50, but she's still able to keep most of the water on the outside of her hull and is always waiting to whisk us away to whatever adventure we point her "new" bow. She might be "old" but with a steady flow of TLC (and a lot of sandpaper and paint) there's no reason to doubt that she'll be around for a bunch more years - just another lesson in life.

Capt. Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat, "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Nathaniel Schneider from Basking Ridge, NJ is all smiles as he shows off the 17 1/2-inch flounder caught on a white Gulp in the bay behind Harbour Island. Nathaniel was fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Pictured back in the slip at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



This 27 1/2-inch, 7 lb. 8 oz. flounder was caught by Tyler Cook (center) on his first drift of the day in the East Channel. Tyler was joined by John O'Donnell, Kameron Shaffner and Steve O'Donnell. Also pictured is Peach.

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NOAA reopens federal waters to cobia fishing for recreational and commercial anglers

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The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced that effective September 5, 2017 cobia regulations will be set to allow for fish to be kept while fishing in Federal waters from Georgia through New York. These actions are based upon recommendations to NOAA Fisheries by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic **Fishery** Management Councils.

Since January 24, 2017, cobia fishing in Federal waters was closed because, in 2015 and 2016, recreational landings for Atlantic cobia exceeded the recreational catch limit and the total catch limit (commercial and recreational combined).

For the Atlantic cobia recreational sector, the minimum size limit will increase from 33-inches fork length to 36-inches fork length and the bag limit will be modified to 1 fish per person per day, or 6 fish per vessel per day, whichever is more restrictive.

The new rule will also modify the accountability measure so that if the recreational and total catch limits (commercial and recreational combined) are exceeded, NOAA Fisheries will reduce the vessel limit, and if necessary, shorten the following season.

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While tossing a shiner from the beach near the Ocean City Inlet, Marick Strickland from Glen Rock, PA captured this 18 1/2-inch flounder. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City.

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You won't find anyone happier to catch a 2-foot eel than Richard Szukiewicz from Towson, MD. Richard hooked the creature at the South Jetty on a shiner and squid combination while fishing on the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mates Serge Garder and Matt Harris.

















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1ST PLACE JOE SADLER "INTENTS" 68.5 LBS. \$866,553

2ND PLACE (TIE) JAMES BOYNTON "BLUE RUNNER" 67 LBS. \$90,380 2ND PLACE (TIE)

KRIS RAINEAR "WARDEN PASS" 67 LBS. \$52,950

WAHOO

1ST PLACE

GARY CAPUANO "HOG WILD" 55 LBS. \$27,841 2ND PLACE SETH OBETZ "G-FORCE" 53.5 LBS. \$26,841 3RD PLACE

3RD PLACE JONATHAN BENNETT "KAREN MARIE" 50.5 LBS. \$24,841

SMALL BOAT TUNA

1ST PLACE MIKE CUTLER "LISA" 59 LBS. \$112,050

2ND PLACE JIMMY MICHAEL "DAWG HAUS" 58 LBS. \$51,300

DOLPHIN

1ST PLACE ANDREW COHEN "SILLY MONEY" 23 LBS. \$74,841

SHARK

1ST PLACE FRANK SNOVER "RESTLESS LADY" 126 LBS. \$7,091

TOP RELEASE

1ST PLACE

"BAR SOUTH"

735 POINTS

2ND PLACE

"FENDER BENDER"

700 POINTS

3RD PLACE

"WELDOR'S ARK"

665 POINTS

TOP ANGLER

1ST PLACE
JACK OWENS
"REBEL"
630 POINTS
2ND PLACE
JOHN ROBERTS
"WELDOR'S ARK"
595 POINTS
3RD PLACE
KEVIN PENTO
"SINGULARIS"
560 POINTS

