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The yellowfin bite over the weekend was hot and heavy, just in time for the 23rd Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament held at the Ocean City Fishing Center where the crew on the "Canyon Blues" won 1st place in the Total Heaviest Weight Division, weighing 597 lbs. of yellowfin tuna during their 2 days of fishing. The anglers weighed 5 yellowfin totaling 305 lbs. on the first day of the tournament and followed that up with a 5-fish stringer on the final day that tipped the scales at 292 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Larry Weekley and Mate Elson Myers were Jamie Romero of Glenwood, MD, Tom Howe of Pittsville, MD, Russell and Matt Crim from Stevensville, MD and Justin Schaub from Baltimore, MD. On both days, the fish were caught in the Wilmington Canyon on trolled ballyhoo and were worth \$162,257 in award money.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



Another example of how times have changed—at last week's registration for the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, I overheard one captain complaining that he had caught three white marlin that day, but no tuna. On the other hand, it doesn't seem that long ago when many offshore captains would get ticked off if they were "covered up" by tuna that messed up their marlin baits. They would deliberately run away from tuna. Of course, in those days, the baits were probably carefully handsewn squids. The next day, the first day of tuna tournament fishing, a decent number of white marlin were caught and released, and some captains complained they couldn't get away from the whites. One captain even said he had a marlin trying to eat a spreader bar that was just hanging off the side of the boat.

Of course, there were a few hardcore marlin fishermen who also moaned that they couldn't believe they were trying to get away from the whites. Offshore fishing along much of the mid-Atlantic has definitely changed over the years, from a fishery that targeted marlin to one that aims for the "meatfish", mainly tuna and dolphin. Anymore, most of the actual marlin fishing is only concentrated around a few of the largest late season tournaments, and there are a few boat captains and owners in the Ocean City area who target billfish in the competition for seasonal awards presented by the Ocean City Marlin Club. Unfortunately, it seems, there are fewer and fewer anglers who charter boats simply to go marlin fishing. Of course, it may have something to do with how the fishery itself has changed. Years ago, you could make a day white

marlin fishing from the Jackspot out to the 30 fathom line—last week, most of those whites were caught up in or near the Spencer Canyon—almost 100 miles away...

One interesting coincidence at the tuna tournament came when fishermen on the "Canyon Blues" with Capt. Larry Weekley weighed their tuna on the first day. Two junior anglers from the Stevensville, MD area boated identical 55 lb. yellowfins. Amazingly, on Sunday they came to the dock again, and both had caught identical 65 lb. yellowfins. The boys, Russell and Matt Crim, are both 16 years old. No, they are not twins, but two out of three triplets...the third party is a sister, but she didn't make the trip...

After I wrote about the new Saltwater Angler Registry last week, I got an e-mail from a gentleman who planned to charter a boat for the upcoming White Marlin Open. His understanding of the Registry requirement was that if he was fishing only on a charter or party boat he did not need to register. He is correct, and I should have

included this exclusion in my explanation. I assumed that most folks who charter a boat or go on a party boat, however, probably fish somewhere else as well, and the key word is here "only." If you do any other type of saltwater fishing, such as from a bridge or pier or a day of flounder fishing with a friend, you are technically required to register...



In the past few years, surf fishing for sharks in the summer months has become more and more popular. The growing popularity of using kayaks to take large baits out behind the sandbar has made success rates climb. It may surprise some swimmers to see the size of some of the sharks that are being caught from the beaches, but the sharks have always been there, and as far as I know they have never bothered anyone, around here at least (I don't think I'd go swimming at night, however). The question I received recently, however, is more about the welfare of the sharks than the people. Many of the sharks that are being caught are protected by

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Kaycee Compher of Hillsborough, NJ caught one of the largest dolphin we have seen come off the "Morning Star" in recent years, muscling in this 13 lb. 10 oz. mahi while fishing with Tye Wagner, also from Hillborough, NJ, Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. The dolphin was hooked on a trolled OC Lures green machine on the way to an ocean wreck. The duo caught 7 keeper sea bass during the trip included Tye's 2 lb. 12 oz. knothead pictured.



On Sunday, Jacob Frank of Ellicott City, MD reeled in this 24-inch flounder during a morning trip aboard the "Pony Island Express" with Capt. Alan Bowmaster and Mate Matt Graves. Jacob hooked the big flattie on a minnow & squid combination on the north end of the Sinepuxent Bay. Pictured at Old Town Marina.

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On July 7th, the yellowfin bite in the Spencer Canyon really turned on and the crew on the "Billfisher" was there to capitalize on it. Fishing with Capt. Jon Duffie and Mate John Prather were Eric Ciazza from Frederick, MD, Jeremy Duffie and Shane Pollin from Bethesda, MD, Keith Gillan from Ellicott City, MD and Marc Wertheimer from Potomac, MD. The crew ended their day with 13 yellowfin in the box in addition to Keith's white marlin release. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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law. You can't keep a sand tiger or a sandbar shark, for instance, two of the more popular species targeted by beach anglers. The question is—are the sharks being injured when they are brought up on the beach before release? Well, it's only my opinion, but to me it's no different than handling any other fish you plan to release. First of all, I assume most anglers would have sense enough not to gaff the shark and drag it up on the sand. That said, the key to their survival is probably removing the hook and getting the shark back into the surf as soon as possible. Most anglers are using large circle hooks, which make removal easier, but I would still invest in a good deep throat de-hooker, size large. Every minute the sharks are out of the water lessens their chance of survival. On the other hand, sharks are pretty tough critters, and if there is no physical injury to their gills or internal organs, I think they've got a pretty good chance of going on their way. Sitting on top of the shark and pulling its mouth open for a "hero shot,"

however, probably doesn't help its chances. If you want a photo, have a friend ready with the camera as soon as you beach the fish, then kneel down behind it, get a quick shot and slide the shark back into the surf...

...Before I leave the subject, all my life I have heard people refer to small sharks caught on the beach as "sand sharks." As far as I know, however, there is really no such thing as a "sand shark." Most of the small sharks in the surf are one of two species, the smooth dogfish or the sandbar. The smooth dogfish is generally much smaller, with a pointy snout, fairly large eyes and no teeth. The sandbar shark, on the other hand, gets much larger and has a pretty good set of small triangular teeth. They are often called "brown sharks". The average size in the surf is probably only three to five feet, but some of these guys with their "yakked out" baits are catching much larger sandbars...

A young friend of mine had the good fortune to be in the right place at the right time one evening last week and encountered a large school of

small stripers that were breaking the surface while feeding on "peanut" bunker. He caught several fish in the 16 to 18 inch range, then put on a slightly heavier bucktail jig and got it down below the breaking fish. It was then that he hooked a much larger fish, which "took me all over the place" before he broke it off on the light tackle. Unfortunate, but it illustrates a technique that can sometimes work very well. Many years ago, when we had a lot of large weakfish, or gray trout, in the inlets, we would often encounter schools of small snapper blues, but we learned that if we could get a lure down below the blues, very often the big trout would be laying under them, presumably feeding on the cut up pieces of whatever the bluefish were eating. Very often, if there are small fish on top, there are larger predators lying beneath them...just a tidbit of info that might help you someday...

Capt. Jeremy Blunt of the charter boat "Samurai I" brought an unusual fish to the scales at last weekend's Ocean City Tuna Tournament. He was trolling

around a squid boat working offshore and snagged the fish on his "right long" after it was thrown overboard as part of the



squid "bycatch." Anyway, the fish is called a "Buckler Dory". I had seen a much smaller version many years ago that was found in a flat of butterfish, but Jeremy's fish weighed two pounds. According to my Peterson's Atlantic Coast Fishes, however, the buckler dory can reach up to seven pounds. It is a predator that feeds on small fish and shrimps (in this case probably squid) and "enters sufficiently shallow water to be caught commonly in trawls." Its range is from Nova Scotia down to northern North Carolina, and it is found in 180 feet to as much as 1200 feet of water...

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Tyler Dirzuweit from Ocean City, MD landed this 20.25-inch flounder while drifting a minnow/Gulp! combination in the channel off Gudelsky Park.



John Brandt from Milton, DE caught this 16 lb. dolphin on a trolled ballyhoo at the Chicken Bone while fishing with Capt. Bob Wilson on the "A.J.". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Some weeks there are so many fish caught that you really don't know where to begin. Well, this was definitely one of those weeks.

Ocean City Tuna Tournament

Heading into the tournament, some folks were afraid that this year's event was going to be a dud, with regulations only allowing tournament anglers to land 1 bluefin tuna between 27" and 59". Man, were they wrong. The tournament ended up being very exciting with a ton of yellowfin tuna being weighed.

With almost all of the anglers fishing on Friday and Sunday, the action was hot and heavy at the scales. Of the 69 boats entered in the tournament, 37 weighed fish on the first day with many weighing a stringer of 5 yellowfins. The yellowfin bite was hot in the Spencer and Wilmington Canyons early in the tournament, and worked its way exclusively into the Wilmington by the time the tournament was completed.