WMO STATISTICS

BOATS REGISTERED - 353

White Marlin
Boated 19
Released 390
95%

Blue Marlin
Boated 0
Released 34
100%

FISHING DAYS

MONDAY - 136 TUESDAY - 12
WEDNESDAY - 297 THURSDAY - 287
FRIDAY - 327







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On the third day of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, Mike Donohue from Wilmington, DE caught a 70-inch white marlin that tipped the scale at 86 lbs. to jump into the lead in the White Marlin Division, only to be knocked out of 1st place by the 95.5 pounder caught on the "Wirenut" on the final day of the tournament. Mike was fishing on the "Griffin" with Wes Schwandt, Chris Mason, Bill Babbs, John Groth, Capt. John Adams and mates Tim Smith and Bill Davis. The big white marlin sported a 30-inch girth and was caught on a naked ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. For their 2nd place finish, the "Griffin" team earned \$1,525,960 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.









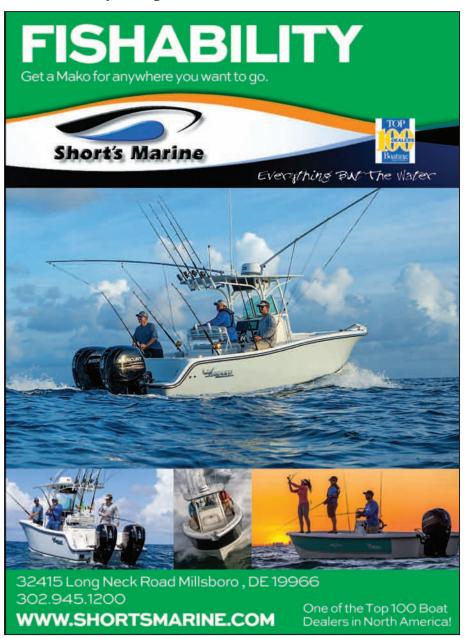
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Last Wednesday during the 2017 White Marlin Open, Joseph Sadler from Palm Beach Garden, FL (not pictured) caught a 68.5 lb. yellowfin tuna that ended the tournament in 1st place in the Tuna Division. Joseph was fishing on the "Intents" with Alan Sadler, Capt. Rhett Bailey and mates Kyle Francis, Van Wichers (both pictured) and Garrett Penley. The winning tuna was caught while trolling ballyhoo in the Spencer Canyon and won the team \$866.553 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.





Surprisingly, the only qualifying dolphin weighed in the 2017 White Marlin Open was a 23 pounder caught on the final day of the tournament by Andy Cohen of Ashton, MD. Andy hooked the dolphin on a naked ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon while fishing on the "Silly Money" with Cary Vandenbroecke, Mike Fagan, Michael Fagan and Ryan Fagan. For their 1st place finish, the "Silly Money" anglers earned \$74,841 in award money, one of the highest ever paid to the winner of the Dolphin Division. Pictured at Harbour Island.



One of the first boats to arrive at the scale of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open was the "Hog Wild" with a 55 lb. wahoo caught by Gary Capuano from Annapolis, MD. The wahoo took the early lead in the Wahoo Division and never looked back, earning the "Hog Wild" team \$27,841 in prize money. Gary caught the speedster on a rubber ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing with Gret Hutton, who released a white marlin during the trip, Jim Horning, Steve Hamilton, Victor Figueras, Capt. Jimmy Horning and mate Tylver Sudbrink. Weighed at Harbour Island.







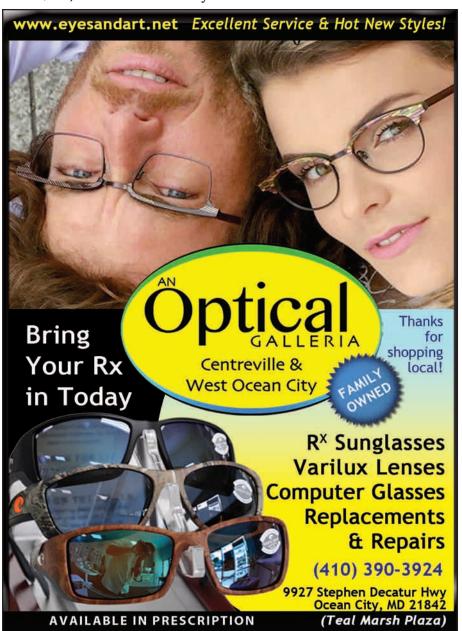
The final day of the 2017 White Marlin Open was an exciting one and the anglers on the "Restless Lady" certainly contributed to the action. Frank Snover from White Township, NJ muscled in the only qualifying shark of the tournament when he brought a 126 lb. mako to the scale. Frank hooked the 70-inch shark on a tuna fillet in 50 fathoms in the Washington Canyon while fishing with Mike Chandler, Kevin Gilson, Brent Kelly, Dan Sandorff, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Tito Benitez, Spencer Talbot and Sean Welsh. The 1st place shark earned the team \$7,091 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.



Second place in the Wahoo Division of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open was won by the team on the "G-FORCE" with a 53.5 pounder caught on Thursday by angler Seth Obetz of Manheim, PA. Seth hooked the wahoo on a naked ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing with Howard Berger, Glenn Orr, Gavin Obetz, Seth Bretz, Devyn Groff, Capt. Tony Diesel, Capt./Mate Marston Jones and mate Eric Strauss. For their 2nd place finish, the "G-FORCE" team took home \$26,841 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.



In the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, Mike Cutler from Leawood, Kansas took top honors in the Small Boat Tuna Division with a 59 lb. yellowfin caught on the final day while fishing on the "Lisa" with Justin Ranck, Larry Lehrke, Mike Cromwell, Capt. Stu Winsor and mate Justin Mills. The yellowfin was caught while chunking in 71-degree water in Massey's Canyon and earned the team \$112,050 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.







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On the second day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, anglers found miserable conditions, but that didn't stop those fishing on the "Blue Runner" from boating a 67 lb. yellowfin that ended the tournament tied for 2nd place in the Tuna Division. Jim Boynton from Scituate, MA caught the yellowfin while trolling a green machine inshore of the Spencer Canyon. Jim was fishing with Jamie Greer, Jarrod Keely, Dave Dunton, Lance Gildner, Mike Joseph, Capt. Mark DeBlasio and mate Jared Shukis. For their 2nd place finish, the "Blue Runner" team took home a check worth \$90,380. Pictured at Harbour Island.



During the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, Kris Rainear from Buena, NJ caught a 67 lb. yellowfin tuna on the third day of the tournament and held on to tie for 2nd place in the Tuna Division. Kris hooked the tuna on a skirted ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon while fishing on the "Warden Pass" with Frank Rao, Chris Clark, Max Sorensen, Ross Restuccio and Capt. Val Fichera. For their 2nd place finish, the "Warden Pass" team won \$52,950 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



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On the final day of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, Jimmy Michael on the "Dawg Haus" arrived at the scale with a 58 lb. yellowfin tuna to take 2nd place in the Small Boat Tuna Division, worth \$51,300 in award money. Jimmy hooked the tuna on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing with Steve Joyce, Charlie Pino, Judy Wroten, Calvin Holmes, Dale Bowers, Capt. Gunnar Zorn and mate Lou Schultheis. The anglers also released a pair of white marlin during their trip. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The second boat to arrive at the scale on the final day of the 2017 White Marlin Open was the "MR Ducks" with a 79.5 lb. white marlin caught by Joe Andrews of Ocean City, MD that finished the tournament in 3rd place in the White Marlin Division. Joe hooked the 71 1/2-incher on a naked ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon while fishing with Lloyd Lewis, Doug and Dicky Reynolds, Stephen Lewis, Jeff Carroll, Capt. Jimmy Hahn and mate Charlie Coates. For their 3rd place finish, the "MR Ducks" team won \$164.673 in award money. Weighed at Harbour Island.