On the first day, the "D.A. Sea" and "Canyon Blues" were tied for 1st place in the Total Heaviest Weight Division with 305 lbs. caught by each boat. Fortunately, the "Canyon Blues" backed it up with another good day on Sunday, weighing 5



Curtis, Collin and Colby Macomber of Bishopville, MD along with Matt Wigton from Highland, MI had a great day fishing with Capt. Chad Meeks and Mate Rusty Reddish on the "All In", catching 15 yellowfin on trolled artificials in the Lindenkohl Canyon. The largest yellowfin tipped the scales at 64 lbs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

yellowfins for an additional 292 lbs. to clinch first place in the division.

Also on the first day, several dolphin were weighed, but none were larger than the 32 pounder caught on the "Playmate", which ended up holding onto 1st place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division.

The Single Heaviest Tuna Division was won by Glenn Steele on the "Topless" during the last day of the tournament, when he weighed a 79 lb. bluefin caught in the Wilmington Canyon.

Overall, the 69 boats competed for \$350,000 in award money. It was quite a tournament.

Bluefin Tuna

Early in the week, a charter boat mate told me that "it was all the bluefin tuna you care to fight between the Twin Wrecks and Massey's Canyon." This was consistent with what we had

seen in prior weeks, although the bite slowed as the week progressed.

Later in the week, bluefins were caught at the Fingers, Hambone and Chicken Bone with some weighing in at over 70 lbs.

The largest bluefin we heard about this week was the 76-inch caught and released by an angler on "That's Right" during the Tuna Tournament. The new bluefin regulations no longer allow for the "giant" bluefin over 73-inches to be caught once a year, so it had to be turned away.

Yellowfin Tuna

The Tuna Tournament wasn't the only time we saw great catches of yellowfin tuna. They started arriving earlier in the week when on Tuesday, "That's Right" weighed 18 yellowfins caught in the Wilmington Canyon.

On Wednesday, boats headed to the Spencer Canyon and really mugged them up. "All In" returned with 18, the "Billfisher" and "Marli" each caught 13 and the "Restless Lady" weighed 10.

On Thursday, the bite in the Spencer Canyon continued with the "Reel Chaos" landing 8 yellowfins, the "Marlin Magic" catching 5 and the "Marli" throwing 10 on the scale.

Dolphin

Our ocean waters have really warmed up over the last couple of weeks and dolphin are being caught all over. Heck, Kaycee Compher caught a 13 lb. 10 oz. dolphin on the way to an ocean wreck while fishing off the headboat, "Morning Star". Other reports came in about anglers catching dolphin at Russell's Reef.

The larger dolphin were caught in the canyons, primarily the Wilmington, by anglers over

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the weekend. Several mahi over 20 lbs. were landed, with the largest of the week coming in at 32 lbs. by an angler on the "Playmate".

Wahoo

Four wahoo were weighed this week. The first two came in on Friday by angler Jim Walsh on the "Rain E Daze". The small wahoo, weighing 18 and 19 lbs., were caught on the north end of the Wilmington Canyon.

On Saturday, Chip Davis on the "Titan 62" caught a 33 lb. wahoo in the Wilmington Canyon and on Sunday, Gary Tanner on "Bill\$ 4 Bills" landed a 75 pounder on a skirted ballyhoo at the Hambone.

Billfish

Anglers in search of tuna during the tournament released quite a few white marlin and even a couple of blue marlin. Incredibly, some boats had trouble getting away from them. Steve Ramsey on the "Lady Luck" told me that they could have easily caught 12 if they wanted to on Sunday in the Baltimore Canyon.

The bite centered on the

Spencer Canyon early in the week and worked its way south into the Wilmington Canyon by Sunday.

The "Billfisher", "Pumpin' Hard 66", "Titan 62", "That's Right", "No Worries" and the "Blood, Sweat & Tears" each released blue marlin throughout the week.

The surprise billfish catch of the week happened on Thursday, when the "Tuna Dog" released a sailfish at the Chicken Bone.

Flounder

We didn't see a lot of keeper flounder caught this past week, but the ones we saw sure were big. Several flatties measuring 24 to 25-inches were caught, surprisingly on Sunday. I say surprisingly because on Saturday we had torrential rains, making our bay waters as clear as mud.

The best bite continues to center around the East and West Channels. The East Channel runs from the Coast Guard Station, through the Rt. 50 Bridge and up to Harbour Island. The West Channel is on the west side of the bay running from in front of Gudelsky Park to past Hooper's Restaurant.

The largest flatties we saw this week were Dan Betz's 24.25-inch and Jay Betz's 25.5-inch caught in the East Channel, Amanda Schmidt's 25.25-inch flattie caught off the 4th Street Bulkhead and Wayne Smith's 25-inch caught in the West Channel.

The surprise bait of choice this week was chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mulletts. This bait has really taken off and has recently shed its reputation for only catching small fish. Several of the large fish cited above were caught using this bait.

Sea Bass

Rough seas made it difficult for most small boats to make it out to reefs and wrecks this week, but the "Morning Star" did manage to return with some decent catches throughout the week. High hook on most days was in the high-teens with others catching a few.

The Great Eastern Reef seems to be the area where most anglers targeting sea bass are heading.

Bluefish

Some big bluefish, over 10 lbs., were landed by anglers

July 14, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Other anglers had great success catching smaller bluefish seen boiling just south of the Bridge. If you were lucky enough to get your bait below the snappers, there were stripers to be found.

The number of bluefish in our bay was staggering this week, no doubt due to the tremendous amount of bait (mullet, peanut bunker & spot) we currently have throughout our bays.

Upcoming Tournaments

This weekend is the world famous Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Last year, 381 junior anglers participated and the tournament seems to be growing each year.

Weigh-ins are held at Sunset Marina on Saturday from 3:00 to 6:30 pm and on Sunday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm.

If you are interested in fishing the tournament, you can call the Ocean City Marlin Club at 410-213-1613 for details.

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Angelo Delapo from Lewes, DE was fishing at an artificial reef when he hooked into this 7 lb. 13 oz. flounder. Angelo was drifting at Site #10 aboard the "Spoiled III" and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Here's something we don't see every summer. Mike Snedaker was spearfishing at Fenwick Shoals and captured this barracuda. Mike and his group also caught tautog, triggerfish, kingfish and sea bass during their trip.



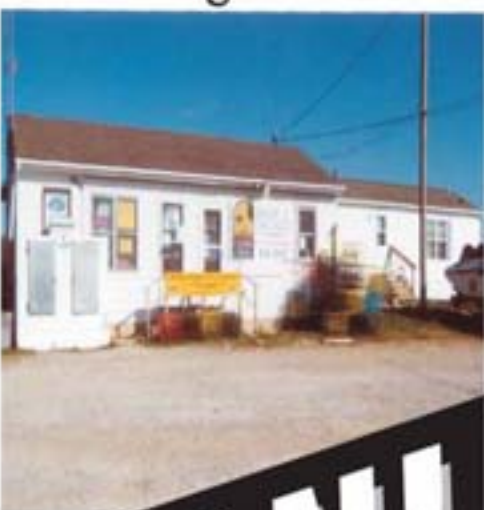
George Poveromo was in Ocean City to film an episode of "George Poveromo's World of Saltwater Fishing" last week and took a trip on "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate Jason Genthner. George ended up catching a 59-inch, 126 lb. bluefin tuna, a yellowfin tuna and 2 dolphin during their trip to the Hambone. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.

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Ivan Miller of Kenton, DE muscled in this 27.9 lb., 45-inch dolphin while trolling in Massey's Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



The crew on the "Keep 'Er' Wet" had an exciting overnight trip to the Wilmington Canyon, returning with a mako shark and 5 dolphin. They also released 4 other makos, 2 hammerhead sharks, 3 blue sharks, 1 white marlin and a blue marlin. Fishing with Capt. David Sumpter and Mate Brian Leader were Joe Conner, Billy Marvel, Nathan Sumpter, Lauren Stinchcomb and John Loar. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The "Bay Bee" returned with 5 keeper flounder after fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island. Fishing with Capt. Mike Walsh and Mate Tyler Adkins were George Henning (21"), Marty Hackett (20.5"), Don Stauch (19.5"), Dawn Klejka (19") and John Henry (19.25"). All of the fish were caught on squid and shiners. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Andrew Healey of Forest Hill, MD caught a bluefin tuna and a dolphin while fishing on the "Last Call" with Capt. Franky Pettolina (pictured) and Mate Luke Blume. The fish both hit trolled green machines at the Hambone. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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— by Sue Foster



"What can we catch besides flounder?"

It seems that all summer, anglers go fishing for flounder every day. Sometimes they get tired of fishing for only flounder and want to try something else.