On the final day of the 2017 White Marlin Open, Jon Bennett from Atlanta, GA captured a 50.5 lb. wahoo to take 3rd place in the Wahoo Division. Jon was fishing on the "Karen Marie" with Keith Fraser, Andrew Adler, Chris Conway, Rob McGowan, Kris Fraser and Capt. Dale Bennett and mate Jeremy Bendler. The wahoo was hooked on a Black Bart plug targeted for a blue marlin in 1,300 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon and earned the "Karen Marie" team \$24,841 in award money. Pictured at Harbour Island.



The prestigious award of Top Angler in the 2017 White Marlin Open was won by Jack Owens of Virginia Beach, VA. Jack was fishing on the "Rebel" with Capt. Randy Butler and mates Michael Butler and Fernando Sosa when he caught a 69-inch white marlin and released another 9 during his 3 days of fishing, earning him 630 points in the tournament. The 630 points also earned the "Rebel" a 5th place finish in the Top Boat competition. Pictured at the Awards Ceremony with Tournament Founder, Jim Motsko.



In the 44th Annual White Marlin Open, the "Bar South" won Top Boat honors, worth \$70,515, with 735 pounts for releases of 8 white marlin and a blue marlin during their 3 days of fishing. The "Bar South" team was comprised of anglers Rob Gothier, Carey Chen, Jeff Fountain, Rick Roesner, Paul Mitchell, Bradd Atkinson, Capt. Jim Mulcahey and mates Tyler Princinsky, Brett Jamison and Rusty Reddish. Pictured at the Awards Banquet.



Second place in the Top Boat competition of the 44th Annual White Marlin Open was won by the team on the "Fender Bender" for 10 white marlin releases during their 3 days of fishing. Fishing on the "Fender Bender" were Greg Fulch, Bryan Austin, Heath Fulch, Margaret Whittemore, Bobby Whelan, Jonathan Fulcher, Anthony Watson and Gregory Fulcher. Their 2nd place finish earned the team \$31,590 in award money. Pictured at the Awards Ceremony with Tournament Founder, Jim Motsko.







With 6 white marlin releases and a blue marlin release, John Roberts on the "Weldor's Ark" won 2nd place in the Top Angler competiton of the 2017 White Marlin Open. In addition to John's releases, angler Ellott Enslen released a white marlin to give the "Weldor's Ark" team 665 points, earning them 3rd place for Top Boat in the tournament and a check for \$15,795. Pictured at the Awards Ceremony with Tournament Founder, Jim Motsko.



Kevin Pento on the "Singularis" caught this 70.5 lb. white marlin in addition to releasing 2 white marlin and 2 blue marlin throughout the tournament to win 3rd place in the Top Angler competition of the 2017 White Marlin Open. Kevin was fishing with Mark Jankowski, Tim Bidey, Jeffrey Citron, Anthony Delgreco, Capt. Jerry Lanzerotty and mates Jeff Stolarz and Cody Williams. Pictured at Harbour Island







Tye Waters hooked this 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder on a strip of sea robin while fishing along natural bottom, just south of "A" Buoy on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley.



Andy Lano, Marvin Crouse, Mike Crouse, Scott Riniker, Steve Kibler, Fred Robinson, Sam Scott and Ernie Stone had an incredible day of fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. The fish were caught at the Old Grounds on squid and shiners. Ernie's 4 lb. 15 oz. flattie was the heaviest caught during the trip.