If you have a boat, of course you have more places to go, and more territory to cover. Sometimes you have a group of kids you are trying to entertain. That's when I would always have a bag of Fish Bites Alternative Bloodworms in my boat and some top and bottom rigs made with size #6 hooks. With this set-up you can always drop down anywhere and see what else is biting! If you drift around the Rt. 90 Bridge with these "fake" worms or with real worms, and tip this worm bait with a little strip of squid or any kind of fresh fish bait, you can catch Norfolk spot, blowfish, small sea bass, sea robins, snapper blues, possibly a

porgy, or small sea trout. Later, (usually towards the end of July) or maybe any day now, we'll have a croaker run and those critters will eat up the worm and cut-bait combo. If you start catching spot, it doesn't really matter if you use cut bait with the worm but other fish like a little piece of meat with the Fish Bites.

You can do this kind of fishing near the bulkhead at 33rd Street on the West side of the bay where there is a good sized hole with different varieties of fish swimming in it. Just off the 9th Street Pier offers a variety of fish as the bottom is bumpy there. The inlet itself is good for these baits, plus sometimes you get into kingfish if you fish the inlet or the south side of the South Jetty. Anchor or drift in the bay behind Assateague near buoy #10 and there's all kind of little interesting fish to catch on small hooks and worms.

If you fish down by the Verrazano Bridge near Assateague you can also catch spot, croaker, blowfish and other small fish, BUT sometimes anglers catch some larger fish down there too. Try peeler crabs for trout and black drum. Cast small lures for stripers. Try some fresh or salted clam or dip yourself some grass shrimp. A surprising number of black drum are known to be caught back there. Stripers and drum hang around the Rt. 90 Bridge and also around the Bridge in the Fenwick Ditch as well.

Ocean City's South Jetty is home for quite a variety of fish. Anglers casting sand fleas or other pieces of crab or clam can catch tautog here all summer. When it's hard to get a "keeper" from the shore, anglers working the south side of the South Jetty, casting crabs into deep holes can usually get their two keepers. There's also triggerfish that can be caught on the same bait and occasionally some good eating sheepshead. These same fish also hang around the rocks near Gudelsky Park, across the bay from MR Ducks. Triggers and tautog need to be caught on



Paul Buckmaster from Ellicott City was tossing a soft, plastic bait off of the Rt. 50 Bridge when he hooked into this 12 lb. 8 oz. bluefish on Friday evening. The big chopper measured 36-inches and had a 16.5-inch girth. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

smaller hooks than you use for flounder. An Octopus style hook in size #1/0 to #2/0 is good "summertime" size.

"Early Bird gets the worm" is the key in the summer. Anglers working the tip of the South Jetty, the entrance to the Assateague Bay, and deep holes in the Inlet can catch nice stripers if they get out there at day break and work the waters till the boat traffic gets up and running. Have the kids catch some live spot in the canals with little tiny hooks and bloodworms or fake bloodworm. Keep the spot in an aerator bucket or live well in the boat and "live bait" them to the stripers. Besides spot, you can cast net little bunkers, use live eels, or throw Swimming Shad lures or other popular striper lures. Besides day break, you can also try late afternoon into evening.

Bluefish come into the inlets during the incoming tides. Move your flounder rigs faster if you see the birds diving and fish breaking. You'll know you are in a school of bluefish if your live minnows come back bit in two. You can throw out bucktails with squid, plastic worms or Gulp! swimming grubs. Almost anything that you throw towards them and keep moving will attract a bluefish. If they aren't big, don't cast anything too large!

Blues like meat! When I see that blues are biting, I keep using a minnow or shiner bait, but add a strip of any kind of fresh or frozen bait. A strip of finger mullet is one of my favorite baits. I like to use the Aqua-Clear flounder rigs with the little silver fish. The blues and flounder really like them!

"I don't have a boat!"

If you are fishing from the shore, fish the size #6 or #8 hooks with worms for spot and any other little fish that may be swimming around. If you are on the more northern piers such as the pier at 125th Street, the pier behind Convention Hall at 40th Street, or the pier at the Isle of Wight at the Route 90 Bridge, you definitely want to take worms or Bloodworm Fish Bites. Night crawlers work good too. There's spot, sand perch, snapper blues, small flounder, and lots of blue crabs!

If you are on any of the more southern piers, in the Inlet, or fishing off of the bulkhead that runs from 2nd through 4th Streets, use worms for spot and other small pan fish or try sand fleas or clam for triggerfish and tautog. Try cutting or filleting finger mullet for bluefish. Night fishing under the lights at the Inlet and Oceanic Pier is really good using spec rigs or Gotcha Plugs for blues and stripers. Stripers also like Swimming Shad lures. The Ocean Pier can be fished just like the surf. Use worms for kingfish and spot. Cut bait for blues and yes, there are some nice sharks and rays out there. Use squid and cut bait, especially at night under the lights! I hear it's very interesting.

Yes, there's more than flounder out there, though no matter what else you fish for, you'll probably still catch some of those plentiful "flatfish."

Variety is the spice of life. Good fishing....

Sue Foster is an outdoor writer and co-owner of Oyster Bay Tackle in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick Tackle in Fenwick, DE.

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Tony Vansant was fishing at Reef Site 10 when he hooked this 6 lb. 15 oz. flounder on a strip of squid. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Chris Martorana from Spring City, PA caught this 18 lb. dolphin on a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon while fishing on "Sword's Fish" with Capt. Bill Swords. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Sharon Beck from Freeland, MD was drifting squid at Brown Shoal when she hooked into this 7 lb. 4 oz. flounder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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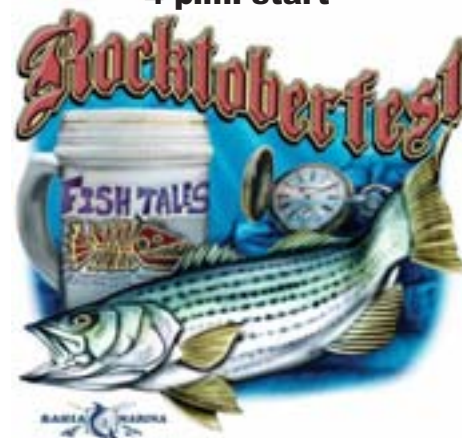
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- Salt
- 2 TBSP. vegetable oil
- 1 scallion, thinly sliced

In a saucepan, combine the soy sauce, honey and vinegar.

Bring to a boil and simmer for 1 minute.

Stir in the garlic.

Season the tuna on both sides with salt.

Preheat a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the oil, then add the tuna skin side down, and cook undisturbed, until the skin is very crisp, about 6 minutes.

Turn and cook until opaque at the thickest part, 1 to 3 minutes.

Drizzle serving plates with the sauce, place the tuna skin side up on top and sprinkle with the scallion.

Serves 4.

Mahi-Mahi with Lemon and Garlic

- Vegetable oil for sauteing
- 2 mahi-mahi fillets
- 2 TBSP. garlic, chopped
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 2 ounces butter, cubed
- Salt and pepper

In a large skillet, heat the oil. Add the fillets and cook until the underside is golden brown.

Turn the fish over and add the garlic, lemon juice and the wine.

Once the wine and lemon

juice have cooked down, add the butter.

Cook until fish flakes and season with salt and pepper.

Serves 2.

Sweet and Sour Glazed Tuna

- 2 TBSP. oil
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped fine
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 4 tuna fillets
- Salt and pepper
- 1 bunch scallions, minced

For glaze:

Heat the oil in a small saucepan over medium heat.

Add the bell pepper and salt; cook for 5 minutes.

Stir in the garlic; cook 15 seconds.

Stir in the wine, brown sugar and red pepper flakes.

Simmer until slightly reduced, about 10 minutes.

Pat the tuna dry with paper towels.

Season with salt and pepper.

Lay skin side down in a lightly oiled 13x9 baking dish.

Bake for 5 minutes.

Using a pastry brush, spread a thick layer of the glaze over top and sides of the tuna.

Continue to bake 5 minutes longer.

Brush the fillets with another layer of glaze and sprinkle with the minced scallions before serving.

Serves 4.

Mustard-Roasted Flounder

- 4 flounder fillets
- Salt and pepper
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 3 TBSP. Dijon mustard
- 1 TBSP. whole-grain mustard
- 2 TBSP. shallots, minced
- 2 tsp. capers, drained

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

Place the fish fillets skin side down on the pan and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper.

Combine the 2 mustards,

capers, 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper in a small bowl.

Spoon the sauce evenly over the fish fillets, covering completely.

Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish, until it is barely done. Be sure not to overcook.

Serve hot or at room temperature with the sauce from the pan spooned over the top.

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- 1 quart fish or chicken stock
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- 2 potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 TBSP. chopped fresh thyme leaves or 2 tsp. dried
- 3 ears corn, kernels removed or 2 cups frozen, defrosted
- 2 lbs. flounder fillets
- 1 TBSP. Old Bay seasoning
- 1 cup whole milk
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1 TBSP. butter
- Salt and pepper

Heat the stock in a small pot over medium-high heat.

In a large soup pot over medium-high heat add the oil.

Add the bacon and cook for 5 minutes.

Add the onion, celery, potatoes, garlic, bay leaves, thyme and corn; cook for at least 10 minutes.

Add the stock and bring to a boil.

Season the flounder with the Old Bay.

Add the fillets, laying them on top of the stock.

Cover the pot and reduce heat to a simmer.

Cook for 5 to 6 minutes then uncover and gently break the fish into chunks.

Stir to combine, then add the milk, cream and butter; cook 5 more minutes.

Remove bay leaves; season with salt and pepper.

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Tucker Tshudy from Lancaster, PA joined Charles “Blue” Kohler (pictured) and his grandfather, Rick Tshudy, for some flounder fishing in the East Channel and ended the day with 4 flounder in the box. The fish ranged from 19.5 to 22-inches and were caught on live minnows.

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Glenn Steele of Tyaskin, MD caught this 51-inch, 79 lb. bluefin tuna on the final day to win 1st place in the Single Heaviest Tuna Division of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament. Glenn was fishing on the "Topless" with Scott Steele, Scott Lathroum, Kyle Fisher, Nolan Weltchek, Capt. Dave Warren and Mate Austin Robins. The bluefin was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon and earned the "Topless" crew \$64,022 for their catch. During their 2 days of fishing, the crew put together stringers totaling 581 lbs., second highest in the tournament. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the first day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Glen Heitmann from Rockville, MD caught this 32 lb. dolphin and held on to win 1st place in the Heaviest Dolphin Division. Glen was fishing on the "Playmate" with Bill Sauer, Jack and Jeremy Shandrowski, Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart. The mahi-mahi was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo and earned the crew \$2,500 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Charlie Gravina from Fair Haven, NJ landed this 75 lb. yellowfin tuna on the final day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament to win top honors in the Junior Angler Division and 3rd place in the Single Heaviest Tuna Division. Charlie was fishing on the "Let It Ride" with Capt. Mack McConlough and caught the yellowfin on a mullet in the Wilmington Canyon. Charlie earned \$1,000 for his first place finish in the Junior Angler Division and \$24,929 placing third in the Single Heaviest Tuna. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the opening day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Valerie Dunn from Grasonville, MD landed this 64 lb. yellowfin tuna and held on to win 1st place in the Top Lady Angler Division. Valerie was fishing on the "D.A. Sea" with Ed Dunn, John Conrad, Greg Garman, Capt. Chris Gornell and Mate J. R. Peters. For her 1st place finish, Valerie earned \$1,500 in award money.



In the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew on the "Darlin" captured 507 lbs. of yellowfin tuna to win 2nd place in the Heaviest Total Weight Division and \$3,880 in award money. The crew landed 260 lbs. on the first day of the tournament and weighed 247 lbs. on the final day, beating out the third place finisher by a single lb. The fish were caught on Squidnation spreader bars and daisy chains in the Wilmington Canyon. Fishing on the "Darlin" with Capt. Doug Rollins and Mate Bill Mengason were Bill Pino, Al Rittmeyer, Allen Hazzard and Corey Kennington (not pictured).



Doug Eckman from Quarryville, PA caught this 78 lb. bluefin tuna on the 1st day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament and held on to win 2nd place in the Single Heaviest Tuna Division. Doug was fishing on the "Fin Chaser" with Bill Royer, Joel Metzger, Rich Romig, Kim Zeamer, Capt. Dan Stauffer and Mate Dave Weller. The bluefin was hooked on a skirted ballyhoo and earned the crew \$11,913 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Boat: "Rhonda's Osprey"
Weight: 506 lbs.
Winnings: \$33,187

SINGLE HEAVIEST DOLPHIN

FIRST PLACE
Boat: "Playmate"
Angler: Glen Heitman
Weight: 32 lbs.
Winnings: \$2,500

SECOND PLACE
Boat: "Billfisher"
Angler: Ron Care
Weight: 28 lbs.
Winnings: \$1,000

THIRD PLACE
Boat: "DA Sea"
Angler: John Conrad
Weight: 23 lbs.
Winnings: \$500

SINGLE HEAVIEST TUNA

FIRST PLACE
Boat: "Topless"
Angler: Glenn Steele
Weight: 79 lbs.
Winnings: \$64,022

SECOND PLACE
Boat: "Fin Chaser"
Angler: Doug Eckman
Weight: 78 lbs.
Winnings: \$11,913

THIRD PLACE
Boat: "Let It Ride"
Angler: Charlie Gravina
Weight: 75 lbs.
Winnings: \$24,929

TOP JUNIOR ANGLER

FIRST PLACE
Angler: Charlie Gravina
Boat: "Let It Ride"
Weight: 75 lbs.
Winnings: \$1,000

SECOND PLACE
Angler: Ethan Spencer
Boat: "Wayne's World"
Weight: 74 lbs.
Winnings: \$500

THIRD PLACE (TIE)
Anglers: Russell & Matthew Crim
Boat: "Canyon Blues"
Weight: 65 lbs. each
Winnings: \$125 each

TOP LADY ANGLER

FIRST PLACE
Angler: Valerie Dunn
Boat: "DA Sea"
Weight: 64 lbs.
Winnings: \$1,500



Ron Care from Severna Park, MD caught this 28 lb. dolphin on the first day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament and won 2nd place in the Single Heaviest Dolphin Division. Ron caught the dolphin on a trolled ballyhoo in the Spencer Canyon while fishing on the "Billfisher" with Dave Pugh, Bill Zimmerman, Woody Klein, Jim Herlihy, Jerry McMannis, Capt. Jon Duffie and Mates John Prather and Andy Helms. Ron and the "Billfisher" crew earned \$1,000 for the 2nd place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the second day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Ethan Spencer of Salisbury, MD landed this 74 lb. bluefin tuna to win 2nd place in the Top Junior Angler Division. Ethan was fishing on "Wayne's World" with Bill Riley, John Speake, Capt. Dean Roe, Sr. and Mates Dean Roe, Jr. and Darin Roe. The fish was caught on a trolled ballyhoo and was worth \$500 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



During their 2 days of fishing in the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew on "Rhonda's Osprey" weighed a total of 506 lbs. of yellowfin tuna to win 3rd place in the Heaviest Total Weight Division. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Wilmington Canyon and earned the group \$33,187 in award money. The crew consisted of Mike Peet, Buddy Trala, Steve Schmeusser, Kyle Peet (not pictured), John Schofield (not pictured), Bill Schatzman (not pictured), Capt. Joe Drosey and Mates Anthony Frascatore, Rusty Reddish and Chris Ragni. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the final day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, John Conrad of Lititz, PA boated this 23 lb. dolphin to win 3rd place in the Single Heaviest Dolphin Division. John was fishing on the "D.A. Sea" with Ed and Valerie Dunn, Greg Garman, Capt. Chris Gornell and Mate J.R. Peters and earned \$500 for his 3rd place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the final day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, brothers Matt and Russell Crim of Stevensville, MD landed identical 65 lb. yellowfin tuna to tie for 3rd place in the Top Junior Angler Division and win \$125 each in award money. The yellowfins were caught on skirted ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon while fishing on the "Canyon Blues" with Jamie Romero of Glenwood, MD, Tom How from Pittsville, MD, Justin Schaub from Baltimore, MD, Capt. Larry Weekley and Mate Elson Myers. Interestingly, on the first day of the tournament, the Crims, who are 2/3 of a set of triplets, landed identical 55 lb. yellowfin tuna. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Although there wasn't a Wahoo Division in the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, that didn't stop Gary Tanner and the crew on "Bill\$ 4 Bills" from throwing a 75 lb. wahoo on the scale. The speedster was caught on a skirted ballyhoo at the Hambone. Fishing with Gary was Lynette and Ray Wilkerson, Fred Husman, Mike and Cristy Moss, Capt. Mike Conner and Mate Matt Husman. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Damian Hock from Ocean Pines, MD (center) landed this 22-inch flounder while fishing on the "Extra Dry" with Trevor and Braydon Hardman, also from Ocean Pines, MD. The flattie was hooked on a Gulp! minnow in the channel off Gudelsky Park.

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Lisa DiVincenzo is all smiles after boating this 5 lb. 11 oz. flounder at Reef Site #8 in the Delaware Bay. Lisa caught the big flattie while using smelt for bait and weighed her catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Emory Brown, Jr and Emory Brown III, from Forest Hill, MD, Aaron McAdoo from Mardela Springs, MD and Brandon Baiocco from West Chester, PA returned to the Talbot Street Pier with 10 yellowfin tuna and a couple of dolphin after fishing on the "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mate Sean Welsh. The fish were caught in 91 fathoms in the Lindenkohl Canyon.

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Sean Wink from Abington, PA caught this 21-inch flounder while drifting a squid and shiner combination in the bay behind Assateague Island. Sean was fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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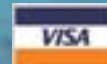
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John Hinterberger from Stewartstown, PA, Jeff Cummins from New Freedom, PA, Joe Ares from Kingsville, MD, Dale Stonesifer from Glen Burnie, MD and Jeff Kauffman from Millersville, PA had a great day fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Brian Porter and Mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk. The group ended up with 10 yellowfin in the box after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Spencer Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Chase Moyer and Blake Kreider from Manheim, PA caught these flounder while drifting live minnows in the East Channel. Blake boated a 26-incher, while Chase's flattie measured 22.5-inches. Pictured at Oyster Bay Tackle.