FISM of the (As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - TIES GO TO FIRST FISH REPORTED) **Delaware** Delaware **Species Species** Ocean City **Ocean City Sea Bass Mako Shark** June 15, 2017 June 16, 2017 June 4, 2017 May 28, 2017 100 lb. minimum **Shane Kline Stephen Pistoia** John Pendell Lee Vincent **Restless Lady Del-Jersey-Land Reef Elephant Trunk** "Fish Bound" 4 lbs. 2 oz. 564 lbs. 461 lbs. 5 lbs. 4 oz. **Tautog Thresher Shark** February 21, 2017 April 14, 2017 June 4, 2017 July 6, 2017 **Chris Pugh Sam Furest** Mike Haas Mike Fritsch "Morning Star" "B" Buoy Site 10 **Fingers** 9 lbs. 13 oz. 583 lbs. 417 lbs. 19 lbs. 4 oz. **Striped Bass Bluefin Tuna** June 16, 2017 May 10, 2017 June 5, 2017 July 1, 2017 **Neil Smith** Frank Perna Lee Savage **Scott Cornew** Assateague Island Poor Man's Canyon **Baltimore Canyon Bethany Surf** 39 lbs. 8 oz. 210 lbs. 43 lbs. 126 lbs. Weakfish **Yellowfin Tuna** June 10, 2017 May 20, 2017 August 9, 2017 July 24, 2017 Rich Daiker Joseph Sadler **Grady Kehl** John Kelleher **South Jetty Delaware Bay Spencer Canyon** Massey's Canyon 5 lbs. 6 oz. 67 lbs. 8 oz. 68 lbs. 8 oz. 7 lbs. 2 oz. **Longfin Tuna** Cobia No No No No Weights Weights Weights Weights Reported Reported Reported Reported **Bigeye Tuna Flounder** July 14, 2017 NEW August 12, 2017 June 16, 2017 June 18, 2017 **Matt Marceron Brian Coyne Greg Weber Matthew Gessler Old Grounds** Site 10 "That's Right" Poor Man's Canyon 8 lbs. 6 oz. 9 lbs. 8 oz. 180 lbs. 130 lbs. April 21, 2017 **Bluefish** May 4, 2017 **Dolphin** July 24, 2017 May 17, 2017 **Emma Matarese Alex Neiss John Gravatt Chris Middendorf** "OC Guide Service" Cape Henlopen Surf Massey's Canyon Norfolk Canyon 15 lbs. 12 oz. 18 lbs. 8 oz. 19 lbs. 46 lbs. Sheepshead July 3, 2017 July 1, 2017 August 5, 2017 Wahoo July 21, 2017 **Meghan Horning** Justin Nitchkey Hillard Head Sam Homic Fingers **South Jetty Pot Nets** Hot Dog 39 lbs. 9 oz. 81 lbs. 12 lbs. 12 oz. 9 lbs. 3 oz. **Black Drum** Most Releases in One Day (trolling only) May 11, 2017 June 1, 2017 White Marlin Zach Nagler **Paul Stermer** August 4, 2017 June 16, 2017 **Assateague Surf Brandywine Shoal** "Fish Whistle" "Reel Chaos" 40 lbs. 70.5 lbs. 1 Release 7 Releases

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Fri. August 18	Low 11:06 am	High 05:09 am High 06:06 pm
Sat. August 19	Low 12:14 am Low 12:08 pm	High 06:10 am High 07:07 pm
Sun. August 20	Low 01:10 am Low 01:06 pm	High 07:09 am High 08:01 pm
Mon. August 21 New Moon	Low 02:00 am Low 01:59 pm	High 08:06 am High 08:51 pm
Tues. August 23	Low 02:47 am Low 02:50 pm	High 08:51 am High 09:36 pm
Wed. August 24	Low 04:16 am Low 04:30 pm	High 10:34 am High 10:56 pm
Thurs. August 25	Low 05:00 am Low 05:22 pm	High 11:19 am High 11:35 pm
Fri. August 26	Low 05:45 am Low 06:16 pm	 High 12:04 pm
Sat. August 27	Low 06:30 am Low 07:12 pm	High 12:15 am High 12:51 pm
Sun. August 28	Low 07:16 am Low 08:09 pm	High 12:58 am High 01:43 pm
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