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Hunter and Faith Mitchell from Milford, DE had a blast fishing for triggerfish at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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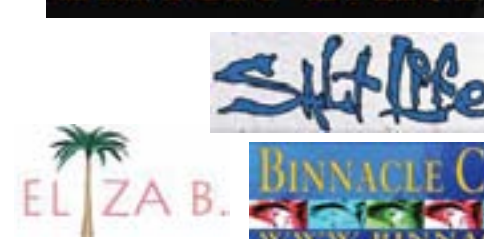
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Please remember to be very careful in the release of undersize fish. This will allow the species to thrive and supply us with the opportunity to enjoy the sport we all love. Keeping the fish in the water while removing the hook is a plus, and if the fish is hooked deep, just cut the line as close to the hook as possible. Many people squawk about the cost of losing a hook or rig, but when compared to not being able to fish, it makes a whole lot of sense.

We really have to use some common sense to be able to preserve our fisheries. Most of us are disgusted with the way



Jere Bryant, Cody Greene, Aaron Greene, Brian Patane and Chris Moriarity ventured down from Pennsville, NJ to fish on the "Wave Dancer" with Capt. Mike Matarese and were rewarded with a couple of tuna and some dolphin after trolling in Massey's Canyon. The heaviest tuna was a 79.9 lb. bluefin, while the largest dolphin, caught by Jere, tipped the scales at 37.8 lbs. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

our government regulates big businesses, jeopardizing our environment without the proper 'safety nets', and regulating us with what seems to be some ridiculous size and creel limits. However, as a shop owner, I hear a good number of folks coming in and mentioning the fact they just threw away "X" number of pounds of fish due to the fact it was freezer burned. Wasting fish happens year after year and it makes no sense to me. If you are not going to eat the fish in a reasonable amount of time, use care and properly release the fish to be caught another day.

Fishing should be about the sport, fun and comradery, not solely to put meat in the freezer. To fill the freezer, it is cheaper to go to the market. Give this some thought, and maybe we can ensure the fun of fishing for our kids and grandkids. Thanks for listening to my two cents worth!

Reports from the Rehoboth and Indian River Bays continue to be mostly flounder

action with a few bluefish around. Blowfish have made an appearance in the Rehoboth Bay. The area just inside the Indian River Inlet has been providing some fair flounder action, as well as the Middle Ditch.

Martin Tate fished Burton's Island to score a 9 lb. 3 oz. flattie. Harry Herr fished the Inlet to trick his 8 lb. 12 oz. flounder. Dale Toomey fished Massey's Ditch using minnows to score five flounder measuring up to 21-inches.

Bottom fishing in the ocean continues to slowly improve. The DB Buoy to the DA Buoy and the Old Grounds is giving up a few sea bass and a few flounder. The colder water temps are keeping the lingcod there also. Site #10 is holding some tog and sea bass. Capt. Chuck Cook of "First Light Charters" took Chris and Megan Kirby bottom fishing to score 11 flounder with 3 keepers measuring up to 25-inches.

Offshore action shows

bluefin tuna and dolphin at Massey's Canyon, the Hambone, the Hotdog and the 19 Fathom Lump. A few dolphin have been trolled up just east of the Delaware Lightship. Capt. Bill Burkhardt on "Toss Em Back" Charters had 1 bluefin and 4 dolphin at the lumps along the 20 line. Raymond Shirk on the "Country Boy" took Cory Hohenadel and Jason Hess to the Hambone, where they each scored a citation dolphin. Cory had a 16 pounder and Jason took an 18 pounder.

Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes reported that Joe Yochis of Long Neck caught a 21 1/2-inch flounder at Massey's Landing using a 7" Gulp! pumpkinseed worm. Matt Langdon trolled ballyhoo at Massey's Canyon and boated an 18 lb. dolphin. Jeff Windsor, Jeff Windsor Sr. and Alex Windsor fished the Old Grounds using bucktails and Gulp! and caught keeper sea bass, 2 keeper flounder up to 22-inches and some bluefish. Kerry Lodish, Eric McGallagher and David Hensch chunked butterfish at Massey's Canyon to land a 70 lb. bluefin and 2 dolphin. Bill Baker Jr., Mikey and Nicky fished the Indian River Inlet with a new bait called Excite, and managed three throwback flounder and one keeper at 19 1/2-inches. Brooks Zarchin, age 7, hit the beach with his dad Mike for a day of sharking, and was rewarded by bringing in his first shark. He landed 6-foot and 3-foot sand tigers, which dad quickly released to fight another day.

Capt. Ben aboard the "Wreck Stalker" called and said the bite was very light, but he did manage to get some sea bass and ling at the Old Grounds and Site 11. Lisa DiVicenzino, Brad Pecararo and Tom Kempler went to the Star Site and caught 2 keeper flounder. Tom's was 19-inches and Lisa was high hook with a 26-inch, 5.65 pounder using smelt. Vince Youndt of Stevens, PA used sand fleas to pull a 7.40 lb., 22-inch citation tautog from the

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rocks while fishing at the Outer Wall.

While fishing aboard the "Finology", Carol Kitchen of Lewes, DE caught and released her first white marlin on Saturday at the Spencer Canyon. Her brother-in-law, Rick Krum of Catawissa, PA, nailed an 18.1 lb. citation mahi.

Eric at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Rd. said there are tog and triggerfish on the outer wall in Lewes. Small tog are being caught at Massey's Ditch with an occasional keeper. Flounder fishing is still good in the back bays. Eric also mentioned that sea bass can be found at the DB Buoy.

Capt. Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said tuna fishing has been pretty good. Bluefins remained relatively close inshore, but the bulk of yellowfins were located quite a ride away, from the Wilmington to Lindenkohl Canyons. Bluefin action was spread out from the Twin Wrecks to the Hambone, with reports of bites at the Chicken Bone and in Massey's Canyon as well. Crews trolling structure changes early and late in the day found tuna in both the 27- to 47- and 47- to 59-inch size classes. Squid spreader bars, Green Machines, cedar plugs and skirted ballyhoos were the preferred offerings. Many of the larger tuna fell for ballyhoo and Ilanders or heavy Jag Lure combos pulled way, way back behind the boat. A Drone spoon towed following a planer or Z-Wing got results when tuna were deep. Tuna that were spread throughout the water column responded to Butterfly Jigs as well.

Bill Wiest checked in a 44-pound bluefin from a morning of trolling in twenty fathoms. Jonathan Clarkson came all the way from Utah to join Bill on that trip, and he landed a 16.3 lb. king mackerel at the Hambone. The king grabbed a ballyhoo Ilander combo. Chris Martorana was fishing with Bill Swords on "Swords Fish" when he landed a 55.3 lb. bluefin and an 18 lb. dolphin. Eleven-year-old Saige

Marie Cook boated her first dolphin and tuna, a 25 lb. bluefin at Massey's Canyon, aboard the "Spoiled III" with Anna and Angleo Delapo. Captain Bob Wilson on the "A.J." was surprised when his crew trolled up a 34 lb. yellowfin at the Chicken Bone on a Green Machine. The guys also had 3 nice mahi, including a 16 pounder for John Brandt. The boys on the "Reel Naughty" made the long run to the Spencer Canyon, and were rewarded with 9 nice yellowfins ranging from 40 to 50 lbs. Captain Dave Walker said catching was best early and late in the day, from 450 to 480 feet of water. They got piled on a few times with multiple bites when tuna grabbed spreader bars, ballyhoo and anything else behind the boat. Water temperature was at 75 degrees. Dave also said a couple of boats overnighted in the area and had success chunking the yellowfins after dark. White marlin were also reported in the same area.

Back inshore, boats trolling the Five Fathom Bank area found loads of snapper bluefish, along with bullet mackerel and some peanut dolphin. The gang on the "Skipjack" scored 60 bluefish on Saturday while pulling small spoons at the Cod Lump, the 4FB and the South Shoal.

Flounder fishing has been on and off in the ocean. Structure edges on the Old Grounds have yielded decent flatties on days with good drift conditions. Spro bucktail jigs with teasers were effective rigs. Tony Vansant, Tucker Chance and Fred Wright worked over the flounder at Reef Site 10 on Wednesday. They nailed 8 quality keepers, including Tony's 6.93 pounder. Kevin Matthews weighed a 6.06 lb. flounder that he caught on an ocean wreck.

The bay flounder bite was better this week. Fluke were found on reef sites 6, 7 and 8, but also on open bottom between 9 and 10 Buoys, and near G Buoy. Leon and Riley Zimmerman and Bob Clouser had an

unusual encounter with a big hammerhead while drifting for flatties at the G Buoy on Saturday. They spotted the big shark and pitched it a live spot, which was eaten immediately. After a fun battle and some pictures, the 6+ foot shark was released.

Donnie Weitzel and Michelle Arnold were fishing at the Brown Shoal, when Michelle landed a flounder double header. One of the flatties weighed 3.25 lbs. On Monday, Joe Walker and Joe Walker, Jr. limited out on the Brown Shoal reefs while drifting squid strips on spinner hooks. The two heaviest fluke tipped the scales to 5.84 and 6.43 lbs. Sharon Beck boated a 7.24 lb. citation flounder at the Brown Shoal. Young Riley Taylor took a 4.03 lb. flattie on the "Pirate King II" with Captain Ted Moulinier. Mike Rebholtz and friends fished with Captain Pete on the "Top Fin" for 8 keepers on Thursday. The "Li'l Angler II" returned from a half day trip at the Brown Shoal on Thursday

July 14, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 35 with 6 keeper flounder. The anglers on the "Miss Kirstin" captured 6 keepers on Saturday. Boaters toggled in to the rocks of the Outer Wall and the Ice Breakers encountered tautog and triggerfish while baiting with green crabs, box crabs and sand fleas. Mike Vespa and Mike Vespa, Jr. teamed up for a pair of chunky sheepshead weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 6 lbs. 13 oz. at the Haystacks Saturday. Mike, Sr. also scored a 7.5 lb. citation tog at the stacks. Flounder continued to come from the Lewes Canal, although the keeper ratio remained low. Slot-sized stripers were also taken from the Canal by anglers bottom fishing with clams near the drawbridge. Small croakers, spot, kingfish and blowfish bit on bloodworms and FishBites from the Cape Henlopen and Cape Shores piers.

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Tautog 	February 2, 2010 Frank Graziano "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 10 oz.	April 27, 2010 Brian Osborne "Karen Sue" 10 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark 	June 4, 2010 Kevin Taylor Hot Dog 627.6 lbs.	June 11, 2010 Jay Richwine "Saltwater Cowboy" 560 lbs.
Striped Bass 	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	Cobia 	June 24, 2010 Juan Franzetti African Queen 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	No Weights Reported	June 6, 2010 Domenic Caputo Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna  	July 7, 2010 George Poveromo "That's Right" 126 lbs.	 July 8, 2010 Robin Southall Massey's Canyon 85 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna  	July 11, 2010 Glenn Steele Wilmington Canyon 79 lbs.	June 26, 2010 Larry Watson Linden Kohl Canyon 45 lbs.
Flounder 	June 13, 2010 Hunter Dortenzo East Channel 9 lbs. 11 oz.	April 15, 2010 Brian Wirts VFW Slough 11 lbs. 5 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	June 5, 2010 Jeremiah Leader Inside Rockpile 14 lbs. 5 oz.	June 12, 2010 Kyle Falgowski Hot Dog 12 lbs. 6 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 13, 2010 Ron Los, Jr. "Marli" 211 lbs.	June 26, 2010 Tony Burr Linden Kohl Canyon 170 lbs.
Sheepshead 	May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck 7 lbs. 8 oz.	June 27, 2010 Herbie Shorthose Ice Breakers 7 lbs. 15 oz.	Dolphin  	July 9, 2010 Glen Heitmann "Playmate" 32 lbs.	 July 8, 2010 Jere Bryant "Wave Dancer" 37.8 lbs.
Black Drum 	May 28, 2010 Maggie Magee Assateague Surf 22 lbs. 8 oz.	May 2, 2010 Lucas May Coral Beds 85 lbs. 8 oz.	Wahoo  	July 11, 2010 Gary Tanner "Bill\$ 4 Bills" 75 lbs.	No Weights Reported

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Scott Rynard from Mt. Holly, NJ caught this 27-inch flounder while fishing with a jig head tipped with a minnow at Massey's Landing. The fish weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Chris Klau from Millersville, MD and Bob Wallace from Arnold, MD teamed up to land this 73 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing with Brian Behe on the "DELAHE". The fish was caught on a trolled ballyhoo near the Hambone and weighed at Sunset Marina.



Bridget, Dakota and Thad Bittner from Thurmont, MD and Tyler Fitzwater from Frederick, MD caught a king mackerel and a 42-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on "On The Rocks". Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Jay Betz from York, PA was drifting a live bunker towards the north end of the East Channel when it was assaulted by this 25.5-inch, 6 lb. flounder. Jay was fishing on the "Rev-Er-Up II" with his dad, Dan Betz, also from York, PA. Weighed at Ake Marine.



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Gavin McIntire of Chicago, IL (right) received an involuntary dip in the bay after releasing his first white marlin during a trip aboard the "Crush Em" with Scott White and Eric Thompson from West Ocean City, MD, Capt. Ron Bennett and Mate Rich Hastings. The group also boated 4 yellowfin tuna, all while trolling ballyhoo in the Lindenkohl Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The From family was vacationing from Sweden and ventured out on the "Judy V." with Capt. Roger Meekins and landed some nice sea bass while fishing near the Washingtonian and the Elizabeth Palmer wrecks. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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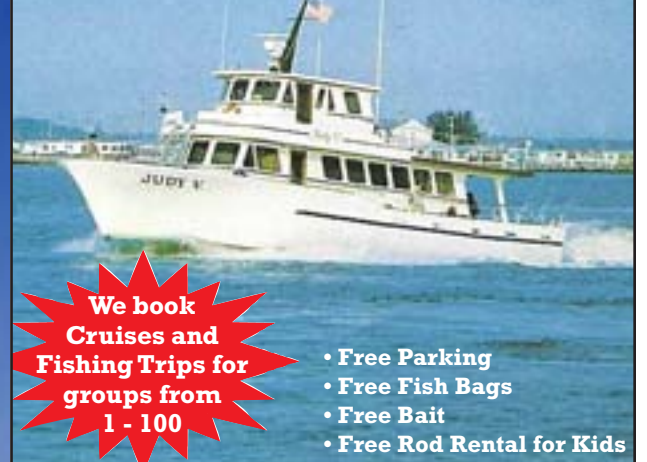
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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Last week we were fishing a few miles offshore when our chum line was suddenly invaded by a school of six-inch mackerel. They were fast little guys that would surge right up to the chum bucket, steal a few bites of chum then quickly dart away only to rush back a few seconds later for another attack. Figuring they would make great live-baits for cobia, sharks, or any other big critter that might show up that day, we decided to throw a few of the mackerel in our livewell until needed. Of course before doing so we had to catch them first, a process that I originally expected was going to be a

cinch considering we had a couple "Sabiki" bait rigs aboard that I thought would solicit immediate bites from the mackerel that were feeding so frantically behind our boat.

I felt so confident that we would soon have live bait that I asked my mate to get a rod ready before I'd even dropped the Sabiki in the water. This was going to be a sure thing - I thought. But as it so often goes, just as soon as you think you've got yourself a slam-dunk, the results just don't pan out the way you expected. I dropped the bait rig among the mackerel in the chum line and they kept right on feeding in, over, and around my tiny baited hooks without touching a single one! We tried jigging, putting tiny bits of bait on the hooks, letting the rig float free with the current, holding the hooks right at the surface and letting them sink down and out of sight but nothing was working, and still the mackerel kept feeding furiously behind the boat. They were just little baitfish and it really didn't matter if we caught any or not, but as a "fisherman" I like to think that I can "catch fish" when I need to, and those little mackerel had me perplexed. I just had to figure out the secret to catching them!

As fishermen, we often find ourselves in situations where

we can see our quarry but for one reason or the other the fish just won't take us up on our offer of a "free lunch" because it seems that no matter what we troll, cast, or drift past their nose, they simply won't open their maws and take a bite. Frustrating? You bet! Particularly when the fish is a species or perhaps of such grand proportions that hooking it would be a special milestone in our fishing careers. But dealing with the challenges of rejection is as much a part of fishing as anything else.

Last week I used this column to discuss the trials and tribulations of trying to hook cobia, which are notorious for being finicky feeders. But cobia are just one of many species that will sometimes acquire lockjaw at the worst time for fishermen. In fact, at one time or another even some of the more voracious feeders such as dolphin, bluefish, and sharks will refuse to bite what anglers are trying to feed them, but where there's a will there usually is a way.

When a fish won't bite, one of the quickest and most logical things an angler can do is freshen up their bait. After its been soaking a while, every bait loses some of its scent-appeal so even if the same "type" of bait is put back on the hook, changing to something that is a little (or a lot) fresher can trigger a bite. Another way to get a bait to release a little more aroma is to put some slices in it or just squeeze or smash it up a bit. Anglers might also find that using larger, smaller, or different shape baits will make a difference. Of course when anglers have the option, changing to a different type of bait altogether is always a logical move.

If all the different bait variations have been tried and the fish still won't bite, it's usually time for anglers to start changing their terminal tackle because there could very well be something going on there that the fish simply don't like the looks of. It's likely that

fishermen will have to start "lightening-up" on their rigs by using smaller hooks, lighter leaders, fluorocarbon leaders, or use no leaders at all. While these alternatives could mean that once the fish bites there could be less chance of successfully landing it, sometimes it's the only way to get the bite.

Often, when fish have been lured in and are feeding on chum or chunks, they'll become so committed to the free offerings floating away from the boat that they won't touch anything else. Such times might require anglers to imitate what the fish are feeding on as closely as possible. Here again, small hooks and light leaders will likely be required as will a presentation that has the bait descending the water column at the same rate as the chum or chunks. The bait also needs to be the same as what's floating away from the boat, and if that happens to be chum, and if they wish to successfully pull off the scam, fishermen might have to figure out a way to get those tiny little bits of ground-up bait on a hook!

Sometimes anglers will encounter fish that absolutely will not touch anything that isn't alive. Of course, this can be frustrating to fishermen who are not so equipped. But it also underscores the advantage of carrying live bait along or at least having the ability to catch live bait whenever possible. Keeping Sabiki rigs, tiny hooks, snag hooks, and a cast net aboard to "make bait" when opportunities present themselves can pay-off big time when anglers are able to turn the tables on fish that refuse to take anything but live offerings. Live baits can come in the form of live bluefish or mackerel from one's own chum line, jacks from beneath an offshore buoy, menhaden snagged from a school or caught in a net in a back bay canal, or croaker, spot or any other small fish taken while bottom fishing.

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Dan Betz from York, PA captured this 24.5-inch, 6 lb. 8 oz. flounder while drifting a minnow in the East Channel. Dan was fishing on the "Rev-Er-Up II" with his son, Jay Betz of York PA. Weighed at Ake Marine.

Chum Lines continued:

only be caught using some off-the-wall technique that presents a bait or lure in a unique fashion. Kite fishing, for example, allows anglers to present a live or dead bait right on the surface with line and leader above the water and, therefore, out of the line of sight of the fish. This technique will take just about any kind of fish that swims and is one of the best to use on fish that won't be fooled by conventional methods. Deep jigging, trolling with planer boards, and using "way-back" baits are examples of how very specialized techniques sometimes prove to be so successful in catching fish that they eventually become a standard practice for many fishermen.

Of course, anglers will sometimes encounter fish that, for some unknown reason, will

July 14, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 43 simply resist everything and anything they troll, cast, float, or jig past their scaly noses. We just have to face the fact that at times some fish are just uncatchable. But fishermen will never know that for sure until they've tried every trick in their tackle box. I was beginning to think that the mackerel in our chum line would never make it to our livewell until I tied a tiny hook directly to the 10-pound line on a spinning rod, baited it with a minute sliver of tuna, floated it back in the chum, and started catching fish after fish. Sometimes the simplest methods can be the most effective!

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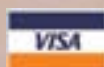


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Continuing our discussion from last week's article about weather reception, let's talk about satellite radio. Arguably one of the most important concerns for boaters is weather conditions for safety purposes, but fishermen have found that a number of weather factors such as sea surface temperature also make a huge difference.

There are a number of ways to get weather information. Your VHF and/or SSB radio both have weather stations that broadcast weather forecasts on a continuous basis. Their information covers a general broad area and is confined to

wave heights, wind speed, direction and storm updates.

Last week I talked about the weather module station that Furuno uses which gives you a great deal of information in real time but has no predictive features.

For that, the latest entry into the field is the Satellite Weather Receiver. The weather information you can receive is detailed. Here are just a few possible items: animated weather radar, lightning strikes, tropical storm tracks, high resolution sea surface temperature with warmer water shown in different color, storm cell tracks, watches and warnings, marine zone forecasts and warnings, marine observations and

buoy reports, surface features, squall lines and pressure, forecast wave height, period and direction, forecast winds, NOAA marine zone forecasts, marine watch box, echo tops, and city forecasts. Actual display and manipulation of data may vary depending on which model of marine plotter or PC software you have but they all have the same basic information since they are all receiving it from the same source,

Currently, there are two main providers of this service owned by the same parent company, Sirius XM Radio, Inc. The two companies completed their merger (technically the acquisition of XM by Sirius) on July 29, 2008. XM and Sirius use different compression and conditional access systems, currently making their receivers incompatible with each other's service, though both companies have guaranteed that existing receivers will be able to receive content from both services in time. As more and more people sign on to satellite radio, the addition of the hardware for satellite weather is becoming very popular and, once the equipment is purchased and installed, the additional service fee is very minor.

The two companies are very competitive and are sold and advertised under two different labels even though the parent company is the

same. The important thing for the buyer to consider is the chartplotter that is being used, since some of them use one type and the other may not. For example, Garmin uses XM but Furuno and Northstar use Sirius. We remain hopeful that, at some point, the merger will be fully complete and the software will be compatible with all units.

Installation of these units is really quite simple. Installation involves hook up of a Sirius or XM weather receiver to your 12 volt supply, mounting an antenna and running the cable from it to the receiver, connecting it to your chart plotter or PC, then subscribing to the service.

If you want to add simultaneous reception of satellite radio to your package, you must have a satellite receiver, tuner and speakers or, if you already have a stereo on your boat, just a satellite receiver. Both companies offer a special rate to add radio service if you don't already have it. Because it is Satellite based, weather reception is available within any of the 48 contiguous states and hundreds of miles into the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans as well as the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico.

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Four-year-old Bobby Ribinsky, Jr. landed his first keeper flounder, a 19-incher, on his Spiderman fishing rod while drifting a minnow in the Indian River Bay with his dad, Bob Ribinsky. Photo courtesy of Rattle & Reel Sporting Center in Long Neck, DE.



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Tyler Thomas from Berlin ,MD (right) caught this 19.25-inch flounder while drifting a live minnow in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Tyler was fishing with Bobby Miller, also from Berlin, MD aboard the "Sponge Dog".



Peggy and Gary McQuitty from Rising Sun, MD along with Robyn and Keith Thomas from Severn, MD returned to the dock at Fisherman's Marina with no feeling left in their arms after catching 18 yellowfin tuna while fishing on "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate Jason Genthner. The fish hit trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Wilmington Canyon.



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Brian Kline of Laytonsville, MD (center) caught this 77 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the “Chaos” with Buster Slaton of Ocean City, MD and Tommy Suddath of Olney, MD. The bluefin ate a skirted ballyhoo between the Hambone and the Chicken Bone. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



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Chincoteague

Donna at Captain Bob's, reports that croaker are slowly beginning to hit in the inlet. Flounder are still going strong in front of Captain Bob's, near Payton Place, and around the sandbar. The throwback ratio is 20 to 1 in most areas and about 25 to 1 in Queen's Sound. However, the keeper flounder in Queen's Sound have generally been larger. There are plentiful crabs in Queen's Sound, along with black sea bass and cownose rays that keep stealing squid from angler's hooks. Bull sharks have been found around the Four Mouths at Marker 5. Offshore, bluefin tuna were biting at the Parking Lot, the Lumpy Bottom, and 21-and 26-Mile Hills. Yellowfin tuna were found closer to the canyons.

The offshore wrecks produced numerous spadefish and black sea bass; kingfish,

croaker, and small spot were biting from the surf.

Wachapreague

According to staff at the Wachapreague Marina, numerous flounder are around the area, but most are small.

Inshore, the flounder fishing is excellent, with hookups in the inlet and local channels. The Bull's Head Area was a hot spot last week.

Offshore, an 80-pound bluefin tuna was caught, and dolphin were reported at the 26-Mile Hill. Anglers have been catching fish offshore at the Lumpy Bottom and Sam's Hill, according to staff at Captain Zed's. Anglers were hooking plenty of bluefin tuna and a few yellowfin along with a few dolphin.

Cape Charles

Croaker are here, according to Chris' Bait and Tackle staff. They have been found around the Concrete Ships and near Oyster. Sea mullet have also been reported around Latimer Shoal, and spadefish are numerous around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Flounder catches were reported around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and deep water troughs off of Kiptopeke and Cape Charles. The cobia bite has slowed, but anglers are still catching some nice ones.

Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

Several cobia catches were reported from the Sunset Boating Center this week. Spot and croaker were also reported.

At Salt Pond's Marina, staff reported catches of spadefish, flounder, and cobia. Most of the cobia were caught around the buoys and the flats near Back River, and the flounder was hooked near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Kathy, at Wallace's Bait and Tackle, reported several citation flounder last weekend (the largest was 9 pounds). Cobia fishing seems to be picking up,

as several were weighed in last week (the largest was 76 pounds). Anglers were continuing to catch croaker and spot, and spadefish were reported at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

A few citations were reported from the York River Fishing Center, including a 90-pound black drum caught at the Mobjack Reef and a 7-pound, 13-ounce flounder hooked at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. In general, the heat has kept many anglers from going out; however, the cobia bite has picked up lately.

Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA International Representative for Virginia Beach, contributed the following:

The Independence Day weekend was a fishing success along the Virginia coast. Good weather paired with the variety of available species encouraged many anglers to get out on the water.

The species with the biggest draw was flounder, hands down. Flatfish are hitting well along lower Bay channels, shoals, drop-offs, ledges, wrecks, and bridge structures. Some anglers are hooking over 50 fish, but most are too short to keep. Those working hard for their limits are heading home with flatfish up to 23 inches in length. The larger fish are coming from live baiting or jigging with plastics or strip bait around the pilings of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, with a few doormats pushing to over 9 pounds lately. A few keepers are also responding within both Lynnhaven and Rudee inlets.

Cobia action is still good, but it is still slower than last month. Cobia hunters continue to chum on the lower Bay shoals, such as Latimer Shoal and the Inner Middle Grounds, where scattered medium-sized fish in the 30-to 40-pound range are cooperating. A few nicer fish, ranging up to 80 pounds, are still coming from sight casters who are finding fish in open waters

around the lower Bay.

Huge schools of red drum are providing excellent top water opportunities right now. Anglers are releasing scores of bull red fish pushing to over 50 inches as these schools roam along the surface, along the shoals off Fisherman's Island, and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, especially near the 3rd and 4th islands.

Spadefish are still hitting at the Chesapeake Light Tower, several inshore wrecks, and at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The larger spades are still coming from areas further up the Bay such as the Cell, where some fish are pushing 7 pounds. The 3rd island and High Rise areas are still the top spade producing locations at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, where anglers are finding fish ranging around 3 to 5 pounds. Folks are also bailing 3-pound triggerfish along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Sheepshead action is good along the pilings of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, with some days better than others. Tautog are also biting in these locations, but interest seems to be low.

Scattered black drum hook-ups are coming from the 2nd and 4th islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, with some fish pushing 80 pounds. These are slow growing fish, reaching enormous sizes, so reviving these docile swimmers will boost their chances of survival.

Spanish mackerel continue to provide excellent action off Cape Henry. Captain Steve Wray, skipper of the "Ocean Pearl" out of Lynnhaven, tells that the best luck is occurring in about 20 to 25-feet of water, with planers paired with small spoons working the best. These fish are a nice class, with most ranging to about 16 inches. Small bluefish will also take these lures.

Croaker pushing to ¾ pound are lurking around the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, the Cell, and off the concrete ships. Hard head hunters in Oyster are filling coolers with nice fish ranging up to about a pound this week. Spot and a few puppy drum (juvenile red drum) are still hitting inside Rudee and Lynnhaven inlets. Most pups

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are coming as a bycatch made by those targeting flounder. Pompano began biting this week along the ocean surf line and piers, along with scattered sea mullet.

Tarpon is one of the most prestigious sportfishing species anywhere. These covert fish take residence each July in the backwaters of the Eastern Shore.

According to the folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle, a few silver kings were sighted a week ago, but with the cooler weather last week, the fish seem to have vanished for now.

Amberjack are enticing a few anglers to make the long run to the Southern Towers. Jigging is an effective method for jacks when your live bait runs out. Few are bothering with deep dropping lately, although the fish are there. Blueline tilefish, grouper, golden tilefish, blackbelly rosefish, and scattered sea bass are awaiting offerings along the floor at the Norfolk Canyon. Most folks making the long run to the deep are concentrating on offshore trolling species right now.

The offshore bite off Virginia is a good mix. Most anglers are

looking for bluefin tuna, and although the bite has slowed a little, the Hotdog, the Fingers, and 26-Mile Hill are good places to try. King mackerel are also a possibility in these same areas. Trollers can continue to expect only scarce yellowfin tuna, but a nice class of dolphin and a few billfish are rounding out catches. Mako sharks are also still around.

Outer Banks, NC

For anglers heading offshore out of the Nags Head area, dolphin continue to be the best bet. Yellowfin, blackfin, and bigeye tuna catches were moderate, and wahoos, king mackerel, and bonito were caught in low numbers. Billfish catches were good with blue marlin and a few white marlin and sailfish in the mix. Snowy and yellowedge groupers, vermillion snapper, blueline tilefish, and blackbelly rosefish were available for the deep droppers. Striped bass and red drum were being caught about eight miles offshore, and the artificial reefs produced triggerfish, tautog, black drum, sheepshead, spadefish, and sea

bass. Bluefish and Spanish mackerel were being caught close to shore and by pier fishermen. Surf fishing and pier fishing also produced spot, croaker, pompano, and skates.

In the sounds, flounder were the main targets in the shallows of the inlets, and speckled trout were sporadically caught around the Washington Baum Bridge in the early morning and late evening. Bottom fishing produced good numbers of croaker in the deep holes and channels.

Surf fishing south of Oregon Inlet saw good numbers of Spanish mackerel around Ramp 43 and the Avon Pier early in the morning and late in the evening. Bluefish were scattered along all the area beaches, as well as sea mullet and spot. Sheepshead were being caught at the jetties, and a few cobia were seen around Ramp 43.

The excellent dolphin bite continued offshore of Hatteras. Sailfish have also been a favorite target. Inshore, fishermen have seen a good run of Spanish mackerel and red drum.



Steve Freinberg landed this 23.5-inch flounder while fishing off of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The flattie was caught on shiners and weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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NOAA Announces Recovery of Spiny Dogfish Stock

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced on June 23, 2010 that the jointly managed (Mid-Atlantic and New England Councils) spiny dogfish stock has been rebuilt. The consequence of this success is that the federal waters catch level for the dogfish fishery will increase from 12 million pounds to 15 million pounds this year. This revised catch level is consistent with the level set by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) for state waters. Vessel trip limits will remain at 3,000 pounds for the fishing year from May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011.

New scientific information defining the size for a rebuilt dogfish stock became available in April, after catch level recommendations were made by the New England and Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Councils. The Councils, which consist of fishing industry, state agency and non-government organization representatives jointly develop management measures for this species that must be approved by NOAA. The Councils recommended

that NOAA Fisheries Service set a quota that would allow for more stability in future landings in this fishery. The higher landing limit will allow a larger harvest while still accounting for concerns about relatively low numbers of mature females expected to enter the spawning population in the next few years.

Dogfish join nine other stocks of fish managed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Council that are fully rebuilt. Of the stocks for which status can be determined, all stocks managed by the Council are now fully rebuilt but for summer flounder which is 77% rebuilt. It is anticipated that summer flounder will be fully rebuilt by 2013 per the Council's rebuilding plan. In addition, no stocks managed by the Council are subject to overfishing.

NOAA Approves Final 2010 Black Sea Bass Regulations

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has approved the final 2010 management measures for black sea bass recreational fisheries. The final rule implementing these measures will be published in the

Federal Register on July 8, 2010, and will remain in effect until further notification. Anglers are allowed to keep 25 black sea bass per day measuring 12.5-inches and larger.

Boaters0 Need to Slow Down in Massey's Landing Channel

Boaters heading out of Massey's Landing near Millsboro or boating on Indian River Bay need to be aware that a short section of the channel between Massey's Ditch and Pot-Nets Seaside along Middle Island has been designated and newly marked as a "slow no wake" zone, the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Section announced.

"This part of the channel is very narrow and shoaled in, so in the interest of keeping boaters safer we have marked this section as a no-wake area," said Capt. Aaron Hurd of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement's Sussex County office.

"The area was the scene of a fatal boating accident involving excessive speed in August 2008, when a jet ski collided with a fishing boat," Capt. Hurd added.



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Chad Freitag, Don Thomas, Brian and Teresa Eder, Jason Williams and Matt Cairns, all from Baltimore, MD and Jared Albert from Columbia, MD had a great day of fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos, Jr. and Mate Eric Strauss. The group ended up with 13 yellowfin tuna and Teresa released a white marlin, all while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Lindenkohl Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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During the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Chip Davis (center) landed a 33 lb. wahoo while fishing on the “Titan 62” with Randy Swain, Rick Garufi (left), Kevin Swain, Brian Ziegler (right), Capt. Russ Garufi and Mate Randy Swain, Jr. Rick and Brian also landed themselves a pair of yellowfins on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Mike Vespa and Mike Vespa, Jr. returned to Lewes Harbour Marina with a pair of sheephead weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and 6 lbs. 13 oz. The fish were caught on sand fleas at the Ice Breakers.

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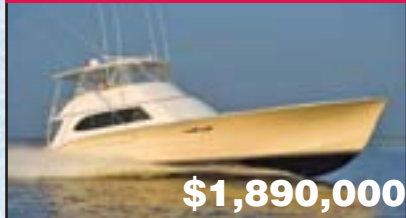
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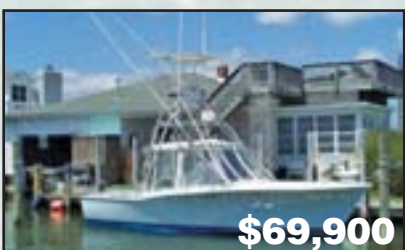
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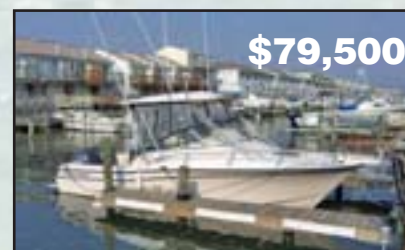
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